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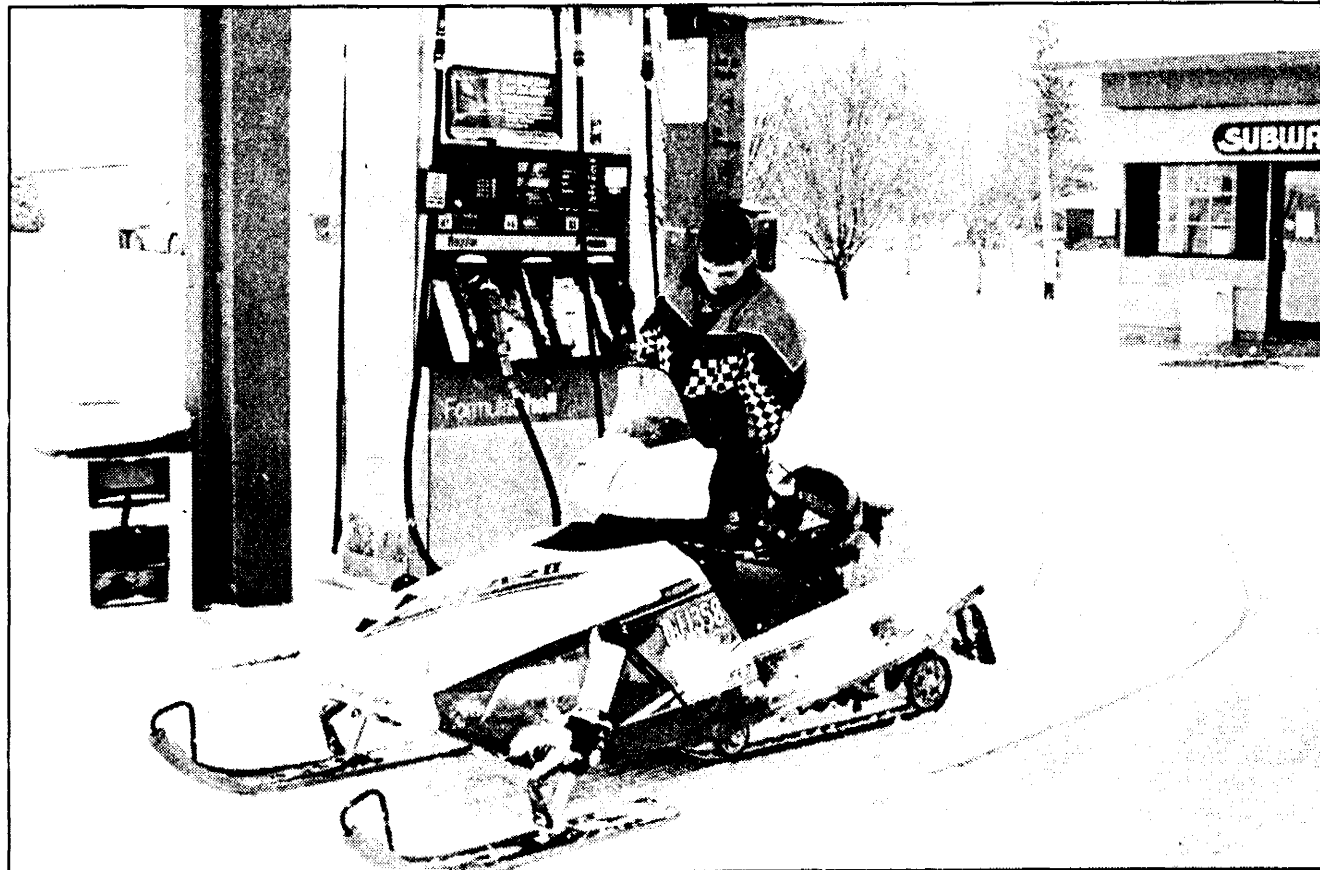
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SNOWMOBILE riders enjoyed the upper hand Sunday after several inches of snow fell in the Thumb. Above, James Kilbourn, 16, of Deford, fuels up at the People's Choice Market in Cass City.

Board offers little explanation

O-G lowers eligibility rules

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Owen-Gage High School Volleyball Team may not be forfeiting a pair of league matches to Port Hope after all.

The matches were forfeited in the league opener for both teams last month after Owen-Gage Athletic Director Joe Candela announced that one of the Owen-Gage players who participated was ineligible. The player's academic record met minimum requirements set forth by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), but did not meet the tougher standards adopted by Owen-Gage School officials.

Without a word of discussion Monday night, the Owen-Gage Board of Education unanimously voted to drop its eligibility standards and adopt the MHSAA guidelines retroactive to the beginning of the current school year.

Moments later, the board unanimously approved a motion to abandon, retroactive to the beginning of the second semester, a tougher

grading system adopted several months earlier.

Both motions came following an hour-long executive session called to discuss administrators' contracts.

Asked if the grade and eligibility issues were discussed behind closed doors - in light of the lack of discussion preceding both motions - school Supt. Manuel Thies stated after the meeting that the eligibility issue did come up, but that he (Thies) immediately put a stop to the conversation.

Michigan's Open Meetings Act allows public bodies, including school boards, to

meet behind closed doors, but only to discuss specific issues outlined in the act, such as consideration of dismissal, suspension or discipline of an employee, or for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with a collective bargaining agreement. Discussion of eligibility standards in executive session would constitute a violation of the act.

Board members did not say whether the volleyball match forfeitures prompted their decision to adopt the state's eligibility standards during their monthly meeting Monday, but Thies and board Sec-

retary Randy Howard indicated that was the case. "It's pretty much understood," Howard said.

School officials did not have a copy of the state eligibility standards.

Up until Monday, Owen-Gage required students who participate in extracurricular activities to pass 6 out of 7 classes and maintain a "C" average. Eligibility was assessed every 3 weeks, and any athlete who received failing grades in at least 2 classes was declared ineligible until the next progress report/re-

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Ubly man charged in assault

An Ubly area man faces several charges, including first degree criminal sexual conduct, after allegedly forcing his way into a former girlfriend's residence in Sanilac County's Austin Township early Saturday morning.

Kevin A. Partaka, 23, was arraigned Monday in Sanilac County District Court on charges of first degree crim-

inal sexual conduct, first degree home invasion and aggravated assault - all felonies - along with a misdemeanor charge of violating a personal protection order.

Partaka remains lodged in the Sanilac County Jail on a \$75,000 bond. A preliminary examination was scheduled for Feb. 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies said the incident

was reported during the early morning hours by a 30-year-old female who stated that Partaka had forcibly entered her home in the 6500 block of Verona Road and assaulted her.

"Investigation by sheriff's deputies showed that the female victim's ex-boyfriend... had forced his way into her

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Races for president, trustee

Village candidates square off in primary Monday

All 6 candidates seeking seats on the Cass City Village Council in Monday's primary election say that attracting industry and revitalizing the downtown business district are among the greatest challenges facing the village.

It will be up to voters to decide which of the candidates will best serve Cass City.

A pair of incumbent trustees is battling for the office of village president, while 4 others, including 3 newcomers, are seeking 3 available trustee seats. All of the candidates are running as Republicans.

Seeking the office of village president are incumbent trustees Leslie Karr and Matthew G. Prieskorn. Both men are veteran council members; Prieskorn has served as a trustee since 1988, and Karr was first elected in 1990.

The winner will replace longtime Village President L.E. Althaver, who opted not to seek another 2-year term. Vying for the 4-year trustee seats are incumbent Trustee Catherine Kropewnicki and challengers Joseph VanAuken, Jeffrey R. Bliss Sr. and Steve Wright. Incumbent Trustee Sandra Haley is not seeking reelection.

Each of the candidates was contacted by the Chronicle and asked to provide some background information about themselves as well as to discuss their qualifications and views of local government. They were each asked to respond to 4 questions:

- 1) Why are you seeking a seat on the village council?
- 2) What skills and experience do you possess that would enable you to be an effective council member?
- 3) What do you feel are the greatest challenges facing the village of Cass City, and how would you go about meeting those challenges?
- 4) Are there any changes you would like to see made in how the village currently operates? Please explain.

The following are each candidate's responses:



Les Karr
Age: 42
Occupation:
Business Manager
Length of residency:
42 years

1. I would like to continue to represent the citizens of Cass City.

2. I've been employed in business management since graduating from MSU in 1978. I've also had the opportunity to serve on the council since 1990 and have been involved in various areas such as, budgeting, street repaving program, the new water well construction, parks and recreation, and public works. I've also served on the planning commission since 1996.

3. There are many challenges that face our community, but there are 2 that stand out in my opinion. They are:

1. Attracting industrial base to the village and stimulating the local economy.

As recently as December 1999, the new industrial park was accepted by the state into the "Renaissance Zone Designation". This will help a great deal to make Cass City an attractive site for those industries looking to locate in Michigan. Now we need to attract new industry to stimulate the local economy through job creation which in turn would stimulate demand for retail goods and services. I think we need to

do all we can to attract new industry and I will work toward that goal.

2. Getting people to serve on local boards and governing units. With more and more families having both spouses working, it has been very hard to get volunteers to serve. I would encourage people to get involved in their community for the good of all.

4. The village of Cass City has been very fortunate to have had Bert's leadership in the past. Those are awfully big shoes to fill.

One thing I want to continue to encourage is to keep local government from becoming too large and burdensome for taxpayers while maintaining a high level of required services such as water, sewer, police protection, solid waste disposal, street maintenance, etc. These services need to be provided as efficiently as possible.



Matthew G. Prieskorn
Age: 35
Occupation:
Self-employed businessman
Length of residency:
35 years

1. I could either run for reelection to my council seat, which I have had for 12 years or step up to the challenge of running for Village President. I was raised in the tradition of community service and saw both of my parents contributing their time to

civic projects. Since the village is running smoothly, this is a good time to transition into new leadership.

2. I have served 3 terms on the council already and chaired its Parks and Recreation committee. I am a 2-term past-president of Rotary, a Paul Harris Fellow, and the initiator of their 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, which continues to be a major 4th of July event.

I have owned my own businesses in Cass City and the Thumb for the past 15 years. I understand the need for a healthy financial picture as well as the importance of satisfied employees and customers.

3. The greatest challenge facing the Village of Cass City is the maintaining interest in our downtown. We need to look for new businesses for our community. We need to get community participation on civic boards and the DDA (Downtown Develop Authority). We want to keep Main Street looking attractive. A good example of this is the work that was done on the Ryland and Gue building by Gary Wills, now called the Golden Pheasant Gifts.

We also need to get the Industrial Park ready for development when an opportunity arises. We should also be pro-active in searching for a replacement for Rick Mohr, who is leaving as manager of the Wastewater Treatment Plant after almost 20 years.

4. The village is running smoothly, with a sound financial position and a good infrastructure in place. I want to continue the efficient work plans that are already in place. I want to see Cass City continue as a Pacesetter in the Thumb.

**Candidates for
village trustee
discuss their
views
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Cass City enrollment steady, count reveals

Last week's statewide student count revealed virtually no change in enrollment in the Cass City School District, welcome news after school officials reported a loss of 40 students last fall.

Michigan schools conduct enrollment counts twice each year - in February and September. The counts are then "blended" to determine a district's state funding for the coming school year.

The most recent tally, completed last Wednesday, revealed a total of 1,627 students in the Cass City District - 606 students in grades K-4, 529 students in grades 5-8 and 492 students in grades 9-12.

The official student count last September was 1,626 students, a loss of 41 students from September 1998. The decline followed a gain of about 40 students a year earlier, prompting Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash to say the district's enrollment has remained relatively stable over the past several years.

Micklash noted the biggest decline in student numbers locally last fall (20 students) was seen at the kindergarten level, a trend experienced by other districts throughout the state.

Cass City's September 1998 enrollment of 1,683 was the highest num-

ber recorded since 1983-84, when student numbers reached 1,725. In the years since, the number has remained in the 1,620s, 1,630s and 1,640s.

In other area districts: *Owen-Gage School Supt. Manuel Thies reported 137 elementary students and 141 junior/senior high students in class last Wednesday, a loss of 16 students - nearly all of them at the elementary level - compared to a total of 294 students last fall.

The district's September 1999 enrollment totaled 152 elementary students and 142 junior/senior high students.

*Ubly Community School officials reported no change from their September 1999 student count. Last week's total was 924 students - 641 in grades K-8 and 283 students grades 9-12.

Enrollment has been a key factor in school funding since Proposal A went into effect in 1993. The voter-approved measure put the lion's share of local education funding into the hands of the state for distribution to schools.

Today, Michigan schools receive the majority of their funding in the form

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Proposal A

340 students
X \$5,800 per
student.....

Novesta road tax vote set Tuesday

Novesta Township residents planning to vote in the Tuesday, Feb. 22, presidential primary election will decide a local issue that could mean more dollars for road improvements.

Township officials are asking voters to approve a special tax levy of 1.5 mills for 4 years. The levy would raise an estimated \$26,000 the first year.

If the request is approved, officials plan to earmark one mill for road maintenance such as ditching, grading and graveling, and the remaining half-mill for road construction projects.

Township Supervisor Maynard Stine said the additional revenue would make a difference in how much road work the township can accomplish over the next few years.

"If we can get that much, it will help. It will be enough where we can grade and gravel a mile," he said.

The additional money would come in handy this year, with Novesta officials planning to resurface the oldest paved section of road in the township - one mile of Delong Road from Cemetery Road to Warner Road. The project, approved by the township board last week, is estimated at \$30,000.

But the final price tag could be less. Under a program established years ago, the Tuscola County Road Commission matches dollars spent by townships - up to \$25,000 provided the township spends at least \$50,000 - on road improvements.

Up until last year, the road commission offered townships \$10,000 per mile to resurface their oldest blacktop road, plus \$8,000 for additional miles. The program was revised last year so that townships could receive up to \$25,000 for any major road improvements.

The program benefits both the townships and the county, according to Jim Miklovic, director of finance for the road commission. The purpose, he explained, is to offer townships incentives to fix roads most in need of attention. That, in turn, reduces the amount of time and money the county

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Senior citizen movies on tap Friday at library

The Rawson Memorial Library Senior Citizen movies to be shown Friday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 p.m. are:

Barn Again! (From the Nebraska Heritage collection): In this movie the viewer will revisit the barn, a fixture of the American landscape that is as much a shrine to sentiment as a shelter to animals. Host Jed Duvall guides you through decades of barn design, from Old World holdovers to newfangled 1930s mail order models to uniquely modern varieties. The program includes barn stories told by folklorist Roger Welsch. (60 minutes)

What's Up Down Under. Journey to beautiful Australia to meet its cute and cuddly creatures. Snuggle with a friendly koala - run your fingers through their soft, plush fur and feel her rubbery nose. Your exploration of Australian wildlife continues as you bound across the plains with fur-faced kangaroos with pouches full of ba-

bies. Shimmy down a tree backward with another kangaroo that acts more like a monkey, living in trees and balancing on his tail. Ready for a dip? Perhaps you'll want to wait till the great nurse shark with its beady eyes and rows of razor-sharp teeth passes by. (40 minutes).

