



GAGETOWN NATIVE Arnie Karr recently returned "home" as the new wildlife habitat biologist at the DNR's Cass City Field Office. Karr, who fills a vacancy left by retiring Bud Jarvis, is pictured above examining the deformed hooves of a white-tail doe found dead in a field in Sanilac County's Forester Township early this week.

DNR biologist returns home

Arnie Karr's arrival at the DNR's Cass City Field Office 2 weeks ago was a homecoming of sorts.

Karr, who spent the past several years working as a wildlife habitat biologist in the Saginaw Bay region, is originally from the Gagetown area. In fact, he grew up on a dairy farm just a stone's throw from the Octagon Barn.

Now, he's settling in at his office about 5 miles west of Cass City, where he'll continue the work of long-time DNR Wildlife Biologist Bud Jarvis, who retired in November after 33 years on the job.

"I feel extremely fortunate to have this happen," Karr said of his new assignment, which will include planning, mapping, creating and preserving wildlife habitat for some 50,000 acres of state game areas in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

While Karr grew up hunting and fishing in the Thumb, he says a lot has changed since he graduated from Owen-Gage High School in 1969.

"A bunch of us from Owen-Gage High School used to hunt near Hurds Corner Road, just 5 miles from here," recalled Karr, who also spent a fair amount of time hunting pheasant and grouse in the area, bagging wildfowl at Fish Point, and chasing deer in Deford.

"When I was in high school, there was no Gagetown State Game Area. Another thing

Gagetown native Arnie Karr fills Jarvis' post

that wasn't there was the Verona State Game Area," Karr said, referring to the 9,000-acre state game area in Huron County that has become popular among pheasant hunters.

"There were no pheasant management areas back then. One of the key things Bud (Jarvis) and the technicians here did to improve pheasant habitat was to get some permanent winter cover and nesting cover out there," he continued, noting the DNR staff relied on farmers and share croppers to create plots of switch grass along with corn to provide a food source. "They're the ultimate answer for winter survival for pheasants."

Karr said the open grasslands created by the DNR attract a variety of songbirds as well as game birds. "Any ground-nesting wildlife benefits from the grasslands. Really, the entire food chain benefits," he added.

Karr pointed out that his duties will include preserving grasslands by suppressing overgrowth of brush through controlled burning and other measures. He'll also work with farmers and share croppers and timber cutters to improve habitat for deer and birds.

Karr brings to his new job

some 25 years of experience in habitat management. A Michigan State University graduate, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife biology and ecology in 1973.

He started his career working as a temporary summer aide assisting a fisheries researcher in southern Indiana. He stayed on as laborer at a fish hatchery when the 3-month job concluded, then took a job as an assistant

wildlife area manager in 1974. In all, Karr worked as property manager/biologist for the Indiana DNR for 15 years.

In 1990, he returned to Michigan to work as a technician at Fish Point. For the past 6 years, he served as habitat biologist for the Saginaw Bay wetlands area, including Fish Point, Shiawassee, Quanicasee, Crow Island and Nayanguing Point.

"It was great to get back home," said Karr, who along with his wife, Jan, resides in Oakhurst. They have one son, Eric, a freshman at Michigan Tech University.



Speed racer

SEVEN-YEAR-old Eric Montreuil of Gagetown displays his first-place trophy in the pits at the IMA sports arena in Flint following his victory in a motorcycle ice racing event Jan. 29. (See story, page 4)

Forfeiture proceeds top \$11,500

TNU arrests 87, seizes \$3.2 million in drugs in '99

The Thumb Narcotics Unit has spent more than 10 years putting drug dealers out of business in the Thumb and beyond, but there's still plenty of work to do, according to TNU Commander Detective Lt. Mitch Krugielki.

"Our goal, of course, is to begin with the mid-level drug trafficker and work our way up to the... source," Krugielki said recently following the drug unit's annual meeting. "The work is here; we're only restricted by personnel and funding issues."

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern agreed, saying TNU continues to play a vital role in the war against drugs.

"There's no doubt at all. The drug scene keeps changing all the time and you have to keep on top of it," Kern said. "You need these teams to keep the pressure on."

"They (TNU) are out there making buys and busts, and I think we've been able to keep some control over it."

When it comes to regional drug teams, Kern said, it's important to look at the whole picture. You may not have officers arresting a drug dealer in your hometown every other week, he said, but that's not the point. "The point is, you live in this county and the drug transactions are coming in and taking place in this county, and it's going to impact your kids and grandkids."

TNU is continuing its work on the heels of a year that saw an upswing in drug-related investigations and arrests, most involving marijuana trafficking.

"I would feel confident in saying there is an increase in the availability of marijuana in the Thumb area," Krugielki said. Pot sales are very lucrative, he added, with

the street value typically ranging from \$800 a pound to \$1,000 a pound. "But we had one complaint where an individual was paying \$3,000 a pound."

In all, TNU investigations in 1999 resulted in nearly 90 arrests and the seizure of more than \$3.2 million worth of drugs.

TNU handled a total of 143 complaints last year, including 68 arrests in Tuscola County, 62 arrests in Lapeer County and 5 arrests in Huron County.

Krugielki pointed out that the numbers reflect only where a complaint originated, not necessarily the location of all drug activity associated with a given investigation. A complaint received in Lapeer, for example, could lead officers to Marlette and then Cass City.

"Drug dealers don't know township and county borders, so the (statistics) are skewed," he said.

TNU's investigations in 1999 resulted in 87 arrests on 101 criminal charges. The

total includes 67 arrests in Lapeer County, 30 in Tuscola County and 2 in Huron County.

There were 2 charges of marijuana use, 19 charges of marijuana possession, 35 counts of delivery of marijuana, 6 counts of delivery/manufacture of cocaine/crack, 4 counts of delivery/manufacture of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD), one count of the delivery/manufacture of heroin, and one count of delivery/manufacture of Methamphetamine.

Officers seized 3,197.38 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$3,197,380, 14 grams of heroin valued at \$4,200, 37.5 grams of cocaine valued at \$4,125, 3.25 grams of cocaine valued at \$358, and 80 units of LSD valued at \$240.

TNU investigations in 1999 also resulted in charges of being a fugitive (4), criminal sexual conduct (2), robbery (2), fraudulent procurement of narcotics/drugs (one), burglary of a safe/vault (2), ob-

struction of justice (2), weapons offenses (4), bomb threat (one), larceny (one) and driving while license is suspended (one).

TNU's share of forfeiture proceeds totaled \$11,575.81 in 1999. The forfeitures were \$3,612 in cash, negotiable instruments and securities; \$410 in other property forfeited (long guns auctioned); and \$10,000 in real property, minus costs and sharing percentages.

TNU, which relies on cooperation from local, county and state police agencies throughout the Thumb, serves the counties of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola with a contingency of 7 officers and a secretary in a geographical area encompassing a combined population of 225,000 people.

The regional drug team has a board of directors consisting of 11 members, including Kern, who serves as board president, Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson (vice president) and Huron County Sheriff Mike Gage.

Thumb Narcotics Unit

	Activity comparison				
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Complaints	92	129	111	114	143
Intelligence Reports	48	68	34	24	69
Total Persons Arrested	73	110	74	75	87
Drug Charges	49	89	60	67	60
Other Charges	24	21	14	8	27
Total Counts	117	198	121	115	101
Drug Counts	74	146	84	104	69
Other Counts	43	52	37	9	27

Top cops

Sheriff Tom Kern honors officers during annual departmental meeting

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department honored its own recently during the department's annual meeting.

Topping the list of honors was the "Officer of the Year" award presented by Sheriff Tom Kern to veteran deputy Sgt. Curtis Chambers.

"Sgt. Chambers received the 'Officer of the Year' award for all his work on accident reconstruction of several major traffic fatalities, and also for his overall performance throughout the year," Kern explained.

In addition, several officers were presented with commendations for their work in various cases during the year. Among them was Detective Larry Walker, who assisted Mayville police in interviewing a subject arrested May 30 for placing 2 incendiary devices in a school building.

"Undersheriff (Jim) Jashinske received word from the prosecutor's office that the interview was so complete and professional that the defense attorney was willing to plea after viewing the interview tape," Kern said.

"With over 30 years of service to Tuscola County, Detective Walker continues to work in a professional, dedicated and enthusiastic manner."

Deputy Patrick Finn, meanwhile, was honored for his organization and planning for any potential Y2K-related problems.

"Our emergency management director (Finn) was on top of the planning from the onset. Countless meetings and planning sessions were

set up with business and financial institutions, police, fire departments, etc., to assist in addressing any possible problem or situations that may arise," the sheriff said.

"Although many people were tired of hearing about Y2K, it was reassuring for

handguns, took off. He was also apprehended after a short foot chase.

"Sergeant Chambers and Deputy Mattlin's good police work led to the arrest of 3 felons, one of which was armed. The arrest also resulted in the recovery of 6 handguns taken during the

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myself and the citizens of Tuscola County to know that our (emergency management director) was prepared for any possible problem that may have arisen."

LOCAL BURGLARY

Also honored were a pair of deputies - Sgt. Chambers and Deputy Michael Mattlin for their investigative work at and near the scene of a burglary at Cass City Hardware during the early morning hours of Nov. 30.

"After officers Chambers and Mattlin responded to back up Cass City (police) and saw that the scene was secure, they realized that a vehicle that they had checked earlier on Koepfgen Road may have been involved," Kern said, noting the deputies returned to the vehicle and observed a suspect run from the area.

The suspect was apprehended by the officers. As they searched the area, another suspect, carrying 6

burglary," Kern said.

TRIO HONORED

Honored for their combined efforts in drafting a new Field Training Officer (FTO) manual were deputies Ted Hull, Thomas Pennington and Robert Baxter.

"Starting in January these officers ran back-to-back FTO programs for a total of 6 months of extra duty," Kern said.

"Sergeant (Kevin) Thane, who oversees the program, informed me that all 3 officers did an excellent job in preparing the FTO manual, and in the training of the new officers. He stated they were always willing to help any of the officers with any programs, and still continued a high quality of work while doing this."

ASSAULT COMPLAINT

Five officers - deputies Gary Dunham and Christop-

Follman competent, faces trial April 25

A Unionville man charged with kidnapping and first degree home invasion last summer will go on trial following his evaluation at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in Ypsilanti.

Brian A. Follman, 24, was originally scheduled for trial Nov. 2, however, his attorney notified the court that he intended to assert an insanity defense, according to Huron County Prosecutor Mark Gaertner.

"His attorney petitioned the court to send Mr. Follman to the forensic center for evaluation on 2 issues; the first is competency to stand trial and the second is to determine if he was criminally responsible at the time of the

crime," Gaertner said. "He (Follman) was evaluated at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry and they found him competent to stand trial."

Follman stood mute to the charges in Huron County Circuit Court. A plea of innocent was entered on his behalf and he was lodged in the county jail on a \$100,000 cash bond.

Follman remains jailed. A 2-day trial has been scheduled for April 25.

The charges stem from an incident in early July when Follman allegedly kidnapped Melinda J. Mosher, 28, his former girlfriend, at her Lange Road home in

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Campbell students on the honor roll

The Campbell Elementary School 4th grade marking period honor roll has been announced.

Rodney Abasso, David Acker, Heather Baker, Isaiah Battel, Jessica Bessler, Chris Binder, Kendra Bitzer, Chelsey Bootz, Evan Bushong, Allen Bussard, Chris Childs, Justin Clemens, Samantha Carrier, Ethan Damm, Erica Darr, Ashley Deel, Andrew Deering, Rebecca Doerr, Maddie Dooley*, Megan Dorland, Kenny Grady, Kim-

berly Guthrie, Jacob Hanby, Scarlett Helland, Darrin Howard, Devin Jamieson, David Janssen, Brittany Karavas*, Kristie Karr, Mark Koepf, Adam Kranz, Matt Lenda, Justin Louks, Shane McFarland, Lauren Meck, Alyssa Nicol, Alicia Osentoski, Tommy Parrish, Stephanie Regnerus, Caitlyn Rickett, Bria Romstad, Kelton Roth, Zachary Russell, Caitlin Sorenson, Jeff Sparks, Ashlee Spencer, Marissa Summersett, Shayna Ward, CJ Warmbier, Derck Weidman*, Megan Woodruff, Chris Zawilinski, Jennifer Zmierski.

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.

FEB. 14-16-18

Monday - Pepper steak w/ rice, oriental vegetables, citrus fruit salad, hot roll, tapioca pudding.

Wednesday - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, boiled potatoes, milk gravy, chocolate cake, wheat bread.

Friday - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, zucchini and tomatoes, salad bar, garlic bread, cream dessert.

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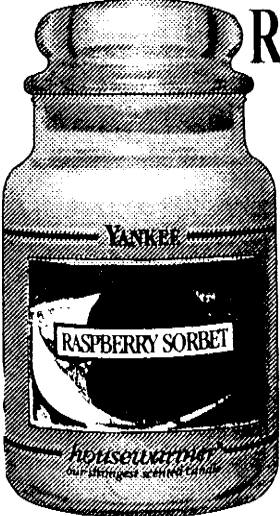
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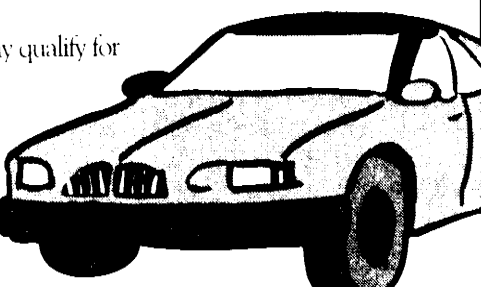
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Hoppe enlists in Navy

John Hoppe of Cass City, son of Melvin and Alicia Hoppe, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy for guaranteed training as an engineman.

In one of over 60 diverse career fields in the Navy, enginemen are responsible for operating, servicing, and repairing internal combustion engines, either gasoline or diesel used to power Navy ships and small craft. They also maintain refrigeration, air-conditioning, and distilling plant engines and compressors.

One reason Hoppe joined the Navy was to take advantage of the Montgomery GI Bill. The Navy offers a wide range of programs to help with college, including tuition assistance for active duty personnel, the Montgomery GI Bill, the Navy College Fund (which offers up to \$50,000 for qualified recipients), and the NROTC programs.

