

DOUG WILSON (standing), manager of MDOT's Cass City Thumb Service Center, and MDOT engineer Duane Maas outlined planned road projects in the Thumb, including improvements to M-81, during a media briefing Monday morning.

## MDOT gearing up for busy summer

# M-81 facelift begins in 2 weeks

Resurfacing of the final section of M-81 between Cass City and Caro will get underway in early April.

"It's going to start in a couple weeks and completion will be July 1," said Duane Maas, delivery engineer at the Michigan Department of Transportation's Cass City Transportation Service Center (TSC).

Maas, along with TSC Manager Doug Wilson and MDOT Communications Representative Kari Debnar, outlined the work along with several other road projects slated for the Thumb this summer during an informal media briefing Monday morning.

Maas said the M-81 project will total 4.86 miles, from the east village limits of Caro to Dutcher Road. The work will include joint repair and the addition of 3-foot asphalt

shoulder ribbons on both sides of the highway.

One lane will remain open throughout construction, according to Wilson, who noted the project will cost \$1.164 million.

The price tag is part of a \$11,822,979 budget for the Cass City TSC, which is responsible for road construction/repair in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

Other major construction scheduled for this summer includes repair and resurfacing of nearly 5 miles of M-90, from the Black River to M-25 (Lexington); .62 of a mile of M-15, from Main Street to the north city limit of Vassar; 4 miles of M-25 from Stein Road to M-142, and 5.2 miles of M-15, from M-138 to Columbus Road.

Maas said the M-25 project will require a one-month detour due to planned replacement of large drainage pipes.

The project will begin Tuesday after Memorial Day and be reopened the Friday before July 4.

Also planned are a number of Capital Preventive Maintenance projects. The projects utilize bituminous crack treatment and target roads that are in decent shape, according to Maas, who said the preventive maintenance results in an additional 3 to 5 years of pavement life.

Preventive projects slated for this summer in the Thumb include: 6 miles of M-24, from Brauer Road to Hunter Creek Road; .35 of a mile of US-23 Business Route, from Leroy Street to Poplar Street; 4 miles of M-53, from Severance Road to M-81; 8.3 miles of M-81, from Dutcher Road to Doerr Road; 1.6 miles of M-53 in

Marlette; 1.3 miles of M-81, from Dixon Road to VanGeisen Road; .87 of a mile of M-15 in Millington; 5.85 miles of M-138, from the Bay County line to Vassar Road, and 2 miles of M-46, from Towerline Road to Portsmouth Road.

In addition, bituminous overlay will be placed on 5 miles of M-24, from M-46 to the Cass River Bridge, and on 7.5 miles of M-25, from

Port Hope to Huron City.

Also, a new high tech "Nova Chip" crack sealer will be placed on nearly 12 miles of M-25, from the north village limits of Caseville to Weaver Road. The project will get underway in mid-July, with completion expected in mid-August.

Bridge projects planned include replacement of the Please turn to page 5.

## Township annual meetings on tap

Township annual meetings have become a thing of the past in many communities, but a number of area townships continue to host them

each spring.

The annual meetings offer residents an ideal opportunity to voice a suggestion or gripe about an issue in their township.

Most townships in the Cass City area will hold their annual meetings Saturday.

The following is a list of meeting dates, times and places:

**Elkland Township**  
Monday, March 27, at 7 p.m.  
Elkland Township Fire Hall

**Ellington Township**  
Saturday, March 25, at 1:30 p.m.  
Ellington Township Hall

**Evergreen Township**  
Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m.  
Evergreen Township Hall

**Greenleaf Township**  
Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m.  
Greenleaf Township Hall

Township annual meetings cover a variety of issues. Aside from the past year's revenues and expenditures, township boards typically discuss and approve proposed budgets for the new fiscal year, road construction and repair projects, waste disposal contracts and other matters.

Light attendance has prompted some townships to do away with the annual meeting altogether. But officials in those units that continue to meet each year encourage citizens to attend and voice their concerns, complaints and questions.

The electorate's power at the annual meeting has diminished over the years, but residents still have the authority to accept or reject salary increases for local elected officials, and the proposed purchase, transfer or sale of township property.

# Down the drain

## Council eyes solution to "missing" water

Auditors gave Cass City a glowing report on the village's financial health in 1999 during a special village council meeting Thursday.

However, deficits in the village's water and sewer funds continue to be a thorn in the council's side, prompting officials to spend considerable time discussing an aggressive water meter replacement program.

Joel Chamberlain of Yeo & Yeo P.C. described the water and sewer funds as the village's "problem child", noting both are enterprise funds and should be generating enough revenue to cover expenses each year.

But that is not the case. In fact, she pointed out, the combined funds ended 1999 with a combined net loss of \$114,310 before depreciation, compared to a net loss

of \$7,933 in 1998.

It was a familiar territory for the council, which has struggled with water and sewer fund deficits in recent years. In 1998, the council implemented a 5-year rate increase plan that boosted water and sewer rate fees by 10 percent the first year, followed by increases of 10 percent for water and 5 percent for sewer in each of the next 3 years, and 5-percent increases for both water and sewer in the final year, 2002.

Village President L.E. Althaver said the rate hikes have proven to be part of the solution, but the council must also address the "loss" of millions of gallons of water pumped from the village's wells.

"We know what we're pumping is accurate, but somehow we don't get it billed," he added.

Village Manager Jane Downing explained that the problem lies in old meters — 79 percent of which are at least 10 years old — which are no longer accurately measuring water flow.

"The municipal wells pumped 116,397,000 gallons of water in 1999," Downing said. "Water used for flushing hydrants, fighting fires, maintaining the municipal pool, residential and industrial customers, accounted for 93,755,000 gallons. There are 22,642,000 gallons unaccounted, or a 19.46 per-

cent loss of water pumped.

"Water meters are the cash register of the system. This loss is substantial and every effort must be made to address and correct the prob-

lem."

Downing said a minimal amount of the loss is due to leaks.

"During the past 2 years, the DPW has borrowed leak detection equipment from the Michigan Rural Water Association to investigate areas that might be prone to (leaks) in the system. However, the vast majority of the water shrinkage is lost due to the large numbers of old, non-functioning and inaccurate water meters. Some of these meters are over 20 years old and still in service," she added.

Compounding the problem is the toll hard water takes on the meters, Althaver said, noting the council eliminated the village's water softening program several years ago.

Aside from investigating possible leaks, the village has replaced all of the master

meter replacement program. "The problem," he said, "is how to pay for the solution." Downing estimated the cost of a new meter at about \$100 plus another \$35 to \$40 for installation.

Althaver suggested that the council could replace all of the meters at one time by putting the work out for bids, selecting a contractor and financing the project. The council should also study the possibility of charging a lease fee that would generate sufficient revenue for future meter replacements, he said.

Downing said she has also investigated the purchase of a state-of-the-art radio wave metering system that would allow village officials to read all meters from a computer at the municipal building. Please turn to page 5.

## Cass City Police Department

### Incident Summary/Comparison 1999/1998/1997

Offenses	1999	1998	1997
<b>Criminal Sexual Conduct</b>	3	1	1
<b>Assault</b> (includes Domestic Violence & Stalking Complaints)	57	45	35
<b>Burglary</b>	5	11	8
<b>Larceny</b>	81	66	90
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	7	6	9
<b>Forgery</b>	2	3	1
<b>Fraud</b> (includes Bad Check & Retail Fraud complaints)	76	59	58
<b>Damage to Property</b>	84	82	112
<b>Drugs (VCSA)</b>	7	14	11
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	54	52	65
<b>Obstructing Justice</b> (Warrant Arrests for other Departments)	58	42	26
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b> (includes Minors Using Tobacco)	16	12	26
<b>Invasion of Privacy</b> (includes Trespassing)	9	7	21
<b>Delinquent Minors</b> (includes Runaway & Curfew Violations)	44	57	43
<b>Liquor Law Violations</b> (includes MIP, LCC Violations & Inspections)	57	108	83
<b>Miscellaneous Criminal Offenses</b>	84	47	33
<b>Traffic Offense - Misdemeanor</b>	88	66	51
<b>Traffic Offense - Civil Infraction</b>	184	155	123
<b>Traffic Offense - Parking</b>	146	150	247
<b>O.U.I.L.</b>	33	21	18
<b>Traffic Crashes</b> (includes Private Property Accidents & Car/Deer Accidents)	162	153	173
<b>Business Alarms</b> (includes Valid & False Activations & 911 Hangup Calls)	92	105	83
<b>Suspicious Situations</b> (includes Activity Reported by Citizens)	189	214	186
<b>Gun Inspections &amp; Registrations</b> (Permit to Purchase)	73	77	68
<b>General Non-Criminal</b>	150	143	111
<b>General Assistance</b> (includes help provided to other Agencies & Citizens)	315	311	305
<b>Village Ordinance Violations</b>	54	72	
<b>TOTAL</b>	2130	2079	1987

## 1999 annual report

# Business brisk for police

Last year was a busy one for the Cass City Police Department, which saw a 24-percent increase in the number of incidents officers handled throughout 1999.

The good news is, police attribute a significant amount of that hike to an increase in enforcement efforts. Crime was down in a number of categories, including incidents involving delinquent minors.

The village council reviewed the numbers along with annual reports from other village departments during a special meeting Thursday.

According to police Sgt. Craig Haynes, there was an overall increase of 7 percent in Class I crimes in the village in 1999. Those crimes include assault, burglary, larceny, unlawfully driving away an automobile, malicious destruction of property

and drug-related offenses.

Haynes reported that assaults were up by 21 percent, with the greatest increase seen in stalking/intimidation complaints.

Incidents of domestic violence, meanwhile, fell by 5 percent. "Recently enacted state laws and a Coordinated Community response have helped us aid victims of this crime," said Haynes, who serves on the board of the Tuscola County Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence. He noted the village police department also has a written policy and proactive response approach to domestic violence complaints.

Incidents of burglary fell by 55 percent. "Of the 5 reported incidents of burglary, 4 persons were responsible for 2 of the 5 incidents. All 4 of the persons responsible are currently serving sen-

tences," Haynes reported.

A Cass City officer interrupted another of the burglaries — a "smash and grab" break-in at Cass City Hardware — and a cooperative effort among local, county and state police agencies ended in the prompt arrests of 3 suspects, all of whom are currently serving sentences.

Among other categories: "Larcenies were up by 19 percent, with the greatest increase in thefts from buildings and failure to pay for gasoline.

"Motor vehicle thefts were up 14 percent. Haynes said 2 of the 7 thefts involved vehicles stolen outside Cass City and recovered by local officers. Keys were left in the ignition of 4 of 5 vehicles stolen in the village.

"Drug offenses fell by 50 percent. "The department Please turn to page 5.

# O-G students enjoying lunch with an international twist

Lunch menus vary from school to school, but the fare being served in the Owen-Gage Junior-Senior High School cafeteria has been in a class by itself in recent weeks.

Take Thursday, for example. The menu featured monkey gland steak over rice, tomato and corn casserole, a salad bar, pumpkin fritters and, to top it all off, Akwadu (a pineapple and coconut dessert). Really.

A week earlier, students dined on Belgian waffles with fruit toppings, smoked ham, fruit juice, a salad bar, Pom Koek (spice cake) and Belgian chocolates.

Students' reactions to last week's posted menu ranged from giggles to moans of disgust.

"They're (monkey glands) kind of strange," Nashia Prich, a seventh grade student, commented after sitting down for lunch with her friends, Katie Swiastyn, Kayla Kady, Mary McKee and Wendy Errer.

"They taste kind of good. They taste like barbecue sauce," Errer said, pausing. "The rice is good."

Actually, the cooks substituted cubed Swiss steak for Please turn to page 5.



## Bon Appetit!

RHONDA POWERS, Owen-Gage curriculum coordinator, hands out small Africa theme gifts to students as they pass through the International Café lunch line Thursday.

# Trio named essay contest winners

Three students from Owendale-Gagetown Schools have been named local winners in the 31st annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

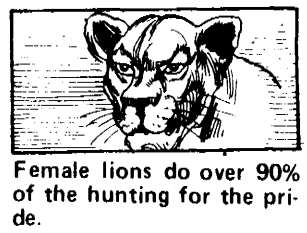
The 3 students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school are: Timmy Kain, first; Jonathon Bennett, second, and Stephanie Dorsch, third. All 3 received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Kain's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

His first place essay now

**Cass City Social Item**

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Nicholas Ryan was born March 1 to Charles and Andrea (Nieboer) Occhuito of Lansing. Their third son weighed 7 pounds, one ounce and is 20 1/2 inches long. He is the great-grandson of Harold and Esther Guinther of Cass City.



Female lions do over 90% of the hunting for the pride.

advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top 2 statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top 10 statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools participated in the 1999-2000 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 1999-2000 contest was "My American Hero For the 21st Century."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

## Engaged



Jennifer Milligan & Tim Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Milligan of Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Harbor Springs announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Milligan and Tim Davis.

The bride-to-be resides in Levering. She is a graduate of Cass City High School, class of 1994. She graduated from Central Michigan University and is employed as a language arts teacher at Cheboygan Area High School.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Ballagh of Ubly.

The groom-to-be resides in Harbor Springs. He graduated from Harbor Springs High School in 1989. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is a library media specialist at Cheboygan Area High School.

A July 1 wedding is planned in Petoskey.



by Melva E. Guinther

Here are some "one liners" passed along by our daughter, Sandy Welter, to provide your chuckle for the day.

- >How do crazy people go through the forest? They take the psycho path.
- >What did the fish say when he hit a concrete wall? "Dam!"
- >What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long? Polaroids.
- >How do prisoners communicate? Cell phones.
- >What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work? A stick.
- >What do you call cheese that isn't yours? Nacho cheese.
- >What do you call Santa's helpers? Subordinate clauses.
- >What do you call 4 bull-fighters in quicksand? Quatro sinko.
- >What do you get from a pampered cow? Spoiled milk.
- >What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite.
- >What has 4 legs, is big, green, fuzzy, and if it fell out of a tree would kill you? A pool table.
- >What is a zebra? 26 sizes larger than an "A" bra.

- >What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches? A nervous wreck.
- >What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup? Anyone can roast beef.
- >Where do you find a no-legged dog? Right where you left him.
- >Why do bagpipers walk when they play? They're trying to get away from the noise.
- >Why do gorillas have big nostrils? Because they have big fingers.

And here are a few groan-ers.

Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much.

The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of 2 weevils.

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.

A woman had twins and gave them up for adoption. One went to a family in Egypt and was named "Amal." The other went to a family in Spain and was given the name "Juan."

Years later, Juan sent a picture of himself to his mother. Upon receiving it, she told her husband that she wished she had a picture of Amal.

Her husband replied, "But they're twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."