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

Senior social Feb. 21

Attention senior citizens - Are the snow flurries getting you down? Need a mid-winter break? You are invited to a Senior Citizen Social at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 6820 Main St., Cass City.

Take your friends for an afternoon of games (cards, bingo, etc.) and refreshments - all provided free of charge.

It's a girl!

John and Theresa Ridge of Sebewaing announce the birth of their daughter, Lindsay Rochelle. She was born Jan. 18, 2000, at Covenant Health Care - Harrison Campus. She arrived at 10:41 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 17 inches long.

Lindsay was welcomed home by her big sister, Kimberlee Kaylene, 2 1/2. Her grandparents are George and Phyllis Ridge of Cass City, Frank and Ivernia Schwartz of Gagetown and great-grandmother is Mabel Krouse of Haslett.

Parsell named to dean's list

Jaime Parsell of Cass City has been named to the dean's list at Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind.

Eligibility for the dean's list requires a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0) with 12 or more semester hours of graded work.



Do you ever catch yourself wondering how some familiar phrase originated?

This item, passed along by Randy Perry, appeared in the Village Printing (Lapeer) publication, "Facts of Life", and offers some plausible explanations.

Back in the 1500s, most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and thus they were still smelling relatively good. Brides carried a bouquet of flowers to mask any budding personal odors.

The bath was a giant tub of hot, clean water. The man of the house got it first, followed by any other men. Next, the women, then the children, and finally the babies.

By then, the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs made of thick straw. Animals - dogs, cats, mice - would nestle into it to keep warm. During hard rains, the roof became so slippery that larger animals often slipped off. Hence, "It's raining cats

and dogs."

The wealthy had slate floors which became slick when wet. They often spread thresh in front of the doorway and attached a piece of wood to the floor under the door to keep the thresh from being kicked out the opening. Hence, a "threshold."

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the golden top, or "upper crust."

To save precious space, the English would dig up old graves, empty the coffins and reuse the plot. One out of 25 coffins was found to have scratch marks on the inside.

To prevent themselves from accidentally burying anyone alive, they began tying a string to the wrist of the deceased, leading it up through a hole in the coffin to the surface, where it was tied to a bell.

Someone would sit all night in the graveyard to listen in case the bell rang. Hence, the "graveyard shift."

Anyone lucky enough to be saved and returned to their old life was known as a "dead ringer."

The same issue carried this bit called "As Time Goes By":

What started as:

"You take my breath away"
"I love when you take charge"
"Saturday Night Fever"
"Is that all you're having?"

Turns into:

"I'm suffocating"
"Stop trying to control me"
"Monday Night Football"
"Maybe you should get the salad"

"It's like I'm living in a dream"
\$60 a dozen
"We never fight"

Victoria's Secret
"He's lost without me"

"Time stood still"
Croissant and cappuccino
Blind
"He makes me feel like a million dollars"

"It's like he lives in a dorm"
\$1.50 a stem
"Does she have a mind of her own?"
Fruit of the Loom
"He won't ask for directions"
"This is going nowhere"
Bagel and instant
Nearighted
"If I had a dime for every stupid thing he's done..."

Society to meet

The Cass City Area Historical Society will hold its February meeting Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

The program for the afternoon will be a video on "The History and Pioneers of the Port Austin Area- 120 Years of Progress." Everyone is welcome.

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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 - Built by a German immigrant who came to Tuscola County at the end of the Civil War this barn was one of the finest in the county.

Answer to Feb. 8 Mystery Barn

Al Fort, a local storekeeper, who specialized in candy, fresh produce and ice cream, purchased the George Gray farm north of Cass City. He planned the very best barn to house his "Jersey Milk cows". It was state of the art in 1928. Before this time most barns were built with heavy elevated central beams to give rigidity to the building. This barn was made with a series of plank arches, interconnected along the outside sides with more planks to give it rigidity. This left the interior free of any obstructions — much like a basketball court. A few years later lightning destroyed this first barn, but it had been such an operational success that Al Fort had it replaced with the barn we see today. Don Shagene purchased the farm in the 1960s and today it is owned by Wm. Shagene.

First callers to identify the Shagene barn were George Wald, Mick Kim, Bernard Dadacki, Dean Kruse, Fred Matthews and Stuart Merchant.

It's a girl!



Anna Grace Martin

Jonathan and Katie (LaBelle) Martin announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Grace. She was born Dec. 10, 1999, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Ed and Pam LaBelle of Cass City and Don and Dorothy Martin of East Lansing. Great-grandparents are Harry and Irene Picklo of Cass City and Mildred Martin of Greenville, Ohio.

Dillon, Osentoski in SVSU musical

The department of theatre at Saginaw Valley State University will present Cinderella, a musical by Moses Goldberg and Ewel Cornett. The event will be in SVSU's Performing Arts Theatre at 2 and 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19. A single matinee also will be presented at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20.

Tickets may be purchased by fax, mail, or in person through the Office of Continuing Education. For more information call (517) 790-4475. From Midland, call 695-5325, ext. 4475.

Ellen Goff of Big Rapids stars as "Cinderella". She is joined by Traci Sierras of Bay City as the stepmother.

Other cast members include Val Willey of Millington as "Kurzle," Cassie McNeil of Bay City as "Mother" and "White Bird," Jason Fielder of Blissfield as "Father," Angela Noah of Essexville as "Hochel," Shannon Ford of Morenci and Liz Dillon of

Cass City as the pigeons, Jeffery Steger of Midland as "Baron Von Schwartz," and Whitney Osentoski of Saginaw, formerly of Cass City, as the prince.

Dillon is a junior majoring in theatre. She was involved in high school drama and has performed in Oedipus Rex, Boys Next Door, Comedy of Errors, and Scrooge at SVSU. Dillon twice received the SVSU Tony Award for best actress in a minor role. She also is president of Alpha Psi Omega.

Osentoski is a senior majoring in music. In 1996, he was the Cass City salutatorian and was an SVSU Rhea Miller music scholarship recipient for voice. He has performed in productions with the Thumb Area Center for the Arts and recently co-directed and performed in the vocal recital "A Night of Music" at SVSU. Osentoski is the son of Martin and Lola Osentoski.

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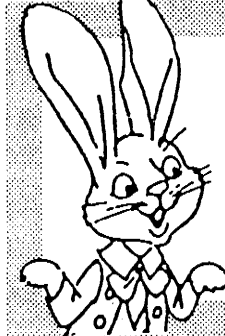
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Tuesday, February 22, 2000

Elkland Township Fire Hall

Norma Wallace, 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.



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

The best athletes start practicing at an early age. Evidently, so do the best scholars.

Of the 90 students registered to take the standardized college entry test, ACT, at Cass City High School Saturday, 42 were currently in either 7th or 8th grade, reports Cheryl Kilbourn, who coordinates the testing which is offered 6 times annually.

If you've ever written a poem, here's your chance to cash in.

The Friendly Poets Society is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their millennium poetry competition, free to all.

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 2219 W. Olive Ave., PMB250, Burbank, CA 91506. Hurry, deadline for entering is March 10.

Didn't know we had it that good.

According to Cass Theatre owner Dick Hendrick, back from a recent ski trip that included a stop at Searchmont Mountain in Ontario, a liter of gas on their route averaged \$.66.9. It takes 3.8 liters to make a gallon.

Timeout for a little advertising.

A visit from former Cass City car dealer Roger Board revealed he still gets results from using the Chronicle.

Board recently listed 2 autos for sale in the Chronicle, both at over \$10,000. The results - 8 phone calls by Wednesday afternoon and 2 sales.

The Chronicle was the only media source that I used, says Board.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	38	-8	0
Wednesday	41	31	0
Thursday	33	24	2" sn.
Friday	30	-10	0
Saturday	32	20	.8"
Sunday	28	22	4.5"
Monday	29	-2	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)



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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

More on School Safety

Last week, information about our schools' District Crisis Communication Plan was presented. After further consideration of this topic, it became apparent to me that other procedures, programs and activities our schools have in place are of equal, or even greater, importance when thinking about the issue of school safety.

For example, our district has been promoting the concept of character education. For the past three (3) years our staff members have been emphasizing the following character education building blocks with our students when appropriate: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Courtesy and Honesty.

Student council activities, at all levels, have emphasized good citizenship traits. Treating others the way we want to be treated has been and will always be an important role in which to live by. Our students are reminded of this regularly.

The Natural Helpers Program, which has been in place for several years in the high school, has helped train many staff and students with how to be good listeners and how to help others with problem solving and conflict resolution.

The middle school has had the student responsibility program in place for the past couple of years. This program encourages students who have made behavior errors to think about what they did wrong and develop a plan to help avoid making poor judgment decisions in the future.

The high school has incorporated this approach into their in-school suspension program. The in-school suspension program provides students the opportunity to remain in school while serving suspensions which have resulted from disciplinary infractions. Developing a corrective behavioral plan is also incorporated into this program.

Additionally, our district employs two (2) guidance counselors and two (2) social workers who help students with current problems and provide guidance with decisions that affect their future.

Good schools provide a caring and safe environment, with structure in which students can learn. The Cass City Public School District has top quality schools that provide this type of setting.

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

Democrats schedule caucuses Presidential primary is confusing some residents

Area residents planning to cast a vote for Vice President Al Gore or former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley won't find either name on the ballot in the Michigan primary election Tuesday, Feb. 22.

In fact, the only Democratic candidate on the ballot will be Lyndon LaRouche, who has made failed bids for the presidency since 1976. And neither the national nor state Democratic Party recognizes him as a Democrat.

Michigan Democratic Party officials have announced they won't recognize the results of the Feb. 22 presidential primary, prompting both Gore and Bradley to remove their names from the ballot.

Instead, the Democratic Party has opted to conduct a caucus to nominate its candidate.

There's been some confusion among some officials and residents in Tuscola County over the presidential primary and why Gore and Bradley won't be included on the ballot. The confusion surprises County Clerk

Margie White, who pointed out Bill Clinton's name was not on the ballot during Michigan's presidential primary in 1996, when state Democrats selected their candidate by caucus.

Next week's vote is essentially a Republican primary, although the election is an open primary, meaning anyone can vote without making a party declaration.

The Michigan Democratic Party has scheduled its caucuses for Saturday, March 11, at various sites, including the Tuscola County Annex Building, located at 207 E. Grant St. in Caro. Voters can find the caucus site nearest them by calling the party's headquarters (517) 371-5410, or by visiting the Michigan Democratic Party's Internet site at www.mi-democrats.com.

The caucuses will convene at 11 a.m. Voters must be there by 11 a.m. in order to participate. Registration will start by 10 a.m. Participants need not be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, but they must complete a reg-

istration sign-in, including a public declaration that they are a Democrat.

Democratic Party officials say it's not too late for voters to receive an absentee ballot. Residents can receive an application by calling party headquarters. Applications are due no later than March 3 at 5 p.m., and ballots are due at party headquarters, 606 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933, no later than March 10 at 5 p.m.

Three of the 6 Republican candidates who had planned to run in Tuesday's presidential primary, including Steve Forbes, have since dropped out, leaving front-runners Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Arizona Sen. George McCain, along with Alan Keyes on the ballot.

Elkland Township Clerk Norma Wallace said she isn't certain what percentage of voters will turn out next week, but she doesn't expect to see any records broken.

"On this one I'm getting a few absentee (ballots), but not like... the regular November election," she added.


Oilseed sign-up scheduled

Sign-up for the Oilseed Payment Program will begin Feb. 28 and continue through March 31 at the Tuscola County Farm Service Agency Office, located at 1075 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Producers who had oilseeds, including soybeans, planted in 1999 will be eligible to enroll for this payment program. Payments will be based on producers' actual production evidence or county average yields.

If you received a postcard in the mail this past week, please plan to visit this office and enroll for this payment.

The Haire Net



Dearborn Muslims are spearheading a drive to have the U. S. Postal Service issue a stamp commemorating Eid-Al-Fitr, a holiday marking the end of a 30-day fast of Ramadan in January.

They are inching forward in their campaign and a bill is now in Congress to create an official stamp. There are now more than 6 million Muslims in the United States and it is one of the fastest growing groups in the country.

The increased population, coupled with the fact that Jewish and Christian holidays are already depicted on stamps, are the reasons, according to the Muslims, that a commemorative stamp is long overdue.

important than a picture on a stamp. School vouchers for non-public schools are an important test and now have a good chance of approval as the number of Republican endorsed Michigan Supreme Court justices fill the bench. It would be better if Jewish, Christian and Muslim stamps, together with vouchers, were declared unconstitutional.

Religion in government and in public education just doesn't belong.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I'm afraid we have gone too far. In our quest to raise self-esteem in children, we have made incompetence a virtue.

A New York Times News Service story says Professor David Dunning at Cornell University has found self-confidence and incompetence tend to go together. A series of studies by Dunning and graduate student Justin Kruger showed that students who did poorly on various types of tests grossly overestimated their scores: while those who did well had a tendency to underestimate their abilities.

Dunning theorizes the same skills needed for competence are required for recognizing incompetence. Therefore, the most incompetent generally think they are pretty good.

Is everyone with me here? I've always thought my writing was clear, but professor Dunning's study makes me a little nervous.

Personal experience seems to agree with Dunning's research. The professor says college students who do badly on a test will spend hours in his office trying to convince him his answers are wrong.

He says people may tend to overestimate their abilities because feedback is absent in many instances. He mentions other situations, such as golf, where awareness of incompetence is inevitable. "In a golf game, when your ball is heading into the woods, you know you're incompetent," he says.

The professor doesn't golf with the same folks I do. When their ball is heading for the woods they say, "Man, I sure hit that one solid." Or, "I tried to hook it, but these clubs are getting worn."

I played a round of golf a few years ago with a fellow who was supremely confident. He would be hitting "8" from a fairway bunker with the utmost confidence his

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Bennett's Beat
by Cass City Senior, Emily Bennett

*It's a perfect time
for...Snowcoming!*



Did you say Snowcoming? What a perfect time, with the record amount of snow we have had.

The Cass City High School Snowcoming will take place this Friday, Feb. 18. The theme for this year's event is famous fictional couples.

Activities for Snowcoming would have started Monday if there hadn't been a snow day, not that the students didn't enjoy the day off. Monday would have been pajama and heart day. Students would have worn their pajamas to school. Since it was Valentine's Day, the spirit day was going to add some special fun. Everyone was going to get a heart and an arrow. They were going to have a contest to see who got the most arrows.

Tuesday was Twin day, so people got to dress like each other.

Wednesday is Summer and

Beach day. At this time probably half the students wish it were warm enough to go to the beach.

Thursday is Military day. Students get to wear their camouflage and prepare for war with the USA Patriots.