A 2000 graduate of Cass City High School, Hoppe will report for basic training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., in July. Petty Officer Hardman of the Navy Recruiting Station in Caro said that, after technical training, he would be assigned to one of the Navy's ships, squadrons or duty stations located around the world.

Cass City students on dean's list

Alma College has named nearly 400 students to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 1999 Fall Term.

The students, who achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least 8 of which are evaluative grades), include:

Janelle Anderson, Ryan Downing, Stephan McIntosh and Nicolette Zawilinski, all of Cass City.



Blasts from the past

by Melva E. Guinther

A column featuring the verse about an exploding Thanksgiving turkey that had been stuffed with popped popcorn triggered a lot of memories of similar disasters.

It just goes to show that, under the right (wrong?) circumstances, seemingly harmless, everyday products can become amazingly volatile.

My own vivid recollection was of the day when I was a kid and my mother was cooking beans in a pressure cooker.

I was sick and lying on the couch in the living room when suddenly there was this huge blast and I looked up to see beans flying past the kitchen door.

Beans were everywhere, embedded in the ceiling, covering every piece of furniture, even driven down the spout of the coffeepot. What a mess!

Deb Severance, a co-worker, was reminded of the unique experience of having catpills explode in her car. She also recalled the day her son put a bottle of Coke in the freezer to cool quickly, and forgot about it. Not a good idea!

Speaking of pop, after a visit with us, our daughter Sandy was returning home to Ohio with her cats, Sam and

Library book sale scheduled

Looking for some good reading material for the cold winter nights? Come to the Magazine and Book Sale Monday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library. Baked goods will also be available for purchase that day.

The sale will be a one-day only event this year so come in on the 14th and stock up on magazines and goodies.

He's cleaning his automobile - Wa Shing Ka
Is there a fugitive here? - Hu Yu Hai Ding?
Your price is too high - No Bai Nut Ding!
I bumped into a coffee table - Ai Bang Mai Ni
Has your flight been delayed? - Hao Long Wei Ting?
They have arrived - Hia Dei Kum
This is a tow away zone - No Pah King
Small horse - Tai Ni Po Ni
Did you go to the beach? - Wai Yu So Tan?
It's very dark in here - Wai So Dim?
I thought you were on a diet - Wai Yu Mun Ching?
Your body odor is offensive - Yu Stin Ki Pu
I got this for free - Ai No Pei
Stay out of sight - Lei Lo
You know lyrics to the Macarena? - Wai Yu Sing
Dum Song?
Phew! Does this bathroom stink! - Hu Flung Dung?

Dance set for Feb. 12

The Sandusky Thumb Dancers will hold its next open dance at the Sandusky Maple Valley School Saturday, Feb. 12, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Music will be by United Sound.

Everyone is welcome. Bring finger food and friends.

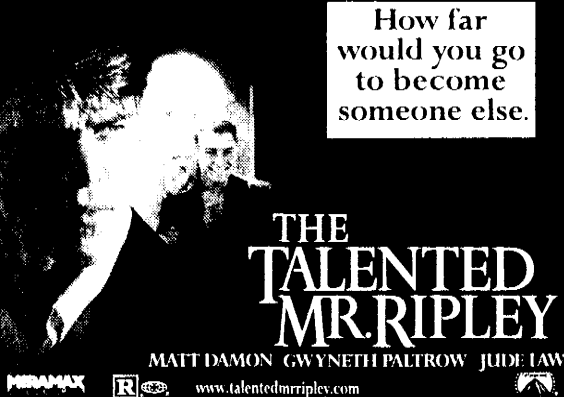
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It's a boy!

Revival services set

The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will hold revival services Feb. 9-11 at 6:30 p.m. nightly.

The guest speaker will be Mr. C.Y. Kim, a Korean native who once spent 2 1/2 years in solitary confinement for preaching Christ.

He currently travels to China, Vietnam, and N. Korea working with underground churches and is the founder and director of Christ Reaching Asia Mission, Inc. He will be coming to Cass City directly from China for this meeting.

Kim holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Johnson Bible College, a master's de-

gree from Cincinnati Bible Seminary and a Ph.D. from Han Yang University in Seoul, South Korea.

The church will provide nursery care and more information may be obtained by calling 872-3658 or 872-1195.

Book sale Saturday

The Jacqueline E. Opperman Memorial Library in Kingston will host a book sale Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Additional information is available by calling (517) 683-2500.

EARLY REGISTRATION for AYSO

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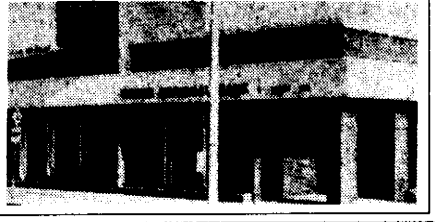


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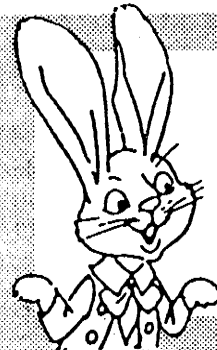
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

For the do-it-yourselfers, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants is holding the first of its 2 annual Ask-A-CPA Call-In Days Saturday, Feb. 26. Taxpayers who are puzzled by the effects of new tax laws can get the answers to state and federal tax questions free of charge by dialing toll free 1-877-420-4CPA. For those who miss the first Saturday's opportunity, you'll have another chance Saturday, March 25.

If your child isn't Joe Jock or Sally Smart, they can still earn college tuition assistance. Although the majority of college scholarships are merit and/or need-based, billions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance-College Bound is one organization that supplies the public with over 700 different private scholarships.

For information on obtaining these scholarships, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

Thumb area volleyball fans can enjoy an invitational tournament by driving a short distance on any given Saturday. The same, however, can't be said for our northern neighbors. When the Cass City athletic department posted on the MHSAA website it had an opening for its January tournament, a school willing to make the journey hailed from the outskirts of Toronto, Canada.

Write-in candidates must file declaration by Feb. 18

Area residents planning to run for a village council seat in the Feb. 21 primary election as a write-in candidate must file a "declaration of intent" with their local village clerk this month.

The deadline to file is Friday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. Write-in candidates planning to run for village office in the March 13 general election must file by March 10.

Votes cast for write-in candidates who do not file a "declaration of intent" will not be counted.

Other upcoming election-related dates include the deadline to file absentee voter ballot applications (Saturday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m.), and the last day to register to vote in the March general election (Monday, Feb. 14).

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	30	-6	.01"
Wednesday	30	23	.10"
Thursday	33	25	.06"
Friday	32	0	.02"
Saturday	38	0	0
Sunday	33	1	0
Monday	34	-8	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)



JACK FROST worked overtime Saturday night to treat Thumb area residents to a scenic winter wonderland Sunday morning. Ice crystals formed on every twig, branch and bush, giving them a frosted appearance.

5 appear in circuit court

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

- Jeffrey E. Worden, 27, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while impaired Jan. 1 in Vassar.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing was scheduled for March 24.
- Clifford J. Plain, 30, Silverwood, pleaded innocent to a charge of third degree child abuse Oct. 30 in Dayton Township.
- Bond was continued at \$2,000. A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case.
- Theodore G. Dorics, 53, Mayville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 5 in Fremont Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$4,000 and sentencing was scheduled for March 24.
- Gonifasio Fierros, 50, Flint, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 120 days in the county jail for his plea of guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Aug. 16 in Tuscola Township.
- Fierros, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, was ordered to pay \$860 in court costs and fines plus a \$150 forensic fee.
- Mark J. Fisher, 36, was re-sentenced for his convictions on charges of armed robbery, first degree home invasion and cutting telephone lines April 15 in Koylton Township. He was sentenced to 17 to 30 years in prison and ordered to pay \$110 in restitution plus interest.
- The re-sentencing followed an appeals court decision dismissing Fisher's conviction on a charge of larceny in a building.

The Haire Net



Detroit schools seek to provide better facilities and better administrative supervision and have money ready to pour into the system.

But after reading a story recently about 9 reported rapes of students on their way to classes in Detroit this school year, it's easy to see why problems on the road to a better system remain.

The story continued with an outline of preventive measures available and the names and addresses of 3 rape counseling organizations.

The safety methods suggested include:

- *Turn on the porch lights before dawn on weekdays.
- *Glance out house windows between 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.
- *Parents should form walking groups of neighboring pupils.

All of these suggestions make sense given the problems in Detroit, but it's hard to imagine needing a similar program in Cass City or the Thumb.

Given a choice, any parent would go where the living is safer, and a safe environment makes it easier to attract good teachers. It's true that Detroit pays less than the suburbs, but the system also pays more than most Thumb schools. Filling vacancies with competent teachers is not a problem in the Thumb, while many vacancies go unfilled in Detroit.

Until there is a better handle on the problem, all the glitz and glitter uptown won't do much for the Detroit pupils. The new baseball and football stadiums, the 3 new casinos and the commercial development are big plusses for the central business district, sure to attract more visitors.

Mayor Dennis Archer and the Detroit council talk extensively about cleaning up



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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The fashion designers are at it again. They've taken a simple little cotton coat, sewn a few buttons on it, and named it "the barn jacket".

Then, they put this flimsy, little coat on a pouty-faced model to show how adorable our children will look when we send them off to school in a brand new "barn jacket". Upscale department stores are offering these at \$59 apiece.

Can you imagine that? They're selling brand-new "barn jackets" to folks who don't realize what an ugly and disgusting garment a barn jacket really is.

Even fashion designers should know a barn jacket isn't a garment; it's a condition. It's like a barn hat, a barn shirt, a barn cat: It's a mess!

"Barn jacket" isn't a style. The word "barn" explains what happened to it!

The genuine barn jacket is covered with axle grease, dog hair, calf slobber and other compounds fashion designers don't know much about. It's like a cowboy's hat. The one his dog sleeps with in the back of the pickup.

I had several barn jackets when I was a kid, and I can't imagine sending anyone to school in them. A coat like this has a special character only its owner can appreciate.

I've never seen a barn jacket with buttons, either. The calves chew those off in a matter of days.

My barn coats all had a zipper that was permanently stuck about half way between my navel and Adams apple. I put them on arms first, and often wore them backwards as a matter of convenience.

I always took those jackets off before going into town. My brothers told me I might get into a car accident, and the ambulance people would see the zipper in the back -- and try to turn my head around straight.

My favorite barn jacket was procured from the army by my older brother, Kenny. Kenny served in the infantry before the volunteer army took over, and like others of his era, he conscripted a couple of field jackets and some "Mickey Mouse" boots when he left the service.

That army field jacket was the best barn coat I ever had. It had a zipper, and buttons, and a removable liner for winter use.

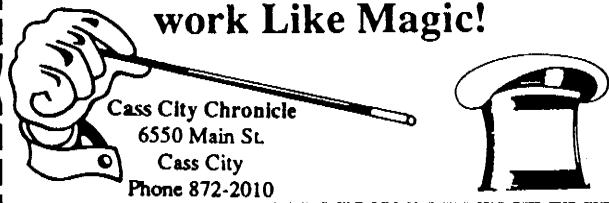
Best of all, it had enough pockets for candy bars, muskrat traps, shotgun shells, dead rabbits, a few fish, gopher bait, and a can of Bag Balm.

I finally had to throw the old army jacket away this fall. I hadn't worn it in quite awhile, and the buttons and zipper rotted off years ago.

I asked my wife to fix it, but she started looking for the matches instead of her sewing machine. The old coat still had its character, though.

That's the main reason we had to burn it. My barn jacket's character was getting so strong, I had to take a shower every time I took it off.

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VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, MICHIGAN SALE OF UTILITY VEHICLE - BUCKET TRUCK

The Village of Cass City will accept written sealed bids for the sale and purchase of a 1976 Ford TECO Vanguard Model Aerial Lift 45-foot "Bucket Truck". This utility vehicle was in the service of the Cass City Department of Public Works for approximately 9 years.

Written sealed bids will be received until 4:00 PM, on Monday, February 28, 2000, at the Village of Cass City Municipal Offices, 6506 Main Street, P.O. Box 123, Cass City, Michigan 48726, and must be marked as "Bucket Bid". The sealed bids will be opened at the Village Council Meeting, to be held on Monday, February 28, 2000, at 7:00 PM.

The Village of Cass City is selling this utility vehicle in "as is condition". The vehicle may be "viewed only" at the Village DPW Offices, by appointment, 6737 Church Street, Cass City Michigan. Telephone: (517) 872-2911. Additional information is available concerning recent inspection reports from the Village Offices for serious inquiries only. The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Joyce A. Bemus
Village Clerk



Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

Cass City Schools Striving for Safety

At our schools' last Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting, a presentation about school safety in our district was shared. I thought it would be a good idea to present an overview of the major items that were reviewed at the meeting.

First, our school has an agreement with the Cass City Police Department, Tuscola County Sheriff Department, Michigan State Police, prosecuting attorney and court system to coordinate safety efforts and share pertinent information to achieve maximum public safety with the goal of reducing juvenile crime. The sharing of this information should be very helpful.

Second, our district has a detailed District Crisis Communication Plan which provides valuable information if we ever have to deal with a crisis such as: accidents in school, threats, gas leaks, medication overdoses, power failures, fires, explosions and a variety of other issues. This plan, which includes all of our buildings' floor plans, has been given to the Cass City Police Department, Tuscola County Sheriff Department and Michigan State Police Department in Caro.

Third, the crisis plan has been shared with all building principals who have reviewed it with staff. In case it would ever be necessary to evacuate our students to an off site location, we have agreements with various community facilities to do so. The evacuation plan includes students from every building in our district.

Fourth, should we ever have a crisis to deal with, the superintendent's office would serve as the communication center. The Village of Cass City has agreed to allow us to use the municipal building as a secondary location for communications.

As you can see, we have extensively planned for situations we hope never will occur. Our first and foremost item of consideration is to always keep the safety of our children as our number one priority. Our staff provides our students a safe and caring environment in which to learn. We will try our best to keep things this way while we continually look for additional ways to improve.

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

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Romance is in the air

Romance is in the air. For all of you who may forget, Valentine's Day is this Monday, Feb. 14. Everyone at Cass City High School knows when Valentine's Day has arrived. The halls are full of the smell of fresh flowers and the office looks identical to a flower shop.

