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EGG-CITING! DOZENS of area youngsters flocked to Gagetown under sunny skies Saturday to enjoy the fourth annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by Nel Wald (left) and Rich Rabideau (right). The pair gave away 30 dozen eggs, more than 100 bags of candy and a host of gifts donated by Scott Miller, the Cass City IGA and Nel's Kitchen. Also helping out were Bev Layva and the farmers at Nel's Kitchen (the college of knowledge).

Habitat for Humanity needs building site in Cass City

Organizers of a Habitat for Humanity house construction project in Cass City have a lot going for them; plenty of enthusiasm, support from Cass River Habitat for Humanity, and \$20,000 in seed money.

They even have an offer from a church youth group in Ohio that has volunteered to travel to the village to help build the house.

What they don't have yet is a residential lot to build on, a vital ingredient if the project is to get off the ground.

Still, optimism reigned at an informational meeting held last Wednesday at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Cass City to come together and build a home for a family who otherwise couldn't afford one," Linda Volz, Cass City, told the more than 2 dozen people who gathered to learn more about the project.

Volz along with her husband, Chuck, are spearheading the Cass City Habitat for Humanity project, having been involved in other Habitat for Humanity projects over the past couple of years. Already, the couple has secured \$20,000 in start-up funding through a grant from the Aid Association for Lutherans.

"The homes typically cost \$35,000 to \$40,000 to complete, so we're halfway there," she said.

Linda Volz explained that Habitat for Humanity is an international non-profit house-building organization that is dedicated to improving living conditions for needy families worldwide. The organization is a grass-roots operation based on Christian principles, she said.

The Cass City project will proceed under the auspices of Cass River Habitat for Humanity, Tuscola County's habitat organization, which has helped to construct homes in Vassar and Caro.

Cass River board member Diane List noted the focus of habitat projects is "people working together for the good of other people." However, she pointed out the program is not a charity. "This isn't a hand out," she said, "it's a hand up."

According to Volz, the family that is selected to purchase the local habit home must meet certain financial criteria.

Recipients typically earn 50 percent or less of the county median income (\$22,000 for a family of 4), she said, but they must earn enough to make a \$300 down payment and to afford the interest-free mortgage payments for the house.

Families chosen to purchase a habitat home must also put 400 hours of work, called "sweat equity," into the

program. Examples are painting, helping with construction and preparing food for volunteers.

Families are selected to participate in the program after a comprehensive process that includes paperwork, home interviews and a credit check, according to Scott Lindner, a member of the Cass River Habitat for Humanity Family Selection Committee.

Aside from need and ability to pay, a prospective family must demonstrate a willingness to participate as a partner with habitat, he said. As for the participating community, Lindner added, anyone interested in being a part of the project can get involved, whether or not they are highly skilled in construction work. "There's all kinds of ways that people can get involved," he said.

The local habitat project will involve forming a "covenant community" that will be charged with overseeing construction of the house. Lindner said volunteers will

be needed to help serve on committees that will be responsible for construction, fund raising, public relations, volunteer relations and church relations.

Last week's discussion eventually returned to the dilemma of finding a building site.

It was noted the other habitat homes built in the county were constructed on lots donated by the city of Vassar and village of Caro. Unfortunately, the village of Cass City simply doesn't own any "buildable" residential lots, but Village Manager Jane Downing pledged last week to continue assisting local habitat organizers in searching for a building site.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the local project, making a donation or otherwise getting involved is encouraged to contact Volz at 872-2340.

Council awaiting word on MDOT office proposal

Cass City officials hope a reduction in the fee charged to extend village utilities will help to facilitate negotiations with the developer chosen to construct a new MDOT service center office.

Village Manager Jane Downing discussed the project with council members during a monthly meeting Monday night.

MDOT opened its Thumb Service Center office last year in the Hahn building, but the agency has been working on a plan to find a more suitable location, preferably on Main Street and

with adequate parking for 15 employees, Downing said.

MDOT subsequently awarded a contract to Roy Tuckey, Cass City, to develop a 5,000-square-foot office building, with plans to lease the building.

The proposed site is on the north side of M-81, just north and east of the new Kranz Funeral Home.

Downing noted the village has been involved in the negotiations, including discussion regarding extension of water and sewer to the new facility.

In keeping with village

policy, the building site would have to be annexed to the village in order for utilities to be extended, and the developer would have to annex some additional property to ensure the new facility is located on land that is contiguous with existing village property.

Downing said another village policy would require Tuckey to pay for the entire 450-foot water/sewer extension cost, estimated at \$18,900. However, after dis-

cussing the matter with village President L.E. Althaver, she added, it was suggested that the village propose that Tuckey pay only the estimated \$5,000 cost to provide water/sewer service to the MDOT office building, and the village would pay the remainder of the tab.

The proposal was presented verbally to Tuckey a week ago, but the village has received no response yet, according to Downing, who

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Board eyes road work, fire fee hike

Five residents attended the Elkland Township annual meeting Monday night at the Elkland Township Fire Hall in Cass City, where the 1999 road program was of principal interest for those attending.

Supervisor Dan Erla said that \$130,000 had been budgeted for road work this summer. Finishing the blacktop on Milligan Road, from Cemetery Road to Koepfgen Road is expected to cost \$27,000. That will complete the hard surfacing of the road, Erla explained.

Also due for construction of roadbeds for later hard surfacing will be a mile of Krapf Road from M-81 south and a mile on Richie Road from Bay City-Forestville Road to Huron Line Road.

In addition, routine maintenance is expected to cost about \$2,500.

until 2015, but the demand has been heavy in recent years, Erla said, and the space may be used before then.

A concern expressed by one of the persons attending was the bridge on Crawford Road, just east of Cemetery Road. It was pointed out that the bridge, with a load limit of 6 tons, made it impossible for the Elkland Township fire truck to cross and at a recent fire, the truck was forced to back out to Cemetery Road to an alternate route, which delayed the arrival at the fire site. It was suggested that the

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Monthly tornado siren testing set

It's that time again to prepare for severe weather, and the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and Gov. John Engler have declared March 28-April 3 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

In keeping with the declaration, all Tuscola County fire departments will be testing their

tornado sirens Saturday, April 3, at 1 p.m.

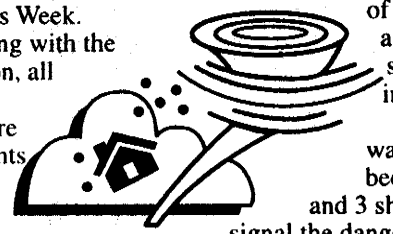
The fire departments will continue to test their tornado sirens on the first Sat-

urday of each month at 1 p.m. during the severe weather months, April through October.

All county fire departments use the same system to alert residents

of tornadoes; a 2-minute siren blast indicates a tornado warning has been issued, and 3 short blasts signal the danger is over.

A tornado warning is issued when a tornado funnel is sighted or indicated by radar. Residents are urged to act immediately and seek shelter.



Trash talk

Novesta may go to door-to-door pickup

They were talking trash in Novesta Township over the weekend, and the topic promises to get more attention in the coming weeks.

The question is whether to continue providing waste removal service to township residents, township Clerk Kathy Newell reported following Novesta Township's annual meeting Saturday.

"It looks like (we're) going to go to door-to-door pickup," she said. "It's still up in the air, but it looks like it's going to pass."

For the past several years, Newell explained, the township has contracted with waste disposal companies to park a garbage truck at the township hall in Deford. Residents who purchased an

annual refuse disposal ticket dropped off their trash at the site twice a month from April through November, and once a month December through March.

Unfortunately, revenue from the waste disposal tickets never came close to meeting the cost of the service.

"We're losing about \$6,000 a year because not everybody buys a ticket, and then you have some families doubling up," Newell said. "And that's been consistent right along for the past several years."

