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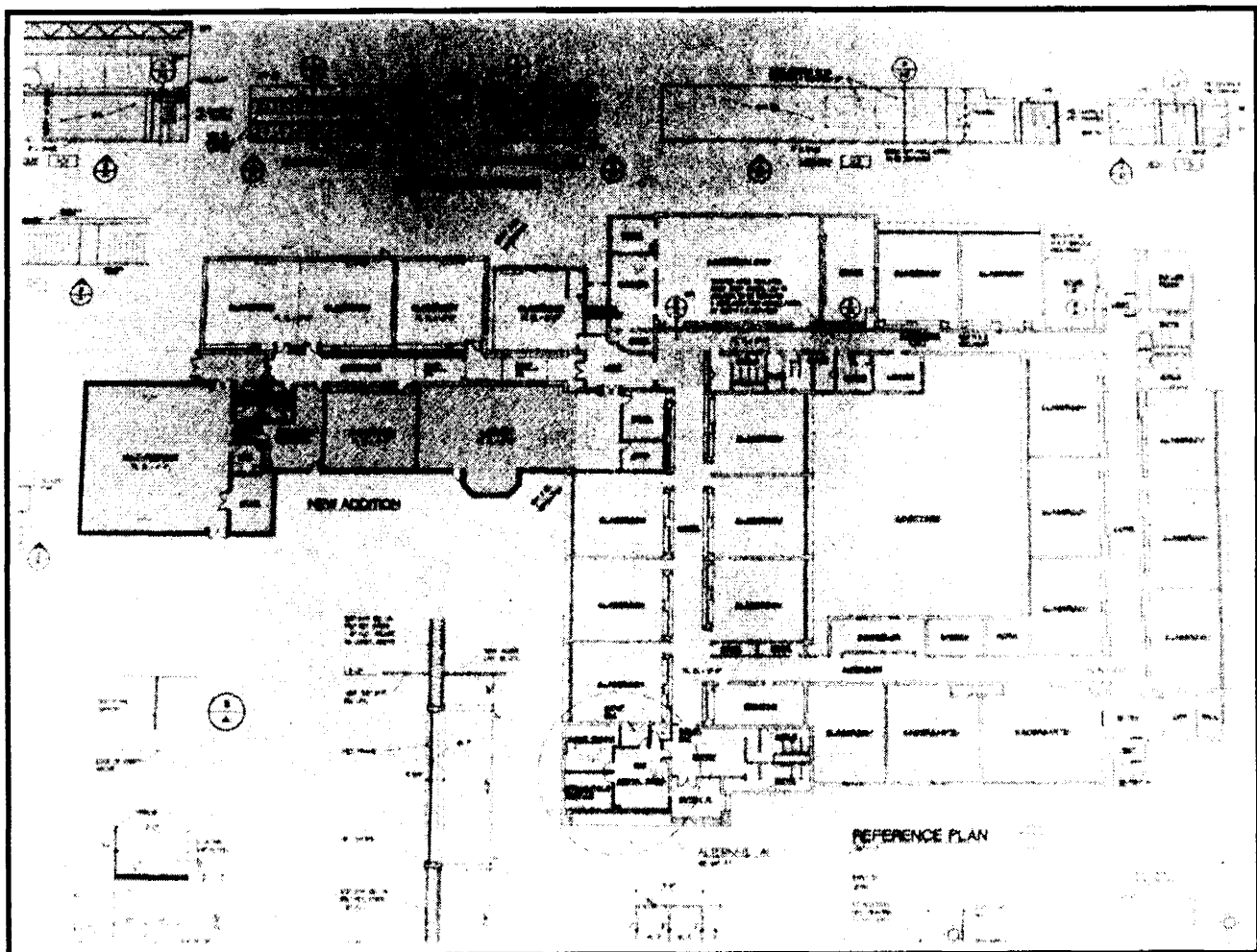
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THE SHADED PORTIONS of this architect's drawing show the 6,500-square-foot expansion planned for Campbell Elementary School this year. School officials opened bids for the estimated \$600,000 project last week.

School officials pleased

70 bid on Campbell expansion

Cass City School officials had plenty to smile about when they finished opening bids Thursday for a planned expansion project at Campbell Elementary School.

School officials opened 12 separate bid packages ranging from earthwork to carpentry and masonry to windows and flooring. In all, nearly 70 businesses — many of them local contractors — submitted bids for various portions of the project.

A preliminary review of the low bids revealed a combined estimated project cost of about \$571,000 — less than the \$600,000 budgeted for the work.

"The bids came in extremely competitive," Supt. Ken Micklash said, noting some of the early project cost estimates were as high as \$770,000.

The Cass City Board of Education is expected to review the cost figures and act

on them at its next regular meeting, slated for Monday, Feb. 28.

Based on bids received, Micklash believes school officials will be able to complete the expansion as well as a pair of alternative construction projects. "I feel pretty confident that we'll be able to move forward and do the whole thing," he said.

The alternative projects involve replacing steps leading into the building with barrier-free entrances, and relocating the office from its current location to a larger room that now houses the school library.

The move would enable school officials to create a conference/meeting room in the office as well as put the office in a more centralized location, nearer to the school parking lot, Micklash pointed out. "It would be much more convenient to the public," he added, "and it will give what we feel will be better monitoring of

who's coming and going."

The expansion project will add some 6,500 square feet of space to the building, including a much larger library.

The current facility totals 1,000 to 1,100 square feet, according to Micklash, who explained that a portion of one classroom will be trans-

formed into storage space and the rest of the room will become part of the new library. "We'll be creating a

Cass City cop injured while assisting in chase

A Cass City police officer suffered minor injuries while assisting state police in a high-speed chase that covered a distance of 25 miles in northern Tuscola County Saturday night.

Officer Mike Gebauer dislocated his right shoulder when his patrol car entered a shallow ditch. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the accident occurred when the suspect slammed on his brakes, causing Gebauer to drive off Jacob Road in an attempt to avoid impact with

the suspect's 1985 Ford.

The suspect, Mark Allen Morrish, 25, 5381 Green Rd., Gagetown, was apprehended moments later in the front yard of a residence at 6176 Jacob Rd.

Troopers said warrants have been issued for charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, fleeing and eluding a police officer causing serious bodily injury, resisting and obstructing a police officer, driving while license suspended/revoked (subsequent offense), driving

with no insurance, possession of an intoxicant in a motor vehicle, and unlawful use of a registration plate.

According to reports, 2 Cass City officers assisted in the pursuit after state police Trooper James Horn reported he was chasing a suspect vehicle that was eastbound on M-81 near Colwood Road at about 9 p.m. Horn noted he had stopped the vehicle for improper lane use when the driver fled and accelerated to

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For village president

Cass City voters pick Les Karr in primary

Cass City voters turned out in big numbers to nominate a new village president and a trio of trustees in Monday's primary election.

In the end, Councilman Les Karr, 42, won the Republican nomination for president over fellow Councilman Matthew Prieskorn, 35. It was a close race, with the unofficial vote tally giving Karr a 43-vote advantage, 242 to 199.

Karr has served as a trustee since 1990, while Prieskorn has been on the council since 1988.

Other winners in the primary were incumbent Trustee Catherine Kropewnicki, who received 339 votes, and challengers Steve Wright and Joseph VanAuken, who garnered 304 votes and 288 votes, respectively. Vying unsuccessfully for one of 3 4-year

terms on the council was newcomer Jeffrey R. Bliss Sr., who received 196 votes. The vote totals will not be official until a county board



Les Karr

of canvassers reviews and confirms the numbers.

In any event, Village Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bemus said Monday's voter turnout — 445 residents or nearly 23 percent of the village's registered voters — was the largest in recent memory. "That's as big as (we've had) since I've been the clerk," added Bemus, who has served the office since 1980.

She recalled a voter turnout of 140 voters in the 1998 primary and a dismal 96 voters 2 years before that.

There were no Democrats on Monday's primary ballot.

Barring a successful write-in campaign in the Monday, March 13, general election, Karr would win a 2-year term.

The Cass City area native would succeed L.E. Althaver at the head of the council table. Althaver retires after a distinguished tenure in village government, having served on the council for 37

years — 31 years as president.

Karr's election would also leave a vacant seat on the council because he is in the middle of completing a 4-year term as trustee. If that happens, the council would appoint someone to finish his term.

Bemus noted that anyone planning to seek village office in the general election as a write-in candidate must file a "declaration of intent" at the municipal building by March 10. Votes cast for a write-in candidate who does not file a declaration will not be counted.

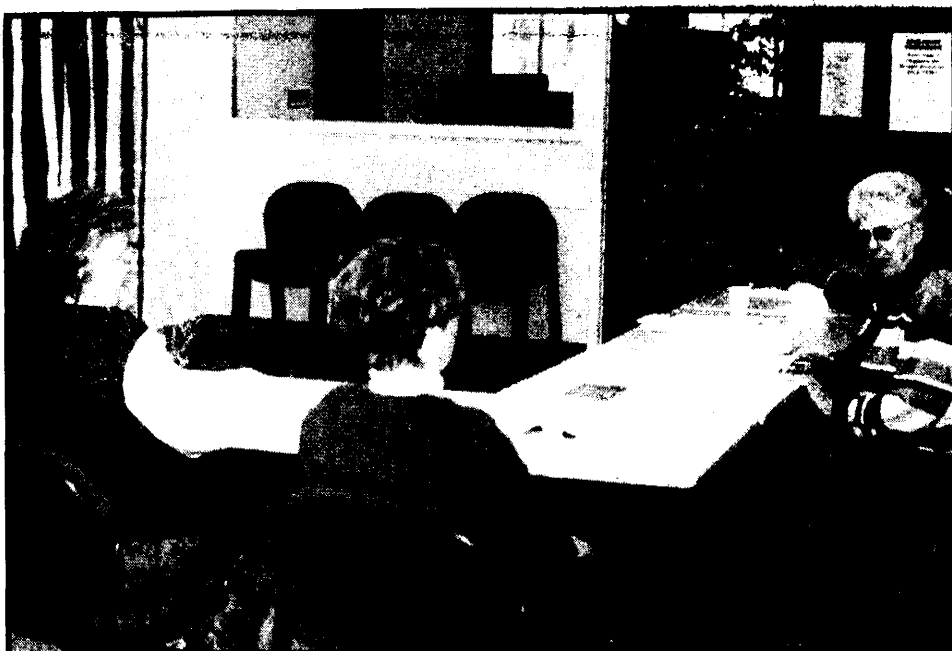
Threatening note found; local students evacuated

Cass City School officials evacuated the high school building after discovering what they described as a threatening note on a door Tuesday morning.

Few details were available at press time, however, school Supt. Ken Micklash reported a written threat was discovered by a teacher shortly before 8 a.m. Micklash declined to be specific, but he characterized the note as a bomb threat.

The superintendent said the building was immediately evacuated and students were transported to another location in town.

Micklash said Cass City police and Michigan State Police had been called and were expected to arrive at the school with a bomb-sniffing dog to conduct a sweep of the building.



CASS CITY VOTERS, including Buck Rabideau (above), cast their ballots for a new village president and 3 trustees in Monday's village primary election.



CHRISTMAS IN July volunteers have been fixing the homes of elderly and disabled Tuscola County residents, including the owner of this Caro residence, since the county chapter formed in 1993. Organizers are hoping that a Cass City service club or other group will get involved in the annual project.

Christmas in July

Group would like to see projects in Cass City

Christmas has arrived in July for more than 3 dozen elderly and disabled homeowners in Tuscola County since 1993, courtesy of the county's chapter of the national Christmas in April organization.

Organizers are hoping to spread more of the same kind of cheer — in the form of free residential repair projects — in the Cass City area.

It's simply a matter of a local service club or other group willing to get involved, according to Dan Bristol, who serves as president of the Christmas in July Board of Directors.

"We would work with them," Bristol said, adding the county chapter, so named because its projects are completed in July, would be glad to assist a local group in organizing volunteers. "And, obviously, we would provide logistical support and arrange for supplies."

Bristol noted the county chapter encouraged a Cass City service club to get involved a couple years ago, but nothing came of it.

"We planted the seed, but for whatever reason..." he said. "I don't know if it's perceived as a Caro project or what."