For the past two years the Close-Up Club has played cupid to make sure everyone has his or her Valentine. They hold a fund-raiser called Data Match to raise money to go to Washington, D.C., this spring.

A couple of weeks before Valentine's Day, everyone gets to fill out a Data Match Compatibility matching sheet. There are 34 multiple choice questions that the students answer. Then the Close-Up Club mails the sheets to the Data Match Company.

Thursday, Feb. 3, students were able to purchase their results for \$1.75 for just their grade or \$3.00 for all grades. The results are the top 10 people from the opposite sex with compatibility close to yours.

Students get to enjoy the fun and excitement of seeing who their best matches are. They may even want to surprise their Data Match crush with flowers or a nice box of chocolates.

As for those who have al-

ready found their matches, they may have different plans. Some have plans to send their girl or guy flowers, take them out to dinner or even see a show, if they're at the dating age.

Roy Davis plans to send his secret sweetheart flowers, while Matt Frappert said "I plan on getting my girlfriend flowers, a balloon and taking her out to dinner."

We mostly know what guys plan to get girls, but the question is what do you get a guy? A couple suggestions I got would be clothing, a CD, or a hat. Sounds good to me.

As for Lindsey Gaszczynski, she got her boyfriend a very special Valentine's Day gift. When I asked her what she got her boyfriend she said, "I took him to a Detroit Pistons Game."

Tessa Zawilinski said, "I'm not sure what to get, a card for sure."

I asked Katie Hacker what she plans to get her boyfriend. She said, "Last year I got him a flower, this year probably a shirt."

As for me, I'm not sure what I'll get my sweetheart. Maybe a nice card and I'll treat him to dinner. If you're like me, we'd better hustle, the countdown on Valentine's Day is only 5 days away.



MONTREUIL (far left) turns the corner on his 50cc Pee Wee Yamaha during racing action at the IMA sports arena in Flint.

Eric Montreuil

7-year-old Gagetown boy heats up ice at IMA arena

Most 7-year-olds are content to spend their winter weekends sliding down hills and building snow forts, with some time in front of their favorite video game in between outdoor activities.

Not Eric Montreuil. Montreuil, son of Don and Patti Montreuil of Gagetown, prefers to spend his free time on the ice, racing a motorcycle equipped with specially designed studded tires and fenders.

And although the boy entered his first season of ice racing competition just a few weeks ago, he's already enjoying the thrill of victory.

"He's won all of them (races) so far," Don Montreuil said, noting his son most recently claimed a first-place trophy in an 8-lap race Jan. 29 at the IMA sports arena in Flint, where he competed against 7 other youngsters ages 4 to 8 years. He has also won events on quarter-mile tracks in Port Huron and Gladwin.

The area youngster got his first taste of riding his motorcycle on ice at the home of friend who has a gravel pit, according to his father. "He looked like he was doing pretty good," the elder Montreuil recalled. "And he's kind of hooked now."

Montreuil's success isn't altogether surprising. His racing career actually dates back to the spring of 1998, when he began competing on dirt tracks around the state.

His competition debut included a first-place finish on the half-track at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro, second-place in the Dirt Track State Championships in Croswell, and third place in the Michigan State Championship TT Scrambles in Palo.

In less than 6 months, the boy collected 9 trophies and one plaque.

"He gets a lot of practice. He has a lot of friends who have bikes," said Don Montreuil, who grew up around snowmobiles, motorcycles and 4-wheelers, and has shared that interest with his son. The elder Montreuil also enjoys the role of his son's "pit crew" - changing the tires and gears on Eric's

Letters to the editor

Writers deserve praise

Letter to the editor,

I would like to compliment 3 people in this letter.

First compliment goes to the editor of the Chronicle for offering the opportunity for people in our community and outside our community to speak out on issues. It is refreshing to see a neutral position being taken on issues in our new "feelings are everything" society. Thank you.

Second compliment goes to Ms. Marilyn Green for her wonderful insight into what a true rounded education is all about. While the school board may have had good reason to want to control irresponsible absences from school they also have a duty to discriminate the crucial differences between cases. Hats off to Mr. Haag for standing on solid ground.

Third compliment goes to Leah Sherman, who wrote a

good piece on "listening" to young people when they have something to say. I commend you for inserting the U.S. constitution into your argument and urge you to truly read this Constitution and become a well-versed citizen on what your rights consist of and how they apply to each of us. The Constitution was designed to protect all citizens but it does not supersede a parent's responsibility to protect their children. When you have your own teenage daughter I am sure you will see this issue with a clearer perspective.

Sincerely,
Michael Byron
Cass City

T.V. unsuitable

Dear Editor

I don't think there is suitable television for children to watch during prime time viewing hours.

When children get home from school there is plenty of good television on, but after 6 p.m. there aren't as many good programs on. Now baby-sitting for my sister I realize how bad it has gotten. Some programs which used to have great children's shows now have gotten much more serious plots.

Some producers could take more responsibility in trying to put these shows on after young children have gone to bed. Just changing some of the plots to be more appropriate would be helping the common good of kids. I believe a little switching around in shows would be good for kids, because no matter how hard you try to monitor what your child is watching the bad programs always seem more appealing.

Sincerely,

Angela Stoeckle
A Seventh Grade Student
Cass City Middle School

Village needs center

Dear Editor:

I am a seventh grade middle school student at Cass City Middle School, and I feel that Cass City should have an indoor activity center.

This activity center should have heating and air conditioning for summer and winter use. It should include a basketball/floor hockey court, a playground, and a roller blading/skating rink. There should be rest room facilities and maybe a snack bar and eating area. There could also be an arcade area. There should be an admission fee to pay any workers needed and for the upkeep of the building.

I believe that this would benefit the community by keeping the children off the streets, and it would bring in more money for our community. This also upholds the core democratic value of The Common Good, which is our belief that each of us has a duty to work with others to improve our communities and our country.

Sincerely,

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Error places third

Josh Error, a sophomore at Owendale-Gagetown High School, recently traveled to Baker College in Flint with other students from the Tuscola Intermediate School District's Technical Center, to compete in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Regional competition.

Error placed third in Extemporaneous Verbal I, a form of improvisational speaking.

Error had to pick a randomly drawn topic. He chose "How to Deal with Sexual Harassment in the Workplace". He then had 10 minutes to think about the topic and write a one to 3 minute speech which he then had to deliver.

By placing third, Error is now qualified to compete at the BPA state competition to be held March 16-19.

NOTICE
LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that a General Election will be held in the Village of Cass City on Monday, March 13, 2000.

Electors who wish to vote in the General Election must be registered no later than Monday, February 14, 2000. To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, the County Clerk's Office, Elkland Township Clerk's Office or Village Clerk's Office.

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Companion Radio arrives at MCF

Tuscola County Medical Care Facility in Caro is utilizing the very latest in digital satellite technology to allow its residents to better relive the past.

Through a unique service called Companion Radio, the county medical care facility will join the ranks of elite senior living facilities of America. Access to 4 private stations designed especially for seniors will make living at the Caro facility a special experience.

Residents can now dial any one of the 4 stations on their FM radios. The programming is based upon latest geriatric research and centers around a concept called "music therapy."

The stations each fill a unique niche - for example, the Reminiscence Station features music from residents' youth mixed with trivia from the time. This programming stimulates reminiscence, which music therapy findings say can improve senior adults' self-esteem and outlook on life.

Another station, Serenity, is designed for adult care residents with Alzheimer's or other disabling diseases. That station provides positive meditative messages and soothing music to help older adults deal with the special challenges of aging.

The other stations, Imagination and Potpourri, offer a variety of musical specials, radio theatre, senior-oriented news, and even exercises for the wheelchair or bed-bound.

The stations are designed around a typical adult care facility schedule - up tempo in the mornings, accented with specials during the day, and relaxing at bedtime. One program, "Music to Dine By," played at mealtimes, has been a special hit with long term care staff.

"It seems that by enhancing the music with the sounds of a restaurant - silverware, glasses and background voices - Companion Radio manages to stimulate residents' waning appetites," facility Director Steve Corl said.

Sanilac facility earns top score

The state of Michigan has just released inspection results for state medical care facilities, and the Sanilac County Medical Care Facility in Sandusky received a 100 percent score.

The December 1999 inspection results indicating a perfect score is a relatively rare occurrence and a great achievement. Congratulations have been extended to the facility, staff and residents which can now be counted among only 2 percent of all homes that ever received a perfect score.

Administrator Louis Wenzlaff stated the 104-bed nursing facility received no citations for several reasons, among them a stable and dedicated staff. In addition, the team worked hard on problem areas perceived by the Quality Indicators.

Wenzlaff also noted other factors that contributed to the facility's success. "We have recently implemented a dining room with food served buffet style, giving our residents more of a choice of food. This also helps to assure that hot food remains hot, that cold food is cold and that all residents that are at one table are served at the same time."

The detailed inspection not only focused on the extensive records keeping system, but state surveyors also spent a lot of time interacting with the residents to establish what level of care the facility was giving them.

"We have recently upgraded all of our present computers and purchased many new ones along with

upgrading the network system, which has resulted in a much more efficiently run operation for our residents," Wenzlaff stated.

The Sanilac County Medical Care Facility recently implemented a "team" concept in the nursing department with a registered nurse being the case manager of a group of residents, and the licensed practical nurses and CENA's working with the same residents. There is now responsibility and accountability for each group of residents. The "team" knows the needs of the residents and can thus provide quality care to each.

Wenzlaff encourages anyone with questions or concerns about the facility to call or stop in at 137 N. Elk St. in Sandusky. The public is always welcome.

Follman found competent

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Sebewaing Township, then took her to a cabin in northern Michigan.

Prosecutors say Follman forced his way into Mosher's residence through a window, then allegedly picked up a hammer and chased the woman, eventually forcing her into his car.

A tip from a citizen led law enforcement authorities to the pair near Onaway in Presque Isle County 2 days later. Officers rescued a shaken but unharmed Mosher and arrested Follman without incident after a brief chase.

Kidnapping carries a maximum penalty of life in prison or any term of years. First degree home invasion is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine.



HONORED as "Officer of the Year" was Sgt. Curtis Chambers (left), pictured above with Sheriff Tom Kern.



RECEIVING commendations during the annual meeting of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department were: (seated, from left) Sgt. Michael Pine, Detective Patrick Woidan, Deputy Robert Baxter and Deputy Ted Hull, (standing, from left) Sgt. Kevin Thane, Deputy Patrick Finn, Deputy Thomas Pennington, Deputy Christopher Rogner, Deputy Gary Dunham, Sgt. Curtis Chambers and Deputy Michael Mattlin. Missing is Detective Larry Walker.

Debaters receive award

Cass City High School debaters failed to win it all during the 2-day State Class B Varsity Debate Tournament, held Friday and Saturday in Novi.

But the Red Hawks found some solace in the fact that their quarterfinal round loss came at the hands of this year's eventual state champion. Cass City also became the first school ever to receive the Ziegelmüller Award for excellence.

Cass City Debate Coach Chad Daniels entered 3 of his novice debaters in the tournament after bumping them up to varsity, freshmen Amanda Frederick and Dara Iwankovitch and junior Erin McMahan. The trio defeated Frankenmuth and split rounds with Caro before losing in the opening round of quarterfinals.

"They broke the quarterfinals, and in quarterfinals they lost to Brother Rice, who won it all," Daniels said, noting Brother Rice "is one of the top teams in the nation."

Daniels said his charges were presented with the Ziegelmüller Award, which was created this year by Wayne State University and the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association to honor the high school debate program with the best combination of novice and var-

sity debaters. The traveling trophy was named after a

Sheriff honors officers during annual meeting

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pher Rogner, Detective Patrick Woidan, and sergeants Kevin Thane and Michael Pine - received commendations for their investigation of an assault complaint in Wells Township.

"Sergeant Thane and Deputy Rogner responded (to the complaint). After taking the information, the suspect started to talk. Sergeant Thane, suspecting the information given was very valuable, called the other patrol car to assist," Kern said.

"Sergeant Pine and Deputy Dunham staked out at the suspect's residence. Eventually, all 4 officers stopped several cars leaving the residence and were able to recover a considerable amount of stolen property.

"Detective Woidan was called in to assist with coordination efforts," he added. "As a result of good police work and extra investigative efforts, 12 burglaries were cleared up, thousands of dollars of stolen merchandise was recovered, and 3 arrests were made."

STOLEN VEHICLE

Finally, deputies Hull, Pennington and Dunham were commended for their work in responding to a stolen vehicle complaint in the Deford area.

Dunham was dispatched to the complaint, according to Kern, who said Pennington was having lunch nearby, overheard the call and was about to leave when a citizen gave him information on the possible location of the stolen vehicle.

"Deputies Dunham and Pennington responded to the last general location of the reported stolen vehicle and located the vehicle by a pond in a wooded area," Kern noted. "Deputy Pennington called for a tracking dog, and Deputy Hull was called for additional assistance.

While in the area, Deputy Hull observed a suspect run to a residence on Shabbona Road.

The suspect was retrieved from under the building, but only after making threats on the dog and the officer with a baseball bat and a 2-by-4. Eventually, the suspect was sprayed with pepper gas and finally subdued."

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, February 9

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

Life Skills for Domestic Violence Recovery support group meets, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Caro. For information, call 1-800-843-6394.

Friday, February 11

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

Singles dance at the "Backroom" of the Brentwood in Caro, 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m., with D.J. Dave LeMaster. For more information, call Cindy or Dave at 810-648-3520 or 810-648-2188.

Saturday, February 12

Early registration for AYSO, 9-11:30 a.m., Cass City Middle School Cafeteria.

Book Sale at Jacqueline E. Opperman Memorial Library, Kingston, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Call 517-683-2500 for details.

Monday, February 14

Magazine and Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

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

Elkland Township board meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Domestic Violence Crisis Support Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Caro.

Tuesday, February 15

Early registration for AYSO, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Cass City Middle School Cafeteria.

Thumb Area Parkinson Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital.

Domestic Violence Survivors' Group meets, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Caro. For information, call 1-800-843-6394.

Domestic Violence Survivors' Group meets, 6:00-7:30 p.m., The Connection, Sandusky. For information, call 1-800-843-6394.

