



Dancing the day away...

MORE THAN 120 fathers and daughters enjoyed some quality time together during a father and daughter dance held Sunday afternoon at Cass City Middle School. The event raised \$438 to help cover the cost of fireworks at the Cass City July 4 Festival. Above, Jon Zdrojewski (left) dances with daughter Lauren, 7, while his other daughter, Erin, 2, enjoys a dance with her grandfather, Ken Zdrojewski.

Chamber dinner Saturday

There will be all the traditional events that have sparked the annual Cass City Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Record year nets sweet production

During recent meetings with sugar beet growers, Michigan Sugar Company officials announced record-breaking sugar production at its 4 facilities in Mid-Michigan. In the past 5 months, over 580 million pounds of sugar were produced, easily surpassing 1998's record of 527 million pounds. The 2.5 million-ton record-breaking sugar beet harvest in the fall

of 1999 set the pace for a productive, successful year.

During recent meetings with members of the Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association, company officials also announced a second payment of \$5 per ton to growers. The first payment of \$24.50 per ton was made in December 1999 and included a 70-cent bonus.

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There will be additions to the program that are unique this year, all designed to make the first meeting of the millennium truly outstanding, said Lambert Althaver, chairman.

It all starts happening Saturday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. Veteran attendees will notice one difference as they walk in the door at the VFW Hall. The tables will be covered with real cloth tablecloths and the meal served on china plates.

The citizen of the year will be presented by Althaver. Eleven junior citizens of the year, all Cass City High School seniors, will be recognized, and the winner introduced by Jim Luth, Chamber president. Luth will also give the Chamber's progress report.

Special this year will be awards for outstanding service presented to Paula LeValley and Kate VanAuken. The pair were leaders in the campaign that resulted in the building of the playscape on the Cass City school grounds.

Whitney Osentoski and Company will provide special entertainment. Osentoski is a former junior citizen of the year.

Tickets for the banquet are \$15 each and available at the Chamber office in the Cass City Municipal Building, drug stores and from Chamber officers.

Wildfire risk still high, DNR urging caution

Lawns are finally beginning to green up and buds are popping on trees throughout the Thumb, but DNR officials say the risk for wildfires remains high.

"We actually closed down burning permits on Saturday morning, and we're not going to reopen them today," Bruce Miller, a forest fire officer who works out of the DNR's Cass City Field Office, said Monday morning. "It could still be a couple of weeks yet" before the risk of fire is reduced significantly.

Michigan State University Extension officials agree with that assessment.

Officials say the current outlook for warm, dry weather for the next several weeks - much above normal temperatures and normal to below normal rainfall in April - could create the potential for destructive wildfires across the state.

Wildfires are defined as uncontrolled outside fires such as grass, brush or forest fires ignited when burning brush, garden, lawn or field debris, or household trash escapes the control of the person doing the burning.

As of March 19, more than 760 acres, most of them in southern lower Michigan, had been swept by wildfires, according to DNR statistics, which indicate people burning debris caused 56 percent of those blazes.

"Several weeks ago we started to have a real problem with fires, and then we had some rain and that knocked it down," said Miller, who noted dryer weather has again increased the risk.

"Compared to last year, it's been an early season for us. During the first 2 weeks of March, the local fire departments were running fires (nearly) every day."

Miller explained that burning permits, available from local fire departments and the DNR, are required anytime there is no snow on the ground. Permits may not be required for campfires or burning in a metal or masonry container that has

holes no larger than three-quarters of an inch.

"Anytime you burn brush, leaves or grass, you have to have a burning permit, and those are available free from the local fire departments," he said.

Miller noted the decision to issue burning permits is made based on daily weather observations, particularly with respect to temperature, humidity and wind speed. "Probably the worst enemy is the wind," he added.

Even when a permit is issued, residents are urged to

take some basic precautions.

Howard J. Doss, MSU Ex-

"Clear away at least 5 feet of ground around the pile of

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tension safety leader, recommends that residents burn only when the winds are calm, and in open areas away from buildings and material that could spread a fire.

material to be burned, and burn in small amounts to reduce the potential for sparks and embers being carried

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CASS CITY HEAD Start Teacher Nancy Fent guides the creative hands of some of her students Monday morning. Fent explained Head Start helps prepare youngsters for the transition from home to school.

Enrollment set for 2000-01

Program offers children a 'head start' in school

The first day of school can be a traumatic event for a youngster, but a program established in Cass City nearly

10 years ago is designed to help ease the transition from home to classroom. The program is called Cass

City Head Start, a federally funded service that targets youngsters ages 3 to 5 years as well as special needs children.

The goal of Head Start is to help prepare children for school, according to Nancy Fent, Cass City Head Start teacher.

"A lot of it is just experience, so they get socialization with other children," she explained. "I think they get a lot of readiness skills for kindergarten; attention span, transition from one activity to another, and the experience of separation from the home."

"They're introduced to all sorts of learning areas: physical and mental development, self-help skills, and we work with nutrition and health - the development of the whole child."

Enrollment for the 2000-2001 school year will get underway later this month at Rawson Memorial Library. Scheduled dates are April 26 from 1 to 7 p.m., and April 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Head Start, which operates under the auspices of the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency Inc., is a free program serving children who meet family income guidelines and/or have a documented disability regardless of income.

Income guidelines vary based on family size. A family of one, for example, may earn up to \$8,240 to be eligible, while a family of 4 may earn up to \$16,700 and a family of 8, up to \$27,980. All of our students qualify

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Team work

Understanding, training keys to successful horsemanship

When it comes to horseback riding, the key to success lies in teamwork, according to Carmen Longuski.

But achieving that success isn't always easy.

In fact, Longuski says, an enjoyable riding experience depends on the relationship between horse and rider, and on whether the rider has devoted the time, discipline and consistency required to properly train the animal.

"A lot of it is learning how to understand your own particular horse," said Longuski, an Uby area resident who has turned a lifelong love of horses into a part-time business.

Longuski and her husband, Edward, established Holbrook Quarter Horses at their Holbrook Road ranch about 10 years ago. Today, the couple offer a variety of services, including boarding and stud service by their American Quarter Horse Association certified black stallion, "Blacks Rhythm."

The Longuskis own 5 adult horses, including "Blacks Rhythm" and Carmen's mare, "Velvet Star Vision." The mare gave birth just 2 weeks ago to a colt sired by "Blacks Rhythm."

For the past several years, Carmen has offered riding lessons to beginners, 4-Hers and other youth as well as adults. A licensed veterinary technician, she specializes in halter, western pleasure, English pleasure and ground training.

Longuski has 20 years of experience in showing horses. She has won halter, English and western classes at events sponsored by the Bluewater Pleasure Horse Association, as well as a number of honors at open 4-H shows.

"I'm originally from the Mt. Pleasant area and I grew up loving horses. Of course, that's the main ingredient," said Longuski, who was very active in 4-H as a youth and remains active as a 4-H leader.

Longuski's interest in horses led to her enrollment at Michigan State University to earn her certification as a veterinary technician. Throughout the years, she added, "I still kept my love of horses, so when we moved here, we started the business."

Longuski said sharing her experience with other riders - beginners to advanced - is among the services she enjoys offering most.

She noted she will train a horse for someone else, but prefers to work with both horse and horse owner at the same time.

"I enjoy the riding lessons because you can see the growth in the horse and person - they're breaking through where they haven't been able to before," she said. "It's very satisfying; through the riding lessons, they become a team. That's what the whole point of riding lessons is about."

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CARMEN LONGUSKI grooms the 2-week-old colt born to her mare, "Velvet Star Vision." A lifelong horse lover, Longuski offers riding lessons and horse training at the Uby area ranch she shares with husband, Edward, and the couple's son, Paul, 12.



