



A FULL SIZE pickup truck fleeing from police early Saturday morning slammed into the rear of this Tuscola County Sheriff's Department patrol car near the corner of M-24 and M-81. The patrol car was stopped at the time and the officers narrowly escaped injury.

## Officers escape injury, driver charged

# Pickup slams into patrol car

Lapeer County Central Dispatch issued a "be on the lookout" report on a possible drunk driver behind the wheel of full size pickup truck at 2:10 a.m. Saturday.

About 12 minutes later, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Curtis Chambers and Deputy Ryan Pierce were running for their lives as the driver of the pickup plowed into the rear of their stopped patrol car at 60 to 65 miles per hour on Ellington Street (M-24), just south of M-81 in the village of Caro.

"Our guys were about 10 feet away from being hit," Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske said. Jashinske explained Chambers and Pierce were at-

tempting to set a spike strip on the road, in an effort to flatten the suspect's truck tires, when they heard the pickup accelerating in their direction. Moments later, the truck rear-ended the patrol unit.

"The impact was so severe that both air bags were activated even though the impact was in the rear of the patrol car. The gas tank was dislodged and traveled approximately 300 feet into the intersection of M-81," Jashinske said.

The suspect vehicle - a 1999 Ford F350 Diesel Pickup with dual rear wheels - continued northbound after impact, crossing M-81 and coming to a stop in a yard of a residence at the corner of

M-81 and M-24.

The driver, Scott K. Lewis, 27, of Sterling Heights, was taken into custody. He was transported to Caro Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

A 6-count arrest warrant was subsequently issued for Lewis, who was arraigned Monday afternoon in Tuscola County District Court on 2 counts of assault with intent to commit murder, a felony with a maximum penalty of life in prison or any term of years, and fleeing a police officer, third degree, a 5-year felony. He is also charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, malicious destruction of police property,

and driving while his license was suspended or revoked.

Bond was set at \$250,000 for Lewis, who faces a preliminary examination March 24 at 9 a.m.

Jashinske said the high-speed chase began in Lapeer County, where central dispatch reported Mayfield Township and North Branch police were pursuing a white full size pickup northbound on M-24 near M-90.

"When they came into Tuscola County, Mayville Police Department assisted when he (suspect) went through the village and continued northbound on M-24. A Tuscola County Sheriff's unit joined the pursuit at M-24 and Mertz Road," Jashinske said, adding the suspect reached speeds of up to 90 miles per hour.

"All the units had their emergency lights and sirens on and the suspect continued northbound, going through the intersection of M-24 and M-46."

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro set a tire spike strip on M-24

near Bevens Road to stop the vehicle. However, even with the pickup's front tires going flat, Lewis continued northbound.

Chambers and Pierce, meanwhile, had stopped their patrol car in the northbound lane.

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# O-G chief Thies quits, cites board conflicts

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Citing frustration and conflict between himself and some school board members, Owen-Gage School Supt. Manuel Thies abruptly resigned Monday night, ending a nearly 40-year career in education - the entire tenure spent in the Owen-Gage District.

The resignation comes just 2 weeks after former Owen-Gage Board President Paul Hunter resigned after serving for nearly 5 years. He, too, cited frustration on the board, saying he could no longer function effectively as a board member.

Thies' announcement, which appeared to have surprised the board, came following a 55-minute executive session during which

Thies and junior/senior high school Principal Tom Wade met with a handful of staff members to discuss the employees' concerns over the administrators' "actions." No other details were offered.

"We answered their questions to the best of our ability. I'm hoping everybody went away satisfied," Thies stated following the executive session.

Moments later, at the end of the monthly meeting, Thies opened a letter and read a brief statement announcing his retirement effective June 30.

"I see myself and the board at odds," Thies said, adding he respects the school district too much to continue serving as superintendent in light of conflicts with certain board members. "As far as I'm concerned, it's time to step down."

The board approved President Ron Good's motion to accept the resignation "with great regret."

"Even though it's a rocky road, I think you've done an excellent job," Good added.

Thies' retirement marks the end of a 39-year career at Owen-Gage. He taught in the district for 29 years before accepting the post of junior/senior high principal. After 3 years, he was hired as superintendent.

The school district will lose another veteran servant this summer, as Good has stated

he will not seek reelection following 32 years on the board of education.

## THREAT SCARE

Turning to other matters, the board received a letter from the Gagetown Police Department lauding school officials' response to an incident involving a student threat at the elementary

school earlier this month.

The letter lauded school officials' actions and the fact that the incident was not publicized.

Elementary Principal Bill Britt confirmed that a student told his mother that he heard another student threaten to take a gun to school. The parent subsequently contacted the school board. Please turn to page 5.

# Monthly tornado siren testing set

Area residents enjoyed a taste of summer last week as temperatures hovered in the 60s and 70s.

The sunny days turned cool again all too soon, but they will return, and with them will come the chance of severe weather. Which is why the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and Gov. John Engler have declared the week of March 26-April 1 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

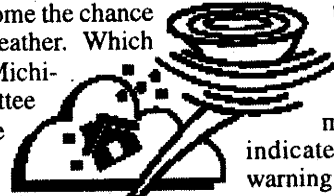
As part of the annual observance, all Tuscola County fire departments will be testing their tornado sirens Saturday, April 1, at 1 p.m.

The fire departments will continue to test their tor-

nado sirens on the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. during the severe weather months, April through October.

All county fire departments use the same system to alert residents of tornadoes; a 2-minute blast indicates a tornado warning has been issued, and 3 short blasts signal the danger is over.

A tornado or severe thunderstorm watch is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop, giving residents time to plan and prepare. A warning is issued when a tornado funnel is sighted or indicated on radar. Residents are urged to act immediately and seek shelter.



## Township will try again

# Novesta eyes road taxes

Novesta Township officials will again ask voters to approve a special tax levy for road improvements.

The decision was made last week, according to Township Clerk Kathy Newell, who noted the Novesta Township Board also approved a new budget and discussed the future of trash disposal service during the March 6 monthly meeting.

Newell said the board voted to place a special road millage request on the August ballot, and that the request will be presented in the form of 2 separate questions. Specific amounts have not been determined yet, however, she indicated the total tax request will exceed one mill. If approved, the money generated by the levy would go for road maintenance and construction.

Township voters rejected a proposed 1.5-mill request for 4 years for road improvements during the February primary election. The measure was defeated 155 to 97, with about 17 percent of the township's registered voters casting ballots.

## BUDGET

Turning to the budget, the board approved a 2000-2001 spending plan totaling \$142,532. Total revenues are estimated at \$144,300, including \$21,400 in unallocated funds.

Newell reported the budget represents a planned decrease in spending of about

\$3,600, or nearly 2.5 percent, compared to 1999.

Although township officials plan to spend less money overall in the coming years, expenses will be up in a number of areas, including office supplies needed for 3 elections.

Newell said cemetery expenses are expected to rise by \$2,500, from \$4,050 to \$6,550, but burial revenues are expected to increase as well, with the board approving a fee hike of \$1,200 for burials, which will now cost \$4,700.

Fire protection will also cost more at \$11,700, up from \$10,800, and ambulance service fees are up following the board's agreement to double its contribution to the Cass City MMR Ambulance service from \$2 per capita to \$4 per capita. The increase will boost the township's cost by about \$3,000 to \$6,000 annually.

## GARBAGE

In other business, the board reviewed a proposal from Cove Sanitation to provide curbside trash pick-up service for \$8.30 per month per household.

The proposal is about \$2 cheaper than an earlier quote from the company, according to Newell, who said the board is considering a change from the current system of selling refuse permit tickets that enable township residents to drop off their garbage at the township hall

once or twice each month. "It looks like garbage (service) will be a little more expensive," Newell said. Please turn to page 5.

# Caro area man arrested in Internet sex crime sting

A Caro area man suspected of attempting to have a sexual encounter with an undercover officer he believed was a 14-year-old boy was arrested over the weekend in Downers Grove, Ill., about 25 miles west of Chicago.

The arrest was announced Monday by Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan and DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett.

Ryan said members of the

Illinois Internet Child Exploitation Task Force arrested John Martinez, 41, Caro, Sunday morning in Downers Grove, where he allegedly had arranged to meet the "boy" during previous conversations in an Internet chat room. Simultaneously, a search warrant was executed at Martinez' Caro area residence.

Ryan stated the suspect was charged with one count of indecent solicitation of a

child, a felony punishable by 2 to 5 years in prison.

"These allegations, if proven in court, demonstrate how child predators are increasingly using cyberspace to seek their prey," Ryan said.

He noted the investigation began when Martinez made contact with an officer from the Downers Grove Police Department who was posing as a 14-year-old boy in an Internet chat room. He said Martinez arranged to meet the "boy" for purposes of sexual activity.

The arrest was carried out by the Downers Grove Police Department. In Michigan, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and a representative of the Illinois Attorney General's Office executed the search warrant at

Martinez' residence.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske said evidence and property was confiscated and taken back to Illinois, where the case will be prosecuted by Ryan's Internet Criminal Activity Unit and Birkett's office.

Although charged with a crime, police pointed out that Martinez has not yet been convicted and that the government will have to prove its charges in court beyond a reasonable doubt.

Jashinske urged county residents to be aware of the possible dangers technology can pose to children. "It is important to remind everyone how vulnerable we are to Internet crimes," he said, "and as parents, we must be constantly vigilant of what our children are doing on the computer."

# Few surprises in village elections

As expected, there were few surprises in area village general elections Monday.

The only race among 5 area villages was decided in Ubly, where incumbents Steven Romzek and Carl Weber, along with newcomer Dennis West - all Republicans - were elected to 4-year terms on the village council. Weber received 80 votes, West garnered 77 votes and Romzek, 76 votes.

Democrat challenger Richard Kain received 48 votes. Incumbent Jim Zulauf did not seek reelection.

Running unopposed were Village President David Jaroch (69 votes), Treasurer Florence Schrader (83 votes) and Clerk Judy Messing (89 votes).

In addition, Bonnetta Wright (101 votes) and Hilda

Stefan (87 votes) won terms on the library board.

In other area elections:

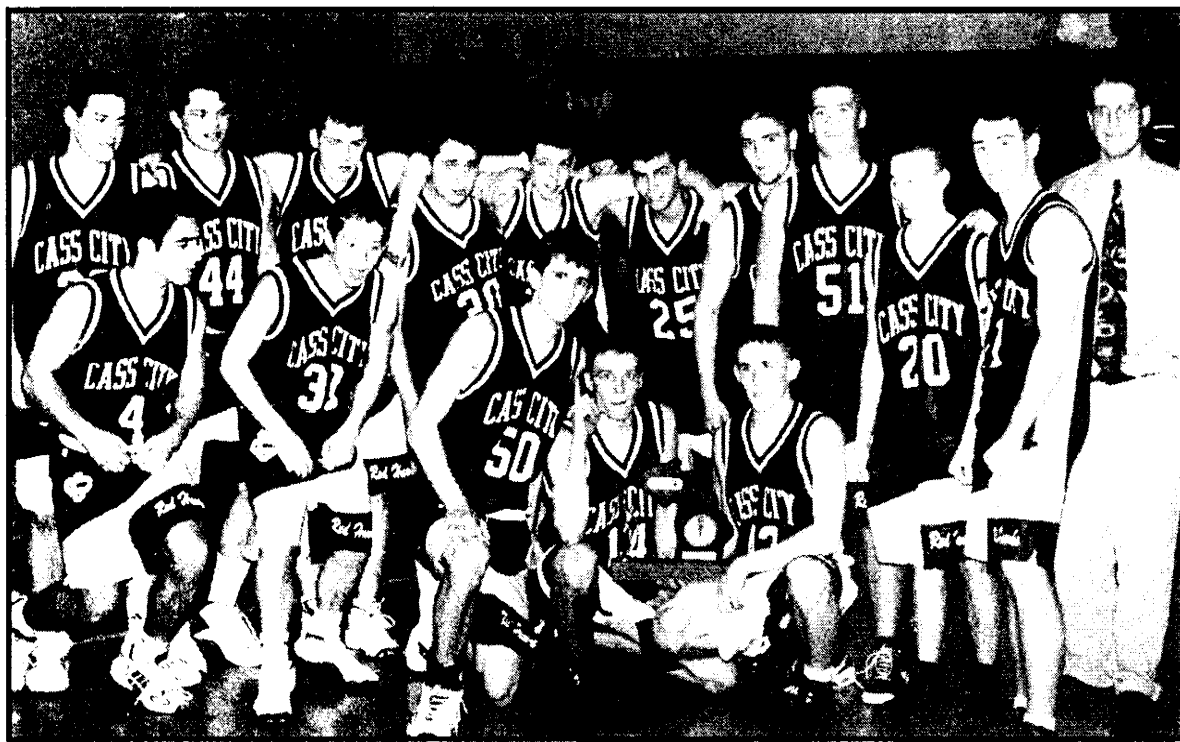
## CASS CITY

Cass City Village Council Trustee Leslie Karr was elected the new village president, filling a vacancy left by retiring long-time council member and Village President L.E. Althaver. Karr, who received 75 votes, ran unopposed for the 2-year term in the general election.

Elected to 4-year terms were incumbent Trustee Catherine Kropewnicki, who received 76 votes, and newcomers Joseph VanAuken and Steve Wright, who garnered 72 and 73 votes, respectively. Incumbent

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## Red Hawks rule districts



CELEBRATING CASS CITY'S first district title since 1994, when the team went to the quarterfinals, is this Hawk hoop squad. Front row, from left: Tim Khoury, Matt Stoutenburg, Craig Emmert, Joel Brinkman and Bryce VanVliet. Standing: Eric Brown, Nick Anthony, Bill Thane, Frank Grant, Chad Holmgren, Ryan Holmgren, Jeff Storm, Nathan Brinkman, Zach Glaspie, Paul Langmaid and Coach Jim Green.



Brent and Patty Fritz

## Timmons, Fritz exchange vows

Patti Timmons of Owendale and Brent Fritz of Gageton were married Saturday, July 31, 1999, at St. Agatha's Catholic Church in Gageton. Pastor Carol Blair of Fenton and Father Paul Bala of Cass City officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of the late Steven and Charlene Timmons of Owendale, and the groom is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Fritz of Gageton.

Karen Rath of Mayville provided organ and piano music. The soloist was David Good of Owendale.

The altar was adorned with white gladioli.

The bride, given in marriage by her grandmother, Charlotte LaPeer of Cass City, wore a white satin re-embroidered Alencon lace gown. The dress featured a hug-the-shoulder neckline, accented with pearls and clear sequins and a princess lined bodice of white satin, which was heavily beaded with re-embroidered Alencon lace.

An empire waistline and princess lined skirt, also of white satin, was trimmed with re-embroidered Alencon lace at the hemline. The semi-cathedral train was trimmed with white lace medallions.

The bride carried a nosegay of Virginia roses, stems wrapped with gold and cream sheer ribbon.

Debbie Curry of Sterling Heights, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor.

The bridesmaids were Tanya Evans of Cass City,

Angie Roemer of Owendale, Jodie Fritz of Royal Oak, sister of the groom, Amy Hayne of Ypsilanti and Emily Johnson of Seattle, Wash. The bridesmaids also carried nosegays of Virginia roses, wrapped with gold and cream sheer ribbon.

The flower girl was Kelsey Fritz of Bay Port, cousin of the groom.

Ryan Fritz of Gageton, brother of the groom, was the best man.

The groomsmen were Maurice Evans of Cass City, Matthew Mandich of Cass City, Wayne Curry of Sterling Heights, brother-in-law of the bride, Brandon Fritz of Bay Port, cousin of the groom, and Troy Hagon of Lansing.

Ushers were Thomas Sattler of Essexville, cousin of the groom, and Chad Timmons of Owendale, cousin of the bride.

After the ceremony, a reception was conducted at the Ugly Fox Hunter's Club for 350 guests.

The bride is a graduate of Owen-Gage High School and the University of Michigan. She is currently pursuing a doctorate of philosophy in clinical psychology at the State University of New York in Stony Brook.

The groom is a graduate of Owen-Gage High School and Central Michigan University. He is currently employed at Zebra Environmental in Lynbrook, N.Y.

After a honeymoon to the Pocono Mountains, the couple resides in Hicksville, N.Y.

## Szarapski celebrates birthday



Stephanie Szarapski

Stephanie Szarapski celebrated her 101st birthday Sunday, March 5, at the Autumn Wood Nursing Home in Deckerville.

Twenty-one members of her family helped celebrate with a large banana cake, ice cream, coffee and punch.

Attending were her children, Jean Checkeroski of Sterling Heights, Chester and Gertrude Szarapski of Mt. Clemens, Stan and Arlene Szarapski and Dick and Norma Szarapski, all of Cass City; grandchildren, Mark and Donna Checkeroski of Lapeer, Rick Szarapski, Joe and Marilyn Szarapski and Paul Szarapski, all of Cass City, Brent and Liisa Szarapski of Traverse City and Stephanie Szarapski of Bay City, and 5 great-grandchildren.

## Correction

Darren John Hutchinson was born Feb. 4, not March 4, as was printed in last week's paper. The Chronicle regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

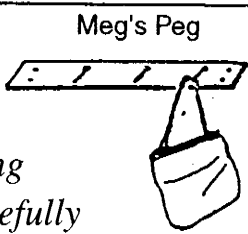
## Melannie Allen on honors list

Melannie Allen of Cass City has been named to the academic honors list at Spring Arbor College for the fall 1999 semester.

To be named to the list, full-time students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester. Part-time students must receive a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and carry a cumulative 3.5 grade point average.