Wednesday, February 16

Book Discussion Group, 7:00 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Early registration for AYSO, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Cass City Middle School Cafeteria.

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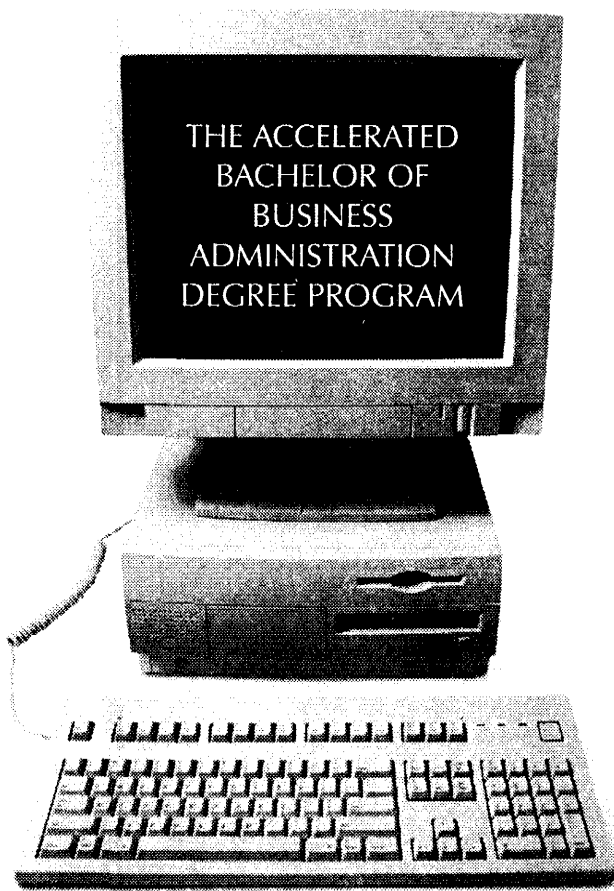


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Bulldogs school Peck in Friday NCTL clash

After all these years, Peck basketball Coach Mike McLaughlin received another lesson Friday from Leon Westover.

McLaughlin, along with Cass City Coach Jim Green, were the stars of Westover's 1990 hoop team in Kingston. Under Westover's guidance, the senior pair happily advanced the Cardinals into the state's tourney quarterfinal round before bowing to Detroit East Catholic.

Friday's learning session, however, wasn't nearly as pleasant for McLaughlin.

Westover's Owen-Gage cagers used a 20-9 run to open the final half in Peck en route to a 76-40 whipping of the North Central Thumb League bottom dweller Pirates.

With the win, Coach Leon Westover's Bulldogs improved to 7-3 in NCTL play heading into Friday's match up with visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac. The contest is an important outing in the NCTL standings. Both teams possess 3 losses in league play and trail league leading Kingston (8-1) and North Huron (8-2).

The Bulldogs took an early command against the Pirates behind the visitors' best outside threat. Corbin Swiastyn showcased his long-range touch and buried a pair of jumpers from behind the 3-point arc to help the visitors race to a 21-13 edge after one period.

The Bulldogs then added to their margin by the intermission behind the play of Shane Mellendorf and a solid team showing at the foul line. Mellendorf, who connected on 3-4 tries at the stripe, finished the half, and the game,

with 9 points.

After the break it was all Owen-Gage.

Playing a touch man-to-man defense and employing a full court press, the Bulldogs took any hopes of an upset win from the hosts with a 13-3 spurt out of the locker room.

Senior Derek Howard started the 3rd period run with a basket off a steal. Howard then connected on a 3-point shot on the visitors' next possession and ended his scoring for the night with a pair of charity tosses shortly after, staking the Bulldogs to a 43-29 lead.

Owen-Gage's Cory Fritz then built the Bulldog advantage to 54-31 with a pair of hard driving lay-ins and his own trey.

Leading 56-35, Westover went deep into his bench for the final frame.

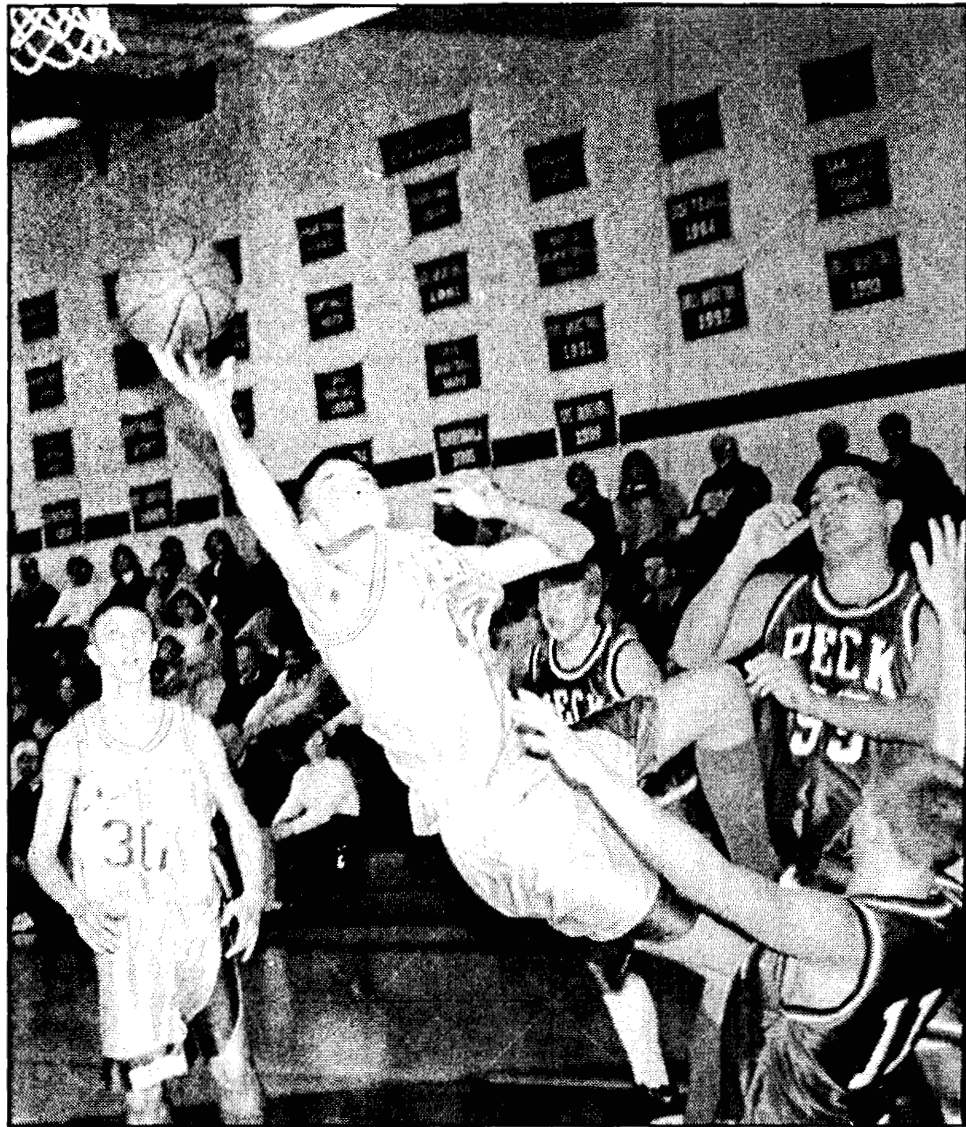
"I thought our bench did a nice job," said Westover of the win.

Reserves Earl McKee, Ryan Fritz and Matt Rogers helped the Bulldogs to a 31-22 rebounding advantage, combining for 17 swipes off the glass.

In the final period, the guests' defense held the Pirates scoreless over the final 4 minutes.

Kain led the Bulldogs in scoring with 13 tallies, while Swiastyn added 10 as the game's only other player to reach double digits.

Kyle Tubbs led the Pirates with 9 markers.



AIR ATTACK. Bulldog Cory Fritz manages to record 2 of his 9 tallies, despite going airborne, on this 3rd quarter shot Friday at Peck. Trailing the action for the visitors is Matt Rogers. Owen-Gage posted a lopsided 76-40 North Central Thumb League win.

CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB EAST					GREATER THUMB WEST					NORTH CENTRAL THUMB				
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L	W	L
Cross-Lex	6	1	11	1	Team USA	4	0	13	0	Team Kingston	8	1	11	2
Yale	6	1	10	2	Bad Axe	4	2	9	4	North Huron	7	2	9	5
Brown City	4	3	5	7	Cass City	4	2	8	5	Owen-Gage	7	3	9	7
Harbor Beach	4	3	5	7	EPBP	3	3	9	4	CPS	6	3	7	7
Sandusky	3	4	5	8	Reese	3	3	8	4	A-Fairgrove	4	6	7	6
Deckerville	3	4	5	8	Mayville	3	3	8	4	Caseville	2	7	6	8
Marlette	2	5	4	9	BCAS	0	6	0	13	Port Hope	2	7	3	10
Udly	0	7	0	12						Peck	1	8	1	12

Lakers home Friday

Hawks bounced by visiting Yale, 62-39

Cass City's Jekyll and Hyde basketball team surfaced last Tuesday when the Hawks provided little challenge for visiting Greater Thumb East foe Yale.

Coach Jim Green's cagers had trouble taking care of the ball, committed 19 turnovers, and suffered a 62-39 whipping by the Bulldogs.

The contest highlighted the injury to Hawk center Craig Emmert. With little inside presence, the visitors used a 13-7 rebounding advantage

in the final half to seal the win.

"Yale is a good team and outplayed us in all areas of the game," said Coach Green.

The Bulldogs outscored their hosts in each quarter and built a 24-17 half-time edge into a 19-point cushion entering the final period.

Bulldog Rob RePla capitalized on Emmert's absence and poured in a game high 26 tallies, including 12 markers in the Bulldogs' 19-7 run to start the final half.

Emmert, who was to have missed his 3rd game Tuesday night against Brown City, is expected to be back in the line-up for Friday's visit from the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers.

The Lakers will be seeking revenge from the 2-schools' previous meeting, back in December, when Cass City ended the Green Machine's long standing home win streak.

For Cass City to knock off Coach Bill McLellan's squad again, it will need the type of effort the Hawks provided in a victory over Reese and in defeat against USA.

They'll also have to shoot better.

Cass City converted on just one of 15 attempts from behind the 3-point arc against the Bulldogs.

The hosts trailed 13-7 after the opening 8 minutes as the Bulldog defense limited Cass City to field goals from Jeff Storm and Eric Brown in the early going.

Adam Darin reached double digits in the scoring column for the guests, recording 6 of his baker's dozen points in the final period.

The Hawks, who attempted just 8 free throws in the contest, received team high 10 points and 6 rebounds from Jeff Storm.

One bright spot for the Hawks was the play of reserve Chad Holmgren. Holmgren accounted for 6 rebounds and posted 8 tallies in defeat, while Joel Brinkman added 5 assists and 5 steals.

CASS CITY - J. Brinkman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Glaspie 0-1 (0-0) 3; C. Holmgren 4-0 (0-0) 8; R. Holmgren 2-0 (1-2) 5; Brown 1-0 (1-2) 3; VanVleet 2-0 (0-0) 4; Storm 3-0 (4-4) 10; Anthony 1-0 (0-0) 2; N. Brinkman 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 15-1 (6-8) 39.

YALE - Brennan 1-0 (1-2) 3; Willard 1-2 (0-0) 8; Myers 1-0 (0-0) 2; Lohn 0-1 (0-0) 3; Lepla 13-0 (0-0) 26; Lagore 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kersten 1-0 (1-2) 3; Strickler 1-0 (0-0) 2; Darin 5-0 (3-4) 13.

TOTALS - 24-3 (5-8) 62.

Fabulous Five's Fearless Forecast

February 8
Akron-Fair. at Arenac Eastern
Garber at Caro
Brown City at Cass City
Frankenmuth at Bridgeport
Mayville at Harbor Beach
Millington at Vassar
Reese at Ubley
Birch Run at North Branch
Cros-Lex at Lakers
Bad Axe at Yale

February 11
North Huron at Akron-Fair.
Vassar at Caro
Lakers at Cass City
Millington at Frankenmuth
Caseville at Kingston
Marlette at Sandusky
Mayville at USA
C-PS at Owen-Gage
BCAS at Reese
Cros-Lex at Harbor Beach

Last week's results
Season's results

John Hare

Clarke Haire

Tom Montgomery

Emily Bennett

Doug Hyatt

Arenac Eastern
Caro
Cass City
Bridgeport
Harbor Beach
Millington
Reese
Birch Run
Lakers
Bad Axe

North Huron
Caro
Cass City
Millington
Kingston
Sandusky
USA
Owen-Gage
Reese
Harbor Beach

14-6
85-32 (73%)

Akron-Fair.
Caro
Brown City
Bridgeport
Harbor Beach
Millington
Reese
Birch Run
Lakers
Bad Axe

North Huron
Caro
Lakers
Millington
Kingston
Sandusky
USA
Owen-Gage
Reese
Cros-Lex

16-4
86-31 (74%)

Akron-Fair.
Caro
Cass City
Bridgeport
Harbor Beach
Millington
Reese
Birch Run
Lakers
Yale

North Huron
Caro
Lakers
Millington
Kingston
Sandusky
USA
Owen-Gage
Reese
Cros-Lex

15-5
89-28 (76%)

Arenac Eastern
Caro
Cass City
Bridgeport
Harbor Beach
Millington
Reese
Birch Run
Cros-Lex
Bad Axe

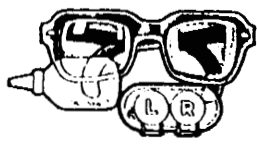
North Huron
Caro
Lakers
Millington
Kingston
Sandusky
USA
Owen-Gage
Reese
Cros-Lex

15-5
79-38 (68%)

Akron-Fair.
Caro
Brown City
Bridgeport
Harbor Beach
Vassar
Reese
North Branch
Cros-Lex
Yale

North Huron
Caro
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17-3
93-24 (80%)



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Bay City Thursday

Hawk spikers fall to Reese.

Cass City's volleyball team completed a week they'd rather forget Saturday with a lackluster showing at the USA Invitational.