Orrin and Bernice Wright

Wrights celebrating 60 years together

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Wright celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 30 with their family.

Orrin Wright and Bernice Powers were married in Napoleon, Ohio, in 1940. They have lived on Germania Road in Cass City most of their married life, having moved here from Clarkston in 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright have 2 children, Ronald, married to Carol, and Charlotte, married to Robert Dennis. Both reside in Davison. They also have 5 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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McKenna Nye

Jesse Nye would like to announce the birth of his sister, McKenna Rae, Feb. 2, 2000, at Bay Medical Center. She weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21 3/4 inches long.

Parents are Gary and Christie Nye.

Grandparents are Glen and Patricia Perkins and Donna Nye of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Perkins of Jackson and Mardell Ware of Cass City.

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.

APRIL 7-10-12-14

Friday - Baked cod, red skinned potatoes, cukes and sour cream, whole wheat bread, fresh orange.

Monday - Pepper steak with rice, oriental vegetables, citrus fruit salad, hot roll, tapioca pudding.

Wednesday - Spanish rice, Italian veggies, glazed carrots, Italian bread, chocolate pudding.

Friday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, zucchini and tomatoes, salad bar, garlic bread, dream dessert.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas



Meg's Peg

Cat diary

by Melva E. Guinther

We just returned from a visit with our daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Andy Welter, and their 2 cats, Sam and L.S., in Ohio. Sandy and Andy are obviously "cat people", although they've been having a few problems lately with a neighbor cat who thinks the flower bed in front of their house is a deluxe litter box.

Their efforts to dissuade him are another column.

Have you noticed, though, that few people are neutral where cats are concerned? Most either love 'em or hate 'em.

This "Cat Diary" came from an anonymous, self-proclaimed cat hater, which you might guess as you read it.

DAY 752 - My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal.

The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the mild satisfaction I get from ruining the occasional piece of furniture.

Tomorrow I may eat another house plant.

DAY 761 - Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded. Must try this at the top of the stairs.

In an attempt to disgust and repulse these vile oppressors, I once again induced myself to vomit on their favorite chair. Must try this on their bed.

DAY 762 - Slept all day so that I could annoy my captors with sleep deprivation, incessant pleas for food at ungodly hours of the night.

DAY 765 - Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body, in an attempt to make them aware of what I am capable of, and to try to

strike fear into their hearts.

They only cooed and condescended about what a good little cat I was. Hmmm. Not working according to plan.

DAY 768 - I am finally aware of how sadistic they are. For no good reason I was chosen for the water torture. This time, however, it included a burning foamy chemical called "shampoo." What sick minds could invent such a liquid!

My only consolation is the piece of thumb still stuck between my teeth.

DAY 771 - There was some sort of gathering of their accomplices. I was placed in solitary throughout the event. However, I could hear the noise and smell the foul odor of the glass tubes they call "beer."

More importantly, I overheard that my confinement was due to MY power of "allergies." Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage.

DAY 774 - I am convinced that the other captives are flunkies and maybe snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit.

The bird, on the other hand, has got to be an informant. He has mastered their frightful tongue. (Something akin to mole speak) and speaks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my every move. Due to his current placement in the metal room, his safety is assured. But I can wait. It is only a matter of time.

Boy Scouts keep busy

The Cass City Boy Scouts have been enjoying many fun opportunities over the past few months.

The district Klondike was held Feb. 5 at Camp Pine Acres in Caro. The Cass City boys placed in several of the events.

The scouts went on 2 separate ski trips to Apple Mountain this winter. The first time the boys all took lessons and were taught skiing techniques, followed by an afternoon of fun on the slopes.

The next time was a snowy day of skiing with a pizza party in the lodge.

The Polar Bear camp out was held at Camp Mallory

March 10 and 11. Winter camping and survival skills were stressed. The overnight low temperature was 12 degrees, compared to last year's 18 degrees at the event.

Elections were held with the following results: Dustin Mallory was reelected senior patrol leader; Mike Zmierski was elected patrol leader of the Mighty Chiefs; Patrick Reed, elected assistant patrol leader of the Mighty Chiefs; Matthew Bock, elected patrol leader of the Scorpions; Derrick Mallory elected assistant patrol leader of the Scorpions; Eric Hanby elected scribe of the troop; Jon Bock elected quartermaster; Jeremy Weippert reelected troop instructor; Robert Damoth reelected troop guide, and Kenny Spencer elected troop historian.

A Court of Honor is the ceremonial recognition of an individual scout's accomplishments.

The following scouts have been honored at recent courts of honor: Jeremy Weippert has received 9 merit badges. They are Personal Management, Railroad, Computing, Sculpting, Cooking, Art Lifesaving, Small Boat Sailing and Personal Fitness.

Jonathon Bock has advanced to Life Rank. He has received 7 merit badges. They are Communication, Personal Management, Railroad, Computing, Bird Study, Wilderness Survival and Cinematography.

Eric Hanby has advanced to Star Rank. He has received

10 merit badges. They are Sports, First Aid, Personal Management, Railroad, Computing, Pottery, Environmental Science, Wood carving and Indian Lore.

Dustin Mallory advanced to Life Rank. He has received 7 merit badges. They are Cycling, Personal Management, Railroad, Bird Study, Astronomy, Environmental Science and Indian Lore.

Robert Damoth has advanced to First Class Rank. He has earned 2 merit badges. They are Astronomy and Shotgun Shooting.

Michael Zmierski has advanced to Second Class Rank. He has earned 6 merit badges. They are Cycling, Auto Mechanics, Bird Study, Astronomy, Environmental Science and Indian Lore.

Patrick Reed has advanced to Second Class. He has received 7 merit badges. They are Auto Mechanics, Personal Management, Computing, Fish and Wildlife Management, Pioneering, Astronomy and Soil and Water Conservation.

Kenny Spencer has received 4 merit badges. They are Citizenship in the World, Personal Management, Auto Mechanics and Computers.

Matthew Bock, Jeff Wills, Gavin Mills, Derrick Mallory, Justin Grice and Rob Hoxie have all earned the rank of Tenderfoot. Matthew Bock, Derrick Mallory and Rob Hoxie have also earned the computer merit badge.

Kingston students see play

Marilyn Bieffer's freshman English classes at Kingston High School attended the Encore plays at the Temple Theater March 29. The group is a traveling troupe from Massachusetts.

The plays were "The Tell Tale Heart", "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", "The Necklace", "The Monkey's Paw", and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County".

Students attending were:

Samantha Anger, Chanda Kelley, Andrea McCoy, Coren Crane, Crystal Borek, Brian Wolak, Sunshine Pallen, Melissa Rodriguez, Steve Wega, Rachel Johnson, Mistie McKenney, Gabe Romosier, Tiffany Adams, Margaret Heeke, Tawnya DeRoseau, Lesha Urchick, Philip Szczygiel, Christy Willis, Sarah Keene.

Melissa Ford, Matt Williams, Jeremy Distelrath, Jenna Azarovitz, Garrett Borek, Brett Mageria, Jacob Congdon, Ashley Noodel, Brandy Fisher, Grace Ceci, Tom Grimes, Dennis Meyer, Brian Heeke, Lisa Adamczyk, Jason Randall, Jenny Proctor, Brandon Winquest, Rosie Boots and Amber Baes.

Sugarbush, horse farm tours set

Tours of the Battel Sugarbush, 7964 Daus Rd., and Enos Horse Farm, 5938 Ritter Rd., are slated for Saturday, April 8, from 12-4 p.m. Daus and Ritter roads are 3 miles north of the M-81 and M-53 corner. Turn west on Ritter Road (becomes Daus Road at county line) and Battel's Sugarbush is about 1 1/4 miles. Turn east on Ritter Road and the Enos farm is about 1 1/4 miles.