As always, Friday remains Maroon and White day. Everyone will be able to show off Cass City's school colors.

Throughout the week students from their individual grades will be building banners, which will be displayed at Friday's game. Each class will choose a famous fictional couple and base their banner around it.

Students will also get to look forward to the pep assembly on Friday. This year's pep assembly will have games that all students will get to look forward to. Everyone will get a heart when they enter the pep assembly. The hearts will have

numbers or designs on them. Certain numbers or designs will be chosen to play games to get everyone pumped up for the big game. During the pep assembly a few lucky students will win prizes. The big prize will be a CD player.

Also during the pep assembly students are going to enjoy the "pie in the face contest." Each participating teacher will have a jar in their room. Students will place their loose change in the jar of the teacher they would like to see have a pie in there face. At the end of the week the teacher with the most money will get a pie in their face at the pep assembly.

After all the week's activities, everyone will be able to enjoy Friday's game. The 5 king and 5 queen candidates, along with their court, will make their way down the basketball court at half time of the varsity game. The king and queen will also be announced at this time.

It should be a fun and exciting week. I hope everyone has fun and everyone will get a chance to be at the game.

To join NCTL football

Owen-Gage rejects NBW bid

North Branch Wesleyan Academy's bid to join the North Central Thumb League (NCTL) in football won't receive any support from the Owen-Gage School District.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education Monday night unanimously voted "against" endorsing a written request to join the NCTL, citing what they described as poor sportsmanship on the part of the Wesleyan players and fans.

In the letter, Wesleyan Supt. Larry Currell noted his school is currently a member of the Southern Thumb Association (STA).

"The association has recently taken Imlay City and Richmond as new members, thus creating a league that consists of 3 large Class B schools, 4 large Class C schools. . . Dryden and ourselves," Currell wrote. "NBWA presently has 139 students in grades 9 through 12, thus making it impossible for us to compete with the STA schools in football."

Owen-Gage trustees Walter Swiastyn and Ron Good agreed their votes against Wesleyan were based on

"past experiences", although they did not cite specific examples.

"I've only seen one (basketball) game between Owen-Gage and this academy, and I did not like the sportsmanship that they exhibited on the floor," school Supt. Manuel Thies commented.

SPECIAL MEETING

Turning to other matters during the monthly meeting, the board voted to conduct a special meeting Monday, Feb. 28, to act on administrative contracts and review administrative evaluations.

The vote came after an hour-long executive session to discuss administrative salary proposals drafted by the board's salary committee.

In addition to board members' evaluations of the administrators, Thies said full-time elementary school staff members will be asked to evaluate Elementary Principal Bill Britt, while full-time junior/senior high staff members will evaluate junior/senior high Principal Tom Wade. Staff members from both buildings will be asked to evaluate Thies.

The evaluations, requested by some board members last year, are a first in the Owen-Gage District.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board:

- Hired Chuck Dorsch as a full-time custodian/bus driver, and Cindy Stork as a part-time custodian. Dorsch, who fills a vacancy left by John Roemer, will earn a salary of about \$25,000 plus fringe benefits. Stork, who will work in the evenings, will earn \$8.63 per hour.

- Dorsch's hiring was approved 5-2, with trustees Jeff Faist and Tom Mellendorf casting the dissenting votes.

- Received an update on plans to install a new gymnasium floor this summer at the junior/senior high building.

- Donald Haeger of Wakely Associates, a Bay City architecture/engineering firm hired by the board, recommended that Soils and Materials Engineers Inc., Bay City, be hired to conduct testing at the school to determine the source of moisture that

has resulted in damage to the existing gym floor. The testing will cost roughly \$6,000 and be completed in March he said. The board accepted Haeger's recommendation. District voters last June approved a special bond request totaling \$150,000 to purchase and install the new floor.

- Noted the district's elementary and junior/senior high hot lunch programs have bounced back financially after years of red ink.

Both accounts are in the black by some \$10,000, Thies reported.

- Approved a routine motion to conduct an annual

school election Monday, June 12. The deadline to register to vote in the election is Monday, May 15, at 5 p.m.

- Agreed to ask Mr. and Mrs. Duane Ziehm to accept the nomination as the district's "friend of youth" representative at the Thumb Meet of Champions in Caro.

- Acknowledged a letter of thanks from the Huron County Sheriff's Department for the district's support of the K.A.D. (Kids Against Drugs) program.

- Recognized Britt and Wade in conjunction with Principal's Week, Feb. 13-19.

- Accepted the nomination

of senior Theresa Richmond as "student of the month" for February.

- Recognized a student in each grade level, all nominated by the teaching staff as best exemplifying the district's February "adult role focus" of being effective communicators.

The students, in grades K-12, are: Amanda Muntz, Ashley Deeg, Ashley Rockerfeller, Derek Bucholtz, Josh Starks, Jason Seibel, Jacob Wald, Amanda Pillsbury, Laura Enderle, Jennifer Sparkes, Joshua Sprague, Shane Mellendorf and Jared Kovach.

Read Meg's Peg

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The polls will be located at the Municipal building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI

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for the month of January

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3. Good grades

4. A positive attitude

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(2nd row L-R) Monica Cronk, Mitchell Ertman, Jill Lowe, Tara Powell, Val Scasny, Kalen Trischler, Heather Vatter, Janelle Venema, Adrienne Warju, Jeff Wills and Erin Witkovsky.
(3rd row L-R) Patty Dale, Beth Hoxie, Chad Keiser, Sean Severance, Jake Wilder and Michael Zmierski.
(4th row L-R) Jacob Brinkman, Craig Holmgren, Jennifer Sweeney, Zac Toner and Kaylene Ziehm.
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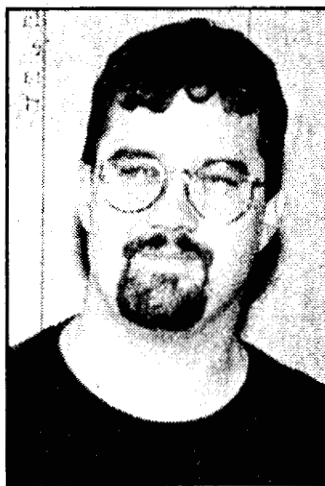
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Cass City candidates discuss views

1) Why are you seeking a seat on the village council?
2) What skills and experience do you possess that would enable you to be an effective council member?
3) What do you feel are the greatest challenges facing the village of Cass City, and how would you go about meeting those challenges?
4) Are there any changes you would like to see made in how the village currently operates? Please explain.
The following are each candidate's responses:



Jeffrey R. Bliss Sr.
Age: 28

Length of residency:
28 years

I have been a resident of Cass City all my life. After graduating from Cass City High School I joined the Army where I spent 5 years, includ-

ing a tour in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. I am married and we have 2 children. We have recently purchased a house in the village.

1. As an adult with a young family, I would like to be more involved with the community that we have chosen to raise our family in.

2. I'm ambitious and a good listener. I enjoy working with people and any projects that are creative in construction and action to benefit all.

3. The biggest challenge facing the village is getting new businesses into our area. There are many features in the Thumb area that could be tapped into to help bring in new business and Cass City has a good central location. We need to look to the resources around us, our outdoor life is an area that could be looked into for hunting, fishing and other sports. We have a good community that many visitors have expressed a sincere likeness for.

4. I think we have a very good operating village but like all good things there can always be new changes that we need to keep open minds for and to be ready to challenge ourselves at every corner in order to prosper and make our village a better place to enter into and develop.



Catherine Kropewnicki
Age: 41
Occupation:
5th grade teacher,
Cass City Middle School
Length of residency:
14 years

1) As you may know, long-time Village President, Lambert Althaver, has declined from running for reelection. He has been an integral part of the Cass City Municipality for the past several years and will be greatly missed. With his absence, it is vital that we move into a new era of village management as smoothly as possible. As an incumbent to the trustee seat, I am familiar with past practices and goals that have been set forth by the village employees and management, and with budgetary issues. It is my desire to continue as a trustee to help carry out the projects set forth, and to sup-

port our new village council president.

2) First and foremost, I am an effective listener and I am willing to listen to citizens' concerns and ideas pertaining to current policies and procedures affecting the village. I have sought out information with business owners and employees when issues have arisen in the past, I sat on community committees to resolve issues, and I have communicated concerns to other village council members and our village manager when I have been confronted by citizens voicing their opinions. I believe that council members should be a sounding board for the people who have elected us into office and I will continue to be open to constructive comments and innovative ideas by the citizens of Cass City, if reelected.

Also, I have 7 years experience as a Cass City Village Council Trustee and I have been involved with several village projects including the Parks and Recreation capital improvements and program changes, as well as the purchase of the new municipal building. I was also an active member of the co-operative ice area committee, which studied the prospect of bringing a community/sports facility building to the village. Additionally, I was involved with developing a 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan for the village. Currently I am a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and I serve as Chairperson for the budget and Finance Committee.

3) With our newly established "Renaissance Zone" in our Industrial Park, we are looking at the challenge of finding committed businesses to relocate to this area. If we are successful at promoting our village and the

opportunities that are available, it should bring great prosperity to our area. Of course, there are projects and areas of improvement that the council should be looking into over the next term, and beyond, that will continue to improve the services provided to our community and citizens.

We also have many challenges facing us with current facilities within the village. For instance, our ongoing renovations to the pool. Last spring we installed a beautiful new pool liner and this year we must find monies to replace the old boiler that heats the pool and bathhouse water. We are also in dire need of fixing the tennis courts. We must be innovative and creative to stay on top of our financial demands with these projects. The Parks and Recreation committee will need to continue to look at maintenance, improvements and expansion throughout our park facilities.

We must not forget the everlasting challenge of keeping up with Michigan road repairs, specifically within the village and the main highways leading to Cass City. Constant communication and lobbying with our State Representatives to give us our fair shake with road monies, will continue to be a challenge. Attending State Municipality meetings will continue to be on my agenda. This is where statewide networking takes place and where we, as citizens, learn how to get the job done in meeting the needs of our community. I am a life-long learner and I am willing to spend my time working to make Cass City one of the finest communities in the State of Michigan.

4) I think we have one of the finest park facilities in this region. I feel we can improve

on the programs we provide by engaging in joint ventures with the school district's sports programs during the summer months. This will benefit the summer parks and recreation programs, the school sports programs, and provide a service to the youth of this community. I would also like to see continued improvements with the arts and crafts program held during the summer months. The village should also continue to work on improving the soccer and ball fields.

I also would like the Village to consider taking over the fire department from the township. The Council should investigate this further to determine if this would be advantageous for the Village, the Township, the fire department, and the citizens of the area.



Joe Van Auken
Age: 37
Occupation:
Attorney
Length of residency:
3 years

1. I was contacted by a life long resident regarding the vacancies on the council. My name had come up in conversation with other long term residents as a possible candidate. When asked if I would consider running, I agreed.

2. My education is in politics and law. I have been a practicing attorney for 10 years. During that time I have had the opportunity to deal with people from all walks of life. On a daily basis my job is to look at the options my clients have and recommend which is in their best interest.

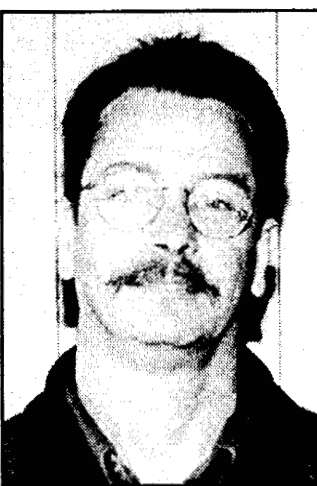
Before law school, I ran and worked for small retail businesses similar to those which line Main Street.

3. First, the continuing need to have an industrial tax base which provides good paying jobs. The village must continue to actively seek businesses which are looking to relocate and convince them that Cass City is the place for them. This should include Internet advertising of the village and working closely with the new Renaissance Zone.

Second, making a smooth transition from a long held presidency to a new generation of leadership in the community. The community has been fortunate to have President Althaver for over 30 years. This village has a history of community involvement and it is time for the young people of the village to step up and follow in those foot steps.

4. I personally have not had any problems with the operation of the village. However, you always learn things

when you take on a new job and I am prepared for the challenges this may bring.



Steve Wright
Age: 44
Occupation:
Self-employed businessman
Length of residency:
31 years

1. I would like to learn more about village government and how it is run.

2. Local business person last 9 years. Lions club member 13 years. Lions president 98-99, Lion year 95-96, DDA Board, worked on many civic activities.

3. Deterioration of down town and retail stores. Work with DDA. EDC, Small Business Acc.

4. I think we need to work together as a council for common goals.

Road vote Tuesday

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must spend on repair projects.

Stine noted Novesta Township spent about \$50,000 on roads last year. The total included revenue from a one-mill road tax that has now expired.

Township voters approved that one-mill levy for 3 years in August 1996. The vote was Novesta's third attempt in as many years to secure additional funding for road improvements.

Enrollment steady locally

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of a state foundation allowance, which is applied to the number of students enrolled in each district. The enrollment is determined by blending the 2 separate student counts conducted annually.

Under a revised formula implemented last year, the September count is worth 75 percent of the blended total and the February count makes up the remaining 25 percent.

Cass City Schools' 1999-2000 state foundation allowance is \$5,649 per pupil, nearly \$50 short of the state funding base level of \$5,696.

Since Proposal A went into effect, the state has continually increased funding for districts, including Cass City, that receive less than the fund-

ing base in an effort to eventually provide all districts with a minimum level of funding.

Cass City is the only remaining Tuscola County district school still under the state funding base, although the district's next scheduled funding increase would bring it up to the base in 2000-2001.

The good news, Micklash said, is that state officials are considering raising the state funding base to \$6,500. "If he (Gov. John Engler) does that, then there will be what I've been calling another catch-up period for us over the next couple years," he said, referring to incremental funding hikes Cass City would receive to bring the district in line with the new, high funding base.

Owen-Gage lowers rules

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port card came out (3 weeks later).

As for the grading system, students will now be required to earn a minimum average of a "D-minus" grade to pass a class.

Under the grading system in place during the first semester, junior/senior high students had to receive a grade of "D-minus" in the first 9-week period of each semester to pass a class. However, students with a

"D" or "D-minus" in the first 9 weeks were required to earn a grade of "C" or better

in the second 9-week grading period in order to receive credit for the class.

Dairy program set for March 1

Learning how to detect diseases in dairy herds with the latest techniques and research is this year's focus of the Fifth Annual Winter Dairy Educational Program sponsored by Michigan State University to be held throughout the state between Jan. 10 and March 1.

"Detecting the Demons in Your Dairy: Investigating Disease on the Dairy Farm," is a one-day program that will be taught by faculty and Extension Dairy Agents of the MSU Extension Dairy Team at 13 sites in Michigan. The Thumb area meeting will be held Wednesday, March 1, at Uby Heights Country Club from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The Thumb's program is expected to attract over 150 dairy producers, dairy farm employees, veterinarians and allied business people, said Kurt Anderson, Extension Dairy Agent for Huron and Tuscola Counties.