In fact, Tuscola County Christmas in July volunteers have worked on homes in a number of communities since the chapter formed in 1993. Aside from Caro, projects have targeted houses in Mayville, Vassar, Millington, Fairgrove and Kingston. "We've probably worked on 40 homes or so, and the vast majority of those have been paint, fix-up types of things," Bristol said.

Occasionally, he added, the chapter will take on a big-

ger project. For example, the group did a complete roof job on a residence last year.

The chapter arranges to bring in carpenters and plumbers when needed, however, most of the projects are handled by people who don't possess advanced building skills. "A lot of the volunteers are unskilled, like me, who can hold a paint brush and sling paint," Bristol quipped.

"Last year, I think we had probably 70 to 75 volunteers. We have church groups and Boy Scout groups — kind of a wide variety of folks."

"We have one work day a year and it's typically either the second or third Saturday in July," he explained, noting the local chapter opted to select a summer day rather than take its chances with Michigan's unpredictable spring weather.

"Basically, our mission is to go in and do painting, cleaning, brush removal and shrub trimming," he continued. "It's a program designed to aid elderly individuals who live in their own homes and disabled individuals who live in their own homes."

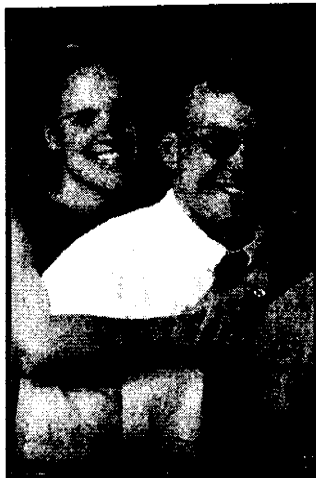
Overseeing the Tuscola County Christmas in July chapter is a 12-member board of directors, composed of community representatives who are responsible for fundraising activities and policy development.

The county organization typically tackles 2 to 3 homes each year, depending on the success of fundraising efforts. In 1999, the group took on projects at 7 homes thanks, in part, to a grant awarded by the Tuscola County Community Foundation. "Last year we raised,

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Engaged

Deford Honor Roll



Rebecca Bishop & Ryan Walker

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bishop of Mayville announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Ryan H. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker of Kingston.

Bishop and Walker are 1994 graduates of Kingston High School. Bishop is a 1999 graduate of Western Michigan University and is an elementary music teacher for the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools.

Walker is a 1999 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University and is a history teacher at Cass City Middle School.

A June 17 wedding is planned.

Spring bazaar April 1

The Uby Lioness Club will be sponsoring its annual Spring Bazaar Saturday, April 1, at the Uby Fox Hunters' Club from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The bazaar will include a luncheon, raffles and a wide variety of crafts. In addition, the Easter Bunny will be present for the children from 10 a.m. to noon.

If interested in renting table space, please call Karen (517) 658-2693.

The Deford Christian Academy honor roll has been announced.

K-1

Josie Moore, Jessica Parker, Dustin Pennington, Zachary Syacure, Allyson Torres, Tyler Wice, Nicole Willis, Dillon Hollosy, Ethan Mercer, Michael Parker, Caci Spear.

ELEMENTARY "A" Honor Roll

Jonathan Allen, Shane Bloomfield, Roy Ceci, Chance Collins, Joseph Cotton, Andrea Hollosy, Whitley Mercer, Jared Parker, Ashleigh Moore, Jordan Pennington, Tristin Pennington, Melody Tait, Chantell Toner, Justin Toner, Adam Torres, Trent Willis.

It's a girl!



Sarah Whittaker

Sarah Kong Joo Whittaker arrived Feb. 3, at Detroit Metro Airport from Seoul, South Korea, to join the family of Dave and Tammie Whittaker of Cass City.

She was born July 26, 1999, in Taegu, South Korea, and now has big brothers, Andrew, Tyler and Bradley.

Grandparents are Alvin and Carol McKee and Gerald and Ruth Whittaker, all of Cass City.

"B" Honor Roll

Ashley Shutz.

JUNIOR HIGH "A" Honor Roll

Aimee Doering, Jordan Cotton, Tyler Little.

"B" Honor Roll

Candy Collins, Amanda Little, Ashley Mathews, Zachary Monson, Amanda Torres.

SENIOR HIGH "A" Honor Roll

Bethany Baughman, Laura Rudich.

"B" Honor Roll

Lindsey Kilbourn, Alecia Little.

It's a girl!



Lauren Elizabeth Dickinson

Lauren Elizabeth Dickinson was born Dec. 10, 1999, to Dan and Janene Dickinson of Cass City.

She weighed 8 pounds, one ounce and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Jane Phillips of Caro and the late Charles Phillips. Paternal grandparents are Harlan and Marge Dickinson of Cass City.

She joins a brother, Curtis, and sister, Macy Leigh.



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5. Coffee shops (ice cream parlors) with tableside jukeboxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Olive - 6893)
12. Pea shooters
13. Howdy Doodie
14. 45 RPM records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice cube trays with levers
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulbs
20. Beanie and Cecil
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers

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1. Our Gal _____
2. _____ and Sade

Thumb dancers to meet

The Sandusky Thumb Dancers will hold its next open dance at the Sandusky Maple Valley School Saturday, Feb. 26, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music will be by Denny Ewald's Music Makers.

Everyone is welcome. Bring finger food and friends.

Lounsbury named to dean's list

Stacey L. (Ceranski) Lounsbury, formerly of Cass City, has been named to the dean's list in the College of Education at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, for the fall semester 1999.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have a minimum of 12 credit hours and have a grade point average of between 3.5 and 4.0 on a scale of 4.0.

Lounsbury, who is a senior and majoring in elementary education, achieved a perfect 4.0 average to receive this honor.

Basketball fundraiser scheduled

Tuscola County 4-H Horse leaders recently announced they will play a special fundraiser celebrity basketball game against the Detroit Lions.

The 4-H Horse Leader Basketball All-Stars will play the Detroit Lions in the Caro High School gymnasium Sunday, March 26, at 2:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the 4-H Horse Leaders projects in Tuscola County.

The game will be a great time for everyone and everyone is welcome. To order tickets and for information call the ticket hotline at 1-800-205-7174.

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This program is offered in conjunction with the Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon Smithsonian Exhibition that will be at Rawson Memorial Library March 6-April 15.

Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon is sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council, in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and the National Building Museum, with assistance from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and in association with the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

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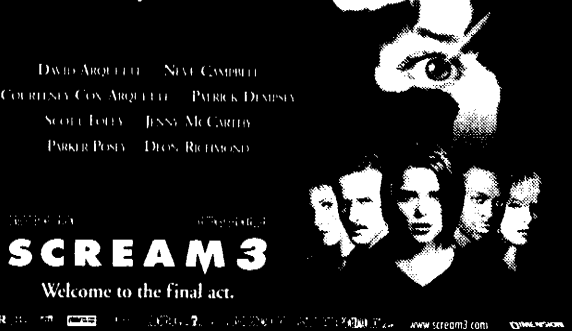
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Bennett's Beat

Voting a chance to take action

The Presidential Primary and local elections took place this week. This was the first time that many juniors and seniors were eligible to vote. Voting is a great opportunity that many students don't realize.

Most seniors who entered the 12th grade government class had no idea what the government was all about. Kids our age hear about government issues but really go no further to learn about them.

Once students take Mrs. Kathy Tuckey's 12th grade government class, they learn what it's about and why there is a good reason to vote. She keeps us informed on the recent news on the current candidates for president and their campaigns. She informs us about the different parties, Democratic, Republican, Reform, etc., and how we get oriented as to which party we might like. We learn about government issues and how they will affect us and what we can do to change issues we disagree on.

Many students, along with adults, always wonder why things are the way they are in government. They actually could have a say in what goes on if they got out and voted.

Voting is a privilege. Kids forget that when they turn 18, they are officially an adult and have the opportunity to vote. It is their chance to start taking government action.

Once you turn 18, all you have to do is contact your township clerk and fill out a short registration form. When you register to vote, not only do you vote in presidential elections, you can also vote for proposals for your community, township, school, and many other issues.

So parents of qualified students, encourage your kids to register to vote. It can make a difference in our community and nation.

Baker set to offer accelerated BBA

Officials at Baker College of Flint recently announced the school will offer an accelerated bachelor's degree in business administration (BBA) at the Cass City and West Branch extensions beginning March 20.

"We are happy to be able to offer this popular program, with some exciting new twists, which will help all students, especially those who are working full-time, earn their degree close to their jobs and their homes," said Julianne T. Princinsky, Ed.D., president, Baker College in Flint.

Princinsky said Baker College designed the accelerated BBA program with the needs and skills of the working professional in mind. The program combines core coursework delivered through a variety of options, including guided independent study, credit for work experience, on-line classes, and traditional classes held on campus. All are scheduled to allow the right amount of time for each course, as well

as faster program completion and less time traveling to and from campus.

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The program combines core coursework delivered through a variety of options...

the same group of students," said John Cote, dean of the accelerated BBA program. "This cohort concept enhances opportunities for students to interact more effectively with each other and with their instructors. Each core course contains focused study in the content area accompanied by independent research. From the moment students register, they will be able to adjust personal schedules to easily accommodate their studies for the entire program."

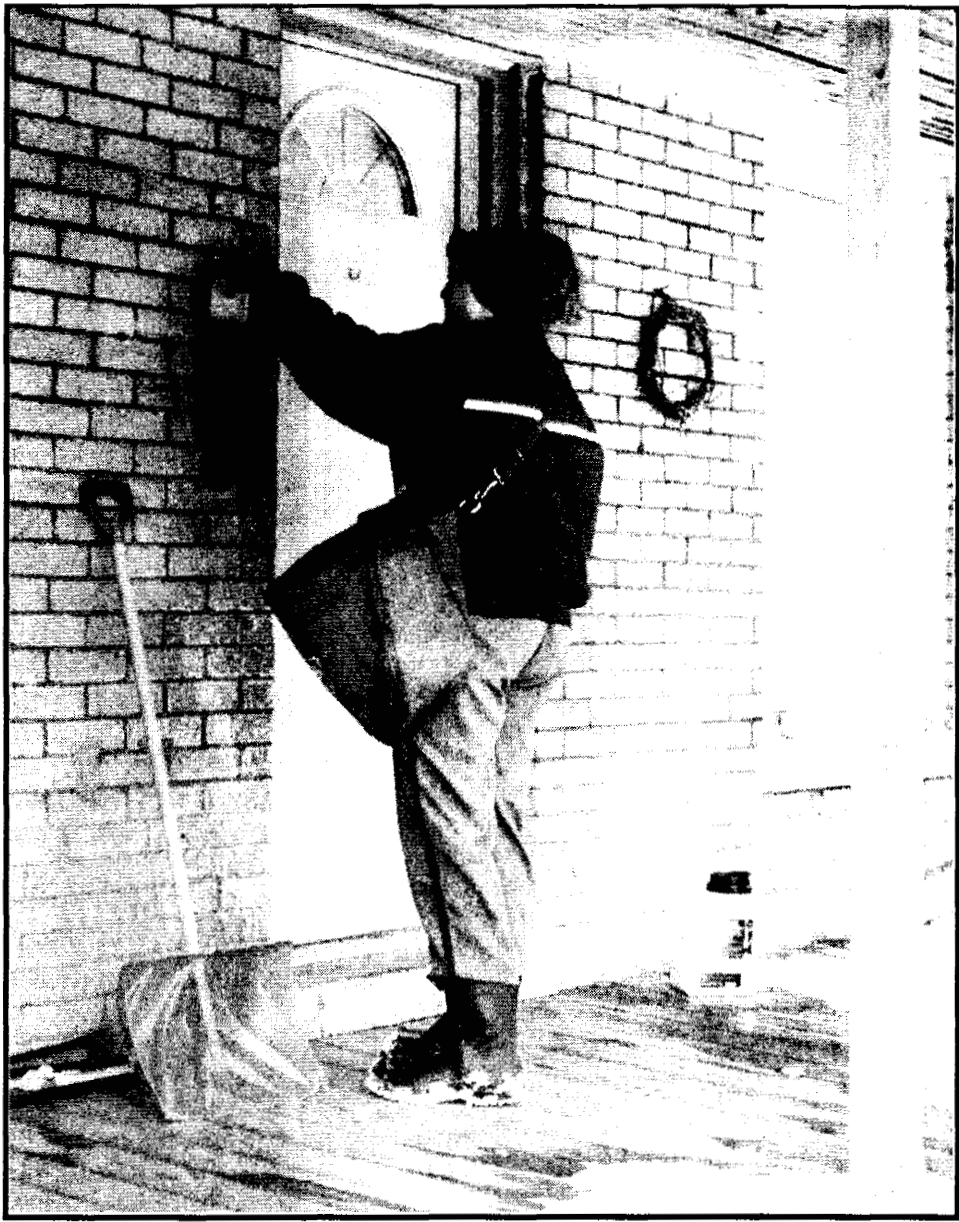
Other important aspects of the program include:

* During the first few weeks of the program, Baker Col-

These rewards, \$20 per credit hour, will be credited towards the next term's classes to each student accepted into the accelerated BBA program, who successfully passes the preceding term's courses with a 2.0 average or better in each class taken towards program requirements. This allows students to recover costs up to \$1,400.