The Battel Sugarbush, owned and operated by the Art Battel family, was established in 1882. Four hundred and fifty maple trees in a 9-acre grove annually produce approximately 110 gallons of syrup. It takes 40 gallons of sap to yield one gallon of maple syrup. The season lasts from about the second week in March to mid/late April, depending on the weather. The syrup is distributed to friends, family and there are a few local sales.

Richard Enos has been raising and selling registered purebred Belgian horses for 22 years. He owns several mares, a stallion, some yearlings and a few colts. Enos also has a state of the art maple syrup operation.

These tours are planned in connection with the Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon Smithsonian Exhibition at Rawson Memorial Library until April 15.

Students honored

Ferris State University officials have announced that 1,445 students, including several from the Cass City area, have received academic honors for the fall 1999 semester.

To be eligible for academic honors, students must have accumulated a grade point average of at least 3.5 in no fewer than 12 credit hours of course work.

Area students on the honors list are: Aaron J. Barrigar, William P. Langenburg and Andrea R. Speirs, all of Cass City; Katherine A. Powers of Gagetown; Jeremy T. Fricke and James R. Mallory, both of Kingston, and Lisa M. Warack of Owendale.

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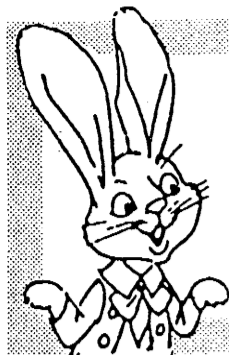
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by John Haire

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"Michigan. Great Lakes. Great Times. Great Golf" is a pocket-sized guide listing 500 Michigan courses with phone numbers and prices.

"Michigan Travel Guide" is a 164-page, full-color guide to Michigan travel destinations and attractions. It includes information about places to stay, including state parks' campgrounds.

The 54-page "Michigan Summer Calendar of Events & Travel Guide" lists more than 700 Michigan spring and summer festivals and events.

Some of the hassle involved in changing addresses on driver licenses or personal identification cards has been removed under a new law adopted Saturday. It is no longer necessary to make a personal visit to branch offices to change the addresses.

Secure a form from the Secretary of State's website: sos.state.mi.us or have a form faxed through the Secretary of State Fax-on-Demand Service 517-335-FAX. The form can be mailed to the Secretary of State's office or deposited in a branch office box that will be available by the end of the month.

It really has been an early spring. Sunday cruising around the countryside, we spotted one farm that had its planter going. It was near the intersection of M-46 and M-15. It's almost sure that there are others, but none that I observed in the immediate area.

Reminds me of a conversation that I had with Dick Donahue several years ago when he was farming west of Cass City. He said that at this time anxious farmers were watching each other to see who would venture into the fields first, signaling that it was not too early to get started.

Cass City Cooperative Preschool OPEN HOUSE



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For more information, please call Kate at 517-872-5705



Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

Sign Up Time

It is time to enroll children for kindergarten and pre-school programs for next fall.

Kindergarten Information

If you have a child or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 before December 01, 2000, please let them know this information.

Deford - Deford Elementary School Kindergarten Round-Up will be Monday, April 10, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. in Deford's gymnasium. Each parent should bring: 1) their child, 2) up-to-date immunization records, and 3) certified birth certificate. If you have any questions, please call (517) 872-2871.

Campbell - On Monday, April 10, 2000, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Campbell Elementary School in Cass City will hold registration for next fall's kindergarten students.

Children who will be five (5) years old by December 01, 2000, will be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2000. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a parent meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

You are asked to bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record with you. This meeting is very important because you will set up an appointment for a Gesell Screening. This gives a guide to your child's readiness for Kindergarten or Young Fives and is given to each child before August. You will also receive information regarding vision and hearing.

Early Childhood Information

Application for the Cass City Early Childhood Program (also known as the four-year-old program) will be available at the Rawson Memorial Library on April 26 and 27.

The Cass City Early Childhood Program is changing its application procedure. In the past you have picked up and dropped off applications at the schools; this year, we are going to have an enrollment with Cass City Head Start at Rawson Memorial Library. We have reserved Wednesday, April 26, from 1-7 p.m. and Thursday, April 27, from 11:30-4:30 p.m. at Cass City's Rawson Memorial Library.

For the enrollment you should bring:

- 1) certified birth certificate
- 2) immunization record
- 3) 1999 tax return (or Food Stamp/FIP case number)
- 4) child's social security number

Parents may pick up an application from any Cass City School office beginning Friday, April 28, 2000, to be considered for any other openings, either at-risk or tuition.

Applicants wishing to apply for TUITION ONLY (if any positions are available) may pick up an application form beginning April 26, 2000, and return the forms by June 01, 2000.

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



CASS CITY Village Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bemus recently swore in new Village President Les Karr, who will begin serving the council in his new role at the next regular monthly meeting, Monday, April 24.

Weight restrictions lifted

Effective Friday, weight restrictions were removed from the entire Lower Peninsula.

Full overload permits will be allowed in the Upper Peninsula on all state trunkline highways from the Mackinac Bridge north to, and including, US-2, from I-75 west to the Michigan-Wisconsin line in Dickinson County. Full overload permits are also being allowed from the Mackinac Bridge north on I-75 to, and including the entire length, of M-134.

Weight restrictions remain in effect on all state trunklines within the remainder of the Upper Peninsula. There are no restrictions for legal loads on those trunklines designated as "all season" trunklines on the restricted routes.

All extended permits will be valid for oversize loads on the restricted routes. Permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet in width within the restricted areas.

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

The Haire Net



A quarter of a million dollars is big bucks for a village with some 2,500 residents. That's what the village fathers are mulling to update the Cass City water system.

If the plan is adopted, Cass City will be the first with a state-of-the-art system in the Thumb, although there has been discussion about installing similar systems in Caro and Vassar.

In a nutshell, what residents would be getting is a more accurate system at an increased cost. The average cost for a new meter is \$76. The "box" that enables the meters to be read is estimated at \$160.

For that money, Village Manager Jane Downing says the village gets a system that is tamper resistant and can be read in less than an hour and automatically billed.

She says that the maintenance cost is expected to be very low. Judging by the maintenance cost for computers, copiers and printers around here, that just might be a seeing-is-believing issue for most of us.

One of the issues that sparked the campaign for a new system was the water used without charge. In Cass City that loss was 21 percent, due, the village feels, to older worn meters.

To the village's credit, they will conduct checks to see if the home meters, not line leaks, are the cause of the loss. Downing says they will borrow a tester from a neighboring community, remove some of the older meters and check their efficiency.

The village is still paying for the new well installed and water rates are in the third year of staggered increases, 10 percent for water and 5 percent for sewer. The next 2 years, the cost increases 5 percent for both sewer and water.

The bottom line is sewer and water costs in the village will increase. The system is expected to spread more accurately the amount of water actually used by residents and provide efficiencies in the years ahead.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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"Haruum-voom," the Toyota droned as I shifted into third; "Voom - - voom," when I dropped back into second.

"My big, powerful SUV seems to be having a little trouble with this hill," I quipped to my companions. "You would think a monster 4-cylinder like this would roar right up this little grade."

That's what I've been reading in the newspapers. Sports utility vehicles are supposed to be gas-guzzling monsters, capable of blowing other vehicles off the road.

So how did I get a dinky 4-cylinder, barely able to pull a large piece of taffy? Other SUV owners may be wondering the same thing. Any car that can run over a baseball without crashing has suddenly become a gas-guzzling monster.