Participants will learn how to systematically investigate herd-level problems, maintain records in herd-level problem diagnosis, interpret diagnostic tests and procedures and develop farm-level Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and how to apply them to their dairy. An extensive notebook has been developed to provide reference materials for use after the program is completed. Participants will take home several worksheets and

record-keeping tools to help in problem identification and analysis on their own farms.

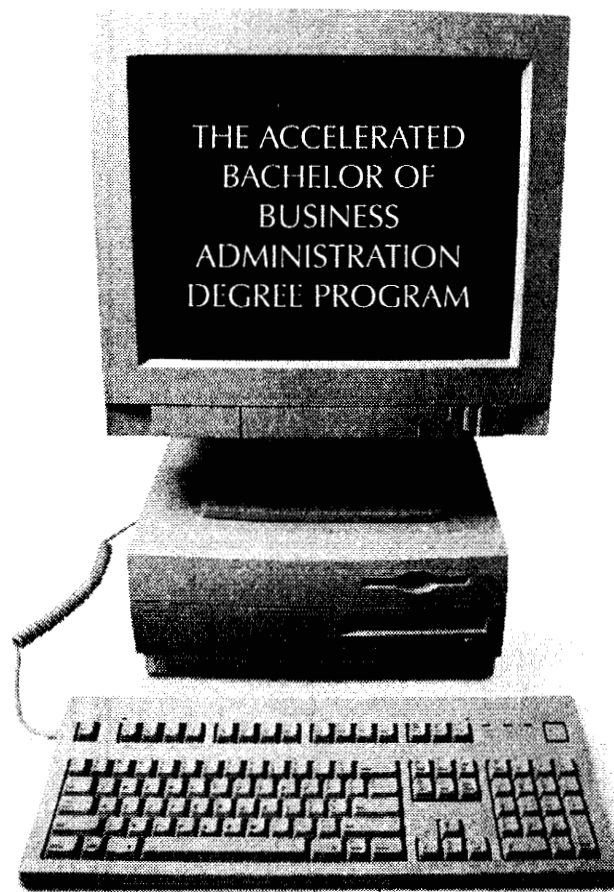
During the morning session of the program, participants will have the opportunity to use farm data to diagnose and solve a mastitis problem as part of a case study presentation. In the afternoon, there will be a work session, where the audience will divide into small groups to define a herd problem and then report back with their findings and conclusions.

A local agribusiness professional will be assigned to each small group to help make sure discussion is moving smoothly. Within these groups producers will work together in giving a "test-run" to a few of the record-keeping tools provided in the notebook.

Early registration is requested for meal planning and educational materials. A fee will be charged. Registration forms are available from MSU Extension - Huron County, 104 County Building, Bad Axe, MI 48413 (phone: 517-269-9949).

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Champions

Cass City claims GTC crown

For the first time since Yale joined the Greater Thumb Wrestling Conference association, there is a new league wrestling champion.

Cass City snapped Yale's hold on conference titles Saturday with its best performance of the season at Croswell-Lexington during the GTC league meet.

Yale, formerly from the Southern Thumb Conference, has held league crowns every year, with one exception, since 1987. Yale joined the GTC in 1997.

The Hawks ran away with Saturday's competition, recording 212.5 points, while Yale finished as the runner-up with 147 points. The complete team standings and their point totals were Cros-Lex (146), Marlette (128.5), Mayville (88), Brown City (68), Bad Axe (57), Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (35) and Sandusky (26).

The Hawks will hope for the same type of effort this Saturday during individual districts in Goodrich, where the top 4 wrestlers in each division will advance into regional action.

Cass City's league championship added luster to an already impressive run during the past 2 years. Coach Markel's teams have compiled a 49-3 mark that includes a quartet of 100+ career victory winners. Joining the list that is limited to just 7 Hawk grapplers are seniors Adam Dorland, Dave Sutter, Scott Moore and Roy Davis.

Twelve of the Hawks' 14 competitors captured places at Cros-Lex.

Cass City's conference champions included Travis

Schneberger, Don Spencer, Roy Davis, Aaron Dorland and Chris Dubay.

Finishing as runners-up for the guests were Adam Dorland and Dave Sutter.

Cass City had a trio of 3rd place finishers in Scott Moore, Charles Maxwell, and Travis Jensen, while Jeremy Klinkman and Chad Wolschlager placed 4th.

Hawk grapplers end regular season with record setting effort

It was a splendid ending to a fabulous regular season, the best in Cass City school history.

The Red Hawk grapplers set the school record for wins in a season Wednesday night when they defeated host Capac and New Haven in the team's final double-dual match of the season. The victory ups the Hawks' lofty record to 25-1 on the year.

Coach Don Markel's squad's lone defeat came during its season opening tilt with Caro. The Tigers topped their M-81 foe, 49-27, relying on the strength of their upper division weight classes to achieve victory.

Cass City will get a chance to avenge the loss tonight when the 2 schools are expected to battle in the finals of the Division III team district in Cass City. Also slated to compete for the district crown are Bad Axe and North Branch. Wrestling action starts at 6 p.m.

Neither Capac nor New Haven mounted much of a challenge for the visiting Greater Thumb West conference champs. The Hawks handed the hosts a 47-23 set-

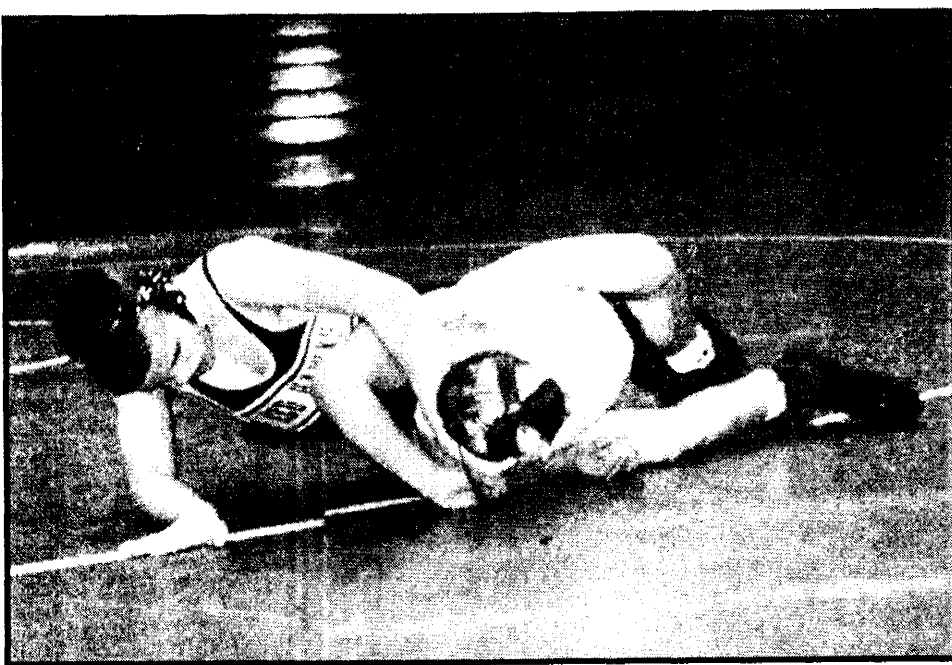
back, while pounding New Haven 68-12.

Against Capac, Aaron Dorland recorded the fastest pin of the match, taking Nick Wellen in 44 seconds. Also recording pins for the winners were Jeremy Klinkman (2:30), Adam Dorland (3:35) and Chris Hyatt (3:05).

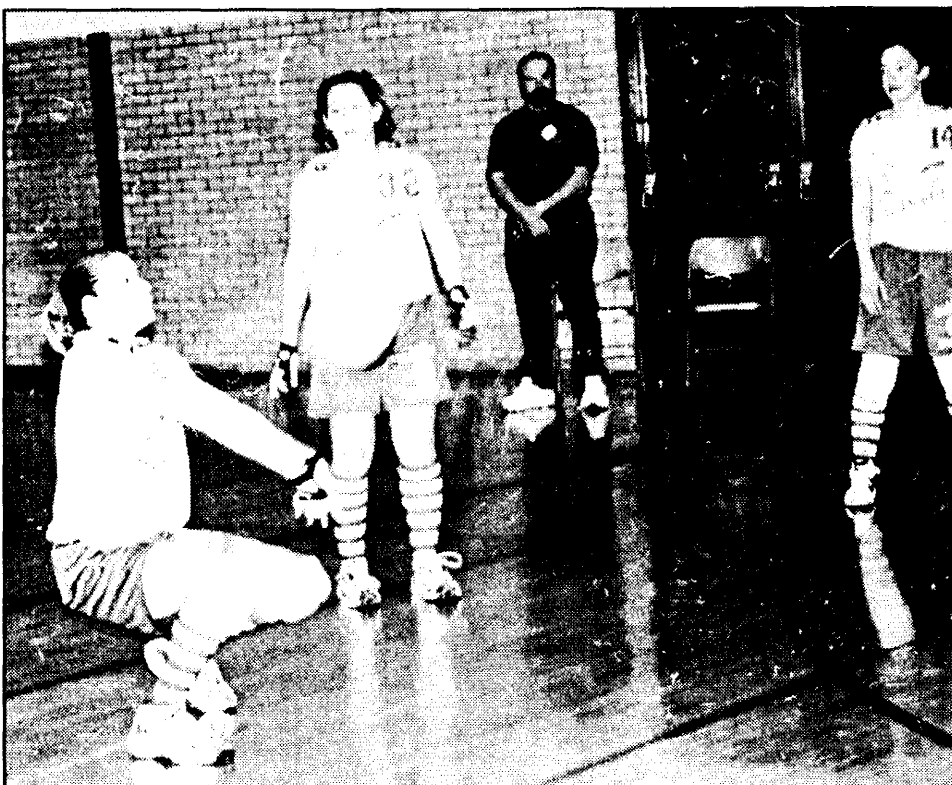
In the New Haven meeting, the Hawks recorded 9 pins, led by Dave Sutter's fall time in 41 seconds. Also posting first period pins for Cass City were Roy Davis, Scott Moore, Klinkman, Travis Jensen, Chris Wasserman and Hyatt.

Earlier in the week, on Monday, the Hawks improved to 8-0 in the GTW conference with victories in Pigeon over Mayville and Lakers. The Wildcats fell 48-28, while the hosts won just one weight class division during a 64-5 whipping by the Hawks.

Roy Davis was the only Hawk to pin both opponents at Lakers. Several Hawk grapplers, however, recorded pins during one match and were awarded forfeits by either the Lakers or the Wildcats.



RED HAWK AARON Dorland works toward pinning Laker Travis Clark at the 2:17 mark of Monday's Greater Thumb Conference tilt.



BULLDOG SENIOR SPIKER Melanie Lemanski squats for a return during play Saturday at the Laker Invitational. Poised for a pass for Owen-Gage are Cassie Vargo (32) and Dee Fritz.

Owen-Gage advances into semis at Lakers' volleyball invitational

Almont sent the Owen-Gage Bulldogs packing during the semifinals of Saturday's Laker Invitational volleyball tournament with a hard fought 3-game defeat. After capturing the opener 15-12, Coach Judy Campbell's spikers bowed from the event with back-to-back losses of 15-5.

The Bulldogs advanced from the 12-team tourney with a 6-3 pool play record. Owen-Gage opened the day with 3-game wins over Cass City (15-2, 15-5, 15-8) and Dryden (15-2, 15-3, 15-9), and bowing to eventual champions Inlay City (16-14, 15-10, 15-5).

En route to the semis, the North Central Thumb League defending champs eliminated Greater Thumb Conference foe Uby in a quarterfinal pairing (15-13, 11-15, 15-3).

NCTL GAMES

The Bulldogs improved their North Central Thumb League leading record to 10-2 Thursday with a 3-game decision at Carsonville-Port Sanilac. Owen-Gage handed the host Tigers losses of 15-3, 15-3 and 15-11.

Junior Jenna Root had a big day for the winners and recorded team high totals in points (15) and ace serves (8). Root also turned in 12 kills, 7 digs and 4 blocks for

the visitors

Melanie Lemanski also played well around the net for the guests, adding 13 kills and 4 blocks. Stephanie Lowry contributed 21 assists.

Defensively, Dee Fritz and Cassie Vargo chipped in 15 and 12 digs, respectively.

PECK

Earlier in the week, on Monday, the Bulldogs traveled to Peck and recorded a meaningful NCTL win by the scores of 16-14, 15-8 and 15-3.

The victory put Owen-Gage 3 games up on the Pirates in the win column in the conference standings.

Three Bulldogs, Lemanski, Fritz and Vargo, recorded 8 tallies against the Pirates. Fritz posted a team best 5 ace serves.

At the net the Bulldogs had Lemanski and Root splitting 22 kills, while Erin Salcido added 10 winners.

Stephanie Lowry came up with a team high 10 digs that complemented 18 assists.

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RED HAWK Kayla Wolschlager goes to her knees to dig a shot at Saturday's Laker Invitational. In the back court are Cass City's Sherry Luana (16) and Becky Bulla.

Hawk spikers earn win Thursday at Bay City

The Red Hawk volleyball

team traveled to Bay City Thursday and returned home with its first Greater Thumb West conference win. Coach Beth Howard's spikers swept their hosts in straight games by the scores of 15-11, 15-3 and 15-11.

The Hawks will now try to make it 2 straight this Thursday when they entertain GTW foe Mayville.

Against the All Saints, the visitors received 14 service points from Monica Dorland, while freshmen Deidre Deering and Becky Hartel combined for 13 markers. Dorland was also credited with 9 digs, both team highs, to aid the winners' campaign.

Sophomore Sara Homakie turned in another all-conference type showing during the easy win, recording a team best 8 kills and 5 blocks.

LAKER INVITE

Cass City started slow, but finished strong Saturday at the 12-team Laker Invitational volleyball tournament.

The Hawks opened the day losing to North Central Thumb League front runner Owen-Gage. The Bulldogs handled the Hawks in straight games with decisions of 15-2, 15-5, 15-8.

Homakie, using a jump serve, led Cass City from the service line in defeat with 5 points. She was also tagged with a team high 20 receptions and 5 digs.

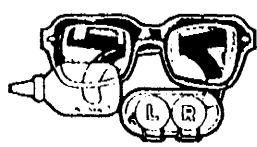
The Hawks faced eventual champion Inlay City in its next pool play match and were defeated 15-1, 15-4 and 15-9 by the Southern Thumb Association squad.

Becky Bulla recorded game scoring honors for Cass City against the Spartans with 5 points, one better than teammate Homakie.

Howard's unit then defeated Dryden in its final pool play match with wins of 15-11, 15-2 and 15-9.

Deering and Homakie both reached double digits from the service line during the wins to pace the Hawks.

With a 3-6 pool play record, the Hawks were eliminated in a quarterfinal match-up against the Lakers, 15-9 and 15-11.