The accelerated BBA program courses can be completed in 5 quarters. The first 2-quarter classes are on campus, 2 evenings per week and the last 3 quarters allow students a very compressed and flexible format. The format for these quarters includes only 4 Saturdays on campus, as well as on-line study and directed study from home.

For more information about the program in Cass City, call Mary Oesch at 517-872-1129.



NEITHER RAIN nor sleet...Friday's snowstorm was followed by milder temperatures on Saturday, making it a bit easier for U.S. mail carriers, including Amy Rohlfs, 30, of Caro, pictured above making the rounds on her city route in Cass City.

Cass City police officer hurt in chase

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Gebauer and another Cass City officer, William Hartzell.

The Cass City officers could see the suspect turning west onto Cass City Road as they approached from the

east. Gebauer reported that Horn attempted to position himself in front of the suspect, and that the 2 vehicles collided as the suspect accelerated in an effort to get around the trooper's patrol car.

Reports state Morrish then turned north onto Green Road and continued to speed. He traveled 4 miles then turned onto Bay City-Forestville Road, continuing westbound for another 4 miles before turning south onto Colwood Road.

Troopers, who said the suspect ignored stop signs at both intersections, reported Morrish then turned east onto Hoppe Road and drove 2 more miles before turning north and stopping at 6176

Jacob Rd.

Reports state Morrish stopped in the roadway, then got out of the vehicle and ran towards the residence. Horn chased and apprehended Morrish in the yard, according to reports, which state Gebauer assisted in spite of his injury.

Gebauer was transported by ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, where he was treated and released. Cass City police said Gebauer's patrol car sustained damage to the right front wheel.

Horn noted he was also assisted by Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies and Gagetown police.

Christmas in July

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with the community foundation money, about \$16,000," Bristol said.

The county chapter raises money in a variety of ways, including soliciting donations from service clubs. The group also organizes an annual fundraising Gospel concert in June. Bristol noted Cass City's Jan Moore and her community singers have participated in the event the past couple years.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Christmas in July program is encouraged to contact Bristol at (517) 672-3082.

District court proceedings

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

•Richard A. Sturgeon, 38, Lapeer, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, resisting, subsequent offense, possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with multiple licenses Jan. 2 in Cass City. Bond was set at \$10,000 and a preliminary

examination was scheduled for Friday at 9 a.m.

•Wilson L. Rowell, 45, Cass City, was arraigned on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with multiple licenses Jan. 2 in Cass City. Bond was set at \$10,000

and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Friday morning.

•Lisa M. Reed, 36, Cass City, was charged with larceny in a building and 2 counts of larceny (less than \$200) in July 1999, November 1999 and January 2000 in Cass City.

Bond was set at \$5,000 for Reed, whose preliminary exam was to have been held Friday.

•David W. Sexton, 17, Fairgrove, was arraigned on

charges of larceny in a building and possession of a controlled substance Oct. 24 in Ellington Township.

Bond was set at \$10,000. A preliminary exam was to have been held Friday.

•Justin T. Whitney, 18, Vassar, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at less than \$200 Sept. 17 in Vassar. Bond was set at \$5,000. A preliminary exam was to have been held Friday.

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70 bid on school expansion

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space that will be pushing 2,300, 2,400 square feet," he said.

In addition, plans call for construction of a large multipurpose room along with bathrooms at the west end of the Campbell building. The multipurpose room will have a number of uses, including recreational activities, while the current gymnasium/cafe-teria will continue to serve as a cafeteria.

"We'll lose a little parking space (with the expansion), but not a whole lot," Micklash said. "What we lose there we gain in facility, which is a benefit in the long run."

Construction is expected to get underway in early April, with completion expected in mid-August.

School officials first tried to secure funding for the expansion via bond requests about 6 years ago that tied the work into funding for construction of the new middle school. However, the effort was defeated at the polls twice.

Since then, school officials have stored up incremental increases in state funding that have been awarded annually to bring the district's per-pupil grant in line with the state's minimum or base level of funding. The result is enough money to complete major improvements to the Campbell building.

"This will put us pretty well where we wanted to be back in 1994," Micklash said. "Our plan was to get our facilities in as good a shape as we could, and I think we're going to accomplish that."

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Letter to the editor

Take a bow, jazz band members

Dear Tom and Staff:

Several days ago, Hills and Dales Hospital sponsored a special dinner and evening at our local VFW Hall. It was a fundraiser for special equipment. The evening was well attended, the food was delicious and we all enjoyed ourselves.

One special treat was hearing the Cass City High School Jazz Band perform. In fact, those at our table agreed that everyone in this area should have the opportunity to share and appreciate the talents of these young people.

Observing many neighboring schools, we realize that our own school system really is outstanding in so many areas. Just hearing the performance of the jazz band students was one more reminder of how fortunate the parents of students in this community are to have not only the faculty and facilities for students to branch out, but the opportunities and abilities for

them to be ...outstanding! Take a bow, jazz band performers. You've earned it!

Sincerely,

Dan and Jane Hittler

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.



THE CASS CITY United Methodist Fourth Annual Sweet-heart Dinner drew 171 people for dinner and great entertainment. In all, 16 table settings were judged, with the top 3 awards going to Megan and Mallory Powell (first place), Laura Hill (second) and Pam Powell (third).

Future ag trends focus of Feb. 24 library program

"Future Trends in Agriculture", the final program exploring the past and future of agriculture in the Thumb area, is slated for 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, at Rawson Memorial Library. Doug Laurie, Cass City na-

tive and co-owner of Laurie Acres, will moderate a discussion of new techniques and developments in agriculture. Joining him as guest panelists are Monsanto representative Roger Swartzendruber and Caro businessman Mike Laethem.

The impact of modern farming methods and future trends on the future of the traditional barn and farm buildings is the topic of this program. The series precedes the Smithsonian Exhibition, "Barn Again, Celebrating an American Icon", and is designed to point up the many advances in agriculture through the 20th century.

Laurie is a third generation dairy farmer. His family has farmed in the local area for more than 50 years. After graduating from Michigan State University in 1983,

Laurie returned home to the family farm. Many new technologies are utilized at Laurie Acres.

Laethem, businessman and manager of Laethem Equipment in Caro, grew up in Fairgrove and is well versed in modern farm equipment.

Swartzendruber, a native of Huron County, is an area market manager for Monsanto Dairy Business, St. Louis, Mo. He joined the company 6 years ago when the FDA approved its genetically engineered bovine somatotrophin product. Before working at Monsanto, Swartzendruber was an Extension dairy agent for Michigan State University Extension in Huron County for 5 years.

This program is offered in conjunction with the Barn Again! exhibit that will be at Rawson Memorial Library March 6-April 15.

Bean, potato industries

Grants to benefit Thumb

Gov. John Engler recently announced that 2 food and agricultural organizations will share \$12,500 in Michigan International Market Development Export Grants to benefit the Thumb and Bay areas.

The grants are funded by an export appropriation from the governor and the Michigan Legislature with a stipulation that funds be utilized to leverage federal or private export assistance money.

"Exporting is critical to the future of Michigan agriculture, and to restoring profitability to our family farms," said Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of

Agriculture (MDA). "At least one-third of Michigan's agricultural production is sold in the international marketplace, totaling \$923 million in 1999. These grants will provide the necessary support to further strengthen and develop our market opportunities abroad."

The Michigan International Market Development Export proposals were evaluated on several factors including the projected increase of export sales, level of industry funds or resources, number of producers or processors expected to benefit, and the ability of applicants to manage and implement the grant.

The grants awarded this month benefiting the Thumb and Bay area are:

* The Michigan Bean Commission will receive \$7,500 in matching funds to promote Michigan dry edible beans in Central America.

* The Michigan Potato Industry Commission will receive \$5,000 in matching funds to promote Michigan chipping potatoes to snack food processors in Central America.

The state export grants will leverage several U.S. Department of Agriculture export assistance programs.

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 the contest progresses.



Clue - The first barn on this site was destroyed by the cyclone of 1905, the second by fire when struck by lightning. This new barn was built on the original huge boulders used as a foundation and is located in Novesta Township.

Answer to Feb. 15 Mystery Barn.

George Wald Sr. came to America from Germany, by way of Canada, in 1856 and to Tuscola County, section 23 of Elmwood Township at the end of the Civil War. The original farm, comprising 185 acres, was devoted to general farming, specializing in the raising of grapes. The vineyard covered three and a half acres. The Wald family lived in a log house until a frame house was built in 1870. The house and outbuildings were considered to be the finest in the county. In addition to the vineyards, it had an excellent orchard, a large bee house and raised large quantities of wheat, barley and oats. This barn remains in the Wald family.

First callers to identify the Wald Barn were George Wald, Fred Matthews, Kyle and Nick Middaugh.