Here's a feature from the New York Times News Service with the headline, "Automakers Plan Less Deadly SUV's." The story is prefaced with, "Finally admitting the behemoths can be hazardous, companies are tweaking designs to protect motorists in crashes."

A more accurate appraisal might be, "SUV's are safe. Other cars are dangerous."

The problem is SUV's are taller and heavier than other cars on the average. They do more damage in a crash with a smaller car.

Liberal thinkers say that's not fair. Someone should level the playing field by putting more plastic into SUV's and lowering them to the approximate height of an armadillo.

What a bunch of baloney! Nobody ever worried about our '55 Chevys, '57 Fords, or the venerable Thunderbird being out of sync with other cars on the road. We made them any height we wanted, and they were heavy enough they weren't going to get run over by a minivan.

The '54 Chevy I drove to college was probably heavier

than my modern SUV, and she could take a hit with the best of them. The "Green Weenie", as my friends called her, wasn't about to get flattened by some wild-eyed fiend in a Jeep.

The Weenie was big enough to take care of herself, and she had that special transmission they called "Power Glide". The old Chevy could go from 0 to 60 in a matter of minutes. Getting back to 0 took a bit longer.

That's what happened when my fraternity brother, Dave, borrowed the Green Weenie for a trip to campus. Dave was barely out of the fraternity house parking lot when a kid in a Corvette came flying out of a side street and hit him broadside.

The 'vette was stopped at the intersection, but the driver didn't see Dave coming. Or, if he did, he probably thought the Weenie was stationary.

Whatever he thought, the kid floored his Corvette and hit Dave right in the driver's side door. The good news is nobody was hurt. A dent in the door was the extent of damage to my old Chevy.

The 'vette was fiberglass, though. It was nearly totaled.

That was a lesson for me. I've never wanted a sports car, and I'm not real fond of fiberglass; but I don't care what other folks drive.

I figure we should drive what works for us. Drivers just need to slow down a little - - and watch out for the Green Weenie.

The Weather

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Tuesday	59	37	0
Wednesday	49	27	0
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Bennett's Beat

Girls explore road to success



With over 100 girls in attendance, "The Road to Success" sponsored by the American Association of University Women and the Cass City Middle School was a huge success.

This is the second annual program that has been held at the Cass City Middle School.

The event took place Tuesday, March 28. The event was set up for girls, grades 6-8. It started with a keynote speaker in the cafeteria.

This year's speaker was Helen Raica-Klotz. Raica-Klotz, a Bay City native, has written 2 books, Empower Me!, and Journal Me!. These books are focused on helping young girls cope with self-esteem.

The presentation of the speaker was "A guide for improving self-esteem."

Wishes she expressed at the presentation were perseverance, risk taking, believing in themselves, and trying new things.

After the 30-minute speech, the girls got to enjoy looking at careers hands-on, with the career display booths that were set up in the middle school gym.

With over 32 presenters, the girls got to go around and ask questions about the different careers.

The booths were divided up into 6 different career pathways. The first career path is the natural resources and agriscience field. The other 5 career pathways are: the arts and communications fields, the business, management, marketing and technol-

ogy fields, the engineering/manufacturing and industrial technology fields, the human services field, and finally the health sciences field.

There were many different occupations represented, including 2 CMU coaches, a CPA, a truck driver, a veterinarian, a button maker and many more.

The girls got to do some hands on projects. One was with the master gardeners, who taught the girls how to make potpourri. They also learned make-up tips from a Mary Kay dealer.

Mrs. Lohela, the middle school principal and AAUW member, said, "The enjoyment I get is the girls say, 'Wow! Is this all for us?'"

Kristi Fluegge, a student who attended, said, "It is a good learning experience that I know I will use in the future."

Erika Karavas said, "It made me aware of all the job opportunities there are for me." They both said it was a lot of fun.

After seeing the displays, the girls got to enjoy refreshments and a mass drawing for prizes. Many local businesses generously supplied the prizes. Prizes included haircuts & styles from local shops, free manicures, tons of books, computerized hairstyles and make-over sessions, and more.

I believe that this was a great opportunity for the young girls. It can be a real struggle at that age. It's a great opportunity that the AAUW sponsors to help encourage Cass City's young girls.

Longuski offers training

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Longuski pointed out that every horse, like every person, has a personality all its own. Likewise, there are many different levels at which a horse is considered "broken" for riding, she explained, and understanding an individual horse's level can mean the difference between successful training and riding, and getting hurt. In a few cases, the time and effort needed to train a particular horse simply isn't worth it.

"People always want to buy the cheapest animal they can buy, so what happens is, they spend a lot more money than if they had purchased the better animal in the first place," Longuski continued.

When someone approaches her for riding lessons, Longuski stresses the basics and plenty of practice.

"A lot of the work is done on the ground because if you can't handle your horse on the ground, you can't handle your horse when you're riding," she explained.

Longuski charges \$20 per lesson. That may sound a bit high, but she doesn't teach on the clock alone. The truth is, any given session could last an hour or 3 hours. "We never quit a lesson until you feel you've accomplished something," she said.

Even then, the best training requires plenty of effort at

home, practicing various exercises. "The best case scenario, if a person is really serious about improving their animal, is (for them) to work with the animal 5 days in a row," Longuski said. "You have to be very structured and disciplined. The person has to be dedicated to changing their bad habits."

Bad habits can include striking a horse in the face for biting, for example. But that's a mistake and will result in the horse becoming hand shy.

At the same time, it's important to deal with a horse's bad habits.

"It's very frustrating for a horse owner whose horse is

misbehaving," Longuski said. She added that a rider whose horse is going too fast may slow the animal by pulling back the reins, but that won't teach the horse to slow down. Instead, she explained, it's important to utilize the correct exercise to eliminate that behavior.

Longuski's enthusiasm for horses and riding shines through when she talks about the satisfaction of helping another rider and horse learn how to work together.

"I would like for it to be a full-time job," she said, "but I have to get a few more customers before that can happen."

TB surveillance conference set

Michigan livestock producers can participate in an interactive, statewide satellite conference from Michigan State University (MSU), April 12, to learn about the Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) proposed bovine TB surveillance program. Interested farmers will be able to view the satellite conference at participating local MSU county Extension offices and facilities.

The conference, airing from 7 to 9:15 p.m., will provide an update on the latest bovine TB news, take an in-depth look at MDA's proposed, statewide TB surveillance testing program and explain cost-share assistance programs for producers, veterinarians and stockyard owners.

MDA's proposal is in response to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) February review of Michigan's TB eradication program. Producers will hear the discussion live and then have an opportunity to phone in questions at the end of the 2-hour program. Producers can also forward comments or questions to MDA's Animal Health Advisory Committee, charged with developing the state's TB eradication and surveillance program.

Experimental digester

An experimental manure digester has been developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The device turns animal waste into an almost odor free fertilizer, while generating electricity and hot water on the side. But right now, the equipment and technology is too expensive for most farmers to purchase.

The satellite conference is being coordinated by Michigan Farm Bureau and sponsored by MDA in cooperation with the departments of Community Health and Natural Resources, MSU Extension, USDA and the Michigan Farm Radio Network.