Aging gracefully



by Melva E. Guinther

Some 20-25 years ago, long before the days of MARC (Medical Arts and Rehabilitation Center), Cass City had a health spa. It was located where People's Choice and Subway are today, and it featured all sorts of exercise equipment, a sauna, steam bath, etc.

I met a lot of nice, if sweaty, people there.

One was a very pleasant, "older" lady of 60, who seemed quite ancient at the time. Stella became somewhat of a role model for some of us, who determined that when we reached that advanced age, we'd like to be in as good shape, as good-looking and as good-natured as she was.

It was fairly easy back then to make that decision — to grow old gracefully and not become one of those sour looking, negative, griping, grouchy old people.

In the process of climbing the proverbial hill since then, we haven't lost the desire, but we've learned a bit about the aging process, and why some old people get irritable.

The so-called golden years aren't always all they're cracked up to be.

Some old folks have those perpetual pained expressions because they're in pain.

Over time, body parts tend to wear out, and there are a limited number of replacement parts, so we often have to put up with the defective ones. When those parts hurt, it's hard to be upbeat and look pleasant all the time.

Also, because of human ailments, a person may require a lot of medication, and that can add to the problem.

First, you have to remember to take your pills, which entails remembering where you put them, when you're supposed to take them, and whether or not you did.

Sometimes the very pills intended to cure, cause a reaction that can put another strain on a pleasant demeanor. Some cause yeast infections, hives or constipation.

Others, diarrhea, which makes hemorrhoids even more miserable.

Trust me, regardless of age, it's hard to look calm, cool and collected when you're suffering from any of those conditions.

Worry can also contribute to a perpetual frown, and old people have plenty to worry about.

They may well be worried about how they're going to pay for the medicine that would make them feel like smiling.

A recent prescription for an ear infection cost \$210 for 30 tablets. Fortunately, we only had to pay 20%, but even that was quite a chunk of cash.

If you don't have insurance, you're destined to suffer — one way or another.

Then there are the kids to worry about. Never mind that they're middle-aged with children of their own. They're still your kids and that gives you license to worry. Not only that, but now you have grandchildren, maybe great-grandchildren, to worry about.

If they live nearby, you likely know every problem they're going through. If they're far away, it can make matters worse. You worry when they don't call. When they do, they may sound "funny" on the phone, and you can imagine all sorts of reasons to worry.

Old folks also worry about the ever more imminent prospect of losing their independence, and they wonder what's going to become of them. And on and on it goes.

There are no easy solutions to the afflictions that accompany aging. About all you can suggest as a means of growing old gracefully is to put your faith to work and try to lighten up.

This is not intended to be an excuse for being crotchety. But if the younger generation stops to realize where they're coming from, maybe they'll cut old codgers a little slack.

## Hrabecs third

Daniel Hrabec, a seventh grader at Davison Middle School, and Allison Hrabec.

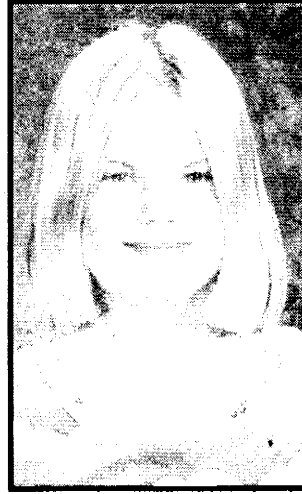


Daniel Hrabec

a fourth grader at Central Elementary in Davison, both will serve as alternates for their classes at Davison Community Schools at the Genesee County Spelling Bee.

Both students finished in third place in their class competitions, each class consisting of more than 400 students.

They are the grandchildren of Jack and Frances Hrabec of Cass City and Dale and Audrey Leslie of Decker.



Allison Hrabec

## Students from area recognized

Several area students were among 1,004 students named to the dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University for the fall term. To be honored, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of classes and have a grade point average between 3.40 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

Students from Cass City honored: Monique Matheny, Crystal McKnight, Garret O'Berski, Susan O'Hara, Whitney Osentoski, Bradley Speirs, Melissa Toner, Lena Waltz and Anna Williams.

Also honored were Tammy Schefka, Deford, and Cara Bickel, Gageton.

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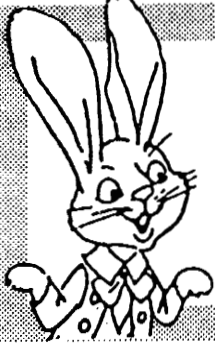
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Since the walking trail was created on the former railroad tracks, it has been kept in good condition. Patrons have generally observed the rules, with the exception of kids riding the trail on bikes. That hasn't hurt the facility.

That changed a little during the recent warm spell. At the foot of Sixth Street a large vehicle has dug deep ruts in the trail, the first such incident that has been observed in the years the trail has served the community.

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The Michigan Association of School Boards reports that teacher salaries rose 2.79 percent this year. Next year it will grow 2.8 percent. The Consumer Price Index for all United States cities this year has risen just 2.1 percent.

Cass City Schools recently approved raises of 2.9 percent for non-union personnel. While above the national average, it is below the 3 percent CPI for mid-west cities.

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Frankenmuth has horse and buggy tours. Bay City has trolley tours. When I see one go by, I just wonder what there is to see that makes them worth the cost. Sure, it's a jaundiced view, colored because everything is old hat in these communities with which I have been associated for a lifetime. It's evident that a lot of folks don't feel that way.

Frankenmuth tours were going strong on a weekend I was in town recently. The Bay City tours, sponsored by the Bay County Historical Society, run weekly on Saturdays through April 29.

The trolley tour costs adults \$5 and children 12 and under \$3.

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The basketball power in the Thumb this season rests in the Greater Thumb West league, judging by the results in the recent district tournaments. Three teams from the GTW won district crowns. Playing in the regionals are Cass City, Reese and Lakers.

## Weather spotter training scheduled

A pair of classes have been scheduled to train area residents interested in becoming weather spotters in the upper Thumb area.

The National Weather Service, American Red Cross and Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola County Emergency Management agencies will present a Basic Spotter Workshop Tuesday, March 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Detroit Edison Building, 4100 Doerr Rd., Cass City.

Individuals completing the program will become weather spotters and will work with the National

Weather Service along with their county emergency management office.

An Advanced Spotter Workshop will be held Wednesday, April 26, from 7 to 9 p.m., also at the Detroit Edison Building in Cass City. The workshop is sponsored by the National Weather Service and the American Red Cross along with the Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola emergency management agencies.

The public is welcome to attend both workshops at no charge. Anyone interested in attending is asked to call 1-800-472-6225 to register.



**MARCH IS reading month, and WNETV 5 newsman Keith Landry joined the observance in Cass City by reading to local students last Wednesday. Above, Landry addresses a group of sixth grade students in the middle school library.**

## TNU announces tip line

The Thumb Narcotics Unit is reporting that after 11 years of service a new toll free number, 1-877-TNU-TIPS (1-877-868-8477), has been established at the unit.

The new telephone number will now allow citizens to phone in drug/narcotic-related tips and information to the unit without having to pay long distance fees.

tool has been added to assist both citizens and TNU in the

effort to diligently seek out drug/narcotic traffickers.

### The Haire Net



There must be more to it than appeared on the surface. That was the initial reaction after reading the story about the Mecosta County man who was sentenced to 11 months in jail for taking nude pictures of his then 17-year-old girlfriend.

Patrick Corp, 24, was nailed on a technicality that makes it a federal crime to create or possess child pornography if the pictures were produced with materials transported in interstate commerce.

Because the paper used to print the pictures was made outside of Michigan, the pictures were produced in violation of the law that requires subjects to be 18 or older.

Having consensual sex is legal when the couple is 16 or older.

There was no evidence that Corp planned to distribute the pictures.

What makes the whole thing bizarre is that the "victim", now 18, didn't object then or now. She is reported as sobbing in court, I do not feel I've been violated or exploited.

"I am sorry that this whole thing came before the court. I love her way too much," Corp told the judge.

The attention of the police to the pictures came because the pharmacy where they were developed reported it.

Now if that's really all there is to the story, why did it end up in court?

Why use space on busy court dockets at considerable expense simply to come up with a sentence that is disparaged by both participants?

Certainly the entire picture-taking episode violates the standards of good taste that prevail here and evidently in Big Rapids as well.

But making a court case out of it doesn't accomplish anything other than costing the taxpayer for support of an

other person for a year. There was no injury to either party, with the possible exception of the girl, who now must live with the reams of publicity about the pictures.

On the face of it, this appears to be a case that could have been settled without cluttering up the court docket.

I can't help wondering why it wasn't.

A better method of paperwork reduction was discovered by some folks in New Hampshire a few years ago. These people were forced to file an extension for their tax return because their goats got into the house and ate their records while they were on vacation. (The people were on vacation, not the goats.)

Besides the tax records, the goats ate a lampshade and the toilet bowl cleaner. Several



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

This is a bad time of year for me. I've spent most of a month deciphering records and filling out forms.

I don't know why this takes so long. The Paperwork Reduction Act says we should be able to do these things in a matter of minutes.

Readers might recall the Paperwork Reduction Act was the Reagan Administration's answer to the bureaucratic paperwork that has been foisted upon businesses and individuals. The end result was a note on each government form stating, "Paperwork Reduction Act notice: The time needed to fill out this form will vary depending upon individual circumstances."

"The estimated average is 3 minutes. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you."

You bet I have comments, many of which wouldn't fit into a family newspaper. Thoughts like, "You people must be out of your minds. It takes me 3 minutes just to find a pencil. If it only takes 3 minutes, how about I send in my records, and you fill out the forms?"

Or, "I gave your form to my dog. It took him 10 minutes to eat it and 2 days to process it."

I don't know what Congress was thinking when they passed the Paperwork Reduction Act. Agencies just created more paperwork and printed that little joke on their forms.

rooms were repainted, but the goats were doing fine the last I heard.

These folks must have felt like people who go away and leave their teenagers at home.

There's been a lot of talk in Congress about getting rid of the IRS and all of their tax forms. I don't think anything will come of it, though. The elections will be over before we know it.

Besides, we still have the fairest tax system in the world. That's what one of our postmasters used to tell folks

who complained about taxes when they mailed their forms on April 15.

"Just remember," he said. "There are billions of people in the world who would love to pay taxes in this country."

A lot of folks wanted to jump over the counter and get him for that, but he was right. It would be hard to find a better country in which to live.

I guess I'll just fill out the forms and save the griping. If I run out of time, I know where I can find a huge bunch of goats.

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## Cass City Public Schools

### PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

Cass City Students Achieve

With two thirds of our current academic year behind us, it is interesting to reflect upon some of the many achievements and accomplishments of our students. In both the academic and athletic areas, we have had many groups of students reach exemplary levels of accomplishment. Here is a list of a few feats we should all be proud of.

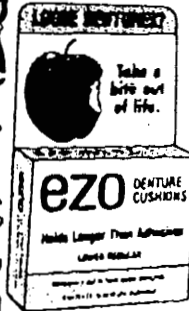
- \* Our high school Quiz Bowl team won the Tuscola County Tournament and was runner-up in the Sandra Hogan Huron Daily Tribune Quiz Bowl.
- \* Our golf team won the league title and advanced to both regional and state competition.
- \* Hundreds of elementary students have collectively read thousands of books in the Electronic Bookshelf program.
- \* We have a high school student who was a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship program.
- \* Seven middle school students performed at an exemplary level at a regional K of C Spelling Bee held in Saginaw.
- \* Our wrestling team won the league title and several wrestlers advanced to regional and state competition.
- \* Hundreds of middle school students have collectively read thousands of books in the Accelerated Reading Program.
- \* Our high school debate team has won numerous honors including: second place finish in the state novice tournament, quarterfinalist for state varsity tournament, dozens of competitive trophies, and received the George Ziegelmüller Award, which represents the best performance for all B-C-D schools in the State of Michigan for the novice and varsity divisions.
- \* Our middle school band received an excellent Division II rating at band festival.
- \* Our boys' basketball team won the district tournament and now advances on to regional competition at CMU this Wednesday.
- \* Dozens of middle school students are competing in Academic Track and easily won their first match of competition.
- \* Several middle and high school students have performed at outstanding levels at band solo and ensemble festival.
- \* 20 high school students were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- \* Several K-12 art students have had their writings or art pieces published in the 1999 Mosaic Publication. Additionally, there were a few students that had their works of art displayed at a regional art display in Saginaw.

The list can go on, but as you see, we have a great deal to be proud of. Congratulations, students, parents, teachers and community. We have an outstanding group of students who have accomplished a great deal in our exemplary school district.

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

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Bennett's Beat

Students enjoy biology lessons

Ms. Wieppert's biology classes once again this year are involved in an effort to save the Amazon Rain Forest.

The are taking part in a special Rain Forest Adopt an Acre project being conducted simultaneously in over 10,000 schools across the country via a special network of educators called the Earth Foundation. By selling environmental T-shirts, students are raising funds that will help protect countless species of plants and animals in Serra do Divisor National Park in Acre, Brazil.

So far, the biology students, who have been doing this for a few years, have raised enough to save over 100 acres of endangered land.

Along with selling T-shirts, they sell hats and boxer shorts. T-shirts cost \$13.00 and the other items vary. Students will be around selling products. If you are interested in purchasing an item, you can also call the school and ask for Ms. Wieppert.

"My goal in the Rain Forest unit is to hopefully enlighten students that we are only a small piece in a big puzzle. My hope is that students become globally aware of how important it is to preserve the planet", said Ms. Wieppert.

Jaime Fluegge said, "The tee shirts are a good thing because it helps save the rain forests, which is a good thing."

Along with saving the rain forest, the biology class

# Soaring

## Misico sculptures masterpiece

If you're an art lover who lives in the Ubyly area, chances are good you know or have heard of John Misico.

The longtime Ubyly resident has been creating a variety of art for years, as did his wife, Lila, before she passed away. The couple attended art classes side by side, learning together. And, together, they shared their talents with their community.

Now, John is gearing up to give of himself again in a way that will honor not only the memory of his wife, but also the spirit of Ubyly and its residents.

The Ubyly Village Council recently commissioned Misico to create a sculpture for the village's park.

It was Village President David Jaroch who first approached Misico with the idea during Ubyly's 1998 Homecoming celebration. Little did he know at the time that the idea for the design approved by the council early this month was born nearly 20 years earlier on Misico's dining room table.

"In August 1981, while sitting in our dining room, making small talk with my wife, Lila, as she was quilting, I started to sketch and doodle. . . with a drawing pencil on scrap paper," Misico recalled.

"I wasn't paying much attention to what I was doing, and then I realized the lines that were being drawn were graceful lines. I showed it to Lila and decided then to make a sculpture, possibly one for our front yard with the Misico name and street number on it."

"I put it away with our other sketches and forgot about it."

Years later, the Detroit native decided to retrieve that sketch and use it to create a model to present to Ubyly council members.

"I had some cherry wood, and some black walnut that I picked up from a farmer 30 years ago. It was all nicely dried and as hard as it could be," Misico continued.

Before long, he immersed himself in the challenge of transforming his drawing into a 3-dimensional form.

"As the sculpture was taking shape, it became a driving force, just as though it was directing me on how it was to be done - yet it was very relaxing, calming and restful working on it," he said.

"Ever since I created this sculpture, it always inspires me."

Misico, who designed the logo used by the Ubyly Area Historical Society, has entitled his latest creation "Forever Soaring".

"This sculpture represents movement; it's rising, going forward, graceful, organized, balanced. It is anchored on a solid footing, yet its base is springing forward," he said.

"The rising sun at the horizon represents the beginning of a new, fresh day. The eye has seen the past, sees the present and looks to the future. The graceful swan is looking up and ready to start a new journey. The open mouth is waiting to receive new food, knowledge and learning," Misico explained.

"That swiftly flying body flying across the heaven represents time, never stopping or hesitating, always going forward, traveling onward, getting ahead."

"This sculpture depicts. . . activity, life, desires and goals, whether it is the Ubyly Village Council, an individual, a newborn, a teenager or career bound, a married couple, a business, or whether one is middle aged, senior and/or beyond," he said.

Misico plans to create a much larger model of the sculpture for the village park.

"My plans are to make it out of stainless steel, about 6 feet tall (with) a thickness of about 3 inches," he explained. "I envision the sculpture to be on a raised monument, so that those viewing it must look upward."

Misico isn't certain when the full-sized sculpture will be completed. The former longtime owner of Ubyly Welding and Machines first plans to create a small model made from stainless steel. The larger model will be manufactured at a metal shop he owns in northern Michigan.

Regardless of when "Forever Soaring" is unveiled at the park, the project has proven to be the highlight of Misico's artistic career.

"It's such an honor for me," he said. "They're going to have something in the park that will last forever."



UBLY'S RESIDENT artist, John Misico, displays a model of his sculpture, "Forever Soaring". A 6-foot stainless steel version of the sculpture will be installed in the Ubyly Village Park.

## Cass City wins first 'track' meet

The first Academic Track meet of the year was held Tuesday, Feb. 29, with Reese Middle School. Cass City won the meet, taking first place in 19 out of the 27 categories.

First place winners were: Lauren Rowe, Allison Ellis, Shanna Spencer, Krystee Dorland, Luann Laming, Erika Karavas, Beth Hoxie, Eric Hanby, Kristi Fluegge, DeAnna Newby, Samantha Glaspie, Leah Sherman, Raven Clemens, Kaylene Ziehm, Sarah Hobbs, Josh Wark, Bryan Warju, Sean Severance, Scott DuQuesnay, Patty Dale, Krista Homakie, Cole Mellendorf, Allison Emmert, Alyson Bell, Christina Osentoski, Angela Stoeckle, Val Scasny, Kayla Karr, Derrick Mallory, Dustin Mallory, Zach Sutter, Dustin Kipper, Mallory Powell, Lauren Brzuchowski, Ivy Hiatt, Nicole Heronemus and Raechel Babich.

