



FIRE FIGHTERS AND medical personnel work to free one of 4 Cass City residents who were hurt - one of them seriously - when the vehicle they were riding in struck a small clump of trees just north of Shabbona Road, a half-mile west of Dodge Road, Saturday morning. (See story, related photo, page 16)

bate

Parent protest

Complaints spark debate over attendance policy

An estimated 50 concerned attendance regulations to the residents of the district Cass City School Board. crowded into the library of the Cass City Middle School monthly session, the con-Monday night to protest new cerns were outlined in a

Board approves 2.9% pay raises

Meeting in its regular

The Cass City School Board approved raises averaging 2.9

lengthy hour and a half decharge of one day or less; 32 have one to 3 days against Concerns aired included the their records, and 37 have 3 lowering of grades because or more days.

of unexcused absences or The new rule allows 9 absences per semester and 2 excessive tardies. Also under fire was that parents are retardies per course per semesquired to give reasons when

a parent requests an excused Trustee Randy Severance absence for a child. Supt. wondered why no one had Ken Micklash pointed out objected to the system until that state regulations require a month ago when it has been in effect all school year. reasons be posted when a Trustee Danny Haag said

the allotment of \$4 per meal for teams traveling in sanctioned school events be increased. You can't buy a meal for that, he said. His request was referred to the athletic director for consideration. Donna Emerson and Terry Karavas presented information about the March 2 reading program called Read Across America. The

National Education Associa-

tion, is to have every child

read with an adult that day.

•A 3-person debate squad

was granted permission to

attend the Novice National

Debate Tournament in At-

lanta, Ga., April 6 to 9. Air

school's plans for the day were outlined and the aim of the program, endorsed by the

has nearly 5 years on the board. He was first appointed to fill a vacancy on the board one year. He was later elected to fill the remaining 2 years of another board member's term before voters elected him to a full,

Hunter calls it quits

explanation. "For many rea-4-year term. sons, I have decided that I The board accepted his rescan no longer function effecignation, effective at the contively" as a board member. clusion of Monday's session,

> "with regret." Board Vice-President Ron Good will now serve as president, and someone will be appointed to fill Hunter's seat until the next school election in June. In an unusual move, however, the board agreed to seek interested individuals by advertising rather than simply appointing someone to serve in Hunter's absence.

CONTRACTS

In other business Monday, the board reviewed evaluations and approved one-year contracts for the district's administrators.

The evaluations - a first for the Owen-Gage administrative staff - were conducted by the teaching staff as well as board members. Elementary staff members evaluated elementary Principal Bill Britt, the junior-senior high staff evaluated junior-senior Principal Tom Wade, and teachers from both buildings evaluated Supt. Manuel Thies

The board declined to release any specific informa-

but they apparently were satisfactory as raises were granted to all 3 men in the 2000-2001 school year.

dent, and he has continued to reside in his own home. Trustee Jeff Faist objected to the board salary

"For many reasons, I have decided that I can no longer function effectively"

The board approved a raise committee's recommendaof 2.76 percent along with a longevity pay hike of \$300 for a combined increase of 3.29 percent or \$1,599 over 1999-00 for Britt. His salary in the coming year will total \$50,264.

Wade, meanwhile, was granted a 5 percent wage hike, increasing his salary to \$51,554. He will receive another \$1,371 in pay for his responsibilities with the student council.

The board approved a combined increase of 4.95 percent or \$3,470 for Thies, who will earn \$73,610 in 2000-01. The hike includes the same raise awarded to the teaching staff (2.76 percent) plus an amount equal to half of the rent the school re-

ceives for a district-owned home (\$1,590). In addition, he will be paid \$2,000 for his duties as chief contract negotiator. The home owned by the

district has traditionally been offered as a perk to the superintendent. However, Thies already owned his own house when he was asked to

tion to offer Thies half of the rent amount in lieu of living in the district-owned residence, saying the rent money should be used for future repairs. In any event, he noted, the district has lost a number of students this year and may need the money to offset losses in state revenue.

Hunter made a motion to approve all aspects of Thies' contract. The measure passed on a vote of 6-1, with Faist casting the lone "no" vote.

Trustee Brenda Kretzschmer commented that she was very pleased with the administrators' evaluations and believes conducting such reviews has accomplished the board's goal of obtaining some feedback. "I think we're very blessed to have these gentlemen working for us," she added.

Also Monday, Swiastyn recognized the efforts of students, including the pep band, for their musical contributions during the basket-

president for 2 years and one year as treasurer before that,

Owen-Gage Board of Edu-

cation President Paul Hunter

resigned abruptly following

a special board meeting

Hunter, who is 2 years into

a 4-year term, offered little

Board Treasurer Walt

Swiastyn asked for an expla-

nation, but Hunter declined.

"I just really don't have any-

thing to say on that right now.

Walt," he replied, adding he

didn't make the decision

lightly. "It took a lot of

thought to come to this deci-

Hunter, who has served as

Monday night.

he said.

sion.

percent for all non-union personnel at the school, including administrators, at its regular meeting Monday night held at the middle school. The raises were suggested by a boardmember committee of Allan Hartwick, Teresa Rabideau and Randy Severance.

The complete salary schedule appears on page 5. The committee conducted a survey of neighboring schools and the raises will keep the school salaries in the same comparable position that they have occupied in recent years.

Salaries are not the highest or the lowest, the committee said, with larger schools receiving more among the 13 area schools surveyed and the smaller schools less.

The consumer price increase for 1999 was reviewed, which is 3 percent for all mid-west cities. The new schedule increases the superintendent's salary to \$77,547, plus \$6,500 for negotiations and contract maintenance. His contract is for 3 years, salary negotiable each year. Other administrators' contracts are for 2 years. All other salaries are for one year.

student is absent. Another principal objection was that the new regulations penalized the better students while other students may not care if their grades are reduced. Also of concern was that a doctor's permit was required for an approved absence without penalty. One parent said, I know when my child is sick. Grades are meant to measure the

student's achievement in school, another pointed out. Micklash said that of the 500-plus students in the high school, a total of 156 were affected by the new regulations. Of those, 87 have a

that he was in favor of rescinding any reduction in grades if they would cost the student a scholarship opportunity.

It is probable that the new regulations will be changed. A committee will be formed to study a new system. However, board President James Turner cautioned that it would probably take several months to come up with changes. We studied for 2 years before this program was adopted, he said.

OTHER BUSINESS

•A student requested that Please turn to page 5.

Club.

note.

Teen admits to bomb threat

Authorities apprehended a teenage girl suspected of authoring a bomb threat discovered Monday morning at Kingston High School.

fare for the squad will be The incident came less than paid by the Cass City Gavel a week after a written bomb threat was found by a teacher •Cass City Schools have at Cass City High School. been involved in character Students were subsequently education. The program evacuated and police conoriginally stressed 5 building ducted a search of the buildblocks: respect, responsibiling. Class resumed a short time later.

Kingston School officials "They found the person were releasing few details Monday, however, they confirmed a threatening note was found and that a juvenile had confessed to writing the

Michigan State Police along with the sheriff's dethe student. partment and a bomb sniffing dog from the Michigan State Police Bridgeport Post swept the building and found no evidence of a bomb.

they believed wrote the note and eventually the person admitted" to writing the note, **Tuscola County Sheriff Tom** Kern said. He added that school officials plan to take disciplinary action against

Cass City police are continuing their investigation into the bomb threat targeting Cass City High School Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Area family mourns death of Marine **Corporal Michael Lich of Kingston**

dies in traffic crash while on duty

by Tom Montgomery Editor

David Lich remembers watching the transformation of his son, Michael, from a high school student uncertain about his future to a mature, proud U.S. Marine.

He recalls trying to convince Michael not to enter the service or to pursue a career in law enforcement like his father. And he remembers the pride he felt when



his son followed his heart and enlisted anyway.

The memories turned into heartache last week for the veteran state corrections officer and Kingston police chief, who learned that Michael, 22, had been killed in a traffic crash Tuesday, Feb. 22, while on duty in Yuma, Ariz.

"He was just a joy to have," Lich said Thursday.

As a student at Caro High School, Michael enjoyed having fun and really didn't have a solid plan for his future until he approached graduation in 1996, Lich recalled.

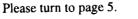
"In the summer of '95 he talked about doing something with his life that was worthwhile and fulfilling," he said, adding it was then he learned his son planned to enter the service. "I tried to talk him out of it. I said. 'It's a rough life. You were not an athlete in high school'. "He said, no, that's what

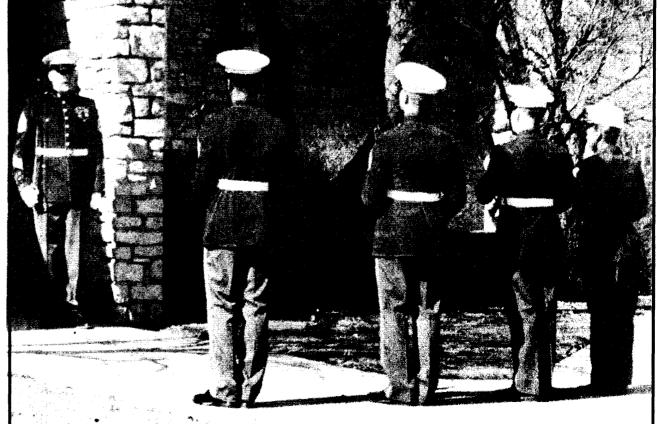
he'd like to do.

"He wanted to become a police officer. He wanted to be in law enforcement, and I tried to steer him away from that, too," said Lich, who has worked for the state of Michigan for 28 years, including 16 years as a corrections officer at Camp Tuscola near Caro.

Lich noted Michael was sports minded - he enjoyed bicycle motocross and Little League as a youngster, and later spent a couple of years on the high school swim team. But growth spurts had left him tall, lanky and uncoordinated. And uncomfortable with the idea of playing sports.

Michael joined the U.S. Marine Corps in February 1996. He left for boot camp the following August, shortly after his 19th birthday. He graduated the following November at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., "and made me





THE U.S. MARINE Corps provided military honors Monday at the funeral of Corporal Michael D. Lich, a Marine from Kingston who died in a traffic accident while on duty last week in Yuma, Ariz. The funeral was held at Church of the Sacred Heart in Caro.

PAGE TWO



Virgil and Pearl Geister Geisters celebrate golden anniversary

Virgil and Pearl (Hook) Geister were married March 4, 1950, at the Lamotte Mennonite Church, Marlette.

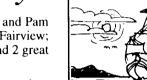
Best man was Wilford Hook, brother of the bride. Maid of honor was the late Charlotte (Knoblet) Lockwood.

The Geisters have 3 children, Larry (Alice) Geister of Kingston, Gary (Linda)

Geister of Hillman and Pam (Rick) Handrich of Fairview; 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

The Geisters farmed at Decker for 31 years and then moved to Lewiston, where they now reside.

They will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a gettogether with their family.



for its European discoverer, Dutch navigator Abel Janszoon Tasman, who sailed there in 1642. He called it Van Diemen's Land.



"Shall I rush your rush job rushed in?"

going on?'

You may have guessed that do get along quite well.

Deford students winners

Three students from Deford ners, will determine the rank-Christian Academy in Deford have been named local winners in the 31st annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The 3 students, who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school, are Zachary Monson (first), Amanda Little (second) and Amanda Torres (third). All 3 received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Monson's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school. Monson's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan never having to take all the government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top 2 statewide win-

ing of the top 10 statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools participated in the 1999-2000 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 1999-2000 contest was "My

American Hero For The 21st Century.' Started in 1968 and open to

all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explain their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

Birth classes set

Huron Memorial Hospital, 6-week series of childbirth Bad Axe, will be offering a classes.

Several on dean's list

Several area residents are among 203 Saginaw Valley State University students recently named to the school's president's list for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes during the fall semester.

The area students are: Amy L. Venema of Cass City; Judith A. Hoagland and Rebecca R. Stumpo, both of Caro; Leann G. Deering and Kristy M. Hicks, both of Deford; David W. Cumper of Kingston, and Misti D.

The classes will be held

Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning March 16. These classes are for any expectant mother who is due before July 2000 and wants to learn more about nutrition, exercise, the labor process, relaxation techniques, pain management and more.

Deb Oglenski, R.N., will teach the class. There is a charge. For more information or to register, call Huron Memorial Hospital Community Relations Department at (517) 269-9521.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

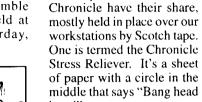


Errer earns top ratings

The District III Senior High Solo and Ensemble competition was held Feb. 19 at Caro High School, and Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools was represented by Josh Errer at the competition.

Errer received 2 I ratings for his participation at the event. He received a 1 rating on a trumpet solo and on a trumpet duet he performed with Ryan Robinson from Unionville-Sebewaing High School.

Errer will now be attending State Solo and Ensemble competition to be held at Grand Blanc Saturday, March 18.



of thing.

here!" winsome sayings:

before I start the rush job I was rushing when you

Here are a few of our other "I can only please one person per day. This is not your day. Tomorrow doesn't look too good either.'

Does your office have inspi-

rational or motivational

plaques and posters on the

wall? You know, the words

of wisdom that inspire you

to become a real achiever and

a better person? Gems like

"Communication is the se-

cret to success...Pass it on",

"The best way to predict the

future is to create it", that sort

Our upstairs offices at the

"Some people are alive simply because it's against the law to kill them."

blame yourself. "Do you want to talk to the

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Posters

the

scapegoat.

engines.

together.

Sandy Welter.

Meg's Peg

by Melva E. Guinther

*Rome didn't create a great

empire by having meetings.