Under the proposal to switch to door-to-door pickup, residents would shoulder the cost, estimated at \$8 to \$10 a month, or about \$120 annually.

Newell said the waste disposal fee would be included on residents' tax bills.

Township board members agreed to discuss the issue again during their regular meeting in May, scheduled for May 3, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the hour-long annual meeting, the board approved amended 1998-99 and proposed 1999-2000 spending plans, and voted to conduct future annual meetings on the same date as the regular April meeting.

Newell reported the board approved an amended 1998-99 budget with \$175,046 in expenditures and \$199,028 in revenue, leaving a fund balance of nearly \$24,000.

The board then adopted a 1999-2000 spending plan, with expenditures set at \$142,532 and revenues estimated at \$144,300. Newell noted the planned cut in spending is due, in part, to the expiration of a special one-mill road tax.

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Remember--
It's time to "spring forward" as Daylight Savings Time returns early Sunday morning.

Set clocks ahead one hour

Officers mourn loss of veteran Tuscola detective

Members of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department are mourning the loss of one of their own following the death of retired veteran Detective Ronald R. Phillips.

Phillips, 67, died at his Deford residence Sunday.

A life-long Deford resident, Phillips was employed by the sheriff's department for 28 years, first as a deputy sheriff and then as a detective sergeant until his retirement in May 1994.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske predicted a host of law enforcement officers will attend Phillips funeral to pay their respects. Word of the veteran officer's death was sent to police agencies throughout the Thumb area and neighboring counties, he said.

"We'll probably have a big contingency there from our department, especially the senior officers," he added.

Serving as Phillips' pallbearers will be Tuscola County Detective Sgt. Larry Walker, Detective Sgt. Pat Woidan, retired Deputy James Compo, Deputy Rich-

ard Blakely, retired Deputy David Bezenah and county employee Robert Marker.

OBITUARY

Phillips was born Feb. 16, 1932, in Deford, and graduated from Cass City High School in 1949.

He and the former Dorothy Tyo were married July 26, 1952, in Cass City.

Phillips was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Korea.

He was a member of the James J. Epskamp F.O.P. Lodge #148 and Cass City VFW Post #3644. Since his retirement from the sheriff's department, much of his time was devoted to helping his son construct a log home, which they recently completed.

Phillips is survived by his wife, Dorothy Phillips; 3 sons, Michael Phillips, Cass City, Mark (Theresa) Phillips, Cass City, and Donald (Jane) Phillips, Deford; 6 grandchildren; one brother, Raymond Phillips of Please turn to back page.



And they're off!

CASS CITY CUB Scouts gathered in the Cass City Middle School cafeteria for their annual Pinewood Derby Saturday morning. Kyle Swanson claimed the grand prize. Other winners were: Wolf — Travis Mozden (first), Tyler Warner (second) and Lukas Varney (third); Bear — Chris Childs, (first), Andrew Bock (second) and Joseph Rule (third), and Webelos — Kyle Swanson (first), Ryan Biddinger (second) and Jeff Wills (third).

Engaged



Matthew Peasley & Denise Muether

Denise Muether and Matthew C. Peasley of Elkton announce their engagement. Parents of the bride-to-be are William and Yvonne Muether of Caseville. Parents of the groom-to-be are Charles and Ruth Peasley of Cass City. Muether is a graduate of North Huron High School, Kinde, and works at Vultron Inc. of Bad Axe and Levy Home Entertainment. Peasley is a graduate of Cass City High School and is in the U.S. Army Reserves and works for General Cable. A July 10 wedding is planned at Novesta Church of Christ.

Cass City Social Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

Karen Schoonover of Harsens Island was a Friday visitor of her aunts, Alice McComb, Onalee Crawford and Marion McClorey, and a cousin, Beverly Frank.

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

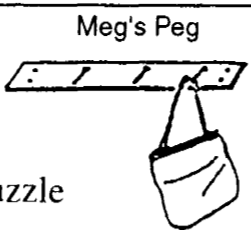
Virginia Auslander and Arthur and Janet Severance spent last week in Florida visiting Dale Auslander and other relatives and friends.

Karla Zinnecker, Deford, a senior history and political science major at Saginaw Valley State University, was one of nearly 50 students named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Lindi E. Parrott of Cass City, a sociology major at SVSU, was inducted Sunday to the Michigan Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society. To be admitted, students must maintain a 3.5 or better grade-point average and must be ranked in the top 10 percent of their major field of study. Nominations are based on "intellectual capacity, breadth of general knowledge, ability to communicate, intellectual curiosity, classroom contribution and creativity."



A puzzle



by Melva E. Guinther

It's been a while since we offered a word puzzle here. Put on your thinking cap and see if you can figure out the expression for each. Example:

FIRST & MOST MOST MOST MOST = FIRST AND FOREMOST

1. NEFRIENDED IS A DEFRIENDED

2. HE ART

3. CHANCE

4. LAJUMPKE

5. ODD ODD

6. FLIGHT FLIGHT

7. CHILIFECAGO

8. PRO MISE

9. ROBERT DO

10. SEGRAHC EHT

11. RETURNS

12. S M DAB C K

13. GOD I NATION

14. HOROBOD

15. FRIES

16. QUESTION

17. HAHANDND

18. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP QRSTUVWXYZ

19. PERSON ALITY

20. EVER EVER EVER EVER

21. SHEETS SHEETS THE WIND SHEETS

22. E N U T

23. COCKED 2

24. ODOMO

25. LE VEL

26. LOIMVE

27. H A I R

Answers: 1. A friend in need is a friend in deed; 2. Brother; 3. Fair chance; 4. Ken heart; 5. Odd jump in the lake; 6. Connecting flight couple; 7. Life in Chicago; 8. Broken promise; 9. Robert DeNiro; 10. Reverse the charges; 11. Diminishing returns; 12. Smack dab in the middle; 13. One nation under God; 14. Robimhood; 15. Curly fries; 16. Pointed question; 17. Hand in hand; 18. Noel; 19. Split personality; 20. Forever; 21. 3 sheets to the wind; 22. Tune up; 23. Half cocked; 24. Domino; 25. Split level; 26. I'm in love; 27. Letting your hair down.

Hospital auxiliary members gather

The monthly meeting of Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary was held March 22 at Charmont at noon.

Guest speaker was Jean Brasseur of the Red Cross, who instructed the auxiliary members on working with Red Cross blood drives.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

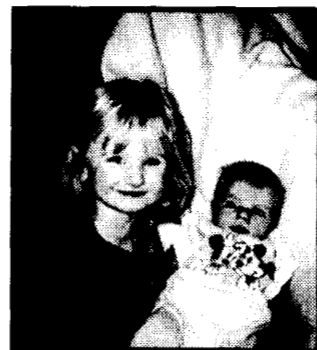
The next blood drive will be at the hospital April 6 starting at 1:00 p.m.

Jeanne Auten reported on the visitor's lounge on the second floor of Hills and Dales. The auxiliary is taking responsibility for decorating the room.

The annual raffle is to be held again in December.

Auxiliary members are to be honored at a luncheon April 19 at the hospital. Installation of officers will be in May.

It's a girl!



Samantha and Allison DeLong

Samantha Lynn DeLong announces the arrival of her sister, Allison Ann, born Jan. 27 at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky.

Allison weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Parents are Dennis and Melissa DeLong of Kingston.

Grandparents are Duane and Denise DeLong of Kingston, Linda Hitsman of Cass City and Harold and Robin Hitsman of Vassar.

Great-grandparents are Lucile DeLong of Cass City and Don and Gerry Parker of McKinley.

Great-great-grandmother is June Stewart of McKinley.

It's a boy!



Joseph Leo Krol Jr.

Joseph Leo Krol Jr. was born at Covenant Health Care, Saginaw, Feb. 12, at 8:10 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Parents are Joseph and Jamie Krol.