With a first place win, these students qualify for the All-Star Invitational to be held at Bridgeport April 18. The next 2 regular season meets will be held March 16 at Caro Middle School and March 23 at White Pine Middle School.

## Movie Star Fights Arthritis

HOLLYWOOD — As a result of his own affliction, recording artist, movie star and former spokesperson for the Arthritis Foundation, Frankie Avalon is fighting arthritis on several fronts, including his discovery of a breakthrough for pain relief.

Avalon vividly recalls the pain associated with his own case of arthritis. The pain in his fingers at times was so bad he couldn't even hold a golf club. His doctor confirmed that his condition was indeed arthritis. But, like many of the other 37 million arthritis sufferers in America, Frankie could not take the type of drugs needed to treat his condition because they upset his stomach. He tried dozens of over-the-counter (OTC) pain remedies, but not one relieved his pain.

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## Caro Community closing pediatric clinic March 22

Citing Medicare and Medicaid cuts that have reduced annual reimbursements by as much as \$500,000, Caro Community Hospital President and Chief Executive Officer William P. Miller last week announced that the hospital's pediatric clinic would cease operations March 22.

"Caro Community Hospital can no longer financially

support this clinic", Miller said, "without jeopardizing other services. Our bottom line has already taken a severe hit in 1999, and our cash flow situation is very tight. We don't want to do anything at this time that may increase the risk of closing the hospital."

Miller added that Caro Community regrets the inconvenience and stress the clinic closing may cause some of its patients, but he emphasized that these patients, and others seeking pediatric services, should not be underserved.

"Access to care should not be a problem," he said, "since Caro Medical Clinic and Caro Family Physicians are able to provide medical care for these patients. In addition, Dr. Kumar and Dr. Aly, who are both pediatricians in the area, are also available."

Caro Community had subsidized the operations of the pediatric clinic during the 5 years of its operation, allocating as much as \$100,000 per year to support its operations.

In similar situations elsewhere in Michigan, hospitals have reduced services, cut staff, and some have closed their doors. In some cases, the physicians have started their own clinics. Miller emphasized that the hospital will work with other community physicians to assure continued services to area residents.

Recognizing that the clinic closing will almost certainly be an unpopular decision for some, Miller added, "Our board of directors and our management staff believe

### Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

MARCH 20-22-24

**Monday** - Ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, peaches, roll.

**Wednesday** - Swedish meatballs with gravy, buttered noodles, broccoli, cranberry whip, roll.

**Friday** - Meat loaf, red skin potatoes, broccoli, rye bread, apple cobbler.

that this is the best decision for the long-range future of the hospital. If reimbursement levels had not been cut so drastically, we wouldn't have considered this move. I urge all area residents to contact their state and federal legislators and demand the reinstatement of funding cuts."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Brush Pick-up Services

The Village of Cass City requests the assistance of our residents in accommodating changes to the Brush Pick-up Services. Citizens will be required to have brush materials in manageable lengths that in no case exceed four (4) lineal feet. Materials must be neatly stacked and or bundled. Shrubs and trees which are not cut into these lengths and which have root balls still attached will not be picked up. Materials should be bundled to allow for safe handling.

Residents who have large amounts of brush must call the Village Offices to make arrangements at least two (2) days in advance of our regular Friday pick-ups.

The Village will not pick up small amounts of brush. Please place small amounts of brush in 32-gallon containers marked with an "X" for pick up on Thursdays by Cove Sanitation.

## Composting Services

Composting begins on April 6 and ends on November 30. Materials must be in 32-gallon containers marked with an "X". **Composting CANNOT be placed in plastic garbage bags.**

Citizens who have special curbside collection items should contact Cove Sanitation at (517)658-2464, at least 3 days before our regular Thursday collection to make arrangements.

For additional questions please feel free to contact the Village Offices, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan (517)872-2911.

Thank You for your help in "Keeping Cass City Beautiful!"

### Upcoming Holiday Schedule:

Memorial Day - waste removal will be on Friday, June 2  
Fourth of July - waste removal will be on Friday, July 7  
Labor Day - waste removal will be on Friday, September 8  
Thanksgiving Day - waste removal will be on Friday, November 24  
Christmas Day - waste removal will be on Friday, December 29  
New Year's Day - waste removal will be on Friday, January 5, 2001

**No other holidays are affected in 2000**

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# Truck rams patrol car

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bound lane of M-24, facing north. The unit's overhead emergency lights were on, according to Jashinske, who noted the speed limit in that area is posted at 40 miles per hour.

Jashinske was still adding up the sheriff's department's property damage loss Monday morning.

The destroyed patrol car was not new, he said. However, the 1995 Chevrolet Ca-

price had been refurbished just one year ago at a cost of nearly \$13,000 and had since logged about 50,000 miles.

Aside from the vehicle, hundreds of dollars worth of equipment in the trunk was lost, including a 35mm camera and accessories valued at more than \$1,000. Also destroyed were a \$1,400 spike strip, 2 instant camera kits and other accident reconstruction equipment, including a \$750 brake test com-

puter used to perform speed calculations. Personal property, tools, a medical examiners kit and first aid kit were also destroyed.

Troopers from the Caro post are investigating the crash. The Caro Fire Department, Caro Police Department, Tuscola County Road Commission, Mayfield Township Police, Lapeer County Sheriff's Department and North Branch police all assisted sheriff's deputies.



A WARRANT was issued for the driver of the truck (above) that crashed into the sheriff's department patrol unit at a speed of 60 to 65 miles per hour over the weekend. The suspect faces 6 charges, including assault with intent to commit murder.

Dana Truemner of Cass City

## ABATE gearing up to sponsor local racing team

American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE) is lending its support to a Cass City auto racing team.

Sharon Swallow, secretary and public relations coordinator for ABATE, said the organization plans to sponsor race car driver Dana Truemner of Truemner Racing in Cass City. In turn, Truemner will promote ABATE by displaying the group's logo on his race car.

"To raise funds for Truemner, ABATE will hold a sponsorship benefit on March 25 at the Lamotte Township Fire Hall. The hall is located east of Hemans on Snover Road," Swallow said.

The doors will open at 7 p.m. Admission will be a \$10 donation and those planning to attend must be at least 21 years of age. "Rhythm Productions" will provide the entertainment. Food and refreshments will be available and there will also be raffles and prizes.

Truemner is building a new limited late model car for the upcoming racing season. His home race track is the Silver Bullet Speedway near Owendale.

"The Truemners have been racing cars since the 50s, starting with Lyle, then his son Dana in early 1970, and now Dana's son, Gary, who began in the 90s," Swallow noted. "The entire family is often seen at the track, helping out in some way."

Butch Brown, regional coordinator for ABATE Region 7, said he felt this would be an excellent opportunity to jump on the sponsorship

bandwagon. "We are always looking for new ways to make the public aware of ABATE and motorcycles," he added.

"Freedom is important to both groups of people."

The public is welcome to attend the benefit along with the bikers, race car drivers and their fans.

ABATE is a non-profit organization that promotes

motorcycle awareness, safety and education. The group sponsors numerous events to benefit area communities and provide for needy families. ABATE also strives to educate young drivers on the need to watch for motorcycles that share Michigan's highways.

Additional information about ABATE or the upcoming fundraiser is available by calling (517) 872-8087.

## YFC rummage sale March 16, 17

The rummage sale season is here again. This year, however, treasure seeking can be done not only for you, but also to benefit the Cass City/Kingston Region of Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ.

Students involved in YFC events and clubs are hoping to capitalize on all the notorious garage sale seekers and raise money for scholarships to Florida, Washington, D.C., or Minneapolis.

The sale will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. March 16 and 17 at the YFC Teen Center, 6358 Main St. in Cass City.

Students from the organization collected materials for a rummage sale with the proceeds going toward scholarships to the spring break Florida Breakaway outreach trip and the DC 2000 leadership conference. Also some funds will be used to fund a mission trip to Minneapolis, Minn., where students will be working with Youth Works!

Florida Breakaway is an annual trip which attracts students who may not get involved with YFC or a church in any other form.

DC 2000 is the largest youth conference in the country. Also a ministry of YFC, the conference focuses on developing Christian leaders, who will return to their local schools and churches to make a difference for Christ at home.

"These trips are a great opportunity to introduce a teen to Christ or for some teens who are Christians to grow in their faith and in their witness," Jeff Bader, Campus Life director for the Cass City/Kingston Region, said. "The trips are costly, however, so we need all the help we can get."

For more information about the ministries of YFC, contact Bader at (517) 872-1530 or the Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ office at (517) 453-3239.

# Road projects top \$150 million

As part of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) \$1.4 billion road and bridge program for 2000, Gov. John Engler last week announced the approval of 84 projects totaling more than \$150 million for transportation improvements across the state.

The work includes capital preventive maintenance-resurfacing and shoulder ribbon construction on M-25 from Kinde Road north to Parisville Road in Huron County, and on M-24 from north of M-46 to the Cass River bridge in Tuscola County.

The estimated \$816,140 contract for the combined

projects was awarded to Saginaw Asphalt Paving, which is expected to complete the work in September.

"Our 2000 road program continues to focus on the worst roads first, moving us closer to bringing 90 percent of state roads and bridges to good condition by 2007," Engler said. "These projects continue to benefit taxpayers by coming in well below internal estimates."

Last week's announcement includes 49 projects to improve more than 326 miles of road, 8 bridge projects, 17 traffic signals, 2 airport improvements and 8 design projects for future construction.

# Thies resigns at O-G

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tacted school officials, who immediately informed police.

The student in question made the statement after becoming angry, however, no weapon was taken to the school, according to Britt. He said the student was removed from school and required to undergo counseling before returning to class.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday,

# Few surprises

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Sandra Haley did not seek reelection.

Clerk/Treasurer Joyce A. Bemus reported a turnout of 84 voters, or just 4.6 percent of the village's 1,818 registered voters.

## GAGETOWN

In the village of Gagetown, 28 voters turned out, reelecting Maggie Root to 4-year terms as village clerk and treasurer. She ran unopposed, receiving 26 votes for each position.

Also running unopposed for 4-year terms were incumbent trustees Valerie Downing (22 votes), Mary Ann Tenczer (23 votes) and Tom Reehl (24 votes).

## KINGSTON

All incumbents on the Kingston Village Council ran unopposed and were re-

the board:

\*Appointed former board member Rick Ziehm to fill a vacancy left by Hunter's resignation. Ziehm, who previously served 9 years on the board before losing to Trustee Brenda Kretschmer in the June 1999 school election, will serve until the next annual school election in June.

\*Approved spending \$9,040 to install a drop ceiling, insulation and a new lighting system in the former shop room, now used as an

English classroom.

\*Learned that replacing/repairing restroom plumbing in both school buildings and in the locker rooms in the junior/senior high building will cost an estimated \$9,000 to \$10,000. The purchase and installation of a water softener near the heat exchanger in the junior/senior high building is expected to cost another \$9,000 to \$10,000. Bids are being sought for both projects.

\*Hired O-G JV basketball coach Al Dadacki as the district's new varsity baseball coach. Scott Gaeth was named the new varsity football coach.

\*Approved spending about \$600 on a new popcorn popper for students to use for concessions and fundraising events.

\*Gave its blessing to a Student Council proposal to host a dance for area schools to raise money for the "Make a Wish Foundation." Student Jared Kovach said the event would be a great way for students to give back to their community. He noted plans have been made to boost the number of chaperones available. Invitations will go out to students in the North Huron, Bad Axe, USA, Caseville and Laker school districts.

\*Noted Monday, April 10, is the deadline for school board candidates to file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity for the Monday, June 12, school election. Voters will fill 3 seats; the 4-year terms of Good and Trustee Jeff Faist are expiring, and a third individual will be elected to complete the final 2 years of Hunter's 4-year term.

\*Approved a resolution supporting a countywide Technology Literacy Challenge Fund grant request for \$249,000 to establish an electronic curriculum management system that could be utilized by all county schools.

\*Congratulated the JV and varsity boys' basketball teams and the girls' JV and varsity volleyball teams on great seasons.

## OWENDALE

Likewise, all incumbents in the village of Owendale ran unopposed and were re-elected to 4-year terms.

\*They are: President Walter Howard (26 votes), Clerk Randy Howard (24 votes), Treasurer Lois Blondell (25 votes), and trustees Martin Blondell (25 votes), Richard Glidden (24 votes) and Robert Ricker (21 votes).

Howard reported a voter turnout of about 25 percent.

# Board eyes levy

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vice) as we know it is on the way out," she added. "We just can't generate the revenue we need to break even. We've sold 58 tickets this year at \$100 per ticket and we need about \$12,000 to pay for the service."

If approved, the fee for curbside pick-up service would be attached to residents' tax bills.

Also last week, the board:

\*Reviewed a proposal to take over ownership of a strip of land adjacent to the township hall in Deford in exchange for paying for a survey of land belonging to the current owners of the property.

The strip of land in question measures about 16 feet by 165 feet, according to Newell, who said township officials would like to have the property in order to "square up" the township

hall land. In addition, the township would be able to install a well and septic system in the future if needed, she added.

\*Reviewed dust control proposals from Bay Dust and Wilkinson Corp.

Bay Dust's quote is 31 cents per gallon of 35-percent brine solution, while Wilkinson's bid is for 14 cents per gallon of a calcium and chloride-based brine, Newell said. No formal action was taken.

\*Received a letter from Nordic Electric Company requesting a charter to do business in the township. The board referred the letter to their attorney for review.

\*Discussed problems with accumulating junk at some residences in the township. Newell said there was some discussion of drafting a blight ordinance, which would replace an existing junk ordinance, but no decision was made last week.



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# Cass City Bowling Leagues

## SUNDAY NIGHTERS As of Feb. 27

Sometimes	11
Hicksville USA	10
Sheridan Rollers	9
Sugar Makers	8
Town & Country	8
Try Hards	7
Gophers	4
High Rollers	4

Men's High Series & Games: K. Pichla 583 (216), F. Hayes 257, B. Montgomery 211.

Women's High Series & Game: D. Hayes 528 (203).

## THURSDAY NITE TRIO As of March 2

New England Financial	35
Babich Farms	32
BICCGeneral	31
Martin Electric	29*
Marlette Oil & Gas	25
Cass Tavern	24
Thumb Auto Wash	22
Generally Low	22*
Terra	19
Schmaltz Construction	16
Mycogen Seeds	14

\* Points to be adjusted.

Individual High Series & Games: K. Martin 706 (237-248-221), Doug O'Dell 704 (223-255-226), D. Roth 686 (257-256), D. Beecher 678 (217-257), G. Smith 647 (245-235), Duane O'Dell 640 (227-233), G. Robinson 623 (230-225), R. Root 614 (200-235), W. Laming 220-214, D. Miller 252, M. Priekorn 235, D. Doerr 225, J. Hacker 213, D. Hyatt 213, T. Babich 212.

High Team Series & Game: BICCGeneral 1991 (723).

## SATURDAY MORNING SPINNERS Youth Bowling As of March 4

Tiggers	37
The Pinheads	36
Gutter Balls	32 1/2
Deford Balls	30
4-Pins	29
Blue Streaks	24
8-Balls	20
Tazmanian Devils	14 1/2
Bumper Buddies	14 1/2

High Team Series & Game: The Pinheads 2234 (799).

High Individual Games: M.A. Wasserman 129-150, B. Edwards 85-83, T. Coleman 149, A. Veneziano 97-93-103, B. Vargo 128-131-156, B. Hanby 86-96-87, H. Brown 81-81-134, D. Howard 126-93, J. Gage 75-74.

High Individual Series: M.A. Wasserman 368, B. Edwards 224, T. Coleman 365, A. Veneziano 293, B. Vargo 415, B. Hanby 269, H. Brown 296, D. Howard 291, J. Gage 209.

Bumper Buddies: A. Kaake 244 (75-87-82), B. Haley 183 (57-63-63), H. Helton 165 (41-49-75), H. Avery 176 (64-52-60).

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## SATURDAY SPINNERS Youth Bowling As of March 11

Tiggers	33
Gutter Balls	32 1/2
The Pin Heads	32
Deford Dollies	26
4-Pins	25
Blue Streaks	24
8-Balls	20
Tazmanian Devils	11 1/2

Bumper Buddies 51 1/2

High Team Game: Blue Streaks 808.

High Team Series: The Pin Heads 2248.

Individual High Games: E. Hanby 104, J. Diller 116-155, R. Cooper 118, H. Brown 97-100-92, J. Harbin 101-104, J. Gage 85-92-85, M. Dooley 87-93-78, S. Frappart 80-92-93, G. Ashbreck 74-80-57, J. Chapel 106-140-117, S. Nizzola 72-106, R. Biebel 103-116-121, J. Guc 162-109, J. Ashbreck 95-134, D. Howard 105-99-105, J. Ruffing 121-116, A. Veneziano 95-147, B. Vargo 154-133-158, B. Hanby 66-86-56, M.A. Wasserman 138-111, B. Edwards 88-81-65, T. Coleman 119-136-118, N. Powell 136.