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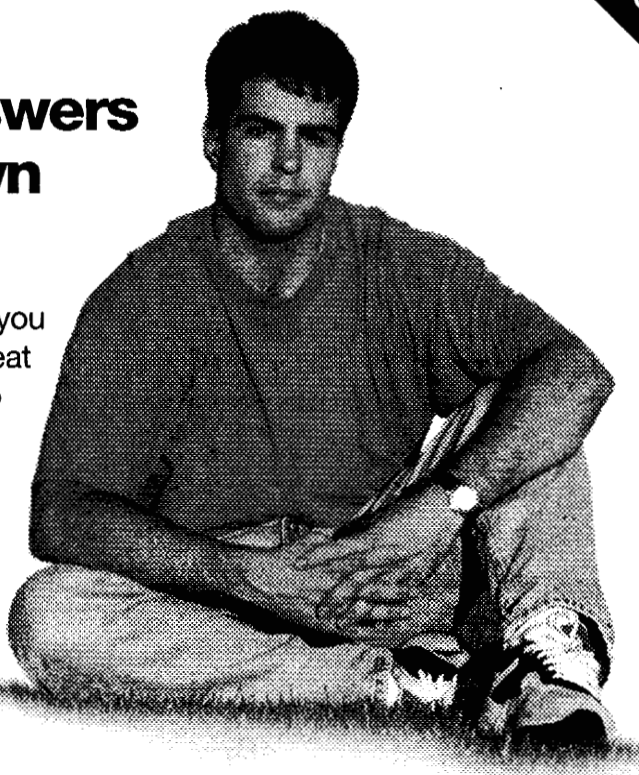
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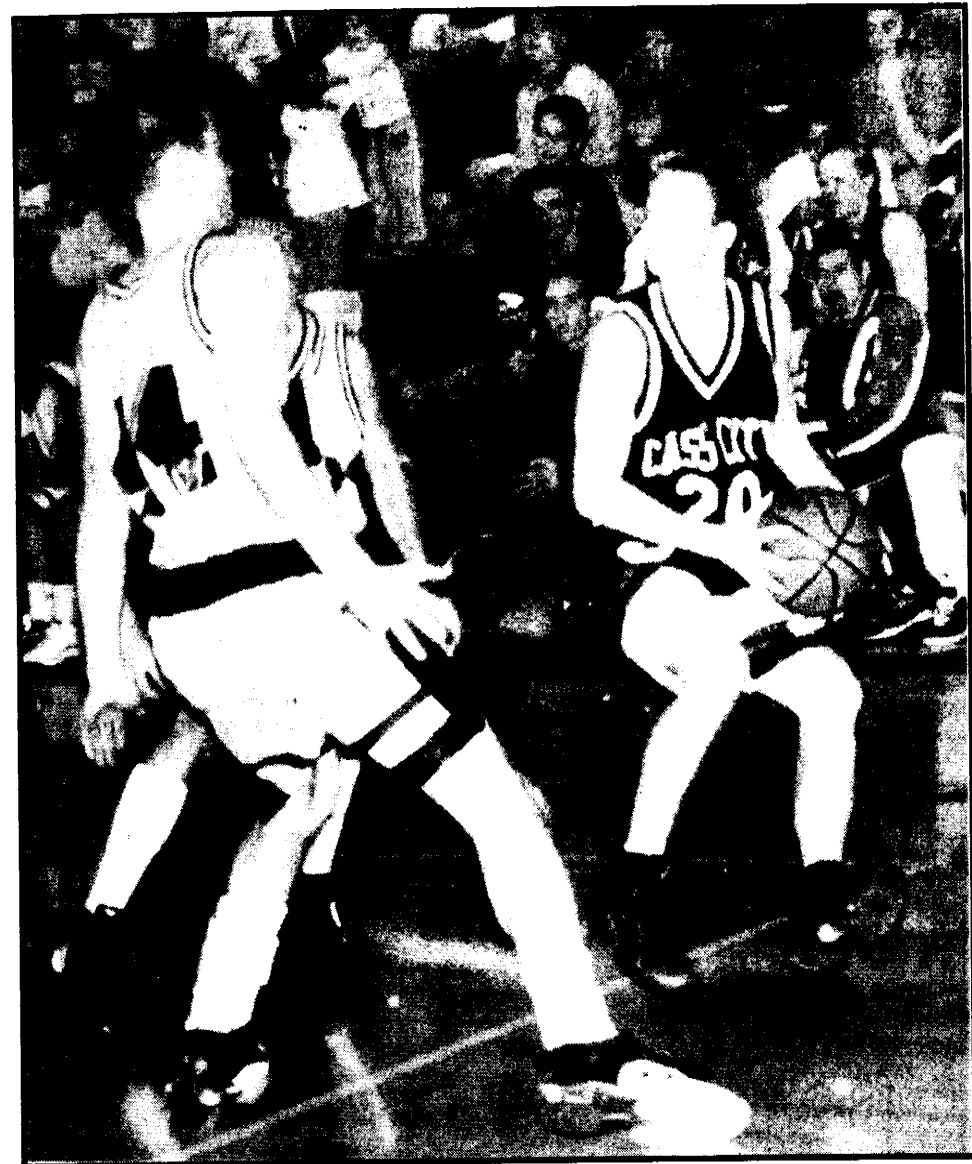
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Norma Wallace
Clerk



ZACH GLASPIE turned in a solid floor game for Cass City Friday as the hosts handed Greater Thumb West conference leader USA a 56-52 defeat. Glaspie passed for 4 assists and helped limit the Hawk turnovers to 18.

Kingston remains of top of NCTL standings with 60-49 win over visiting Owen-Gage

If practice makes perfect, the Owen-Gage cage team should play nearly flawlessly this Friday when they invade

Kinde for a North Central Thumb League meeting with the Warriors.

That's because practicing is all Coach Leon Westover's Bulldogs have done since their last outing back on Feb. 15 at Kingston with the NCTL leaders.

To topple the Warriors, who are just one game back of the Cardinals in the conference standings, the Bulldogs will need to avoid the horrendous start that plagued them in Kingston.

The Cardinals used a pair of 10-0 runs to open each half and posted a 60-49 victory.

Kingston's Dustin Wilmot led the hosts with a game high 18 points that included 4 treys. Wilmot's first 3 baskets were from behind the 3-point arc and helped the winners build a 30-18 margin by the intermission.

While Wilmot held the hot hand throughout the initial half, the Bulldogs were limited to a pair of field goals from reserve Earl McKee and 2 charity tosses by Nathan Kain in the period before the break.

Hawks climb back into GTW title chase with nail biting win Friday over USA

Cass City recorded its biggest home win of the cage season Friday, upsetting Greater Thumb West conference leader Unionville-Sebewaing.

Coach Jim Green's Red Hawks delivered the Patriots their 2nd straight loss with a nail biting 56-52 decision. With the victory, Cass City improves to 6-3 in GTW play, while the Patriots stand alone on top of the league standings at 7-2, 14-2 overall.

"Our defensive intensity was the difference," said Green. "We created many turnovers and we gave up few good looks at the basket."

With just 2 weeks remaining in the regular season, the GTW title hunt has blossomed into a 4-school chase. Joining Cass City with 3 losses in conference play are Reese and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port. The Rockets were to have entertained the Hawks Tuesday night, preceding the team's final home contest Friday against the winless Bay City All Saints.

Against the Patriots, the hosts rebounded from a 24-21 half-time deficit with a 7-3 spurt to open the final half. Red Hawk junior Joel

Brinkman capped the run with one of his patented drives through traffic, giving the hosts a 28-27 margin. Brinkman's effort handed the hosts their first lead since early in the 2nd stanza when his 15' jump shot put Cass City in front 14-13.

Coach Mark Gainforth's Patriots battled back with consecutive 15' jumpers from Steve Gruhn that regained the visitors' advantage at 31-28. The edge didn't last long, however, as Cass City netted treys on their next 3 offensive sets.

Brinkman knotted the game at 31-31 with a triple off a Cass City inbound play with 3:45 remaining in the frame. Hawk center Craig Emmert then added a hoop off a steal, before Nate Brinkman and Joel Brinkman hit from behind the 3-point arc for a 39-33 edge. The Hawks wouldn't trail again.

Leading 41-37 entering the final period, the hosts gained their biggest lead of the night as baskets by Nate Brinkman and Zach Galaspie, coupled with free throws from Emmert and Bryce VanVliet, spotted the hosts to a 47-37 bulge.

But the Patriots reeled off 8 straight points to close to within a hoop at 47-45.

The 2 schools then traded baskets from Isaiah Gainforth and VanVliet, before Emmert gave the hosts a 53-49 edge on a hard lay-in with 1:11 remaining.

The Patriots closed to within 53-51 on a tip by Jonathan Gaeth, but it re-

sulted in the guests' final field goal of the evening.

VanVliet helped preserve the win by converting 3-4 foul shots in the closing seconds.

The Hawks out-rebounded their guests 38-29 on the

night and received 12 rebounds from Emmert, who recorded game scoring honors with 18 points. Emmert also created problems in the lane for the Patriots as he was credited with 6 blocked shots.

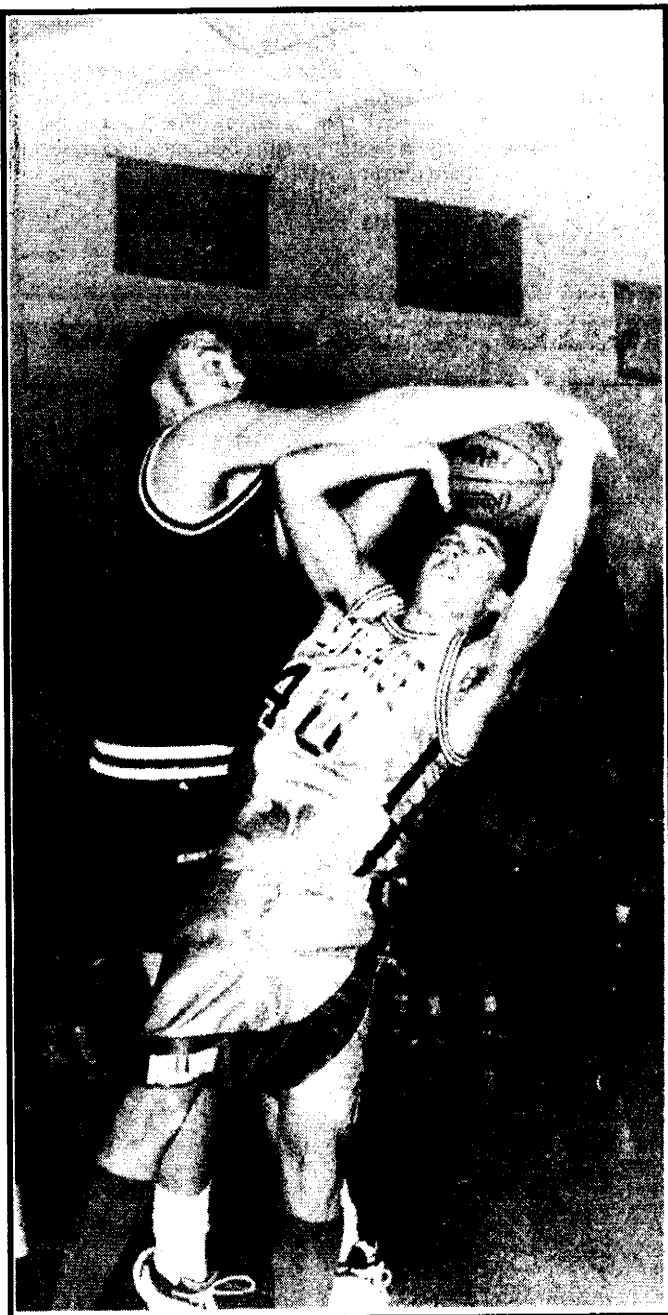
Joel Brinkman finished

with 10 tallies and 4 assists, while Jeff Storm chipped in 9 markers and 9 rebounds.

The Patriots received 17 points from Kevin Vermeersch and 11 points from Gaeth as the game's only other double-digit scorers.



CASS CITY SENIORS Jalal Khoury and Melissa Homakis were crowned Snowcoming king and queen Friday night, highlighting the half-time ceremonies of the Hawks' GTW cage tilt with visiting USA.



BULLDOG NICK WARACK challenges Kingston's Eric Marquardt in the paint during the Cardinals' 60-49 NCTL win.

Cage Standings and Results

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
USA	7	2	14	2
EPBP	6	3	13	4
Cass City	6	3	10	7
Reese	5	3	11	4
Bad Axe	4	4	9	7
Mayville	1	7	5	11
BCAS	0	7	0	15

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Cale	8	1	13	2
Cros-Lex	7	3	12	4
Harbor Beach	7	3	9	7
Brown City	6	3	8	7
Deckerville	4	6	6	10
Marlette	3	7	5	11
Sandusky	3	7	5	11
Uby	0	10	0	16

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	10	1	13	2
North Huron	10	2	12	5
Owen-Gage	8	4	11	6
CPS	6	5	7	9
A-Fairgrove	5	7	9	7
Port Hope	4	8	5	11
Caseville	2	10	6	11
Peck	2	10	2	15

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
EPBP 73, Bad Axe 52
Cass City 56, USA 52
Deckerville 46, Uby 35
Harbor Beach 70, Sandusky 50
Cros-Lex 69, Marlette 68
North Huron 63, Port Hope 58
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February 22

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Birch Run at Caro
Cass City at Reese
Garber at Frankenmuth
AuGres-Sims at Kingston
Harbor Beach at Marlette
Bad Axe at USA
Deckerville at Sandusky
Brown City at Cros-Lex
Port Hope at North Huron

February 25

A-F at Caseville
Caro at North Branch
BCAS at Cass City
Frankenmuth at Vassar
Kingston at Port Hope
Marlette at Deckerville
Mayville at Bad Axe
North Huron at Owen-Gage
Reese at Lakers
Harbor Beach at Brown City

Last week's results
Season's results

John Haire

Hale
Caro
Reese
Frankenmuth
Kingston
Harbor Beach
USA
Sandusky
Cros-Lex
North Huron

A-F
Caro
Cass City
Vassar
Kingston
Deckerville
Bad Axe
North Huron
Lakers
Harbor Beach

12-4
111-42 (73%)

Clarke Haire

A-F
Caro
Reese
Frankenmuth
Kingston
Harbor Beach
USA
Deckerville
Cros-Lex
North Huron

A-F
Caro
Cass City
Vassar
Kingston
Deckerville
Bad Axe
Owen-Gage
Lakers
Brown City

11-5
113-40 (74%)

Tom Montgomery

A-F
Caro
Cass City
Frankenmuth
Kingston
Harbor Beach
USA
Deckerville
Cros-Lex
North Huron

A-F
Caro
Cass City
Vassar
Kingston
Deckerville
Bad Axe
North Huron
Lakers
Harbor Beach

11-5
116-37 (76%)

Emily Bennett

A-F
Caro
Cass City
Garber
Kingston
Harbor Beach
USA
Sandusky
Cros-Lex
North Huron

A-F
Caro
Cass City
Frankenmuth
Kingston
Deckerville
Bad Axe
North Huron
Lakers
Harbor Beach

12-4
104-49 (68%)

Doug Hyatt

A-F
Caro
Cass City
Frankenmuth
Kingston
Harbor Beach
USA
Sandusky
Cros-Lex
North Huron

A-F
Caro
Cass City
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7-9
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RED HAWK sophomore Sara Homakie makes a dig against visiting Mayville Thursday in Greater Thumb West conference volleyball action. Cass City suffered a 5-game defeat by the scores of 15-7, 15-12, 11-15, 5-15 and 15-6.