They did it by killing off all

*If you can stay calm while

all around you is chaos, then

you probably haven't com-

pletely understood the seri-

*A person who smiles in

face

adversity.....probably has a

*Plagiarism saves time.

*Doing the job right the

first time gets the job done.

Doing the job wrong 14

times gives you job security.

sels don't get sucked into jet

*Eagles may soar, but wea-

*Artificial intelligence is no

*If at first you don't suc-

*Never put off until tomor-

*TEAMWORK ... means

row what you can avoid al-

match for natural stupidity.

ceed, try management.

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ousness of the situation.

those who opposed them.

*The beatings will continue

blessing.

soon

any parent.

Dwight looked kind of puny,

and his coloring was bad. His

normally ruddy complexion

Soon it was lunchtime. My

brother got out the boxed⁴

chicken furnished by the

charter. He took out a drum-

stick and began to gnaw on

Dad looked over at Dwight.

The combination of fish.

blood on Kenny's arm and

the chicken leg in his hand

was the last straw for

Dwight. His gray turned to'

Dad yelled at Doc, "Hey,

Doc. Do you suppose there's

anything you can do for

Doc put down his fishing

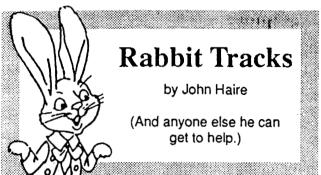
rod and made a big scene of

examining the patient. Then

he said solemnly, "I'm afraid

there's nothing I can do."

had turned to ashen gray.



We devote this week's column to trivia gleaned on our recent trip down under.

•Kangaroo is similar to beef and crocodile is similar to chicken. I'll still take real chicken and real beef. My imagination gets the best of me, I guess.

•Sheep and cattle are the big industries in both New Zealand and Australia. Many ranchers are now raising deer and fields full of them are common. Venison is on nearly all menus.

•Qantas is the airline if a glass of wine with dinner is where it's at for you. It's served with dinner and after you've quaffed a glass, they come back and fill it up again. It's the European influence, I suspect.

•In Melbourne, Australia, the gambling casino is on the ground level of a skyscraper. It must be at least a block square. Included are a fast food court and 4 other restaurants. Unlike some casinos in Michigan, the gambling in Melbourne caters to all, rich and poor.

It features slots that play for 2 cents and 5 cents. It also features games for high rollers. At the crap table we saw a man put down \$750 in cash and lose his bet. He then put another \$750 up and promptly lost again. In 5 minutes he lost \$1,500 and then walked away.

Yes, I contributed, too, \$50 Australian, about \$35 of our dollars.

•While television down under falls far short of the variety that we enjoy, it did snap up the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" show now the rage on ABC. There were a few variations in the Aussie version, but it was surprising to see it sandwiched between ancient reruns and current news shows.

My son-in-law, Roger Salo, is the chief pilot and flight coordinator for Masco Corp. When I whined about the recovery time it took to get over the flight from Australia, he said that return trips normally take about a day for every 2 hours of time change.

When he returned from a trip to China with his boss, it required 4 days for complete recovery, he pointed out. He also said that the time lag problem was only severe when traveling west to east, not east to west.

That proved to be 100 percent accurate for Esther and me.

Caro man killed in Friday collision

A Caro area man died in a 2-vehicle accident Friday morning in Caro.

The Caro Police Department reported the 5:49 a.m. crash involved a semi-tractor and a car, which collided at the intersection of M-81 and VanGeisen Road.

Police identified the victim who was driving the car. The

semi-tractor was driven by Thomas L. McComb, 45, of Cass City. McComb suf-

fered minor injuries. The accident remains under investigation by Caro police. They were assisted by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Divias Harland Junior Hile, 67, sion and the Tuscola County weighmaster.

Reporter's notebook

call Thursday.

view.

victims' names, etc., - but

very little information about

the lives forever changed by

I figured Lich wouldn't talk

to me. He is a father griev-

ing the loss of his son, I

thought. What could be

I dialed the number and a

soft-spoken Lich answered

and greeted me. I wasn't

sure what to say, so I started

simply; I offered my condo-

Pair from

in court

Cass City Rd.

Sebewaing

One Sebewaing resident

pleaded guilty and another

was sentenced in connection

with the Nov. 20 break-in at

Cass City Hardware, 6092 E.

Nicholas C. Leitermann,

18, was sentenced in Tuscola

County Circuit Court to 60

months probation and one

year in the county jail, with

worksite privileges, for his

plea of guilty to breaking and

entering with intent to com-

mit larceny and larceny of

Leitermann was also or-

worse than losing a child?

the tragedy.

Tragedy a tough subject -

by Tom Montgomery his willingness to talk. And Editor I asked him to tell me about I knew ahead of time that Michael. Had he always he was willing to talk to me, wanted to be a Marine, I

but I hesitated to make the asked. The memories flowed. David Lich, Kingston's po-Lich spoke about the lack of lice chief and a veteran cordirection in his son's life in rections officer, had learned high school, how he really just 2 days earlier that his just enjoyed having fun. He son, U.S. Marine Corporal was sports minded, he re-Michael D. Lich, had been called, but growth spurts left killed in a traffic accident in him tall and lanky and un-Yuma, Ariz., while on duty. comfortable with the idea of participating in high school He was just 22 years old. We received the obituary athletics.

information, and I asked Fu-Lich recalled his son's deneral Director Debra Kranz cision to join the Marines. to ask the elder Lich if he How he tried to convince Michael to reconsider. How would consent to an interproud he was as he watched a more mature and confident Of course, family members often want nothing to do with Michael graduate from boot a reporter in the wake of the

camp. death of a loved one. And Just a few weeks ago, Michael had called and, durwho can blame them? Unfortunately, the result is a ing a lengthy phone converstory filled with facts - date sation, spoke of his desire to same kind of attention. and time of crash, location,

The Haire Net One of the delights of va-

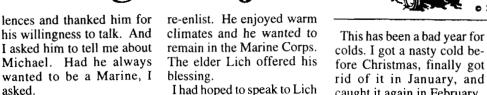
plained that today homes in cations to unfamiliar territogood locations that need reries is learning about what's pair inside are about as expensive as those in tip-top happening in addition to the tourist spectacles that enticed shape. When they pay a half you to visit in the first place. million dollars for a home, That was true in our recent they want to decorate it to visit to Australia and New their taste, regardless of con-Zealand. Sure, without visitdition. ing the traditional attractions, The homes pictured were the tour would fall flat. Vis-

very small, old and drab, the iting the Outer Barrier Reef, kind that wouldn't rate a secskimming over the reef ond glance here. watching the fish from a A half million dollars for glass bottom boat was a high-

light to be remembered. these homes seems like an outrageous sum, even in dol-Sailing in the harbor at lars that are worth about half Auckland, eyeing the boats competing in America's Cup of ours.

It was as interesting to me races was great, as was the as some of the famous attractour of the world-famous tions that are included in ev-A visit to the outback was ery tour, because it gives a fascinating. It was held at glimpse of the economy of one of the areas used for corthe nations.

A little extra to spice up a ralling livestock during round-up times at the station never to be repeated, once-(farm). This is a small stain-a-lifetime visit.



rid of it in January, and caught it again in February. because I wanted to write the I don't know if a person can story of his son's death in a catch the same cold twice. personal way; to somehow but it sure feels the same. I offer readers a small glimpse probably should go to the into the life of a young man doctor, but you know how whose life was taken far too that is.

> I grew up in the days of the old country doctors, and you didn't go see them if you didn't have to. Our doctors were always nice people, but their treatments were a little scary sometimes.

We have to give the old doctors credit, though. They knew when to treat you and when to leave you alone.

That's how it was when a bunch of fellows from town got together for a fishing trip on Lake Erie. Our town wasn't very big. So it didn't matter if you were the doctor, minister, or a suspected horse thief; everyone was

invited for the big fishing trip. Most of the men in town

went, including my dad and brother. They provided this eyewitness account. Spirits were high as the charter left the dock and headed for open water. Everyone chipped in with a dollar for first fish, most fish, and biggest fish. Doc suggested they have a

Diabetic course set

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, is offering a series of diabetic classes Tuesday afternoons, March 7 through March 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. Whether you're a newly diagnosed diabetic or someone with diabetes who would like more information, this series of classes is for you.

To register or for more information, please call Huron Memorial Hospital Inservice Department, Ann Booms, R.N., at (517) 269-9521 (ext. 4346). Classes will be held at Huron Memorial Hospital and there is no charge.

pool for first sick, too; see- staring at the horizon. ing as how he would probably get that money one way or another. This drew a big laugh from everyone. Everyone except Dwight, anyway. Dwight came along for the camaraderie. He was feeling the sway of the boat more than most

c 2000 Roger Pond

The back forty

by Roger Pond

The captain cut the engine, and the boat began to drift with the waves. Dwight reached in his pocket for some dramamine

Soon they were into fish. Nothing big, but a few walleye and some perch. My brother, Kenny, caught a walleye and unhooked another for Dad. The second fish was hooked

pretty deep, and Kenny got some blood on his arm. The blood didn't bother him, but it had a noticeable effect on Dwight.

He had given up fishing and was sitting in a deck chair,

"What he's going to do, he can do all by himself."

green.

Dwight here?"



anytime soon, if ever. It made me wish every story like this could receive the

Lich didn't have to talk to

me, but he did. I'm grateful

he had the courage to share

some of his memories at a

time that couldn't have been

more difficult for him - for

I hung up the phone Thurs-

day and just sat for a few

moments, knowing I

wouldn't forget the sense of

loss and grief in his voice

The Weather

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dered to pay \$1,460 in court costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

firearms.

Rudolpho Nuncio, 24, pleaded no contest to the same charges plus one prior felony conviction.

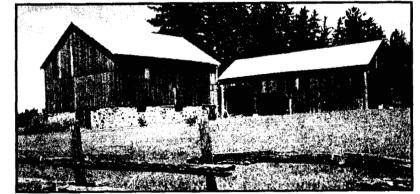
The plea was taken under advisement by Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn, who considered and denied a motion to reduce Nuncio's \$50,000 bond. He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

Another co-defendant in the case, Lauro Trevino, 17, Elsa, Texas, was sentenced last month to 6 months in jail after pleading guilty to breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny and larceny of firearms.

Identify this mystery barn

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

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



Clue - Originally owned by one of the early settlers of Cass City. A cooper by trade, he came to Michigan by way of Lancaster, New York. Located in Elkland Township, it is a Centennial Farm, having been in the same family for well over 100 years.

Answer to Feb. 23 Mystery Barn

The Owen Pierce Barn.

The first barn on the Owen Pierce Farm was destroyed by the cyclone of 1905, rebuilt and again destroyed by fire. John and Nora Moshier (brother and sister) built the new and larger barn we see today. The foundation for this new barn was the original huge boulders used for the 2 previous barns. It was a plank barn, a new idea at that time. It is forty by eighty feet in size and one end could accommodate 12 cows, had a birthing pen, horse stable with the hay mows overhead. The other end was a hay mow. There was a long section at the back of the barn for young heifers and a sturdy bull pen. The south end was a tool shed --- small by today's standards but adequate at the time. Since John Moshier, owners have been Russell Peck, Harold Field, Dave Moody, John Lang. Today, Owen and Alyce Pierce use it for their production of honey from their hives of bees.

First callers to identify the Owen Pierce barn were Fred Matthews, Carolyn Klein.

lion acres.

Missing for me in the schedule that features one attraction after another is an insight to the people and the mores of the country. There's too much to do, visiting 2 countries, one of which is larger in land area than the continental United States.

tion, we were told, just about

600 acres. The average size

of the farms is about one mil-

opera house in Sydney.

It's comparable to touring Michigan, stopping at Frankenmuth and then skipping up to Mackinac Island. Two super tourist attractions, sure, but it falls short of providing a look at what makes our state tick.

Naturally, one of the first items on my list is to grab a local paper, in addition to scanning the local television stations. In both New Zealand and Australia the TV fare is much more limited than we are accustomed to. We did find some interesting items looking in the "Sydney Morning Herald." One of them was an ad for a home that read, "This mission-style 1920s home is an ex-rental property requiring total renovation inside. It has three bedrooms and a study, and is just a kilometer from Killara station. It will be auctioned March 18. Price guide \$500 to \$600,000." A story in the paper ex-

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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN



Cass City students endured a scare that most thought wouldn't happen! Fear filled the students Feb. 22 when they arrived at school only to find out that a bomb threat had been found earlier in the morning.

It was around 7:45 when a teacher identified a note that the school officials considered threatening. Students were then evacuated to a location off school property. It was amazing, in my eyes, how well the evacuation went. The school's officials had a very well thought out plan if an incident like this ever occurred.

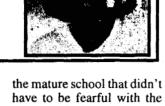
Principal Dorland Kuntz said, "We had our plan in place, we followed our plan and it worked very well."

A dog that sniffs out bombs came from Bridgeport to go through the school. No bombs were found and students returned to school at 10:30

We were one of the only schools in the area that hadn't had a threat made. Administrators and students were proud of the reputation we were having. We were



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thought of a bomb being on the premises. When I talked to the stu-

dents to see their reaction to the event, most were saddened by the fact that someone would sink to such an immature level to do some-

thing of that nature. Sophomore Aaron Dorland said, "I think it was stupid, but it got us a day off. I wasn't going to go back." "It was stupid and a waste of our time", said senior Roy

Davis. Morgan Ware, a freshman, said, "It's stupid! I was scared. I didn't know what to think when I got dropped off at school."