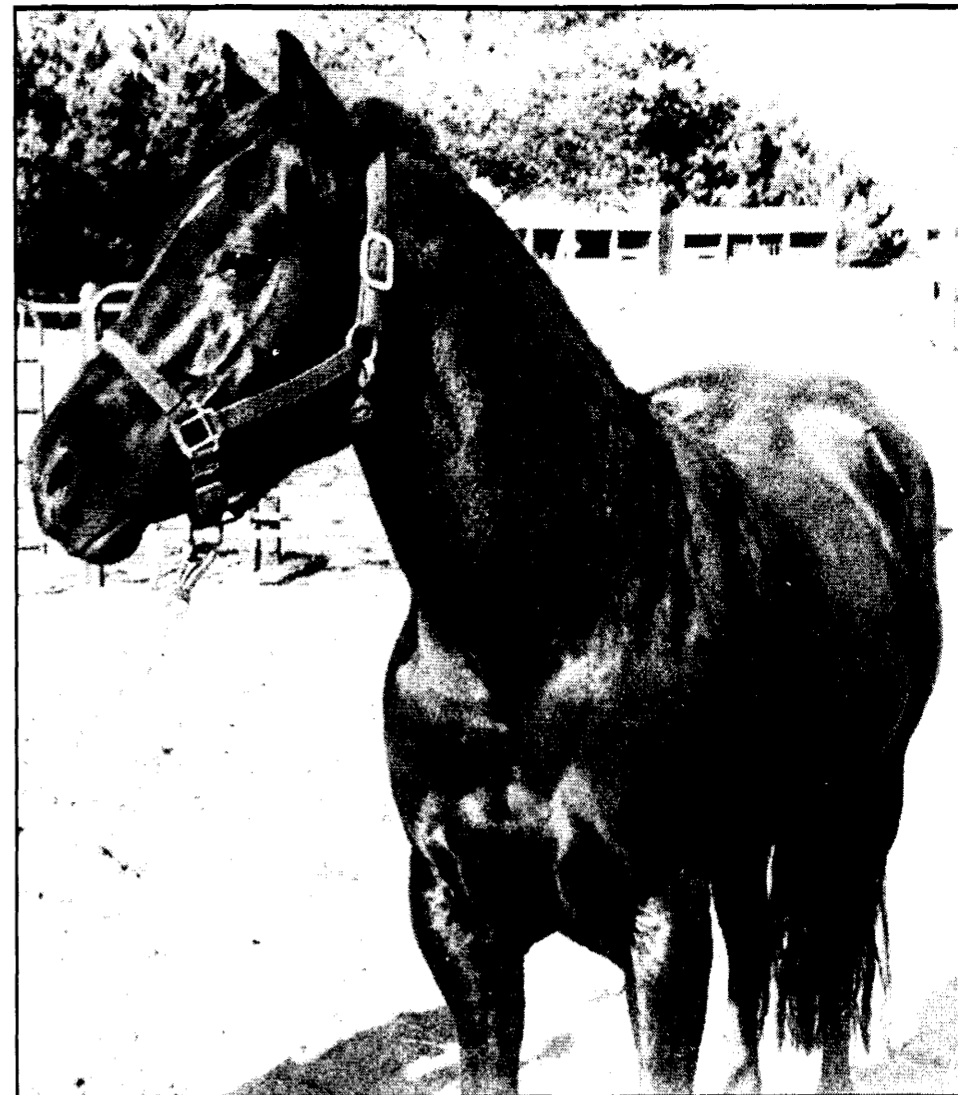
"The book on book TB eradications in Michigan is literally being rewritten," said Jack Laurie, Michigan Farm Bureau president and Tuscola County dairy farmer. "It's crucial Michigan livestock producers understand the TB surveillance proposal, and how it will ultimately impact their individual farm operations."

MDA will give a status report on TB-testing efforts in northern Michigan's domestic livestock, and MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine will provide an update on Michigan's proposed \$45 million Animal Health Diagnostics Laboratory.

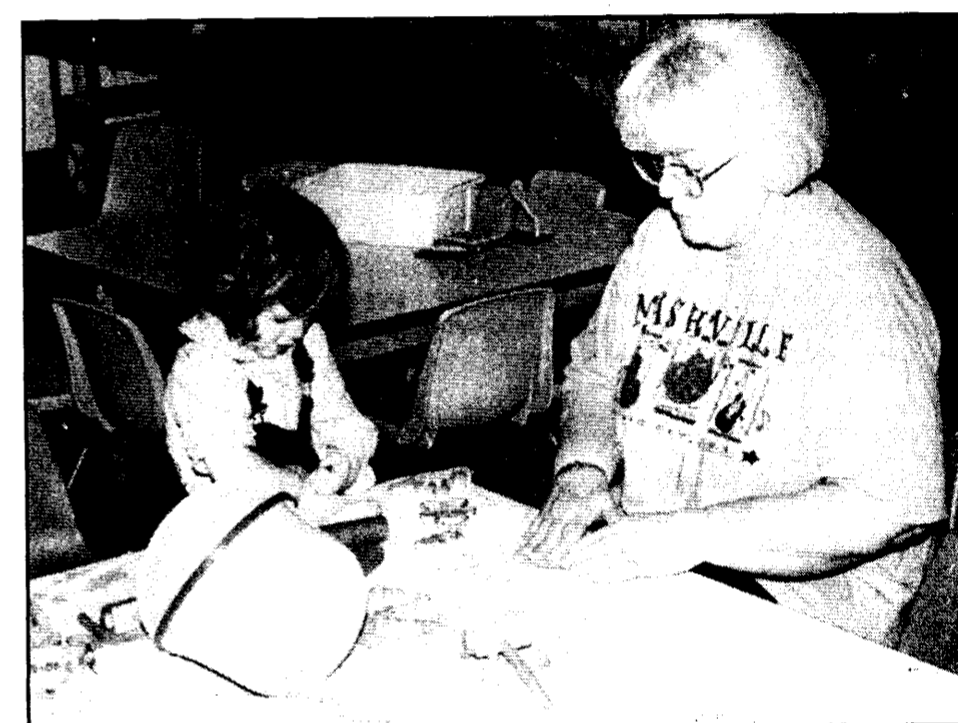
"As the state's TB program is expanded statewide, outreach efforts like this satellite conference are an important tool in ensuring collaboration and inclusiveness," said Dan Wyant, director of the MDA. "We greatly appreciate this opportunity to update Michigan producers with accurate information and get their input, so we can all be full partners in achieving the goal of eradicating bovine TB from livestock and wild deer herds."

Michigan Department of Natural Resources staff will also provide an update on the DNR's ongoing TB-testing program and TB-eradication action plan for the state's white-tailed deer herd.

For more information on viewing sites in your area, contact your county MSU Extension office or visit the Michigan Farm Bureau's Web site at www.michiganfarmbureau.com.



ASIDE FROM riding lessons, horse training and boarding, the Longuskis offer stud service by their AQHA registered black stallion, "Blacks Rhythm" (above).



JANICE HODACK, classroom aide, works with student Emily Mason at the Cass City Head Start Center.

Program helps children

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by income, and there is no tuition," Fent said. "However, we do encourage parents to volunteer" either at the center or by completing projects at home.

She added that volunteers play an important role because the Head Start staff totals just 3 people. Fent, Teacher Assistant Judy Sowden and Classroom Aide Janice Hodack.

Fent said Cass City Head Start consists of 2 programs: one based at the Head Start center located across from Cass City High School, and the other based in the home.

The home-based program targets the youngest children and involves a teacher visiting the home for 90 minutes each week, with the child attending the center program one day a week. The child can later make the transition to attending the center full time - half days Monday through Thursday.

"We can service 17 families in our center program and we can service 8 families in the home-based program," Fent noted.

Activities at the Head Start center range from woodworking, texture play and other hands-on projects to outdoor play and monthly field trips.

All children are screened before entering Head Start. The testing enables the staff to understand more about each child and his or her needs, as well as to determine if a child needs additional services, such as those

available through the intermediate school district. Fent said the screening enables the staff to better work individually with each child.

In addition, the staff maintains close ties with each family, meeting with them 4 times each year. Two of the meetings are conferences and the other 2 sessions are conducted in the home.

More information about Head Start is available by calling (517) 375-1016 or 872-3377.