## Diabetic foot exams available

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, in conjunction with the American Diabetic Association (ADA) will be holding free diabetic foot exams, by appointment only, April 5 for diabetics who have not seen a podiatrist.

The exams, which take approximately 15 minutes, will be completed by Thomas K. Ernst, D.P.M.

According to the ADA, people with diabetes often lose some feeling in their feet. A small problem like a blister, cut, or splinter can lead to serious infection, gangrene, or even amputation.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Huron Memorial Hospital at (517) 269-9521.

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# Petty completes operator course

Air National Guard Senior Airman Gerald R. Petty has graduated from the pavement maintenance and construction equipment operator apprentice course at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

## 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 27-29-31

**Monday** - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, Mandarin oranges.

**Wednesday** - Sloppy Joes, macaroni salad, baked beans, green beans, fruit cup, white cake/chocolate frosting.

**Friday** - Roast pork with dressing, mashed potatoes/gravy, Scandinavian blend vegetables, hot applesauce, variety bread.

struction, maintenance, and repair of rigid and flexible pavements, excavation, subgrade stabilization, and base course compaction; operation and inspection of power tools and equipment; operation inspection, and maintenance of dump trucks, front-end loaders, forklifts, backhoes, and multipurpose sweepers, and learned rapid runway repair, and snow and ice control operations.

The guardsman is assigned to the 127th Civil Engineer Squadron at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Petty is the son of Gerald R. Petty Sr. of Saginaw and Mary Lou Champion of Kingston.

## Hendrick named to dean's list

Shelly L. Hendrick of Cass City has made the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

# Owen-Gage students honored

Several Owen-Gage School students were recently honored by the district staff and board of education.

A student in each grade was recognized as best exemplifying the school's March "adult role focus" of being critical, creative thinkers. They are: Hunter Champagne, Clyde Rhodes, Jacob Green, Katie Rhodes, Nathaniel Lane, Amber Pillsbury, Trace Lopez, Aaron Faist, Justin Rogers, Crystal Brown, Ashley Adams, Nicholas Warack and Cassie Vargo.

Also honored was senior Melanie Lemanski, who was nominated as the March "student of the month."

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## Come Hear Evangelist Greg Martin

Sunday, March 26, at 11 a.m.  
at  
**Evangelical Free Church, Cass City**  
Greg is a junior at Asbury College  
He is the son of Gary and Deb Martin, formerly of Cass City.

## 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 in the 1890s by George Gotham, this barn is located in Evergreen Township.

Answer to March 14 Mystery Barn  
The Gerald Hicks Barn is a 36x66 hip roof barn built in snowy weather May 6, 1923 by Ben Hicks and Sons. The timbers and lumber were all piled ready to go for the barn raising when the freak May snow storm hit the night before. The lumber was scattered and had to be uncovered and re-stacked. Because of the delay, the barn was not raised in one day but was completed by the next morning. People were talking about the way the hay was handled in the new barn. It had a track from one end to the other along with a hay car, slings, ropes and pulleys so that horses could pull up a third of a load of hay at a time. It still stands straight and sturdy and should be a very useful building for years to come.

First callers to identify the Hicks Barn were Fred Matthews and Allen Hartwick.

## Cass City Cooperative Preschool OPEN HOUSE



For parents and preschoolers  
3 - 5 years old

WHEN: Thursday, April 13, 2000  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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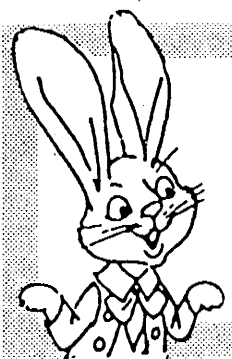


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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

The Golden Corral, on Highway 20 in Mt. Pleasant, is a chain restaurant which I later learned has outlets in the western United States, but none that I've seen in the Midland-Bay City-Saginaw area. Attracted by the large number of cars parked outside and the sign proclaiming a seafood buffet on Friday, we stopped.

The buffet features oceans of choices in its all-you-can-eat menu. Seafood included 2 kinds of fish, shrimp and another seafood dish that I couldn't identify. There are also prime rib and other red meat dishes.

The salad bar is ample and the bread and rolls are boasted to be fresh every hour. We found them good. The dessert bar features various cakes and puddings, together with soft ice cream. Coffee is complimentary. The buffet costs \$7.49 for seniors, a buck more for others. Total cost, without tip, for two, \$18.30.

It's not the type restaurant you would probably choose to impress your first date or business associate, but in its genre it rates above average. Say a 7 on the one-10 scale.

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The first house in Cass City built under the auspices of the Cass City Habitat Covenant will be dedicated Saturday at 2 p.m. Waiting to move in are Wendell and Rachael Guinther. A reception will be held at 1 p.m. for all who donated time, dollars or materials. The dedication which follows is open to the public.

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The name is withheld to protect the guilty, but for all long-suffering Cass City fans who in recent years have played second fiddle to Caro, it strikes a chord. The Cass Cityan was needing a friend who evidently was from Caro. "Isn't it great", he said, "for us to be playing in the weak class B competition instead of the tough class C competition that we used to have?"

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday.....	53	35	.0
Wednesday.....	58	29	.26"
Thursday.....	33	22	.02"
Friday.....	34	16	.0
Saturday.....	43	26	.0
Sunday.....	42	35	.36"
Monday.....	52	39	.03"

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# Threatening phone calls land Detroit man in jail

Members of the FBI Joint Task Force arrested a 22-year-old Detroit man in Detroit March 14 for making threatening calls to the Sanilac County Central Dispatch.

Raymond Paul Hicks Jr. of Detroit was arrested and charged in U.S. District Court with 2 counts of using a phone to make a bomb threat. He faces up to 10 years in federal prison on

each count.

Hicks formerly lived in both Carsonville and Crosswell.

Hicks was arrested after numerous phone calls were made to Sanilac Central Dispatch starting in November 1999. The caller stated that a bomb was going to be delivered to the sheriff department on several occasions. Another time the caller stated that he was going to shoot

sheriff department employees as they left work.

Hicks was identified as the person making the calls through a joint investigation of the sheriff department and the Macomb County FBI office.

Tuesday, March 14, at 10:45 a.m., Hicks placed another call to the Sanilac County Central Dispatch. This call was traced to a pay phone in Detroit.

FBI Macomb County was contacted and advised of the call and its origin. This information was relayed to task force members in Detroit, who arrived within minutes and found the subject still talking on the phone with the dispatchers in Sanilac County. They arrested Hicks without incident.

Hicks appeared in U.S. District Court for a detention hearing last Wednesday and was ordered held by the U.S. Marshal's Service.

Hicks' next court appearance is set for March 24.

## Elkland Township board okays road work, pay increases

The Elkland Township Board recently approved 4 road projects to be completed this summer.

Township Clerk Norma Wallace reported the work includes crushed gravel on .99 of a mile of Milligan Road, from Schwegler Road to Buehrly Road (\$11,250), and on one mile of Huron Line Road, from Schwegler Road to Buehrly Road (\$11,000).

Also approved was seal coating on 1.02 miles of Ritchie Road, from Bay City-Forestville Road to Huron Line Road (\$21,500), and on one mile of Krapf Road, from Elmwood Road to M-81 (\$21,500).

In other business during the March 13 monthly meeting, the board approved pay increases for zoning board members and township fire fighters.

Zoning board members will receive \$35 per meeting, up from \$30, according to Wallace, who noted the 5-person board meets about 4 times annually. Fire fighters, meanwhile, received a \$1 pay hike, from \$6 per hour to \$7 per hour.

Also last week, the board voted to trade both an older and a new mower in this year

## The Haire Net



Dedicated people working for good causes are a boon to the objects of their efforts. Fanatics working for the same causes are a different story.

Anyone with an ounce of compassion becomes enraged when horses are discovered malnourished. Enraged when dogs are abandoned on the road in sub-zero weather or left to die from heat stroke in closed cars in 100-degree temperature. Enraged by all the other acts of obvious cruelty to animals.

Organizations like "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals" serving as a watchdog for animal welfare undoubtedly have plenty of opportunity to do good, and I suspect that it does.

But when it becomes extremist, it's a different story. Adopting far-out positions not only does nothing to advance legitimate causes, it reduces the organization's clout in cases in which they really could be and need to be effective.

Two extreme positions by the animal rights group hit the media last week. The first was declaring that youth should drink beer, not milk, because it is more healthy. The second was the announcement that 5 female piglets have been cloned. That drew this response from the animal rights extremists: "There's always a reason given to validate these Frankenstein-like experiments. Animals are not test tubes with tails and they are not commodities to be marketed."

The reason that the animal rights advocates advanced the theory that beer beats milk is because they are protesting the treatment of the cows, ignoring the fact that well-treated cows give more milk than those that aren't.

Cloning of pigs has the potential to essentially revolutionize the transplantation field, said Dave Ayares, vice-president of research for PPL

Therapeutics of Edinburgh, Scotland. PPL is the company that created Dolly, the first clone of an adult mammal.

While problems remain, Ayares says that in the very near term, the company hopes to overcome the shortage of human organs.

If that is true, it's very good news for the 68,000 people in the United States that are waiting for livers, kidneys and hearts.

Balance that need against the lives of pigs, which have always been raised and slaughtered for food, and it's a no-brainer.

The pigs lose and the people win.



## The back forty

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by Roger Pond

I have great respect for veterinarians. They are such intelligent and good natured people, a person just has to like them.

A large measure of this respect comes from the fact these people got themselves through veterinary school. Even though I don't know for sure what they teach in veterinary school, I know a person has to be pretty smart to graduate.

These students take the hardest courses the university has to offer. You won't find any dummies passing that curriculum. Vet students take things like organic chemistry, physiology, and other things I can't even pronounce -- just to show they are smarter than the rest of us.

Many students would argue you have to be kind of dumb to take such difficult classes; but everyone admits once you are dumb enough to take them, you have to be smart to pass them.

A veterinarian has to be good with people, too. The vet often has to diagnose the patient and educate the owner at the same time. My recent visit to the vet clinic is a good example.

We got a new puppy from some friends, and the pup needed her shots. It was my first visit with the young veterinarian. He was extremely knowledgeable and helpful.

The vet sensed I like dogs, but realized I don't know much about the various breeds. Our cocker spaniel puppy had been rubbing her ears; so I mentioned she might have an ear infection.

He smiled and said, "What you have here is a veterinarian's dream. Cockers get a lot of ear infections, and they seem to have a lot of eye problems, too."

"Allergies are common in cockers, and they get a lot of warts. The breed is very susceptible to mammary tumors. Spaying will help prevent this. You should consider getting that done when she's about 6 months."

"Cockers seem to have a lot of mouth problems," he said. "You'll want to do what you can to keep her teeth healthy."

"Good heavens!" I thought. "Ears, eyes, mouth, warts, allergies, mammary tumors? What else can go wrong with a dog?"

I could envision the puppy wagging her tail and dislocating both hips. I've owned a lot of dogs, but never anything like this. Maybe I should become a cat person?

I thought about my beagle that got run over by a milk truck, and our springer that

eats everything he can get in his mouth. I remembered my old English setter who used to run off and get lost about twice a year.

Folks always brought Ben back when they found the phone number on his collar. My so-called hunting buddies suggested I should get that number off his collar.

Then, I looked at the cocker puppy and thought, "She may have a lot of problems, but she sure is cute."

Besides, the vet didn't say anything about her nose -- or her legs. At least she's better than a bulldog.

## Blood drive slated

The next opportunity for those in the Cass City area to give blood will be at the Cass City VFW Hall, April 4 from 1 to 6:45 p.m.

Organizers are hoping to collect 65 units.

The American Red Cross asks healthy people to give blood regularly to help meet the need for blood throughout the year.

Underlying Michigan's

blood needs on a daily basis are patients who need blood to live -- a child suffering from leukemia, a new mother facing complications after delivering her first child, a grandmother who needs a hip replacement, or a neighbor who is undergoing cancer treatment. On an average day, Michigan hospitals use about one unit of blood every 43 seconds.

## Notice of ANNUAL MEETING

For Ellington Township

Will Be Held

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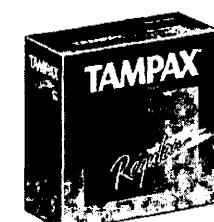
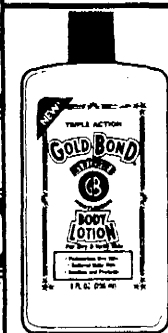
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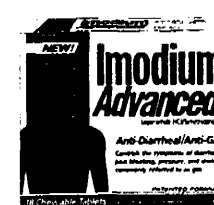
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**Bennett's Beat**

*All school play a team effort*

Cass City students are up to it again, showing off their talent! The annual all school play will be taking place this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Show time will be 8:00 each night. Admission to the play will be \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

This year students will be performing, "Why Bump Off Barney?" by Rick Abbott. This year's director is Mrs. Frances Palmateer.

The play is a mystery. The play takes place in the Margate Manner in England. The Leduc Family is getting together to locate the family fortune. The poorest member of the family, Barney, gets killed, the least likely one. It doesn't make sense because if he could have killed off the rest of the family he would have been the richest. The family tries to figure out who killed Barney and why. At the same time they try to locate the fortune. They have a lim-erick to give them clues.