Michelle Kropewnicki said, "I think we all deserve to know who pulled this prank." As for me, it was very scary. I arrived at school like any other day. A girl knocked on my window and told me I had to leave. I asked her why and she replied that there had been a bomb threat. I re-

sponded by saying, "Are you joking?" Then I saw a couple staff members outside directing students on what to do. It was very scary. It made me not even want to attend the next day of school in fear that this might hap-

ers from the Michigan State pen again. Police post in Caro were no-I hope that whoever did this tified. The officers, along got it out their system(s) and with a bomb-sniffing dog that an event like this doesn't from the state police post in happen again. It's immature Bridgeport, swept the buildand there is no reason to ing and found no evidence of cause a scare of that nature.



It was business as usual at "It took about 2 1/2 to 3 Cass City High School just hours before the all clear was given," Micklash said, noting hours after school officials evacuated the building after students returned to classes discovering a written bomb and finished the school day. threat before classes were Micklash said he was

Feb. 22.

sible.

note is far from over.

local police department at

A teacher discovered the

written threat on a door in the

school shortly before 8 a.m.,

prompting school officials to

immediately evacuate the

building and transport stu-

dents to the VFW hall in Cass

City. Fortunately, buses were

unloading students when the

note was found, making it

easier to transport students

away from the school more

quickly, according to school

Cass City police and troop-

Supt. Ken Micklash.

a bomb

872-3002 or 872-2911.

At Cass City High School

scheduled to begin Tuesday, pleased with the response of both school personnel and But the investigation into law enforcement agencies, who is responsible for the which have worked together in the past to prepare emer-No suspects have been gency procedure plans.

identified, but Cass City po-"We have a thorough plan lice say they hope to find the that deals with situations like individual as quickly as posthis," Micklash explained. "We felt that we were very "We do have some evidence well prepared to keep the that we are processing, and safety of the students in some evidence that I'll be mind.

taking to the crime lab at Bridgeport for processing," "We had officers on site law. These things can not be Sgt. Craig Haynes said. He within minutes, and our taken lightly and will not be added that anyone with information related to the incident is encouraged to contact the

dav

Grants awarded to nursing homes

Four Huron County nursing homes and 3 in Tuscola County will share more than \$110,000 from the newlycreated Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant program, state Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, announced Mon-"Reports of neglect, abuse

The Tuscola County Medical Care Facility in Caro will install air conditioning to improve resident comfort plary jobs caring for senior with its \$25,584 grant. citizens and their patients,"

The Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services' NHQIG program was authorized by the state legislature to receive \$10 million to fund this year's grants. Awards are expected to be made annually.

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Voters support McCain

Tuscola County residents voted with their counterparts across the state in the Tuesday, Feb. 22, presidential primary election, giving Arizona Senator John McCain the Republican nomination over Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

And county voters did it in a big way, turning out in numbers that surprised County Clerk Margie White-Cormier.

"We're off the charts with crat this one," White-Cormier said, adding she took some heat when election workers in some townships ran out of ballots. "I ordered a third more than what we used 4 years ago."

In all, 7,733 residents turned out for last week's election, representing about 18 percent of the county's

registered voters. Fewer than half that number - 3,324 voters --- turned out for the last presidential primary 4 years ago, according to White-Cormier. "Our August primary in 1998 (drew) only about 5,500 voters.'

McCain garnered just over

Statewide, McCain led with

showed 15 of Tuscola

County's 23 townships along Instead, the party has opted with the city of Vassar supto conduct caucuses to nomiported McCain. Among the nate its candidate. The cau-5 were Koylton, Novesta cuses are scheduled for Satand Wells townships. A chart urday, March 11, at various showing the vote among sevsites throughout the state, including the Tuscola eral area townships accompanies this story. County Annex Building, lo-Lyndon LaRouche picked cated at 207 E. Grant St. in

up 26 votes countywide as a Caro. Voters can find the Democratic candidate, howcaucus site nearest them by ever, neither the national nor calling the party's headquar-Michigan Democratic Party ters at (517) 371-5410. recognize him as a Demo-The caucuses will convene

at 11 a.m. Voters must be The Democratic Party's there by 11 a.m. in order to front runners, Vice President participate. Registration will Al Gore and U.S. Senator start by 10 a.m. Participants Bill Bradley, removed their need not be a member of the names from the primary bal-Michigan Democratic Party, but they must complete a reglot after the Michigan Democratic Party announced it istration sign-in, including a would not recognize the republic declaration that they sults of the Feb. 22 election. are a Democrat.

Novesta Township voters reject tax

Novesta Township voters said "no" to a special road tax during the presidential primary election Tuesday.

The vote was 155 to 97,

asking residents to approve a levy of 1.5 mills for 4 years. The revenue, estimated at about \$26,000 in the first

ditching, grading and graveling - along with road construction projects.



building was evacuated taken lightly."

retention training programs. Tendercare in Cass City will receive \$24,336 for a project to make the facility

more home-like for residents, through improved decor, use of non-traditional institution fixtures and various activities to enliven the nursing home's atmosphere.

within minutes. We were

very pleased with all the sup-

port we received from the

various police departments."

tion was no accident. "We

had meetings (with school

officials) in the spring and

again at the beginning of the

school year," he said. "The

whole procedure went very

School officials plan to

prosecute whoever is respon-

sible for the threat. "Abso-

lutely," Micklash said. "We

will give the police depart-

ment 100 percent coopera-

tion, and attempt to prosecute

to the fullest extent of the

well."

Haynes said the coopera-

and poor care in nursing homes often make the headlines, but you rarely hear about facilities doing exem-

In Mayville, the Fisher Green said. "I am pleased so Convalescent Home is apmany Thumb-area nursing proved for \$11,024 to train staff on resident activity pro-

NON-UNION EMPLOYEES'

CASS CITY SCHOOLS SALARIES

Contracts awarded

Campbell expansion price tag meets expectations

awarded for the expansion of Campbell Elementary School for a total maximum cost of \$570,000.

Supt. Ken Micklash stressed that the amount was a "worst case" figure. We expect, he explained, to rework some of the work to reduce the cost so that the entire project, including ar-

Twelve bids have been chitect fees and project management costs will total between \$625,000 and \$650,000 as originally planned.

The cost includes 2 options that were added, creating a barrier-free entrance and moving the office to a larger room near the building entrance. Construction is expected to

project is expected to be finished Aug. 15, well before school starts next fall. Micklash cautioned that the completion date was dependent on receiving steel and other supplies in a timely matter. Among the 12 successful builders were 4 from the Cass City area.

start around April 1 and the

<u>Bid Package</u>	Contractor	Base Bid
Earth Work	Hagen Excavating	\$19,415.00
Concrete/Carpentry	Robert Bliss Builders	\$70,000.00
Masonry	McMath Masonry	\$157,998.00
Metals	Sanilac Steel	\$28,300.00
Roofing	Bri-Car Roofing	\$18,989.00
Joint Sealant	State Wide Caulking	\$2,179.00
Alum. Ent. Win. & Glazing	Dave's Glass Co.	\$12,925.00
Drywall/Acoustical	Robert Bliss Builders	\$20,256.00
Flooring	Northeastern Paint Supply	\$12,989.00
Painting	Wright's Painting	\$10,990.00
Mechanical	Johnson & Wood L.L.C	\$167,000.00
Electrical	Martin Electric	\$49,950.00
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*Superintendent also receives a negotiations/contract maintenance stipend of \$6.500.00

Family mourns loss of Marine

military 5-ton flatbed truck

hauling a fuel tank when a

westbound pickup truck

driven by a Canadian resi-

dent turned left in front of

Both Michael and his pas-

senger, a fellow Marine,

were thrown from the tanker,

which flipped and came

down on top of Michael. He

Hamilton said the pickup

driver also died of injuries he

suffered in the accident. The

other Marine was transported

to a hospital for treatment of

what Hamilton described as

non-life-threatening injuries.

Lich said the Marine Corps

told him it would be more

than a month before he'll re-

ceive an official report detail-

ing the accident. In the

died instantly.

Lich.

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the proudest father there ever was," Lich said.

"To be honest, there were people around here who said he'd never make it through boot camp. He wanted to prove them wrong, and he did."

Michael went on to earn the rank of corporal and became a weapons range instructor and motor carrier operator. He served one year in Okinawa, Japan, and later was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma in Yuma, Ariz.

A member of the American Legion Post #7 in Caro, he and his father communicated regularly, although many times the difference in their time zones and schedules forced them to leave messages on their answering

main where he was. At the same time, he was torn by the fact that he was far from his home and family in Michigan

"He was happy out there. He had met a lot of friends," Lich continued. "He wanted some confidence that I did not mind him staying out there. I said, 'No, stay in the corps'.

'I wanted him to have fun. I wanted him to enjoy himself.

Michael was scheduled to reenlist in April. But he would never get the opportunity

Lich said he hasn't received a complete report on the crash that claimed his son's life, but he knows the accident occurred while Michael was driving a large military truck in a convoy somewhere near Yuma. A pickup truck

Lich said. "I'm going to miss Hamilton said Lich and anhim." other U.S. Marine were eastbound on Highway 80 in a

OBITUARY

Michael D. Lich was born Aug. 8, 1977, in Caro to David and Mary (Dyer) Lich. He is survived by his father. David (Cheri) Lich of Kingston; his mother, Mary (Jerold) Fader of Caro; a sister, Michelle C. Lich of Caro; stepbrothers, Mark Romain of Kingston, Mike (Kathy) Fader of Caro, and Terry (Tammy) Fader of Orlando, Fla.; a stepsister, Jody

nieces and nephews, Steven M. Turner. Michael and Kaylee Traster, and Heather and Travis Fader; aunts and uncles, John A. Lich of Au Gres, Dale H. (Marisia) Lich of El Paso, Texas, Mary Ellen (Jim) Jacoby of Unionville, Alicia Hool of Keego Har-Sarah (Randy) bor, Siebigteroth of Frankenmuth, and Kathy (Eric) Smith of Chargin Falls, Ohio, and many cous-

(Ronald) Traster of Wayne;

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Alexander and Lydia Lich; maternal grandparents, Charles and Julia Dyer, and an uncle, Floyd Hool. Funeral services were held

Monday in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Caro, with the Rev. Kenneth Yaroch officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Caro Fire Department, Kingston Fire and Rescue, education fund for Steven Michael Turner, or the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were made

by the Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Village approves consulting firm

Council approved hiring the services of HyettPalma, a national consulting firm specializing in the economic renaissance of downtowns and older business districts, during its monthly meeting Monday night in the village

hall. The retention of the Virginia firm comes with a budgeted price tag of \$20,000. However, Village Manager Jane Downing said that by joining the National League of Cities, at a cost of under \$400, the village will save up to 50% off the company's standard cost structure that could run anywhere between \$30,000-\$50,000.

The firm's 6-month review process will provide a market analysis specifying downtown retail, office and housing potentials, along with providing economic niches that can be created and sustained. HyettPalma will also work toward creating a shared vision of Cass City's downtown future, and then provide a detailed course of action to achieve the vision.

The hiring of HyettPalma comes with the unanimous support of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Economic **Development Corporation** (EDC).

In a related matter, the village council amended the bylaws of the DDA and the EDC Articles of Incorporation.

In an effort to more adequately address the needs and duties of both boards, a reorganization of the boards was approved. The intent of the reorganization is to have a new 13-member board, including the village president, acting as both the EDC and

DDA boards. Village President L.E. Althaver said the reorganiza-

The Cass City Village tion will encourage greater participation and attendance at the board meetings, eliminating problems experienced in past years and allowing the boards to move forward with new business.

Also during the hour-long meeting, the board was addressed by Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski.

Pawloski reported that¹ \$12,000 has been raised toward the purchase of a new set of Jaws of Life. The new jaws, which will be lighter, stronger and faster than the current jaws, are expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The council promised to review Pawloski's request for funding and provide a dollar figure at its March meeting.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday the council:

 Appointed Kate¹ VanAuken to represent the village on the Rawson Memorial Library board. VanAuken will fill the term, until May 1, 2000, of Alice Guernsey, who resigned effective January 2000.

•Accepted a high bid of' \$4,050 from Winter Auto Sales & Salvage, Cass City, for the purchase of a 1976 Ford bucket truck. Clio resident Ray Short submitted the

only other bid at \$1,250. •Learned that the cover of the Helen Stevens Memorial pool failed over the winter from the weight of the snow. Downing reported the \$8.300 cover should be covered under its warranty.

•Set a special meeting for Thursday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m. to review the 1999 Village Annual Report and the 1999 village audit.

•Re-appointed Rick Mohr as WWTP superintendent, effective Feb. 28.



l got my college

machines.

About a month ago, the 2 connected and spent 90 minutes talking about Michael's future.

He wanted to re-enlist, Lich said, adding his son had become accustomed to warmer climates and wanted to re-

driven by a civilian reportedly turned in front of the tanker, prompting Michael to swerve in an effort to avoid a collision.

Rod Hamilton, public information officer with the Yuma Police Department, confirmed those details.

meantime, the corps handled arrangements, including full military honors, leading up to the funeral Monday. Which left a grieving father more time to remember all of the good times and the joy his son brought into his life. "He was just a happy kid,"

Parents protest school rules

Continued from page one.

ity, integrity, courtesy and honesty. This year there are 6 pillars: citizenship, respect,

trustworthiness, fairness, caring and responsibility. •A resolution was read setting Monday, June 12, as the date for the annual school

election. The 4-year term positions of Beverley Auten and David Knight expire. Both have indicated they will seek reelection.

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CASS CITY CHRONICLE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2000 PAGE SIX **Bulldogs claim NCTL volleyball crown**

The Owen-Gage spikers cruised to an easy 3-game win Thursday against visiting North Huron, securing the North Central Thumb League volleyball crown on the way.