The Hawks, still stinging from Thursday's Greater Thumb West conference tilt with Reese, compiled a 1-7 record at the 10-team event that included double defeats to Marlette (15-8, 15-12), Ubly (15-11, 15-13) and Owen-Gage (15-11, 15-10). Coach Beth Howard's spikers earned a split with Caro in their final pool play match, losing 15-12 in the opener, before recording their only win at 15-4.

Despite their recent troubles, the Hawks continue to show flashes of brilliance. Especially effective at Unionville was team leader Sara Homakie, who accounted for several Cass City markers off designed swing spike plays.

Homakie led the Hawks around the net at the tourney with 26 kills. Most of the sophomore's kills came with freshman Becky Hartel at the service line. Hartel collected 36 points to lead all Hawk scorers.

Howard also received a quality effort from Monica Dorland with 15 points, and a team best 32 digs.

REESE

Thursday, the Hawks

jumped out to a 2-game lead before dropping the 5-game GTW conference match with Reese by the scores of 15-12, 15-11, 7-15, 11-15 and 15-7.

The loss leaves Cass City looking for its first GTW conference win Thursday at Bay City.

Hartel recorded 20 points

Hawk gymnasts heading to regional competition following Midland meet

The Cass City gymnastic team will be heading to regional competition following last Monday's performance against visiting Midland High.

Despite losing 124.45 to 124.05, the Hawks earned their 4th and final required team regional qualifying score, sending them as a squad to the March 4 regional in Hartland.

At their latest outing, the hosts continued to receive fine showings from individual regional qualifiers, Michelle Kropewnicki, Johanna Hoelzle, Laura Laming and Katie Wood.

for the hosts against the Rockets that included 5 aces. She received plenty of help from Monica Dorland and Kayla Wolschlager at the service line. The Hawk pair split 20 markers and combined for 4 aces.

Homakie tuned in a solid all around effort with 22 digs, 14 kills and 7 blocks in vain.

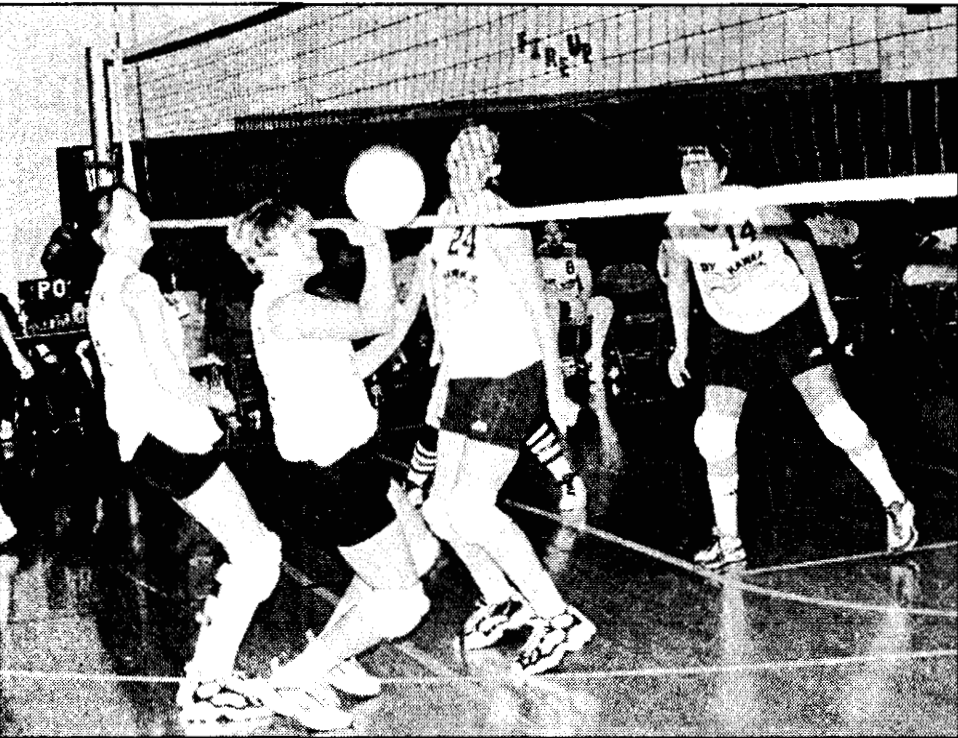
Kropewnicki recorded 8.05 on the vault, 8.1 on the beam and an 8.6 during the floor exercise. Hoelzle contributed scores of 8.15, 7.5 and 8.35 on the vault, beam and floor exercise, respectively.

Several other lady Hawks contributed to the team's success. Ashley Ouvry was tops for Cass City on the bars with a mark of 7.4, while teammate Manisha Raythatha's score of 8.2 was best among Cass City performers on the vault.

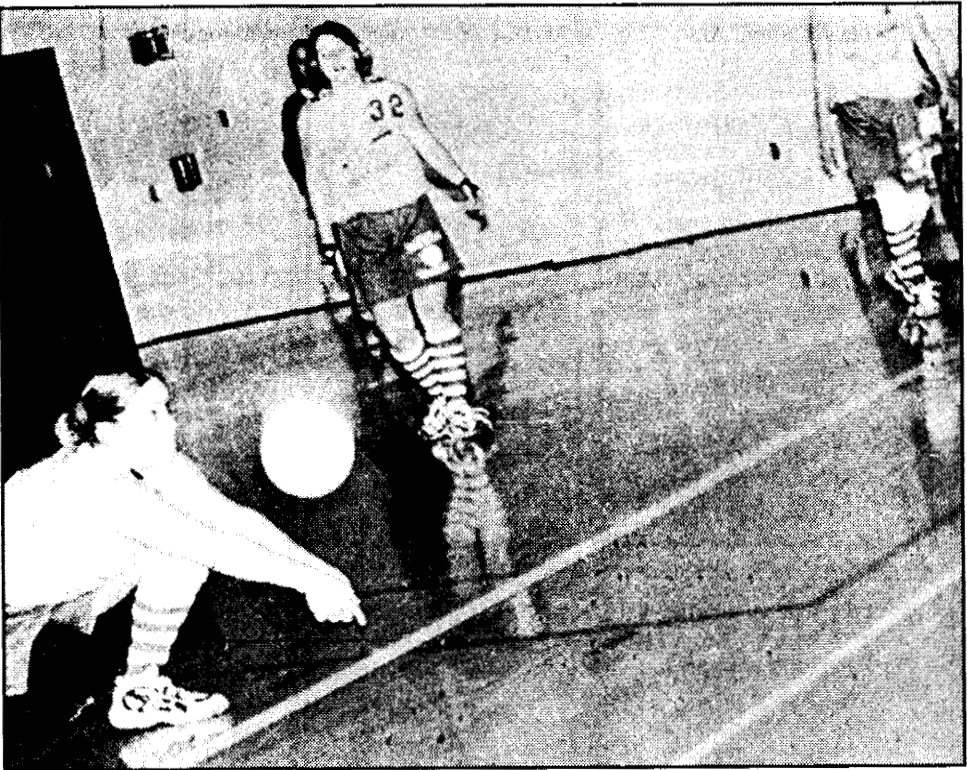
Adding to the team effort were Chelsea Zimba's score on the floor (8.05) and Lyndi Trischler's showing on the beam (7.4).



WAITING FOR A PASS is Cass City's Becky Bulla (8) from teammate Kayla Wolschlager at Saturday's USA Invitational.



WALKING A TIGHT LINE is Cass City's Sara Homakie (24) during pool play Saturday with Marlette. Backing up the action is Red Hawk setter Monica Dorland.



OWEN-GAGE'S ERIN Salcido goes low for a shot at the USA Invitational volleyball tournament. The Bulldogs advanced into the semis of the 10-school gathering.

Bulldogs bow in semis, Again

For the 2nd straight week, the Owen-Gage volleyball team bowed in the semifinals of an area volleyball invitational.

Coach Judy Campbell's spikers won their pool Saturday, but exited the 10-school tourney when Deckerville bounced back to defeat the Bulldogs at the USA Invitational.

Deckerville then went on to defeat Ubly in the finals, 15-10 and 15-12.

Leading up to the semis against the Eagles, the Bulldogs strung together 7 straight wins, before fading 15-4 to Ubly in their final pool play game.

En route to the semis, the Bulldogs defeated Marlette (15-10, 15-9), Caro (15-8, 15-4), Cass City (15-10, 15-10) and Ubly (15-4).

In the semis, Owen-Gage escaped with a 17-15 thriller in game one, but then were handed 15-6 and 15-10 set-backs, which ended their day. Against the Eagles, the Bulldogs were without the services of Melanie Lemanski, who left sick during the pool play rounds.

Without Lemanski's front row presence, the Bulldogs turned to Jenna Root, Erin Salcido and Cassie Vargo to pace their attack. Root

posted a team high 39 kills, while Salcido and Vargo combined for 59 winners. Root also turned in a team best 9 blocks.

On the service line, the defending North Central Thumb League champions had Vargo with 33 points that included 25 aces. Salcido was credited with 30 service points and 13 aces, while Stephanie Lowry added 29 points and 9 aces.

Defensively, Owen-Gage had Vargo with 35 digs, Salcido with 29 digs, and Lowry and Danielle Fritz with 23 digs each.

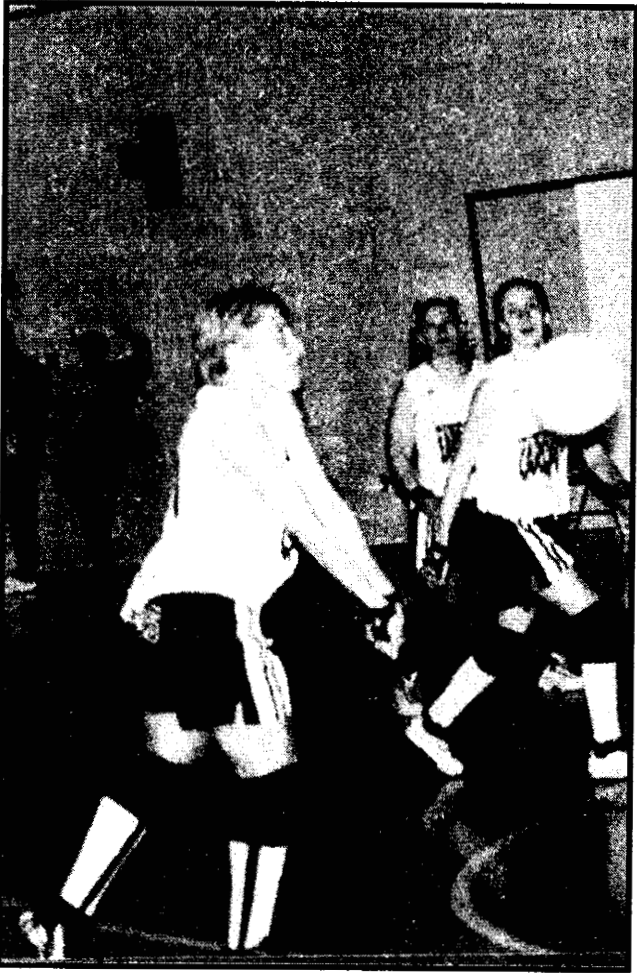
NCTL PLAY

Monday, the Bulldogs traveled to Akron-Fairgrove and recorded a NCTL win in straight games. The scores of the match were 15-7, 15-8 and 15-2.

Lowry paced the winners with 11 service winners, while Fritz accounted for 10 points. The pair also combined for 11 ace serves.

On the front line, Lemanski contributed 14 kills, while Salcido followed with 10 kills. Lowry aided both of the Bulldog spikers with 13 assists.

Owen-Gage, 22-7-2 overall, will travel to face Carsonville-Port Sanilac Thursday in conference play.



KINSTON'S Beth Hunter makes a good return during Saturday's volleyball action in Unionville.

Cass City Bowling

SUNDAY NO ROLLERS
As of Jan. 23

Chemical Bank Pinheads	6
Pocket Rockets	6
We'll Get Back to You	5
Par-T-Ranch	5
Sparkle City Rollers	5
C.B.'s	4
The J-R-C-S	4
Leftovers	2
Damn Near Last	2

High Series & Games: J. Brinkman 223, R. Wright 614 (223), R. Meredith 603 (210), D. Childers 469 (190), J. Meredith 485 (176).

High Team Series: Leftovers 1952.

High Team Game: Chemical Bank Pinheads 687.

CHARMONT LADIES
End of 2nd Round
As of Jan. 25

Cass City Tire	26
J.B.'s Crew	26
Cable-ettes	24
Dee's M.P. Rockets	23
Wild John's	23
Dott Manufacturing	20
Live Wires	19
Team #7	18
Apria Healthcare	16

High Team Series: Cass City Tire 3136.

High Team Game: J.B.'s Crew 1083.

High Series: M. Moore 552, B. Ware 539, B. Watson 587, L. Kilbourn 480.

High Games: B. Watson 210, M. Moore 196, B. Ware 194, M. Burns 194, M. Horne 183, K. Daniels 173, L. Kilbourn 171, J. Stevens 171, C. Hill 170.

CHARMONT LADIES
As of Feb. 1

Live Wires	4
Cable-ettes	3
Dee's M.P. Rockets	3
Dott Manufacturing	3
J.B.'s Crew	3
Apria Healthcare	1
Cass City Tire	1
Team #7	1
Wild John's	1

High Team Series: Live Wires 3149.

High Team Game: Team #7 1114.

High Series: B. Kilbourn 594, B. Watson 523, T. Avery 534, B. Ware 498, M. Hirn 494, D. Jamieson 490.

High Games: B. Kilbourn 202, M. Hirn 204, T. Avery 213, B. Watson 186, B. Ware 213, D. Sweeney 180, M.

Burns 198, L. Ondrajka 174, D. Gornowicz 170, V. Patera 181.

MERCHANT'S
LEAGUE
As of Feb. 2

Charmont	10
T Furness Builders	8
Hollywood & Vine	8
New England Life	6 1/2
All Season Video	6 1/2
Trisch Septic	6
R H Body Shop	5
Triple R	5
Wickes	4
S S Builders	1

High Actual Series & Game: Charmont 3190 (1103).