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THURSDAY'S MATCHES
Rease at Bad Axe
BCAS at USA
Cros-Lex at Sandusky
Brown City at Deckerville
Yale at Harbor Beach
Uby at Marlette
Kingston at CPS

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
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Gymnasts battle in St. Johns invite

Cass City's gymnastic team continued to roll toward March's regional action Saturday with a strong showing at the St. Johns Invitational.

Grand Ledge turned back all challengers at the invite with 143.675 points, outlasting runner up Cadillac, who compiled 141.25 points. The Hawks ended the day with 122.30 points and a 6th place finish.

The Hawks have shown steady improvement over the course of the season and Cass City backers will get a rare opportunity to scout this year's squad's progress next Monday in a home meeting with Midland Dow.

Coaches Cathy Kropewnicki and Heather Hulburt praised the several Hawk ladies who registered individual regional qualifying scores earned over the weekend.

Reaching the qualifying mark of 7.7 on the vault were Johanna Hoelzle (8.2), Manisha Raythatha (8.1), Katie Wood (8.1), Chelsee Zimba (8.05) and Michelle Kropewnicki (7.95).

On the beam, Cass City had Tessia Zawilinski, Hoelzle, Lyndi Trischler and Kropewnicki all with scores exceeding the regional standard of 7.4.

Cass City also turned in a solid showing on the floor exercise, where 4 ladies added regional qualifying grades. They included Wood, Zimba, Hoelzle and Kropewnicki. Kropewnicki recorded the team's high score at the meet with her tally of 8.85 during the floor.

Red Hawk Ashley Ouvry was the lone Cass City gymnast to reach the qualifying mark on the bars with a mark of 7.05.



CASS CITY'S Lyndi Trischler performs on the beam at Saturday's St. John's Invitational.

Beans absent of WCR

Michigan growers who plant corn after soybeans this spring apparently need not use an insecticide to combat offspring of the western corn rootworm (WCR) variant that lays eggs in soybeans.

The WCR variant has been active in Illinois and Indiana soybean fields since the 1990s, forcing some growers in those states to use an insecticide with first-year corn to prevent WCR larvae from causing extensive corn root injury leading to lodging and yield reduction.

The WCR variant seems to be migrating in a northeasterly direction out of Indiana and Illinois at a rate of about 20 miles per year. So last summer, Michigan State University Extension entomologists and 60 growers and other volunteers set WCR traps in 70 fields in 25 counties to see to what extent the pest is present in Michigan fields.

The trapping was conducted from early July through August, and entomologists found no fields that exceeded the economic threshold of 7 beetles per day per trap. The highest count was in Clinton County, where the mean was 2.9 beetles per trap per day during the second week of August.

"Though we did not capture large enough (WCR) numbers in soybeans to anticipate injury to rotated corn, we did collect beetles in every county we monitored," says Matt O'Neal, MSU Extension field crop entomologist.

The counties with the greatest number of WCR beetles collected were Berrien, Cass and Clinton. The variant was found in all the southernmost counties and as far north as Huron, Bay and Isabella counties.

The overall July-August trap catch, however, averaged well below 0.75 beetles per trap per day, and in 5 out of the 8 weeks that fields were trapped, the count did not exceed 0.25 WCR beetles per trap per day.

O'Neal says that, though most Michigan growers are not at risk for WCR injury to rotated corn this year, growers who did not participate in the survey should monitor their own fields when thinking about the need for a soil insecticide in 2000 corn.

The trapping survey will be run again this year, and participants are needed. Persons interested in volunteering for the project should call O'Neal at 517-432-5282 or contact their county MSU Extension office.

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BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING SCHEDULES

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Home games in bold

Dec. 7	Caro	5:00
10	Harbor Beach	5:00
14	Ubly	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/Ubly (Varsity)	6:00
20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubly (JV)	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

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 at home

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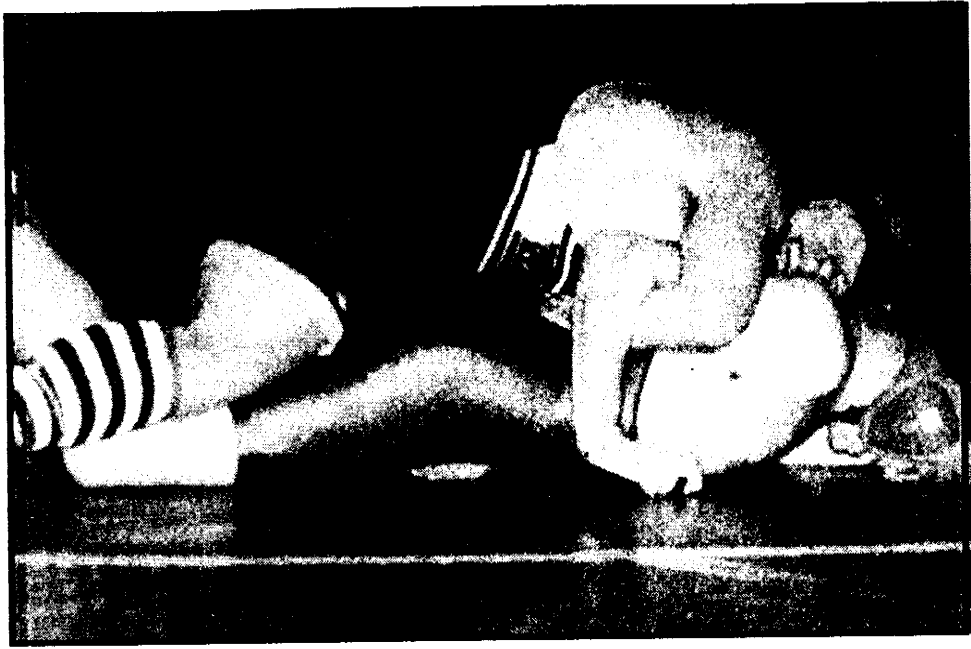
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CASS CITY High School senior wrestler Chad Wolschlager, pictured above (top) working towards an overtime decision over Marlette's James Bishop earlier this year, has pinned his biggest opponent - difficulty reading - and is now looking forward to his next big challenge: earning a bachelor's degree at Spring Arbor College.

Success story

Cass City senior overcomes obstacles to reading

If you could bottle and sell determination, Chad Wolschlager would be on his way to becoming a self-made millionaire.

Wolschlager, a senior at Cass City High School, is looking forward to attending classes next fall at Spring Arbor College, where he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree with a major in physical education and a minor in special education.

Of course, the 18-year-old isn't the only area senior with college plans. But just a few years ago, the idea of being accepted at a college - any college - seemed out of reach.

But Wolschlager's determination, along with the support of his parents and the help of his special education teacher and a coach, helped the teen decide that he would let no obstacle get in the way of his becoming a teacher.

Wolschlager was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) in the fourth grade and has struggled with reading skills throughout much of his life.

"The thing we noticed the most was his attention span," Chad's mother, Nancy Wolschlager, recalled. "He read so slow that he couldn't comprehend what he read."

She recalled her son struggled to stay focused on homework. As a youngster, any sound or disturbance caused him to lose track of what he was doing. "When he was younger, when he was doing his homework, I would have to stay right there to make sure he got done."

A second grade teacher picked up on Chad's difficulty, as did a fourth grade teacher, which led to the testing that revealed he had ADD.

her husband, Robert, agreed, but the couple insisted that Chad also continue to work on his reading skills.

Nancy Wolschlager said she feared that if Chad didn't improve his skills, he would have a difficult time pursuing a college education. She and her husband also insisted their son improve in other areas.

"When he got older, he would want to play board games, but he would never want to finish them," she said. "After awhile, we got determined that he would finish what he started."

Chad said his struggle began to ease when he entered high school and started working with Stacey Markel, a special education English teacher.

"The way she taught me fit my style of learning the best, and that helped me to do better in my other classes," he added. "Before, I would never read in class out loud, and now I have no problem reading out loud."

In the process, Wolschlager has overcome other barriers, including acceptance among fellow students. "The toughest thing, I think, is getting respect from your peers."

"I came into high school with a sixth grade reading level and I'll be leaving with almost a twelfth grade reading level," added the senior, who just 3 weeks ago learned he scored a 20 on the ACT test. "That's a little above average," he said, smiling.

Markel.

"He's very driven and very focused," she said. "His abilities were very high coming in (to the program), and he's just shown a marked improvement."

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"They can listen to a kid and find out where they're coming from. They have a way - a special touch with the kids," she said. "They know how to reach them."

"The bottom line is, he's got a lot of determination and he makes up for a lot with that determination."

"He is very motivated. I don't have to say a lot to him; he does it on his own," Markel added. "You have to be a self motivator to get as far as Chad has gotten."

Markel's husband, Cass City teacher Don Markel, agreed.

"The bottom line is, he's got a lot of determination and he makes up for a lot with that determination," said Markel, who has coached Wolschlager in varsity wrestling for the past 4 years and in varsity football last fall.

"He's one of the hardest workers that I've had in some time, and very unselfish," Markel said of Wolschlager, who was named a tri-captain of the wrestling team this year by his fellow team members.

"That speaks volumes for his character. He shows that kind of leadership quality - upbeat, very positive. He's very supportive of everything that's going on in the field or at a wrestling meet."

Nancy Wolschlager describes the Markels as very

INSPIRATION

Chad said Don Markel has been an inspiration to him and part of the reason he plans to pursue a teaching degree in phys ed. "He taught me to be a better person - to keep myself disciplined," he added.

Teaching physical education as a career was the natural choice, Chad continued, as was the decision to minor in special education in college. "I've seen how the teachers have helped me, and I want to help other kids," he explained.

Wolschlager said his career choice was also influenced by his summer work experiences with his father at Thumb Tool & Engineering Co. in Bad Axe. "I found that putting in 72 hours a week wasn't something I like," he noted.

"His father wanted him to see how serious you have to be in school because there's a lot of blue print reading" involved in his work, Nancy Wolschlager said.

Aside from his parents,

Chad has enjoyed the benefit of a cousin's experience and success. The cousin, Owen-Gage graduate Tom Reehl was an example. Reehl overcame dyslexia, earned his degree at Spring Arbor and today is employed as an elementary school principal.

"I think the determination - not giving up, and pushing - made the difference," said Nancy Wolschlager, who has become a crusader of sorts when it comes to helping other parents help their children face learning-related problems.

Although the Wolschlagers' experience with the Cass City Schools has been a positive one, she said, many families don't know how to access the information that could help their children in the classroom. "I think there are a lot of kids in society who do not get the help they need," she added. "The parents have to be there to stand by their kids and fight for them."

When schools and parents work together to find solutions, the result is success for the students, she concluded.

"We're proud of (Chad) and his accomplishments, there's no doubt about that."



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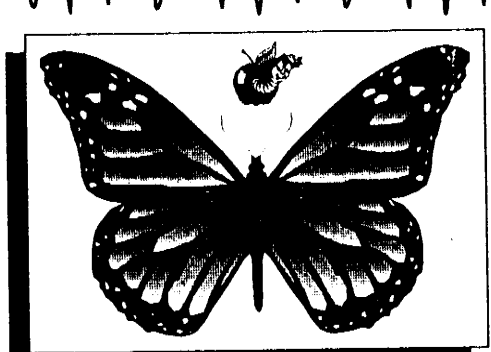


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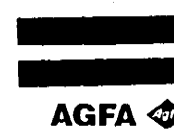
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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Four people, including 2 children, were treated for smoke inhalation Sunday afternoon following a blaze that leveled a mobile home 4 miles northeast of Cass City. Treated at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw for smoke inhalation were Edward DeGrand, 24, Rebecca DeGrand, 25, Amanda DeGrand, 3, and Erin DeGrand, one.

As of last week, nearly 200 residents had voted by absentee ballot for Saturday's special bond issue asking voters to approve \$8.35 million in funding for construction of a new middle school and an addition to Campbell Elementary School. Normally, there are a dozen or 2, said Supt. Ken Micklash of the ballots. The bond issue was rejected by a 119-vote margin April 25.

Miss Michigan, Maria Kamara, spoke to Cass City elementary and middle school students Monday.

Kristie Parrish highlighted the Owen-Gage half-time show Friday as she was crowned the Bulldogs' 1995 snow queen.

The Cass City Red Hawks bounced back into a share of the lead in the Thumb C National league with a 46-33 win over the Lakers Friday.

10 YEARS AGO

A Deford teen escaped injury Friday when he drove a car into the east wall of Charmont Lanes in Cass City.

Julie Dee Miller, 22, a life-long Owendale and Cass City area resident, died Sunday, some 18 months after being diagnosed with neurofibrosarcoma at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. She was a 1985 graduate of Cass City High School and was named outstanding female athlete for 1985.

Janet Muntz placed an ad in the Chronicle to sell a 5-inch long tarantula, which belonged to her son, Terry, (including cage) for \$20. A day later she received 2 phone calls and by early evening the tarantula had been sold to an area resident. She couldn't believe it sold so fast.

Owen-Gage School Board members and staff, students,

parents and others will honor long-time football coach Arnie Besonen the day before he's scheduled to be inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame this spring.

25 YEARS AGO

Jerry Dean Sugden of 5291 Kelly Rd. suffered multiple cuts, bruises and other internal injuries after his vehicle, westbound on Kelly Road, went off the south side of the road and struck the concrete corner marker. He was listed in serious condition Tuesday at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Anne W. Bulen, Alma College senior, formerly of Cass City, is a student teacher during the present term in primary classes at Luce Elementary School in Alma. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Bulen.

Chester L. Graham, 82, a businessman for many years in Cass City, died Friday. He began barbering in Cass City in 1909.

Special services will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church Sunday to recognize William C. O'Dell, who was recently certified as a District Lay Speaker by the Port Huron District of the United Methodist Church.

Ron Krueger told the Cass City Rotary Club Tuesday noon of the growth and products produced by Anrod Screen Cylinder Co. of Cass City. Last year, Krueger stated the company turned out 22 million pieces from its modern plant on Garfield and Doerr Road. Anrod services several hundred firms in the aircraft, automotive, heating, painting, refrigeration and related businesses.

35 YEARS AGO

Flames whipped along by a strong northwest wind destroyed a barn and machinery in a \$35,000 fire at the Curt Hunt farm a mile west and a half mile north of Cass City Wednesday night.

The "Jumping Cowboy", Kenny Roberts, is slated to be featured again in a Cass City Lions Club sponsored show set for Thursday at the Cass City High School.

Two new faces will take seats on the village council

this spring. J. Glenn McCullough and Mrs. Gladys Albee have won nomination. They join Bernard Freiburger, who was re-elected.

Michigan Gov. George Romney has announced that he and his wife, Lenore, have accepted an invitation to at-

tend the Cass City Area Centennial Monday, July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bryant of the local Gamble Store have won an all-expense paid, 4-day trip to New York, in a Motorola TV sponsored contest. Bryant's store sold a required number of television sets to be eligible for the trip.