The parents' night crowd was treated to victories of 15-2, 15-2, and 15-10 against the Warriors, giving the defending champion Bulldogs a 12-2 conference mark for the season.

Coach Judy Campbell's squad, 29-9-2 overall, will now look to repeat as district champions this Friday in Akron.

Seniors Cassie Vargo and Melanie Lemanski turned in solid performances to lead the winners in their final home match, combining for 18 service points and 7 ace serves.

Lemanski also posted a team high 11 kills, which

complemented 6 blocks at the net. Vargo's last game in Owendale included 7 assists and 4 digs. Senior Theresa Richmond added 3 digs. Earlier in the week, on

Thumb West conference

schedule Saturday during the

league invitational tourney

held in Bad Axe. Coach Beth

Howard's spikers recorded a

3-9 record during the round

robin event and finished in

6th place in the GTW stand-

The Hawks have one match

remaining, tonight (Wednes-

day) at home against Vassar,

before entering Saturday's

Class B district in

ings

15-6, and 15-9.

nightcap 15-8.

Monday, the Bulldogs de- for the guests and recorded feated Kingston in straight 14 points, 9 coming off ace games by the scores of 15-1, serves. Lemanski was credited with

Junior Dee Fritz held the 13 kills, while Jenna Root hot hand at the service line and Vargo split 14 kills.

Also helping the Bulldog cause were Stephanie Lowry and Erin Salcido. Lowry recorded 15 assists, while

Salcido tallied 5 kills and 4 digs

Cass City spikers finish 6th in **Greater Thumb West Conference** Cass City ended its Greater Frankenmuth.

Patriots. The Hawks opened The Hawks then faced Saturday's tournament with Mayville in their next match one of their best efforts of the and swept the Wildcats 15-8 season and split games with and 15-7 for their final wins Unionville-Sebewaing. Cass of the day. "The girls moved well to-City captured the opener 15-

11, before fading in the gether," said Howard. "We had very few attack errors According to Howard, and that was the difference." Deidre Deering played her Cass City used 10 ace best match of the year. serves and 14 kills to help Height notwithstanding, the defeat the Wildcats. Kayla Wolschlager recorded 8 5' 7" freshman recorded a team best 7 kills against the

points to lead the winners at the service line, while Becky Hartel added 7 tallies. Sara Homakie and Holli Cooper paced the Hawks at the net with 4 kills each.

Cass City ended the day with 8 consecutive losses, including setbacks to Bay City All Saints (16-14, 16-14), Lakers (15-8 and 15-10), Reese (15-3, 15-3) and conference champions Bad Axe (15-3, 15-10).

Cass City faces Bad Axe in District

The Cass City Red Hawks the team to beat, although will meet Bad Axe at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the district class B volleyball tournament at Frankenmuth.

Cass City will be competing in class B for the first time and the district at Frankenmuth promises to be a stern test. Bad Axe is the Greater Thumb West league champion and will be favored over Cass City.

teams in the district. Otisville-Lakeville may be p.m.

Bulldogs draw bye

Owendale-Gagetown and final winners will then square off for the right to North Huron schools drew advance into regional play at opening round byes for the Bay City All Saints. Class D volleyball district in The district's initial match Akron.

is scheduled for a 5:00 p.m. The Warriors will face the start. Succeeding matches winners of Friday's opening will follow immediately match between Port Hope upon completion of prior and Bay City All Saints, matches. while the North Central Thumb League champion Bulldogs will challenge the

victors of a contest between

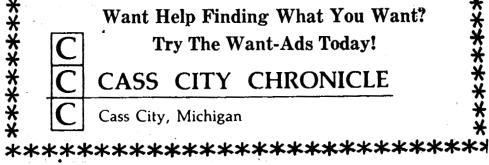
NCTL 'foes Caseville and Akron-Fairgrove. The semi-

Millington is also very capable. Frankenmuth meets

Otisville-Lakeville in the first game at 10 a.m. Saturday and the winner plays Caro at 1:45 p.m. Vassar and

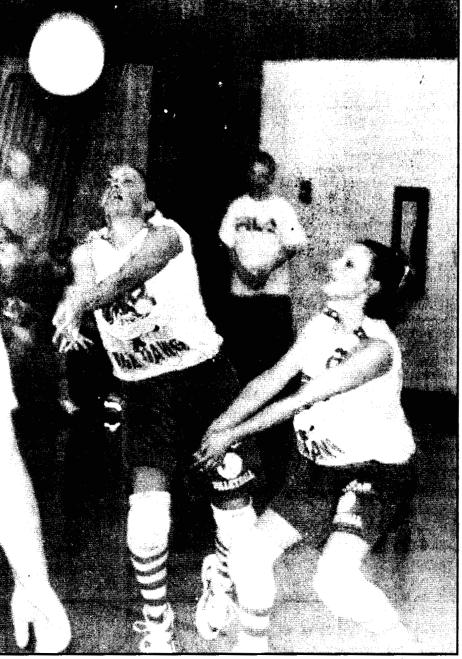
Bad Axe game meets the winner of the Vassar-The finals are slated at 4:15

BULLDOGS DEE Fritz (left) and Stephanie Lowry meet for a shot Thursday during North Central Thumb League volleyball play against visiting North Huron.





CASS CITY, MICHIGAN





HAWK SPIKER Jaime Fluegge reaches for a shot at Saturday's Greater Thumb West conference volleyball tournament in Bad Axe.



Millington compete at 11:15. The winner of the Cass City-

There are many strong Millington contest at 3 p.m.

Hawk cagers top BCAS

If the Cass City Red Hawks won as expected Tuesday night at Mayville in the final regular season game of the year, the race for the championship of the Greater Thumb West will go to the final game of the season Friday when USA faces Reese. The Hawks chalked up another win Friday, as expected, against visiting winless Bay City All Saints, 73-33.

They remain a game behind league-leading USA with a mathematical chance to win the GTW title outright, but realistically a tie for the title is the best that Cass City can hope for. USA was to play winless All Saints Tuesday and then close the season against Reese.

Hawk fans would undoubtedly be pleased if the team continued to shoot the way it did in the easy win over the Cougars.

The game was all but decided at the intermission as

night in the first half, hitting 3 of 4 3-point and 3 of 4 2point shots for 15 points. Twelve of his points were netted in the second quarter when the Hawks scored the first 21 points of the period. All Saints failed to score until there was just 47 seconds left to play in the half.

Starting the third quarter, the Hawks were in front 37-15 and then promptly opened the period with an 18-4 run to lead 51-19 and remove any doubt about the game's outcome. The surge was led by Craig Emmert, who scored the first 12 points of the quarter, capped by a crowd-pleasing one-hand stuff of a perfect lob pass from a teammate

Coach Jim Green said, "We passed and shot very well." The team hit 10 of 19 3pointers and piled up 23 assists. The Hawks won the board battle, 36-27. Joel Brinkman had 10 assists and Emmert had 9 rebounds to Zach Glaspie posted a career go with his game-high 16

points. For the Cougars Greg Szczepanski led with 10 points.

In the final home game of the season, senior members of the squad started the game for Cass City and played together the first half of the first quarter. When they were broken up as a unit, the Hawks were in front by a basket. The seniors are Paul Langmaid, Chad Holmgren, Bryce VanVliet and Nick Anthony.

CASS CITY - Langmaid 2-0 (0-0) 4; J. Brinkman 0-2 (1-3) 7; Glaspie 3-3 (0-0) 15; C. Holmgren 3-2 (0-2) 12; VanVliet 1-2 (0-0) 8; Storm 0-0 (2-2) 2; Anthony 1-0 (0-0) 2; Emmert 7-0 (2-3) 16; N. Brinkman 2-1 (0-0) 7. TOTALS - 19-10 (5-10) 73.

BAY CITY ALL SAINTS -Cherwin 0-0 (1-2) 1; Janer 2-0 (0-0) 4; O'Leary 0-0 (3-4) 3; Drzewicki 2-1 (0-0) 7; Szczepanski 2-2 (0-2) 10; Biskup 4-0 (0-0) 8. TOTALS - 10-3 (4-8) 33.

Cass City handles Reese

blocked shots.

The Cass City Red Hawks kept alive hopes for at least a share of the Greater Thumb West title with a satisfying victory over a good Reese team Tuesday, 74-62. The win for the surging Red Hawks moves the squad into a tie for second with Laker High, one game behind league-leading USA.

Cass City staged a 10-0 run at the close of the second quarter that proved to be decisive. The Rockets staged several rallies in the last half, closing the gap to 5 points in the last quarter before Cass City pulled away for the win, aided by fine 11 for 15 shooting from the charity circle in the last period.

The Hawks moved in front in the opening quarter, 14-11, with balanced scoring and 4 for 4 free throw shooting. Joel Brinkman was 3 for 3 in the period on his way to a 5 for 6 night from the charity stripe.

The decisive surge in the

Joel Brinkman was credited second quarter was led by with 10 assists and 4 steals Craig Emmert, who netted 7 to go with his 13 points for of his 18 points as the Hawks outscored the Rockets, 21the night. Ryan Holmgren led all scorers with 21 points 12, to lead at the intermission, 35-23. Emmert had one with an extra hot shooting night. He hit 8 of 9 shots of his best night of the season with a triple double, 18 from the field and 5 for 6 points, 18 rebounds and 10 from the charity circle. Chad Holmgren contributed 5 re-Coach Jim Green said, "Our bounds, 2 assists and a

inside game was the differblocked shot. Jeff Storm ence. Beating a good Reese picked off 6 rebounds.

REESE - Lubaczewski 5-0

(7-11) 17; Ruhanon 1-2 (0-

0) 8; Gruber 5-0 (0-0) 10;

Schiefer 7-1 (0-0) 17; Histed

TOTALS - 23-3 (7-11) 62.

5-0 (0-0) 10.

team on their home floor is quite an accomplishment.' The Rockets came to life in CASS CITY - J. Brinkman the third quarter behind vet-1-2 (5-6) 13; Glaspie 1-1 (2erans Bret Lubaczewski and 2) 7; R. Holmgren 8-0 (5-6) Kyle Schiefer, who netted 6 21; VanVliet 2-0 (2-3) 6; and 7 points, respectively, to Storm 2-0 (3-5) 7; Emmert close the gap to 54-47 going 8-0 (2-4) 18; N. Brinkman 1into the final frame. 0 (1-2) 3. **TOTÁLS** - 23-3 (19-28) 74

The Hawks controlled the boards, out-rebounding Reese, 43-33. The Rockets limited turnovers to 15 while the Hawks were charged with 23. A key statistic was the field goal shooting of the Rockets, which was a miser-

able 36 percent.

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Reese	5	5	11	6	Brown City	6
Bad Axe	4	6	9	9	Deckerville	5
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Sign-up scheduled

Boys' Little League sign-up will be held Thursday, March 2, and Friday, March 3, at the Campbell Elementary school gym from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All interested boys ages 6 through 16 are urged to sign up.

CASS CITY CHRONICLE - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2000

CASS CITY'S Bryce VanVliet hooks in 2 points during the hosts' 73-33 victory Friday against winless Bay City All Saints.

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CLASS D BASKETBALL DISTRICT AT NORTH HURON Monday, March 6th Manth II

North Huron	
Game one	6:30 p.m. start
Game one	
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8:00 p.m. start Game 2

Bulldogs stage come-back win against Warriors

With the district tournament on the horizon, Friday's hairraising, 64-63 win over North Huron came at a great time to give Bulldog fans hope for some good things when the annual March classic starts next week.

North Huron came into the game with an 11-2 record in the North Central Thumb League, second only to Kingston, and was favored to add the Bulldogs to their victory total.

Owen-Gage opened the game with some sloppy play and the Warriors took advantage of 12 turnovers in the first quarter, scoring the first 7 points of the game, while jumping off to a 24-11 first quarter lead.

The Bulldogs cut the turnovers to 4 in the second quarter and tightened the defense to get back in the game. Led by Derek Howard with 7 points, the Bulldogs whipped in 17 points in the period and held the visitors to just 2 baskets and as many free throws. At the intermission Owen-Gage trailed 30-27.

The Bulldog rally continued in the third quarter and they moved in front, 44-40, going into the final 8 minutes.

North Huron made a valiant effort to pull the game out of the fire in the last quarter, overcoming the Bulldog lead and moving in front 58-57 with less than 2 minutes left. With the game on the line, Bulldog players made several key plays to salt away the win.

The first was a steal by Howard resulting in a lay-up and a 59-58 O-G lead with

1:17 left. Byron Ignash, who scored 14 points in the final quarter, notched his final bucket to put the Warriors back in front 60-59. Howard countered with a jumper from the foul line to put the Bulldogs ahead again 61-60.

Shane Mellendorf then made a key deflection of North Huron's in-bounds pass, recovered by Howard. Howard was fouled and converted the critical 2 free throws to move the margin to 63-60 with 23 seconds left.

A moment later Nick Warack made one of 2 free throws to extend the Bulldog lead to 4 points, just enough to keep a 3-pointer in the dying seconds by Joe Phillips from tying the game.

North Huron's Ignash led all scorers with 24 points and he contributed 18 rebounds. Howard counted 21 points with 7 rebounds. Corbin Swiastyn was in double figures with 13 for Owen-Gage. The Warriors won the battle of the boards 35 to 23.

OWEN-GAGE - Swiastyn 2-2 (3-4) 13; Mellendorf 1-0 (0-0) 2; Howard 6-1 (6-7) 21; Rogers 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kain 3-0 (2-2) 8; R. Fritz 3-0 (0-0) 6; Warack 1-0 (2-4) 4; C. Fritz 3-0 (0-0) 6; McKee 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 21-3 (13-17) 64.