210 Games or 575 Series: D. Shannon 695 (253-258), A. Reed 692 (225-285), M. Lutz 655 (212-235), M. Jackson 654 (223-228), J. Langenburg 654 (212-244), J. Finkbeiner 643 (211-233), G. Robinson 641 (210-257), B. Rutkoski 637 (219-238), R. Koch 634 (214-238), P. McIntosh 625 (213-237), K. Zawilinski 614 (212), T. Kuck 614 (218), T. Czekai 604 (213-221), M. Gettel 604 (218), B. Anthes 601 (211-216), L. Tomaszewski 591, R. Hull 589 (233), P. Robinson 589, D. O'Dell 585 (213), R. Wright 582 (212), K. Czekai 578 (227), T. Furness 576, Doug Hyatt 575, M. Putnam 277, L. Morgan 214.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO
As of Feb. 3

New England Financial	27
BICCGeneral	20
Marlette Oil & Gas	20
Babich Farms	20
Cass Tavern	19
Martin Electric	19
Thumb Auto Wash	15
Generaly Low	13
Schmaltz Construction	11
Terra	10
Mycogen Seeds	8

Individual High Series & Games: E. Schmaltz 650 (233-237), R. Pringle 649 (222-235), R. Doerr 635 (210-234), D. Beecher 626 (236), G. Smith 614 (215-210), J. Churchill 591 (247), D. Doerr 226, Doug O'Dell 223, K. Pichla 219, Duane O'Dell 212, K. Martin 216, S. Osentoski 212, W. Laming 210.

High Team Series: New England Financial 1791.

High Team Game: Schmaltz Construction 638.

MERCHANETTES
Second Round
Final Standings
Feb. 3

Osentoski Trucking	28
Caro Chiropractic	24
J.B.'s Crew	23 1/2
Adamczyk Masonry	23
Detroit Edison	21
LaFave Steel	21
Thumb Auto Wash	20
Hills & Dales Hospital	15
All Season Rent-All	13
Health Mart Pills	11 1/2

High Individual Games: D. Potrykus 214, C. Smith 207, H. Hammett 204.

High Individual Series: C. Smith 573, J.A. Morell 527, H. Hammett 509.

High Team Series & Game: Osentoski Trucking 2051 (741).

FSMIP
funding
available

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant recently announced that federal matching funds are available to food and agricultural organizations seeking funds to conduct market research and feasibility studies.

The Federal State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) funds are particularly targeted to new-to-market products or innovative marketing strategies.

"I strongly encourage Michigan commodity organizations and other food and agricultural marketing agencies to apply for FSMIP funding," Wyant said. "Several Michigan organizations have been successful in using FSMIP to launch new marketing programs. Innovative products and marketing are key to improving the economic outlook for agriculture and food processing in Michigan."

FSMIP is a federal program sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, and administered in Michigan by MDA. FSMIP awards \$1.2 million in matching grants annually on a national basis.

All applications must be received by the Michigan Department of Agriculture in Lansing by Feb. 14. For more information on FSMIP or to receive an application, please contact Paul Burke, Office of Agriculture Development at (517) 373-9710.

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Theo Cleland, Clerk

The Polls of said election will open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

Linda I. Kozfkay, Sanilac County Clerk

Survey reveals most motorists are buckling up

State safety belt use fell in a critical area in 1999, most notably among young adults, according to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP).

Results of the annual survey, conducted by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI), revealed that belt use rates for the 16-29-year-

enforcement law will take effect, allowing officers to ticket motorists who are not buckled up. Currently, Michigan's safety belt law has secondary enforcement status, meaning motorists must be stopped for another traffic code violation before a safety belt citation can be issued.

A statewide public informa-

Safety Belt Use by Vehicle Type		
	1998	1999
Passenger cars	72.6%	74.8%
Sport-utility vehicles	73.1%	70.2%
Vans	75.7%	73.6%
Pickup trucks	54.1%	53.7%
Overall	69.9%	70.1%

Safety Belt Use by Age and Sex - 1999		
Age Group	MALE Percent Use	FEMALE Percent Use
0-3	71.3%	72.9%
4-15	75.4%	73.2%
16-29	48.9%	66.7%
30-59	66.1%	81.8%
60-up	72.2%	83.2%
Overall	63.3%	78.1%

old age group fell significantly, from 63.6 percent in 1998 to 57.4 percent in 1999.

The survey found no change in overall safety belt use, moving from 69.9 percent in 1998 to 70.1 percent in 1999. The overall number reflects safety belt use by drivers and front seat passengers of passenger cars, sport-utility vehicles, vans and pickup trucks.

"We're troubled when belt use declines in any area," said Betty J. Mercer, OHSP division director. "It's even more disturbing when that decrease comes in a population where we have low use rates. We don't have an explanation and hope that the heightened publicity efforts and the new law will reverse the decline."

Many states with secondary enforcement laws find safety belt use plateaus around 70 percent. In the spring of 2000, Michigan's standard

tion campaign, "Click it or ticket," has been launched to alert motorists to the impending change in the safety belt law. Materials, including radio and television public service announcements, are slated to begin airing as soon as February.

Historically, safety belt use has increased from 62.7 percent in 1994 to 70.1 percent in 1999. Based on the experience of other states that have changed from secondary to standard enforcement laws, Michigan can expect gains of up to 10 percentage points or more, according to experts with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The safety belt use survey is conducted each fall. Trained observers carefully record safety belt use at predetermined sites to accurately measure belt use habits.

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING SCHEDULES

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Home games in bold

Dec. 7	Caro	5:00
10	Harbor Beach	5:00
14	Ubyly	5:00
17	Lakers	6:00
Jan. 4	Bad Axe	6:00
7	USA	6:00
11	Marlette	5:00
14	Reese	5:00
18	Deckerville	5:00
21	BCAS	5:00
25	Sandusky	5:00
28	Mayville	5:00
Feb. 1	Yale	6:00
8	Brown City	5:00
11	Lakers	5:00
15	Bad Axe	5:00
18	USA	5:00
22	Reese	5:00
25	BCAS	5:00
29	Mayville	5:00
March 6-11	Districts	TBA

WRESTLING

Home matches in bold

Dec. 8	Imlay City/Cros Lex Imlay City	6:00 p.m.
11	Marlette Invitational Marlette	8:00 a.m.
15	New Lothrop/Birch Run New Lothrop	6:00 p.m.
30	Swan Valley Invitational Swan Valley	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 8	Yale Invitational Yale	9:00 a.m.
12	Marlette-Brown City	6:00 p.m.
15	Bad Axe Invitational Bad Axe	10:00 a.m.
19	Yale/Cros Lex Yale	6:00 p.m.
22	Mayville Invitational Mayville	8:30 a.m.
26	Lakers/Mayville Lakers	6:00 p.m.
29	Imlay City Invitational Imlay City	8:30 a.m.
Feb. 2	Sandusky/Bad Axe Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
9	Capac/New Haven Capac	7:00 p.m.
12	League Invitational Cros Lex	TBA
16	Team Districts	
19	Individual Districts	

VOLLEYBALL

Home matches in bold

Dec. 18	Caro Invitational Caro	8:30 a.m.
20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubyly (Varsity)	6:00
20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubyly (JV) Akron	6:00
22	Laker Invitational (Freshmen only) Lakers	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 5	Caro Away	6:00
6	Birch Run (Varsity/JV only)	6:00
7	Bad Axe Invitational (JV/Freshmen) Bad Axe	3:30
8	Bad Axe Invitational (Varsity) Bad Axe	9:00 a.m.
10	Sandusky	6:00
13	Lakers @ CCMS	6:00
15	Laker Invitational (JV only) Laker	9:00 a.m.
17	Brown City Away	6:30
20	Bad Axe Away	6:30
22	Cass City Invitational	10:00 a.m.
27	USA Away	6:00
Feb. 3	Reese	6:00
5	USA Invitational USA	8:30 a.m.
7	Brown City	6:00
10	BCAS Away	6:00
11	Tuscola Co. Invitational (JV only) Vassar	4:15
12	Laker Invitational Lakers	9:00 a.m.
17	Mayville	6:00
19	League Invitational (JV)	TBA
26	League Invitational Bad Axe	TBA

March 6 Districts TBA

TBA

GYMNASTICS

Home meets in bold

Dec. 9	Vassar There	7:00 p.m.
14	Hartland There	6:00 p.m.
18	Troy Athens Invitational There	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 5	Cadillac There	6:00 p.m.
13	Midland Dow	6:30 p.m.
20	Vassar/Freeland	6:30 p.m.
24	Midland/Midland Dow Midland	6:30 p.m.
29	Vassar Invitational There	Noon
31	Midland	6:30 p.m.
12	St. Johns Invitational There	10:00 a.m.

Red Hawks
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BASKETBALL
Lakers
Friday, February 11
Bad Axe
Tuesday, February 15

VOLLEYBALL
Mayville
Thursday, February 17

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Gagetown resident Nancy Rolston and her brothers and sisters will gather together next month for the first time in 20 years. The reunion follows 2 decades of frustration for Nancy and her older brother, Larry Kenny of Marlette, who spent years looking for their siblings. Members of Salem United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church in Cass City voted Sunday in favor of merging. The congregations won't officially begin to worship together until summer, but the com-

bined churches already have a new name, the Cass City United Methodist Church. Jim Hempton and Shannon Turner were crowned Snowcoming '95 king and queen Friday night at the Cass City-Bad Axe basketball game. Phillip Wayne Fields, 31, of Caro, died early Saturday morning when the snowmobile he was driving struck a tree head-on near Dixon Road east of M-81 in Indianfields Township. Cass City High School's Theatre Festival team will compete at the regional level this weekend following a

sterling performance at district competition Jan. 28 at Lakers. Theatre Festival is a competition in which teams of high school students are given 45 minutes to set a stage, perform a play and strike the stage.

10 YEARS AGO

Lyle and Jean Clarke arrived home in December after living in Botswana, Africa, for a year. They report that Cass City is in the fast lane compared to Botswana.

The Cass City Players will present "Plaza Suite," a comedy by Neil Simon, Feb. 8-10-11, at the Cass City High School. Appearing in the play are Scott Shaw, Michelle Zdrojewski, Aimee

Cooper, Alicia Bliss, Sue Moore, Del Kostanko, Dotty Scollon, John House, Jenny Bezenah and Scott Warner. Cass City High School junior Jennifer McNaughton has been selected as a member of the 1990 Michigan Lions All State Band.

A cooperative effort between the Marlette Hospice and Hills and Dales General Hospital has paved the way for a hospice program in Cass City. Hospice training classes will be held every Monday evening at the Evangelical Free Church in Cass City.

Ethel Pinckston of Settle, Wash., who has Cass City connections, appeared on the "Today" show with Willard Scott commemorating her 104th birthday.

25 YEARS AGO

Ron Sieradzki, 16, of rural Deford, is recovering from a broken leg sustained in a 30-foot fall inside a silo at his father's farm Tuesday. Rescuers worked nearly 2 hours to bring him down the silo and transport him to Hills and Dales General Hospital.

David and Delores O'Dell came from Alaska last week, surprising his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Dell. When they left Soldonia, it was 34 degrees below zero.

Some 200 school administrators, board members, teachers, neighbors and others attended a retirement dinner for Harold Oatley Jan. 28 at Allen Park. Oatley moved to Allen Park in 1955 from Cass City, where he was the assistant principal and the driving force behind Cass City's scouting program.

Armed service veterans swarmed into the Tuscola County Veteran's Office in Caro late last week to pick up applications for Vietnam bonus payments. Veterans who served between Jan. 1, 1961, and Sept. 1, 1973, and who earned the Vietnam Ser-

vice Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal are eligible for a \$600 bonus.

Elizabeth Silva, 16, Cass City foreign exchange student from Brazil, will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Clarke and family for the next 6 months. She arrived in Cass City Sunday and started school the next day.

35 YEARS AGO

Five candidates are seeking the 3 open posts for trustee seats in the primary election. They are incumbent Bernard Freiburger, Lee Rabideau, Glen McCullough, Warren Wood and Gladys Albee.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department is on the lookout for the petty thieves who are breaking into pay phones in the county and stealing money.

In an effort to "meet competition", Cass City Board of Education members okayed an improved salary schedule. Starting salaries for teachers with B.A. or B.S. degrees under the new schedule will go from \$4,750 to \$5,000. Starting salary for M.A. degree teachers will be \$5,300.

Richard Erla and Cliff Ferguson have recently purchased the former Tusco Products building. They have formed the "Cass City Industrial Building Company" and will lease the building out for warehousing or will develop the building for industrial use.

Elaine Sweeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Sweeney of Uby, is the valedictorian of Uby High School. Miss Sweeney has a perfect attendance record during her 7 semesters of high school. She has not missed a day of school since the eighth grade. Co-salutatorians at Uby are Richard Jurgens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jurgens of Uby, and Jane Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Minden City.

Middle school honor roll

The Cass City Middle School 3rd marking period honor roll has been announced.

5TH GRADE

Ryan Biddinger*, Dennis Bowen*, Whitney Braun, Brent Cooper*, Alyssa Cryderman*, Joseph Daneault, Cheryl Davis, Jill Dillon, Aaron Fent, Jimmy Froede, Jeremiah Fritz*, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hacker*, Bradley Hartel, Danielle Hartel, Kati Hill, Allison Hillaker, Stephanie Jamieson, James Ketterer, Ryan King, Meredith Kirn, Whitney Kirn, Jessica Lange, Anthony Langlois, Alexandria Lively, James Luana, Lysa Knight*, Andrew Martin*, Laura McComas, Brandon Miller*, Thomas Mittlestat, Deric Murphy, Adam Nerlowski, Kevin Ouvry, Angela Parks, Lief Parr, Andrew Peruski, Kevin Phillips, Rachel Putnam, Ashleigh Rabideau, Courtney Rabideau*, Danielle Reed, Kyle Reif, Allyn Richards*, Eric Romain, Nicholas Sattlerberg*, Emily Schinnerer, Bradley Severance, Kane Smith, Beth Spencer, Kari Spencer, Michael Stevens, Preston Stee*, Philip Strong, Rebecca Sweeney, Nancy Thane, Alexander Walsh, Brent Weaver*, Adam Wentworth*, Leah Whittaker*, Tyler Whittaker, Bobby Windsor.