Cast members for the play are Autumn Helland, Trent

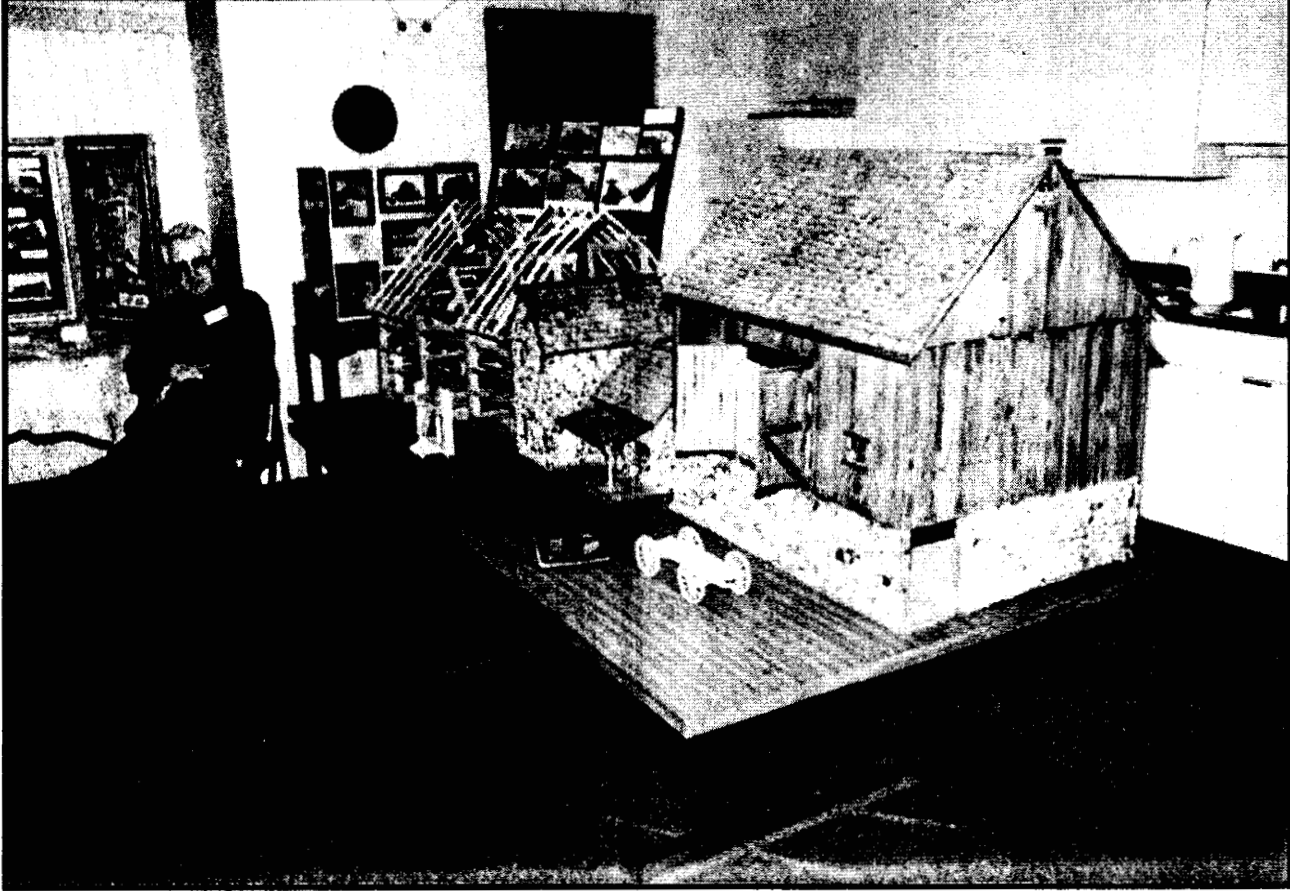
Milligan, Brad Ypma, Shawn Heronimus, Amanda Frederick, Amy Woodruff, Dara Iwankowitch, Jeremy Weippert, Amy DeQuesnay and Sarah Cooper. Stage crew is Heidi Chang and Paul Balk.

Mrs. Palmateer said, "The play this year is a real team effort. It is an ensemble piece; there is no starring role and everyone has an equal part. So it is a real team effort."

It sounds like all the kids are anxious for opening night. Amanda Frederick said, "It's going to be a lot of fun. Everyone should come and see it."

Dara Iwankowitch said, "I like the play 'cause I got to make a lot of friends I usually wouldn't get a chance to talk to. I think people should come because we put a lot of time and effort into it."

It sounds like the play is going to be very mysterious. So if you get a chance to attend, the students really enjoy seeing people from the community.



**FRIENDS OF THE Library member Bud Smith awaits visitors to the "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" Smithsonian Exhibition at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City Monday morning. Library officials say some 100 people have visited the exhibit in each of the past 2 Saturdays. The library will host the exhibit through April 15.**

## MMPA allocates \$1.9 million

For the fifth consecutive year, the Michigan Milk Producers Association paid \$1.9 million in cash patronage refunds to its dairy farmer members.

This cash allocation represents approximately 30 percent of the \$6.6 million allocated earnings generated by the cooperative in fiscal year 1998-99. The cash patronage

returned includes 100 percent of the farm supply earnings and 25 percent of the milk marketing earnings.

All members who marketed milk through MMPA will be receiving a portion of the \$1.9 million.

These payments follow a record year of cash payments to MMPA members. In October 1999 MMPA members

received \$2 million in cash payments in the form of a "13th" milk check. In August 1999 \$4.2 million was returned to members through revolvment of 1987 and 1988 equities. These cash payments in the last 6 months total over \$8.3 million.

"The ability to make these cash payments and maintain a competitive pay price is the essence of a strong cooperative," said MMPA President Elwood Kirkpatrick. "MMPA has consistently generated premiums and net savings while requiring no capital equity retain from its members."

Cash patronage refunds and equity allocations are based on the amount of milk each

individual member farm marketed and on the supplies purchased through the cooperative during the year in which the earnings were achieved. Under current board policy, the noncash balance of the equity allocation will be revolved back to the members in approximately 10 years.

Since 1987, MMPA has operated without an equity capital retain, relying on the Association's plant operations, milk marketing and member dues to fund the cooperative.

Michigan Milk Producers Association is owned and controlled by over 2,700 dairy farmers located in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

## Farm safety day camp scheduled

A Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp for children ages 8 to 12 is being planned for Saturday, May 20, at the Caro fairgrounds from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is being conducted by Tuscola County Farm Bureau, Tuscola MSU Extension Service and Tuscola County Farm Service Agency in conjunction with Progressive Farmer magazine.

According to Jon Link, a coordinator for the event, children often see farm and livestock operations as an exciting playground - providing endless hours of fun and adventure. But these facilities and the livestock and equipment on them also can set the stage for tragedy.

Each year, many children are killed or injured on America's farms. This summer, Link said, farm safety day camps, such as the one we are hosting, are being held in 35 states across the U.S. to teach rural children how to prevent injuries and reduce the risk of farm accidents.

During the camps, children participate in interactive activities that reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Hands-on demonstrations teach participants lifesaving first aid techniques and reveal the hidden hazards of farm surroundings. Camp demonstrations focus on farm hazards associated with animals, electricity, fire, tractors, lawn mowers, ATVs and more.

National and local sponsors of the farm safety day camps hope participants will maintain a healthy respect for farm hazards throughout their lives, and that, ultimately, the number of deaths and injuries among rural children will decline.

The camp program allows

community leaders to structure a camp that covers basic farm safety issues and first aid, as well as addressing specific local needs. Local farmers, manufacturers and merchants donate their time and equipment to ensure that each camp is a fun and valuable learning experience.

Parents can register their children to participate in the camp by calling Tuscola County Farm Bureau at 517-673-4155. Registrations must be received by May 1. A \$3 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home packet and a farm safety day camp T-shirt.

## Swieconka dinner set

for April 16

The White Eagle Lodge No. 3046, an affiliate of the Polish National Alliance, a fraternal benefit society, will have its annual "Swieconka", a traditional Polish Blessed Easter Food dinner, Sunday, April 16, at the Caro Council of the Knights of Columbus hall, 903 Ryan Road, Caro. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 2 p.m.

The 11-course dinner will begin with prayers and blessing of the food. Janiana Parrott Jacobs, recording artist, WJR-AM-760 radio golf show hostess, one of Michigan's outstanding women golfers and music director with the Archdiocese of Detroit, will be the guest soloist in recital.

This event is a benefit dinenr for St. Mary's College Fund, Orchard Lake.

For tickets and reservations, call Vicki Wolak, 517-683-2465, or Irene Aymer, 517-691-5191.

## Pork industry dates back

Early American colonists brought pigs to the new settlements on the Atlantic seaboard in the late 1500s. In the late 1600s, farmers began feeding Indian corn to hogs. That laid the founda-

tion for the modern U.S. pork industry. In the early American colonies, hogs were taken to market in large droves and over trails that later became the routes of the major railroads.

## Right to Life dinner March 30

The Huron County chapter of Right to Life of Michigan will hold its first annual benefit dinner March 30.

The dinner will feature Richard Thompson, executive director and chief counsel of the Thomas More Center of Law and Justice, a non-profit public interest law firm and educational organization dedicated to the protection

and promotion of the sanctity of life, religious freedom, and traditional family values.

The dinner will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by the dinner at 7 p.m.

The evening will also feature several other speakers as well. Wally Bronner of

Bronner's in Frankenmuth will be emceeing the event. Father T.J. Fleming of St. John the Evangelist and St. Columbkille Catholic Churches in Uby and the Rev. Mark Giradin of Zion Lutheran Church in Harbor Beach will be presenting the opening and closing prayers.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used locally for edu-

cational purposes, for promoting toll-free hotlines that men and women involved in crisis pregnancies and post-abortive situations may call for assistance, and for other local projects.

For information about the dinner or for tickets, please contact Deb Knarian at 269-9027 or Deanna Ford at 269-5047.

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# Drain

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Currently, village employees walk to each residence, read the meters and manually record the information.

The radio wave system would cost about \$250,000, not including labor, according to Downing, who said the savings on man-hours would be significant. "It would pay for itself in 3 years."

The council took no action, but vowed to continue studying proposals to replace village meters.

"This needs to be, I think, one of the primary focuses of this council over the next few months," Althaver said.

## 1999 AUDIT

Turning to the 1999 audit, Chamberlain cited a number of positive signs in the village's financial books. "I'm pleased with the overall health of the village," she said.

Actual 1999 General Fund revenue and expenses were below projections, with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$65,421. The fund ended the year with a healthy balance of \$303,897, which is double the fund balance just 2 years ago.

Chamberlain lauded the village's success in paying down long-term debt, which was reduced by \$153,677 in 1999.

Downing said the 9 percent Jackson land contract (purchase of the parking lot behind Sutters Bakery) will be paid off in April. The village will also pay off a 9.65 percent state bond fund loan (street improvements) and the 6.05 percent Chippili land contract (purchase of 35 acres in the industrial park) this year.

In addition, Downing added, the village will pay off the municipal building loan in 2002 - 3 years ahead of schedule. And, the village will pay off the general obligation sewer bonds used to finance the village's wastewater treatment plant in 2002 - a whopping 16 years ahead of schedule.

Which means that, in 2 years, the village will be virtually debt free with the exception of the loan used to finance installation of the village's third water well. The balance of that loan stood at \$165,544 as of Dec. 31, 1999.



OWEN-GAGE students, including (from left) Nashia Prich, Katie Swiastyn, Wendy Errer, Kayla Kady and Mary McKee, dig into the entrée of monkey gland steak served over rice Thursday. The Africa theme meal was prepared in conjunction with the school's International Café project.

# M-81 facelift to begin

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bridge on M-15 over Goodings Creek, repairs to the bridge on M-90 over the Black River in Crosswell.

Wilson also outlined various road projects included in MDOT's 5-year Road and Bridge Program, covering the years 1999 through 2004.

Among the future improvements in the Cass City area are resurfacing of more than 5 miles of M-53, from M-81 north to the Huron County line in 2002, and another 3 miles, from the southern Huron County line to McTaggart Road, in 2004. The combined project carries a price tag of nearly \$3 million.

Wilson said legislation under consideration could add another \$1 billion to the Build Michigan III program. Provided that money is approved, he said, the Cass City TSC has submitted a "wish list" for 2 new passing lanes in the Thumb. The lanes would be constructed on M-53, between Deckerville and Shabbona roads in Sanilac

County, and on M-53, from Wadsworth Road to Popple Road in Huron County.

Wilson said local TSC officials continue to strive to work with county road commissions in the Thumb by coordinating summer work programs that benefit both

county and state projects. MDOT is also working to keep the public informed about each road project, including detour and other information, he said.

The goal statewide is for 90 percent of Michigan's roadways to be in good condition

by the year 2007, Wilson pointed out. "We have a plan and we're fixing the worst roads first."

Over the next 10 years, Maas added, "You're going to see us going from repairing bad roads to maintaining good roads."

# Court of Appeals affirms Carter's murder conviction

The Michigan Court of Appeals dismissed convictions of first degree criminal sexual conduct and first degree child abuse against a Mayville man who was also convicted of felony murder in the death of a 13-month-old girl in September 1997.

Timothy D. Carter was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the murder conviction, 40 to 80 years for the criminal sexual conduct conviction, and 10 to 15

years for the child abuse conviction.

The court rejected Carter's claim that Tuscola County prosecutors failed to present sufficient evidence related to the criminal sexual conduct and child abuse charges, saying the prosecution did, in fact, present sufficient evidence to allow the jury to find Carter guilty of both crimes beyond a reasonable doubt.

However, the court agreed that the criminal sexual conduct and child abuse convictions violated Carter's constitutional protection against double jeopardy. Specifically, that because the felony murder conviction was the result of the other 2 crimes, he could not be convicted and punished for both murder and the crimes of first degree criminal sexual conduct and child abuse.

Tuscola County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Mark Reene said he was pleased with the ruling, noting that the appeal court's decision was typical of cases involving felony murder and lesser-included offenses.

The court rejected several other arguments presented by Carter, including that the first degree criminal sexual conduct statute is uncon-

titutional, that the trial court's jury instruction's were erroneous, that his trial counsel was ineffective, and that he was denied a fair trial by improper arguments by the prosecutor.

The case stems from the September 1997 death of Cheyenne Irvine.

Carter, a friend of Cheyenne's mother, Janie Irvine, was accused of sexually assaulting and causing a massive head injury to the child while he was babysitting her Sept. 10. The victim never regained consciousness from the head injury, and she was pronounced dead 2 days later.

Carter offered investigators a number of explanations for the injuries, including that the child had slipped, fallen and struck her head. Several physicians testified, however, that injuries were not consistent with a slip-and-fall accident. Dr. Kanu Virani, the Oakland County deputy chief medical examiner who performed the autopsy, concluded the cause of death was blunt-force head trauma, and that force needed to inflict the fatal injuries was equivalent to an automobile accident or a fall from a building. He ruled Cheyenne's death a homicide.

# O-G students enjoy lunch

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the monkey, confided Rhonda Powers, who has been involved in organizing the International Café program at Owen-Gage. However, she pointed out, all of the recipes are authentic African fare.

The International Café program, now in its second year, is designed to encourage good nutrition with an international twist, explained Powers, who serves as curriculum coordinator for Owen-Gage Schools.

Teachers Connie Sutter and Joe Candela, along with Powers, were able to fund the project by successfully writing grant proposals for Michigan Team Nutrition CLASSROOM Grants last fall. Each teacher was awarded \$250 to implement their ideas.

"The grants proposed that each teacher would have his/her social studies/geography classes do research on the culture, customs and foods of 4 selected countries/areas," Powers said.

"Special projects were completed, some of which are being displayed in the cafeteria when the special lunch menu is served. Research was done using the Internet to find recipes and other information for each country/theme."

This year's themes are Belgium, Africa, the Caribbean and Thailand. The special lunches are being served on consecutive Thursdays, beginning March 9.

Powers noted that Cooks Sandy Salcido and Karen Gaeth put a lot of time poring over recipes as they plan and prepare each of the meals, while community volunteers have lent a hand serving the food. School Nurse Beth Anthes has assisted in finding nutritious menus, other staff members have contributed by providing music and decorations in the cafeteria, and students in Terri Falkenberg's art classes have researched the 4 special themes and provided art works to help set the mood

in the cafeteria each week. "The students and staff both are very receptive to trying this," Powers said. "We try to get the staff and as many classes involved as we can. "Staff and student participation in this project is very high. Last week we served approximately 50 more people than we (normally) do at lunch."