Record year nets sweet production

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To date, the 2 MSC payments have pumped over \$75 million into Mid-Michigan's economy in the past 3 months. Two additional payments will be made over the next 5-months for the 1999 crop.

"Our growers brought in a record crop last fall and our employees have been working non-stop for the past 165 days converting the sugar beets into sugar," said Mark Fliegenheimer, president and CEO of Michigan Sugar Company. "Growers and employees alike deserve recognition for a job well done."

Richard Leach, executive vice president of the Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association, stated, "our growers commend Michigan Sugar Company and its employees for processing the largest crop ever with a minimum amount of loss. Growers and the company worked well together to make this happen."

"Growers are looking forward to another great sugar beet crop in 2000," said Leach. Michigan Sugar Company, maker of Pioneer Sugar, has factories in Carrollton, Caro, Crosswell and Sebawaing.



Barb Peters from TI Group Automotive, talks to Ivy Hiatt and Val Scasny at "The Road to Success" program held at the Cass City Middle School, March 28th.

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Helmets save lives for bike riders

Bicycle crashes with motor vehicles are too frequent in Michigan, but most accidents can be prevented by following simple safety guidelines, AAA Michigan says.

In 1998, more than 3,000 bicycles were involved in motor vehicle crashes, an increase of 6.9 percent from 1997. Twenty-seven bicyclists were killed and 2,510 injured. Children under age 16 accounted for 11 (40.7 percent) of the fatalities and 1,294 (52 percent) of the injuries. Males comprised 25 of the 27 bicyclists killed.

"Significantly, wearing bicycle helmets could have saved many lives," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Our data reveals that most people killed chose not to wear them. This is tragic since helmet use reduces the risk of serious head injury by 85 percent."

Safety must come first when bicycling, Basch says. Children especially need to be protected from their inability to assess risk. Parents should evaluate their bicycle skills and understanding of traffic to determine whether they can ride in the street.

Bicyclists of all ages can be "safety smart" by following these guidelines and avoiding common collisions with motor vehicles:

1) Always stop and look. Scan left-right-left for traffic before entering a roadway. The most frequent crash type for young riders occurs soon after the bicyclist enters the roadway from a driveway, alley, or curb without slowing, stopping, or looking for traffic. The bicyclist's sudden entry leaves the motorist too little time to avoid a collision.

2) Go with the flow. Always ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, just like cars do. It's the law. Motorists do not expect traffic to be approaching from the wrong direction. This creates a situation for a crash, which is the main reason why it is unlawful to ride facing traffic.

3) Avoid riding at night. Avoid dark conditions, narrow roads, and roads with highway speeds over 35 mph. Use reflectors, lights, and special clothing if you must ride at night.

4) Be predictable. Always ride in a straight line. When preparing to change your lane position, look behind you and yield to overtaking traffic. When making a turn, use the proper hand signal.

5) Obey all traffic signals and signs. Watch for traffic signals. Walk your bicycle across busy intersections.

SCD trees arriving in April

Trees and shrubs will be arriving mid-April, so place your order today.

The Tuscola Soil Conservation District still has the following species available: white pine, Austrian pine, Scotch pine, white spruce, Norway spruce, Colorado blue spruce, Douglas fir, and red osier dogwood, which is a shrub.

If you wish to establish a hardwood plantation, you may still order black walnut, sugar maple and Norway maple. The district is also offering Colorado blue spruce and Norway spruce super husky transplants and white cedar transplants for fast growing windbreaks.

Bird and butterfly packets contain the following items: butterfly bush, rose of Sharon, trumpet vine and Sousa dogwood.

The trees and shrubs may be planted for reforestation, windbreaks, Christmas trees, erosion control, restocking woodlots and wildlife habitat.

The district can help you determine which species is best suited for your soil and the amount you need for the area you want to plant. You may place your order at the Tuscola SCD office at 1075 Cleaver in Caro or phone (517) 673-8174 (ext. 3).

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



The Euchre Club met Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker. High prizes were won by Ronnie Gracey and Charlotte LaPeer. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Arnold LaPeer and Leonard Beulla. Mrs. Arnold LaPeer won the traveling prize. The next party will be held at the home of Charlotte LaPeer. The group had supper at Charming.

Jack Kennedy, Ed Schember, Allen Farrelly, Margaret Cook and Bea Sternberg met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Monday morning.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Bob and Jardine Zurek and Clarence and Leone Depcinski took Ray and Rita Depcinski to Bishop Airport in Flint March 13 where Ray and Rita left for a 2-week trip to visit Janet and Jerry Cummings, Janessa, James, Joey and Joshua at Fountain Hill, Ariz. while there they toured the country side and attended several ball games. They also went to Williams, Ariz., where they took a train ride through the Grand Canyon. Eugene Depcinski and friend Molly, and Bob and Jardine Zurek met Ray and Rita at Bishop Airport on their return home Monday.

Allen Farrelly attended the funeral of Marion Kolar at St. Ignatius Catholic Church Monday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Wright Saturday.

Jim and Kay Sweeney went to see the Barn Exhibit at the Cass City Library Tuesday.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly spent Monday afternoon with Cheryl Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tyrrell and family returned home from a 3-day vacation at the Holiday Inn at Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker and Mrs. Joe Watson were Sunday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski was a Saturday guest of Violet Holdwick at Harbor Beach and they attended the quilt show in Harbor Beach and also visited their aunt, Margaret Maurer, at Harbor Beach.

Ed Schember, Jack Kennedy, Auggie Renn, Allen Farrelly and Ron Wolschlagler met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. and family, Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming spent a few days at the Bob Cleland Sr. home.

Jim and Dorene Hagen, Nicholas and Jennifer came home Saturday after spending 10 days in Florida where they saw the Magical Kingdom, Sea World and Disney World.

Allen Farrelly visited Mark Salowitz, Lorraine Peters and Jean Smithers at Huron Memorial Hospital, Tuesday.

Mrs. Gerald Wills and Thelma Jackson were Friday supper guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Jim and Kay Sweeney had dinner with Phil and Cheryl Sweeney at Bad Axe Friday.

Bob Andersen Jr. of Canton was a Monday afternoon and overnight guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly attended the Ruth St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church fish fry Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Robinson, and Connie Robinson and son of Cass City, John Michalski of Deford and Kevin and Tracy Franzel and Evan were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson.

Eight members of the Traveling Breakfast club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe. They will meet at the same place next week.

Writers club sets meeting

The Thumb Area Writer's Club meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Sandusky High School, located at 191 Pine Tree, Sandusky, in room Number 259.

This month the meeting is Tuesday, April 11. Meetings commence at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend the meetings.

Be cautious

Be cautious when considering flavoring oil with garlic or other herbs from your garden. That can be risky, because letting the oil and herb mixture sit on your counter makes the container a breeding ground for bacteria. Flavoring vinegar, on the other hand, is safe because vinegar is acidic and not as hospitable to hazardous microorganisms.

Choose "Select Michigan" syrup

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant reminds Michigan residents that spring's rising temperatures signal another Michigan maple syrup season.

He and Michigan producers invite consumers to check labels and then "Select Michigan" syrup.

"Select Michigan" is a brand-identification program aimed at helping shoppers more easily identify Michigan grown, processed, or manufactured food products, Wyant said. "Some of the sweetest maple syrup in the nation comes from our state's producers. In fact, Michigan ranks eighth in maple syrup production nationwide."

From February to April each year, maple syrup producers collect thin, slightly sweet sap from sugar maple trees. Nearly 40 gallons of this sap are boiled down to produce one gallon of maple syrup. Above-freezing temperatures allow for maple sap to begin to flow from the roots to feed the branches. As temperatures rise and fall below freezing, sap will experience intermittent flow periods. Once the tree begins to bud, sap changes and the sugar bush season is over.