6TH GRADE

Dustin Bader, Caitlin Barnes*, Racheal Biebel, Jennifer Brinkman*, Lauren Brzuchowski, Eric Bullock, Amber Burns, Donna Bushong, Sarah Childs, Shawna Compo, Danielle Dickson, Libby Doerr, Bethany Edwards, Mitchell Ertman, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Ross Forest, Nicole Froede, Justin Glaza*, Tiffany Glaza, Cory Haag, Ashley Hendrick*, Aimee Hennessey*, Nicole Heronemus, Alexander Hiatt, Ivy Hiatt, Jacob

Howard, Samuel Howard, Amber Hughes, Lindsay Jensen, Matthew Koepf, Bradley Langenburg*, La Shae LaJoie, Christopher Landrith, Sarah Langmaid, Evan Laurie, Derrick Mallory, Kevin Martin, Katie McIntosh*, Andrea Miller, Gaven Mills, Philip Nahernak, Nicholas Nanne, Lawrence Nerkowski, Stephanie Nizzola, Brandon Outlakowski, Ivan Peruski, Galen Ponder, Tara Powell*, Ashley Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed*, Jamie Ryan, Lisa Santhany, Andrew Shagene, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs*, Ryan Storm, Jarod Stoutenburg*, Jeffrey Stoutenburg, Brandi Talaski, Jenna Timko, Michael Todd, Kalen Trischler, Heather Vatter, Janelle Venema, Evan Volmering, Becky Wass, Amber Weiss, Garrett Wichert, Jeffrey Wills, Erin Witkovsky.

7TH GRADE

Holly Angle, Ashley Barrigar*, Tasha Bryant*, Jessica Chappel, Patricia Dale*, Danielle Dohn, Jared Ferris, Chad Francis*, Samantha Glaspie*, Ryan Hartwick, April Hein, Marcel Helland, Bryan Hill*, Carrie Hillaker*, Paul Hoelzle, Krista Homakie*, Elizabeth Hoxie*, Jessup Hoyt, Lee Hutchinson, Cory Johnson, Rose Krug*, Bethany Langlois*, Luann Laming, Sean McFarland, Brandon Miller, Timothy Mills*, Daniel Mittlestat, Michael (Waltos) Peters, Jamie Pratt, Delores Rabideau*, Jesse Rader, Patrick Reed, Stephanie Richards*, Lauren Rowe*, Andrew Schinnerer, Sean Severance, Leah Sherman, Kristina Spaulding*, Jason Speirs, Steven Steely, Angela Stoeckle, Nicholas Stoutenburg*, Jeffery Tenbusch*, Jeremy Torres, Jessie Tuckey, Joseph Vandecar*, Aime Warack, Andrew Whittaker, Tara Whittaker, Jake Wilder, Heather Wilmoth, Gregory Zebolsky, Michael Zmierski

II*.

8TH GRADE

Allyson Bell*, Jacob Brinkman, Justin Darr, Krystee Dorland*, Alison Emmert*, Nathan Fisher, Kristi Fluegge*, Gavin Frederick, Lauren Galloway, Leslie Hacker*, Adam Haag, Eric Hanby, Erik Helwig, Sarah Hobbs*, Amy Howard*, Erika Karavas*, Kayla Karr, Adam Kessler, Jenna Krueger, Alex Kunding*, Nathan Laming*, Maegan Laurie*, Kevin Lowe, Tiaia Lowrey, Dustin Mallory, Timothy Martin, Jeff McMahon, Henry Metzger, DeAnna Newby, Mallory Powell, Scott Regnerus, Amanda Smith, Elizabeth Sobczak, Amanda Sparks, Shanna Spencer, Brice Stine, Nicholas Swanson, Jennifer Sweeney, Megan Toner*, Zachary Toner, Arielle Urban, Nicholas Walther, Steven Walther, Bryan Warju, Joshua Wark, Mary Ann Wasserman, Megan Zartman, Kaylee Ziehm.

Day of Prayer service set

The Thumb Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Lutheran Women in Mission will hold a Day of Prayer Service Monday, March 13. The prayer service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marlette.

The Prayer Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. The Board of Directors for the Thumb Zone LWML will meet at 4 p.m.

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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 March 3, 2000.

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

A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 13 seconds West, 233.00 feet along the West Section line, thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East, 183.00 feet parallel with the East-West 1/4 line to the point of beginning, Thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds West, 233.00 feet parallel with the West Section line, thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East, 150.00 feet parallel with the East-West 1/4 line; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds East, 233.00 feet parallel with the West Section line; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West, 150.00 feet parallel with said 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Subject to and together with, an easement for ingress and egress and public utilities 66.00 feet wide described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, that is North 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds West, 200.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner, thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds West 66.00 feet along said West line; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East, 333.00 feet parallel with the East-West 1/4 line; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds East, 66.00 feet parallel with said West line, thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West, 33.00 feet parallel with said 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 19, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 991214522
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1-19-5

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Sherry Dooley and Patrick Dooley, husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagees to Mortgage America (IMC), Inc. Mortgagee dated the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of July, A.D. 1998, in Liber 744 of Tuscola Records, on page 441, which said mortgage was thereafter on, to-wit the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1998, assigned to Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., thru mesne assignments and recorded on November 30, 1999 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 788 for said County of Tuscola Records, on page 1386, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$50,298.54.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 10th day of March A.D. 2000, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at ten point nine five per cent (10.95%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sum which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Caro, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows, to wit:

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

Dated: February 9, 2000
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (PS8501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
755 W. Big Beaver, Suite 310
Troy, MI 48064
(248) 362-6100
2-9-5

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judith Ann Utley, to Centex Home Equity, mortgagee, dated December 17, 1997 and recorded January 12, 1998 in Liber 727, Page 1426, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and 5/100 Dollars (\$67,612.05) including interest at the rate of 10.7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 25, 2000.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbelia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 105 feet of the West 943 feet of the South 310 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 7 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 12, 2000
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorney for Centex Home Equity,
As Mortgagee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 457-1000
File No. 195.0016
1-12-5

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norval Maschke And Hazel Maschke, Husband And Wife, to Mortgage America (IMC), Inc., mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997 and recorded October 3, 1997 in Liber 721, page 465, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by IMC Mortgage Company by assignment dated April 12, 1999 and recorded on May 5, 1999 in Liber 770, Page 712, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Five and 49/100 Dollars (\$43,705.49) including interest at the rate of 14.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 10, 2000.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbelia, Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point south 00 degrees 07 minutes 23 seconds West, 1108.39 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section, thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 23 seconds West, 219.87 feet along the North-South 1/4 line, thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 42 seconds West 1323.22 feet; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 04 seconds East 223.45 feet; thence East 1322.72 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 6.725 acres. Subject to that part used as Helen Road and any and all easements and/or rights-of-way of record.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: February 2, 2000
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for IMC Mortgage Company,
As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 457-1000
File No. 193.0005
2-2-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley Buhl and Deanna Buhl husband and wife (original mortgagors) to TMS Mortgage Inc., dba The Money Store, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 1997, and recorded on June 27, 1997 in Liber 713, on Page 1364, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank of New York as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 1997, Series #1197-A. Assignee by an assignment dated November 26, 1999, which was recorded on December 21, 1999, in Liber 791, on Page 42, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINETY-ONE AND 29/100 DOLLARS (\$37,091.29), including interest at 11.750% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 9/1 and 3/1 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 February 25, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP

OF WATERTOWN, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Elm Street, so-called that is North 01 degrees 19 minutes West, 24.25 feet and North 88 degrees 53 minutes East, 766 feet and South 01 degrees 09 minutes East, 467.3 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes East, 555.38 feet, thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes East, 662.65 feet, thence South 39 degrees 08 minutes West, 547.66 feet to the East line of said Elm Street, thence North 01 degrees 09 minutes West, 662.65 feet along the East line of Elm Street to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 12, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1306
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

Case No. 00-18582-CH
TIMOTHY A. BENDER
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROY HARTMAN and
DONNA HARTMAN
Defendants.

Jerry L. Walrath (P55658)
Attorney for Plaintiff
521 West Court Street
Flint, MI 48503
Ph. 810.238.6969

ORDER ALLOWING SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: ROY HARTMAN and DONNA HARTMAN

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this Court to quiet title to certain real property situated in Tuscola County.
2. You must file your answer with this court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this order.
3. If you fail to do so a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
4. A copy of this Order shall be published once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in Tuscola County.

Date: 1/31/2000

S/PATRICK R. JOSLYN
Circuit Court Judge
2-9-3

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 CHRISTIAN E. LOUIS SR., a single man a/k/a CHRISTIAN LOUIS, to First Finance, Mortgagee, dated April 21, 1998, and recorded on April 29, 1998, in Liber 736, on page 864, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to STERLING BANK & TRUST, FSB, by an assignment April 27, 1998, and recorded on December 2, 1998, in Liber 757, on page 389, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE AND 56/100 Dollars (\$52,985.56), including interest at 11.150 % 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on March 17, 2000.

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

Lots 7, 8 and the West 10 feet of Lot 9, Block B of Thomas Park Subdivision according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 41B of Tuscola County Records.

Tax ID: # 79-001-116-621-0700-00

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

Dated: January 21, 2000

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Millmine and Carol Millmine husband and wife and Eugene L. Rauch and Eileen C. Rauch husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Consolidated Mortgage and Financial Services Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 30, 1998, and recorded on November 29, 1999 in Liber 788, on Page 1236, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to The Bank of New York as Co-Trustee under the pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of July 31, 1998, Series 1998-B. Assignee by an assignment dated June 28, 1999, which was recorded on January 12, 2000, in Liber 792, on Page 558, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY AND 32/100 dollars (\$68,490.32), including interest at 11.000% per annum, and as disclosed in Affidavit of Claim of Interest dated July 23, 1999, recorded October 27, 1999 in Liber 785 pages 1390-1391 Tuscola County Records, Mortgage assigned to TMS Mortgage, Inc., DBA The Money Store as disclosed in the above mentioned Claim of Interest.

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 March 17, 2000.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE, TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4 and West 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 2, William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 20 of Tuscola County Records.

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: February 2, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1306
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky F. Eskelson and Tracie Eskelson husband and wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 1996, and recorded on August 16, 1996 in Liber 695, on Page 1374, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Firststar Bank, NA, f/k/a Star Bank N.A. (Successor by merger with Great Financial Bank, FSB), Assignee by an assignment dated October 1, 1997, which was recorded on October 21, 1997, in Liber 722, on Page 944, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 23/100 dollars (\$47,988.23), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 24, 2000.

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

Land commencing at a point 10 chains, 1 links South of the North line of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, on Goodrich Street; thence East 7.63 chains; thence North 1 chain; thence West 7.63 chains; thence South 1 chain to the point of beginning. All in the Village (now City) of Vassar, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: February 9, 2000

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Ag practice compliance hearings set

State hearings on farmers not complying with Michigan Department of Agriculture guidelines began in New Lothrop Monday, according to state Rep. Mike Green, chair of the House Agriculture and Resource Management.

In January, Green appointed a 5-member subcommittee to examine farmers' non-compliance with MDA's Generally Accepted Agriculture Management Practices.

"During the right-to-farm legislation discussion it became apparent that not all farmers are following the suggested guidelines," said Green, R-Mayville. "The goal of the hearings is to determine the impact instances of non-compliance pose to the farming industry and environment."

The subcommittee will meet with local officials and the public in the VFW Hall, 8235 N. Saginaw St., New Lothrop, to discuss farming practices.

Additional hearings take place at the Mid-Michigan Community College's MI Room, 1375 S. Clare Ave., in Harrison, Feb. 18; Monroe Community College cafeteria, 1555 Rasinville Rd., in Monroe, Feb. 28, and at the House Office Building, Room 308, 124 N. Capitol, in Lansing, Mar. 16. All meetings begin at 2 p.m.

The state is developing new farming GAAMPS guidelines in conjunction with the right-to-farm legislation. The state Department of Agriculture must propose the revised GAAMPS by May 1.

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To the qualified electors of the Village of Cass City notice to hereby given that a Primary Election will be held on February 21, 2000 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

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Village Trustees (3)

NOTICE RELATIVE TO OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE POLLS
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Charles and Terese Depcinski and family were Sunday guests of Dean and Nancy Carpenter and family in Caro.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Bea Sternberg, Margaret Cook, Ed Schember, Auggie Wren, Ron Wolschlagler and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Friday morning.

Thelma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Tuesday supper guests of Clara Bond in Cass City.

Phil and Cheryl Sweeney of Brown City and Jim Booms of Harbor Beach were Sunday guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Hazel Mattice, Margaret Cook, Cheryl Allen, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Ed Schember and Allen Farrelly attended the

St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church fish fry at Ruth Friday evening.

Rita Depcinski visited Lois Wolschlagler and Dorothy Kirsch at the Huron County Health Center and Margaret Kirsch at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe Saturday.

Chris Hacker of Caro was a Thursday guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly were Tuesday dinner and evening guests of Cheryl Allen.

Richard Depcinski, Charlie Depcinski and Nicole, Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro were Friday supper guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski. Other evening guests were Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha and Bradley Osantoski.

Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and

Allen Farrelly spent Monday afternoon in Bay City.

Erma VanTool was a Monday forenoon guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Ten members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at McDonald's Family Deli in Bad Axe Thursday morning.

They will meet at Franklin Plaza next week.

Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday forenoon in Bay City.

Mrs. John O'Henley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney attended the funeral of Madeline McEachin at St. Agatha's Catholic Church at Gagetown Friday morning.

Religious poetry contest underway

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totaling over \$2,000.

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's contest director. "We're especially keen on inspiring beginning poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Michigan has produced great poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from among the area grassroots poets."

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., Suite 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter online www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is Feb. 18. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires.

Winners will be notified by the end of March, and will be invited for free publication. All entrants will receive a winner's list.



THE REMNANTS of a summer garden at this Cass City area residence took on a sparkling glow thanks to ice crystals that formed Saturday night.

Students working for D.C. adventure

The 8th grade Washington, D.C., Trip Club has been busy with many fund raisers and service projects for profit.