Ubly students on the honor roll

The Ubly High School first semester honor roll has been announced.

12TH GRADE

Carl Block, Nicole Booms, Charles Bragg, Travis Chinoski, Michael Cook, Carol Dekoski, Christopher Eilers, Laura Gentner, Candice Gliniecki*, Courtney Gordon, Michelle Green, Julie Heilig*, Jeralyn Herp, Kathi Jackson, David Jaroch*, Brad Klebba, Jane Kolar, Jennifer Lautner, Jacob Maurer*, Joshua Mausolf, Trish Mausolf, Renee Oberski, Paul Osantowski, Kimberly Particka, Julie Puvalowski, Tracey Puvalowski, Rebecca Rivard*, Timothy Roberts, Adam Romzek, Kari Roth*, Meagan Shields, Mary Sperry, Andrew Sweeney, Ryan Symonds, Katie Vogel*, Alicia Walsh, Rodney Warchuck, Margaret Weltin and Jeffrey Zulauf.

11TH GRADE

Tiffany Badger*, Jessica Bonnema, Stacey Brahm*, Jonathan Brown, Jenni Butch, Carrie Dekoski, Stacey Helewski, Jeffrey Jaskowski, Alicia Jevahirian, Mackenzie Kerr, Adam Klee, Andrea Kolar, Katie Kubacki, Pamela Lackowski, Heather Langley, Danielle Leather, Jeanna Link, Kyle Maurer, Nicholas M. Messing, Gina Morell, Heather Movish*, Daniel O'Connor, Erin Oberski, Andrea Osentoski, Todd Osentoski, Jessica Pollum, Elizabeth Prill*, Nathan Prill, Scott Romzek, Megan Ruthko, Brenda Rutkowski, Roman

10TH GRADE

Kala Briolat*, Erin Cleland*, Kelley Dekoski, Melissa Duncan, Katherine Eilers*, Barry Essenmacher, Alayna Gentner, Shelda Guigar, Patrick Johnson, Tina Kincaid, Ashley Klee, Ryan Marks, Andrew Maurer, Crystal Messing, Mallori Messing, Nathan Messing, Michelle O'Berski*, Joseph Partaka, Steven Peruski, Rachel Pettinger, Darcie Philp, Lesley Pionk*, Jackie Puvalowski, Kyle Recker*, Christopher Rivard, Laurie Sadro, Joshua Schumacher, Kelsey Smalley*, Deanne Sweeney, Crystal Vieau, Lindsay Walleman and Dawn Young.

9TH GRADE

Danielle Creguer, Eric Dekoski, Andrew Depcinski, Grant Farrelly, Ryan Fisher, Gregory Gliniecki, Erica Helewski, Traci Jackson, Martha Jaroch, Adam Kain, Ryan Klawon, Brian Klee, Steven Kolar, Zachary Kulish, Kelly Link, Heather Main, Michelle Mausolf, Lindsey Messing, Amanda Naeyaert, Gregory Peruski, Matthew Romain, Jason Rutkowski, Kevin Smalley, Brandon Smith, Amanda Sullivan, Jesse Walsh, Kyle Walsh*, Leanne Walsh and Jenna Zulauf*.

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The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's tree-planting campaign to commemorate the new millennium.

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 29.

Legal Notices

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. Mortgage, dated April 21, 1998, and recorded on April 29, 1998, in Liber 736, on page 864, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgage 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-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 58/100 dollars (\$56,330.58), including interest at 12.990% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 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 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, 333.00 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

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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, Mortgage 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 the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 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:

LOT 6, BLOCK 2, OF AGAR SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 86, NOW BEING 368 OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

Tax ID 002-033-102-0600-00

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: February 9, 2000

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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 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.

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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: 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, Mortgage, 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-THREE 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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky E. Eskelson and Tracie Eskelson husband and wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated August 16, 1996, and recorded on August 16, 1996 in Liber 695, on Page 1374, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to the Firststar Bank, N.A. f/a/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, 3 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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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eileen M. Sage and Robert H. Sage wife and husband (original mortgagors) to World Wide Financial Services, Inc., Mortgage, dated October 5, 1998, and recorded on October 16, 1998 in Liber 753, on Page 396, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the GE Capital Mortgage Service, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated October 6, 1998, which was recorded on May 18, 1999, in Liber 771, on Page 1136, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND 45/100 dollars (\$28,554.45), including interest at 12.55% 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 31, 2000.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the south 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, 153 feet North, thence West 133 feet; thence East 133 feet, thence South 40 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: February 16, 2000

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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200010593
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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., mortgage, 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 1322.72 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 MCLA 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 48063
(248) 457-1000

File No. 193.0005

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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.

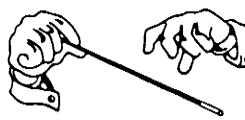
4. A copy of this Order shall be published once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in Tuscola County.

Date: 1/31/2000

S/PATRICK R. JOSLYN
Circuit Court Judge

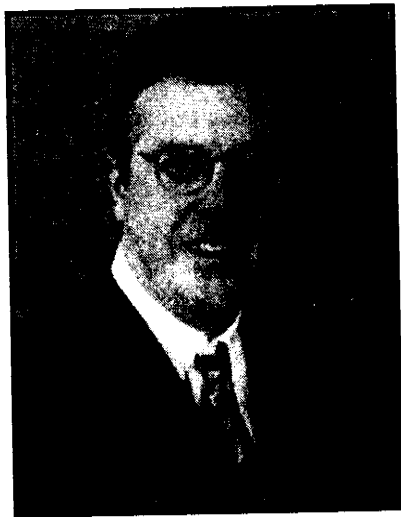
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REPRESENTING CASS CITY'S underclassmen during Friday's 2000 Snowcoming game are court members (back l-r) Aaron Diegel, Chris Chappel, Andy Dale, (front l-r) Paula Fluegge, Kerry Shagene and Michelle Derfny.

To promote excellence in care

TBHS joins 'access alliance'

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems has announced its participation in the Access Alliance of Michigan (AAM). This is an association of community mental health boards who have joined together to provide and promote continued excellence in behavioral health care. These boards will now be working together to provide continuity of care for consumers in their areas.

The Access Alliance of Michigan is composed of

Bay Arenac Community Mental Health, Community Mental Health Services of Gratiot County, The Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health, Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority and Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems.

Through a central services center in Saginaw, this alliance performs several important functions on behalf of mental health consumers. These include: access, mem-

ber services, provider services, claims, management reports, state reporting, utilization review, continuous quality improvement, credentialing, competency, best practice, and contract management.

It is the common goal of AAM participants to continue providing consumers a comprehensive array of services into the new millennium. Robert E. Chadwick II, chief executive officer of Tuscola Behavioral Health

Systems, says, "We will do that with excellence, with dedication, and with heart! We look forward to the continued support of our staff, our consumers, and the public as we move into the year 2000 and beyond."

Persons who would like more information about Access Alliance of Michigan, or any other service provided by Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems, may call (517) 673-6191 or 1-800-448-5498.

"Barn Again!" exhibit coming

Beginning in March, the Smithsonian's traveling exhibition "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" will be on view in Cass City.

Exploring barns in all segments of American life, from their agricultural forms to their use in advertising, "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" will open at Rawson Library March 6 and will continue through April 15.

Organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES) in association with the National Building Museum, "Barn Again!" looks at the origin and fate of the barn in its various roles as warehouse, factory and legend.

Accompanying the exhibit

State ups funding for Thumb transit agencies

Good news for bus transit agencies across the state — \$5.4 million in additional operating assistance will be released starting in March, bringing the total FY 2000 allocation to nearly \$150 million, MDOT officials announced last week.

The \$5.4 million will be distributed to local transit agencies to help cover their operating costs. Half of the money will be distributed in March, with the remaining funds dispensed over the next 6 months.

Among the agencies receiving a financial boost are the Caro Transit Authority and Huron Transit Corporation. Caro Transit will receive \$179,602, an increase of \$6,916, while Huron Transit will receive \$549,365, an increase of \$22,003.

"This is good news for Michigan's public transit systems which provided more than 86 million rides in 1998," said Phillip Kazmierski, MDOT's deputy director of Urban and Public Transportation.

"Local bus transit systems are critical to providing mobility to Michigan's citizens. Dependable transportation means independence to many people. The increase in funding represents more service to nearly every county in the state."

Kazmierski noted that urban systems representing

communities with populations of more than 100,000, such as those in Ann Arbor, Lansing, Flint and Grand Rapids, receive 39.7 percent

of their estimated eligible operation expenses. Non-urban systems representing communities with populations under 100,000, includ-

ing Alpena, Port Huron and Cadillac, receive 47.5 percent of their estimated eligible operating expenses, he said.

Free tax guide available

Thumb area residents can learn about important tax information by picking up a free copy of the 1999 Michigan Taxpayer's Guide provided by Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville.

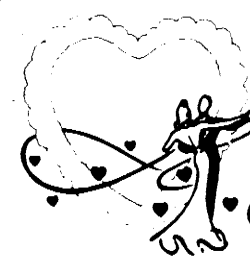
"The guide has helpful tips and information people can use when filling out their tax forms," Green said. "Sometimes the forms can be confusing, and the guide gives a little more detail. There is also a calendar of important tax dates and filing deadlines to help keep track of the tax season."

The booklet outlines many Michigan laws on property taxes, homestead property tax credits, farmland and

open space tax relief, the Single Business Tax and other related subjects. Also included are sample tax forms and a list of phone numbers for assistance.

Green has placed free taxpayer's guides at the Hu-

ron County clerk's office, the Tuscola County clerk's office, and all area post offices and libraries. Residents can also call his Lansing office at 1-888-254-5284, or write Green at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, for a copy.



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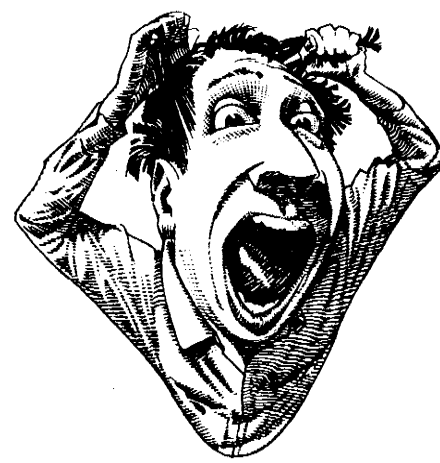
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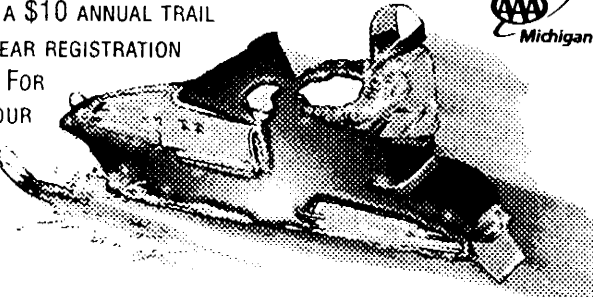
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Michigan

Beet, bean symposium scheduled

More than 70 percent of Michigan's sugar beet acreage was plagued by Cercospora leaf spot last year. It reduced yields up to 3 tons per acre and cost growers \$30 to \$130 per acre.


Reducing disease-induced losses will be the focus of the sugar beet portion of the Bean and Beet Symposium Feb. 22 in Saginaw. The event runs from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Horizons Conference Center, 6200 State Street. A trade show of more than 100 exhibitors will open at 8:30 a.m. A cafeteria-style luncheon will be available at the site.

The dry edible bean session in the afternoon will include a weed control update and comparison of the effectiveness of Dual and Frontier herbicides, research to develop higher yielding bean plants, and dry bean quality expectations by the H.J. Heinz Co., Ltd. There will also be an update on the Mexican dry bean market for the coming year and an overview of this year's dry edible bean market in general.

More information about the program can be obtained from MSU Extension in Saginaw County by telephoning 517-799-2233.


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Snowmobiles out in force

Let good times roll safely

Michiganians letting the good times roll on more than 5,900 miles of state snowmobile trails should enjoy this season with safety as their most important passenger, advises AAA Michigan.

"Two light-snow winters in a row may have kept many of Michigan's snowmobiles garaged," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "That, combined with increased enforcement and drivers following the safety rules, have caused snowmobiling deaths in Michigan to fall 2 consecutive seasons."

Last winter, 32 persons were killed in snowmobile crashes. That compares with 39 killed during the winter of 1997-98, and 44 who died during the 1996-97 season. Alcohol and darkness were known factors in 19 of last winter's fatalities, and speed or losing control were also noted by police as major contributors in 13.

Sixty percent of the fatalities last winter occurred in the Upper Peninsula, where snow depths were higher. Sixty-three percent occurred on roadways or shoulders when snowmobilers missed a curve, struck obstructions or vehicles, including fellow snowmobilers. Three occurred while crossing unsafe ice. Seven deaths reportedly occurred on designated trails.

Despite the downward trend, state law enforcement officials are concerned that the death toll could spike this winter if Michigan receives more normal snowfalls as predicted and riders fail to follow common sense safety techniques.

"Michigan faces the prospect of having many snowmobilers with limited experience at the controls of their machines," Basch said. "Excessive speed and inexperience, combined with darkness and alcohol, make a deadly combination that keeps repeating each season as major reasons for fatalities."

Another factor is the resurgence in the popularity of snowmobiling. Michigan leads the nation in number of registered machines with an estimated 296,000 sleds. The state is third in total snowmobile trail mileage.

This year's marked increase in funds available for enforcement should help improve patrol efforts. A \$7 rise in the cost of each 3-year snowmobile registration fee was earmarked exclusively for enforcement.

Snowmobilers can help reduce danger by always following these safety guidelines:

- * Avoid alcohol. It dulls your enjoyment of the outdoors, and causes judgement lapses and lengthens reaction times.
- * Dress properly. Full-face helmets protect against injury and frostbite. Wear a snowmobile suit, boots and mittens and wear a facemask in extremely cold weather or long rides.
- * Don't snowmobile alone, especially in sub-zero weather, storms, unfamiliar areas and at night. Always file a "trail plan" telling someone your route and when you'll be back.
- * Carry a first-aid kit, compass or portable GPS, or cell phone, matches, survival blanket, tool kit, rope, extra ignition key and high-energy foods.
- * Stay on marked trails, or where allowed, on the right shoulder of the road. Be alert for fences, culverts, ditches, stumps, posts, dry spots and wire easily hidden by heavy snow.
- * Avoid traveling over bodies of water when ice thicknesses and strengths are not known. Stay off rivers, as currents can vary ice thickness. Don't snowmobile on ice that is not at least a solid 6 inches thick. Avoid crossing ice single file. Stay well spaced.
- * Keep your machine in good condition. Snowmobiles are often targets for thieves. Take the keys when parked and chain your machine and trailer when unattended.