Powers attributes the popularity of the project to the appeal it has for students. "I think just because it's something so different." She laughed and added, "Another thing the kids have said is, 'We get more food.' "It's something we thought, let's do it during the winter months when everybody needs a pick-me-up."

# Local police busy

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continues a cooperative working relationship with the Thumb Narcotics Unit," Haynes said. "In 1999, 2 search warrants were executed at residences in Cass City. Drugs and other contraband were seized at the residences searched."

Cass City police continue to work with the schools by presenting drug education programs each year.

"Damage to property complaints were up by 2 percent. Haynes said the village's Curfew Ordinance was used as a tool to address the problem.

Among crimes involving delinquent minors, the year saw an overall decline of 23 percent. Haynes indicated strict enforcement of the Minor had Consumed Alcohol law contributed to a 45-percent decrease in Minors in Possession of Alcohol (MIP) complaints. Also down were the number of curfew violations (37 percent), but there was an increase of 25 percent in minors using tobacco.

Overall, arrests were up by 37 percent in 1999. Most of the arrests involved drunken driving, other alcohol violations, misdemeanor traffic and warrant arrests.

"It should be noted that all arrests are not lodged in jail," Haynes said. "Our computer tracks all arrest offenses for which a person could be lodged. Juveniles that were probated are also counted in arrests."

Haynes said drunken driving arrests were up 36 per-

cent last year and 83 percent for 1997 and 1999 combined. "The department plans to continue a proactive alcohol enforcement program," he added.

Traffic crashes for the year were up slightly, about 6 percent, with the majority involving hit-and-run property damage accidents. Tickets issued for traffic offenses were up 19 percent. Parking citations were down by 3 percent, and most of those involved violations of the village's snow ordinance, which prohibits parking on streets from 2 to 5 a.m.

In all, local officers contacted 1,100 motorists during the year. About 75 percent of those drivers received verbal warnings, with the remainder receiving traffic tickets.

# Spring fling set April 15

Tuscola County's seniors will be hosting their first Spring Fling Saturday, April 15, at the VFW hall in Cass City.

Social time is from 4 to 5 p.m., dinner will be from 5 to 6 p.m. and dancing from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Music will be provided by Denny Ewald and the Music Makers.

Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance no later than April 10. For more information please contact Sandi Fader at 1-800-843-6394, 517-672-1733 or 517-693-6183. You may also contact Lucille Sayers at 517-673-4650.

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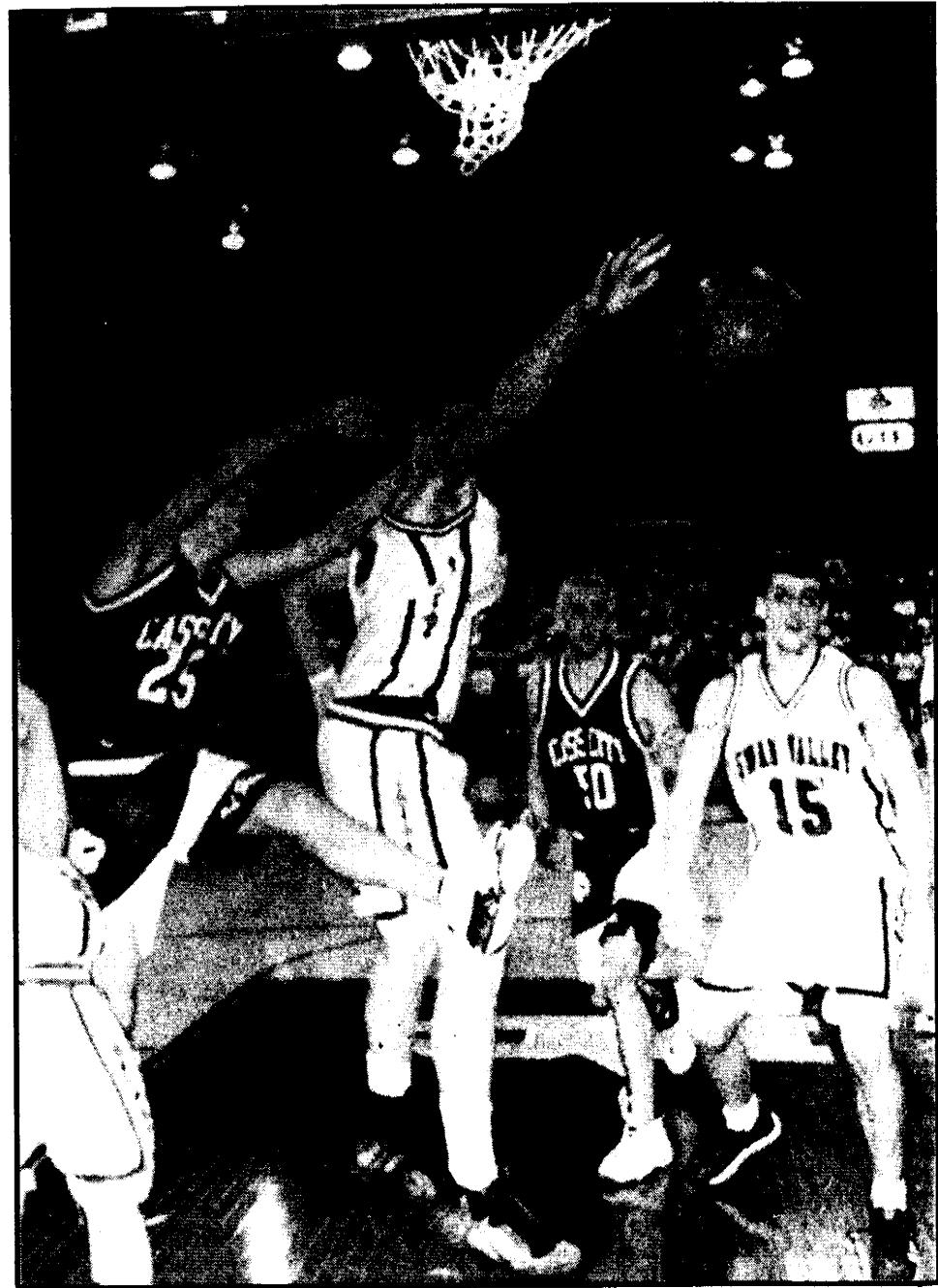
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THE SHOT BY Ryan Holmgren missed and Rau gobbled up the rebound. Number 15, D. J. Hughes, and Emmert watch the action.

3-point shooting key

# Cass City bombs Swan Valley

The Cass City Red Hawks advanced to the finals of the regional class B tournament at Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. The victim was a good Swan Valley Vikings team, 83-81.

The Hawks combined some excellent 3-point bombing, tenacious defense and key plays during crunch time to rack up their second 2-point win in as many games.

The key plays came with 1:35 left to play when Swan Valley capped a rally to move into a tie, 76-76, for the first time since the end of the first quarter. The Hawks were equal to the challenge.

Craig Emmert put the Hawks back in front with 36 seconds left with a bucket from close in. The Hawks made a key steal and Joel Brinkman was fouled and converted both free throws to put Cass City in front, 80-76, with 20 seconds left.

Swan Valley's D. J. Hughes hit a hoop with 12 seconds on the clock to close the Vikings to within 2 points. The

Hawks countered by breaking the Vikings press as Ryan Holmgren scored all alone under the basket.

With 5 seconds left, Swan Valley closed to within a point on a triple by Bryan Anderson and then immediately fouled Bryce VanVliet, who converted one of 2 with 3 seconds left.

A desperation shot by the Vikings at the whistle clanged off the rim and it was on to the finals for the Hawks.

The Hawks put on a rarely seen exhibition of 3-point shooting in the first half and needed every one of the 9 they hit in the first 2 periods. In one impressive stretch in the second quarter they converted 6 straight 3-point shots and moved in front 42-28 with 3 1/2 minutes left in the half.

Jeff Storm started the barrage with 2 quick treys from the side. Joel Brinkman cashed 3 in a row and Zach Glaspie capped the fireworks

with his trey, and Cass City was suddenly in front, 42-26.

The Vikings failed to panic and started to chip away at the big lead in the third and fourth quarters. The press suddenly bothered Cass City. The Hawks turned the ball over twice in a row to help Swan Valley post a 13-0 run and set the stage for the wild finish.

Cass City got off to a slow start in the game with a couple of turnovers against the press and failed to score lay-up opportunities after beating the defense. In the first 2 minutes the Vikings were ahead 8-2. That proved to be the biggest lead that Swan Valley had all night.

Coach Jim Green said, "Offensively we were outstanding in the first half. Our passing created a number of good looks. Joel (Brinkman) and Craig (Emmert) made a number of good plays throughout the game. The team really rose to the occasion to beat a great team like

# Hawk season ends in regional finals

A great basketball season ended for the Cass City Red Hawks Friday in the regional finals at the class B tournament at Mt. Pleasant. It ended as the Haslett Vikings broke open a tight game in the last half to defeat Cass City, 73-52.

It ended because the Vikings are a very good team. Coach Jim Green said, "Haslett is a great team and we needed to play a near perfect game to have a chance."

Instead of a perfect game, the Hawks suffered a crippling injury and the loss of

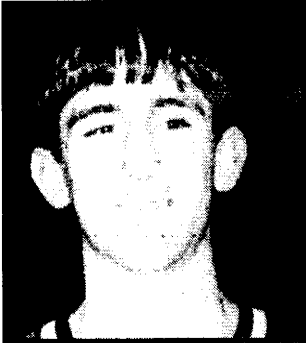
Craig Emmert due to foul trouble.

The injury occurred just before the half when the game was up for grabs. Jeff Storm, who was a demon on the boards for the Hawks, injured his knee and was unable to return. When he left, the game was tied. In the half he played, Storm picked off 6 rebounds.

With Storm gone and Emmert able to play for just 23 minutes, the Vikings dominated the boards, a key statistic in the final result. At the half, Cass City posted a 23-14 rebounding edge. In

## Emmert among GTW conference all star selections

A group of familiar names to fans of the Greater Thumb West basketball wars highlighted the all-conference



Craig Emmert

teams selected by league coaches.

All of the players honored played key roles in the success of their teams. Cass City is represented by junior Craig Emmert, the Hawks' leading rebounder and scorer. Also on the first team are USA's big two, senior Kevin Vermeersch, the Patriots' go-to player, and junior Isaiah Gainforth. Bret Lubaczewski of Reese, a senior, carried the Rockets all year and Matt LePage, a senior, capped an outstanding career at the Lakers by leading his team to the district championship.

Cass City was also honored with the selection of junior Joel Brinkman on the second team. He was a key player for the Hawks, especially in the drive for the tournament title. Others on the second team are: Jon Gaeth, senior, USA; Vince Rogers, Bad Axe, senior; Ryan Fritz, Lakers, junior, and Kyle Schiefer, Reese, junior.

Cass City placed 2 on the honorable mention list. Jeff Storm was the only sophomore on the squad. Bryce VanVliet, a senior, was also honored. Others on the list are: Doug Gruber, Reese, senior; Jesse Bannick, Josh Ruth and Gary Puvalowski, all seniors from Bad Axe; Matt Kitchen, freshman, and Tim Zardny, senior, both of Mayville; Greg Szczepanski, BCAS, freshman, and Jim Cheney, Mayville, junior.

the last 2 quarters, the winners out-boarded Cass City 21-15.

In the opening quarter, visions of another major upset danced in the eyes of Hawk rooters.

The Hawks edged in front in the opening quarter, paced by Bryce VanVliet, a senior who made his final game a memorable one. The Hawk guard ripped in 3 quick buckets to help the Hawks go in front, 15-13.

The lead changed hands 4 times in the second quarter and ended knotted at 32-all.

The Vikings went into the lead to stay in the early moments of the third quarter, but Cass City stayed on the heels of the winners until the early moments of the last period.

Cass City scored the first

bucket of the final quarter to trail 48-44 and then in the next minute and 10 seconds the Vikings exploded to lead 54-44 and continued to pile up the points the rest of the way.

Pacing the Haslett attack was diminutive point guard Ryan Walker, who directed the attack and was one of 3 Vikings in double figures with 14 points. Nick Schiably led all scorers with 19.

Green said that he was very proud of the way the team gelled near the end of the year "when we needed to play our best basketball."

Emmert picked off 8 rebounds and 4 steals while scoring 10 points. VanVliet added 5 rebounds to his 5 for 6 shooting night.

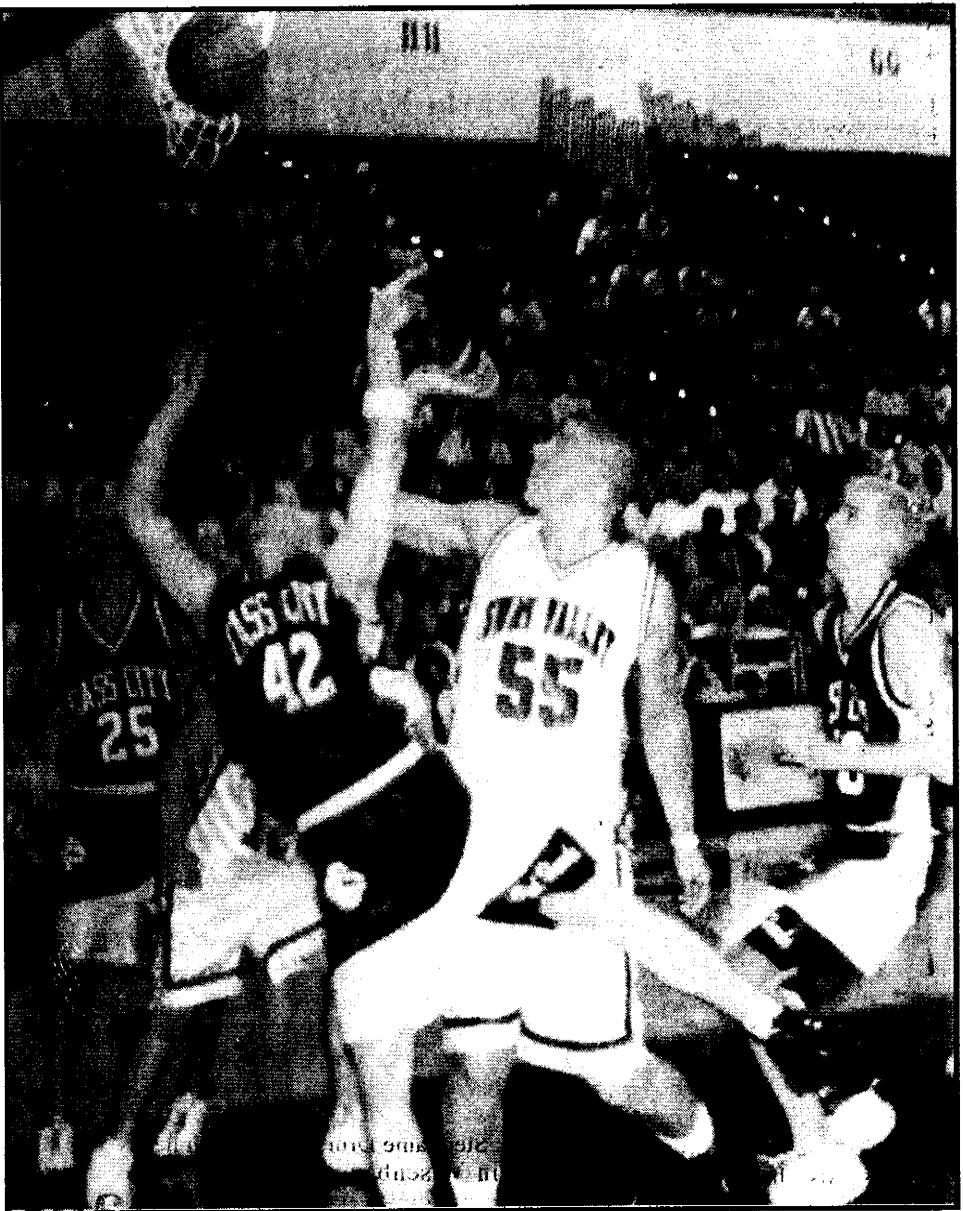
It was the final game for 4 Hawk seniors. Ending their careers were Nick Anthony, VanVliet, Chad Holmgren and Paul Langmaid. They helped make it a year to remember.