Grandparents are Constance Krol and the late John Krol Sr., and Joyce Bemus and the late Jim LaRoche.

Joseph joins many aunts, uncles and cousins.



Clare and Betty Daley

Daleys celebrate 50th anniversary

Clare and Betty Daley of Deford will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

The former Betty Robison and Clare Daley were married April 2, 1949, in

Richmondville. Their children and spouses are Tom and Jeanne O'Dell, Jim and Kathy Daley and Tim and Joyce Willis. They also have 5 grandchildren.

Correction

In the story about road safety printed last week, the location of the road was incorrect. The story said the road that runs next to the middle school.

The road in question is the service drive that runs south of the high school.



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McLellan joins army

Ashey S. McLellan, Kingston, has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Caro.

McLellan, a student at Kingston High School and the son of Kay and Jeff McLellan, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training July 7.

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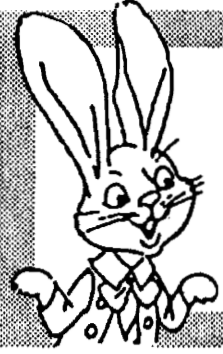
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Last week's Michigan High School basketball semi-finals and finals Friday and Saturday marked the 49th consecutive tournament and counting for me. I thought that might be a record until I read where a fan went to Europe this year instead of to the games, ending a consecutive attendance of 55 years.

At the games Friday I chatted with Ron Crandell, a Cass City native who graduated from Cass City High School. He's now a Cheboygan fan and postponed a trip to Florida to see Cheboygan play.

Now it's a rare treat for any class B public school to make it to the finals, but for Cheboygan, it's even more astonishing.

In 66 years, Crandell said, Cheboygan had never before won even a regional title.

The team's defeat in the finals Saturday night was missed as we headed home to watch on the tube as Michigan State played Duke. That was the bad news. The good news was we left before the disgraceful riot that occurred Saturday night in East Lansing. What a way to end a great season for State fans.

Friday marked the third time in a row that we have visited the campus and eaten at Kellogg Center, on campus. Each time I ordered poached salmon. The fish had different sauces, but every time it was as good as any ever tasted.

The rest of the meal was okay, but not outstanding. A Caesar's salad was ordinary, the steamed vegetables good. Bread was not served. On the one to 10 scale, I rank the salmon a 10, the rest of the meal a 5. The cost was about \$15.00.

Council eyes cash reward for leads

Cass City officials may offer a cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for damage to the wastewater treatment plant earlier this month.

The suggestion was discussed by village council members Monday night.

No arrests have been made following the March 8-9 incident, which resulted in an estimated \$10,000 in damage, including destruction of a 1989 village-owned pickup truck the vandals used to ram into fencing and structures at the plant.

Trustee Mike Weaver asked if the village could offer a

reward in an effort to catch the individuals responsible for the crime. Hopefully, he said, the village could recoup some of its losses through restitution payments once the individuals are convicted.

Village Manager Jane Downing indicated she doesn't think the village can legally offer a reward, but that she will look into the matter.

If it can be done, Weaver suggested at \$500 reward. Other council members indicated support of the idea.

"Five hundred bucks is not that much if it will give us a couple of names," Weaver said.

Evergreen board approves budgets

Evergreen Township officials will spend more in the coming year with the construction of a new township hall in Shabbona.

Adoption of a new budget highlighted the agenda during the Sanilac County township's annual meeting Saturday.

Township Clerk Arthur Severance reported the board approved an amended 1998-99 budget totaling \$101,000 in revenue and \$85,000 in expenditures, with a fund balance of \$33,000.

Also adopted was the proposed 1999-2000 budget. Planned spending in the coming year is set at \$104,314, an increase of \$19,314 or about 18.5 percent over 1998-99. Revenues, meanwhile, are set at \$109,061, and officials anticipate a fund balance of nearly \$38,000.

Severance said township officials have designated \$51,840 this year towards the

new township hall, which is being built by Booms Construction, Bad Axe. The total includes \$31,500 that will be generated by a one-year, 2-mill tax levy approved by voters.

Total cost of the township hall and related improvements is set at \$114,652, leaving a balance of \$62,784, which the township will have to borrow, Severance said.

The new hall is expected to be completed by July 1.

Also included in the new spending plan is \$31,000 of the township's \$40,000 share to replace the Downington Road bridge just east of Leslie Road. Severance reported the federal bridge project is expected to get underway this fall.

He noted that neighboring Lamotte Township is also contributing \$40,000 towards the project.

Severance reported Saturday's annual meeting lasted about 2 hours and was attended by 10 people, including 4 board members.



VOLUNTEERS FOR Cass City's annual July 4th Festival met recently to coordinate plans for this year's festival slated for July 2-3-4.

Organizers gearing up for annual July 4 festival

Thanks to the efforts of several dedicated volunteers, 1000s will benefit this July as plans are already in motion for Cass City's biggest event of the year.

The village's annual July 4th Festival, entering its 21st year, promises to offer excitement, packed with new and old favorites, say organizers as they formulate plans for the 3-day affair.

This year's festival is slated for July 2-3-4, according to event co-chairpersons Duke Sword and Doug Hyatt.

Saturday, traditionally the celebration's biggest day, several of the most anticipated events have already committed to return for another season.

Topping that list is the grand parade that will be chaired by long-time organizer Gary Jones. It traditionally features more than 70 entries, including floats, motorized vehicles and bands. Anyone wishing to participate, or able to offer input, in the parade is asked to contact Jones.

Also returning on Saturday is the Rotary's annual 3-3 basketball tournament. Last year's tournament was the Rotary Club's biggest turnout in several years and club members see no reason why this year's tourney shouldn't surpass that total.

The all day tourney, with brackets for all ages and skill levels, has raised over \$40,000 since its inception, helping to fund several local projects.

Festival goers will also be able to enjoy a broad range of foods offered by various local civic clubs. Also slated to appear are performances by the Northern Lights Dance Club.

As usual, a broad range of vendors will be peddling their merchandise in the park.

Saturday's events will draw

to a close with one of the area's largest fireworks shows at dusk. Dennis Kundering, fireworks artist, has plans for a 30-minute show and says there may be a possibility to choreograph his show to music, something new to the Cass City show. The music would cost the festival an additional 10% or about \$400.

Turning to Friday activities, plans are in the works for the return of an organized car cruise. Boys' and girls' little league all star games are also

scheduled for Friday, as is an ice cream social.

New for Friday is a pig roast proposed by "Lets Build Some Fun in the Thumb" representative Kevin Green.

Continuing with the sports front, the traditional 4-man scramble golf tournament will help kick off the festival Thursday at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Saturday, look for the return of a 5K run sponsored by the Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center.

The Haire Net



In over 45 years of monitoring school board meetings in Cass City, I have never seen a heated discussion concerning curriculum.

Unless, of course, you consider the reading material in the school library as curriculum. We once had a knock down, drag out fight about the "Acapulco Gold" book that brought complaints from residents, led by a couple of local pastors at the time.

Other than that, the two perennial subjects that dredge up the emotions are finances and sports.

We haven't had a financial hassle recently as the school cashes in on the state funding program that has kept the district flush financially.

But as inevitable as spring following winter, sports have been the catalyst that sends residents to the school and often before the board of education.

More often than not when athletic programs are under fire, some parents demand that "everyone should play" and it's not necessary to "play to win."

That's a minority position, not endorsed by most of us, at least on the varsity high school inter-scholastic level.

While squabbles over sports are frequent, there has been a new twist in the one that broke out last week at the school board meeting.

A parent, Nancy Wolschlag, objected to actions of coaches with her daughter. When the decision of the board after discussion didn't please, she left threatening to sue. A sign of the times, I guess.