Hawk spikers fall in 5 games to Mayville

The Cass City volleyball team suffered a heart wrenching 5-game defeat Thursday during the Hawks' final Greater Thumb West conference tilt with visiting Mayville. The hosts started slow and suffered losses of 15-7 and 15-12, before rebounding with wins of 15-11 and 15-5. In the deciding 5th game, the Wildcats escaped with a 15-6 win.

"The match could have gone either way," said Coach Beth Howard. "The girls moved and talked well. We had several good long volleys."

Earlier in the week, on Monday, Cass City traveled to Bad Axe and was soundly defeated, 15-3, 15-7 and 15-4.

"Bad Axe showed why they are the best team in the league," said Howard.

The Hawks are now off until this Saturday when they travel to Bad Axe to compete in the GTW conference tournament. Cass City will take a 1-5 conference mark into the event.

Against the Wildcats, the hosts received a dozen service points each from Becky

Hartel and Sherry Luana, while Kayla Wolschlagier and Deidre Deering each added 8 points.

Cass City showed a big improvement in receiving against Mayville, according to Howard, as the young Hawks committed only 13 errors on 107 attempts.

However, the Hawks were hampered by dig errors that tallied 41.

Sara Homakie led the hosts with an impressive 26 kills. The sophomore sensation also added 4 blocks.

"We set the ball up and at-

tacked more than ever," said Howard.

Monica Dorland paced Cass City with 81 sets and 32 assists.

Defensively, Wolschlagier came up with a team high 27 digs, while Hartel chipped in 25 digs.

At Bad Axe, 46 ball handling errors led to the hosts' easy win.

Cass City had Deering with a team best 4 tallies, while Hartel and Homakie each added 3 service points.

At the net, Homakie recorded 7 kills.

Crop values aired

The preliminary farm value of Michigan field crops, fruits and vegetables produced in 1999 was approximately \$2.4 billion, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

This was an 8-percent increase from the 1998 crop production value. Some Michigan highlights from the report were the following:

- * Corn for grain value rose 8 percent to \$469 million in 1999; the average price fell 3 percent.
- * Soybean value dropped

one percent from 1998, and the average price slipped 6 percent.

- * Hay value was set at \$301 million, down 2 percent from a year earlier.
- * Dry bean value moved up 42 percent.

- * Wheat value rose 24 percent, while the price was down 8 percent.
- Nationally:

- * U.S. corn for grain value declined 5 percent to \$18 billion in 1999.
- * Soybean production value in the U.S. fell 18 percent to \$12.5 billion.

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Cass City wrestling team's season ends in district final defeat to Caro Tigers

Cass City's record setting wrestling team's season ended Wednesday night in the finals of the Division III district.

Despite the loss, Coach Don Markel couldn't have been any prouder of the performance his grapplers provided while bowing 40-28 to the state's #1 rated Division III Caro Tigers.

"I was extremely pleased with the way that we wrestled," said Markel. "Caro was in a dog fight right down to the last matches."

Cass City posted its record setting 26th win of the season in the district semis with a lopsided 65-12 decision over visiting North Branch.

Caro advanced into the finals with a 70-11 victory over Bad Axe.

The hosts jumped out to a 53-0 lead by winning their first 10 matches against the Broncos and coasted to victory.

The hosts received 4 consecutive first period pins by Roy Davis, Scott Moore, Anand Raythatha and Adam Dorland and then added decisions from Jeremy Klinkman, Aaron Dorland and Dave Sutter and the rout was on.

Also posting wins for Cass City during the semifinal contest were Travis Schneeberger and Don Spencer, who were awarded forfeits, along with Chris Hyatt, who pinned Mike Ream in 26 seconds to close out the tilt.

Homeowner seminar planned

The Human Development Commission (HDC), along with representatives from USDA Rural Development, will be offering the public a free homeownership seminar Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the HDC Senior Dining Center, 46 Westland Dr., Bad Axe.

Housing counselors will be on hand to discuss a variety of topics, including how to go about buying a home and what to expect during the process. Counselors will also touch on topics such as loan options, (including RD 502 Loans), types of loans, inspections, appraisals, and down-payment assistance.

First-time home buyers and low to moderate income families are highly encouraged to attend this free seminar, which will provide useful information and an introduction to programs providing financial assistance and support.

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In the finals, the Hawks fell victims to the Tigers for the

2nd time this season. Caro was the only school to defeat

the Hawks during a dual meet this year.

The district final was a see-saw affair.

Schneeberger gave the hosts a 6-0 lead when he pinned Caro's Joe Fulton at the 3:05 mark of the opening match.

Caro was able to cut that margin in half in the 112-lb. matchup as Bill Green earned a 10-7 win over Spencer.

Cass City then extended its lead to 12-9 when Davis pinned Tyler Vandermark at the 3:28 mark of the 119-lb. weight class.

The Tigers battled back and gained a 19-12 advantage with wins from Adam Curtis, Steve Burcham and Philip Niklowicz during the next 3 matches.

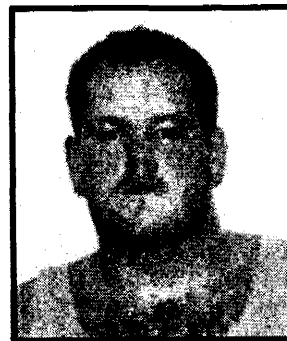
But the hosts never quit and behind wins from Klinkman, Aaron Dorland and Dave Sutter, knotted the score at 25-all with 2 matches remaining.

Caro heavyweights Steve Putman and Phil Millerov gave Caro the district crown with pins in the final 2 matches.

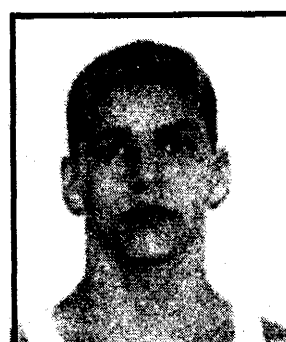
Hawk grapplers sending 6 to Saturday's individual regional



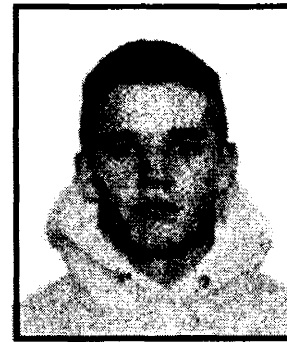
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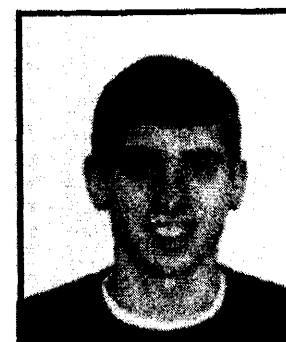
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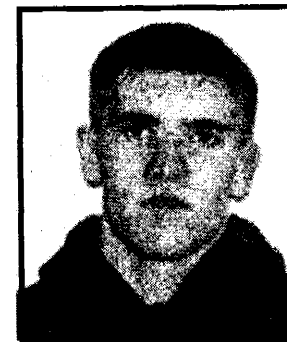
Roy Davis



Aaron Dorland



Scott Moore



Adam Dorland

Six Red Hawk wrestlers extended their season Saturday with their efforts at the individual districts held in Goodrich.

Qualifying for individual regional competition this Saturday in Alma were 5 Cass City seniors and one sophomore.

"It was a tough district," said Coach Don Markel. "I was hoping for a few more qualifiers, but you have to show up ready (to compete) every day."

The top 4 place holders in each weight division advanced from the Division III district.

Cass City senior Roy Davis recorded the team's top finish at Goodrich in the 119-lb. weight class, where he finished as the runner-up. Classmates Scott Moore and Adam Dorland will join Davis over the weekend, as they collected a pair of 3rd place finishes in the 125 and 135 lb. weight divisions, respectively.

Chris Dubay and Travis Schneeberger placed 4th for the Greater Thumb Conference champions.

Cass City's lone underclassman regional qualifier, sophomore Aaron Dorland, placed 3rd.

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Cass City native Michael Langenburg is the shop owner.

Langenburg and service technician Jeremy Rocheleau have over 15 years of experience between them. Both hold national ASE certifications.

Rocheleau comes after working 10 years in the Howard Bell service department, while Langenburg spent 6 years with Schafer & Bierlein's service department in Frankenmuth, in addition to a 4-year stint as a diesel tech in the military. Langenburg also holds a 1992 associates degree from Delta College.



M~N~M Auto Repair's Jeremy Rocheleau (left) and Michael Langenburg are both ASE certified.



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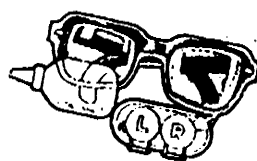
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Cass City Bowling

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Par-T-Ranch 8
Chemical Bank Pinheads 7
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We'll Get Back To You 6
Sparkle City Rollers 6
CB's 6
Leftovers 4
Damn Near Last 4

Men's High Series & Games: R. Wright 578 (213), G. Silance 212, B. Brown 582.

Women's High Series & Games: S. Smith 457 (178), D. Childers 176.
High Team Series & Game: Par-T-Ranch 1841 (645).

CHARMONT LADIES As of Feb. 15

Dee's M.P. Rockets 10
Live Wires 9
Cass City Tire 8

J.B.'s Crew 7
Cable-ettes 6
Dott Manufacturing 6
Wild John's 6
Apria Healthcare 5
Team #7 2

High Team Series & Game: Wild John's 2968 (1026).
High Series: B. Watson 522, L. Hansen 488, L. King 466, J. Stevens 441, T. Avery 447.

High Games: B. Watson 209, L. Hansen 188, D. Jamieson 183, L. King 172.

MERCHANETTES As of Feb. 17

Osentoski Trucking 8
Caro Chiropractic 8
Hills & Dales Gen. Hosp. 5
J.B.'s Crew 4
Health Mart Pills 4
All Season Rent-All 3
Adamczyk Masonry 3
Detroit Edison 2
LaFave Steel 2
Thumb Auto Wash 1

High Individual Games: C. Smith 209, J. Krol 201, D. Potrykus 195-188, H. Hammett 188.
High Individual Series: D. Potrykus 548, J. Krol 527, C. Smith 524.
High Team Series & Games: Osentoski Trucking 2034 (692).

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Elkland Township Hall

Norma Wallace, Clerk

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BOYS' BASKETBALL Home games in bold

Dec. 7	Caro	5:00
10	Harbor Beach	5:00
14	Ubley	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	

Red Hawks at home

BASKETBALL
Bay City All Saints
Friday, February 25

VOLLEYBALL
Vassar
Wednesday, March 1

GYMNASTICS
Vassar
Thursday, February 24

VOLLEYBALL Home matches in bold

Dec. 18	Caro Invitational Caro	8:30 a.m.
20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubley (Varsity)	6:00
20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubley (JV) Akron	6:00
22	Laker Invitational (Freshmen only) Lakers	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 5	Caro Away	6:00
6	Birch Run (Varsity/JV only)	6:00
7	Bad Axe Invitational (JV/Freshmen) Bad Axe	3:30
8	Bad Axe Invitational (Varsity) Bad Axe	9:00 a.m.
10	Sandusky	6:00
13	Lakers @ CCMS	6:00
15	Laker Invitational (JV only) Laker	9:00 a.m.
17	Brown City Away	6:30
20	Bad Axe Away	6:30
22	Cass City Invitational	10:00 a.m.
27	USA Away	6:00
Feb. 3	Reese	6:00
5	USA Invitational USA	8:30 a.m.
7	Brown City	6:00
10	BCAS Away	6:00
11	Tuscola Co. Invitational (JV only) Vassar	4:15
12	Laker Invitational Lakers	9:00 a.m.
17	Mayville	6:00
19	League Invitational (JV)	TBA
26	League Invitational Bad Axe	TBA
Mar. 1	Vassar	6:00
6	Districts TBA	TBA

GYMNASTICS Home meets in bold

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

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

The proposed \$8.35 million school bond issue was defeated by a 212-vote margin, 1,105 to 893, in Saturday's special election. Some 50 percent of the 4,000 eligible voters cast ballots.