**CASS CITY** - J. Brinkman 2-1 (0-0) 7; Glaspie 1-0 (0-0) 2; C. Holmgren 2-0 (0-1) 4; R. Holmgren 3-0 (0-0) 6; VanVliet 5-0 (4-6) 14; Storm 1-0 (0-0) 2; Emmert 5-0 (0-0) 10; N. Brinkman 2-1 (0-0) 7.

**TOTALS - 21-2 (4-8) 52.**

**HASLETT** - Hundt 4-2 (0-0) 14; McKenna 2-0 (1-2) 5; Walker 6-0 (2-2) 14; Williams 1-2 (6-6) 14; Schiably 8-0 (3-3) 19; Kinney 1-1 (0-0) 5; Smith 1-0 (0-0) 2.

**TOTALS - 23-5 (12-13) 73.**



SWAN VALLEY'S Jeremy Rau was a force on the boards for Swan Valley, but the combined efforts of the Cass City Red Hawks were enough to hold the big center in check. He was blocked out on this rebound by Bryce VanVliet (42) while Ryan Holmgren, left, and Craig Emmert wait to help out.

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## 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:

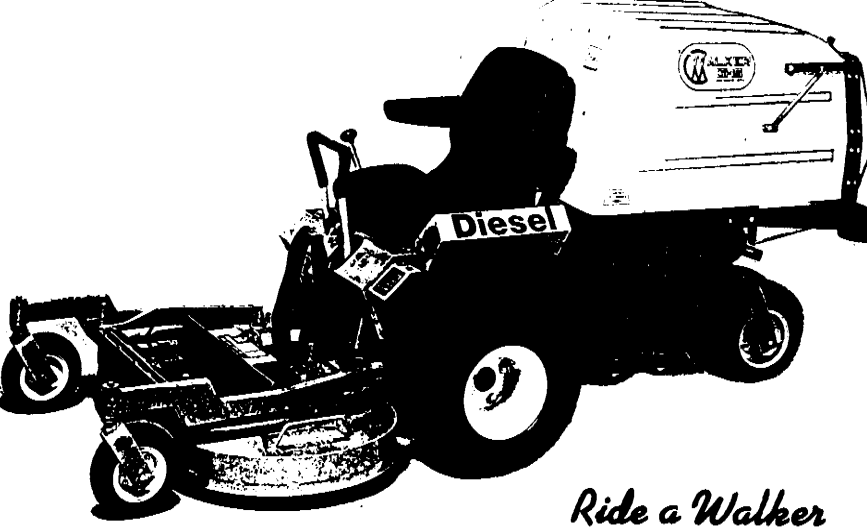
- Memorial Day - waste removal will be on Friday, June 2
  - Fourth of July - waste removal will be on Friday, July 7
  - Labor Day - waste removal will be on Friday, September 8
  - Thanksgiving Day - waste removal will be on Friday, November 24
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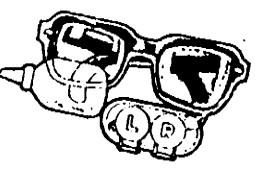
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# Cass City Bowling

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Team # 7	16
Cable-ettes	15
Wild John's	15
J.B.'s Crew	14 1/2
Dott Manufacturing	14
Live Wires	12
Apria Healthcare	10

High Team Series and Game: Dee's M.P. Rockets 2982 (1046).

High Series: B. Watson 489, B. Kilbourn 510, J. Stevens 479, D. Gornowicz 477, T. Schuette 471.

High Games: T. Avery 190, J. Stevens 190, S. Hutchinson 175, B. Kilbourn 187, L. King 181, B. Watson 177, D. Gornowicz 180, V. Patera 171, R. Copeland 170, M. Mathewson 174.

## SUNDAY NO ROLLERS As of March 5

Pocket Rockets	13 1/2
Chemical Bank Pinheads	13
Sparkle City Rollers	12
The JRCS	11
Par-T-Ranch	10
CB's	10
We'll Get Back to You	9
Damn Near Last	8 1/2
Leftovers	8

Women's High Series & Games: C. Brown 187, D. Silance 186.

Men's High Series &

Games: K. Schott 612 (258), P. McIntosh 626 (232). High Team Series & Game: Leftovers 2078 (795).

## MERCHANTS LEAGUE As of March 15

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All Season Video	19 1/2
T Furness Builders	14
S S Builders	14
Wickes	14
New England	12 1/2
Triple R	12

High Team Series & Game: All Season Video 3169 (1107).

210 Games or 575 Series: G. Robinson 711 (213-243-255), M. Gettel 688 (227-257), A. Reed 682 (223-224-235), R. Wright 675 (223-225-227), L. Morgan 671 (214-289), T. Patingill 657 (268), L. Tomaszewski 636 (221-226), D. Salcido 629 (235), P. McIntosh 627 (216-231), J. Finkbeiner 626 (212-218), S. Jones 626 (218-223), T. Kuck 624 (238), M. Jackson 623 (231), J. Krol 619 (258), M. Zawilinski 617 (225-237), J. Storm 609 (215), M. Lutz 603 (210), D. Johnson 594, T. Halasz 589 (232), D. Shannon 592 (225), R. Salcido 581 (219), R. Witherspoon 580, B. Rutkoski 577 (220), M. Putnam 575, S. Ross 214.

## Homakie named to all-league team

Cass City placed sophomore Sara Homakie on the Greater Thumb West volleyball all-conference first team as selected by league coaches. Also honored was

## Oilseed sign-up

Sign-up for the Oilseeds Payment Program ends March 31. Applications can be filed at the Tuscola County Farm Service Agency Office located at 1075 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Producers who had oilseeds, including soybeans, planted in 1999 will be eligible to enroll for this payment program. Payments will be based on producer's actual production evidence or county average yield of 38 bushels per acre.

Please contact the Tuscola County FSA office at (517) 673-8173 (ext. #2) if you have questions.

Monica Dorland, a junior, who received honorable mention.

Others named to the first team were: Stephanie Drury and Kristin Wisenbaugh, both Laker juniors; Leigh Ann Wagner, senior, and Jame Johnson, junior, both of Bad Axe.

The second team: Jill Ferris, sophomore, and Abby Osentoski, senior, both of Bad Axe; Page Babcock, senior, BCAS; Staci Gaeth, sophomore, USA; Jenny Cook, junior, Mayville; Erin Sigelko, junior, and Trista Damm, senior, both of Reese.

The honorable mention list: Amy Sutherland, freshman, Bad Axe; Angie Sting, junior, and Melissa Roberts, both of USA; Sara Eront, senior, BCAS; Holly McLeod and Becki Hazen, juniors, both of Mayville; Tara Krieger, junior, Reese, and Stephanie Patterson, senior, Mayville.

# USDA committed to TB eradication effort

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is standing behind Michigan livestock producers in an effort to secure additional TB eradication and research dollars from Congress.

USDA officials underlined the department's commitment to TB eradication to 130 Michigan producers who met in Washington, D.C., March 15, to hear an update and ask for additional resources. The department is also supporting a deer feeding and baiting ban and is proposing a restructuring of the current state classification for TB accreditation, possibly allowing Michigan's dairy producers to forego annual testing if the Food and Drug Administration will concur.

A USDA audit team was in Michigan Feb. 8-11, following the finding of 3 TB-positive deer outside of the quarantined zone in Northeast Michigan. The team will be back in early April to conclude its case study, and a determination on state status is expected within 3 months.

"The department started a campaign to eradicate bovine tuberculosis in 1917; we've come too far and devoted too many resources to back away now," said Dr. John Clifford, assistant deputy administrator for veterinary services at USDA.

Clifford and Dr. Joe Van Tiem, national TB epidemiologist, explained that Michigan, the only state to have TB in both the free-ranging wildlife and livestock, and Texas, with its continued disease threat coming from Mexico, are the only 2 states classified as non-modified accredited.

## FUNDING

Clifford said Congress needs to appropriate at least another \$60 million to meet the nation's TB testing and research needs.

## Lemanski honored as student of month

Melanie Lynn Lemanski has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "student of the month" for March. She is currently serving on the newspaper/yearbook staff and as a teacher's aide.

Lemanski has been involved in many clubs and activities during high school such as basketball, volleyball, softball, 3.0 Honors Club, and French Club. She served as vice-president of her junior class and was chosen as a "Focus student of the month" as a freshman and sophomore. Also, as a sophomore, she was a homecom-

ing representative, and was chosen homecoming queen in 1999.

She has been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year, and is currently serving as vice-president of that organization.

Lemanski is the daughter of Joe Lemanski and Deb Grikfa of Uby. Her future plans are to attend Saginaw Valley State University in the fall to pursue a career in human relations.

Read Meg's Peg

## DEER FEEDING AND BAITING BAN

In the meantime, Michigan must look at ways to reduce the risk for livestock infection, Van Tiem said. "You need to decrease the contact with the wild deer population."

Van Tiem applauded the strategy by the Michigan Department of Natural Re-

sources to reduce the deer population but, "you need a feeding and baiting ban," Van Tiem said. Professionals and scientists have been recommending a deer feeding and baiting ban based on research at the National Animal Disease Control Center in Ames, Iowa.

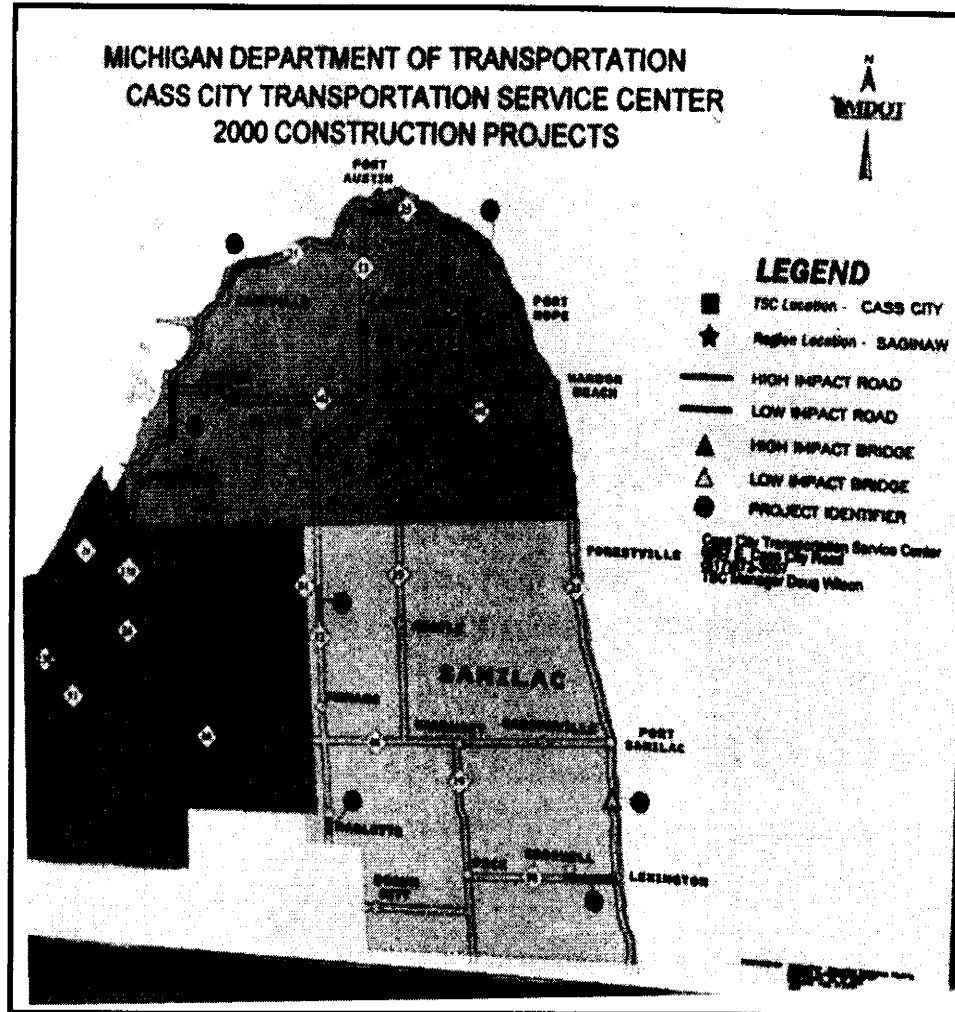
In addition to the ban, farmers need to develop on-farm biosecurity measures, urged Van Tiem. "There are no cookbook recipes for this, but farmers need to look at their operations, individually and how best they can reduce their risks."

## STATE TB-STATUS

Michigan has 16,000 cattle herds and a TB-prevalence rate of 0.03 percent. While that doesn't sound like much, it's enough to drop the state to the bottom level under the current structure - which means extensive testing requirements.

USDA is proposing a new 5-level ranking. Under this proposal, Michigan would fall in the fourth level. Depending on what FDA does in enforcement of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, that may allow dairy producers an exemption for annual whole-herd testing - saving the state \$20.38 million annually in lost production, time and vet expenses. That estimate comes from Michigan State University professor Dr. Chris Wolf, who recently completed a new economic impact study on TB. According to the study, Michigan stands to lose more than \$35 million in the first year without TB-accreditation.