Most times when a player can't get along with a coach, they quit. And if enough of them quit or become disgruntled, the coach is soon gone.

Even the casual follower of sports knows that finding competent people to fill the ranks is getting to be a major problem... at all area schools.

The problem is especially acute at under the varsity level. High school Principal Dorland Kuntz pointed out at last week's meeting that if the pressure on coaches continues, it could be impossible to find enough to fill the needs to run a program.

While we doubt that it will ever come to that, it could well eliminate many qualified coaches, replaced by those not as well trained.

Most coaches do it for the love of the game. On an



The back forty

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by Roger Pond

Much has been written about the effects of urban residents moving into rural communities. Some areas of the country have such an influx of migrants they are writing booklets to educate newcomers about rural etiquette and customs.

These booklets suggest things like, "Don't sue your neighbor if you haven't met him yet." Or, "It may look like junk to you, but folks around here are still using it."

Many folks moving into rural areas are retirees, and we certainly can't blame them for getting out of the city. City traffic gets worse every day, and the older you get the more dangerous this kind of traffic becomes.

That's why I want to retire in the smallest town I can find: A place where everybody knows everybody. That way folks can see me coming and get out of the way.

There are some things we need to know if we want to live in the country, however. The first one is, "Always call your neighbor before you call the authorities."

My favorite example of this admonition is a museum director who called me many years ago to report a sick cow. I was a county extension agent and not really accustomed to handling sick animal reports.

My caller said, "There's a cow about a mile west of here. She's been standing near the fence for 3 days. I think she's sick. The sheriff suggested I call you."

"Call me?" I thought. "What am I supposed to do about a sick cow, and what's the sheriff supposed to do about a sick cow?"

"Whose cow is it?" I asked. "I don't know", my caller said "It probably belongs to the rancher down the road."

"Well, why don't you call the rancher?" I suggested. "Oh, I suppose I could do that," the fellow replied, and we both hung up.

I've often thought this illustrates one difference between the city and the country. In the city, folks call the authorities first. In the country, that should be the last resort.

Another concern of many newcomers is being accepted by the locals. I've always wondered, "What do we mean by 'being accepted'?"

I've never felt I wasn't accepted anywhere I've been. They don't have to like me, but they can't deny I exist. I never expected to become a

pioneer family. The best example of this situation is the young school teacher who moved from Ohio to a small town in Maine. The young man was wondering how soon he would be accepted as an established member of the community.

After about 10 years of residence the school teacher said to a neighboring farmer, "You know, I understand I will always be an outsider in Maine; but how about my kids? They were born here. Will they be accepted as bonafide natives?"

The farmer kicked around in the dust for a minute and finally asked, "You have a cat don't you, Jim?"

"Yes we have a cat," Jim replied.

"Well," the farmer said, "If your cat had kittens in the oven, you wouldn't call them biscuits, would you?"

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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent
Cass City - Class B Again

The February state high school enrollments have been reported to the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Based upon all high school enrollment figures submitted, the following classification breakdown has been determined:

- Class A - 998 and above
- Class B - 997-499
- Class C - 498-255
- Class D - 254 and below

Cass City High School's February enrollment was 512 students. Therefore, our classification for the 1999-2000 school year will be CLASS B.

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

CHAPPEL'S CORNER

by Amanda Chappel

Senior Honor Night



This year there is a great debate over Senior Honor Night and whether it should be during the school day or at night. Members of the class of '99 were handed ballots in their government classes a month ago to choose to have their awards assembly during the day or at night. There are many advantages to both sides. The vote came out that 90% of the seniors wanted an awards assembly during the school day and only 10% of the class wanted an awards assembly in the evening.

Last year's senior class thought that it would be a great idea to have an evening awards assembly. The students who don't receive any awards didn't want to sit through a 2-hour assembly for no reason. A lot of parents want to be able to attend things where their kids receive gratification for their hard work. It makes them so proud. If the assembly were in the evening, parents would be able to attend more easily. Parents have been invited to come to daytime assemblies but many cannot attend because they have to work.

Dave Hobbs wants it at

night. "It would be a more formal event. We could get dressed up and our parents could come."

Jon Sherman said, "It would be a lot easier for me to attend if it was at night. Plus I want my parents to be there."

With 90% of the senior class wishing to have an awards assembly, it looks as though majority rules. We all know that things just can't go our way all of the time.

High School Principal Dorland Kuntz says that if the assembly is during school hours it will be after the seniors graduate May 28. That will eliminate the possibility that the seniors would just want to get out of classes.

"It's nice to have the underclassmen there so they can see what kind of awards that you get. Many more people would be in attendance if it was during school, and besides, I'm really busy after school," said Elissa Hendrick. Many students work or are just plain not willing to give up a free night to come to an award assembly. Having it during the day would be better for the stu-

dents.

Katie Churchill said, "It's a privilege to be in front of the entire student body with them knowing that you are a senior. I'm so busy after school I wouldn't be able to attend an honors night."

Ashley Little feels the same way. "I'm just too busy with work and stuff after school hours."

"Most seniors would be there if it was during the day," said Amber Angle.

Some seniors don't really care when it is. "I never really thought about it. I'd probably want it during the school day," said Brad Deering.

Most people feel the same way that Nathan Haag feels. "We had to sit through everybody else's, everyone can sit through ours."

It sounds like the 90% of the senior class has won. After this argument the majority did rule and the awards assembly is May 19 during the school day. Parents are invited to attend. It's neat to see people fight for something that they want and win the battle.

Circuit court proceedings

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

- Justin Hulburt, 21, Cass City, pleaded innocent to 2 counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer and one count of malicious destruction of police property Feb. 28 in Cass City.

Police arrest 3

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case. Bond was continued at \$20,000.

- John L. Trupe, 24, Bad Axe, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 16 in Cass City.

The plea was taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation, continued bond at \$1,500 and ordered the defendant's driver's license revoked. Sentencing was scheduled for June 11.

- Rocky L. Janowski, 35, Millington, was sentenced to 88 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to probation violation. He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.
- Brent L. Hart III, 33, Vassar, pleaded guilty to probation violation/failure to appear for sentencing.

Bond was continued at \$5,000 and sentencing was scheduled for June 11.

- Phillip J. Harrison, 36, Auburn Hills, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of no contest to attempted destruction of personal property valued at more than \$100 March 29, 1998, in Almer Township.

Harrison was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,060 plus \$850 in restitution.

- Mary A. Brown, 57, Caro, was found guilty on 8 counts of embezzlement-agent/trustee between August 1997 and March 1998 in Caro.

A jury handed down the verdict last Wednesday following a 2-day trial.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

In other reports, Gerald Yax, Pigeon, reported a duffel bag containing personal property, including a camera, leather coat and glasses, was stolen from his vehicle last Wednesday while parked at the Charmont, 6138 Cass City Rd.

Reports state Yax estimated the combined value of the property at \$1,390.



KELLY WATSON, of Bay Medical, addressed students in grades 5th-8th Thursday at the Cass City Middle School on body image. Watson was a guest speaker for the American Association of University Women's sponsored event titled "The Choice is Yours". 107 students attended the program.

Following on-site survey

Hills and Dales accredited

Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, has achieved a 3-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations as a result of its demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's nationally recognized healthcare standards.

The hospital scored 93 percent on the survey, with Thumb Area Home Care Agency scoring a 97 percent.

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Joint Commission's on-site survey of Hills and Dales General Hospital occurred in February.

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," said Russell P. Massaro, M.D., executive vice-president, Division of Accreditation Operations, Joint Commission.

"The community should be proud that Hills and Dales General Hospital is focusing on the most challenging goal — to continuously raise quality to higher levels."

Dee McKrow, chief executive officer of Hills and Dales General Hospital, spoke of her pride in a staff whose members ask what needs to be done to be accredited by the Joint Commission. "In addition, they appreciate the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the team of surveyors."