Individual High Series: E. Hanby 268, J. Diller 364, H. Brown 289, J. Gage 262, M. Dooley 258, S. Frappart 265, G. Ashbreck 211, J. Chapel 363, S. Nizzola 240, R. Biebel 340, J. Guc 366, J. Ashbreck 306, D. Howard 309, J. Ruffing 320, A. Veneziano 324, B. Vargo 445, B. Hanby 208, M.A. Wasserman 345, B. Edwards 234, T. Coleman 373.

Bumper Buddies: High Series & Games: B. Haley 251 (111-73), H. Avery 237 (85-79-73).

## CHARMONT LADIES As of March 7

Dee's M.P. Rockets	20 1/2
Cass City Tire	14
Cable-ettes	13
Dott Manufacturing	13
Team # 7	13
J.B.'s Crew	12 1/2
Live Wires	11
Wild John's	11
Apria Healthcare	10

High Team Series & Game: Wild John's 3130 (1153).

High Series: M. Horne 524, J. Stevens 508, D. Sweeney 504, M. Moore 508, T. Schuette 487, E. Romain 472, L. King 486, R. Copeland 470.

High Games: M. Horne 235, L. Kilbourn 203, L. King 201, M. Moore 204, M. Haley 191, D. Sweeney 183, S. Hutchinson 184, T. Schuette 179, B. Ware 177, J. Stevens 177, E. Romain 174.

## MERCHANETTES As of March 9

Osentoski Trucking	17
Caro Chiropractic	15 1/2
Hills & Dales Hospital	14 1/2
Health Mart Pills	11
All Season Rent-All	9 1/2
Thumb Auto Wash	9
J.B.'s Crew	8 1/2
Adamczyk Masonry	6
Detroit Edison	4

High Individual Games: C. Smith 209, D. Potrykus 201, C. Wallace 198-196.

High Individual Series: C. Smith 562, J. Krol 555, C. Wallace 548, D. Potrykus 511, J. Bemus 497.

High Team Series & Game: Osentoski Trucking 1944 (700).

## MERCHANTS LEAGUE As of March 8

Trisch Septic	23
Charmont	22
Hollywood & Vine	20
R H Body Shop 20	
All Season Video	16 1/2
T Furness Builders	14
Triple R	12
New England 11 1/2	
Wickes	11
S S Builders	10

High Team Series: Charmont 2996.

High Team Game: Trisch Septic 1066.

210 Games or 600 Series: J. Langenburg 685 (215-233-237), L. Tomaszewski 649 (249), P. McIntosh 647 (211-233), D. Shannon 640 (214-231), R. Koch 631 (242), T. Pattingill 629 (234-234), M. Lutz 629 (213-225), K. Repshinska 627 (257), R. Salcido 622 (266), D. O'Dell 619 (236), M. Jackson 619 (235), J. Storm 607 (212), B. Anthes 603 (214-224), D. Johnson 602 (222), D. Steele 589 (211-216), L. McCreedy 586 (225), M. Zawilinski 582 (225), S. Jones 582 (216), A. Reed 580 (255), G. Robinson 575, T. Czekai 233, R. Wright 223, M. Gettel 210.

## Michigan's "Top 10" Most Stolen Vehicles

1. Olds Cutlass Ciera
2. Chevrolet Caprice
3. Ford Mustang
4. Buick Regal
5. Ford Escort
6. Chevy Monte Carlo
7. Ford Taurus
8. Pontiac Grand Am
9. Olds Cutlass Supreme
10. Cadillac Deville



Source: Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA)



# Top 10 most stolen vehicles

The Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera has overtaken the Dodge/Plymouth Neon as most-stolen car in Michigan, claiming the highest rank on the Auto Theft Prevention Authority's (ATPA) "Top 10 Most Stolen Car" list in 1999 (based on all model years). The Dodge/Plymouth Neon held the top spot last year, but was not in the top 10 this year. No utility vehicles appear on this year's list.

Preliminary reports suggest that 1999 Michigan auto theft rates will continue to decline. In 1998, the number of thefts fell 4 percent from the previous year. From 1986 to 1998, Michigan thefts have decreased 21 percent. During this same time period, the national theft rate has increased one percent.

Janet Deni, vice-president and chief claims officer for AAA Michigan, noted that 57,228 auto thefts occurred in Michigan in 1998. She added that a statewide VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) etching program conducted last summer by AAA and ATPA may have helped reduce those numbers.

"Not only does VIN etching make a car less appealing to car thieves, but an etched vehicle may qualify for a discount on the comprehensive portion of an auto insurance premium," said Deni.

In addition to proactive anti-theft measures, AAA Michigan is strongly committed to fighting all forms of insurance fraud. Since 1984, when AAA Michigan's Claims Investigation Unit (CIU) was established, the company has successfully worked with law enforcement and community groups to deter fraud and

save policyholders millions of dollars.

To help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of auto theft, AAA Michigan offers the following tips:

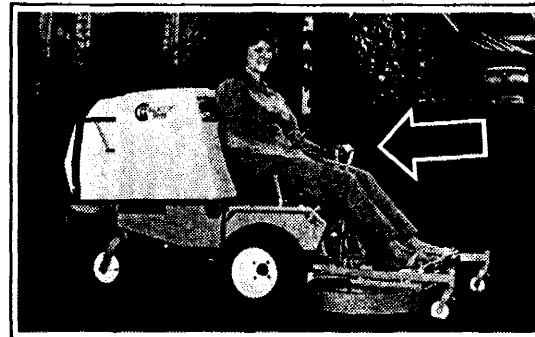
- \* Lock it and pocket the key.
- \* Park in a well-lit, well-traveled location.

\* Don't leave valuables in view.

\* Turn on auto theft devices, such as kill switch or alarm.

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Michigan boasts one of the safest, most abundant and most wholesome food supplies in the world. The average American farmer produces enough food and fiber for 129 people.

Another reason we should celebrate is the contribution agriculture makes to our state's economy. The diversity and quality of Michigan agricultural products rank us as one of our nation's agricultural powerhouses. In fact, Michigan agriculture contributes \$40 billion to the

state's economy every year.

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Today, most Americans do not raise their own food. They depend on the 2 percent of farmers to meet their needs. This year, National Agriculture Week is designed to educate students about the path of production from the field to the consumer.

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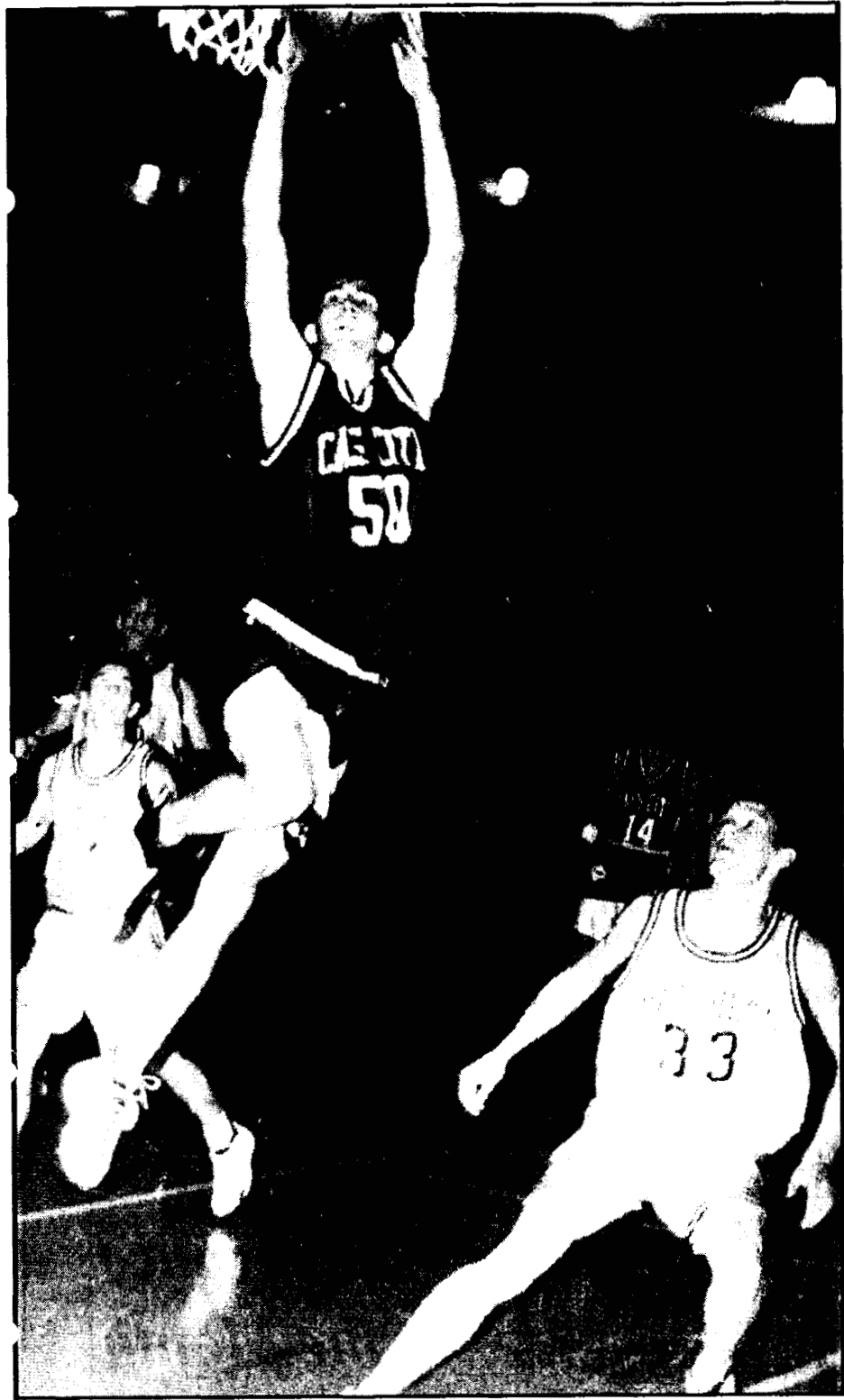
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CRAIG EMMERT was allowed to roam against the Bad Axe Hatchets. He responded with 29 points and Cass City cruised to the win.

# Red Hawks out-gun Bad Axe

It was a shoot-out at the North Branch Bronco corral and when it ended Wednesday night, the Cass City Red Hawks proved they were more deadly with more firepower than the Bad Axe Hatchets. The Hawks rolled past Bad Axe in the district semifinal game, 86-62.

It was nearly an exact reverse of the game played early in the season at Bad Axe when the Hatchets raced off to an early lead, scoring the first 17 points, and rolled to a 20-point lead by half-time.

Although the Hawks never trailed, they broke open a close game with a rally that started midway through the first quarter. Cass City had a meager lead, 10-6, at the 4:35 mark, helped by Ryan

Holmgren, who scored 2 of his first 5 hoops of the quarter. He benefited from some great feeds as his teammates found him under the basket all alone.

In the last 4 minutes of the quarter, Cass City staged what was its most productive offensive output of the season. The team scored on the inside with Craig Emmert, and on the outside with Joel Brinkman, and with several easy fast-break baskets as the guards broke the Bad Axe press.

At the end of the first period the Hawks were in front, 28-16.

The Hatchets staged the first of several mini-rallies to start the second quarter. Posting a 7-2 advantage, they reduced the Hawk advantage to

7 points, 30-23. But that was as close as they were to get all night.

Sparked by one of Joel Brinkman's 3 3-point shots for the night and quick baskets by Bryce VanVliet, Jeff Storm and Emmert, the Hawks rolled to a 40-27 lead with 3:36 left in the half.

In the next 3 minutes the Hawks pounded out a 10-5 advantage, paced by Joel Brinkman, who was responsible for 4 quick points as the quarter neared its end with a steal and a fast break bucket.

At the intermission Cass City was in front by 18 points, 50-32.

Bad Axe staged a mini rally in the opening moments of the second half, scoring a pair of hoops and a free throw to cut the Hawk lead to 13 points. After that the teams traded baskets. Bryce VanVliet, with a pair of hoops, and Emmert, with 2 buckets and as many free throws, helped Cass City maintain its lead.

The Hatchets closed to within 10 points early in the final quarter before the Hawks countered with an 11-3 run to salt away the game.

Coach Jim Green said, "Offensively we played very well. We continued to get easy shots by making the extra pass. We had 20 assists

in the first half."

Oddly enough, the Hawks lost the board battle, 36-28.

The team converted a phenomenal 73 percent of its shots as compared to 44 percent for the Hatchets.

The Hawks had 30 assists, 20 in the first half. Close-in easy shots helped boost the shooting percentage. Ryan Holmgren was 7 for 7 for 14 points. Emmert netted 29, with 12 rebounds and 5 blocked shots. Joel Brinkman contributed 6 assists and 6 steals to go with his 18 points. Zach Glaspie had 10 assists. Bryce

**CASS CITY** - J. Brinkman 3-3 (3-6) 18; Z. Glaspie 0-1 (0-0) 3; C. Holmgren 2-0 (0-1) 4; R. Holmgren 7-0 (0-1) 14; B. VanVliet 5-0 (0-0) 10; J. Storm 2-0 (0-0) 4; C. Emmert 12-0 (5-6) 29; N. Brinkman 2-0 (0-0) 4. **TOTALS** - 33-4 (8-14) 86.

**BAD AXE** - N. Mausolf 0-1 (1-2) 4; J. Bannick 1-0 (0-0) 2; D. Young 3-0 (1-3) 7; J. Ruth 2-1 (3-6) 10; B. Neeb 3-0 (0-0) 6; V. Rogers 10-2 (1-2) 27; G. Puwalowski 3-0 (0-0) 6. **TOTALS** - 22-4 (6-13) 62.

VanVliet had 4 assists and converted 5 for 6 shots for 10 points.

Turnovers were nearly even, with Bad Axe charged with 20 and Cass City with 19.

**CRUISING FOR AN uncontested basket after a key steal in the dying seconds of the district championship game against Millington is Joel Brinkman.**



## Regional tickets on sale

Tickets for Wednesday regional game with Swan Valley are on sale at both the high school and middle school offices.

Coach Jim Green said, "Swan Valley is a quality team. It should be a good match-up."

Swan Valley finished in second place in the Tri-Valley West with an 118-4 record. The school won its first district title ever by defeating Alma, 64-54. It is a senior-oriented team led by senior center, 6-foot, 8-inch Jeremy Rau. He scored 26 points with 18 rebounds against Alma.

Senior guard Rudy Steinert, 6 feet, scored 14 against Alma. Swan Valley is a quick pressing type team, Green says, that makes a lot of 3-pointers in a style similar to the way Bad Axe plays.

Swan Valley defeated Millington twice and Caro once during the regular season.

Torrey hit a 3 and Matt Stewart connected for 3 quick hoops. The rally was capped when Stewart was intentionally fouled and made one of 2 tosses to put Millington in the lead, 42-41, with the ball with just 1:40 left to play. With the lead, Coach John Borchering ordered his charges into a control ball offense and the Hawks went into a tight man-to-man defense.

With less than a minute left, Brinkman slapped away the ball to Bryce VanVliet, who immediately gave it back to him in front of the defense and Brinkman converted the easy lay-up to put the Hawks in front, 43-42. "Joel and Bryce made a heck of a play when we really needed it", Coach Jim Green stressed.

With about 15 seconds left,

Torrey took a quick shot from 3-point range, missed, and Craig Emmert snagged the rebound and was fouled.

With just 2.4 seconds left, he made one of 2 shots and time expired before Millington could get even a desperation shot off.

Green said, "I was proud of how the team battled and wouldn't give up throughout the game. Millington was strong inside, but I think we matched their physical play

and did a good job of controlling the boards."

It was a defensive struggle from the opening whistle. The Cardinals went in front in the opening quarter, 12-9, but the Hawks bounced back in the second quarter as Brinkman provided some instant offense, scoring 3 hoops and a trey to put Cass City in front 24-22 at the intermission.

"It was appropriate that Craig Emmert came down

with the rebound that finished off Millington," Green said.

As he has all season, Emmert led the team in rebounds with 12, in addition to making 4 blocks. He scored 12 points. Jeff Storm had 8 rebounds and Zach Glaspie was credited with 6 assists. VanVliet was credited with 5 steals and Ryan Holmgren picked off 7 boards. Joel Brinkman scored 13 points.

Statistically the teams were about as even as the score. The Hawks won the board battle, 38-22 and shot 41 percent. Millington shot 42 percent. Cass City committed 17 turnovers, Millington 15.

**CASS CITY** - J. Brinkman 5-1 (0-0) 13; Glaspie 0-0 (1-3) 1; R. Holmgren 1-0 (0-0) 2; VanVliet 2-0 (1-2) 5; Storm 4-0 (0-0) 8; Emmert 5-0 (2-4) 12; N. Brinkman 0-1 (0-0) 3. **TOTALS** - 17-2 (4-9) 44.

**MILLINGTON** - Torrey 1-1 (0-0) 5; Stewart 4-1 (1-2) 12; Hoard 1-0 (0-0) 2; Coleman 3-0 (0-0) 6; Woodward 5-0 (1-2) 11; Colton 3-0 (0-0) 6. **TOTALS** - 17-2 (2-4) 42.