Cass City band students Natalie Ponder and Ed Hartwick were recently accepted for membership in the Northern Aurora Drum and Bugle Corps. The 17-year-old Cass City residents will spend much of their summer performing in front of crowds throughout the Midwest.

Cass City fifth grade students received a free book last week in memory of the late Arthur P. Holmberg, a longtime Cass City educator who devoted years of service to the community.

Nine members of the senior youth group and 2 adults from Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church are planning to attend the "River of Light" youth gathering next summer in San Antonio, Texas. Activities are scheduled at Good Shepherd for the next 2 weekends to raise funds to help defray the cost of the trip.

Thieves broke into Harold Jacques' vehicle last week in Cass City and stole a money pouch containing \$1,000 that was under the driver's seat. The thieves broke out a window to get into the vehicle. They also took a radar detector valued at \$100 and jumper cables valued at \$20.

10 YEARS AGO

Highlight of the annual Cass City Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday was the recognition of outstanding citizens. Immediate past citizen of the year B.A. Calka presented the plaque to this year's recipient, Ken Jensen.

The junior citizen of the year is Jeff Bader.

Three of the 4 Cass City wrestlers that competed in the regional tournament Saturday at New Lothrop qualified for the state tournament to be held Friday and Saturday. The 3 qualifiers are Bob Leffler, 125 pounds, Randy Johnson, 152 pounds, and Garold Peasley, 189 pounds. All are seniors.

Administrators and non-union employees at Cass City Schools were granted salary increases for the 1990-91 school year of 6 percent for administrators and 5 percent for almost all others. The increases will give Superintendent Ken Micklash, the top paid person in the school, an increase of \$3,119 to \$55,094 yearly.

Law enforcement officials from 5 area agencies arrested a half dozen Tuscola County residents on 16 drug-related charges last week. Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson gave much of the credit for the investigation to Cass City Police Officer Craig Haynes. Three of 8 Cass City youths who competed in the Knights of Columbus' District Gold Medal free-throw competition Feb. 3 in Millington were named winners in their respective age groups. They are David Murphy, 10, Mandy Deering, 11, and Amie White, 13. The trio will now go on to compete in regional competition slated for Saturday at St. Josaphat School, Carrollton.

25 YEARS AGO

Fire, believed to have started in the kitchen, did an estimated \$35,000 damage to Sherman's Restaurant, located at the east village limits of Cass City, Wednesday morning.

William J.A. Wood, 41, a former Cass City police chief, died Friday at Mercy Memorial Division of Bay Medical Center, following a brief illness.

The Cass City Red Hawks nipped Marlette, 67-65, when senior Charlie Walsh came off the bench and put the ball up and in the final 2 seconds. Walsh pumped in 18 points in three-quarters of play. Ken Lowe was high scorer with 21 points.

More than 100 persons left from Bishop Airport, Flint, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 11, on a 2-week trip to Hawaii. Among those on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goodall from Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Brinkman of Southfield, formerly of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Donahue and Mr. and Mrs. John Homakie of rural Unionville.

Police Chief Gene Wilson reported during an open forum on the problem of alcohol addiction in the community and local schools, that 44 percent of all arrests made by the Cass City Police Department were directly related to alcohol.

35 YEARS AGO

Gov. George Romney has appointed Clinton House of Cass City, Tuscola County Circuit Court Commissioner. It was one of 3 commissioner appointments made by the governor. House will replace C. Bates Wills, who resigned to take his present position as Tuscola County Judge of Probate.

Someone tried to set fire to the Cass River bridge south of town Friday evening. Pranksters poured gasoline on the pavement at the south end of the bridge and ignited it. Firemen put out the fire.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

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Wednesday - not available.
Friday - not available.

before any damage could be done.

The village is very interested in the location one mile east and one-half mile south of Cass City for a new village sanitary land fill village-township dump. There are 40 acres in the site, owned in 2 different parcels. The village is delaying action on acquiring the land until tests can be made showing where the water table is.

Supporters of Warren Wood and Leland Rabideau are girding for an all-out sticker campaign at the general village election March 8. Wood and Rabideau were defeated in the primary by Mrs. Gladys Albee and Glen "Scotty" McCullough.

Church to host seminar

A local church will be hosting Provident Medical Institute's "Foundations for Biblical Health Care" seminar Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 and 26. The times are 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, and 9 to 6 p.m. Saturday.

The seminar will be held at Deford Community Church, 1365 N. Kingston Rd., Deford. To register or for more information, call toll-free 877-PROVISED.

This comprehensive multimedia seminar was designed to give a Biblical perspective on how to make wise medical decisions.

There will also be a Women's Health Workshop Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m.

Leading the seminar will be Dr. Michael D. Jacobson, a Cincinnati-based physician, ordained minister, and medical consultant.

Green, Gougeon recognized during legislative meet

As part of the 2000 Michigan Farm Bureau Lansing Legislative Seminar, Feb. 15, 5 legislators were recognized for their extreme commitment to agriculture and strong representation of the industry.

Michigan Farm Bureau - the state's largest farm organization - presented the Silver Plow award to state Reps. Mike Pumphord (R-Newaygo), Rick Johnson (R-LeRoy) and Mike Green (R-Mayville), as well as state Sen. George McManus (R-Traverse City) and Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City).

According to Tim Goodrich, manager of State Governmental Affairs at Michigan Farm Bureau, this year's awards represent issues Farm Bureau members lobbied for at the 1999 Lansing Legislative Seminar.

"The award is given out each year to legislators that have made a significant impact on bills, either in passing or opposing legislation," Goodrich said. "The award is recommended by the State Governmental Affairs Department and approved by the Michigan Farm Bureau board. All 5 recipients are very deserving for their support of agriculture."

Representing Huron and Tuscola counties, Rep. Green chairs the House Ag Committee and worked to move Senate Bill 205 through the House. S.B. 205 strengthened Michigan's Right-to-Farm Act by establishing the Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices as the guidelines for Michigan agriculture.

"Green has provided strong leadership on major issues including Drain Code reform and amendments to the Right-to-Farm Act," said Jack Laurie, president of

Michigan Farm Bureau. "The passing of this significant agricultural legislation by the House is due largely to the leadership of Rep. Green."

Sen. Gougeon was recognized as the original sponsor of S.B. 205. Gougeon represents the 34th District, which consists of Arenac, Bay, Huron, Ogemaw and Tuscola counties. A Bay County Farm Bureau member, Gougeon recognized the problems township ordinances were causing for farming operations and took action by introducing S.B. 205.

"Sen. Gougeon handled the strong opposition against the bill, presented testimony during the hearings on the bill, and worked closely with Farm Bureau throughout consideration for the bill," Laurie said.

Calendar

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

Wednesday, February 23

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Winners Feb. 9, Ed Fox and Bert Althaver, Feb. 15, John Ridge and Cathy Hellow.

Thursday, February 24

Program on "Future Trends in Agriculture" 7:00 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

The Human Development Commission and representatives from USDA Rural Development will offer a free homeownership seminar at the HDC Senior Dining Center, 46 Westland Dr., Bad Axe, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For information call 517-673-4121, or 1-800-843-6394.

Friday, February 25

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

Saturday, February 26

The Human Development Commission's 10th annual Walk For Warmth. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the HDC office, 429 Montague Avenue, Caro. For information call 517-673-4121.

Monday, February 28

Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.

Cass City School Board meeting, 8:30 p.m., middle school.
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Richmond student of month

Theresa Richmond has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for February.

She is currently serving as



Theresa Richmond

the senior class president, treasurer of the National Honor Society, secretary of "Students for Sportsmanship", a teacher's aide, and a Reading Buddy.

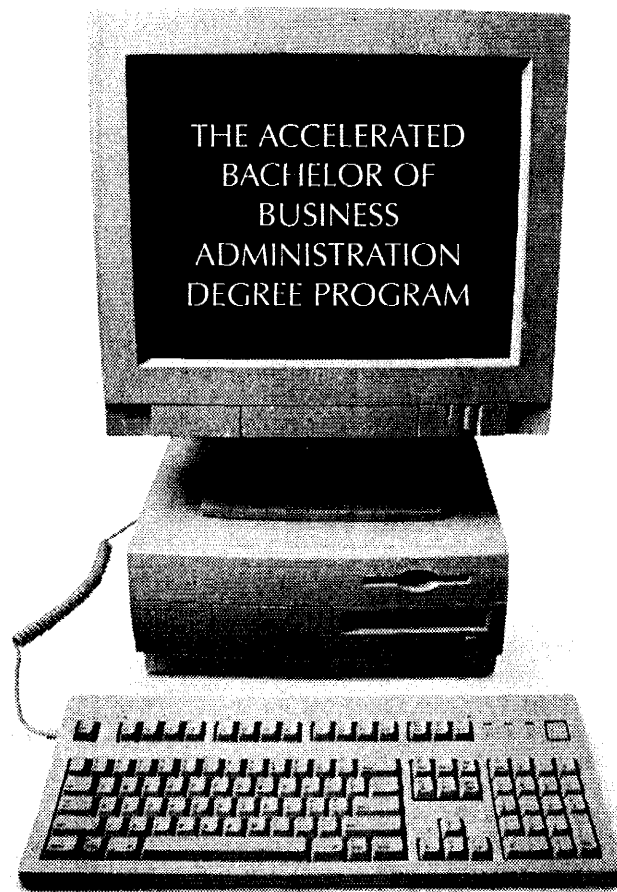
Richmond has been involved in many clubs and activities during high school, including Business Professionals of America, Drama Club, 3.0 Honors Club, newspaper yearbook staff, French Club, volleyball and softball. She served as the

Student Council secretary her junior year, was a homecoming court representative as a junior, and a homecoming and snowball queen candidate as a senior. She also has been on the honor roll throughout high school.

Richmond is the daughter of Karen McPhail of Gagetown. Her future plans are to attend Michigan State University to obtain a degree in veterinary medicine.



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Obituaries

Alfred Carpentier Sr.

Alfred Lee Carpentier Sr., 53, of Decker, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at his home.

He was born Oct. 8, 1946, in Emmett, Idaho, to Oneita B. (Hills) Carpentier. He married Norma J. Coverdill April 3, 1996, in Mountain Home, Idaho.

Carpentier served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Taylor during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Cass City Gun Club, and Parents United in Boise, Idaho.

Surviving are his wife, Norma; children, Jennifer Carpentier, Jamie (Craig) Park and Belinda (Jay) Alderman, all of Mountain Home, Idaho; Terry Carpentier of Boise, Idaho; Dawn (Eric) Jolly of Nampa, Idaho; Alfred Carpentier II and Tammy Biggs of Decker, Jorgene Carpentier of Nampa, Idaho; Bonnie Adam and Jeff Michalski of Cass City; Becky Dietrich of Cass City and Jennifer Adams of Decker; 16 grandchildren and the 17th expected in August; his mother, Oneita (Oliver "Babe") Carpentier, and grandfather, Harris Cramer, both of Mountain Home, Idaho; 2 brothers, Garry (Corina) Carpentier and Dennis "Denny" Carpentier, both of Mountain Home, Idaho; a sister, Carlene (Russ) Young of Mountain Home, Idaho, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie Carpentier, and grandmother, Bessie Cramer.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 21, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Tom Harris of Deckerville United Methodist Church officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Anna Langmaid

Anna M. Langmaid, 66, of Caro, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2000, at Caro Community Hospital.