Coyotes suspected in attack

Coyotes are suspected in the fatal attacks on a pair of calves in Sanilac County's Delaware Township earlier this month.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported receiving a call from a farmer in the 7200 block of Ruth Road at about 10:30 p.m. Feb. 6.

The caller stated that he had heard a ruckus coming from his barn, and when he investigated, he discovered that 2 of his Holstein calves had been attacked in their hutches by something. Subsequent investigation by deputies revealed the suspect animals may have been coyotes.

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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

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



The Holbrook Helpers 4-H woodworking group met at the home of Jerry Cleland Tuesday evening.

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club party at St. Oswald Hall in Bad Axe Sunday evening and the party at K of C Hall in Bad Axe Saturday evening.

Mrs. John O'Henley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mrs. Jim Tyrell and family Wednesday afternoon.

Dale Ignash, Auggie Renn, Allen Farrelly, Ron Wolschlager, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Thursday morning.

Ten members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Plaza for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Rita Depcinski and Alice Depcinski visited Ken and Leona Masoult at Harbor Beach Wednesday afternoon.

Jerry Cleland and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Wednesday guests of Irene Kippen at Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Al Schember, Margaret Cook, Ron Wolschlager and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday.

Mrs. Kevin Robinson visited Ordean Michalski Thursday afternoon.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Cape Coral, Fla., Jan McCune of Waterford and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. and family were Saturday supper guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and

Carol Laming. Mrs. Ken Osentoski was an afternoon guest.

John and Fran Krozek of Kinde, Ray and Rita Depcinski, Charles and Therese Depcinski, Shawn and Nicole were Sunday evening guests of Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha. Cake and ice cream were served in honor of Ryan Krozek's sixth birthday.

Mrs. John O'Henley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney attended the funeral of Loretta McLellan at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bad Axe, Tuesday afternoon.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Hazel Mattice, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Ron Wolschlager and Allen Farrelly attended the Argyle seniors meal site dinner in Argyle Sunday.

Alice Depcinski visited Rita Depcinski and Thelma Jackson Tuesday afternoon.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Margaret Cook and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at McDonald's Saturday morning.

Jim and Rita Osentoski and Kevin and Clarice Robinson spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Al Anthes in Arcadia, Fla.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Mary Beardsley were Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Sr. and daughter Trinity of Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Jr. of Metamora, Mrs. Tamera Witzig and son Joshua of Manton, Mrs. Rose Wills and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wills and sons, Thomas and Michael.

'Spirit of Community' awards

USA senior a finalist

A Unionville-Sebewaing High School senior is among 6 Michigan students who were recently recognized as Distinguished Finalists in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The nationwide program, now in its fifth year, honors young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Among the finalists in the 2000 competition is Brooke Southgate, a USA Schools student honored for founding "Youth Against Pounded Pets" in an effort to save homeless animals from destruction.

Southgate along with 5 other finalists will receive an engraved bronze medallion.

This year's winners, named the top 2 youth volunteers for 2000, are Jonathan Quarles, 17, a senior at Flint Northern High School, and Gopalakrishna Trivedi, 13, an eighth grade student at Pierce

Middle School in Grosse Pointe Park.

Quarles founded Students Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.), a group that helps discourage crime through creative presentations. Trivedi, meanwhile, repaired and upgraded 120 obsolete computers to help non-English-speaking students learn and work in English.

Both will receive \$1,000

awards, silver medallions and a trip to the nation's Capital.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is sponsored by the Prudential Insurance Company in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. More than 20,000 high school and middle level students were considered for awards this year.

Officer election set

The Cass River Genealogy Society, Frankenmuth, will hold their monthly meeting at James E. Wickson Library, 359 S. Franklin, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22.

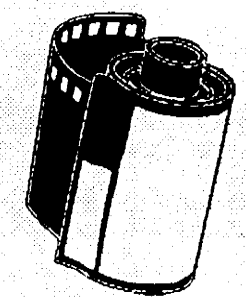
The program for the evening will be the annual meeting with the election of

the officers for the year 2000. There will also be an informal round table discussion.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. If you are having problems in your research, you are invited to bring them and someone may be able to help.

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Somerville joins leadership seminar

John Somerville of Tuscola County Farm Bureau began an intensive 18-month leadership program Feb. 2 at the Farm Bureau center in Lansing.

The program, called Project ProFILE for Farm Bureau's Institute for Leadership Education, works to strengthen the leadership abilities of members and give them insight on how to become more involved with Farm Bureau activities.

"The ProFILE is a great way for young members to learn the basics of leadership and how to take those abilities back and apply them at the county Farm Bureau level," said Doug Fleming, division director of Field Operations at Michigan Farm Bureau.

Somerville joins 20 other producers statewide in the ProFILE program, which is beginning its sixth class. ProFILE works to improve farm management practices, improve team-building and public speaking skills during 6 meetings throughout the program. Running effective meetings, delegating and building a national and international perspective are also goals of the program. Participants also visit the state capitol and travel to other state Farm Bureaus during a week-long national tour.

Participants must be between 22-35 years old to be eligible for the program. Past participants of the program have had positive experiences and found the program to be worthwhile of their time and efforts.

"The ProFILE program helped me identify my own strengths and weaknesses as a leader," said Veronica Meyer, a 1998 participant of the program from Clinton County.

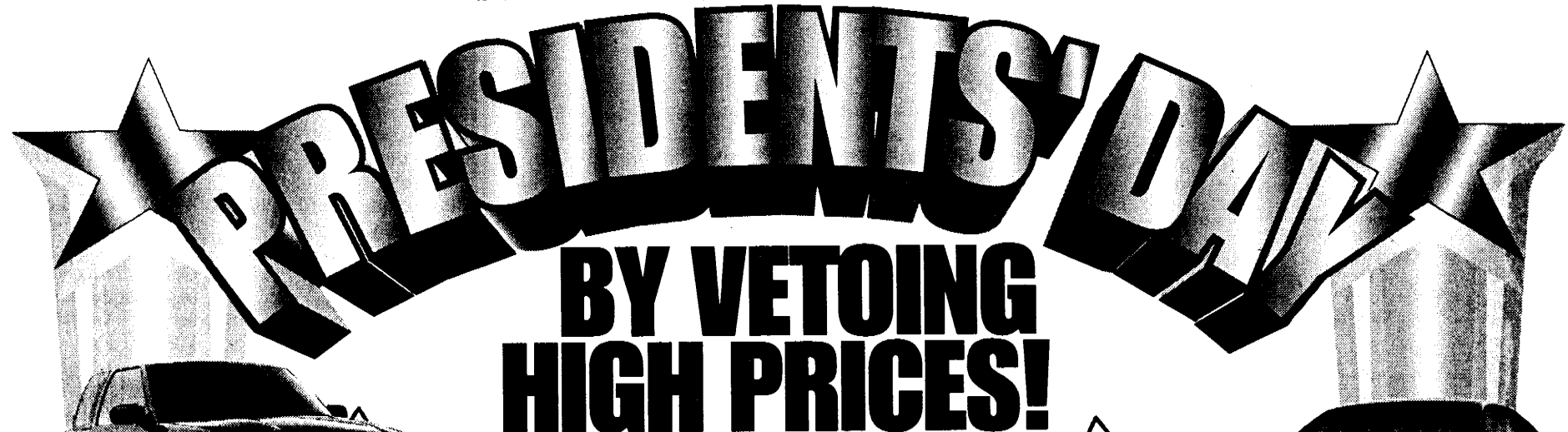
Gibson completes training

Marine Corps Pfc. Denny D. Gibson Jr., son of Donna J. Gibson of Deford, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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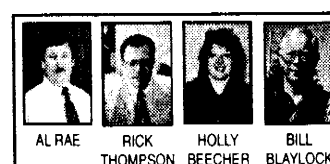
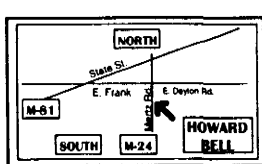
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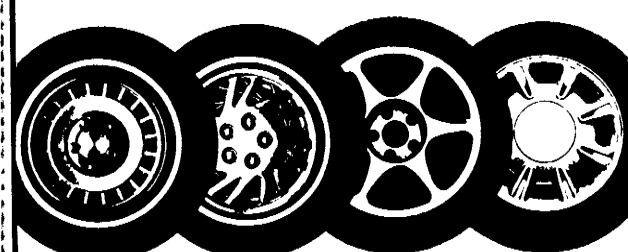
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Reese hunter pleads no contest

A Reese man charged with assault in a dispute over a deer he shot on private land in Ellington Township last fall will avoid jail time under a plea agreement taken under advisement in Tuscola County Circuit Court Friday.

Richard W. Moggo, 56, entered a plea of no contest to felonious assault, a felony that carries a maximum penalty of up to 4 years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine.

However, under a plea agreement, Moggo will receive a one-year delayed sentence, meaning the charge will be dropped if he complies with all of the terms of his probation and doesn't commit another crime during the next year.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing was scheduled for April 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro investigated the Nov. 16 incident that led to the assault charge.

According to reports, the dispute took place at about 9:40 a.m. on private land near the corner of Severance and Dodge roads.

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

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

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

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



A WEEKEND snowstorm dumped up to 8 inches of the white stuff in the Thumb, closing a number of area schools Monday. The storm also meant plenty of work for merchants, including Jon Shores (above), owner of the New Sheridan Health Mart in Cass City.

Crops topped some records in '99

Michigan crops in 1999 fared well and set some new record highs, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

Michigan corn for grain yield, at 130 bushels per acre, was up 19 bushels from 1998 and sets a new record, surpassing the 117 bushels per acre set in 1994 and 1997. Grain production was 253 million bushels, 11 percent above the 1998 output. Silage yield was up 5 tons per acre from last year's 12.5 to set a new record high of 17.5 tons per acre.

Planting was ahead of the average schedule throughout May and was completed by June 10. Above average growing degree days in June and July brought rapid development. Ninety percent of the corn for grain was mature by Oct. 1, compared with the 5-year average of 60 percent. October weather was excellent for harvesting, and corn harvest was three-fourths completed by Nov. 1.

Soybean yield was up a bushel from last year at 40 bushels per acre and tied the record yield set in 1995. A new record was set for harvested acres, at 1.94 million acres, up from last year's record by 50,000 acres. Production, at 77.6 million bushels, surpassed the record set in 1998 by 5 percent. Ideal harvest conditions let farmers harvest quickly and easily during October.

Michigan's sugar beet yield, at 18.6 tons per acre, was up 2.6 tons from last year's estimate. Growing conditions for the sugar beet crop were excellent until the crop suffered from a lack of rain in early fall. Conditions for harvest were ideal as 2 weeks of dry weather were enough to harvest most of the crop.

Dry bean production in the state was unchanged from the December report at 7.35 million cwt., 66 percent above 1998. Dry bean harvest was completed by the third week in October, well

ahead of normal. Timely rains lessened the effect of root rot and dry conditions late in the growing season held white mold in check. The resulting record yield of 2,100 pounds per acre was 250 pounds greater than the previous high set in 1991.

All hay production in Michigan stopped a 3-year

decline and rose to 4.4 million tons, up 24 percent from last year. The Michigan hay crop benefitted from warm temperatures and timely rains through the months of June and July. A slight drought in September and October reduced the number of subsequent cuttings. New seedings of alfalfa totaled 106,000 acres during 1999.

Teen pleads guilty to sexual offense

Oct. 9 in Gagetown

A Gagetown teen pleaded guilty Friday to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years Oct. 9 in Gagetown.

Gary W. Clark, 17, entered the plea in Tuscola County Circuit Court. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Clark faces up to 15 years in prison and mandatory AIDS testing when he is sentenced April 20.

Under a plea agreement taken under advisement by the court, 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct would be dismissed in the case.

In other circuit court proceedings Friday:

•Melvin E. Rawls, 29, Flint, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Sept. 1 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was revoked and Rawls was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is scheduled for April 20.

•Michael G. Parker, 35, Vassar, pleaded guilty to delivery of cocaine (less than 50 grams) and delivery of marijuana June 3 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing was scheduled for April 20.

•Robert T. Miller, 23, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance Oct. 10, 1998, in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing was scheduled for April 20.

•Charles F. Wood, 24, Vassar, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Jan. 9 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing was scheduled for April 20.

•Dean A. McBride, 16, Cass City, pleaded guilty to probation violation. He was placed under house arrest with an electronic tether for 30 days.

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Obituaries

June Jarrett

June Jeneva Jarrett, 75, of Snover, formerly of Ormond Beach, Fla., died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000, in her daughter's home after a long illness.

She was born Aug. 11, 1924, in Bristol, Va., to Melvin and Josie (Leonard) Dixon. She married Charles Lindy Jarrett Sr. in Florida. Jarrett served in the U.S. Army during WWII. She was a member of the VFW and American Legion.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann Marie Klein-Ross and her husband Gerald Ross of Snover; 3 grandchildren; a sister, Annette M. (Thomas) Fussell of Titusville, Fla., and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Lee Leonard and Ralph Dixon, and sisters, George D. Nichols, Jane D. Stewart, Ardith Moore and Helen M. Leonard.

Funeral services were scheduled at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Debra L. Kranz, funeral celebrant, officiating.

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

Interment will be in Mountain Home National Cemetery, Johnson, Tenn.

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Wilma McQueen

Wilma B. McQueen, 77, of Cass City, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000, at Tendercare Cass City in Cass City.

She lived in Cass City for 34 years and was previously from Port Huron. She was born Jan. 8, 1923, in Crosswell, daughter of Morris and Amanda (Francis) Temple. She married Norman McQueen in 1964. He died in 1990.

She was a member of the Deford United Methodist Church.

Surviving are 2 sons, Doug and April McQueen of Cass City and Dennis and Michelle Gamet of Marlette; 2 stepdaughters, Doris and Ken Tousley and Cheryl Knight, all of Tawas; a sister, Helen and George Springs of Port Huron; 8 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; father, Morris Temple; mother, Amanda Francis, and a brother, Kenneth Temple.

Funeral services were scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette with the Rev. Mark Nieman of Marlette Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Mooretown Cemetery in Snover.

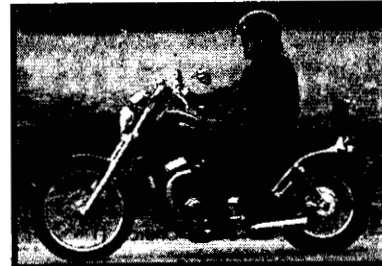
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Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Cass City announces new baseball skippers

Chuck Wren has been named head coach of the Cass City baseball program, announced Cass City Athletic Director Jeff Hartel Monday.

Wren will take charge of the Red Hawk program with a long list of qualifications. Currently the principal at Saints Peter and Paul Schools in Ruth, Wren has 8 years previous coaching

experience, as a varsity assistant at Columbia Central High School and Dearborn Heights Annapolis High School. In addition, he was the junior varsity skipper in Ferndale for 4 seasons. Wren has also been an MHSAA registered official for 21 years.