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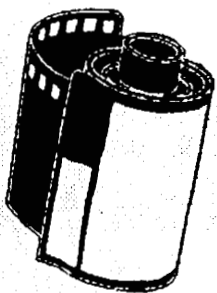
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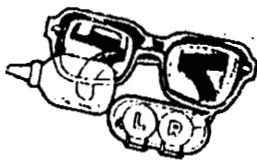
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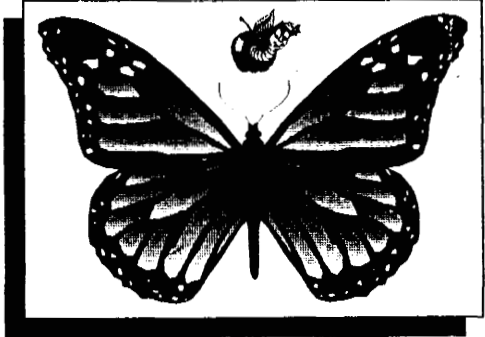


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# Bulldogs ousted by North Huron

The Owen-Gage Bulldog basketball season came to an end Wednesday and despite the loss to the eventual district champion North Huron, Coach Leon Westover and Bulldog fans can look back on a successful season.

Fielding a team with just one senior starter, Derek Howard, the Bulldogs posted a 13-8 season's record.

Although the final victory margin by the Warriors was substantial, the game was much closer than the 71-58 final score would indicate.

With less than 5 minutes left in the game, Owen-Gage trailed by just 3 points, 56-53. But a moment later the key play in the game destroyed any chance for a late

charge by the Bulldogs.

Cory Fritz attempted to block a close-in shot and the basket was good. His hand hit the backboard and a technical was called. Both charity tosses were converted and the 3-point deficit mushroomed to 7 and put the Bulldogs in a hole from which they never recovered.

The Warriors were effective from the free throw line in the last quarter, converting 8 of 13 opportunities.

Shane Mellendorf and Fritz led the Bulldogs to a 36-35 lead at the intermission. Fritz ignited the team in the first quarter, whipping in a pair of treys, a regular hoop and 2 for 2 free throws. Tim Souva helped North Huron stay close with a pair of treys in the period.

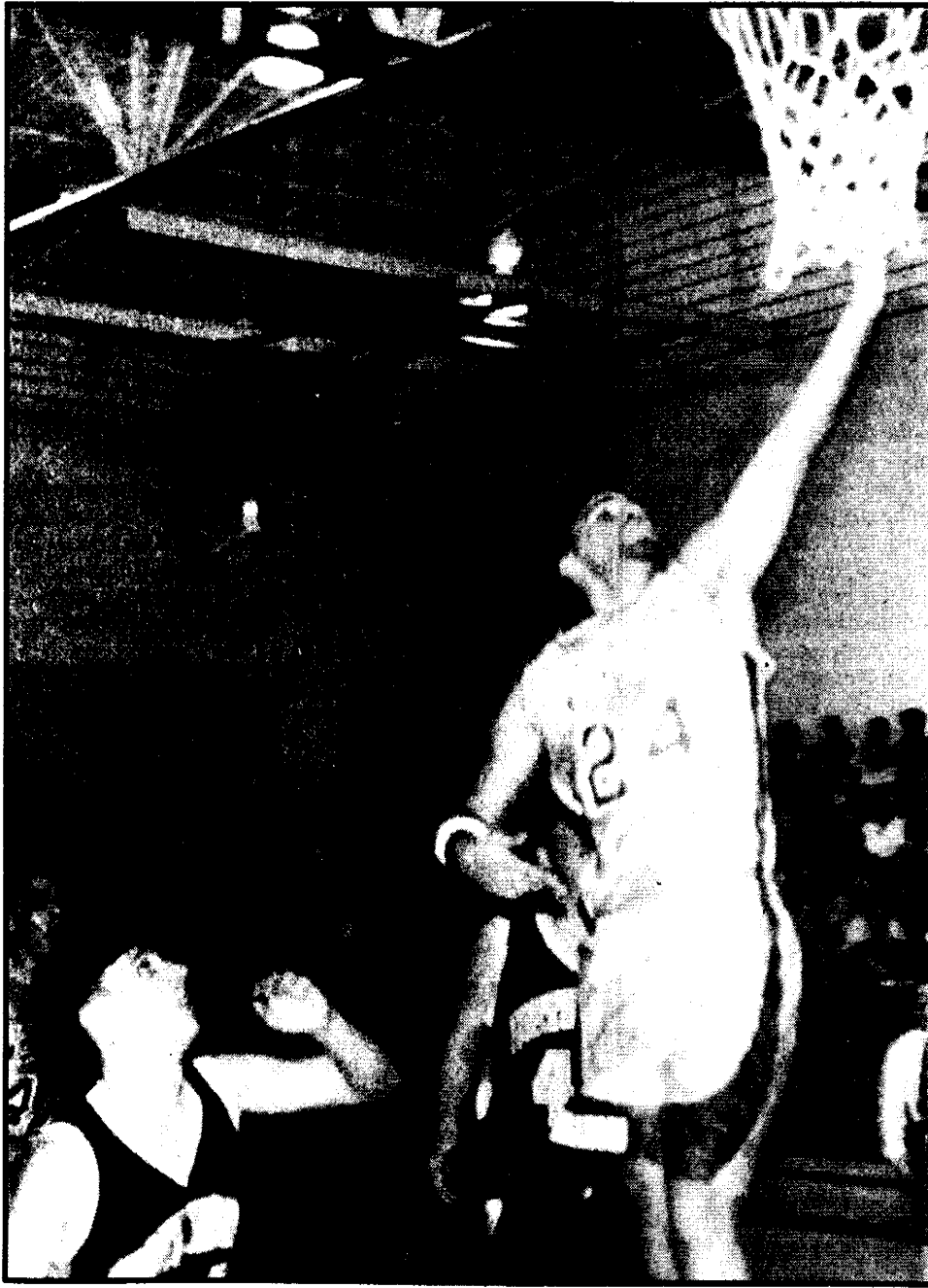
Mellendorf led a balanced attack in the second quarter as he connected for his second trey of the night and added a pair of 2-pointers. Bryan Ignash almost single-handedly kept the Warriors close as he scored 10 of his game-high 18 points in the quarter.

The winners forged ahead to stay in the third quarter. With balanced scoring, they posted a 20-14 advantage to lead 54-50 going into the final 8 minutes.

Westover said he was pleased with the effort his team showed. We came ready to play and we played hard, he pointed out.

The Bulldogs had 3 players in double figures, Nick Warack and Nathan Kain, with 14 each, and Mellendorf with 10.

All 3 of these players will be back next year.



OWEN-GAGE SENIOR Derek Howard drives hard to the hoop in district cage action in North Huron.

## Weight restrictions lifted

Michigan experienced an unusually early freeze-thaw cycle this year. However, effective Friday, March 10, full overload permits were allowed on all state trunkline

highways from the south state line north to and including M-46 from Muskegon to Port Sanilac. Those counties affected are Muskegon, Kent, Montcalm, Gratiot, Saginaw, Tuscola and Sanilac.

Weight restrictions remain in effect on all state trunklines within the remainder of the state.

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 in width within the restricted area.

For weight restriction information, please telephone 1-800-787-8960.

# Owen-Gage spikers fall in regional semifinal

Owen-Gage bowed out of the regional volleyball tournament Saturday, losing to eventual champion New Lothrop, 2 games to one.

The Bulldogs opened by losing a tight game, 11 to 15. Coach Judy Campbell's charges bounded back to even the match with a 15-9 decision. But the deciding game was all New Lothrop, which posted a one to 15 decision.

The top O-G point producer, with 10, was senior Melanie Lemanski. She also was credited with 4 aces, 6 kills, 10 digs and 11 blocks. Another senior, Cassie Vargo, had 4 points, 2 aces, 4 kills, 8 sets and 13 digs.

Three juniors contributed to the attack. Stefanie Lowry scored 2 points with 9 sets

and 8 digs. Jenna Root contributed 5 points, 3 aces, 6 kills and 15 digs. Erin Salcido netted 4 points, 2 aces, 10 kills and 6 digs.

Under Campbell, Owen-Gage has a long history of

excellence in volleyball and with 7 juniors on this year's squad, the streak shows no signs of ending.

Owen-Gage finished the season with a 31-10-2 record.

## Retreat planned

The Thumb Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Lutheran Women in Mission will hold a Spring Retreat at the Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing May 3 and 4. Theme of the retreat is "Fill My Basket, Lord".

The Bible study leader will be Rev. Gerald Meyer, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass

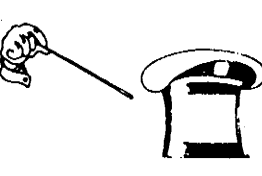
City. The speaker will be Susan Meyer, also of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City.

Cost of registration is \$35 for Wednesday and Thursday, \$22 for Thursday only and \$13 for Wednesday only. The retreat begins Wednesday, May 3, at 5 p.m.

To register or for more information, contact Lynda Allen at 517-674-8656.

**OWEN-GAGE-** Mellendorf 2-2 (0-0) 10; Howard 1-1 (1-2) 6; Rogers 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kain 7-0 (0-0) 14; Warack 4-0 (0-0) 8; C. Fritz 2-2 (2-2) 14; McKee 1-0 (0-0) 2.  
**TOTALS -** 19-5 (3-4) 58.

**NORTH HURON-** Goretzki 0-0 (1-2) 1; Souva 4-2 (2-4) 16; Ignash 7-0 (4-6) 18; Phillips 1-0 (5-6) 7; Polega 2-1 (0-0) 7; Yaroch 4-0 (0-0) 8; Toner 2-0 (1-3) 5; Birchfield 4-0 (1-2) 9.  
**TOTALS -** 24-3 (14-23) 71.



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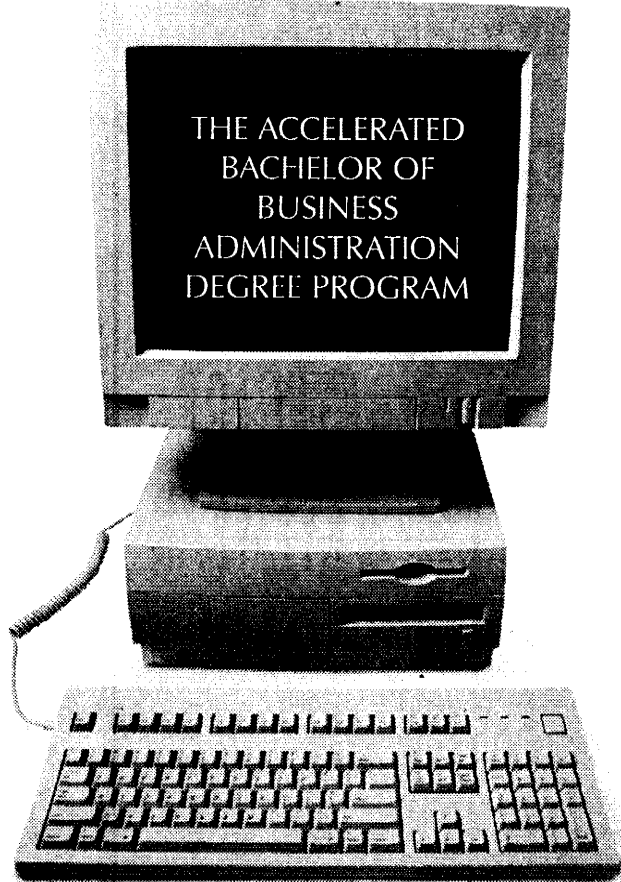
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MEETING**

For  
**Elkland Township**  
Will Be Held  
**MARCH 27**  
7:00 p.m.

**Township Fire Hall**

Norma Wallace, Clerk



**ELKLAND TOWNSHIP** fire fighters made quick work of this small grass fire at the Vonda Kolb residence, 2891 Dodge Rd., last Wednesday. A rash of grass fires due in part to dry conditions prompted a ban on burning permits last week.

## VanAllen enjoys Navy career

It's a long way from the streets of Cass City to an amphibious assault ship homeported in Norfolk, Va., but for William S. VanAllen, it's been a great trip. VanAllen graduated in 1974 from Cass City High School, and joined the Navy the following year. Now, he's serving as the craftmaster of a utility landing craft embarked aboard USS Shreveport.

VanAllen, son of Doug and Hilda VanAllen of Cass City,

said there were many reasons he decided to enlist, but the opportunity for travel and college money were what influenced him most. "I joined the Navy to see the world and for the funding to go to college," he said. USS Shreveport is an amphibious assault ship that carries out its primary mission by transporting Marines, tanks, trucks, artillery, ammunition and complete supplies necessary to fully support an amphibious as-

sault.

When asked about his future plans, VanAllen, husband of Melanie M. VanAllen, and father of Jennifer, 18, Jenna, 14, and Catherine, 9, was quick to respond: "My goal is to be promoted to master chief petty officer and to complete an associate's degree in computer science before leaving the Navy," he said. "After I retire, I plan on starting a career, working with computers."

# Grass fire season arrives early in the Thumb area

A rash of grass fires, including one blaze that scorched 30 acres, prompted Elkland Township fire officials to put a halt to burning permits last week.

"People have to use common sense - if it's dry and windy, don't burn," Fire Chief Ron Pawloski commented.

Fire fighters responded to a small grass fire last Wednesday at about 9:39 a.m. at 2891 Dodge Rd., just south of DeLong Road.

Pawloski said the blaze, which blackened about a quarter-acre of field, was not due to outdoor burning, but rather hot coals from a barbecue used the night before at the Vonda Kolb residence.

A day earlier, the fire department was called to 5760 Jackson Rd., near Hoadley Road, where an unattended trash fire ignited a field and spread, covering some 30 acres. The call came in at 3:19 p.m.

"We were on the scene of that one for approximately 2 1/2 hours," Pawloski said, noting the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department assisted at the scene with a tanker and manpower. "I'm going to say that would be considered one of the larger fires (we've had)."

Pawloski ordered a ban on burning permits after that fire. Later the same afternoon, Department of Natural Resources issued a similar ban.

Elkland Township firemen extinguished a third grass fire March 6 at 6917

Shabbona Rd. The blaze scorched a couple acres and was apparently ignited by a spark from a lawnmower, Pawloski reported. Also recently, fire destroyed a 1978 Chevrolet pickup

truck owned by Jeremy Smith. The fire was reported March 5 at about 10:30 p.m. on Milligan Road, one-quarter mile west of Schwieger Road. The loss was estimated at \$500.

## 4-H committee establishes fund

The Sanilac County 4-H Dairy Committee has set up a fund in memory of Josh McCummons, a 4-H member who died Feb. 4. He was a member of the Flynn Hustlers 4-H Club in Brown City.

McCummons was involved in a variety of 4-H projects. He won county recognition awards in the areas of Commodity Marketing, Beautification, Dairy, Dairy Foods, Food Conservation and Safety, Horticulture - Flowers, and Horticulture - Indoor Gardening and Landscaping. Besides being involved with a number of 4-H projects, he was also involved in his 4-H club activities. He helped with the Flynn Hustlers Haunted House and participated in Christmas caroling activities.

McCummons was very active in the 4-H dairy program. He showed dairy projects for 3 or 4 years while he was younger, but

could always be found in the dairy barn at the fair.

"He was always helping other 4-H members, including his stepsister, Jessica Gilliam. He'd be sweeping, watering, carrying feed, or whatever else needed to be done," said Diane Shepherd, 4-H Dairy Committee member and Flynn Hustlers 4-H Club volunteer.

The Josh McCummons Memorial fund will go towards the construction of the new dairy barn on the Sanilac County 4-H Fairgrounds. The Sanilac County 4-H Fair board will match all donations up to \$1,000, also for the new barn. A plaque will be placed in the barn in memory of McCummons.

Anyone wishing to donate may do so through the 4-H staff at the Michigan State University Extension - Sanilac County office at 37 Austin Street in Sandusky or by calling (810) 648-2515.

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# NOTICE

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Village of Cass City - 1999

The Village of Cass City is pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Village of Cass City obtains its water from 3 different municipal wells. All 3 wells are located in the Village Park, at the east end of town. Wells No. 1 and No. 2, located just east of the tennis courts, were installed in 1946. They are 290 feet and 240 feet deep respectively. Well No. 3 is located on the west side of the volleyball courts. Well No. 3 was installed in 1998 and extends to a depth of 311 feet. All 3 municipal wells are drilled into the bedrock of the Michigan Formation. The well installed in 1998 was installed to provide an adequate supply of water for our community. The Village now has the capacity to pump 1,656,000 gallons of water per day.

The State of Michigan will be producing a Source Water Assessment by the year 2003. The Village will inform you how to obtain a copy when it is completed.

It is our pleasure to report that the Village of Cass City drinking water is safe and meets all Federal and State requirements.

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act. This legislation added a provision requiring all community water systems, deliver to their customers, a brief Annual Water Quality Report. If you have any questions concerning this report, or about your water, or your water utility, please contact Village Manager Jane Downing, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at 517-872-2911. The Village also has regularly scheduled Village Council Meetings, the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan. The public is welcome at all meetings of the Village Council.

The Village of Cass City routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows the results of our monitoring, for the period of January 1 to December 31, 1999. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals and radioactive substances.

The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of our water quality, but some are more than one year old.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in 2 years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) - or Micrograms per liter** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Action Level** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

## VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, MICHIGAN DRINKING WATER TEST ANALYSIS

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCL	MCLG
Arsenic	02-19-97	No	16ppb	ppb	50ppb	n/a
Barium	01-15-97	No	17ppm	ppm	2ppm	2ppm
Chromium	01-15-97	No	1ppb	ppb	100ppb	100ppb
Fluoride	09-22-99	No	5ppm	ppm	4ppm	4ppm

### POTENTIAL HEALTH CONCERNS:

**Arsenic.** Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Barium.** Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

**Chromium.** Some people who use water containing chromium well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience allergic dermatitis.

**Fluoride.** Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.

The EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) is reviewing the Drinking Water Standard for arsenic because of special concerns that the standard may not be stringent enough. Arsenic is a naturally occurring mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations.