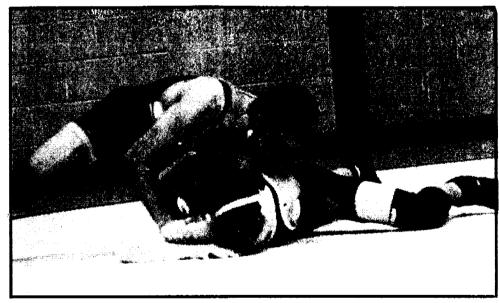
NORTH HURON - Souva 6-0 (2-2) 14; Ignash 8-0 (7-1) 10) 23; Phillips 0-1 (0-1) 3; Polega 2-0 (0-0) 4; Yaroch 3-1 (0-0) 9; Birchfield 2-0 (4-4) 8; Cook 1-0 (0-0) 2. TOTALS - 22-2 (13-17) 63.

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Game one		
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	Game 2	8:00 p.m. start

to state individual championships

Four Cass City grapplers heading

Cass City qualified 4 of 6 wrestlers for the state tour- nament at the individual re-



gional held Saturday at Alma. The state tourney will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 9-11, at the Joe Louis Arena.

The top 4 wrestlers in each class from each of 4 regionals advance to the finals. Hawks who are state finalists include:

Chris Dubay, 275 pounds, second. His season's record is 25-11.

Travis Schneeberger, 103 pounds, fourth. His season's record is 41-6. Roy Davis, 119 pounds, second. His season's record

is 46-4 Adam Dorland, 135

pounds, fourth. His season's record is 48-6.

TRAVIS SCHNEEBERGER (top) works toward an 11-2 decision Saturday against Swan Valley's Chris Ferguson during the individual wrestling regional held in Alma. The Cass City senior, who finished 4th in the 103 lb. weight division, will join 3 other Hawks at the Division III state championships slated for March 9 and 10 at Joe Louis Arena.

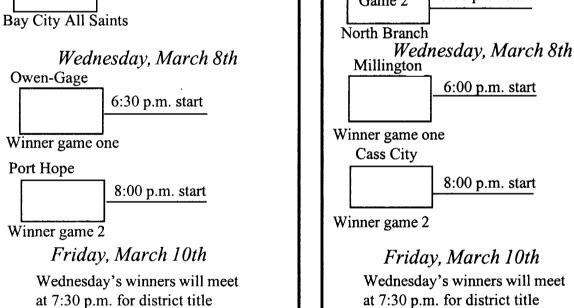






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Peck at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Marlette at Ubly	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette	Marlette
Garber at Millington	Millington	Millington	Millington	Millington	Millington
O-G at Caseville	O-G	0-G	0-G	O-G	O-G
Bad Axe at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
USA at BCAS	USA	USA	USA	USA	USA
Deckerville at Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Harbor Beach at Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale	Harbor Beach
North Huron at C-PS	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
March 3					
Marlette at Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale	Yale
Mayville at Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Reese at USA	Reese	USA	USA	USA	Reese
BCAS at Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
Brown City at Sandusky	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Cros-Lex at Deckerville	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex
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O-G at Dryden	0-G	Dryden	Dryden	0-G	O-G
Peck at Almont	Almont	Almont	Almont	Almont	Almont
Caseville at Armada	Armada	Caseville	Caseville	Armada	Armada
Last week's results	14-6	14-6	15-5	11-9	13-7
Season's results	125-48 (72%)	127-46 (74%)	131-42 (76%)	115-58 (67%)	128-45 (74%)

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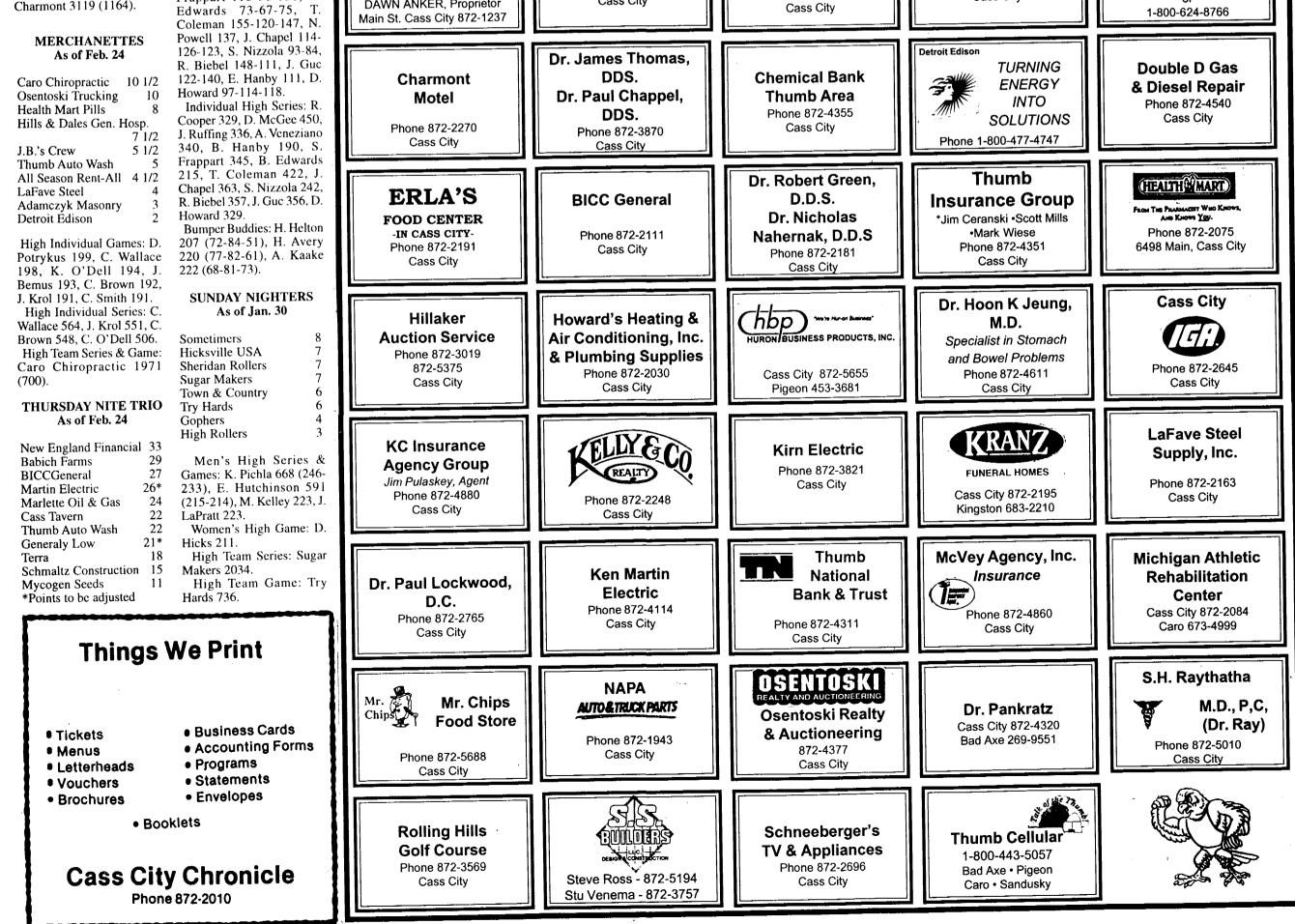
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Tuscola County motorists can expect a smooth ride be-

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tween Cass City and Reese on M-81 by mid-summer. when resurfacing of the road between Caro and Ellington is expected to be finished, announced state Rep. Mike them to repair M-81. It has taken some time, but M-81 Green, R-Mayville. has received a great deal of

The Michigan Department of Transportation recently informed Green and local officials that M-81 will be resurfaced from the east Caro village limits to Ellington, at the Dutcher Road intersec-

Sandusky motorist **NEARLY 120** Ubly Elementary students jumped at the chance to raise funds for the American Heart Association during the school's Jump Rope For Heart event, sentenced

A Sandusky woman was sentenced Friday to 60 days in jail and 18 months probation for her plea of no con-Bemis has the option of serving her time in the Sanilac County Jail. She was also ordered to pay \$1,420 in court costs and fines plus \$85

The charge stems from a fatal accident that occurred Oct. 17 just south of Cass

she lost control of the vehicle, struck a bridge guardrail and plunged into the

Gobie, 37, of Ubly.

to Dixon Road was com-"I frequently drive M-81, pleted in 1998.

and it was a real mess when The M-81 project will cost I came to Lansing 4 years \$1.16 million and is expected ago," Green said. "I spent a to begin in early May. great deal of time working "We've seen more than \$7 with MDOT to convince million of our taxpayer dol-

"I'm pleased with that accomplishment, but I know we need more. M-53, M-15 and M-142 in Huron County

last few years," Green said.

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lars at work on this road the progress."

Weight limits in force

and this year we'll finish it Michigan is experiencing an unusually early freeze-"I'm proud that Sen. thaw cycle this season. Nor-Gougeon and I have been mally, it isn't until the spring able to accomplish this that the Michigan Departproject, and other road work ment of Transportation (MDOT) implements weight Since 1994, MDOT has restrictions

Due to this year's early thaw, however, effective 6 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, weight restrictions were imposed and enforced on all state in width within the restricted trunklines from the south area.

still need major work. "But we are making

state line north to the Mackinac Bridge (all of

lower Michigan). There are no restrictions for legal loads on those trunklines designated as "all season" trunklines. All extended permits will be valid for oversize loads only within the restricted area. Permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet

Octagon Barn

Ubly youth jump for health

tary students pitched in to raise \$8,100 in donations during the fifth annual Jump Rope for Heart event, held Saturday at the school.

through 5 jumped rope to the importance of a healthy

Nearly 120 Ubly Elemen- raise funds for the American Heart Association. The money is used to support cardiovascular research and educational programs such as "HeartPower!"

Read Meg's Peg

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Jump Rope for Heart Students in grades one teaches participants about

held Saturday. The students raised \$8,100 during the annual event.

cal activity, proper nutrition and living tobacco-free, according to Pat Bolda, event coordinator. The event, which includes a health fair, empowers children as they provide vital

community service to discover that they can make a difference, she said. At the same time, she added, students enjoy group dynamics while jumping into the spirit

of a fun-filled event. "The kids really enjoy it.

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you raise, it's just being part of it." A number of parents have also gotten into the act by attending to watch and/or volunteer. "It's gotten to be

a family function. It's kind of neat." Bolda said the event continues to grow in popularity.

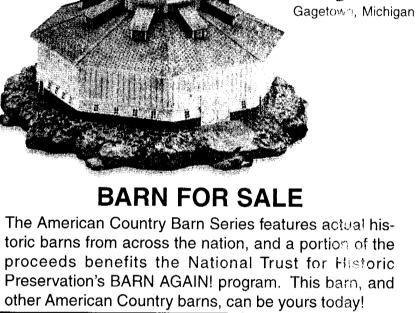
\$9,200.'

"The first year we had, I'm going to say, about 110 kids," she added. "Last year, 135 kids signed and 123 jumped. This year, we have 117, but we have one of our smallest

first grade classes this year. "The first year we did it, I was hoping (to raise) \$3,000, and we raised \$5,200," Bolda continued. "It went to \$7,200, then it went to \$8,200. Last year we raised in restitution.

City. Investigators say Bemis was driving a pickup truck eastbound on Elmwood Road, about one-half mile east of Cemetery Road, when

Cass River. The crash claimed the life of her passenger, Michelle Ilene



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lifestyle that includes physi-We have a good time," Bolda commented. "I tell (them) it's not important how much

ence of liquor-causing death. Becky J. Bemis, 27, is to begin serving her sentence Monday, according to Tuscola County Circuit Court records, which state

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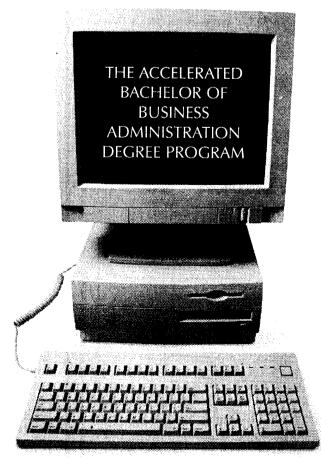
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BAPTISM

Noel Elizabeth Tyrrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tyrrell, was baptized Sunday at the 10:45 Mass at St. Columbkille Catholic Church by Father T.J. Fleming. Godparents are Ted and Therese Gorkowski of Auburn

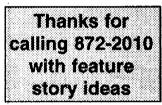
Guests attending the dinner that followed at the home of Jim and Julie Tyrrell, Cody, Alyssa, Olivia and Noel were Eugene and Agnes Gorkowski, Barb Godlowski, Joan Gorkowski, Mike and Laurie, Bryan, Brent and Joshua Osantoski, Diann Gracey, Mason and Matthew Smalley, Jessica and Nicholas, Gracey, Dean and Carrie Lyons, Mickayle, Tana and Jessica.

Jack Tyrrell was an afternoon guest.

/ Jean Osentoski was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming. ' Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumptz were Tuesday Evening guests of Thelma Jackson.

Ray and Rita Depcinski, Allen and Alice Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and family, Allen Farrelly, Thelma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson attended the Ubly Men's Club breakfast at St. John's Church hall Sunday morning.

Six members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at Franklin Plaza next week.



Bobbie and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had dinner at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Wednesday for Allen Farrelly's birthday. They spent the afternoon at Cheryl Allen's.