She called the accreditation, "proof of an organization wide ongoing commitment to provide quality care and service on an ongoing basis locally in the Thumb area."

Obituaries

Helen Avery

Helen Esther Avery, 81, of Cass City, died Monday, March 29, 1999, in Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital of complications following surgery.

She was born April 7, 1917, in Sebawaing, daughter of William and Rosette (Gremel) Wissner, and was baptized and confirmed in Immanuel Lutheran Church. She married Alvin C. Avery, also of Sebawaing, in Detroit Feb. 25, 1939. He died Nov. 14, 1990.

She was a graduate of Sebawaing High School and worked at Burroughs Adding Machine and Boston Shoe Stores in Detroit. After moving to Cass City, she was a homemaker and worked in a clerical position for 10 years for State Farm Insurance. She was a charter member of Cass City Good Shepherd Lutheran Church since 1945 and had been involved in the choir and numerous committees.

Surviving are 3 sons, Douglas Avery and wife Bonny of Troy, Bruce Avery and wife Laura of Pleasant Lake, and Jon Avery and wife Barbara of Las Vegas, Nev.; 5 granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Edna Jankowski and Mabel Kausch, a brother, Walter, infant twin brothers, Carl and Frederick, 2 brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 1, at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The Rev. Gerald Meyer will officiate. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Eldon "Al" Sharrard

Eldon R. "Al" Sharrard, 70, of Waterford, died Sunday, March 21, 1999.

He retired as a carpenter and served as a veteran of the Korean War. He was Past Commander of the American Legion Post 63, Clarkston, and a member of the Clarkston Eagles Aerie 3373.

He is survived by his wife Betty of 50 years; children, Jan (Chuck) Mead, Chuck (Cindy), and Jim (Cori), all of Waterford; Jeff (Annette) of Clarkston and Steve (Julie) of Waterford; grandchildren, Jill, Jennifer, Matt, Justin, Travis, Kyle, Sarah, Brooke, Chas, Joshua and Jacob; great-grandchildren, Andrew, Taylor and Phillip, and sister, Helen (Lawrence) Bartle of Cass City. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Trudy; granddaughter, Carlee; brother, Norm, and sister, Marge.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Burial was in the Christian Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of SE Michigan.

Vetta Smith

Vetta June Smith, 77, of Columbiaville, died Monday, March 22, 1999, at Lapeer Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born July 17, 1921, in Six Lakes to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford.

She is survived by her husband, Freeman C. Smith of Columbiaville; 7 children, including her daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Randy Brandow of Cass City; 19 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death

by one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 25, at MacDonald's Funeral Home in Howell with son, Ken Smith, officiating, and other family members participating in the service.

Interment was in Lakewood Cemetery, Howell.

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Pair breed, raise elk on Deford area ranch

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Jim Guseff isn't a walking commercial for ground elk antler, but the Deford area resident swears by the medicinal effects of the capsules, which are said to alleviate the symptoms of arthritis and rheumatism. "They make me feel better and have more energy," he commented, adding ground elk antler, recently approved for use by the FDA, is very popular in Asia as an aphrodisiac. "Before the Asian market dropped, they (antlers) were going for \$70 a pound," Guseff said. "Right now, they're going for \$12 to \$30 a pound." If it sounds like Guseff knows a lot about the subject, there's a good reason; the General Motors retiree moved to Deford 2 years ago from Ortonville with plans to

breed and raise elk. Along with friend and partner Jerry Sylvayn of Lake Orion, he has succeeded in making that dream come true, establishing the J & J Elk Ranch, 2267 Englehart Rd., in 1997. Guseff recalled a newspaper article kindled his interest in raising elk. From there he and Sylvayn started doing some serious homework. "Before we got into it, we visited a lot of elk ranches. We visited an elk farm in Davison and some others. We also visited Canada and we talked to a lot of people," he said. "There's really a lot to know about it once you get into it." "We started out with 6 pregnant cows. Right now, we've got 32 elk. Twenty of those are pregnant cows and they're going to give birth this spring." Guseff's elk herd includes a pair of adult bulls and 10

calves. All of the animals are kept in an expansive enclosure on his 40-acre ranch, with the bulls, cows and calves separated to prevent them from injuring one another. "The cows average anywhere from 550 to 600 pounds and the bulls go 900 to 1,000 pounds," Guseff said. Guseff and Sylvayn plan to eventually sell some cows and calves for profit, but unlike some of their fellow elk breeders in Canada, the pair are raising elk for the antlers, not the meat.

"We're just building the herd right now and we're starting a pretty good bloodline," Guseff explained. The goal, he pointed out, is to continually improve the genetics of the herd in order to consistently breed animals that grow larger antlers. "Most of ours out here were artificially inseminated from pretty good bulls," he added. Guseff pays special attention to nutrition, supplementing the diet of his elk with a high protein pellet feed as well as hay.

An adult bull grows only one set of antlers per year, but those antlers grow large — up to 40 or 50 pounds — in just 65 days, according to Guseff. He said most of the antlers are removed while they're still in velvet, although some are taken after the velvet stage and sold to make pistol grips, belt buckles, displays and other crafts. Guseff is quick to share his knowledge about elk with just about anyone who's interested. In fact, he played host to a group of Deford Elementary School students Friday, and he welcomes other groups to contact him (872-9819) to set up a visit. "It doesn't matter to me," he said. "If somebody calls me, I let them come out."

Guseff noted there are only about 100,000 elk being bred/raised in North America currently, but that the business is growing in popularity.

It isn't a cheap venture. A single cow can cost as little as \$5,000 or as much as \$15,000 to \$20,000, depend-

ing on the bloodline. State regulations, meanwhile, require at least 1,500 square feet of land for each animal, and an enclosure with fencing at least 8 feet in height and a shelter in each enclosure.

Guseff, who has 25 acres enclosed with 8-foot fencing, estimated the wire alone cost \$1 per foot. Add to that a custom "race way" he created to corral the elk into his barn and a series of specially constructed corridors and gates that lead to a custom stall where individual animals can be restrained for the purpose of administering medication.

Guseff said the elk must be tested for TB annually as well as receive routine shots. Despite the cost of the land and structures, he indicated it's relatively inexpensive to feed his herd, in part because the elk graze throughout the summer. Guseff estimated it costs about \$300 per animal per year for feed and veterinary care.

"Probably on the average it takes me an hour and a half to water and feed them," he said.

"That isn't too bad," he added. "You've got to have something to do, right?"

Playground T-shirts available

Organizers of the "Let's Build Some Fun in the Thumb" playground project in Cass City are accepting orders for T-shirts to help raise money and build community awareness and support.

The T-shirts cost \$6 (children) and \$8-\$9 (adults, depending on size).

More information is available by contacting Kate VanAuken at 872-5705 or Susie Hartwick at 872-2489.



JERRY SYLVAYN (LEFT) and Jim Guseff welcomed a host of Deford Elementary students to their elk ranch in the Deford area Friday morning.



JIM GUSEFF AND Jerry Sylvayn are raising 32 elk, including 20 pregnant cows (above) that will give birth this spring at Guseff's Deford area ranch.

Deadline set for Sanilac nominations

The Sanilac County Policemen's-Firemen's Field Day Association is again honoring the police officer, firefighter, citizen, and E.M.T. of the year.

Residents are asked to send their nominations to Merle Ross, 2467 Willow St., Deckerville, MI 48427. Please send a short statement as to why this individual or group is worthy of the nomination.

Deadline for entries is Friday, April 9.

The police officer, firefighter, citizen and E.M.T. of the year will be honored at the annual Policemen's-Firemen's Field Day dinner Saturday, May 22, at 7 p.m. at the Crosswell American Legion Hall.