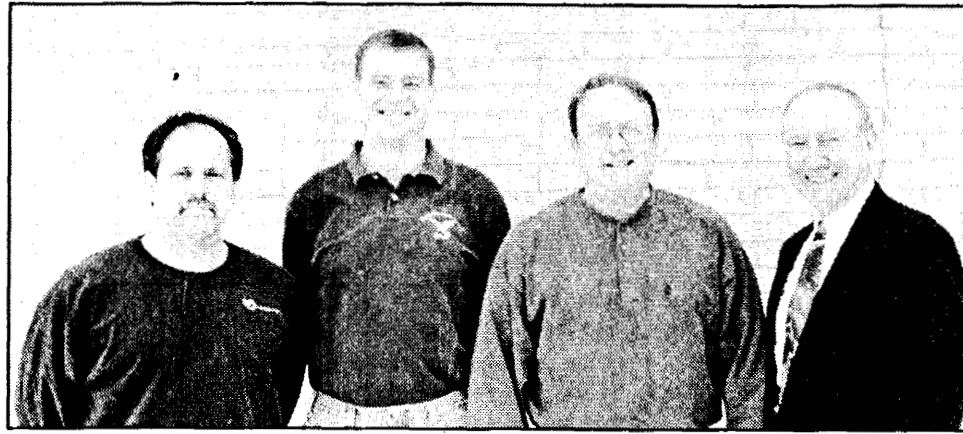
Hartel also reported that Cass City resident Kurt Dennis was named Wren's assistant coach, while Rick Coleman will head up the Hawks' junior varsity baseball team with the help of assistant Jim Turner.

Dennis, an 8th grade science and math teacher at the Cass City Middle School, has coached in the Caro Baseball Federation and at different levels with the school's basketball program.

Coleman, retired after a 27-year career as a federal narcotics agent with the DEA, has coached on the junior varsity baseball level at Lakeland.

Turner needs little introduction to area residents. He has been very active in both Cass City's girls and boys little league programs. Turner has coached the Red Hawk junior varsity softball team for the past 4 years.

The coaches are asking all high school boys interested in playing on the Hawks' baseball teams this spring to attend a sign-up meeting Wednesday after school in the speech room.



THE NEWLY HIRED Cass City Red Hawk baseball coaching staff includes (l-r) Chuck Wren, Kurt Dennis, Rick Coleman and Jim Turner.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, February 16

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.
Book Discussion Group, Rawson Memorial Library, cancelled.
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 18

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.
Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Monday, February 21

Cass City Area Historical Society meeting, 2 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. A video "The History and Pioneers of the Port Austin Area-120 Years of Progress" will be shown.
Domestic Violence Crisis Support Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Caro.

Tuesday, February 22

Domestic Violence Survivors' Group meets, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Caro. For information, call 1-800-843-6394.
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Individual High Series & Games: K. Martin 725 (278-247), Doug O'Dell 666 (222-253), J. Langenburg 663 (213-214-236), J. Krol 647 (245), Dennis Hyatt 641 (222-211), K. Pichla 637 (225-211), R. Root 631 (236), D. Doerr 625 (268), E. Schmaltz 611 (217), G. Robinson 592 (214-222), G. Smith 221, S. Osentoski 220.

High Team Series & Game: Martin Electric 1879 (656).

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High Team Series & Game: Osentoski Trucking 1946 (655).
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Jr. High Games: B. Vargo 142-141-171, D. McGee 134-152-141, J. Diller 154, C. Heckroth 102-110-121, H. Brown 100, J. Harbin 118, S. Howard 122-117, S. Frappart 87-108-74, T. Coleman 119-150, N. Powell 134-157, J. Guc 119, D. Howard 117-116, J. Nelson 101, M. Dooley 99, S. Nizzola 81-66, R. Biebel 136.
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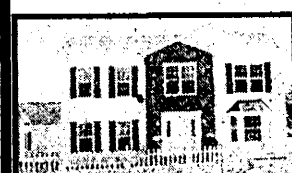
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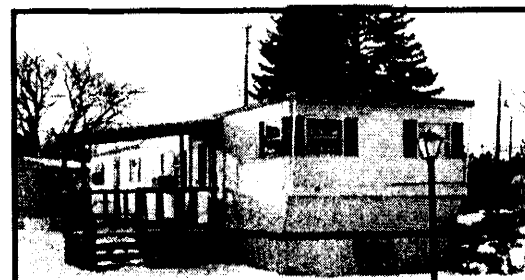
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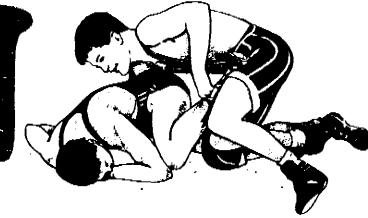
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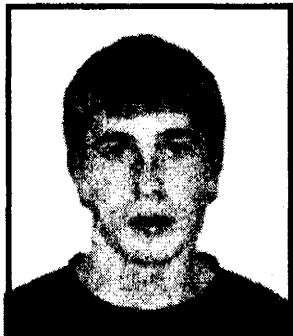
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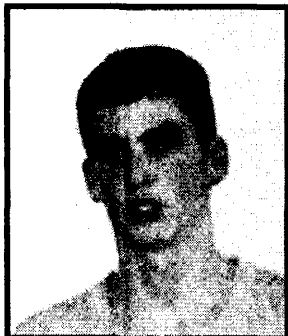
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A 4-year team member, the senior is one of the team's most improved grapplers. His season record stands at a lofty 35-2 and included a GTC championship crown.



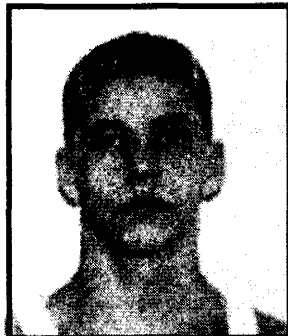
Don Spencer

A first year team member, League Champion, success of 99-00 team due in part to outstanding performance of this freshman. He has improved each week of the season.



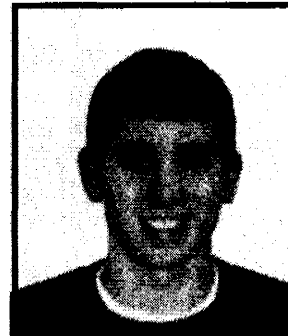
Sam Moore

A first year team member, the freshman will step into a starting position next season.



Roy Davis

A 3-year team member, the senior is one of the most talented wrestlers on the team. He placed 5th in state his sophomore year. He also has been League Champion for 3 straight seasons. His overall career record is 124-18.



Scott Moore

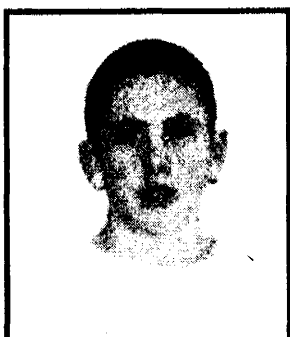
A 4-year team member, the senior tri-captain has over 100 career victories. He is a 98-99 League Champion, a 4-year starter and a dedicated hard worker.

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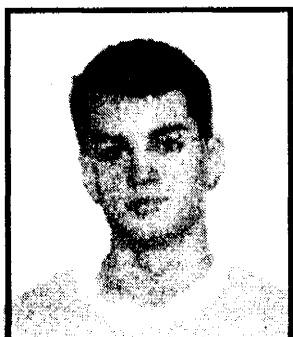
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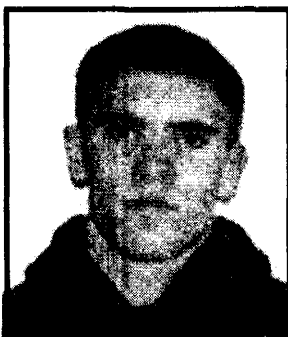
Josh Smith

A first year team member, the freshman will be instrumental in helping rebuild next season.



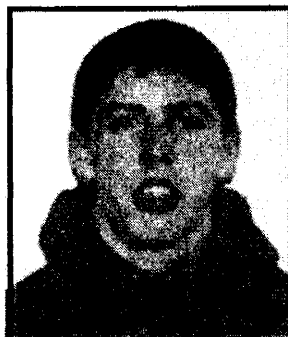
Anand Raythatha

A 3-year team member, the junior is a greatly improved starter who has played a key role. He will be a leader on next season's team.



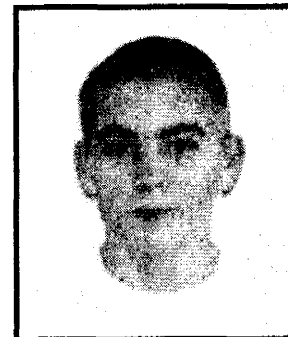
Adam Dorland

A 4-year team member, the senior tri-captain is a quiet, inspirational leader, 98-99 League Champ. He holds the school record for most career victories (151) and also holds a career record for most pins - over 100. He is a 2-time state qualifier and one of the hardest workers on the team.



Mike Wark

A first year team member, the freshman is very talented and would start on most teams. He will step into a varsity position next season and will do well.



Jeremy Klinkman

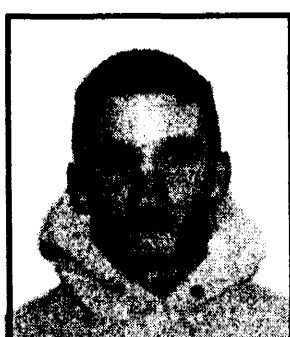
A 3-year team member, the junior holds the record for the most reversals in a season. He is an unselfish wrestler who has played a key role in several of Cass City's victories. He will be a true leader on next season's team.

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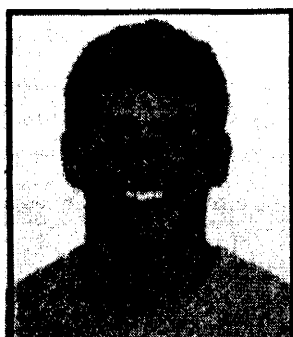
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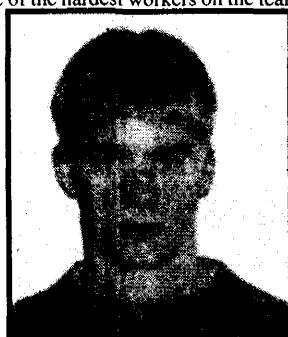
Aaron Dorland

A 2-year team member, the sophomore is on track to set several school records. He has over 30 victories in each of his first two seasons. He is a 99-00 League Champion.



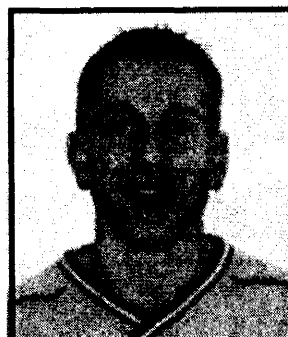
Kris Patera

A 2-year team member, the sophomore has stepped in to fill key positions during the course of the season. He played a large part in helping defeat Yale.



Dave Sutter

A 4-year team member, the senior is the best technician on the team. He is very intelligent and is one of the most improved wrestlers on the team. He is a 4-year starter and his record this season is 38-3. He has over 100 career victories.



Joel Hessler

A 2-year team member, the sophomore has good potential.



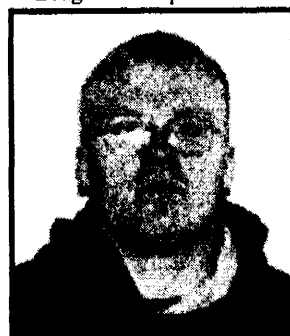
Charlie Maxwell

A 2-year team member, the junior is one of the hardest workers on the team. He will provide great leadership as a senior next season.

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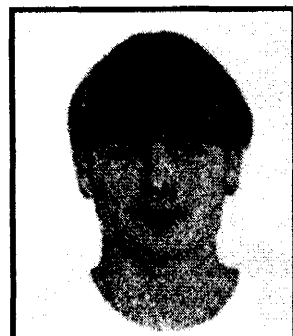
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Chad Wolschlager

A 4-year team member, the senior tri-captain is an inspirational leader. He is a 4-year starter and holds the record for most escapes in a season.



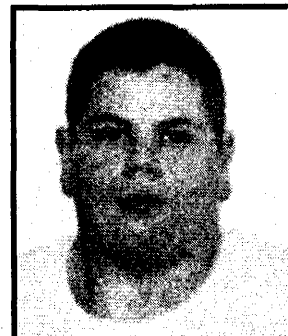
Travis Jensen

A first year team member, the talented freshman has stepped into a starting position and performed well.



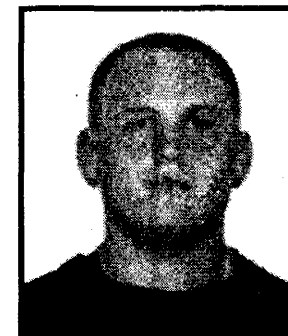
Luezn Dickson

A 4-year team member, the senior has wrestled in the 215-pound weight class even though he weighs only 180 pounds. He helped the Hawks win a trophy by pinning three opponents at the Cros-Lex tournament.



Jeremy Schultz

A freshman in his first year of wrestling who holds great promise for the future.



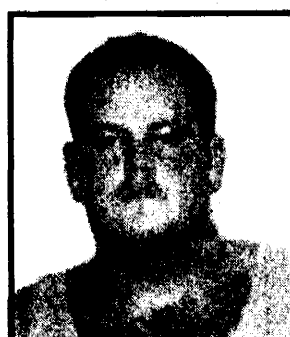
Chris Wasserman

A 2-year team member, the sophomore has stepped in and performed well in crucial situations.

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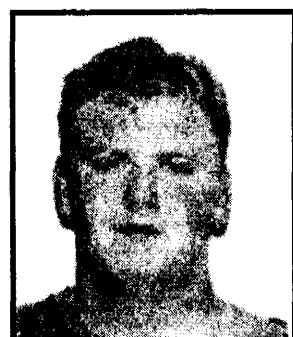
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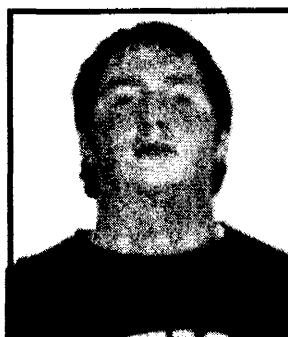
A 4-year team member, the senior is a clutch wrestler who has won many dual meets when everything was on the line. He is a four-year starter and 99-00 League Champion.



Chris Hyatt

A 4-year team member, the dedicated senior has helped defeat Swan Valley, the 5th ranked team in the state, by pinning their heavyweight.

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Guy Nanny

A 3-year team member, the junior is looked to as a leader on next year's team.



Jason Barrigar

A first year team member, the freshman is the strongest kid on the team. He has a very bright future.

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