Pat and Sally Bell, Lauren and Katelynn of Carp Lake spent the weekend with Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the wedding of Michelle Shoemaker at St. John's Catholic Church in Ubly Saturday. A reception followed at Ubly Heights Golf Course. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel,

Doris Western, Auggie Renn and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday morning.

Mary Lou and Bob Harris of Auburn Hills visited at the homes of Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope and Betty and Bryce Hagen Sunday.

The Euchre Club met Sat-

urday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Beulla. High prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey. Low prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker. The next party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker March 25. The group went to

Sandusky for supper. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wiese and family of Virginia Beach, Va., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland. Other Friday evening guests were Anna McCartney of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Jeff Doerr and Savannah, Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn and Mrs. Curtis

Cleland. Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim B. Sweeney Friday.

Rita Depcinski and Alice Depcinski visited Loas Wolschlager and their aunt, Dorothy Kirsch, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, Margaret Kirsch at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe



and Stella Lemanski at her home in Ubly.

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bouchard. Cards were played and prizes were won by Lorraine Holz and Joe Wolschlager, Davey Holz and Mrs. Joe Wolschlager. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Wolschlager. Bryce and Betty Hagen were Sunday afternoon guests of Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope.

The Traveling Breakfast Club met Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Peppermill in Bad Axe. They will meet at Big Boy next Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were Sunday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson. Alice Depcinski was a Thursday lunch guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick

at Ruth. Major Dale Cleland and Shawn Cleland and their children of Fort Riley, Kan., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and visited other relatives.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney was a Thursday supper guest of Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Ed Schember, Margaret Cook, Chuck and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe for dinner for Allen Farrelly's birthday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Mrs. Hiram Keyser visited Mrs. Frank Laming at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City Friday. Allen Farrelly attended the

wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Rodney VanErp at Ubly Heights Golf Course

Saturday. Ray and Rita Depcinski and Ken and Audrey Wolschlager went to St. Edward's Church in Kinde to play cards Sunday evening.

Cites 15 years experience

Gaertner seeking another term as Huron prosecutor

Mark J. Gaertner has formally announced his candidacy for reelection for Huron County prosecuting attorney. Gaertner, a lifelong Republican, will appear on the Aug. 8 Republican primary ballot.

Gaertner stressed his 15 years of prosecutor experience. From 1991 to 1992 he was Huron County chief assistant prosecutor. From 1993 to 1994 he served as special prosecutor for the Multi-County Citizen's Grand Jury that served Huron County. Prior to this he served over 7 years as a Saginaw County assistant prosecutor, including 2 years running the Drug Enforcement Division and 2 years as the chief trial attorney.

Gaertner stated that if reelected he will continue his efforts at fair and consistent prosecution which, during his present term of office, has led to many convictions of those involved in the commission of serious and violent crimes.

enced its fair share of major crime. Cases involving a 14year-old murderer; the "school bandits" who systematically robbed approximately 50 schools, churches and businesses; the \$1.4 million Port Austin area marijuana seizure, and more re-

cently, the home invasion and car crash injuring 4 young persons, are just a few of the examples of the many crimes that have been firmly dealt with." Gaertner said he will main-

tain his policy on setting clear priorities on what cases go to trial and what cases result in a guilty plea.

"I am especially pleased with the way my office has upheld a tough stance on serious and violent crime, while diverting from the criminal justice system relatively petty matters which in

Luth elected to leadership council

Johanne Luth, co-owner of 5 east-Michigan McDonald's restaurants with her husband, Jim Luth, has been elected to the McDonald's Division Leadership Council. The McDonald's Divisional Leadership Council is com-

prised of McDonald's franchisees and regional and divisional management from 5 regions in the Great Lakes Division. The council mem-

Farm numbers increase

The estimated number of farms in Michigan in 1999 was 53,000, up by 1,000 from 1998, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. The small farm category increased by 1,500 farms while medium farms de"Huron County has experi-

properly system.

people of this county." lines for its operation.

the past resulted in prolonged

court hearings at much ex-

bers are responsible for making recommendations on the development, communication and execution of the McDonald's Great Lakes Divisional Plan, which handles every aspect of McDonald's that impacts the customer at the restaurant level, including customer satisfaction, people, profitability, marketing promotions, purchasing and distri-

bution Luth was elected to the position during the McDonald's Grand Rapids District Full Body meeting last December. She and her husband currently operate 5 McDonald's, including franchises in Caro, Bay City, Essexville and Cass City.

have set priorities and stuck with them to fight crime in Huron County. We have not misused plea-bargaining." Gaertner emphasized that a functioning prosecutor's office has an impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of the court Gaertner stated, "I am

pense to the taxpayer. We

proud of the independent, public, and professional prosecutor office that I have managed. It is open and accessible to our citizens. I have placed a premium on protecting the rights of lawabiding citizens. Absolutely nothing is more important to me than following my oath of office and representing the

Beginning in 1997. Gaertner reorganized the office and established guide-

Gaertner indicated he would continue to implement new programs for his office. "In the past 3 years I have started a full time crime victim rights program and a comprehensive domestic violence program both fully funded with state and federal grant money. I have implemented a bad check restitution program that returns money to the county and a program dealing with the financial exploitation of senior citizens that operates at no cost to our taxpayers.

"I have added, at minimal cost, a prosecutor investigator who handles citizen complaints and tracks down fugitives and financial dead beats. Finally, I have established a Prosecutor Adjournment Program that diverts non-violent first time misdemeanor offenders from the court system upon successful completion of a combination of community service, letter of apology, and a local library donation."

Gaertner, 44, lives in Port Austin Township with his wife Linda, a school teacher.



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

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

HDC Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program TEFAP) Distribution, Bad Axe Fairgrounds (use Soper Road), 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and Civic Center, Sandusky, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact HDC at (517) 673-4121.

Friday, March 3

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

HDC Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Distribution, HDC Warehouse on Butler Street in Caro, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact HDC at (517) 673-4121.

Saturday, March 4

Freshman pop bottle drive, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at bus garage at the school.

Monday, March 6

Novesta Twp. Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7

Campbell School Scholastic Book Fair at the Early Childhood Education Center, March 7-9, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Family Night March 8, 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Pancake and sausage supper, Cass City United Methodist Church, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Christian Mothering Day set for April 8

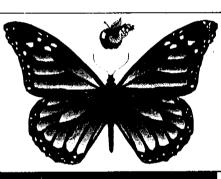
Christian Outreach Ministries is hosting its 19th annual Christian Mothering Day Saturday, April 8, from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Laker High School.

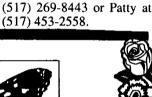
Pam Stonehouse of Grand Rapids will be giving the keynote address: "Keepers of the Home and Molders of the Children.'

This is a day set aside with the purpose of strengthening the home using Biblical principles. Sessions will be offered for all women of all ages and a children's ministry, with qualified caregivers for infants on up, will be provided all day.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. (Continental breakfast is provided.)

June Mausolf and Glenda





Wrubel will lead off in praise

and worship. After greetings,

introductions, and a free-will

offering, participants will at-

tend 2 individual teaching

sessions in the morning,

lunch at noon, and one more

teaching session in the after-

noon. They will gather again

for praise and worship and to

hear the keynote address by

Stonehouse, followed with

Hot lunch will be available

in the cafeteria: adults \$3 and

children 75 cents. Pre-pay-

ment is required and must be

received by Wednesday,

April 5. Those registering

after April 5 are to bring a

sack lunch. For more infor-

mation, contact Bernice at

an optional prayer time.



creased by 500. Land in farms was estimated to be 10.4 million acres, unchanged from the last 2 years. The average size farm in Michigan was 196 acres per farm, down 4 acres from 1998.

By categories the average farm sizes are 67 acres for the small (down 3 acres from last year), 170 for the medium (up 5 acres), and 713 for the large farms (unchanged from last year).

The number of farms in the United States in 1999 is estimated at 2.19 million, up fractionally from 1998. The increase in farm numbers can be attributed to the continued rise in the number of small farms. Total land in farms, at 947.3 million acres, was down 0.7 percent or 6.2 million acres from last year.

This decline in land in farms continues the historical trend of less land in farms. The average farm size decreased 3 acres from 1998 to 432 acres.

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Dr. Richard Hall has returned to Cass City to practice medicine at the Family First Community Health Center after a 6-month absence from the community. The long-time Cass City physician closed his practice in Cass City last August after 17 1/2 years, citing ever increasing demands at his office and the hospital.

Refinancing the unpaid balance of a loan used to help finance construction of the wastewater treatment plant may cost the village \$130,000.

Six members of the Cass City gymnastic team are gearing up for the first ever regional competition Saturday at Hartland High School in Hartland. They are Kathy Woodruff, Heather Hulburt, Gia Mellendorf, Courtney Turner, Jennifer Laming and Cheryl Laming. Coaches are John and Lena Waltz.

Cass City area residents, like thousands of other people throughout Michigan and beyond, were shelling out plenty of bucks last week in hopes of realizing a \$43 million dream. At Fort's Confectionery Store, sales Friday were about triple what they normally are. Ralph Retherford, owner, noted he was selling an average of 2,000 tickets a day last week.

Mandy Deering, whose saxophone solo earned a division I rating, the highest mark awarded at the district solo and ensemble competition in Caro Feb. 18, will go on to perform at a state solo and ensemble festival slated for March 25 in Flint.

10 YEARS AGO

A blizzard engulfed the area with little warning Saturday, forcing motorists to slow to a creep in near zero visibility conditions. The result was several minor accidents, including a 10-vehicle mishap 2 1/2 miles west of Cass City.

Cass City Village officials learned Monday their third application for state landfill closure grant monies has been recommended for approval. Provided the application receives legislative approval, Cass City will get a grant totalling \$313,532.

Area pastor Charles Emmert has amassed a collection of some 300,000 sports cards, most of them featuring baseball players from the early 1930s to the present.

Elizabeth Weighill will celebrate her 102nd birthday with a party Thursday at Tendercare Nursing Home, Cass City. The former Winnepeg, Canada, resident was born March 1, 1888, in England.

Thomas Loomis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Loomis of Cass City, has been accepted to attend the University of Michigan Medical School beginning with the fall 1990 term. Loomis, 26, is a 1981 graduate of Cass City High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Anderson University, Anderson, Ind., in 1985.

25 YEARS AGO

In the wake of the economic downturn, General Cable Corp. of Cass City announced Monday that the plant will institute a 4-day work week beginning Friday.

Roger Little, who provides ambulance service for the area, is pushing hard for an EMT training program in Cass City. It would give the area a head start should the Michigan Legislature pass a bill that would establish strict new guidelines for all ambulances in the state, including

2 emergency technicians (EMT's) in each ambulance. Little said the ideal situation for Cass City would be to add a stall at the fire department and dispatch the ambulance from there.

Sharyl Schneeberger,

Barn exhibition arriving soon at **Rawson Library**

Rawson Memorial Library officials are gearing up to cut the ribbon this weekend for the long-awaited "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibit. Exploring barns in all seg-

ments of American life, from agricultural forms to their use in advertising, the "Barn

visit the special activities anytime from noon to 4 p.m. More information and directions are available at the library or by calling (517) 872-2856.

FAMILIAR ICON

The "Barn Again!" exhibi-

"A ribbon cutting will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the library"

Again!" exhibit will open Monday, March 6, at the Cass City library and will continue through April 15. Hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A ribbon cutting will be

35 YEARS AGO held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the library, which is located one Thursday's blizzard-like block south of the stoplight snowfall played a large part in Cass City. in the flaming destruction of

daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence Schneeberger of

Cass City, will be one of sev-

eral Ferris State College mar-

keting class students who

will undertake a research

project during their term

break vacation in New York

High winds caused an esti-

mated \$400 damage to a

high-voltage power line and

pole owned by Thumb Elec-

tric Cooperative at the

Charles Woodruff residence

on Crawford Road, 6 miles

southeast of Cass City

around 10:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Arthur Little, 88, a lifelong

resident of the Cass City

area, died at his home on

Main Street Sunday, Feb. 23.

He served as postmaster of

Cass City from 1933 until

1944, and was Cass City's

oldest war veteran, having

served in France in World

War I in Battery B. 329th

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Organized by the the modest home of Mr. and Smithsonian Institution Mrs. Joseph Gorka early Fri-Traveling Exhibition Serday, in a fire believed caused vices (SITES) in association by a faulty furnace. The with the National Building Gorkas' pet dog aroused the Museum, "Barn Again!" couple at 4 a.m. and they and looks at the origin and fate the dog escaped unharmed. of the barn in its various roles Cass City firemen fought the as warehouse, factory and stubborn fire until they ran legend.

out of water and the build-A host of local events have ing then burned to the been planned in conjunction with the Smithsonian barn Smith-Douglass announced exhibition. the opening this week of its

Rawson Memorial Library new Cass City installation, is hosting a quilt show as well as a display of barn building tools. Barn art and photography is on display at the library as well as downtown stores. Barn and farming displays can also be seen in downtown buildings, the Cass City Historical Society has a display at the village trol of funds collected in the municipal building, and Chemical Bank has a toy barn display. A number of self-guided

Hoffman will chair the committee to head the local denbarn tours are available, with ter. Also on the committee pamphlets listing the various barns available at the library. A record voter turnout has Other special activities inbeen forecast for the annual clude: village election Monday,

*Saturday, March 18 - visit

tion gives visitors new ways to consider a familiar icon by surveying the agricultural changes that led to architectural adaptations on the farm, and following major movements in American history such as 19th-century European immigration and westward migration.