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THE BULLDOG junior varsity basketball team won the Tom Thumb Tourney and finished with a 19-1 record during the 1998-99 season. They are (front l-r) Allen Roe, Don Perdue, Lee Strickland, Zachary Fritz and Corbin Swiastyn. Back row (l-r) Ryan Fritz, Earl McKee, Nathan Kain, Jeremy Story and Coach Joe Candela. Missing is Cory Fritz. (Kain was moved to the Bulldog varsity in mid-season.)

Bulldog JV finish hoop season with 19-1 mark

The Owendale-Gagetown junior varsity boys' basketball team completed one of its best seasons ever in 1999, winning 19 times against just one defeat.

Coach Joe Candela's squad's perfect season was spoiled by Kingston by a slim 2-point margin. However, Candela was quick to point out that his Bulldogs won the annual Tom Thumb Tournament and defeated a pair of Class C schools.

"The guys were fun to

coach and a great group of kids. If they continue to work on their fundamentals, they'll have a great varsity team in a few years," says Candela.

Four freshmen played key roles in the Bulldogs' success.

Corbin Swiastyn was the team's leading scorer, averaging over 11 points per game, while freshman classmates Earl McKee and Jeremy Story provided the Bulldogs with strong offensive rebounding.

Candela also credited the play of freshman Zach Fritz as key to the team's success. Fritz is a quick, defensive specialist.

A group of sophomores, including Corey Fritz, also played important roles for the Bulldogs. Fritz was one of the team's best outside shooters, while classmate Ryan Fritz was the team's playmaker.

Rounding out the Bulldog squad were freshmen Don Perdue and Lee Strickland, both dedicated and good leapers, according to Candela.

Allen Roe and Tom Minkler played well in reserve rolls for Candela.

Thinclads' home opener Thursday

Fans will get their first opportunity of the season to see the 1999 Cass City Red Hawk track teams in action Thursday, when the Hawk boys and girls entertain Marlette, Deckerville and Sandusky in an early bird competition.

The weatherman is expected to cooperate in weather that will be unseasonably warm (possibly approaching 60 degrees, according to forecasts) for the meet. After this early opening, the teams will not compete again until April 12.

Boys' track team seeks improvement

Coach Larry Robinson is pleased with the number of athletes who have reported for his boys' track team and hopes to improve on the team's record last year, when it was 9-4 overall and 3-2 in the Greater Thumb West league race.

The coach feels that the Hawks will be in a hotly contested race for second place this season. He concedes that the championship will be won by Reese, which has superior talent and depth. After that, Robinson feels, any of the league schools, USA, Bad Axe, Mayville, Lakers and Bay City All Saints, could finish in the runner-up spot.

There is a core of veterans to lead the team. Jason Wright, senior, is expected to capture points in the sprints, 400 and as a member of relay teams. He's this year's track captain. Heath Zawilinski, senior, is counted on in the sprints and 400-meter. Adam Dorland, junior, finished first at Saginaw Valley in the pole vault and is also a sprinter. Craig Emmert is a high jumper and will run the middle distances. Kyle O'Dell, sophomore, in the

hurdles, and Brad Ypma, junior, distance events, round out the returning veterans.

There are a raft of underclassmen, including 12 freshmen and 6 sophomores, and how they progress may be the key to the success of the team.

The Hawks suffered few losses from graduation. They include Ryan Brinkman, co-captain, who was strong in the sprints and the 400-meter, and Chad Lenhard, co-captain, who helped in the relays. Also missed will be Kurt Russell, who picked up points in the shot and disc.

The shot and disc are areas of concern, Robinson feels, along with the sprints, distances, hurdles and sprint relays. The team's strengths will be in the 200, 400, 800-meter events and the 1600-meter relay. The pole vault and the high jump are the team's strength in the field events.

Veteran corps on girls' track team

The good news for the Cass City High School girls' track team is that they have only one key loss from last year with the graduation of premier shot putter Andrea Rea. The bad news is that the team was 6 wins, 7 losses overall and 2-3 in league play in 1998.

Coach Larry Robinson feels that there will be a wide open race for Greater Thumb West league honors this year among all the teams with Cass City one of them, along with Mayville, USA, Bad Axe, Lakers, Reese and Bay City All Saints.

There are a host of letter winners back. Niah Hosner, senior, shot and disc; Carrie Wentworth, senior, shot and disc; Lindsay Mills, junior, distances; Holli Cooper, sophomore, 400 and 800-meter; Jamie Fluegge, sprints and long jump.

Others returning are Melissa Homakie, 200 and 400-meter sprints; Sarah Homakie, 200, 400 and 800-meter events and the high jump, and Ashley Ouvry, high jump and 400 and 800-meter runs.

This veteran corps along with a 10 freshmen are expected to provide strength in the disc, long jump, sprints and middle distances. Robinson feels. Areas of concern are the pole vault, high jump, shot put, hurdles, 3200-meters, sprint relays and depth in many of the events.

Track teams compete at SVSU

The Cass City Red Hawk track teams opened the season with a girls' meet Thursday and a boys' meet Friday at Saginaw Valley State University.

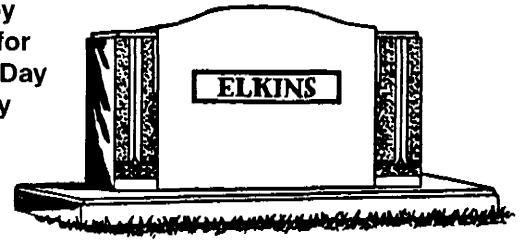
The girls finished 7th with 22 teams competing. The meet was won by Hemlock with 76 points. Cass City's total was 24 points.

The 3200-meter relay team with Lindsay Mills, Sarah Homakie, Ashley Ouvry and Holli Cooper was fourth. Jamie Fluegge was 3rd in the 55-meter dash and Lindsay Mills was 4th in the 1600-meter run.

The 1600-meter relay team was first with Sarah and Melissa Homakie, Ouvry and Cooper.

The boys finished 8th with 24 teams entered. Craig Emmert was 4th in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet. Adam Dorland won the pole vault with a vault of 12 feet 3 inches.

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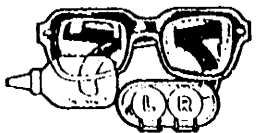
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Spring rally planned

The Thumb Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Lutheran Women in Mission will hold a Spring Rally April 20 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe.

The rally will begin with registration and dessert at 6 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature the Rev. Larry Loree, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope. Rev. Loree will speak on "Christianity In The New Millennium".

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Men's High Series & Game: T. Smith 593 (212).
Women's High Series & Game: B. Gray 480 (192).
High Team Series & Game: The Family 1887 (662).

Outstanding safety records awarded

Five Michigan electric cooperatives, including Thumb Electric Cooperative, Uby, have been cited for outstanding safety records.

Thumb Electric Cooperative was honored for recording one year without a lost-time accident.

The electric cooperatives received the awards from the Michigan Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA) during the group's annual meeting, March 23 in Lansing.

"The awards recognize the co-ops and their employees for consecutive time periods without lost-time accidents," says Robert Palmbo, MECA safety director.

MECA safety instructors provide bucket and pole-top rescue, first aid, and related safety training for line workers and other employees of 10 Michigan electric cooperatives and some municipal utilities. Electric cooperatives also receive safety accreditation through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



CASS CITY'S Academic Games team members Melanie Nizzola (left) and Ross Sherman stand next to their team's first place entry in the technology category of Saturday's 16th Annual Tuscola County Academic Games.



KINGSTON'S ACADEMIC GAMES technology team members included (from left) RW Sommerfield, Nicholas Dupre, Nick Germain and Jerry Vanderpool.

Vassar man arraigned

A Vassar man was recently arraigned in Tuscola County District Court on a charge of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving contact with a victim under the age of 13 years last June in Fremont Township. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the defendant, Robert W. Sylvester, 58. He faces a preliminary examination April 9 at 9 a.m.