She was born April 13, 1933, in Birchville Township to Ace and Eva (Morgan) Wixon. She married Donald R. Langmaid Sept. 11, 1950, in Indiana.

Langmaid attended Delta Community College and Saginaw Valley State University, receiving her bachelor's degree in social work. At one time employed at a steel wool factory and cannery in Caro, she later worked at the Fisher Convalescent Home in Mayville. She last worked as an outreach worker for the Human Development Commission.

Langmaid is survived by her husband, Donald; 5 children, James (Caryl) Langmaid of Caro, Donna Schmitzer of Harbor Beach, Loann (Michael B.) Rowe of

Mayville, Debra Gutierrez of Mancelona and Larry (Linda) Langmaid of Bad Axe; 10 grandchildren; 5 brothers; 2 sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. at the Kranz Funeral Home in Kingston, with the Rev. Arthur Burger of the Caro Assembly of God officiating.

Interment will be in the Kingston Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Henry Monson Jr.

Henry Monson Jr., 75, of Decker, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2000, at Aleda E. Lutz V.A. Medical Center, Saginaw.

He was born March 6, 1924, in Carter County, Tenn., to Henry and Elizabeth (Hart) Monson Sr. He married Alice M. Dunigan in 1978 in Cass City. She died April 4, 1999.

Monson served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a welder for Chrysler and later worked for other factories.

Surviving are 2 sisters, Joyce (Marvin) Baker of Goldsboro, N.C., and Lillian Martin of Lynchburg, Va.; a brother, Clifford (Pearl) Ault of Knoxville, Tenn.; a stepson, Bobbie Parker, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Violet Lovelace.

Funeral services were scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Bobbie Parker officiating.

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

Interment was to be in Evergreen Township Cemetery, Decker.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Orrie Reimann

Orrie W. Reimann, 93, of Kingston, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

He was born Feb. 7, 1907, in Manistique, to William and Florence (Gay) Reimann. He married Dorothy Zeundel July 7, 1928, in Bad Axe. She died Jan. 6, 1987. He married Reevea Peter May 14, 1988, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot.

The Reimanns owned and operated Kingston Butter Company and Kingston Dairy Bar for over 30 years. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church. Reimann served on the Kingston School Board for 18 years and was a member of the Kingston Lions Club. He was also a lapidary and made stone clocks.

He is survived by his wife, Reevea; a daughter, Shirley (Donald) Sullivan of West

Branch; a daughter-in-law, Ann Reimann of Kingston; 8 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Alfred (Vi) Reimann and Deward (Freida) Reimann, both of Kinde, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert; a great-great-granddaughter, Chelsea Gonzales; brothers, Lloyd and Wildred Reimann, and sisters, Leona and Florence.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 21, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot, with the Rev. Rick Bokinskie and Sr. Ruth Adamites of St. Michael Catholic Church and the Rev. Margaret Passenger of Kingston United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmot. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Frank Torma

Frank Louis Torma, 80, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

He was born Sept. 22, 1919, in Detroit to Andrew and Vilma (Szeles) Torma. He married Philomena R. Cooke June 23, 1948, in St. Benedict Catholic Church, Highland Park.

He was a Captain in the Army Air Corps. He served as a pilot in WWII, flying C47 and C46 airplanes carrying paratroopers. He worked for Chrysler then General Dynamics Tank Plant for over 25 years as a plant manager. He was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church and St. Bede Catholic Church in Southfield.

He is survived by his wife, Philomena; children, Jean Farrand of Romeo, Phyllis (Doug) Davenport of Troy, Brian (Lisa) Torma of Wixom, Kevin (Denise) Torma of Warren, Maureen Torma of Circleville, Ohio, John (Jane) Torma of Platteville, Wis., and David Torma of Waterford; 11 grandchildren; sisters, Pearl Torma and Caroline (Arthur) Machan, all of Kalamazoo, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Anna Etter, Helen Torma, Elizabeth Shirak, and Margaret Goodine; brother, John Torma and an infant brother.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 19, in St. Pancratius Catholic Church with Fr. Paul Bala officiating. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Alton Young

Alton J. Young, 89, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000, in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City.

He was born May 15, 1910, in Grant Township to Joseph and Myrtle (Andrews) Young. He married Elva Heron Nov. 27, 1935, in Lapeer. She died Aug. 18, 1970.

Young attended Sharred Country School and graduated from Owendale High School. He attended Michigan Agriculture College. He played drums for several Thumb area dance bands. He did TV and Radio Repair and later worked as a mechanic for Nicol Motor Sales in Marlette for several years.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Harriet and Larry Peters of Cass City; sister-in-law, Madelyn Rawlings of Ortonville, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Leota Ashmore and Norma Parrish.

Private graveside service will be held in the spring in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Tendercare Activities.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Parents have the final say when it comes to driving privileges

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller is reminding parents that while Michigan's Graduated Driver License program gives them a larger role in the training of teen drivers, they have always had the final say in whether their teen should be allowed to drive.

The state's chief motor vehicle administrator noted that since graduated driver licensing went into effect, more than 1,000 teens have had their driving privileges canceled or their licensing level changed at the request of parents or legal guardians.

"Many people count on government to provide regulatory oversight and ensure public safety and that includes the driver licensing process," Miller explained. "However, when it comes to new, young drivers the most important oversight comes from parents."

"We want to remind parents they can and should use their

discretion in determining whether their teen is qualified and mature enough to drive."

Miller issued the statement on the heels of a legislative proposal outlined in Lansing that would affect the driving privileges of teens who are chronically truant from school.

Since April 1, 1997, a total of 1,039 teens have had their driving privileges changed at the request of their parents or legal guardians.

Some 883 teens have had their graduated driver licenses canceled. Those young people are not eligible for any driving privilege until the parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult wishes to reinstate the license or they turn 18.

Another 130 teens have not been allowed to advance to a Level 3 license. Parents or legal guardians have requested that their privileges be held at Level one or Level 2.

Finally, 26 teens have had their Level 2 privileges dropped to Level one.

Miller explained that when a teen applies for an original driver license, the application must be approved by a parent or legal guardian. She noted parents hold the final decision on whether their young driver should be behind the wheel.

"Anytime before the teen's 18th birthday, parents can withdraw approval for their teen's driver license," Miller said. "Teens with a graduated driver license can also be moved back in the licensing process or delayed from moving forward at the parent's request."

To reduce a teen's licensing

level, the parent or guardian must appear in person at a Secretary of State branch office and complete a new application for the young driver. To cancel a teen's license, the parent or guardian must also appear in person and request the cancellation. The cancellation will be processed that day.

If the parent does not surrender the license to the Department of State, they must certify where the license is at that time. In either instance, the teen need not be present and the request can be processed without the photo license being presented.

A Level one license allows a teen to drive only when accompanied by a licensed

parent or legal guardian, or with a designated licensed driver age 21 or older.

A Level 2 license allows a teen to drive without supervision from 5 a.m. to midnight. The teen can only drive from midnight to 5 a.m. when going to or from work or when accompanied by a licensed parent, legal guardian, or designated driver older than age 21.

Finally, a Level 3 license allows the teen to drive without supervision. Level 3 can only be granted when the teen is at least age 17 and has met all of the graduated driver license requirements.

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Grants available

Farmers interested in conducting on-farm research this summer have until April 1 to apply for special grants through the Michigan Agricultural Stewardship Association (MASA).

Growers typically receive

\$500 to conduct on-farm demonstrations or research projects, says John Durling, MASA on-farm research coordinator at Michigan State University.

Past MASA-funded projects ranged from on-farm crop and environmental research to niche market testing.

Durling says MASA will provide limited technical support in designing, interpreting and reporting research projects. He can be contacted for advice on developing the proposal format and for help in structuring the project so it provides meaningful scientific results.

Proposals should be mailed to MASA, 605 Birch St., Kalkaska, MI 49646, or faxed to 616-258-3318. Call the MASA office at 231-258-3305 for assistance.

More information about the grants can be obtained from Durling by writing to him at 264 Plant and Soil Sciences Building, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824, contacting him by e-mail at <durling@msu.edu> or calling 517-353-3209.

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Bob Andersen of Livonia and Mrs. Earl Schenk spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schenk and family in Tucson, Ariz. Saturday cookout guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Andersen of Brighton, Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker of Elkton, Mrs. Earl Schenk and Bob Andersen. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Andersen and Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker are spending some time in Tucson.

Bob and Jarine Mazure of Bad Axe and Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the St. Valentine's breakfast at Ruth St. Peter and St. Paul Catholic Church hall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Auggie Renn, Ed Schember and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning for breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, Jamie Doerr and Courtney met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr for supper Friday evening to help Mrs. Curtis Cleland celebrate her birthday.

Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had dinner at Rachel's Menu in Bad Axe Wednesday.

A six-pound, 4-ounce son, Dashediel Dettman, was

born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Craig Dettman of Almonte, Fla. Grandmother is Julie Wozniak of Florida. Great-grandmothers are Ann Wozniak of Detroit and Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Rita Depcinski and Alice Depcinski had lunch at Rachel's Menu in Bad Axe Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Leppeck and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz spent Feb. 4 with Ty Myzk at Elkton to celebrate Ty's 88th birthday.

Mary Kay and Dan Ritter, Alex and Beth of Elkton and Kay and Jim Sweeney spent the weekend with Pat and Sally Bell, Lauren and Katelynn at Carp Lake. They attended the baptism of Katelynn at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at the 6 o'clock Mass Saturday. They also celebrated Beth Ritter's 10th birthday Sunday morning with breakfast.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Hazel Mattice, Ron Wolschlag, Allen Farrelly, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western had breakfast at McDonald's Monday morning and Wednesday morning.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly were Monday afternoon guests of Cheryl Allen. Rita Depcinski spent Saturday afternoon with Alice Depcinski.

Tuscola County 4-Hers receive awards at banquet

Tuscola County 4-Hers were recently honored during the annual 4-H Leader Member Recognition Banquet, held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Caro.

Dean Campbell, 4-H Council president, welcomed leaders, members and special guests. Flag pledges were led by 4-H Queen Misty Brown and 4-H King Markel Lokinski.

Four-H member awards were presented to various age groups, including 3 members of the 4-H Clover Buds (youth between 5 and 7 years of age): Troy Hecht, Vassar; Shayne Brown, Vassar; and Jordan Varney, Caro.

Four-H Junior Member Awards (presented to 4-H members between the ages of 9 and 11 who have completed at least 2 years of work in a project) went to: Amanda Bellor of Mayville (4-H dog project), Kyle Hecht of Vassar (archery), Karmen Jackson of Caro (fine arts and beef), Hanna Kratz of Caro (photography) and Stephanie Zwerck of Vassar (sewing).

County Project Awards were presented to 4-H members who are at least 12 years of age, have completed at least 2 years of project work and who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments. This year's recipients are:

Kyle Bader of Reese (archery), Scott Janson of Reese (archery), Kyle Hecht of Reese (archery), Michael Hickey of Fairgrove (archery), Markel Lokinski of Fairgrove (horse and archery), Tara Wright of Cass City (beef and sheep), Ryan Thompson of Columbiaville (crafts).

Bethany Buckmaster of Mayville (crafts), Matthew Keinath of Vassar (crafts, agronomy and beef), Colleen Jackson of Caro (crafts and home design), Brian Keinath of Vassar (creative writing), foods, dairy and photography), Steven Walther of Cass City (dairy), Ashley Koch of Frankenmuth (fine arts), Kasee Mangel of Cass City (junior leadership), James

Campbell of Vassar (music) and Melinda Buckmaster of Mayville (teen leadership).

Outstanding 4-H member awards were presented to Misty Brown, a member of the Millington Country Kids 4-H Club, and Becky Thompson, a member of the Kreative Kids 4-H Club. The award recognizes 4-Hers, ages 12 and older, who have participated in activities beyond the scope of their 4-H project, provided exceptional assistance to their 4-H Club and leader, assisted with community service, and who have been active in other community organizations.

Also honored were several 4-H leaders, including Russ Healy and Sue Wright, both of whom have worked with the Cass City Livestock Club for 5 years.