There is currently no vaccination for TB in livestock, although USDA says they have some projects in the pipeline. "It's at least 3 years away, and delivery to deer through bait will be difficult," Van Tiem said. "We will have to develop bait that targets strictly deer and is environmentally friendly."



THE SHADED IN sections of roadway on this map denote where maintenance or construction projects are scheduled for this summer. (See story page one.)

## Girl Scouts change name

Members representing the 11,505 girl and adult members of the Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council have voted to change the name they have carried for 38 years.

The decision was made during the Council's 38th annual meeting held in Mt. Pleasant. "Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council" is now "Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay."

Addressing the assembly, president and CEO Kerry Allen stated, "The name change will take place over the course of the next 18 months to 2 years. Being good stewards of our financial resources, we will phase things in as needed."

Many Girl Scout councils throughout the United States will undergo similar changes. With such changes in place, Girl Scout councils

will be more easily recognized in phone directories and other public documentation.

For information regarding the Girl Scouts organization, contact Kathryn Poppy at 1-800-968-1185 (ext. 16).

## Octagon Barn tour scheduled

As part of the programming for Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon Smithsonian Exhibition at Rawson Memorial Library March 6-April 15, activities have been scheduled Saturdays from 12-4 p.m. The event set for March 25 is a tour of the Octagon Barn, which is located 1 1/2 miles east of Gagetown and one mile north on the east side of

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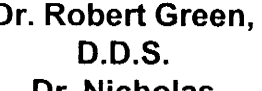
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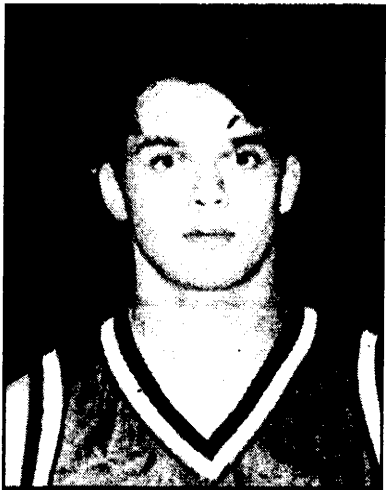
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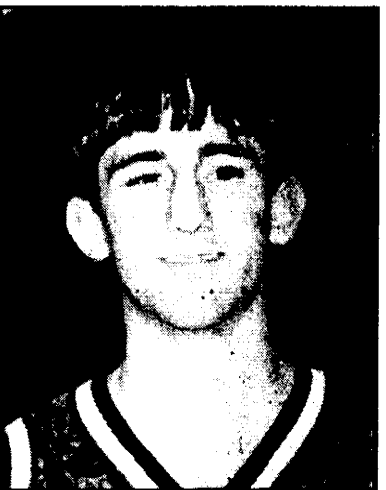
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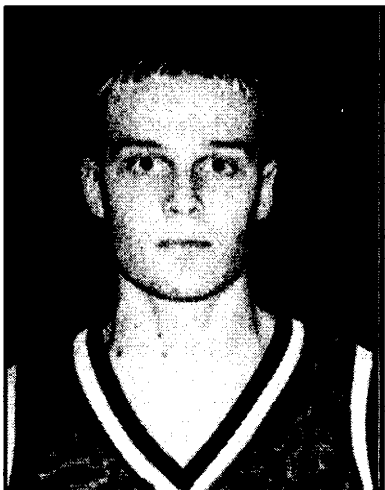
**# 44 Nick Anthony, senior**  
Strong, athletic newcomer who is playing his first year of varsity. Nick's physical presence in practice is credited with the development of Craig Emmert's inside game.



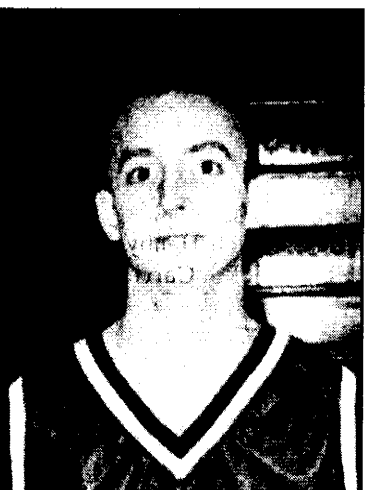
**# 50 Craig Emmert, junior**  
Co-captain who is team leader in points (15), rebounds (12), blocks (4), and dunks. Able to disrupt the other team's offense with his superior defensive ability. Prime-time performer who refuses to let the team lose.



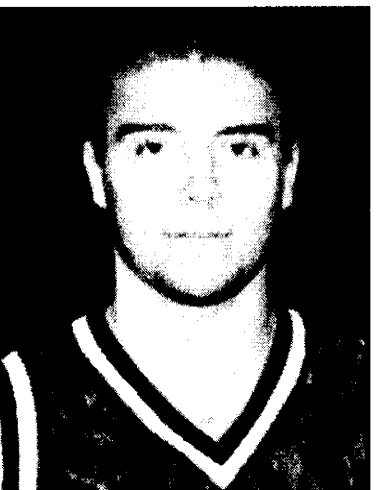
**# 11 Paul Langmaid, senior**  
Dedicated veteran who did a good job of pushing the underclassmen guards. Good shooter and defender.



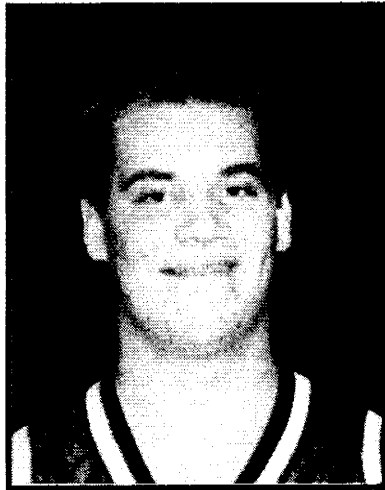
**# 14 Joel Brinkman, junior**  
Team leader in assists (5) and second leading scorer (10). Extremely quick and very disruptive of the other team's offense. Plays at his best in big games.



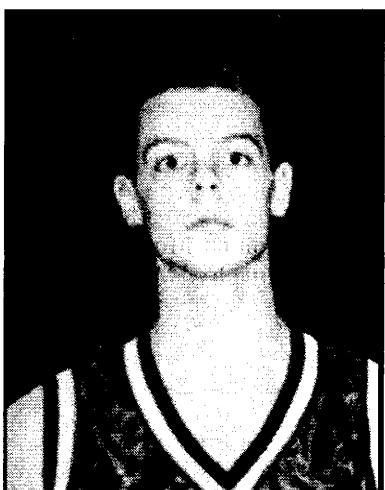
**#20 Zach Glaspie, junior**  
Heady play maker who is second on the team in assists. Good outside shooter and solid man to man defender.



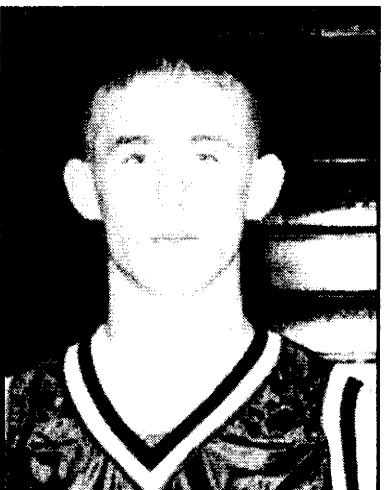
**# 43 Jeff Storm, sophomore**  
Versatile performer averaging 9 points and 7 rebounds. Able to play inside or outside and is the team's leader in free throw percentage. Although young, has the poise of an experienced veteran.



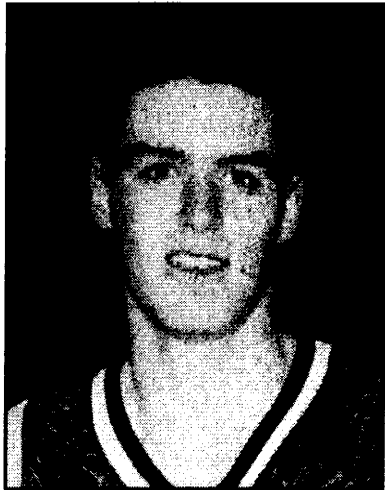
**# 51 Nathan Brinkman, junior**  
High energy reserve who can provide instant offense. Good 3 point shooter with strong enough body to bang inside.



**# 21 Chad Holmgren, senior**  
Co-captain who is very quick and athletic. Provides spark off the bench with good offensive rebounding ability.



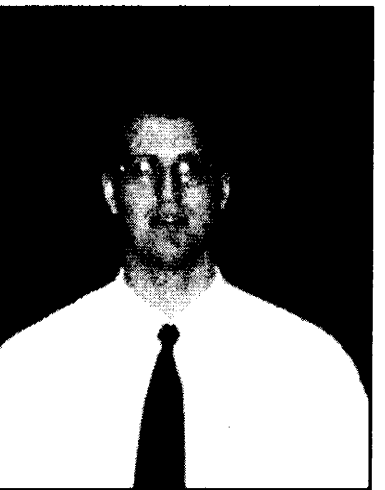
**# 42 Bryce VanVliet, senior**  
Co-captain who is the team's heart and soul. Outstanding athlete who led team in steals. Good penetrator who finishes well near the basket.



**# 32 Eric Brown, junior**  
Dedicated inside player who knows the game. Hard worker who hopes to crack the rotation next year. Outstanding at hitting the pressure free throws at the end of practice.



**# 25 Ryan Holmgren, junior**  
Good interior player who complements Emmert. Team's solid 9 point, 7 rebounds per game performer. Team's most improved player.



**Coach Jim Green**

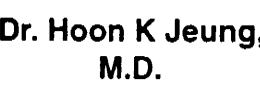




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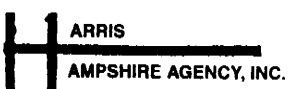
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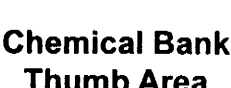
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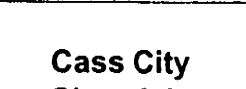
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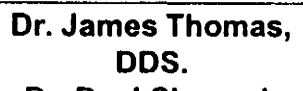
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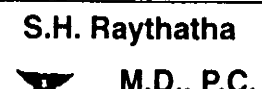
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# Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

**5 YEARS AGO**

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department officials early this week continued to release inmates whose sentences have been reduced to cease overcrowding at the county jail. To date, a total of 19 inmates have been released, including 3 from the Cass City and Deford areas.

Sue Pawloski retired from the Michigan Army National Guard this month after 21 years of service. The National Guard awarded plaques to her as well as to her family for their support of her military career.

Some 2,000 Cass City and Deford families will receive a free copy of a video depicting the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. The project is a cooperative effort of several churches in Cass City and Deford, according to volunteer Terry Tuckey, who said the effort is being funded through an anonymous donation.

Twins Jill and Jennifer Trepkoski, daughters of Joseph and Eileen Trepkoski of Uby, are the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Uby High School for 1995.

An estimated 50 persons attended a meeting Thursday night in the first step in a campaign to reduce the use of drugs in Cass City Schools. A survey conducted last year among students in Cass City shows that alcohol is the drug of choice by a wide margin in the community. Only a small minority have used marijuana and crack cocaine.

**10 YEARS AGO**

It took 24 area fire fighters, a pair of DNR officers, 4 pumpers, 2 tankers and a bulldozer to extinguish a fire that scorched nearly 90 acres southwest of Cass City last

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Wednesday.

Two Cass City youngsters were seriously hurt in a one-vehicle crash Friday that left 5 area residents injured. The children, Emily Daniel, 5, and Peyton Daniel, 11, were both listed in serious condition Monday at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, after the van driven by their father, Martin Daniel, left the roadway and plunged into a deep ditch on Orr Road south of Deckerville Road. Two other passengers, Jill Wright, 12, and Devin DeLong, 10, were treated for minor injuries at Caro Community Hospital, and then released.

More than 160 persons toured the new Jordan College campus in Cass City during a day-long open house Thursday.

Cass City sixth grader Eric Hoelzle, 11, won the Area D Regional Spelling Bee last week at Laker High. He will represent Cass City in a state final spelling bee April 10 at the Lawrence Technological University campus near Southfield.

The Cass City School Board voted Monday night to ban smoking in all school buildings starting with the beginning of the fall school term.

**25 YEARS AGO**

The Cass City High School band received a Division I rating at the Class C High School Band Festival held Saturday in Mayville. This is the first time in the last 8 years that the band has taken a I rating, according to band director George Bushong.

Patti Lautner of Cass City High School captured top honors in 3 events and placed second in a fourth in senior division competition during the Third Annual Cass City Gymnastics Meet held Saturday at the high school.

In a case decided Monday by the National Labor Relations Board, Cass City, has won reinstatement to his job at Provincial House along with back pay plus interest. Doerr was allegedly fired for his organizing activities at the extended care facility last July 24.

Uby High School announced honor students for

the class of 1975 this week. David Edward Rudy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rudy of Uby, is valedictorian. Salutatorian is Kathleen Holdwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holdwick of Ruth.

Charles Tuckey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tuckey of Cass City, will be one of 19 players on Alma College's newly-organized varsity soccer team when competition begins next fall. Tuckey, a 1994 graduate of Cass City High School, will play at the fullback spot.

**35 YEARS AGO**

Spearheaded by Mrs. James Bauer, the 84-year-old Elkland Township Hall is being revamped. The work will turn the landmark into the Cass City Cultural Center. Contributions are pouring in, but much more is needed to complete planned work. Early estimates figured the costs of the total project at about \$8,000. 4 times the \$2,000 cost of the original building in 1880.

Warren Holmes architect Gordon Stow estimated that Cass City's proposed \$1.6 million new high school would accommodate 700 students in 4 grades 9-12, with a total floor space of 92,000 square feet. There would be a total of 33 teaching stations. The existing high school is currently serving 650 students.

Mrs. George Murray of Cass City was named president of the Thumb Deanery Council of Catholic Women at the annual convention held this year in St. Patrick Parish hall at Crosswell.

Sandusky bowlers dominated the minor events of the Mid-Thumb Association held at Cass City Lanes. Harry Little and Ed Fritz of Cass City bowled 1242 to tie with Al Farrelly and Clayton Maurer of Argyle for fourth place.

L & S Standard, on the corner of Main and Oak Streets in Cass City and owned by Shorty Luetke and Louis Salas, will hold a grand opening Friday and Saturday. There will be free coffee and donuts, gifts for everyone and balloons for the kids.



THE DUANE Henn family of Cass City - Duane and Nancy, their daughter Cindy (far left), daughter Heather and her husband, Charles - was recently honored as the Knights of Columbus Family of the Year. Missing is the Henns' son, Sean.