Academic games

Area schools grab top honors at SVSU

A pair of area Academic Games teams captured the top 2 honors Saturday in the technology category of the 16th Annual Tuscola County Academic Games.

Cass City's team of Melanie Nizzola, Brandon Hartel, Becky Oesch, Josh Dillon, Jim Dale and Ross Sherman topped the field that included teams from 8 schools.

Finishing in the runner-up spot were Kingston Coach Mary Ann Safranek's team which included Jeff Phillips, Rebekka McLellan, Michael Germain, Nick Albin, Nicholas Dupre, RW Sommerfield and Jerry Vanderpool.

The event is a partnership between county schools, Saginaw Valley State University and the Tuscola Intermediate School District. Over 230 students and 35 coaches participated in the games

held at SVSU. In the technology category, students were required to build an apparatus housed in a one-meter box, containing 5 energy sources and 20 different movements. The goal was to have a golf ball travel

through the gadget and finish precisely in 2 minutes time. Kingston finished the event with a time of 1:52, while Coach Joe Guza's Red Hawks hit the 2-minute mark exactly.

Meehan to speak at historical meeting

Tom Meehan, representative of Citizens for Better Care of Michigan Consumer Organization to improve the quality of long term care, will be the speaker at the Watrousville-Caro Historical Society's meeting Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30. The meeting will be held at

the Caro Municipal Building, 317 S. State St., Caro. Refreshments are to be served following the program and the public is invited. A tape of musician Glenn Eastham is on sale by members of the Historical Society.

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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.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

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

- IN PERSON:**
- ✓ 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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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

The Cass City School Board officially ended the adult education program in Cass City at the end of the current school year at its regular meeting Monday night. When this year's class of 21 adults graduate May 26, the program will be transferred to a consortium with Caro Community Schools.

The high school basketball careers of 8 Cass City Red Hawks came to an end last Tuesday when the Hawks were defeated in the state quarterfinals at Troy-Athens High School, 74-53, by Orchard Lake Saint Mary's. Steve Muska, Mike Sherman, Paul Murphy, Darren Wallace, Aaron Hewitt, Paul Ullig, John Phillips and Tavis Osentoski will be remembered in the years ahead as members of one of the best teams to play for Cass City.

The last sign of parking meters in Cass City began to disappear recently as village employees began the task of removing the posts.

Nearly 2 dozen citizens attended the monthly Cass City

Village Council meeting to offer public comment on a proposal to apply for a grant to help fund expansion of the village's recreational park. The biggest concern, voiced by both residents and council members Monday, is the initial asking price for the land in question -- \$250,000 for 50 acres, known as the Tuckey property, located east of the existing park boundary.

10 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce dinner was held Tuesday evening at Cass City High School. Co-citizens of the year are Lloyd Vyse and B.A. "Curly" Calka. Named junior citizen of the year was Amy Francis.

Thieves broke into Roger Board's used car lot office, pried open a metal key cabinet and took the keys to 2 vehicles. Stolen were a 1987 Firebird and a 1983 Blazer 4x4. The cars were recovered Monday, hours after they had been taken. The suspects are still being sought.

Investigators early this week continued their inves-

tigation of a blaze that destroyed a Kingston landmark and some \$30,000 worth of equipment late Thursday night. Firefighters from 5 departments fought the fire, which engulfed an old fertilizer and grain elevator.

Janet Koch has been named valedictorian of this year's graduating class. She is the daughter of Harold and Hilda Koch of Cass City. Salutatorian is Caren Britt, daughter of William and Judy Britt of Cass City.

Gertie Erla recently received a letter from Minnie Pearl in Nashville, Tenn. Pearl is 76 years old.

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City's first team in 30 years to make it to the quarterfinals of the Michigan High School basketball tournament bowed out Thursday with honor in a 71-63 loss to Bay City All Saints at Frankenmuth High School.

A 14-year-old Snover boy was accidentally shot to death Monday afternoon when a .22 caliber rifle discharged, striking him in the chest. The victim was iden-

tified as James Donald Hazen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hazen of West Sanilac Road.

The bubble has burst for 2 Cass Cityans who almost became millionaires in Tuesday's Michigan Lottery drawing. Jack Spencer and Beverly Harbec Sireadakis, formerly of Cass City, now of Bay City, each came away with the minimum \$1,000. The 2 were among 120 persons in the drawing, held in Wyandotte.

The monthly meeting of the Cass City AARP was held at the Elkland Township Fire Hall March 14. Officers for the coming year are: president, Marie E. Roeh; vice-president Norene Partridge; secretary, Corinne Creguer; treasurer, Alma Seeger; membership chairman, Ella Croft. Members of the board of directors are Glenn McClorey, Mary McIntyre, Virginia Chisholm and Catherine MacGillivray.

35 YEARS AGO

Michigan Governor George Romney is slated to be the featured speaker at a testimonial dinner honoring Rep. Allison Green, Kingston, Wednesday, April 29, in the Cass City High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

Mrs. James Bauer, Cass City civic leader, has been invited to show 16 of her paintings at the Bay City Player's production of "Write Me A Murder," April 3-4.

Kent and Philip Sorensen, 17-year-old twin sons of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Sorensen, Elkton, escaped with minor injuries Thursday, when Kent lost control of their car and it slammed into a tree on N. Cemetery Road, 3 miles north of Cass City.

For about 10 years the Cass City Village Council has been trying to locate a new, acceptable dump site for the village. Now they are on the track of a new one that they hope will fill the bill. It's located about a mile east and about a half mile south of Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jezewski recently received a card acknowledging their expression of sympathy to Mrs. John F. Kennedy at the time of the assassination.

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Sanilac County to host a tire recycling day

Used tires are definitely a problem today, with the U.S. producing hundreds of millions of scrap tires annually with a limited number of ways to divert them from the landfill.

Area residents can make a difference by participating in scrap tire recycling.

Sanilac County is hosting its fourth annual tire recycling day Saturday, May 1, at the Sandusky K-Mart parking lot. Tires will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The cost to residents for recycling is: \$1.50 per car and pickup truck tire, \$7 per semi-truck tire, and \$2.50 per inch of width for rear tractor tires. Tire rims will not be accepted.

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Cass City students recognized

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"Ten years ago, the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars program was created to inspire innovation, quality and competitiveness in math and science," said Leonard Roberts, president and chief executive officer of Tandy Corporation/RadioShack.

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SOME 850 STUDENTS explored various career options during the Tuscola County School-To-Work Expo held Friday at Great Lakes College in Caro. Among them were 120 Cass City students, including junior Katie Wood, pictured above talking to Cass City veterinarian Dr. Susan Hoppe.

FARM BUREAU

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met Thursday evening at the home of Clarence and Pat Heleski. Cards were played and high prizes were won by Lorraine and Dewey Holz. Low prizes were won by Hilda Sweeney and Ray Depcinski.

The hostess served a lunch. The next meeting will be at the home of Kay and Jim A. Sweeney April 25.

Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Chuck Jr. and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had dinner at Uhly Heights Thursday, where they helped Cheryl Allen celebrate her 40th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wills of

Port Austin and Reva Silver were Thursday supper guests of Mrs. Gerald Wills for Mrs. Gary Wills' birthday.

Betty Hagen visited Christine Conkey at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Tuesday.

Dan Franzel, Bea Sternberg, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Saturday morning for breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka took Mary Benoit to McDonald's for dinner Tuesday for her birthday.

Mrs. John O'Henley visited Mrs. Martin Sweeney Tuesday.

Around 25 relatives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Farrelly for a St. Patrick's Day party Sunday at Grosse Pointe. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Farrelly, Mr.

and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and family and Allen Farrelly attended from this area.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Friday supper guest of Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Rita Depcinski and Alice Depcinski were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family.