The Village of Cass City has conducted tests for over 150 different contaminants, on each municipal well. We tested for Microbiological, Radioactive, Volatile Organic, Synthetic Organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides. As you can see by the "Table", our system had no violations. We're proud that our drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or manmade. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances.

**Microbial contaminants:** such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants:** such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides:** which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic Chemical Contaminants:** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive Contaminants:** which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public systems. The FDA regulates contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's "Safe Drinking Water Hotline", at 1-800-426-4791.

MCLs (Maximum Contaminant Levels) are set at very stringent standards. To understand the possible health effects described, for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime, to have a "one-in-a-million chance" of experiencing the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can particularly be at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the "Safe Drinking Water Hotline", at 1-800-426-4791.

Please call the Village Office if you have any questions or would like to see the reports for all of the tests the Village has conducted. The contact person for this information is Village Manager Jane Downing. Phone number is 872-2911.

This report will not be mailed to each customer, however, copies are available at Village Hall.

Submitted by the  
Village of Cass City Water Department





Art stars

Cass City High School students selected to participate in the Region 11 Michigan Art Education Association art exhibit are (L to R) Sonya Regnerus, Sarah Cooper, Megan Powell, Grant Gould and Roy Davis.

Students' art chosen for exhibit

Five students from Cass City High School were selected to participate in the Region 11 Michigan Art Education Association art exhibit at the Saginaw Art Museum. The works were displayed during February and students were honored with a reception Saturday, Feb. 26, at the museum. Three of the student works will be going on for further judging in Lansing. These include "Ashley" by Roy Davis, "Wizard's Dream" by Sonya Regnerus, and "The Psychedelic Dream" by Megan Powell.

Edison seminar March 22

Detroit Edison is running a free seminar Wednesday, March 22, teaching people how to reduce their energy bill. The seminar will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Detroit Edison customer office at 4100 Doerr Rd., Cass City. The seminar will focus on building an energy efficient home, and geothermal heating and cooling systems. Building an energy efficient house with a geothermal system can reduce the energy bills in a home by over 70 percent. Topics covered at the seminar will be energy use in the home, air infiltration, insulation, basements, windows, framing, heating systems, air conditioning, water heating, lighting, and appliances. Featured speakers will be: Jim Nawrot - Home Building Workshop; Rob Derksen - Michigan Energy Services; and Jerry Goetz - Detroit Edison energy expert. The seminars are free but space is limited and seminars do fill up. To register for the seminar and reserve your space, call 1-800-833-2786. Don't miss this opportunity to reduce your energy bill. As a special bonus, mention this article when you arrive at the seminar and get a free \$10 energy gift certificate you can use when you pay your next bill.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

A "Mobile Health Care/Dental Unit" was unveiled Friday by the Huron-Sanilac-Tuscola Associated Health Departments at a ribbon cutting ceremony held in Caro. The 33-foot, \$112,000 mobile unit — the first of its kind to be put into use in Michigan — will travel to various locations in the Thumb to provide dental care and a myriad of public health programs to children under the age of 21.

Cass City High School senior Cori Bullock, a second-year sales and marketing student at the Tuscola Area Skill Center, was recently recognized as the 1995 MOSPA Region V Outstanding Secondary Student. On hand to see her claim the honor at a recognition luncheon were her father, Dale Bullock; Russell Biefer, Cass City High School Principal, and Lenore Lemanski, counselor at the Tuscola Area Skill Center.

Coaches in the Thumb C National Division elected an all conference team, voting Monday night at a meeting in Cass City. Named to the first team from Cass City was Jason Morgan, senior. Cass City placed 2 on the honorable mention list, Scott Iwankovitsch and Corey Ulfig.

USA Patriots defeated the Cass City Red Hawks in the district finals, 85-71, Saturday. Cass City moved to within 4 points of the Patriots in the last quarter with 2:23 left in the game and that was as close as the team was to get.

10 YEARS AGO

Incumbent village presidents in Gagetown and Uby were easily defeated in Monday's elections, which saw voter turnout in 5 area villages range from 5 percent in Cass City to a record 66 percent in Uby. In Cass City,

a total of 56 ballots were cast, according to Joyce LaRoche, clerk/treasurer, who noted there are 1,070 registered voters in the village.

Cass City senior snowcoming king and queen are Wendy Weaver and Mark Wark, who were crowned by last year's royal couple, Bill Kappen and Jamie Spencer, during the 1990 Snowcoming festivities.

The scoreboards at Cass City Schools purchased with donations made in memory of Darin D. Monroe, 1970-1989, who died in a tragic automobile accident, were dedicated at the final regular season home basketball game March 2.

Driver's education is in jeopardy at Owen-Gage High School. For the first time in several years the district has no one to teach driver's ed. School Supt. Harley Kirby explained that long-time driver's ed instructor, Dean Roller, has made it clear he isn't interested in continuing in that role at the pay level (\$11 per hour).

Greg Hanby is one of 12 students admitted to the Central Michigan University sports medicine program. He is a sophomore at CMU and is the son of Barbara and Don Hanby, Cass City.

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City Police, assisting Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, apprehended 2 juveniles, age 12 and 13, in connection with widespread destruction caused when vandals entered the Edward Hahn residence at 6755 Elmwood Rd. Wednesday, and fired several rifle shots throughout the home. Using rifles and ammunition found at the home, the vandals destroyed a refrigerator, a clothes dryer, several windows and did damage in every room of the house.

A "meals on wheels" program began in Cass City

Monday, thanks to a federal grant funneled through the Human Development Commission. The meals will be provided to 5 needy housebound persons 60 years of age and older, and are prepared at Hills and Dales General Hospital. The Cass City program is the first of its kind in the county.

Michigan State University has agreed to take over custody of 33 fighting cocks seized in a raid near Millington Feb. 9. Because Tuscola County lacked facilities to house the chickens, they were lodged in the Genesee County Animal Shelter. Tuscola County Clerk Elsie Hicks said a bill for keeping the birds was submitted to the County Board of Commissioners Thursday. Based on a board and room bill of \$24.75 per day, the bill was \$569.25.

Rabideau Motors Inc., Farm and Industrial Division, is holding an open house Friday, March 14, at their new facility west of town. There will be free bean soup and free refreshments.

March 31 is the last day ever that existing studded snow tires can be used on Michigan roads.

35 YEARS AGO

Meeting in special session Thursday, the Cass City Village Council voted to accept an option to buy the H.O. Paul Building from the Pinney State Bank for \$26,250. The council plans to use the building for a fire hall, if an agreement can be reached with Elkland Township.

Leonard Damm and Son, one of Cass City's oldest and leading farm implement dealers, has extended an invitation to area farmers and residents to help the firm celebrate its 25th anniversary Friday, March 19.

Four Cass City Future Farmers of America are

slated to receive the State Farmer Degree awards next Thursday at the state FFA convention at East Lansing. They are Elwood Morell, Chuck Venema, Francis DeLong and Bob Milligan.

Hugh Storton, 17, a Cass City High School junior, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon in a 37-foot fall from a well-digging derrick on a job west of Caro. He was taken to Caro Community Hospital and then transferred to Saginaw General, where he is expected to spend several weeks.

A sneak thief at the farm of Adolph Woelfle, where Tom Scheible is a tenant, not only came away empty handed Saturday night, he left with less than he started with. About 2 a.m. Scheible was awakened by a commotion in his yard caused by his dog. The dog obediently returned... with a piece of a man's trousers dangling triumphantly from his mouth.

WCTU members gather

Cass River Woman's Christian Temperance Union meeting was held Wednesday, March 8, at 1 p.m. at the home of Joyce Cameron.

Pat Eschtruth was in charge of the meeting. Opening prayer was given and the pledges to the American, Christian and Temperance flags were recited. The dangers of gambling were discussed. Cameron was in charge of the devotions.

The April meeting will be held April 3 at the home of Mildred Forshee, 2663 N. Unionville Rd., with a potluck dinner at noon. All are welcome.

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Second row, left to right, Libby Doerr, Alex Hiatt, Jacob Howard, Matt Koepf, Andrea Miller, Jack Palmer and Sam Risdon.  
Third row, left to right, Ashley Barrigar, Tasha Bryant, Nicole McComas and Sean McFarland.  
Back row, left to right, Allyson Bell, Kevin Lowe, Shanna Spencer and Steven Walther.  
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## Cass City Honor Roll

The Cass City High School honor roll for the 4th marking period has been announced.

### 12TH GRADE

**All A's** - Stacy Atkin, Justin Caraballo, Erin Creason, Adam Dorland, Chris Dubey, Amber Dunn, Sally Finkbeiner, Lindsey Gaszczyński, Grant Gould, Sheila Guilds, Melissa Homakie, Jalal Khoury, Melanie Nizzola, Leann Otulakowski, Stephanie Pierce, Sonya Regnerus, Brad Roche, Kristy Ryan, David Sutter, Tracy Talaski.

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Carli O'Hara, Brooke Ouvre, Jenny Parsell, Matt Perry, Heather Pomeroy, Liza Smith, Bryce VanVliet, Aaron Volz, Rachel Warden, Katie Wood, Ben Zimba.

### 11TH GRADE

**All A's** - Brandon Albrecht, Kaylee Bell, Holli Cooper, Andy Dale, Michelle Derfny, Josh Dillon, Craig Emmert, Jaime Fluegge, Zach Glaspie, Laura Laming, Emily Rayl, Manisha Raythatha, Kyle Ross, Brad Ypma.

**B or Better** - Joel Brinkman, Randy Diebel, Shaun Engler, Brent Goslin, Johanna Hoelzle, Carol Phetteplace, Megan Powell, Anand Raythatha, Andy Stoeckle.

### 10TH GRADE

**All A's** - Raymond Abasso, Danielle Guilds, Sara Homakie, Timothy Khoury,

Guthry Laurie, Jamie Leiterman, Robin Messing, Jessica Metzger, Elise Pasant, Julie Roche, Rebecca Rockwell, Kerry Shagene, Chenelle Smentek, Stephanie Stevens, Jennifer Tenbusch, Jessica Tenbusch, Lyndi Trischler, Erin Venema, Tessia Zawilinski.

**B or Better** - Tara Bryant, Nicholas Chappel, Melissa Doerr, Rochelle Dohn, Clint Drinkard, Nicole Drinkard, Zeke Field, Noah Gould, Cason Harris, Autumn Helland, Jason Hill, Charles Keiser, James Kilbourn, Richard Klaus, Kelli Kriel, Rebecca Kruse, Crystal Martin, Melissa Martin, Ashley Ouvre, Stephanie Ramsey, Crystal Sattelberg, Brad Stine, Brandon Vargo, Dustin Wood.

### 9TH GRADE

**All A's** - Heidi Cheng, Amanda Frederick, Ashley Froede, Courtney Green, Kurtis Hessler, Dara Iwankovitch, Chris Maharg, Jessica Nicol, Rajen Raythatha, Matt Stoutenburg.

**B or Better** - Laura Barnes, Jason Barrigar, Robert Dale, Deidre Deering, Aaron Diegel, Tiffany Francis, Becky Hartel, Cyndi Henn, Elizabeth Hoyt, Jessica Kamrad, Alissa Pasant, Renee Puterbaugh, Samantha Sabo, Jessica Samons, Brandon Speirs, Talisa Talaski, Kristen Wiles, Melissa Zmierski.

## Vassar mayor seeking 84th District state seat

Joe Hembling, mayor of Vassar, has announced that he will be a candidate for 84th District State Representative.

"I will be a Republican candidate for state representative and will run a strong, grassroots campaign based on the issues and on my qualifications," Hembling said.



Joe Hembling

A 1963 graduate of Reese High School, Hembling joined the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1962 while in high school. After graduating, he worked at Saginaw Grey Iron Foundry in the core room. In 1964, he entered active duty in the Navy, serving overseas aboard the aircraft carrier Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and was honorably discharged in 1966. He returned to Grey Iron Foundry and then joined K-Mart Corporation, where for 34 years he has been employed in management, supervising staffs in excess of 200 personnel

and managing budgets over \$250 million.

In 1994, Hembling was elected to the Vassar City Council and has served as mayor for the past 5 years. He is also a member of the Tuscola County Economic Development Board, appointed by the Board of Commissioners in 1998.

"I am proud of how far Vassar has progressed in the past several years," Hembling said. "City property tax rates have been lowered 4 consecutive years and the city remains in strong financial shape. We have developed and expanded our industrial park, bringing more jobs to the area, and have supported efforts to revitalize the city through downtown development, the new multi-purpose pavilion and the Rail-Trail. We have also focused on increasing recreational opportunities for youth."

"Since I have been on the county EDC board, I have also worked to encourage agricultural, community and economic development throughout Tuscola County and the Thumb area."

"I would like the opportunity to take my experience in family, business and local government leadership to Lansing as state representative for the betterment of both Huron and Tuscola counties. I will defend the structure of the traditional

family. I will seek further tax relief for families, farmers and businesses, and increased funding for road repairs in the district. I support parental freedom in education through schools-of-choice but also feel we should focus on directly improving public schools through smaller class sizes and more local control."

"I do not have all the answers to issues we face. No elected official does, which is why I am already meeting with people and groups throughout the district to discuss the issues and common sense solutions."

"The job of state representative is one of service to the people," he continued. "As a candidate and as state representative, I will be accessible, visible and in constant communication with my constituents throughout the entire district."

"My campaign is now in full-gear and I am looking forward to working hard each and every day in the race."

Hembling has been married 26 years to Jaye, and has 2 daughters, Danielle and Cassandra, and one granddaughter, Taylor. He is a member of Chapel Hill Assembly of God in Vassar.

The 84th District includes Huron and Tuscola counties. Current State Rep. Mike Green cannot seek reelection due to term limits.

## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Dave Smith of Snover and Roger Parrish of Cass City gave a ministry of music at the Shabbona RLDS Church Sunday morning.

Dan Franzel underwent hip surgery at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City Thursday. Visitors were Doris Western, Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly.

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

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Saturday guest of Judy and Lee Horton.

Ed Schember and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was hostess when the Extended Homemakers met at China King in Bad Axe for dinner Thursday. Eleven members were present. The next meeting will be at Charmont in Cass City with Olga Schneberger as hostess.

Cheryl Allen, Allen Farrelly and Ed Schember visited Dan Franzel at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City.

Loas Cardenas, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney attended a 50th wedding anniversary party for Jack and Dolly Simon at Elkton Sunday.

Nancy and Dean Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessen and Timothy of Caro were Saturday supper guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski. Other guests were Shawn Depcinski and friend Paul of Grand Rapids, and Bradley Osentoski. Carol Osentoski was an afternoon guest.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly were Wednesday afternoon guests of Cheryl Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Sunday dinner guests of Thelma Jackson.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Hiram Keyser Tuesday afternoon.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlagier and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Friday morning.

Nine members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Stafono's in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at McDonald's Food and Family Deli next week.

Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at the Marlette Rehab Sunday afternoon.

## Women's rally set for April 11

The Thumb Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Lutheran Women in Mission will hold a spring rally April 11 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Holbrook.

The theme of the rally is "The Sower, The Seed and The Soil." The Rev. Henry Malone of St. John Lutheran Church in Palms will be the speaker and the singing group "Skyward" will be part of the program.

Registration is at 6 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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## Tuscola SCD tree sale still underway

You may still place your order for trees and shrubs for this spring at the Tuscola Soil Conservation District Office at 1075 Cleaver Road in Caro. The trees and shrubs may be used for windbreaks, reforestation, erosion control, Christmas trees, restocking a woodlot and wildlife habitat.

Species still available are: white pine, red pine, Austrian pine, Scotch pine, white spruce, Norway spruce, Colorado blue spruce, Douglas fir seedlings; red oak, sugar maple, Norway maple and black walnut hardwoods; Colorado blue spruce and Norway spruce super husky transplants and white cedar transplants, and a limited number of honeysuckle and red osier dogwood shrubs.

White pine, red pine, white

spruce and Norway spruce do well on lighter to medium soils when planting a windbreak.

Plant Austrian pine, Douglas fir and Colorado blue spruce on the medium to heavier soils for best results. The favorites for Christmas trees are Colorado blue spruce, Scotch pine, Douglas fir, and some are using Austrian pine and white pine for variety.

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“Click it or Ticket”

New seatbelt law in effect

Standard enforcement of Michigan's mandatory safety belt law may have come just in time to help the state's young drivers, who lag far behind most other drivers in safety belt use, according to AAA Michigan.

"Safety belt use by young adults fell dramatically in 1999," said Jerry Basch,

AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Recent surveys show that belt use rates for the 16 through 29-year-old age group dropped from 63.6 percent in 1998 to 57.4 percent in 1999. This is unacceptable."

Overall belt use rates in Michigan now hover around

70 percent, said Basch. The good news is that all age groups may buckle up with greater frequency now that standard enforcement is in effect.

The law, which went into effect Friday, allows police to stop motorists who are not wearing their safety belts. In the past, Michigan law al-

lowed police to ticket someone for not wearing safety belts only if the person was stopped on another traffic violation.

"The new standard enforcement law should increase belt usage from the current estimated 70 percent, to 81 percent, save 100 lives a year and prevent 3,000 serious injuries," Basch said.

The new law will be the subject of a statewide campaign launched by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) March 8. Called "Click it or Ticket, a New Law You Can Live With," the campaign will heighten awareness of the new law. Among the key provisions:

\* If front seat passengers are not wearing a safety belt, police can now stop the vehicle.

An operator of a motor vehicle who violates the law will receive a ticket and be fined \$25.