## Cass City Honor Roll

The Cass City Middle School 4th marking period honor roll has been announced.

### 5TH GRADE

Rebecca Bennett\*, Ryan Biddinger\*, Dennis Bowen\*, Whitney Braun, John Brown, Brent Cooper, Alyssa Cryderman, Kristen Curtiss, Terra Czekai, Joseph Daneault, Cheryl Davis, Jill Dillon, Jeremy Farr, Aaron Fent, Jeremiah Fritz\*, Courtney Hacker\*, Jennifer Hacker\*, Jennifer Hadd, Bradley Hartel, Danielle Hartel, Kyle Hartwick, Kati Hill, Allison Hillaker, Stephanie Jamieson\*, Andrew Jones, James Ketterer, Ryan King, Meredith Kirn, Whitney Kirn, Kathryn Klcio, Lysa Knight\*, Galen Kuebli, Andrew LaFave, Jessica Lange\*, Anthony Langlois, Ricky Lovejoy, James Luana\*, Andrew Martin\*, Chelsea McCallum, Laura McComas, Sara Meeker\*, Brandon Miller\*, Thomas Mittlestat, Kyle Monroe, Lindsey Montgomery, Monica Montreuil, Deric Murphy, Megan O'Dell, Kevin Ouvry, Angela Parks, Kevin Phyllips, Ashleigh Rabideau, Courtney Rabideau\*, Kyle Reif, Allyn Richards\*, Derek Ricker, Eric Romain\*, Nicholas Sattelberg\*, Emily Schinnerer, Bradley Severance, Beth Spencer, Kari Spencer, Preston Stec, Michael Stevens, Brent Stine, Philip Strong, Kyle Swanson\*, Rebecca Sweeney, Nancy Thane, Sheila Wasserman, Brent Weaver\*, Adam Wentworth, Leah Whittaker\*, Tyler Whittaker, Samantha Wright.

### 6TH GRADE

Caitlin Barnes, Racheal Biebel, Jennifer Brinkman, Lauren Brzuchowski, Eric Bullock, Donna Bushong, Sarah Childs, Trevor Copeland, Michael deBeaubien, Libby Doerr, Bethany Edwards, Andrea Erla, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Ross Forrest, Nicole Froede\*, Justin Glaza\*, Tiffany Glaza, Cory Haag,

Ashley Hendrick, Aimee Hennessey\*, Samuel Howard, Amber Hughes, Jason James, Matthew Koepf, LaShae LaJoie, Christopher Landrith, Bradley Langenburg\*, Sarah Langmaid, Evan Laurie, Jill Lowe, Derrick Mallory, Katie McIntosh\*, Steven Meeker\*, Gavin Mills, Philip Nahernak, Stephanie Nizzola, Brandon Otulakowski, Alex Papp, Ivan Peruski, Shane Posluszny, Tara Powell\*, Ashley Puterbaugh, Klyn Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed, Jamie Ryan, Lisa Santhany, Andrew Shagene, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs, Ryan Storm, Jarod Stoutenburg\*, Jeffrey Stoutenburg\*, Jenna Timko\*, Janelle Venema, Adrienne Warju, Amber Weiss, Jeff Wills.

### 7TH GRADE

Holly Angle, Ashley Barrigar\*, Tasha Bryant, Adam Czekai, Patricia Dale\*, Jared Ferris, Chad Francis, Samantha Glaspie\*, Andy Haas, Caleb Hanby, Ryan Hartwick, Carrie Hillaker\*, Paul Hoelzle, Krista Homakie\*, Elizabeth Hoxie\*, Jessup Hoyt, Lee Hutchinson, Rose Krug, Luann Laming\*, Bethany Langlois\*, Nichole McComas, Timothy Mills, Daniel Mittlestat, Christina Montgomery, Jesse Rader, Patrick Reed, Stephanie Richards\*, Lauren Rowe\*, Andrew Schinnerer\*, Leah Sherman\*, Kristina Spaulding\*, Jason Speirs, Steven Steely, Angela Stoeckle\*, Nicholas Stoutenburg\*, Jeffery Tenbusch, Jeremy Torres, Joseph Vandecar, Andrew Whittaker, Tara Whittaker, Michael Zmierski II.

### 8TH GRADE

Allyson Bell, Jamie Benjamin, Jonathon Bennett, Jacob Brinkman\*, Justin Darr, Greg Dillon, Krystee Dorland\*, Alison Emmert\*, Nathan Fisher\*, Kristi Fluegge\*, Gavin Frederick, Leslie Hacker\*, Adam Haag, Erik Helwig, Sarah Hobbs\*, Amy Howard\*, Erika

## Knights honor Henns, Rutkoski

The Knights of Columbus honored a local family as well as the Knight of the Year during the Central Thumb Council Awards Banquet, held March 11.

Honored as Family of the Year was the Duane Henn family of Cass City. The family, which has been very active in a number of programs involving youth along with charitable activities, was nominated because of their commitment to their

church and community. Also honored was Lavern Rutkoski, also of Cass City, who was named Knight of the Year.

Officials said Rutkoski was nominated and elected "for his dedication to the church, our council and charitable activities in the community. Lavern has been most active in helping our council with its many programs, such as the fish fries, bingo, rentals of the building and other activities."



HONORED AS Knight of the Year recently was Lavern Rutkoski, pictured above with his wife, Carol.

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# Obituaries

## Loretta Boileau

Loretta Viola Boileau, 74, of Kingston, died Sunday, March 19, 2000, at Covenant Health Care-Harrison, Saginaw.

She was born April 8, 1925, in Otisville to the Rev. Wilbur and Lena (McCarty) Traver. She married Kenneth Boileau June 30, 1944, in Cheboygan.

She attended Owosso College, and was a member of the Kingston Wesleyan Church. Surviving are her husband, Rev. Kenneth Boileau of Kingston; a son, Ronald Boileau of Jefferson, N.C.; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; a sister, Zetta Osborne of Kingston; a sister-in-law, Dorris Traver of Vicksburg, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Boileau, Dec. 26, 1993; a sister, Agnes Sebree, and a brother, Verian Traver.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 23, at Kingston Wesleyan Church, Kingston, with Dr. Rudy Fay officiating.

Interment will be in Kingston Cemetery, Kingston. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Chris Glaspie

Chris Glaspie, 42, of Cass City, died Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at his home.

He was born Dec. 22, 1957, in Cass City, to Grant O. and Jerri (Orlowski) Glaspie.

He attended Darbee School, Caro, and participated in Special Olympics. He and his family were members of the Association for Retarded Citizens, Tuscola County, for 20 years.

Surviving are his mother, Jerri; a sister, Jan (Alan) Finkbeiner of Caro; a brother, Kim (Jackie) Glaspie of Cass City; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, and a special friend, June Atkinson of Caro. He was preceded in death by his father, Grant O. Glaspie.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 18, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City. The Rev. Paul Bala of St. Pancratius Catholic Church officiated.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

## Agnes Essenmacher

Agnes J. Essenmacher, 82, of Harbor Beach, died suddenly Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at Harbor Beach Community Hospital.

She was born June 26, 1917, in Harbor Beach,

daughter of John and Anna (Nowiski) Koss. She married George H. Essenmacher Oct. 9, 1937, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church of Harbor Beach. He preceded her in death Oct. 9, 1999.

She was a graduate of Rock Falls Country School. She worked in the Detroit area and returned in 1945 to the Harbor Beach area. She worked at Clements in Minden City and at General Cable in Cass City until 1977. She was a former member of the Harbor Beach Senior Citizens, a homemaker and avid quilter. She was a parishioner of St. Anthony Catholic Church of Helena for 50 years and a former member of the Altar Society.

She is survived by 5 sons, John and his wife Nina of Armada, George Jr. and his wife Josephine of Birch Run, Jim and his wife Viola of Imlay City, Bruce and his wife Linda of Harbor Beach, Steve and his wife Sandy of Mt. Clemens; 4 daughters, Juliana Messing and her husband Gordon of Carsonville, Virginia Sadro of Bad Axe, Janet Lemanski and her husband Raymond of Harbor Beach, Shirley Essenmacher of Shelby Township; 37 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Frank Koss and his wife Bernice of Port Huron, and Arthur Koss and his wife Dorothy of Harbor Beach; one step-brother, John Kudlak of Port Huron.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, John and Raymond Koss; 4 half-brothers, Joseph, Floyd, Casimer and Clarence Wrubel and her step-mother, Katie Kudlak. Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, March 18, at St. Anthony Catholic Church of Helena. The Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

## Phyllis Linderman

Phyllis Mae Linderman, 82, of Cass City, died Thursday, March 16, 2000, after a short illness.

She was born May 22, 1917, in Flint to Will and Gertrude (Chambers) Rogers. She married Harvey Linderman Oct. 20, 1936, in Fairgrove. He died Jan. 28, 1965.

She worked in the kitchen as a cook for Hills and Dales General Hospital for 16 years. She was a member of the Cass City Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her children, Marilyn (Bill) Woodward of Cass City, William (Verna) Linderman of Auburn Heights, Janet (Hazen) Roberts of Linwood, Norma Jean (Jerry) Craig of Selina, Kans., Helen Sprague of Essexville, Harvey (Sue) Linderman of Cass City, son-in-law, Ron Peters; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Harvey Scofield of Flint, Eldon (Dorothy) Rogers of Bay City; sisters, Ethel Laverly of Mt. Morris, Frances Sawyer of Venice, Fla., and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughters, toddler, Ruth Ann, in 1960 and Nancy Peters in 1998; brothers, Sam and Jim Scofield, and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 20, at Cass City Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. William Bixler officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City Church of the Nazarene.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Tyrus Mzyk

Tyrus Raymond Mzyk, 88, former owner of Ty's Bowling Lounge in Elkton and the Greenleaf store, died Tuesday, March 7, at his home.

He was born Feb. 4, 1912, in Detroit, son of Frank and Clara (Plevnia) Mzyk. His father died 2 weeks before his birth and his mother later married Frank Leppke. In 1916, they moved to Parsville, where he grew up on a farm. In 1937, he returned to Detroit and worked with Radio Cab, Fuller Brush Co. and Budd Wheel. He married Agnes Griskiewicz Jan. 28, 1939, at Guardian Angel Catholic Church, Detroit. She died April 18, 1999.

Soon after they were married they purchased the New Greenleaf Country Store, Cass City, which they operated for 16 years. In 1955, they moved to Elkton and opened Ty's Sportsman's Inn. Later he bought Elkton Recreation (the bowling lanes) from Lavern Chioti and moved the bar across the street, operating it until retiring in 1976. He also drove school bus for Elkton and the Laker district.

He was a member of the St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, past member of Elkton Rotary, charter member of the Elkton Lions Club and was honored last month with 40 years of continuous membership. He was also a life member of the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus #1546, 4th Degree Assembly, and was one of the first members of the color corps.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Sally (Roger) Buschlen of Pigeon and Joyce Beyer of Saginaw; a son, Dennis Mzyk of Auburn, Wash.; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Ira Leppke of Reno, Nev., and Chester (Martha) Leppke of Harbor Beach, and a sister, Vivian (Clarence) Rumpitz of Uby.

A funeral mass was conducted Saturday, March 11, at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Parisville.

Memorials may be directed to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan or to St. Francis Borgia Church.

## Roy Shimer

Roy John Shimer, 79, of Whitelake died Sunday, March 19, 2000, at Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township.

He was born March 20,

1920, in Eckhart, Md., to Cleveland and Mary (Skelly) Shimer. He married Inez D. Lockard Oct. 18, 1941, in Frostburg, Md. She died Sept. 4, 1992.

Shimer worked for the Detroit News as a machine repairman. He served in the army during World War II.

Surviving are a son, Roy L. (Carol) Shimer of Deford; a daughter-in-law, Janet Shimer of Warren; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren, and a brother, Donald J. Shimer of Whitelake.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary E. Shimer, July 21, 1999, and a brother, Edward Shimer.

Funeral services were scheduled at one p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with military service under the auspices of Cass City VFW Post 3644. Burial will be in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

## Herbert Shipley

Herbert M. Shipley, 88, of Caro, died Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born Aug. 24, 1911, in Plymouth to Thomas E. and Myrtle M. (Burden) Shipley. After the death of his first wife, Flossie Parker, he married June Parker. Following her death, he married Mildred McGregory Bitterling June 1, 1991, at Caro Free Methodist Church.

He worked for General Motors Truck and Bus Plant in Pontiac for over 32 years, and retired from GM in October of 1968.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred; a daughter, Sarah (Kenneth) See of Jonesboro, AR.; 19 grandchildren; over 80 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; 6 stepchildren, Bonnie S. Bitterling of Sandusky, Joyce (Ray) McCool of Nashville, Tenn., Gary (Rose) Bitterling of Bad Axe, Jerry (Roberta) Bitterling of Unionville, Larry (Cheryl) Bitterling of Newport News, Va., and Terry F. (Sheila) Bitterling of Summerfield, Fla.; 7 step-grandchildren; a brother, Howard Shipley of Waterford; a sister, Dorothy Earnest of Pontiac, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, June Ogles; an infant daughter, and 2 sisters.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Interment will be in Hillview Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## John (Jack) Tyrrell

John Lawson Tyrrell, 67, of Ubyly, died Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw after a short illness.

He was born in Owosso Nov. 29, 1932, to Lawrence W. and Ida Mae (Allsworth) Tyrrell. He married Kathryn Donna Herman May 24, 1952. They spent the first 5 years of their family life in Morrice, where he worked on the Tyrrell Family Dairy Farm.

He attended Michigan State University and received his bachelors degree in agriculture education in June of 1956. He and his family moved to Ubyly that fall, where he taught agriculture at Ubyly High School. In 1957, the Tyrrells moved to the family farm on Huron Line Road, where they resided until 1985, when they moved to the Jurgess residence.

In 1961 Tyrrell was employed by the Moormans Manufacturing Company, selling livestock feed to farmers in the Thumb area. He retired in 1995 after 34 years.

Tyrrell was a former member of the FFA Boosters, Band Boosters and Huron County Ag Teachers Association. He attended St. Columbkille Catholic Church, where he was a former member of the choir and an usher. He was also a member of the Sandusky Single Dance Club, and he performed in every Alabama Jubilee in Ubyly.