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

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim B. Sweeney Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Sunday dinner guest of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka came home after spending the winter in Holiday, Fla.

Sharon McRae of Grand Rapids spent from Friday afternoon till Sunday with Ray and Rita Depcinski. While here she also visited Cindy Depcinski and Brooke, Charles and Therese Depcinski, Bob and Carole Osentoski and was a Friday overnight guest of Greg and Susan Kroez. Ryan and

Samantha at Kinde. Jim Foster of Waterford, Auggie Renn, Doris Western, Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon in Bad Axe.

Gary Wills of Port Austin was a Saturday afternoon guest of Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Edith Jackson visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson Wednesday afternoon.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly spent Thursday afternoon with Cheryl Allen.

Around 75 relatives met at the Uhly TVO hall Sunday for dinner to help Alex Particka celebrate his birthday. Guests attended from the local area and from the Detroit and Kalamazoo areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry at Elkton.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Mary Beardsley were Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley and Trinity of Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wills and Joe Jr. of Cadillac, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Price, Paul, Samantha and Silas of Spring Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wills and sons, Thomas and Michael.

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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 William Wilson and Penny Wilson, 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 mortgage 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 12.990% 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 A.M. 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
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FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1302
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Attorneys for ContiMortgage Corporation
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
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File #990100454
Tigers 3-17-5

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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., Mortgagor, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 1996, and recorded on November 18, 1996 in Liber 701, on Page 547, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne 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, 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 East 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 Easterly 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
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000
3-3-5

Gehrk Mortgage Corporation, A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 13, 1997, and recorded on January 13, 1997 in Liber 704, on Page 165, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Standard Federal Bank, as assignee by an assignment dated January 17, 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 A.M. on April 23, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, 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 Brusier 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
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Standard Federal Bank
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990202277
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WE WISH TO sincerely thank all the family, friends, and neighbors for all the tender loving care they have extended to our family during the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to Hacker Funeral Home, Crystal Barber and Dawn Mason for making the funeral services so special. To Pastor Mary Laub and the Ladies of the Heritage United Methodist Church, your help means more than you'll ever know. The Merrill Kreger Family. 13-3-31-1

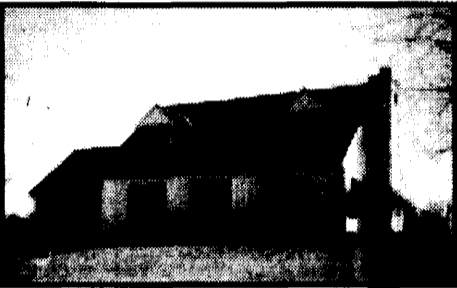
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Work Wanted

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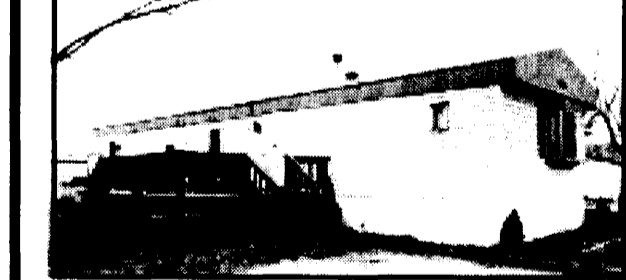


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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, March 31

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Winners, recent results: March 10, Mary Rabideau and Toby Weaver; March 17 and 24, Bill and Alice Lovejoy.

Thursday, April 1

Preschool story hour 10:00 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.
Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, April 2

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

Monday, April 5

HUB Investment Club, Rawson Memorial Library, 7:30 p.m.
Novesta Twp. Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6

Tyler Lodge #317 F&AM meets at 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

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said MDOT officials would like to be in their new facility by August.

Board eyes road work, fee hike

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load limit be set at 2 tons to make the bridge a priority for county funds.

Looking ahead, Erla told the group that an increase in costs for townships that use the Elkland Fire Department services is planned when contracts expire in June. The present charge is \$300 per section, which is expected to be raised to \$325 per section.

Clerk Norma Wallace presented the budget, which indicates a slight increase in general fund revenues from \$293,950 the last fiscal year to \$301,000 budgeted for 1999-2000.

The amount remaining in the contingency fund will be presented next week.

Don Buehrly wanted to dispose of used tires and was informed that the township would take care of them. That sparked a discussion about holding a collection day for used tires in the township. It will be investigated by the township board.

Also discussed was holding a day for collection of trash in the township. Persons attending reported that there has been an increase in dumping of trash on the roadside in the rural areas.

Detective Phillips mourned

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Tennessee; one sister and brother-in-law, Belda and Hallie Holmes, Caro; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Melvin and Ellen Phillips, he was preceded in death by one sister, Darlene Martin.

Funeral services will be held today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at Collon Funeral Home, Caro, with Pastor David Mercer of the Deford Community Church officiating.

Burial will be in Novesta Township Cemetery, with military graveside services provided under the auspices of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Visitation will be at the funeral home today from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the American Cancer Society.

PINNEY GRANT

Turning to other matters Monday, the council learned the Pinney Foundation has approved a \$40,000 grant to help fund major improvements to the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool.

The grant will enable village officials to proceed with the purchase and installation of a new pool liner and locking cover. The project — the first major improvement to the pool surface since the facility was constructed 25 years ago — will cost roughly \$80,000.

Bids will be sought for the labor and material, Downing said. She noted the work might result in a slight delay in opening the pool this year, but "we're hoping the work can be completed in May."

NESTLES SOLUTION?

Improvements to the village's business district, including talks with the

owner of the Nestles building, were also discussed Monday.

Downing informed the council that talks are continuing with the owner of the Nestles building regarding future demolition of the structure, which is in disrepair and has been the target of vandals and arsonists in recent years.

The owner, who currently has lease agreements for a portion of the building with General Cable Co. and Yellow Freight Co., had some wonderful plans for the building, but now even he acknowledges the cost of repairing the structure is simply too great, Downing said.

Council members asked if the owner could secure grant funding to demolish the building. The answer is "no", Downing replied. However, she said, the village could seek grant funding for that purpose. But it isn't that simple, ac-

ording to the village manager, who noted the owner has some debt tied to the building, and that would have to be considered if the village were to consider taking over ownership.

Althaver, who pointed out the owner has been very cooperative and willing to discuss the matter with the village, said there are other considerations as well, including the poured concrete construction of the building.

"It's going to be a very expensive structure to tear down," he added. "It's not going to be easy. It's going to be a tough problem to solve, but it is something we have high on the agenda that we want to deal with."

As for other business district improvements, Althaver briefly discussed a recent "town hall" meeting organized by the village Economic Development Corporation and Downtown Development Authority.

The meeting, which focused on architectural facade

and streetscape studies, resulted in some positive discussion regarding the challenges faced by downtown building owners, he explained, adding plans are already underway to organize an "adopt-a-building" program to implement minor improvements to some buildings. And, at least one business owner has agreed to join those who have already improved their building facades.

There is also an effort to organize a spring "clean-up" day sometime in mid-May. The entire community will be encouraged to participate in the event.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also Monday, the council: •Approved a contract with MDOT for repaving of Main Street, from the west to east village limits, this summer.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$311,000. The village's share is \$16,300.

The 16-day project is expected to get underway Aug. 2.

•Acknowledged receipt of a \$2,000 check from Elkland Township and a \$300 check from Novesta Township. Both are annual contributions earmarked for village recreational facilities.

Trash

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Turning to the annual meeting, Newell said it was agreed to no longer conduct the annual session on the last Saturday in March.

"We're tired of it, especially on a day like today when you have 25 other things you need to do," she said, adding low attendance was also a factor in the board's decision.

Saturday's meeting was attended by the board and only 6 township residents, according to Newell, who noted 3 of those are township employees.

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