\* All children under the age of 4 must be in a child safety seat, in all seating positions.

According to Basch, teens and young adults account for more than one-third of all motor vehicle injuries in Michigan, and the number of people who die in traffic crashes typically rises in the spring.

"Standard enforcement is a law all motorists can live with," said Basch. "And as prom season and graduation days approach, it makes more sense than ever for young people to click it or ticket."

Free brochures outlining the new laws are available at all AAA Michigan offices statewide.

Letter to the editor

‘System status’ won’t cut ambulance response time

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to a letter that appeared in your paper from Randy Gerber Jan. 5, concerning System Status in Cass City. System Status will not reduce response time. How can an ambulance sitting in Ellington 8 miles from town

possibly have a better response time than one at the base in town? There is always an EMT and a Paramedic at the base 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with a very short response time.

Also, when Cass City ambulance is in Ellington covering because Caro is out, if Caro gets a call, Cass City

will have to go into Caro and take care of that call, which leaves Cass City area without ambulance service for as long as the Caro call takes. Anyone in the Cass City coverage area with an emergency will have to wait for Bad Axe, Marlette, or Uby, all of which are more than 20 miles away.

I have friends and family in Cass City and I am very worried about them not having any help from Cass City if they should need it. I think the people in the Cass City coverage area should also be very concerned about this. Our ambulance needs to stay in town!

Thank you,

Gail Hutchinson  
E.M.T. Cass City MMR

Kevin Woodward

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

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

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

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

It's plain: guns save lives and property

It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed, a program costing the government more than \$500 million dollars.

And now the results are in:

\* Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2 percent.

\* Australia-wide, assaults are up 8.6 percent.

\* Australia-wide, armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent).

In the state of Victoria, homicides with firearms are up 300 percent. Figures over the previous 25 years show a steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms (changed drastically in the past 12 months). There has been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly.

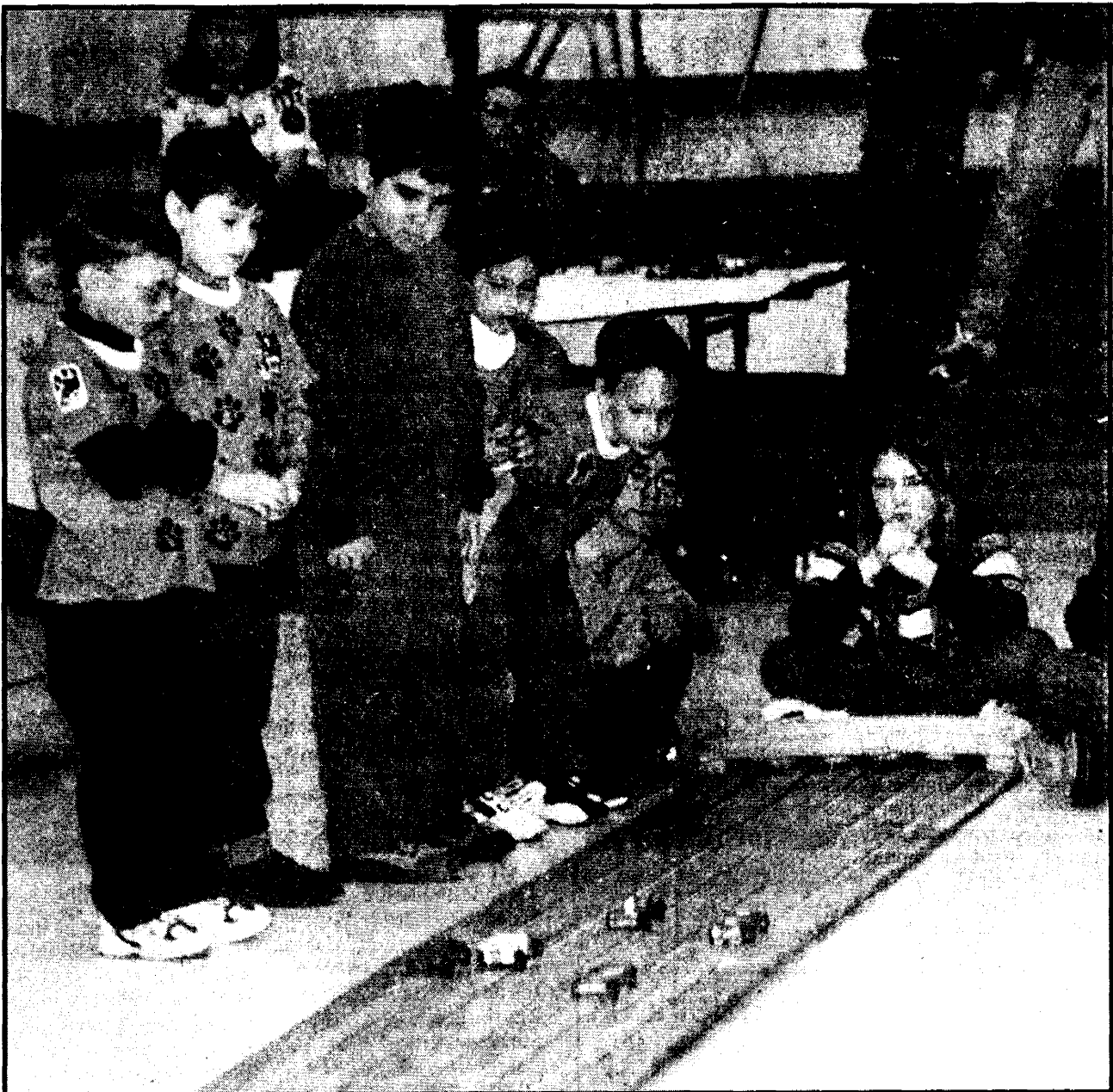
Australian politicians are on the spot and at a loss to explain how no improvement in "safety" has been observed after such monumental effort and expense was successfully expended in "ridding society of guns." Bet you won't see this data on the evening news or hear your governor or members of the state Assembly disseminating this information.

of the millennium," Rosenow added.

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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:

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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.

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File # 990707561  
Cougars

2-23-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lena Huizar a single woman (original mortgagors) to Washington Mortgage Company, A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 1999, and recorded on February 16, 1999 in Liber 763, on Page 125, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bank One, National Association, as Trustee / k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee, as assignee by an assignment dated June 28, 1999, which was recorded on August 17, 1999, in Liber 779, on Page 896, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN AND 54/100 dollars (\$92,017.54), including interest at 9.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2000.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 21 which is West 1084.86 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section 21; thence continuing along said East and West quarter line West 208.75 feet to the centerline of Frankenthum Road; thence along the front chord of said centerline North 31 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds East 182.08 feet; thence along the centerline North 37 degrees 03 minutes 46 seconds East 28.48 feet; thence East 205.55 feet; thence South 31 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds West 208.75 feet to the point of beginning. Right of Way for Frankenthum Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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

Dated: March 15, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1305  
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File # 200012815  
Panthers

3-15-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eileen M. Sage and Robert H. Sage wife and husband (original mortgagors) to World Wide Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 5, 1998, and recorded on October 16, 1998 in Liber 753, on Page 396, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the GE Capital Mortgage Service, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated October 6, 1998, which was recorded on May 18, 1999, in Liber 771, on Page 1136, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND 45/100 dollars (\$28,554.45), including interest at 12.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 16, 2000

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

2-16-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Randolph P. Piper is an attorney and is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Barry L. Willson and Kathryn A. Willson, his wife, as Mortgagor to Dori Federal Credit Union, dated July 22, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 25th day of September 1997, in which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$56,221.68).

No proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage of any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Friday, April 14, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), 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 and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows, to wit:

Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning 660 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 13; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet to the point of beginning.

More commonly known as 3075 Walton Road, Vassar, Michigan 48748-9539

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless the property is deemed abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

DORT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
Mortgage Department  
2845 Davison Road  
Post Office Box 1635  
Flint, Michigan 48506

Prepared by:  
RANDOLPH P. PIPER P23226  
1426 Mott Foundation Bldg.  
Flint, Michigan 48502  
Telephone (810) 235-2558

3-8-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lonnie Lee Gray a married man (original mortgagor) to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 1998, and recorded on August 6, 1998 in Liber 747, on Page 140, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Fleet Mortgage Corp., as assignee by an assignment dated January 24, 2000, which was recorded on February 11, 2000, in Liber 794, on Page 568, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND 92/100 dollars (\$34,755.92), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2000.

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

Commencing 18 rods, 7 1/2 feet West of the Northeast corner of Block 10, Village of Caro, thence South 8 rods, thence West 4 rods or to land formerly owned by Fred W. Richardson and wife, thence North 8 rods, thence East to place of beginning being part of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range East, and in the unplatted part of the Village of Caro, formerly Centerville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 59A and in Liber 11, Page 362, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 8, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1300  
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File # 991213965  
Hawks

3-8-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara A. Taylor a single woman and David P. McIntyre a single man (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Solutions of Michigan, Inc., A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 21, 1997, and recorded on September 3, 1997 in Liber 719, on Page 180, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Custodian or Trustee, Assignee by an assignment, which was recorded on February 24, 2000, in Liber 795, on Page 163, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 80/100 dollars (\$27,126.80), including interest at 12.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2000.

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

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter section 29, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Tuscola County, Michigan, is described as beginning at a point on the East-West Quarter line of said Section that is North 87 degrees 50 minutes East 250 feet from the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, thence North 655.15 feet to the South Right of Way line for Highway M-38; thence along said Right of way South 74 degrees 55 minutes East 309.00 feet; thence South 420 feet; thence North 87 degrees 50 minutes East 200.97 feet; thence South 143.43 feet; to said East West Quarter line; thence South 87 degrees 50 minutes West 499.55 feet; to the point of beginning. Subject to the Right of Way for M-38 over the Northerly side thereof.

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

Dated: March 15, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1301  
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 991112617  
Cougars

3-15-5

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathy L. Ramirez to Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 1998, and recorded on November 30, 1998, in Liber 756, on Page 1288, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN AND 34/100 DOLLARS (\$48,447.34), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Friday, April 26, 2000.

Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

LAND SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF CARO, TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN: LOT 6 AND THE SOUTHWEST HALF OF LOT 5 OF BLOCK 1 OF THE PLAT OF NETTLETON'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CARO, AS PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 11, NOW BEING PAGE 12a OF TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS, EXCEPT THE SOUTHEASTERLY 41 FEET OF LOT 5 AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY 41 FEET OF THE SOUTHWEST HALF OF LOT 5.

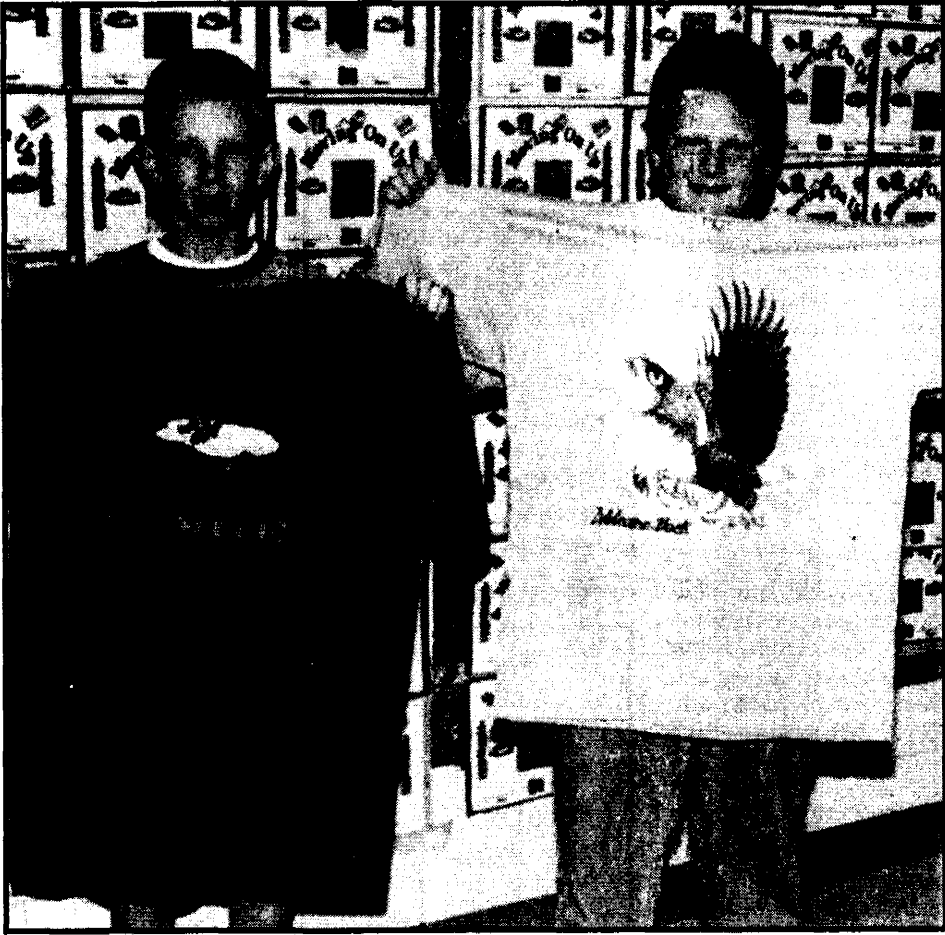
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 7, 2000

Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture  
Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

3-15-5



CASS CITY sixth grade students, including (from left) Evan Laurie and John Crandall, are selling T-shirts to raise funds to protect rainforest acreage in western Brazil. Cass City High School biology students are also involved in the annual conservation project.

Students selling T-shirts

Teens saving rainforest

Many Cass City students will have something to celebrate when Earth Day rolls around in April. They are involved in a conservation project this month aimed at protecting rainforest acreage in western Brazil.

Sixth graders at the middle school and high school students in Nancy Weippert's Biology II class are now selling T-shirts imprinted with environmental themes. This is the sixth year Weippert's students have been involved in the project, and sixth grade students at the middle school are working for the fifth year.

By selling the shirts, funds will be raised to help protect countless species of plants and animals in Serra do Divisor National Park in Brazil.

This special project is being conducted simultaneously in over 10,000 schools across the country via a special network of educators called Earth Foundation.

Eighty percent of the money raised by the foundation is used to purchase rainforest acres. The remaining 20 percent is used for on-the-ground management costs such as training park guards, buying equipment and vehicles, and developing environmental education programs.

Rainforests are currently being destroyed at a staggering rate, estimated to be about the area equal to 2 football fields every second. Despite covering less than 7

percent of the land on earth, rainforests are home to about half of the 5 to 10 million plant and animal species on the globe.

Scientists estimate that there are at least 30,000 as yet undiscovered plants, most of which are rainforest species.

Cass City students learn about the impact of consumer choices on rainforests, how recycling helps the rainforest, and a way to express their concerns and opinions to government leaders and corporations.

High school students will conclude their study by visiting sixth grade classes to share their creative writing and help the younger students with a project.

21 attend women's meeting

The United Methodist Women met Monday, March 6, in the fellowship hall with 21 members present. Group one prepared and served the meal. Co-chairmen of the group were Shirley Wagg and Connie Schwaderer.

President Joan Merchant opened the meeting with a poem, "It's Your Move Child."

Important dates were announced: Sunday, March 12, at 7 p.m. pianist Trevor Mast will perform for a Lenten evening. Sunday, March 26, Bishop Ott will speak at the morning service with a pot-luck dinner following.

The second annual craft show will be held April 8 at the Cass City United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women will have a table.

Louise Buehrly announced the "Women of Virtue" meeting will be held in Saginaw June 24.

The call to prayer and self denial was presented by Buehrly, titled "The Fast I Choose - A Day Acceptable to the Lord."

Babysitter classes scheduled

The American Red Cross, Tuscola Service Center, is offering babysitters training this month.

The training is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Tuscola Service Center (1-800-472-6225), and Saturday, March 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Millington (517-871-5211). Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch and drink.