Industrial farming in the 20th century has rendered many traditional barns obsolete because they cannot accommodate the enormous machinery and harvests of today's large-scale farms. The loss of these architectural structures is forever changing the rural landscape and depriving residents of important historical monu-

ments. Barns from each state participating in the tour are represented in the exhibition, along with a sampling of barns from other parts of the country.

Highlighting distinct architectural types, the exhibition's variety of barn styles reveals the creativity of farmers-builders who adapted these structures to fit their own needs, from the connected barns and house of New England to the large dairy barns of the Midwest. Even as barns disappear from the countryside, their role in American culture remains constant. Advertising and industry professionals, politicians and artists frequently use barn imagery to convey American values such as dependability, hard



A \$5,000 DONATION from the Pinney Foundation last week put the Elkland Township Fire Department just \$3,000 away from its goal of raising \$15,000 for a new set of "Jaws of Life." Presenting the check to Fire Chief Ron Pawloski (above) is Bev Perry, a member of the Pinney Foundation Board of Directors.

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history. Judging by the re-*Saturday, March 25 - tour sults of the primary, Warren the historical Thumb Octa-Wood and Lee Rabideau face gon Barn, located just north an uphill battle in their fight of Bay City-Forestville Road to defeat Mrs. Gladys Albee on Ritchie Road (east of "Scotty" Gagetown).

*Saturday, April 1 - Tour Cass City Schools were disthe Dillon Barn, 3442 Cass missed at 1:30 Wednesday so City Rd.

students could attend the fu-*Saturday, April 8 - Learn neral of Mrs. Gladys how maple syrup is made at Hutchinson, 43, who died the Battel Farm, 7964 Daus Saturday after she was Rd.

stricken with a heart attack. *Check out horse raising Mrs. Hutchinson served as activities at the Enos Farm. head dietician at Cass City 5938 Ritter Rd.

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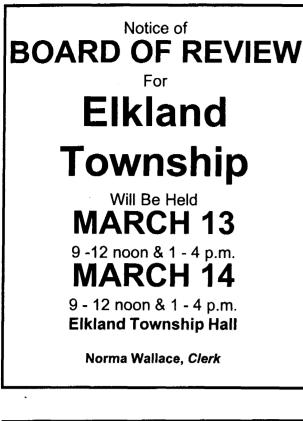
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Campbell Elementary chiljoined by high school athdren will join millions of stuletes, middle school students dents, parents, celebrities, and invited citizens from all teachers, grandparents and a corners of the community as host of citizens coast to coast they read with the children as in the third annual "Read guests in classrooms throughout the school. The Across America" celebracelebration will kick off with tion, Thursday, March 2, at special activities, including a The event honors Dr. Seuss, mooing contest, a grinch famed author of children's contest and a song dedicated books, with compelling to Dr. Seuss rhymes and illustrations.

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rangements for dropping off

ing with YouthWorks!

The Cat in the Hat is sure to make an appearance. The Thumb Area Chapter Guest readers and the chilof MEA - Retired School dren will be sharing their fa-Employees are hosting the vorite books throughout the local event. Ron Laeder, day.

chapter president, explained Principal Jody Miklovic that the celebration spotstated, "Reading with our lights the importance of enchildren is one of the most couraging children to deimportant displays of support velop a passion for reading. and encouragement that we Research has shown a direct adults can give our children. relationship between the joy Hopefully, this activity will of reading and success in help show students the relevance, importance and en-

Terri Karavas, a parent voljoyment that reading will unteer, is co-chairing the bring to their everyday lives." event with Laeder, and "There's no more important Campbell School Librarian, place for us to be March 2 than reading with our chil-Donna Emerson, Bob Gengler, Vice-President of dren," Laeder said. "We urge MEA - retired, is assisting in everyone to take time to read coordinating the volunteer to their children and grandchildren every day. It's the At Campbell Elementary, most valuable use of our time

area retired teachers will be with the greatest dividends."

Area YFC group seeking donations for upcoming sale

try focused on giving all un-The old television, comchurched students the opporputer or pair of jeans lying around your house could tunity to experience the love mean a trip to Florida, Washof Jesus Christ. Florida Breakaway is an ington, D.C., or Minneapo-

lis for students from the Cass annual trip that attracts students who may not get in-City/Kingston region of Bluewater Thumb Youth For volved with YFC or a church in any other form.

DC 2000 is the largest Students from the organizayouth conference in the tion are collecting materials country. Also a ministry of for a rummage sale, with the YFC, the conference focuses proceeds going toward scholarships to the spring on developing Christian leaders, who will return to break Florida Breakaway their local schools and outreach trip and the DC churches to make a differ-2000 leadership conference. ence'for Christ at home. Also, some funds will be "These trips are a great opused to fund a mission trip

get."

portunity to introduce a teen to Christ or for some teens who are Christians to grow in their faith and in their witLegal Notices

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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 was assigned by mesne assignments to Harris Trust and Savings Bank, as Trustee under the Poolg and Servicing Agreement dated 08/ 23/96 for Cityscape Home Equity Loan Trust 1996-3, Assignee 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.

% per annum

gan, and are described as:

from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 21, 2000

Records

Block B of Thomas Park Subdivision

according to the plat recorded in Liber 1

of Plats, page 41B of Tuscola County

Tax I.D. # 79-001-116-621-0700-00

months from the date of such sale, un

STERLING BANK & TRUST, FSB

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on 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 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days

Dated: February 23, 2000

248-593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 990707561

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, Mortgagors to Mortgage America (IMC), Inc. Aortgagee dated the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of fuscola and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of July, A.D. 1998, in Liber 744 of Tuscola Records, on page 441, which said mortgage was thereafter on, to-wit the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1998, assigned to Bankers Trust Company of California. N.A., thru mesne assignments and recorded on November 30, 1999 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 788 for said County of Tuscola Records, on

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHRISTIAN E. LOUIS SR., a made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ricky E. Esckelson and Tracie single man a/k/a CHRISTIAN LOUIS, Esckelson husband and wife (original to First Finance. Mortgagee, dated April mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mort-21, 1998, and recorded on April 29, 1998, gage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 1996, and recorded on August 16, 1996 in Liber 695, on Page 1374, Tuscola in Liber 736, on page 864, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to STERLING BANK & TRUST, FSB, by an assignment April County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Firstar 27, 1998, and recorded on December 2, Bank, NA, f/k/a Star Bank N.A. (Succes-1998, in Liber 757, on page 389, Tuscola sor by merger with Great Financial Bank, County Records, Michigan, on which FSB), Assignee by an assignment dated mortgage there is claimed to be due at October 1, 1997, which was recorded on the date hereof the sum of FIFTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED October 21, 1997, in Liber 722, on Page 944, Tuscola County Records, on which EIGHTY FIVE AND 56/100 Dollars mortgage there is claimed to be due at (\$52,985.56), including interest at 11.150 the date hereof the sum of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUN-Under the power of sale contained in DRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 23/100 said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given dollars (\$47,988.23), including interest at 8.500% per annum that said mortgage will be foreclosed by

a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case entrance of the Courthouse in the Village made and provided, notice is hereby given of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, a that said mortgage will be foreclosed by 10:00 o'clock a.m. on March 17, 2000. a sale of the mortgaged premises, or som Said premises are situated in the Townpart of them, at public venue, at the front ship of Akron, Tuscola County, Michientrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 24, 2000. Lots 7, 8 and the West 10 feet of Lot 9,

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 The redemption period shall be six Goodrich Street; thence East 7.63 chains; thence North 1 chain; thence West 7.63 chains; thence South I chain to the point less determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case of beginning. All in the Village (now City) the redemption period shall be 30 days of Vassar, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: February 9, 2000

2-2-5 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 2 - 9 - 5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR made by David Millmine and Carol ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been vices Corporation, Mortgagee, dated made in the conditions of a mortgage April 30, 1998, and recorded on Novemmade by Eileen M. Sage and Robert H. ber 29, 1999 in Liber 788. on Page 1236. Sage wife and husband (original mort-Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and gagors) to World Wide Financial Serwas assigned by mesne assignments to vices. Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 5, The Bank of New York as Co-Trustee 1998 and recorded on October 16, 1998 under the pooling and Servicing Agreein Liber 753, on Page 396, Tuscola ment dated as of July 31, 1998, Series County Records, Michigan, and was as-1998-B, Assignee by an assignment dated signed by said mortgagee to the GE Capi-tal Mortgage Service, Inc., Assignee by June 28, 1999, which was recorded on January 12, 2000, in Liber 792, on Page an assignment dated October 6, 1998 558, Tuscola County Records, on which which was recorded on May 18, 1999, in Liber 771, on Page 1136, Tuscola County mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-EIGHT Records, on which mortgage there is

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

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

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

Dated: February 16, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 200010593 Hawks

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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 vendue 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 Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the North-

west 1/4 of Section 20, Town 10 North,

Range 7 East, Arbela Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as begin-ning 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 min-utes 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 5.725 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

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DAVID J. BENNETT from the date of such sale. THAV, GROSS. STEINWAY & BENNETT 30150 Telegraph #444 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 645-1700

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE made in the conditions of a mortgage Millmine husband and wife and Eugene L. Rauch and Eileen C. Rauch husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Consolidated Mortgage and Financial Ser-

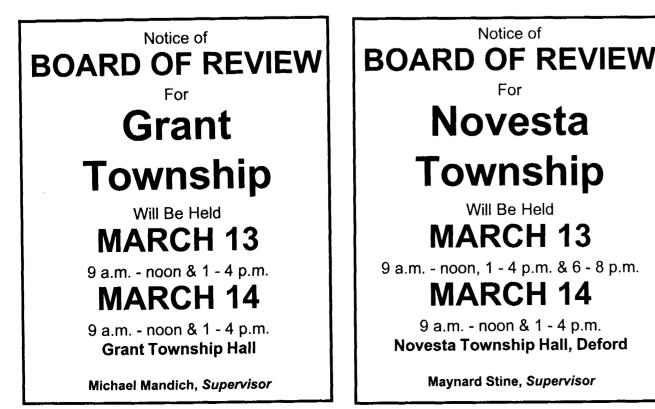
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nesses," Bader said. "The page 1386, on which mortgage there is trips are costly, however, so claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum we need all the help we can of \$50,298.54

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

> as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Caro, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows, to wit: LOT 6. BLOCK 2, OF AGAR SUBDI-

VISION AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 86, NOW BEING 36B OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS

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

Dated: February 9, 2000

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A. By: Daniel E. Best (P58501) Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee 755 W. Big Beaver, Suite 310 Troy, MI 48084 (248) 362-6100 2-9-5

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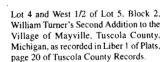
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THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED claimed to be due at the date hereof the NINETY AND 32/100 dollars (\$68,490.32), including interest at 11.000% per annum, and as disclosed in Affidavit of Claim of Interest dated July 23, 1999, recorded October 27, 1999 in Liber 785 pages 1390-1391 Tuscola County Records. Mortgage assigned to TMS Mortgage, Inc., DBA The Money Store as disclosed in the above mentioned

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.

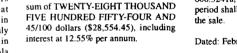
Claim of Interest.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE. TOWNSHIP OF FRE-MONT, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as



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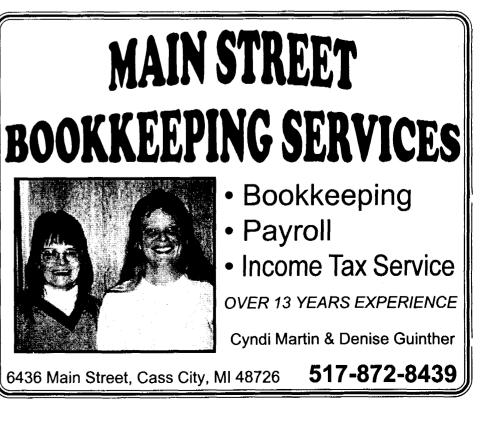
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 31, 2000.

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for IMC Mortgage Company, As Assignee 2501 Rochester Court Troy, MI 48083 (248) 457-1000 File No. 193.0005

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Edna Ellis

Edna L. Ellis, 73, of Lupton, died Feb. 25, 2000, at WB Regional Medical Center, West Branch. She was born in Yale Aug.

31. 1926, the daughter of Gladys Wilbert and (Duffield) Ellis.

Ellis was formerly of Cass City and Gagetown and had lived in Lupton for the past 23 years. She was a member of the Lupton Friends





Church. She is survived by 2 brothers, Winton "Fred" and Violet Ellis of Lupton, and Floyd and Betty Ellis of Gagetown; a sister, Grace and Charles Young of Elkton, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Lyle Ellis, and a sis-

ter, Ilene Nutt. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday. March 2, at Lupton Friends Church, Lupton, with the Rev. Jack Rice officiating.

Burial will be in Grant Cemetery, Township Gagetown. Memorials may be made in

care of the family. Arrangements were made by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Homes Inc., Rose City.

Terry Rosinski

Terry Alphonse Rosinski, 56, of Kalamazoo, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, in Ann Arbor.

He was born June 3, 1943, in Detroit, the son of Alphonse and Florence (Polcyn) Rosinski. He married Diane Freiburger in Cass City in 1972.

Moving to Kalamazoo in 1988, Rosinski worked as a director of strategic initiatives at Parker-Hannifin. He is survived by his wife, Rosinski of Diane Kalamazoo; a daughter, Amy Rosinski of Ann Arbor; a sister, Camille (Peter) Ecklund of Grosse Pointe: his father. Alphonse Rosinski of Grosse Pointe, and several nieces

A Millington man faces several years in prison for his conviction on 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years in the fall and spring of 1997 in Millington. Sam M. Smith, 41, was sen-

tenced last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court to a prison term of 10 to 15 years. He previously pleaded no contest to the charges.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Jason A. Waltz, 23, Cass City, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana last September/August in the Cass City area.