The group will sponsor a bean soup supper Friday, Feb. 18, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Cass City High School Cafeteria. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for children and free for kids 4 and under.

The dinner includes all you can eat bean soup with bread and butter. Dessert and beverage are included. The dinner is set for the night of the Cass City/USA basketball game, which is also the night of Snowcoming. Everyone can come early and enjoy dinner just before the game.

The students have been working hard to earn the money needed to cover the cost of the trip to D.C. The group will be leaving Cass City June 6 and returning June 11, spending 4 full days at the nation's capital city. They will be visiting as many sights as they can cram into their schedule.

The students will be selling cookie dough Feb. 11-28, and March 15 there will be a pancake supper at McDonald's. Tickets are available from a trip club member.

A bottle drive is planned for April 8 along with a garage sale in May. At each home basketball game there is a basketball raffle. The group hopes to include a car wash and a candy bar sale yet this spring.

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CQ-867 - Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 3/4 bath Cape Cod home. Large, beautifully landscaped yard, cement driveway, outside lights, rear deck off the dining room. Wood fireplace in living room. Neutral colors throughout. Storage area over garage. Upstairs bedrooms have 4x4.6 dormers.



QW-91 - 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home on a large country lot. Peaceful setting with many mature trees. Mobile home is a 1974 Crown Haven.



CC-371 - 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home, only 3 years old on 2.5 secluded acres. Property has Cass River frontage, many nice trees. Full basement, extra tall. Living room has LP fireplace, patio door off dining room, master bath has whirlpool tub.



CC-374 - Older 2 story farm home on 40 tiled acres. Large tool shed, excellent location on paved road. Home needs TLC.



CC-379 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1997 manufactured ranch home. Fireplace in living room can be used as wood or LP gas. Attached 2 car garage. New cement drive in 1999. 8'x10' utility shed & 10'x12' utility shed. Kitchen has oak cupboards and oak trim throughout. Garden tub in master bath. Large private backyard.



CQ-753 - Large restaurant & bar currently operating as Harbor Lights Inn. Approximately 5,600 sq. ft. restaurant has seating capacity of 275. Large commercial kitchen, 2 large walk-in coolers. All equipment, appliances and fixtures included in the sale price. Class C liquor license. Close to the lake, great investment opportunity!



BA-121 - Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home on 40 acres. Property is 50% wooded, has a stocked pond with Bass, Perch, Crappie and Blue Gills. Pond has air pump & pump house. Home has generator hook-up. Garage is 30'x36' with concrete floor, front and rear doors to drive through, motion detector flood lights.



CC-382 - Lovely 3 bedroom, ranch style home on 2 wooded acres. Approximately 1,800 sq. ft. with 2 car attached garage. Andersen windows throughout the home, free standing LP gas fireplace in the family room. Also has 30'x40' pole building that has cement, electric and garage door opener. 24'x32' building that is 50% heated and carpeted. Very private setting!



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Obituaries

Victor Edwards

Victor Lyle Edwards, 55, of Cass City, and former resident of Bad Axe, died unexpectedly Monday, Jan. 31, 2000.

He was born May 30, 1944, in Bad Axe. He was the son of Mildred (Mayworm) Edwards and the late William Edwards.

He attended Bad Axe Public Schools.

He is survived by his mother, Mildred Edwards, Bad Axe; 3 brothers, Frank Edwards and his wife Linda of Bad Axe, William Edwards and his wife Barb of Benton Harbor, and Gene Edwards and his wife Janice of Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; 4 sisters, Janette Minnick and her husband Frank of Bay City, Winnie Cleland and her husband Gene of Bad Axe, Beth Sabaugh of Sterling Heights and Connie Edwards of Royal Oak, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday from the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe, with the Rev. Robert Srock, pastor of the Ugly United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Colfax Cemetery, Bad Axe.

Yvonne Fulcher

Yvonne J. Fulcher, 70, of Cass City, died Friday afternoon at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

She was born July 19, 1929, in Harrisburg, Ill., and moved to the Pontiac area in her youth with her parents, the late John and Myrtle (Reed) Stewart.

She married Eldon "Dean" Fulcher in Keego Harbor Jan. 25, 1947, and moved to Cass City in 1967.

Surviving are her husband, Dean; 3 children and their spouses, Tom and Brenda Fulcher of Cass City, Dusty and John Gibson of Waterford and Judy and Ron Wing of Cass City; 6 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

Burial was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Addie Jersey

Addie Helena Jersey, 100, of Boyne City, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000, at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

She was born May 29, 1899, in Cass City, the daughter of Alfred and Myrtle (Tindale) Wallace.

She graduated from Cass City High School and then went to secretarial school at Ferris Institute in Big Rapids. In her late teens she moved to Boyne City. She married Lester B. Jersey in 1920 and spent most of her years in Boyne City.

She attended the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City and was secretary of the Ladies Guild for many years. Survivors include 2 children, Wallace E. (Marilynn) Jersey of St. Joseph and Lois Jean (Charles) Auten of Boyne City; 5 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1974, and by 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. Robert Faulman officiated. Burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

The family wishes memorials to First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

Edward Johnson

Edward A. Johnson, 45, of Kingston, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

Johnson lived in Kingston for 7 years and was previously from the Clifford area.

He was born Feb. 21, 1954, in Elkhart, Ind., son of Bob and Phyllis (Grimes) Johnson. He married Debra Culbert Dec. 1, 1984, in Flint.

He is survived by his wife Debra; daughters, Cheryl Johnson and Jennifer Johnson, both of Kingston; a grandson, Michael Johnson of Kingston; his parents, Bob and Phyllis Johnson of Clifford; brother, William Johnson of Nashville, Tenn.; sisters, Pamela (Tom) Champion of Chicago, Ill., Debra (David) Marthaler of Au Gres, Rebekah (Tom) Logsdon of Farmington Hills, Rachel (Larry) High of Royal Oak, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette with the Rev. Thomas

Champion and the Rev. Ken Norcross officiating.

Cremation was in the Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City following the service.

Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association or Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Madeline McEachin

Madeline G. McEachin, 74, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2000, in Venice, Fla..

She had been a Gagetown resident for many years, and graduated from Gagetown High School. She married Angus McEachin in 1948, and had been employed with Michigan Bell Telephone Company for 6 years.

Along with her husband of 52 years, she is survived by 10 children, Mary McEachin of Paw Paw, Grace (William) Pfeiffer of Mattawan, Daniel (Mary) McEachin of Troy, Frances (William) Becker of Huntington Woods, Neil McEachin of Eugene, Ore., Richard McEachin and Gerald McEachin, both of Ann Arbor, David (Judy) McEachin of Richmond, Va., JoAnn (Horst) Steinfelds of Toronto, and Paul (Karla) McEachin of Richmond, Va.; 3 brothers, Douglas Comment and Eugene Comment, both of Gagetown, and Raymond Comment of Rochester Hills, and 14 grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated with Fr. Cornelius McEachin Friday morning, Feb. 4, at St. Agatha Catholic Church.

The family has suggested memorials to the foreign missions of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel.

Linda Mullins

Linda Dorlene Mullins, 57, of Bradenton, Fla., died Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, after a long illness.

She was born Aug. 13, 1942, in Huntington, W.V.

She is survived by 4 children, Richard (Jeanette) Szczepanski of Bradenton, Fla., Dawn (Ronald) Decker of Harrison, Charles Szczepanski of Bradenton, and Edward (Tisa) Szczepanski of Decker; 6 grandchildren, and 3 brothers, Larry, Gary and Butch Dennison, all of Florida.

She was preceded in death by brothers and sisters, Timmy, Barbara, Richard, Ronald, Donald and Edward.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Farm tourism workshop Feb. 18

Farmers, tourism operators, and civic leaders in Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties are invited to attend a farm tourism workshop Feb. 18 at the Consortium Building, 3270 Wilson St., Marlette.

The workshop will raise awareness of the potential for farm tourism in Michigan's Thumb region. It will bring together experts and current farm tourism operators to discuss how farm tourism is contributing to other rural areas in the United States, the broad range of farm tourism operations, and the profit potential of farm tourism. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to RSVP by calling their county extension office.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. with registration, and finish at 3 p.m. There is no cost, and lunch, refreshments and handouts will be provided.



WINTER HAS finally settled in the Thumb, and area residents are taking advantage of the cold and snow to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, from snowmobiling to good old-fashioned sledding on the hill just east of Cass City Middle School (above).

At \$13.50 cwt.

NFO urges milk price floor

As America's dairy farmers continue receiving pay prices at 1978 levels, a major farm group is formally requesting the secretary of agriculture to temporarily floor class III milk prices at \$13.50. Class

19,000 receive exams

Since 1992 nearly 19,000 Michigan women have received low-cost or free breast and pelvic exams that could have saved their lives via the federal and state-funded breast and cervical cancer control program (BCCCP). Prior to 1992 many of these women may have chosen not to have breast and cervical cancer screening because of limited financial resources to pay for pelvic and clinical breast exams, mammograms, pap tests or treatment if something was found. Because many women only went for care after more severe symptoms developed, cancers were often detected after they had become invasive and significantly less curable.

While some funding has been made available to help pay for screening tests, the success of the program is largely due to the participating hospitals and private physicians commitment to assuring that no woman be denied needed tests or treatment because of an inability to pay.

Of the communities served by the Huron County Health Department since the beginning of the program, 59 women have been found to have breast cancer, 38 invasive and 21 in-situ (localized) disease. Fewer women have been found to have cervical cancer, 3 invasive and 14 in situ.

Locally, Huron County Health Department is the lead agency for the regional BCCCP. The program serves mainly women from Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, Bay, Saginaw and St. Clair counties. In FY 1998-99 1,260 women were served at several screening sites. A review of the program statistics for income status shows that 65.6 percent program participants reported incomes under 100 percent, 24.4 percent 100-150 percent and 9.5 percent 150-250 percent of the federal poverty income level (currently \$20,600 a year for a single person). In looking at insurance coverage, 63.3 percent reported having no insurance. Four breast cancers were detected one (1) invasive and 3 in situ. A total of 3 non-invasive cervical cancers were found.

If you or someone you care about is a woman over 40 it is easy to find out if you qualify. Make a phone call today to the BCCCP. The telephone number is (517) 269-9721 (ext. 165).

III base prices currently hover near \$9.50 per one hundred pounds (cwt.) of milk. Just one year ago farmers earned \$17.34/cwt.

National Farmers Organization members passed the milk floor price resolution at its national convention in mid January. NFO leaders are calling on farm organizations and other dairy industry groups to join in the effort for the temporary 6-month action in all federal milk marketing orders.

"Because dairy farmers' milk production costs greatly exceed the prices they currently receive, many are suffering severe financial loss

and are leaving the business," said National Farmers Organization President Paul Olson, a dairy producer from Wisconsin.

"To realize the severe hardship we face, Congress and Secretary Glickman only need to remember the salary they earned 22 years ago, and then imagine trying to pay business and living expenses using that salary."

The federal government reports that once total economic expenses are computed, it costs dairymen nationally an average \$17.33 per cwt. to produce milk for U.S. consumers. Their total cash expenses average

\$12.72. The higher figure represents labor and management costs, and the overall return on investment.

Versus one year ago, most dairy producers are receiving \$7.71 cwt. less for the base price of their milk. Which means a 100-cow herd generates approximately \$14,000 less for each month's production.

"Low milk prices place dairy farmers in a cruel cost-price squeeze," said Olson. "Without some type of price relief, increasingly large numbers of dairy farms will face bankruptcy and financial ruin."

The Agricultural Marketing

Agreement Act, which establishes federal rules for milk production and sales, specifically calls for orderly marketing conditions and price stability, which is in the best interest of producers and consumers. Unreasonable fluctuations in prices and supplies, along with orderly milk flow are key points in federal milk market regulation.

"We urge Secretary Glickman to act swiftly and set a temporary floor price of \$13.50 to protect America's hard working dairy producers that provide the quality milk that every citizen depends upon."



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Identify this mystery barn

This is one in a series of "mystery" barns in the area. The contest was devised to call attention to the upcoming Smithsonian "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibit at Rawson Memorial Library Mar. 6 to April 15. The exhibit is sponsored by Rawson Memorial Library, Friends of the Octagon Barn and the Cass City Area Historical Society.

Readers who can identify each barn as they appear are asked to call the library, 872-2856, so they can be listed the following week. Warning! Identification gets harder as this contest progresses.



Clue - This barn was built in the 1930's to replace one just like it which had been destroyed by lightning. It was built to house the owner's "Jersey Cows."

Answer to the Feb. 2 Mystery Barn

This barn, built in the 1890's, is now located at 5178 Kelly Rd. It was originally located 1/2 mile south of the original homestead of William Little. When the house burned at that location, the barn was moved to the present site because there was a house but no barn. The first to own this barn was William Little, followed by Mack Little, then Keith and Harold Little and today, David and Dean Little, the fourth generation on this farm.

First callers to identify the Little Barn were Fred Matthews, Al Dadacki, Cathy McGuire.

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<p>2000 Chev. S-10 Ext. Cab</p> <p>3 rd door, auto., air, tilt & cruise, AM-FM C.D., deep tint glass, alum. wheels, W.T. tires & much more. MSRP \$18,165.00, GMS \$16,287.21. 3 yr. lease, 36,000 miles, 20¢ a mile over, \$1,500 down, 3.3% int. rate, \$1,726.00 due at signing.</p> <p>\$101 a month, plus tax</p>	<p>2000 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 Ext. Cab</p> <p>V-8, auto., air cond., tilt & cruise, H.D. trailering package, deluxe appearance package, 16 inch chrome wheels and tires. MSRP \$27,354.00, GMS \$23,169.79. 36 mos., 12,000 miles per year, \$1,500 down, \$2,050 due at signing + tax, title & license. 9.09% int. rate, 20¢ a mile over.</p> <p>\$275 a month, plus tax</p>	<p>2000 Olds Silhouette GLS</p> <p>Heated seats, leather interior, CD & casset. player. MSRP \$26,615.00, GMS \$25,967.85. 36 mos. lease, 36,000 miles for the 36 months, 20¢ a mile over, \$1,500 down, \$2,124.00 due at signing plus tax, title & license. 4.9% rate.</p> <p>\$286²⁵ a month, plus tax</p>
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