Surviving are one son, Jim Tyrrell and his wife, Julia, of Ubyly; 4 daughters, Rita Hockemeyer and her husband Larry W. of Midland, Judy Labra and her husband Ruffino of Allegan, Brenda Weisenberger and her husband Michael of Birch Run, and Carrie Lyons and her husband Dean of Midland; 13 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; one brother, Edward Tyrrell of Morrice; 5 sisters, Elizabeth Lezovich and her husband Joseph of Vernon, Nancy Carby and her husband James of Kawkawlin, Marjorie Bendall and her husband, Jerry of Owosso, Lura Bolek and her husband Richard of Morrice, and Katherine Gutting and her husband Warren of Owosso.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn, in 1994, and a daughter, Michelle Marie, in 1955.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, March 18, at St. Columbkille Church of Sheridan. The Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiated.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

# S.M.A.R.T. Team hosting after-school teen program

The Tuscola County Health Department will be offering students ages 9-14 years a unique opportunity to take part in a S.M.A.R.T. (Students Making Abstinence a Reality Today) Team after-school program that promotes abstinence from drugs, alcohol, tobacco and premarital sex.

The goal of the program is to address issues of abstinence in a way that is appropriate for this age group. The program has been developed using sound research theories which focus on strengthening positive assets that already exist in children.

The clubs include supervised homework time, snacks, health education, hands on activities to build self-esteem, and guest speakers who are positive role models in the community. The students will be supervised by health care professionals, parent volunteers, student role models and partnering organizations (such as Youth For Christ and Thumb Area Behavioral Services Center).

The after-school programs meet 4 times, 2 1/2 hours per session. A family night is planned on the last club night, which includes dinner, and each participant receives a certificate of participation.

Four after-school clubs are being offered this spring. Two separate programs will be held at the Akron-Fairgrove Schools for fifth and sixth graders and for seventh and eighth graders. One program will be held at the Millington Schools for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. One program will be held at

USA Schools for the sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

For more information regarding dates of these clubs, call the Tuscola County Health Department at (517) 673-8114 (ext. 133).

The Tuscola County

S.M.A.R.T. Team holds monthly meetings the third Tuesday of each month, except for July, at the Brentwood in Caro at 12 p.m. New members are welcome as well as new ideas for providing these valuable resources to the community.

# Model UN Team includes Chappel

In a United Nations simulation Feb. 22-26 in St. Louis, Mo., Alma College's 30-member Model UN team competed against approximately 700 students from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest and left with nearly half of the awards given out at the 40th annual conference. Among the members was Amanda Chappel, Cass City, in education.

The team is now preparing for the international competition, which will take place near the end of April at the

United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Alma has received the honor of "outstanding delegation" in 4 out of the last 5 years in the world competition and looks to continue its success.

"The students performed exceptionally well in St. Louis, the new students performed with distinction, and we got great leadership from the returning people," said Dr. Derick "Sandy" Hulme, the team's teacher, advisor and coach. "We're looking forward to a very successful conference in New York."

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, March 22

Soup and sandwich lunch, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cass City United Methodist Church.  
Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

### Friday, March 24

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

### Saturday, March 25

ABATE Benefit for Truemner Racing, Lamotte Township fire hall (M-53 to Hemans, east 1/2 mile on Snover Rd). Doors open at 7 p.m. DJ, Rhythm Productions, food, refreshments, raffles, prizes. \$10 donation per person. Must be over 21. For more information, call 517-872-8087.

### Monday, March 27

Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.  
Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m.  
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

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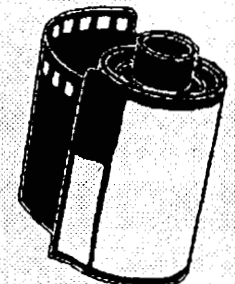
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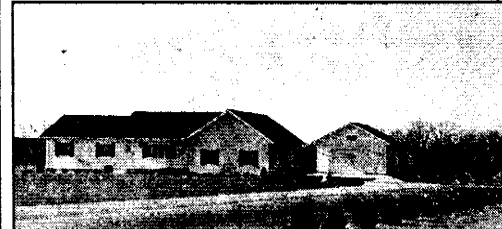
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## Holbrook Area News

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Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Joan Jackson, Marie Grifka, Linda Rumpitz, Denise Grifka and daughters, Jenna and Jamie, of Uby, and Tina Grifka and daughter Nichole of Marlette attended a shower Sunday for Jeni Tittjung and Dwayne Golomb at Carpathia Hall in Sterling Heights.

Allen Farrelly was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel. Amy and Scott Haggerman of Ohio spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr. Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Sunday lunch guest.

Bob Andersen of Livonia was a Monday and Tuesday guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Dennis and Sharlene Hagen, Keith and Bradley, and Betty and Bryce Hagen had dinner at Uby Heights Country Club Sunday.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Jack Kennedy, Allen Farrelly and Doris Western met at McDonald's for breakfast Friday.

Ira Leppek of Las Vegas, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Leppek, Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and Thelma Jackson were among those who attended the funeral of Ty Myzk at St. Francis Borgia Church Saturday. Myzk was a former resident of the Holbrook area.

who owned the Greenleaf store for 16 years.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mrs. John O'Henley visited Loas Wolschlagier, Mabel Fisher and Mabel Pratt at the Huron County Medical Care Facility Sunday afternoon.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlagier, Eric Shubel, Allen Farrelly and daughter, Julie Koroleski, met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

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

Evan Franzel and Mrs. Kevin Robinson visited Ordean Michalski Tuesday afternoon.

Bryce and Betty Hagen spent Sunday afternoon with Donald and Ben Meske at Port Hope.

Mike Rumpitz spent Sunday with Bob Jackson.

Doris Western, Ron Wolschlagier and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at the Marlette rehabilitation facility Saturday afternoon. Franzel returned home Monday.

Dennis and Sharlene Hagen, Brad, Ellen and Mike Moorman, Mary Hagen and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hagen and family were Sunday supper guests of Bryce and Betty Hagen for pizza, birthday cake and ice cream in honor of Nicholas Hagen's 7th birthday.

Edith Jackson was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Thelma Jackson.

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

Eleven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met Thursday morning at the McDonald's Food and Family Store deli in Bad Axe. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Allen Farrelly attended the St. Ignatius Church brunch Sunday morning.

Mrs. Mary Beardsley attended the funeral of her cousin, E. Maude Cook Rolston, Monday at the Bossardet Funeral Home in Oxford. Mrs. Rolston was the wife of the late Clarence Rolston.

## March 19-25 is Agriculture week

Michigan farmers, each day, feed more than 129 people, providing food and fiber for Americans to have a safe, healthy diet. They provide many products used to make things we use every day, and combine to make up the second largest industry in the state.

Michigan will celebrate National Agriculture Week, March 19-25, as county Farm Bureaus from across the state have activities planned to educate the public about agriculture, including the Agriculture Connections program. Agriculture Connections is a statewide cooperative effort between agricultural producers, governmental departments, Michigan State University Extension, FFA chapters, local county Farm Bureaus and Michigan Farm Bureau.

"National Agriculture Week is a great way to show thanks to the farmers that provide food for us each day," said Deb Laurell, manager of the Promotion and Education Department at Michigan Farm Bureau. "Agriculture

is a huge industry in Michigan, and it's the goal of many county Farm Bureaus to educate both adults and youth about the importance of agriculture in their county and in the state."

Statistics show the efficiency of Michigan farmers means consumers spend a lot less of their income on food. In Japan, 21 percent of a family's income is spent on food and the Chinese spend 53 percent - compared to the 10.9 percent spent by Michigan households.

Michigan agriculture has a large impact on the state's economy - \$40 billion to be exact. Michigan is ranked second, only behind California, as the most diverse state for growing agricultural products.

Less than 2 percent of the population makes its living on a farm, yet it continues to feed the entire nation. Michigan has just over 46,000 farms, growing corn, soybeans and wheat, but also producing fruits and specialty crops like trout, pumpkins, popcorn and squash.

## TEC refunds over \$130,000 to members

Thumb Electric Cooperative refunded over \$130,000 in patronage capital on members' March 2 electric bills and will pay out more than \$100,000 to deceased estates during 2000.

Approximately 9.6 cents out of each dollar paid by member owners to TEC last year has been allocated back to member owners based upon their patronage with TEC. In 1999 TEC had revenues of \$9,709,409 and margins of \$928,000. To date more than \$2,800,000 has been returned to TEC members in patronage capital.

"As a locally owned and operated energy supplier, member ownership makes it possible for those consumers using services from TEC to share in the cooperative's margins, or in other words, profits," said General Manager Michael Krause. "Our sole purpose is to provide member owners honest and professional service at competitive prices. Offering en-

ergy choices such as LP gas through our subsidiary Thumb Energy Services Corporation with personal service is our goal."

Thumb Electric Cooperative is a member-owned electric utility providing electric service to approximately 11,000 member owners in rural portions of Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. TEC has warehouse facilities in Uby, Sandusky and Caro, is headquartered in Uby, and is a Touchstone Energy Partner.

### Little meat

You'd be surprised how little the average person consumes each day from the meat group of foods. We eat just 1.8 ounces of beef, .7 ounces of pork, .6 ounces of processed meats, 1.3 ounces of eggs and beans, 1.2 ounces of poultry and .5 ounces of fish. Total consumption per day from the meat group is 6.4 ounces.

# Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael H. RILEY a single man and Dawn E. SMITH a single woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage America Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 16, 1996, and recorded on August 8, 1996 in Liber 695, on Page 817, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Harris Trust and Savings Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated 08/23/96 for Cityscape Home Equity Loan Trust 1996-3, Assignee by an assignment dated August 19, 1999, which was recorded on October 27, 1999, in Liber 785, on Page 1393, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY AND 87/100 dollars (\$25,820.87), including interest at 15.000 percent per annum.

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 23, 2000

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Cougars

2-23-5

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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 f/ 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 percent 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 Frankennuth Road; thence along the long 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 Frankennuth Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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 15, 2000

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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 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 percent 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 9 East, and in the unplatted part of the Village of Caro, formerly Centreville, 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 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 8, 2000

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Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
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 percent 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 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 15, 2000

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Cougars

3-15-5

### 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 Dort 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 Mortgage Liber 720, Pages 1133-1135, on 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 of 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 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; thence North 330 feet; thence East 132 feet to the point of beginning.  
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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  
2845 Davison Road  
Post Office Box 1635  
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3-8-5

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by MELCHECKS, INC., a Michigan Corporation of 2023 Gates, Reese, Michigan 48757 as Mortgagor, to FOODLAND DISTRIBUTORS, a Michigan co-partnership of 12701 Middlebelt, Livonia, Michigan 48150, Mortgagee, dated the 12th day of July, 1995 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 27th day of July, 1995, in Liber 676 of Tuscola County Records, on page 893, and recorded on October 2, 1995 in Liber 679 on page 1171 and amended on October 23, 1996 which amendment was recorded in Liber 701 page 757, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$435,259.46, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of May, 2000 at 10:00 in the forenoon, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, on the steps located at the North Front Entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, County of Tuscola, 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 of said Mortgage, with interest thereon at prime plus 2% per annum as the same may be adjusted from time to time, and all legal costs, expenses and charges, including the attorney fees allowed by law and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Village of Reese, Township of Denmark, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan:  
PARCEL 1 - Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 1 of Daniel Woodruff's Addition to the Village of Reese, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 24, now being page 25A. ALSO commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 4, block 1 of Daniel Woodruff's Addition to the Village of Reese, running thence North 132 feet; thence East 72 feet; thence South 132 feet; thence West 72 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 (a), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

FOODLAND DISTRIBUTORS  
Mortgage

Dated this 13th day of March, 2000.

ROY C. SGROI  
Muller Muller Richmond  
Harms, Myers & Sgroi  
33233 Woodward Ave.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

3-22-5

### MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Watch Bird Investment Co. to First National Acceptance Company, dated January 9, 1998 and recorded on February 2, 1998 in Liber 729 page 372, Tuscola County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$64,817.41.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, April 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at front steps of Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 12 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Arbel, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

A parcel of land described as beginning at a point which is North 89 degrees 16 minutes East 1001.9 ft. from the Southwest corner of Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West 250.00 ft.; thence North 89 degrees 16 minutes East 100.00 ft.; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East 250.00 ft.; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes West 100.00 ft. along the South line of Section 31 to the point of beginning.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; however if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Date: March 14, 2000

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder  
P.O. Box 794, East Lansing, MI 48826  
517-337-1617

3-22-4

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 Agric., 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 percent 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 4 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

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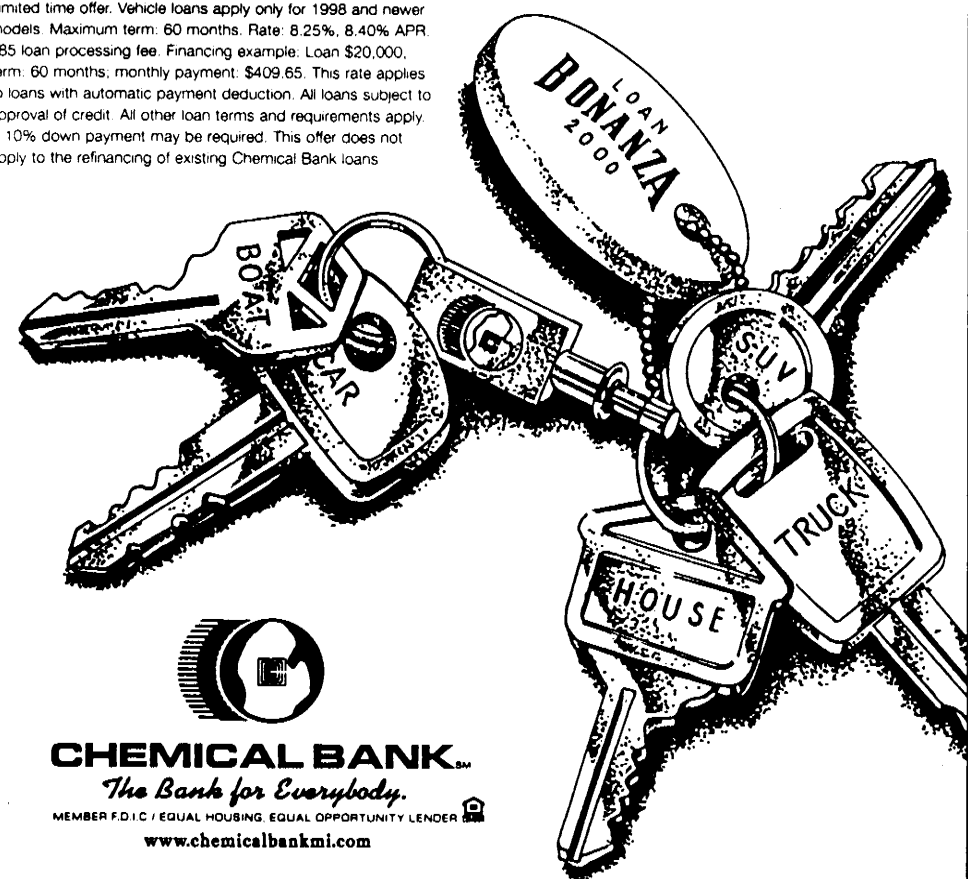


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