In addition to maple syrup's traditional use on pancakes and waffles, it is great as a sweet addition to cake frosting, maple baked beans, maple brown bread and maple glaze on meat dishes. For recipes and a list of Michigan maple syrup producers, check MDA's Select Michigan searchable database at www.mda.state.mi.us/selectmi.

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THE 2000 GIRLS' VARSITY TRACK team for Cass City High School. Front row, from left: Brandy Cooper, Aleasha Edwards, Jaime Fluegge, Paula Fluegge and Miranda Reeder. Second row: Jessica Tenbusch, Liza Volmering, Amanda Sullins, Nicole Drinkard, Michelle Kropewnicki, Crystal Martin and Kristen Edwards. Back row: Coach Scott Cuthrell, Estee LaFave, Ashley Ouvry, Holli Cooper, Lindsey Mills, Sara Homakie, Melissa Homakie, Jennifer Tenbusch, and Coach Jeff Schember.



CASS CITY 2000 BOYS' VARSITY TRACK team. Front row, from left: Jacob Piskowski, Clint Branch Drinkard, Matt Stoutenburg, Josh Windsor, Don Spencer, Tim Khoury and Scott Moore. Second row: Aaron Dorland, Tyler Harp, Michael Wark, Jeremy Schulz, Chris Morrish, Jeremy Weippert, Ryan Thornton and Cory Rickett. Back row: Coach Scott Cuthrell, Coach Jon Zdrojewski, Chris Ziehm, Jason Barrigar, Kyle O'Dell, Brad Ypma, Paul Balk, Noah Gould, Adam Dorland, Matt Perry, and Coach Jeff Schember.

NRA INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Two weeks ago, the latest attack was launched by the Clinton-Gore Administration in its orchestrated media campaign to shift focus away from its war record of prosecuting armed criminals. Clinton, Gore, and their media shills have been responding to remarks made by NRA Executive Vice President, Wayne LaPierre, last Sunday on ABC's "This Week" and to a series of NRA ads featuring President Charlton Heston questioning, point blank, the truthfulness of Bill Clinton when it comes to his statements on gun issues. The comment that drew the most fire from the Administration was Wayne's mention of the anti-gunners' use of tragic shooting to further promote their anti-gun political agenda. The media, which in the past has given NRA scant coverage at best, is now licking their chops to try to further prolong this debate. However, before we get too caught up in the media's attempt to transform these most important issues into a media circus, let's remember some facts:

Fact #1: It was President Clinton, who on the March 2 program of the "Today" show shamelessly blamed NRA and a lack of a mandatory trigger-lock law for the tragic shooting of Kayla Rolland in Michigan. Recall his quote: "They're (NRA) basically against anything that requires anybody to do anything as a member of society that helps to make it safer." It should be noted that the media's interest in this outrageous claim has not changed.

Fact #2: Time and again, when a high-profile criminal act or tragedy involving guns has occurred, this Administration's response has been to call for new "gun control" laws. While the President has repeatedly noted his desire to see a "gun control"-laden juvenile justice bill pass Congress, he only puts on the full-court lobbying blitz when there is a terrible tragedy in the news.

Fact #3: Last year, the U.S. Senate passed a gun-lock bill, but the President's anti-gun House allies killed it.

THE BIGGER QUESTION REMAINS - - WHERE ARE THE PROSECUTIONS?

While the media will continue with its games, what is interesting is that, despite numerous references by Clinton to his Brady Act having stopped "half a million....felons, fugitives or stalkers" from purchasing a handgun from a FFL (a clear violation of federal law if true), not one of the talking heads is asking the million dollar question - - the issue that Wayne has been raising, time and again on these programs, and will continue to do so - - where are the prosecutions? And, while Clinton will brush off discussion of his weak prosecution record with a statistic, which no one else can seem to verify, that prosecutions have risen, the fact still remains that Syracuse University's analysis of Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) data shows a 44% decrease in BATF-referred federal firearms prosecutions through 1998.

NRA has been deluged with calls of support by NRA members and non-members alike, lauding Wayne and Charlton Heston for raising these important issues. Mr. Heston's questioning of the Administration's policy of letting hundreds of thousands of criminals off without a slap on the wrist.

Make no mistake, this issue isn't going away.

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Hawks open season with win

Relay teams propel lady thinclads

Strength in the relay events propelled the Cass City Red Hawk girls' track squad to a win in the opening meet of the year held in Cass City. The Hawks ended with 95 points to edge the Vassar Vulcans, 93 points, and Imlay City, 59 points.

Veterans from last year's squad, headed by Jamie Fluegge, paced the win for the Hawks. Fluegge won the 100-meter dash in 13.18 and the 200-meter in 28.5. Lindsey Mills was another double winner for the Hawks. She won both distance events, the 1600-meter in 6:00.7 and the 3200-meter in 13:02.39. Sara Homakie won the 400-meter with a time of 1:02.75.

The Hawks won all 4 relays. The team posted a time of 11:26.28 in the 3200 and won the 800-meter with time of 1:57.80. The winning time in the 400-meter relay was 57.96 and in the 3,200 relay

the mark was 4:39.33. Vassar made a strong bid to win with an outstanding performance in the field events.

The Vulcans took 4 out of the 5 field events and also finished second in 4 of the 5 events.

Cass City plays at Marlette today (Wednesday) and competes at the Wildcat relays Friday in Mayville.

CASS CITY TRACK & FIELD			
Date	Site	Time	
April 5	Marlette	Away	4:00
7	Wildcat Relays	Away	4:00
10	Caro	Away	4:00
12	Reese Invite. (9/10 gr. only)	Away	4:00
14	USA Invite (Varsity only)	Away	4:00
25	Bad Axe	Away	4:00
29	Gavel Club Relays	Home	9:30
May 2	Ubyly	Away	4:00
3	USA (JV only)	Away	4:00
5	Vassar Invite	Away	4:30
9	Sandusky/Marlette	Home	4:00
13	Hatchet Invite	Away	9:30
16	League Invite	Home	4:00
20	Regionals	TBA	TBA
23	Huron Co. Meet of Champs	TBA	TBA
30	Caro Meet of Champs	Away	TBA
June 3	State Finals	TBA	TBA

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THE 2000 VARSITY SOFTBALL team at Cass City High School. Front row, from left: Kayla Wolschlager, Amy Russel, Katie Wood, Kayla Wentworth, Lindsey Gasczynski, Jessica Meeker and Danielle Guilds. Back row: Coach Dave Hoard, Becky Bulla, Deidre Deering, Manisha Raythatha, Elise Pasant, Katie Hacker and Coach Kenny Martin.



THE 2000 VARSITY BASEBALL team at Cass City High School. Front row, from left: Eric Brown, Randy Diebel, Matt Klein, Chad Wolschlager, Grant Gould, Kenichi Kurasawa, Roy Davis and Coach Chuck Wren. Back row: Luezn Dickson, Dave Sutter, Anthony Brinkman, Nick Anthony, Matt Frappart, Chris Hyatt, Travis Eyer and Nathan Brinkman.

Lady Hawks split twin bills

The Cass City Red Hawks softball team swung into action last week with a split in a pair of non-league double-headers. Coach Dave Hoard's charges lost twice to Vassar and took a pair from Owen-Gage.

Look for improvement as the season progresses, Hoard says. We are a young team. There are just 2 returning seniors that saw lots of action last year on the team. They are Lindsey Gasczynski and Katie Wood. Two other players returning are junior Katie Hacker and sophomore catcher Kayla Wentworth.