Call 872-2010 to place an ad

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FOR SALE - 1993 Dodge Dynasty. \$3,500 or best offer. Call 872-2015. 1-3-15-1

FOR SALE - 1988 Ford Van, \$375; 14-foot boat with trailer, \$375; SKS rifle with folding stock, \$275; 8 h.p. rototiller, \$250. Call 872-8111. 1-3-15-1

1996 MERCURY Mystique GS, very clean, loaded, 32 mpg, 76,000 miles. \$6,800. 872-2993 1-3-1-3

General Merchandise

GOURMET COFFEE available at Timeless Treasures. Regular \$7.99 a pound, decaf \$8.99 a pound, whole bean or freshly ground. 872-3687. 2-3-15-3

THE PAINT STORE has chunky foam stamp stencils and many other craft supplies. 2-3-8-3

FOR SALE - King size Serta Perfect Sleeper mattress set, very firm, 8 years old. Top of the line 12 year mattress was \$1,800, asking \$300. Call 872-5779 after 3 p.m. 2-3-15-1

General Merchandise

FOR SALE - 30-inch maple rolltop desk \$45. 24-inch dark cherry console table and matching mirror \$35. Antique drop leaf table \$45. Country table with drawer \$25. Also visit our basement wood craft display. 6608 3rd St., Gagetown. 665-2500. 2-3-8-3

COME IN AND check out what's hot at the Paint store. We have Debbie Mumm and Thomas Kinkadee wallpapers and borders. New patterns arriving daily. Come in and check them out. 2-3-8-3

FOR SALE - 160 4x5 round bales, second cutting. Also 44 acres of standing alfalfa. Also 10 ton Hagedorn Hydra Spread manure spreader, one year old. (517) 872-3521. 2-3-8-3

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THE PAINT STORE has gourmet and flavored coffee. 30 flavors to choose from. Stop in and check them out. Great for gifts. 2-3-1-5

FOR SALE - White and gold single bedroom outfit with canopy, mirror and dresser. Reasonably priced to sell. 872-3988. Stan Szarapksi. 2-3-1-3

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## Additional Classified Ads on page 13

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THE PAINT STORE has OOPS paint in assorted colors. \$10 a gallon, \$5 a quart. Must move them out. 2-3-8-3

FOR SALE - One timeshare week at Eagle Trace at Massanutten in Harrisonburg, Va., April 15-22. 2 bedroom unit, sleeps 12. \$500. Call Sam Forrest, 872-3785. 2-3-8-3

DELUXE MOBILATOR (walker with wheels, basket and seat), wheel chair, hospital bed, pace saver - 4 wheel - new batteries, electric cart for handicap, 3-wheel electric cart for handicap, new batteries. All like new. Best offer. Call 872-2670. 2-3-8-3

FOR SALE - Gibson refrigerator, 17.6 cubic foot, white, approximately 6 years old, excellent condition, \$200. 872-8362. 2-3-8-3

WALLPAPER SALE at The Paint Store. 20% off ordered wallpaper and borders. Thomas Kincaid borders available at The Paint Store. 2-3-1-5

FIREWOOD - Ash and maple split, \$40 face cord. Softwood \$30. Convenient pick up. 872-3515. 2-10-14-17

FREE SLEIGH BED style waterbed frame. And a newer Victorian style sofa, neutral color, \$250. 872-4746. 2-3-1-3

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Many more too numerous to mention.  
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### Rabideau Farm Store

6080 E. Cass City  
2-3-15-5

### Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - Sherwood on the Hill, Gagetown, in the dining room. No restaurant items. Everything from nuts to bolts to Beanie Babies. March 17, 12-6 p.m., March 18 and 19, 10-6. 665-9971. 14-3-8-2

### Real Estate For Sale

## FOR SALE in Northwood Estates Subdivision



1,500 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with full basement and casement windows. Includes high efficiency gas furnace and water heater. Attached garage, paved driveway and 80' x 150' lot with underground utilities.

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This house is also available on your lot.

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3-10-27-17

### For Rent

WE ARE NOW taking applications for 2-bedroom apartments at Northwood Heights Apartments in Cass City. Rent is based on income. For rental information, call 517-872-2369 or Crest Property Management at 517-652-9281. Some units barrier free. TTY for hearing or speech impaired 1-800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. 4-10-20-17

FOR RENT - Cass City Mini Storage. Call 872-3917. 4-3-13-17

OFFICE SPACE for rent. For more information call 872-4532. 4-10-7-17

LARGE ROOM for rent with kitchen privileges and laundry. \$70 a week. 872-3877. 4-3-15-3

UPSTAIRS APARTMENT - 2 bedrooms, \$200 deposit, \$350 a month. No kids, no pets. Call 872-4785. 4-3-15-1

WILLIAMSBURG Apartments, Caro - First month rent free for leases signed by April 1. Applications are now being taken for one and 2 bedroom apartments. Rental from \$385.00 per month, includes water, sewer and trash removal. All apartments equipped with separate hot water heaters, furnaces and central air. Call (517) 673-2046. Equal Housing Opportunity. 4-2-16-6

FOR RENT - K of C Hall, 6106 Beechwood Drive. Parties, dinners, meeting. Call Richard Rick, 872-3345. 4-2-3-17

FOR RENT - 6-room mobile home with expando, 6 1/2 miles west of Cass City. Also, 5-room second floor apartment one mile east of Caro. Call 672-3610 or 673-3614. 4-3-8-3

OFFICE SPACE available at the Hahn Building at 6240 West Main, Cass City. Call 872-3519 or 872-2155 for more information. 4-2-16-17

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BEAUTIFUL one-bedroom apartments available in the E & T Building in Marlette. \$450 and \$500 per month. 248-549-0005. 4-3-1-3

2 BEAUTIFUL one-bedroom apartments available in Marlette, featuring 1/2 baths, spacious closets, ceiling fans, private patio, hardwood floors or Berber carpet. Each \$500 a month. (248) 549-7205. 4-1-26-17

FOR RENT - Hillside North Apartment is accepting applications for one bedroom apartments. Fully carpeted, appliances, air conditioning and laundry facility available. Stay 11 months, get the 12th month free. Call for more details. 872-2445. 4-1-19-17

CARO'S NEWEST community, Sugar Creek, is accepting applications for one, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments. Rent starts at \$479.00 and includes water and sewer, trash collection, range, refrigerator, disposal, dishwasher and washer and dryer connections, pantries and mini blinds. Gas heat and central air conditioning are available. Patios or balconies are optional. Located on M-81 and Romain Rd. Open Monday. Call anytime. 517-673-0515. 4-8-18-17

VFW HALL available for rental occasions. Call Oscar Brooks at 872-2932. 4-4-28-17

FOR RENT in town - One bedroom apartment. Water, sewer and garbage included. First month rent and security deposit required. 872-2012. 4-3-1-3

### Notices

#### FREE Senior Citizen Bingo Party

Thurs., March 23  
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#### Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfgen Road  
872-2729  
Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service  
11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service  
6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: David Edwards  
5-8-11-52

#### Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St.  
872-2604/872-5201  
Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service  
11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service  
6:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Wm. Bixler  
5-12-22-52

#### Carsonville Port Sanilac Craft Show

April 15  
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### Notices

#### Knights of Columbus FISH DINNERS

Baked & Fried Fish,  
ALL YOU CAN EAT  
3rd Friday of each month  
beginning Sept. 17, 1999  
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
K of C Hall  
6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City  
Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.00  
5-9-1-17

#### Selling overflow of Cass City memorabilia and other collectibles.

April 8  
at  
Methodist Craft Show  
Marian Keating  
5-3-15-2

#### Knights of Columbus BREAKFAST

Eggs & Pancakes,  
Sausage, Hashbrowns,  
Fruit, Beverages  
First Sunday of each month  
9-11 a.m.  
K of C Hall  
6106 Beechwood Dr.  
\$4.00 per person  
5-1-19-17

#### Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Wednesday,  
March 22  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Cass City  
United Methodist Church  
5-3-8-2

NO SMOKING BINGO - Every Wednesday night. Open 6:00 - early bird 6:30 - regular bingo 7:00. Post 3644 VFW, Weaver St. 5-2-26-17

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#### NEW LOCATION, No Smoking Bingo - Every Sunday at new Knights of Columbus Hall, 6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City.

Doors open 5:00 p.m., games start at 5:30. Phone 872-8892. Knights of Columbus Council No. 8892. 5-9-30-17

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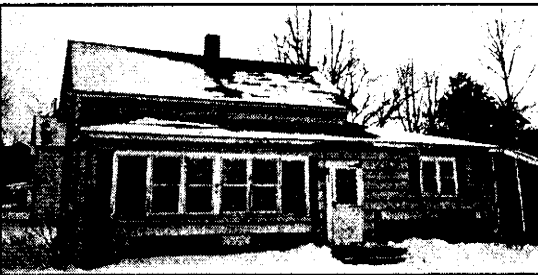
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**CCT-234** - Great starter home! 2 bedroom, 1 bath home located on the edge of town. Home has been extensively remodeled. New shingles & vinyl siding in '99. Newer plumbing system and pop out windows.

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

**UB-056** - Great starter home! 3 or 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, large family room. Home is cozy and has cottage feel inside. Nice size lot, approximately 1 acre.

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, March 15

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

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 18

Barn Tour, 12-4 p.m., at Severance Farm, 5899 Severance Road, Decker.

Tuesday, March 21

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

Winter wheat off to a great start

Winter wheat is off to a great start thanks to the thermometer reaching record levels in late February and early March. While an extended cold streak of single digits could cause damage, the long-term forecast seems to be pointing more toward mild temperatures and the promise for higher yields. However, the steep climb in temperatures and the rapid demise of the snow base left many farmers without the opportunity to get equipment across the fields for top dressing. "I don't think we're going to get the frost accumulations we need to get across the field," said Jim Thews, white wheat coordinator for Wheat 2000. "So, farmers are waiting for the fields to dry out enough to get the equipment across to top dress wheat." The warm cycle, Thews said, has prompted a substantial amount of growth, making it even more important to apply nitrogen. "This may be a year when farmers may look at splitting a nitrogen application, but it really depends on their overall management program." An early spring, combined with a good start in the fall, is really setting the stage for good yields, Thews believes.

Prepare for severe weather

Severe weather resulted in considerable destruction in parts of Michigan in 1999. Unfortunately, injury and even death accompanied some of the severe weather events. Michigan residents need to be prepared for the dangers of thunderstorms, tornadoes, windstorms and flooding, according to the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. "It is important to have an emergency plan in place in the event of severe weather," said Mark Wesley, chairperson, Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. "Severe weather occurs every year in Michigan. Monitor weather conditions, and take seriously all of the watches and warnings issued

by the National Weather Service. Also, remember that straight-line winds from thunderstorms can sometimes do as much damage as strong tornadoes." As another severe weather season approaches, Governor John Engler has declared March 26-April 1 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan. The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages residents to review tornado safety procedures, and to monitor rapidly changing weather conditions. Tornadoes generally develop from severe thunderstorms, and are more likely to occur when warm, humid air along the ground is forced up rapidly by cooler air and develops into a spinning funnel. According to the National Weather Service, these conditions are most likely to occur in the spring and summer months. Since the 1870s, tornadoes have killed 343 Michigan citizens. Michiganders should be familiar with the various severe weather alerts. A tornado watch or severe thunderstorm watch simply means "watch out", severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible. Residents should

gather a first aid kit, flashlight and portable radio. They should also monitor NOAA Weather Radio and local radio, television and cable stations and keep an eye to the sky. A tornado warning means that a tornado has been spotted or is indicated on Doppler Radar. Go immediately to the basement or a small interior room on the lowest level. Keep away from chimneys and windows. Abandon mobile homes for a shelter. At work or school (if a basement is not available), move to an interior hallway on the lowest floor possible. Avoid rooms with a large, free-span roof, like gymnasiums. If caught in a car or in the open when a tornado threatens, seek shelter in a ditch, ravine or other place below ground level and stay as low as possible. A severe thunderstorm warning indicates that Doppler Weather Radar or weather spotters have indicated a severe thunderstorm. Severe thunderstorm winds can be as strong and damaging as a tornado, doing considerable harm to homes, businesses and schools. As a result, Michigan residents should not be complacent

about severe thunderstorm warnings. When a severe thunderstorm warning is issued for your area, get indoors immediately and do not use the telephone or electrical appliances. Keep away from windows. Do not take shelter in sheds or under isolated trees. If you are boating and swimming, get to land and find adequate shelter immediately. Even without damaging winds, hail, or a tornado -- thunderstorms are dangerous. Lightning kills more people annually across the United States, on average, than tornadoes. If a thunderstorm moves nearby or overhead, postpone outdoor activities and find sturdy shelter. Remember that trees offer no protection from lightning. A good rule of thumb to follow is that if you are close enough to the storm to hear thunder, you are close enough to get struck by lightning, according to Wesley. The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness was formed in 1991 to coordinate public information efforts regarding flood, tornado, thunderstorm and winter safety.

Michael Carlson

Michael "Mike" Thomas Carlson, 43, of Cass City, died Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City. He was born April 18, 1956, in Mt. Clemens to Emil and Julia (Spencer) Carlson. He married Teresa Teller in 1990 in Caro. Carlson worked for Numatics in Sandusky, Ford Motor Company and Macomb County Human Development. He is survived by a son, Jason E. Allor of Kingston; his mother, Julia Eckert of Cass City; father, Emil Carlson of Racine, Wis.; brothers and sisters, Elizabeth (Randy) Finley of Armada, Joseph W. Carlson of Racine, Wis., James M. Carlson of Cass City, Laurie Carlson and Linda S. Carlson, both of Kenosha, Wis., Julia (Christopher) Beaver of Racine, Wis., John Carlson, Douglas Eckert and Angela Eckert, all of Cass City; aunts and uncles, including Larry Spencer of Deford; a special friend, Joy Watts, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his infant sister, Mary

Jane Carlson; maternal grandparents, Julia and David Spencer, and paternal grandparents, Anna and Carl Carlson. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 11, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Elwin Hazen of Great Lakes Bible Church, Mayville, officiating. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

James Sprunger

James Robert Sprunger, 53, of Owendale, died Thursday,

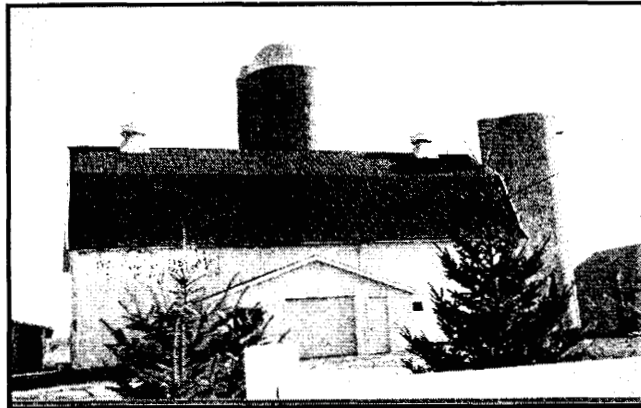
March 9, at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, after complications from surgery. He was born March 20, 1946, in Bad Axe to Oliver and Melba (Miller) Sprunger. His father preceded him in death Nov. 17, 1996. He had worked as a technician for Buick since he was 18 years old, retiring in 1996 after 32 years. He served in the Army for 2 years and was a Vietnam era veteran. He was a graduate of the Owendale High School Class of 1964 and moved to Flint during his years with

Buick. Surviving are his mother, Melba; a brother, Kenneth (Jeanette) Sprunger of Rhodes; a sister, Ruth (Tim) Kain of Owendale, and 5 nephews. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 12, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. The Rev. Alice Sheffield, pastor of the Owendale United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in the Caseville Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Owendale United Methodist Church or the family.

Obituaries

Identify this mystery barn

This is one in a series of "mystery" barns in the area. The contest was devised to call attention to the upcoming Smithsonian "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibit at Rawson Memorial Library Mar. 6 to April 15. The exhibit is sponsored by Rawson Memorial Library, Friends of the Octagon Barn and the Cass City Area Historical Society. Readers who can identify each barn as they appear are asked to call the library, 872-2856, so they can be listed the following week. Warning! Identification gets harder as this contest progresses.



Clue - Built the day after the great snow storm, May 6, 1923, this barn remains in the same family. It is located in Novesta Township.

Answer to March 14 Mystery Barn

The Edith Jackson barn is located in Greenleaf Township on the north side of Bay City-Forestville Road, 1/8 mile west of Germania Rd. It is considered to be one of the oldest barns in the area. It is an ell shaped structure with the left wing being on the farm when it was purchased in 1881 by Stanley Jackson. The larger addition on the right was built in 1893. It has since belonged to Henry Jackson and is now owned by Edith Jackson. First caller to identify the Edith Jackson barn was Fred Matthews.



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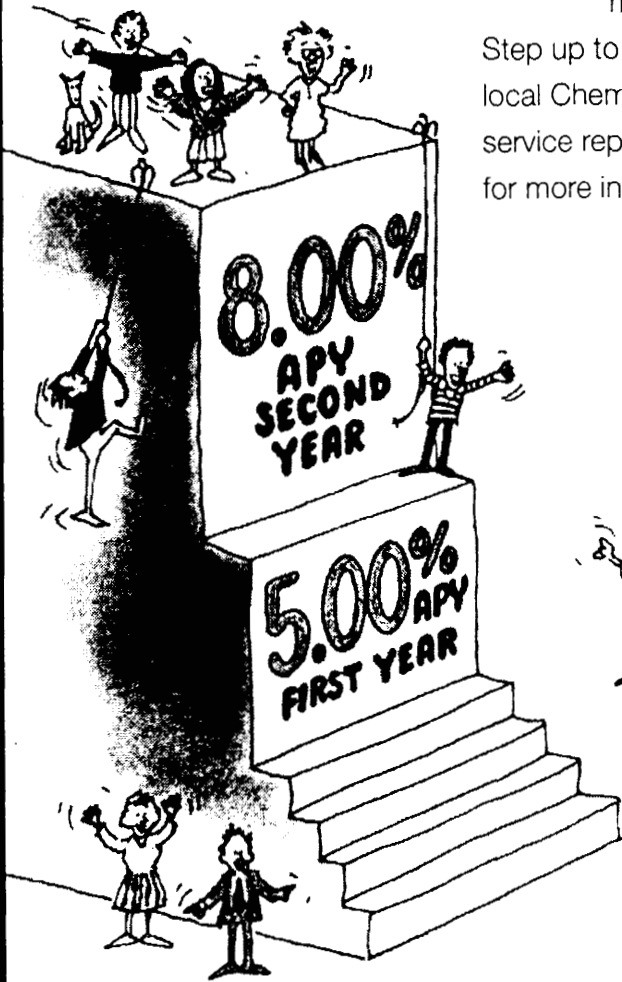
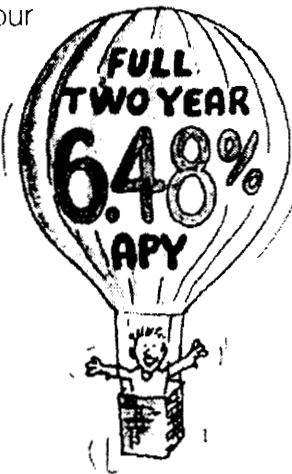
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