He was ordered to pay \$1,240 in court costs and fines, a \$150 forensic fee and restitution totaling \$230. •David W. Kaufeld, 42, Mt. Morris, was sentenced to 1 1/2 years to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor,

\$1,140 in costs and fines, \$1,229 in attorneys fees and a \$150 forensic fee.

Circuit court proceedings

Randy Gunter, 47, Mayville, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 120 days in jail for his plea of guilty to attempted malicious destruction of property and unlawful use of a motor vehicle July 30 in Fremont and Vassar townships. He was ordered to pay

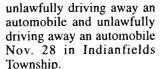
\$1,420 in costs and fines plus restitution totaling \$165.25. •Amanda M. Deornellas,

21, Millington, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 365 days in jail (deferred without a date) for her pleas of guilty to 2 counts of forgery involving checks of \$150 and \$200 drawn on the Michigan Federal Credit Union last summer in Indianfields Township.

She was ordered to pay \$560 in costs and fines plus restitution totaling \$2,180. •Shaun C. Parker, 37,

Vassar, pleaded guilty to probation violation. An updated pre-sentence investigation was ordered for

the defendant, who was re-



Bond was continued at \$5,000 and a pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled. •Randall R. Craft, 38, Vassar, pleaded no contest to resisting and obstructing a police officer Jan. 19 in Tuscola Township.

Sanilac hospital responds to bomb threat Saturday

Sanilac County Central Dispatch received a call from Deckerville Community Hospital advising that they had just received an anonymous bomb threat, Saturday at about 5 p.m.

Patrol units responded from the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police and Deckerville police. Sanilac County Sheriff's Department K-9 handler James Wagester and K-9 Officer Blast, the

Bond was continued at \$1,000 and sentencing was scheduled for May 5.

•Jennifer Diener, 31, Vassar, pleaded guilty to probation violation.

An updated pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and Diener was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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PAGE SIXTEEN **Tips to ease** sticker shock at the pump

To help ease sticker shock properly at the gas pumps - - prices are 50 cents a gallon higher than a year ago - - AAA Michigan officials offer a dozen easy-to-follow, money-saving suggestions.

1. Slow down. Even a 5speed can affect your gas mileage. Watch your tachometer to gauge engine performance.

2. Keep tires properly inflated. Under-inflated tires pressure below recommended levels.

3. Give your car a full tuneup, as recommended by the manufacturer, including a regular oil and oil filter change. A poorly tuned engine can increase fuel consumption by up to 50 percent or more.

4. Do not purchase midgrade or premium gasoline unless it is considered necessary by the vehicle's manufacturer. Using self-serve regular fuel compared to premium can save an average of 17 cents per gallon.

5. Don't let the vehicle idle for more than a minute. Idling consumes half-a-gallon to one gallon of gas per hour and wastes more fuel than restarting the engine. 6. Accelerate gently, brake

gradually and avoid hard stops 7. Combine errands into

one trip or go to the one location to take care of as many errands as possible.

8. When travelling, avoid excess weight and reduce use of car top carriers and trailers. Additional weight and vehicle add-ons have a negative effect on aerodynamics, causing engines to work harder and burn more gas.

9. Car pool when possible. 10. Travel during off-peak times, avoiding rush hour.

11. Check the engine oil level when buying gas to be sure the engine is lubricated

Farmers at

12. Large trucks - - which pull heavy loads and are less aerodynamic than cars - - see even greater gains in fuel efficiency with decreased speed. For every one mph increase above 55 mph fuel mile-per-hour decrease in efficiency generally de-speed can affect your gas creases 2.2 percent.

Oilseed can cut fuel economy by a half percent per pound of **producers** eligible

Producers who planted an eligible oilseed in 1999 are eligible to participate in the 1999 Oilseed Program. Eligible oilseeds are soybeans, sunflowers, flaxseed, canola, rapeseed, safflower seed, mustard and crambe.

A producer's payment is equal to the producer's payment acres times the producer's payment yield times the national payment rate.

Payments are calculated differently for producers who planted an eligible oilseed for the first time in 1999, and for those who planted in 1997 or 1998, as well as in 1999.

For producers who planted oilseeds in 1999 and also in 1997 or 1998, the payment acres is the higher of the total 1997 or 1998 acreages planted on all farms.

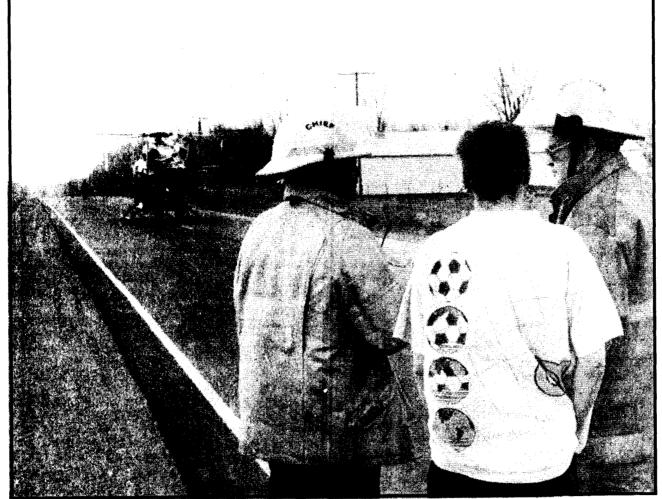
The payment yield for these producers is the higher of: 1. The county average yields for soybeans (the na-

tional average yield for minor oilseeds) from 1994 through 1998, after dropping the high and low yields.

2. The producer's proven yield for 1997 or 3. The producer's proven

yield for 1998. Officials note that the year with the higher payment acreage may differ from the year with the higher yield.

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FlightCare in action

ELKLAND FIRE Chief Ron Pawloski (left) and Fire Fighter Don Root await the FlightCare Helicopter crew, which was transported by rescue van to the scene of a crash that left 4 local residents injured over the weekend.

Green lauds bill to convene review boards in summer

Property owners in areas fixed as soon as possible, rather than waiting until the without a summer tax collecend of the year. tion shouldn't have to wait

"Nobody should be made to until December to correct tax wait 8 or 9 months, when the assessment mistakes, state correction can be made Mike Green, R-Mayville, announced last sooner. People like to have things cleared up quickly, especially when it comes to The House approved

their property taxes." Property assessment changes are issued in the spring, with tax bills arriving in June for summer collection and December for winter collection.

Summer tax collections have gained popularity particularly with school districts because they begin to receive

4 hurt Saturday in car accident

Four area residents were injured - one of them seriously - when the vehicle they were riding in struck a small clump of trees on the north side of Shabbona Road, one half-mile west of Dodge Road Saturday morning.

The accident was reported at 8:42 a.m., according to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, who said Kurt A. Romstead, 19, Cass City, was driving a 1986 Camaro eastbound on Shabbona Road when he lost control on the dirt roadway, slid sideways and left the road. Elkland Township fire

Cass City, where they were treated and released. None of the occupants was fighters used their Jaws of wearing a seatbelt, according

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

the wreckage along with one

of his passengers, Donald L.

Romstead was transported

by FlightCare Helicopter to

St. Mary's Medical Center in

Saginaw, where he was listed

Finkbeiner and 2 other pas-

sengers, Kris D. Kruse, 19,

and Benjamin J. Hennessey

Jr., 22, both of Cass City,

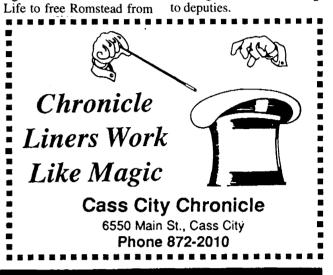
were transported by Cass

City MMR personnel to Hills

and Dales General Hospital,

in serious condition.

Finkbeiner, 21, Cass City.





Area farmers were in the state's capital city Feb. 15 to take part in the annual Lansing Legislative Seminar held by Michigan Farm Bureau.

More than 350 Farm Bureau members representing 64 county Farm Bureaus took advantage of the opportunity to meet and lobby their state senators and representatives. Tuscola County Farm Bureau participants were Dave Milligan, Steve Foley, Don Keinath, Diane Ballard and Dorothy Keinath.

Three educational sessions served as a forum for Farm Bureau members to learn about and discuss issues, including property tax, highway funding, and farmland preservation. An evening reception brought legislators and their aides to the Lansing Center to meet with the farmers.

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seed for the first time in 1999, the payment acreage is the 1999 acreage of the oilseed. The payment yield is the higher of the county average or the producers 1999 yield.

jected rates.

For new producers of oil-

seeds who planted the oil-

property taxes' phrase, so all review boards can consider assessment corrections at

> "Interpretation of the current wording in the act doesn't allow review boards to make corrections in July unless a summer tax is collected," Green said. "This amendment allows all property owners to have mistakes

operating money in July at the beginning of their fiscal year. Without the summer collection, many schools had to borrow funds and pay interest until December tax

collections improved their cash flow. Green's bill also clarifies the 30-day period taxpayers

are given to pay when an assessment or calculation mistake results in underpayment, and it simplifies issuing a taxpayer rebate for overpayment.

The legislation awaits consideration in the Senate.



taxes to make assessment corrections in July. HB 4260 deletes the 'for summer The projected payment rates are calculated based on the 5-year average price for their July hearings. each oilseed, after dropping

putations.

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Green's legislation to amend

the General Property Tax

Act, which requires local

governments to convene

boards of review in July and

December to address clerical

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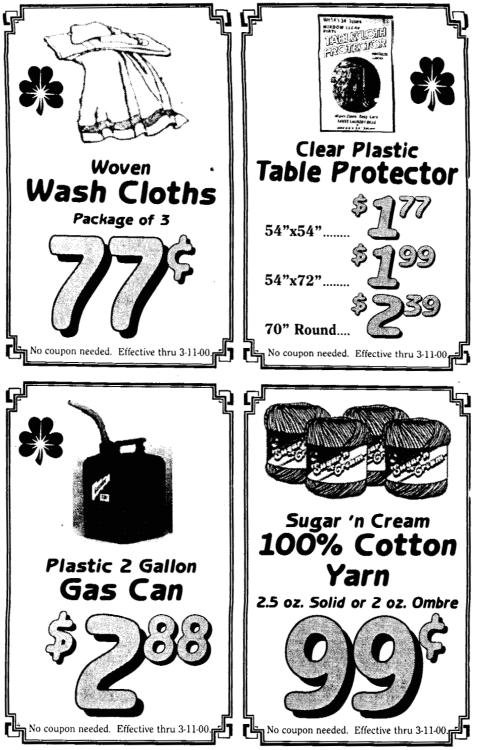
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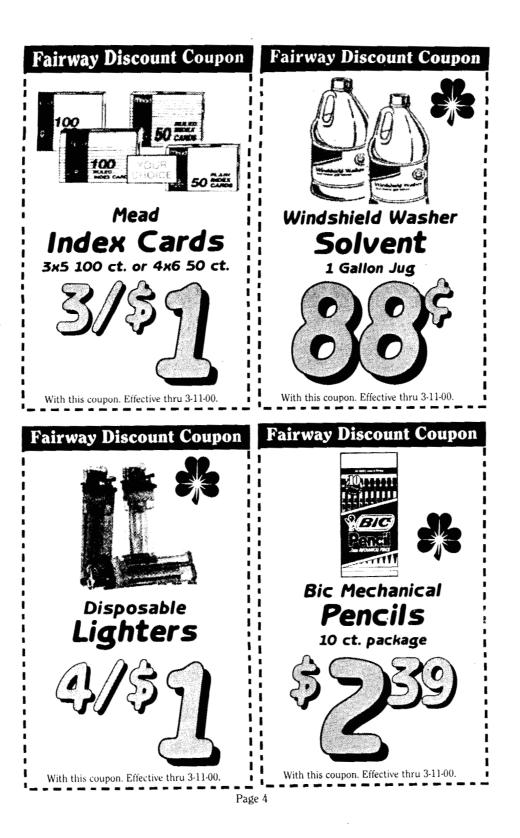
the high and low years, and adjusted to keep spending within the authorized level. Actual payments will be determined after sign up ends. The payment rates may be higher or lower than the pro-



































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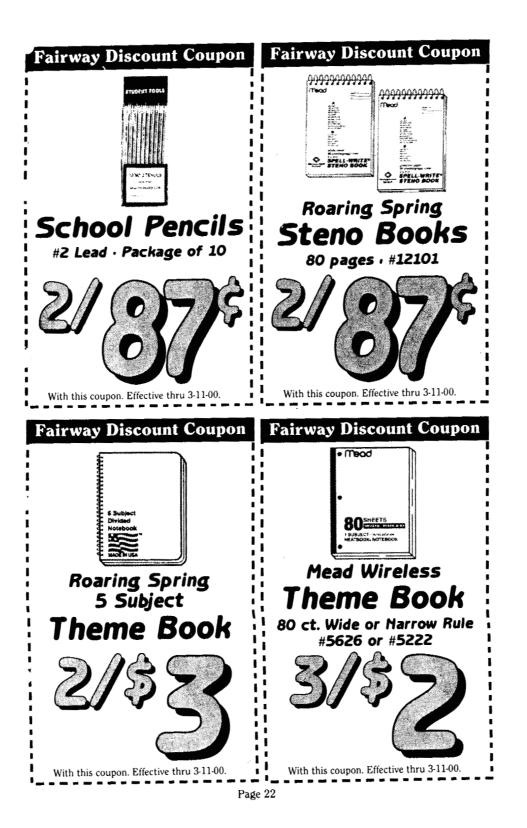




























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