Other leaders recognized were: Susan Baughman, Chris and Lynette Bollon, Gerald Deeg, Gale and Lisa Jackson, Jamie Langmaid, Pam Masker, Richard Osborn, Keri Raby, Donna Rocheleau, Charlene Wheaton and Patty Witkovsky, all for 5 years of service; Jeannie Bissonette, Amy Deeg, Cheryl Payea (10 years); Sue Popp (15 years); Sharon Allen (20 years); and Grant Gettel (25 years).

In addition, the 1999 Friend of Youth Award was presented to the Fowler Center for Outdoor Learning, which has played a key role in bringing the 4-H Horseback Riding for Handicappers Program to Tuscola County. Also receiving a Friend of Youth Award were Clyde, Judy and Bernie Pletcher for their family's long history of support and service to the Tuscola County 4-H Program.

It's time to order SCD trees

It's time to place your tree order with the Tuscola Soil Conservation District Office, 1075 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Seedlings that are available are white pine, red pine, Austrian pine, Scotch pine, Douglas fir, white spruce, Norway spruce, Colorado blue spruce, Carolina poplar, red oak, sugar maple, Norway maple, black walnut, and red osier dogwood and honeysuckle shrubs.

The district is offering Norway spruce and Colorado blue spruce, 4-year-old super husky transplants, for windbreaks. White cedar transplants, 9-15 inches, will also be available.

The pine and spruce seedlings and shrubs come in bundles of 50 and the red oak, sugar maple, Norway maple, black walnut, Carolina poplar and transplants come in bundles of 10. The trees and shrubs may be used for reforestation, windbreaks, restocking woodlots, erosion control, Christmas trees and wildlife cover.

Plant an outside row of Carolina poplar 10 feet apart for a fast growing windbreak. Then plant several rows of pines or spruce for a farmstead windbreak. Information is available on which species will grow best on your soils.

Place your order at the Tuscola SCD office or phone (517) 673-8174 (ext. 3).

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 Michael H. RILEY a single man and Dawn E. SMITH a single woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage America Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 16, 1996, and recorded on August 8, 1996 in Liber 695, on Page 817, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to STERLING BANK & TRUST, FSB, by an assignment dated August 19, 1999, which was recorded on October 27, 1999, in Liber 785, on Page 1393, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY AND 87/100 dollars (\$25,820.87), including interest at 15.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 7, 2000.

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

Lot 15 and 16, Block 27 of the Plat of the Village of Vassar, (now city), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143, and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93, except any part of lots that may have been deeded for railroad purposes.

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

Dated: February 23, 2000

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Sherry Dooley and Patrick Dooley, husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagees to Mortgage America (IMC), Inc. 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., then mortgage 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 situated 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 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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By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHRISTIAN E. LOUIS SR., a single man a/a CHRISTIAN LOUIS, to First Finance, Mortgagee, dated April 21, 1998, and recorded on April 29, 1998, in Liber 736, on page 864, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to STERLING BANK & TRUST, FSB, by an assignment dated April 27, 1998, and recorded on December 2, 1998, in Liber 757, on page 389, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE AND 56/100 Dollars (\$52,985.56), including interest at 11.150 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on March 17, 2000.

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 21, 2000

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Millmine and Carol Millmine husband and wife and Eugene L. Rauch and Eileen C. Rauch husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Consolidated Mortgage and Financial Services Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 30, 1998, and recorded on November 29, 1999 in Liber 788, on Page 1236, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and 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 (\$63,490.32), 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 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 2, 2000

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky E. Escelson and Tracie Escelson husband and wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 1996, and recorded on August 16, 1996 in Liber 695, on Page 1374, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgage to the First Bank, N.A. f/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 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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990708153
Panthers

2-9-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eileen M. Sage and Robert H. Sage wife and husband (original mortgagors) to World Wide Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 5, 1998, and recorded on October 16, 1998 in Liber 753, on Page 396, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and 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 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 16, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1300
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File # 200010593
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2-16-5

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

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

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

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

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with 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

2-2-5

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 Street
Flint, MI 48503
Ph. 810.238.6969

ORDER ALLOWING SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: ROY HARTMAN and DONNA HARTMAN

IT IS ORDERED:

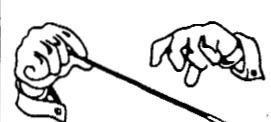
1. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this Court to quiet title to certain real property situated in Tuscola County.
2. You must file your answer with this court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication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

Date: 1/31/2000

S/PATRICK R. JOSLYN
Circuit Court Judge

2-9-3

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School Board Meeting

Monday, Feb. 28

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at Cass City Middle School

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5-2-23-1

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5-7-1-1f

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5-2-23-2

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Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

Evening Service

6:30 p.m.

Pastor: David Edwards

5-8-11-52

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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872-2604/872-5201

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service

6:00 p.m.

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5-12-22-52

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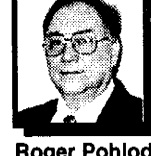
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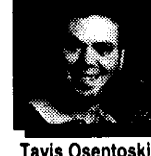
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2-day competition

Lounsbury: varmint hunt unique, wonderful event

Invite Tom Lounsbury hunting and it's just about a sure bet he'll accept. Offer him an especially challenging hunt and it's a no brainer - his deep-rooted love for the outdoors simply wouldn't let him say no.

Which is why Lounsbury, a Cass City resident and veteran outdoors writer, accepted an invitation to participate in the first-ever Michigan Varmint Hunt Team Competition held over the weekend near Rogers City.

Lounsbury left with anticipation. He returned empty-handed and sore. And smiling.

"It was wonderful, excellent. I had a great time," Lounsbury commented.

The inaugural event drew a lot of interest from hunters, including a couple of women and several youths, who tested their calling and shooting skills against the wily senses of wild coyotes, also known as "brush wolves", along with fox and bobcats. "There were over 100 team responses, although only 56 (teams) showed up, which is phenomenal for a first-time event," Lounsbury noted.

He explained the 2-day hunt was sponsored by

NettieBay Lodge in Hawks, Mich., and took place in the Pigeon River Forest. Hunters were allowed to use both mouth and electronic varmint calls, but tracking dogs were not allowed.

"They timed it (competition) for the coyote breeding season and the full moon," Lounsbury said.

"It started at 7 p.m. Friday and ended at 3 p.m. Sunday. In other words, you could hunt 24 hours a day," he said, adding he and his partner, Morris Domke, a professional trapping, hunting and fishing guide from Onaway, opted to hunt only during daylight hours.

The pair covered miles of snowy terrain on snowmobiles, following Domke's trap line route and stopping occasionally to call. The goal in calling, Lounsbury explained, is to make the sound of a prey animal in trouble. "The most common call is a dying rabbit (or) a stressed rabbit," he added, noting he also uses hen turkey calls and a fawn-in-distress call.

A sure sign of successful calling, according to Lounsbury, is the arrival of crows and hawks, which ben-

efit when a coyote or bobcat make a kill and tear away pieces of meat with their sharp teeth, giving the birds easy access to the carcass.

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But successful calling doesn't guarantee a successful hunt.

Lounsbury said he and his partner called in a bobcat late Saturday morning, but stopped calling too soon and never got a shot at the cat. "I saw movement a couple of times (during the hunt), but I couldn't identify, and I'm not going to shoot if I can't identify" the target.

In fact, the 56 teams that participated brought in only one fox and 7 coyotes - the largest male weighing in at 34 pounds and the largest female, 30 pounds. A 3-man team that did not participate in the competition brought in a 32.5-pound bobcat.

"A lot of it's luck. They

(varmints) are going to circle and come in on the downwind side," he said. "I like the calling aspect because you're luring in an animal

with a keen sense of smell and sight."

Lounsbury pointed out that hunters can legally use a rifle to hunt varmints both in northern and southern Michigan. "I've shot fox in this area using a .308, and it's legal. What I normally use, though, is a shotgun with lead copper plated BB loads."

What many hunters might not know is that while varmint hunters are not required to wear blaze orange at night, the blaze orange law applies during daylight hours.

Lounsbury acknowledges criticism of hunting from some groups, but defended varmint hunting, saying it plays an important role in managing varmint numbers. "Varmint applies to animals that are predatory not only on game animals, but on livestock as well," he said. "When you kill more coyotes, they have the ability to have more pups to fit the habitat. The more coyotes you kill, the more pups they have. They're a phenomenal animal."

"But hunting does help keep the adult numbers down. I'd hate to see what it was like if we weren't popping them."

Lounsbury said varmint pelts are valuable, and some folks even enjoy making a meal of them. "The bobcat is actually excellent to eat," he added. "They have recipes for coyote and fox, but personally I don't look at them as table fare."

Lounsbury said this was his first experience with a varmint hunting competition, but that he really enjoyed the challenge as well as the camaraderie with the other hunters. He plans to participate in future NettieBay Lodge events, although next time he'll trade the snowmobile in for a pair of snowshoes.

Lounsbury confided he respects snowmobile enthusiasts, but he hates riding the snow machines with a passion. The stress on past leg injuries along with a tumble over the weekend only intensified that hate.

Besides, he said, while varmints are used to the sound of snowmobiles, they know the sound of a machine being turned off in their territory is good reason to be especially wary.

As for his lack of success in this year's hunt, Lounsbury indicated he was very successful in terms of enjoying a weekend outdoors with other hunting enthusiasts.

"I did not go into it to win at all. I was in it to have a good time," he said. "And it was wonderful. I can't wait until next year."

Caro man pleads to charges

A Caro man recently entered pleas to drug charges in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Michael E. Roberts, 19, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of delivery of a controlled substance (marijuana) last November in Wells Township.

The plea was taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued the defendant's bond. Sentencing was scheduled for May 20 at 8:30 a.m.



HDC ASSAULT CRISIS Center Manager and Volunteer Coordinator Charlotte Williamson; Randy Armstrong, Unit Manager of Philip Morris USA; Joan Maguire, HDC Domestic Violence Services Specialist, and Joan VanDevender, Case Manager.

To help victims of violence

HDC receives award

The Human Development Commission (HDC) has received a \$5,000 award from Doors of Hope, a national initiative of Philip Morris Companies, Inc. The award was presented in partnership with the National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund, which helps victims of domestic violence across the country. HDC will use the grant to help sustain victims of domestic violence in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

Doors of Hope supports food and meal provisions as well as emergency shelter and counseling, outreach, and training efforts for domestic violence organizations. It is a \$2 million initiative that is part of an overall \$4 million commitment by Philip Morris to fight do-

mestic violence in the United States.

Mary Ann Vandemark, HDC executive director, believes it is important for companies such as Philip Morris to support domestic violence programs.

"Their resources will help us do more good work in the Thumb," she says. "Their ability to mount a national effort such as this one is also very important. It helps us gain more visibility and find more partners in dealing with this terribly challenging issue. We really appreciate their support."

Tim Sompolski, a Philip Morris senior vice-president for Human Resources and Administration, adds, "Philip Morris is deeply committed to help end the devastating impact of domestic violence."

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Doors of Hope was developed in 1998 to address the complex issues facing victims of domestic violence. It is one of many public-service initiatives of Philip Morris Companies Inc., which includes Kraft Foods and Miller Brewing Company among its corporate name-

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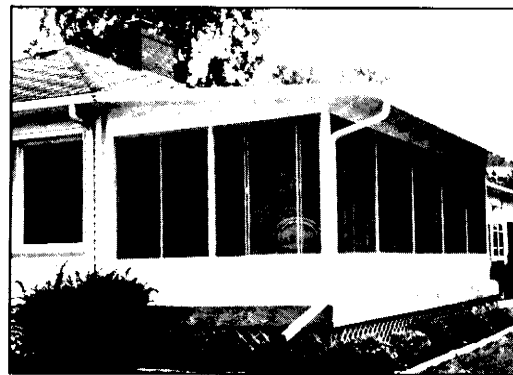
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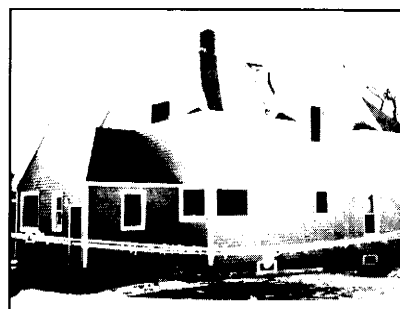
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