The Hawks this year will be looking for freshman Deidra Deering and sophomore Danielle Guilds to key the mound corps and Hoard has high hopes that they will show steady improvement as the season progresses. The pair replace Becky Dore, who was the mainstay of the team that finished 17-16 (4-6 in the conference) last season.

Other veterans lost include Kara Mellendorf, Nicolette Zawilinski, Marissa Sweeney and Brooke Ouvry. Hoard expects to have some challenging times as the team gains experience, but could surprise by the time tournaments come along.

outs. The Vulcans salted away the decision with a 4-run blast in the fourth.

Wood and Wentworth each had a pair of hits for Cass City.

In the first start of her career, Deering took the loss in a 7-4 decision in a 4-inning game. She allowed 3 hits, struck out 7 and walked 5. Emily Hazen pitched the win for Vassar.

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CASS CITY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Date	Site	Time
April 4 Kingston (Varsity only)	Home	4:00
6 Caro	Home	4:00
7 Marlette	Away	4:15
10 Deckerville	Home	4:15
13 Harbor Beach	Away	4:15
15 Tuscola Co. Tourney (Varsity)	Away	9:00
25 Lakers	Home	4:15
27 Bad Axe	Away	4:15
May 1 USA	Away	4:15
2 Cros-Lex	Home	4:15
4 Reese	Home	4:15
6 Tuscola Co. Tourney (JV)	Away	9:00
8 Bay City All Saints	Away	4:15
9 Whittemore-Prescott	Away	4:00
11 Sandusky	Away	4:15
15 Mayville	Home	4:15
18 Yale	Away	4:15
22 Akron-Fairgrove	Home	4:15
25 Brown City	Home	4:15
30 Frankenmuth	Away	4:00
June 2 Districts	Home	12:00

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Cable-ettes	21
Dott Manufacturing	19
Live Wires	19
J.B.'s Crew	18 1/2
Team # 7	18
Apria Healthcare	17
Wild John's	15

High Team Series: Cable-ettes 3038.
High Team Game: Team # 7 1057.
High Series: D. Sweeney 557, V. Patera 494, L. Kilbourn 474, M. Horne 486, B. Kilbourn 480, S. Hutchinson 477.
High Games: D. Sweeney 199, L. Kilbourn 182, C. Hill 197, V. Patera 181, B. Ware 189, S. Hutchinson 170, E. Romain 178, T. Avery 173, J. Stevens 170, B. Kilbourn 170.

MERCHANETTES
As of March 23

Osentoski Trucking	22
Caro Chiropractic	19 1/2
Hills & Dales	8 1/2
J.B.'s Crew	14 1/2
All Season Rent-All	13 1/5
Health Mart Pills	13
Thumb Auto Wash	12
Adamczyk Masonry	12
LaFave Steel	8
Detroit Edison	7

High Individual Games: C. Smith 229-190, J. Bemus 189.
High Individual Series: C. Smith 598, J. Lapp 508.
High Team Series & Game: Osentoski Trucking 1848 (674).

MERCHANETTES
As of March 30

Osentoski Trucking	24
Hills & Dales	22 1/5
Caro Chiropractic	21 1/5
J.B.'s Crew	18 1/5
All Season Rent-All	16 1/5
Adamczyk Masonry	15
Health Mart Pills	13
Thumb Auto Wash	12
LaFave Steel	9
Detroit Edison	8

High Individual Games: C. Brown 224, J. Morell 215, S. Hutchinson 213, M. Sieradzki 212, L. Hanson 204.
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Time to inspect landscape trees is here

Early spring, before trees leaf out, is a good time to inspect, repair or remove damaged or hazardous trees in your yard.
Inspecting landscape trees for hazards - including damage by snow or ice storms - and taking action to remove those hazards that can prevent property damage and possible injury later on, is the recommendation of the Michigan State University Horticulture Department. Broken branches are easy to spot while trees are still leafless. Branches dangling over power lines, structures, parking areas or walkways are obvious hazards that need to be removed for safety. For the sake of the tree, too, wounds need some attention.

Ragged branch stubs and torn bark can provide damaging insects and fungi an entry into healthy wood. Pruning these wounds promotes quick healing.
Prune damaged limbs back to undamaged wood using 3 cuts: the first made upward from the lower side of a branch, part way through; the second outside the first cut from above, all the way through, and the third to remove the branch stub. The first cut keeps the branch from splitting and tearing the stem or limb it's attached to as it falls. The second cut removes the limb, and the third eliminates the stub, a potential entryway for insects and disease organisms. "Contrary to popular belief, applying tar or a paint to the new cut is not necessary and may actually promote infection," states Angela Eichorn, Extension Agricultural Agent for MSU Extension - Huron County.
Repairs that can't be made from the ground should be left to professional tree services or utility companies, especially if the damaged tree is involved with power lines.
Less obvious than broken branches are trees weakened by internal rot or root rot. Large open wounds, poorly healed branch stubs, fruit bodies of fungi, open cracks, patches of dead bark, dead branches or top dieback, insect holes and trunk cavities are warning signs. What you need to do about them depends largely on the location of the tree.
An old, hollow hickory tree out in the middle of a field is a different situation than a big maple that overhangs one corner of your house. The hickory tree could fall without endangering anything, but if the maple goes down in a windstorm, it will damage your house and any vehicles parked beneath it, take out power lines and possibly injure someone.

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Board approves budget

Evergreen Township officials recently approved a reduced 2000-2001 budget during the township's annual meeting.

Township Clerk Arthur Severance said the new spending plan estimates revenue at \$150,871, including

a fund balance of about \$42,000. Revenue in last year's budget totaled \$248,020, according to the clerk, who pointed out that \$102,000 of the total was composed of money from a millage, a loan and savings to fund construction of a new

township hall. Expenditures in the coming year are set at \$96,500, with an estimated fund balance of \$54,000. Expenses in 1999-2000 totaled \$205,000, including \$123,000 set aside for the township hall construction and the purchase of hall furnishings.

Severance noted the terms of all township officials - Supervisor Audrey Leslie, Severance, Treasurer Wayne Whittaker and Trustees Ron Rockwell and Jim Brown - are expiring this year. Rockwell has announced he will not seek another 4-year term.

Individuals interested in running for township office in the August primary election must file nominating petitions with the clerk by Tuesday, May 16, at 4 p.m. Petitions may be picked up at the clerk's home.

MMPA honors 35-year members

Twenty-four MMPA members, including Jack Laurie of Cass City and Paul Cook of Uby, were recognized as 35-year members at the MMPA State Annual Delegate Meeting, held March 21.

MMPA President Elwood Kirkpatrick congratulated and praised the members for their dedication to the cooperative. "We commend you for your dedication and loyalty to MMPA and the dairy industry over the last 35 years," he said, as he awarded each member with a plaque.

Kirkpatrick also commented on the vast changes the Michigan dairy industry has undergone the past 35 years since these members began dairy farming.

In 1965 when these members joined MMPA, the average milk price was \$4.22 per hundredweight, in 1999 the average price was \$15.77 per hundredweight. The average producer shipped 299.197 pounds of milk in

1965 compared to the average shipment today of 1,511.779 pounds of milk.

Most notably, there were 10,049 MMPA members in 1965, today, MMPA, still the largest milk marketing cooperative based in Michigan, has 2,727 members, Kirkpatrick remarked.

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

Beginning at a point on the range line and West line of section 6 which is North 00 Degree 41 minutes 30 seconds East, 78.34 feet to the East 1/4 corner of section 36 and continuing along said West line of sections 6, North 00 Degree 31 minutes 15 seconds East, 409.93 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 6; thence continuing along said West line, North 00 31 minutes 15 seconds East 150.00 feet; thence right angle to said West line, South 89 degrees 28 minutes 45 seconds East, 212.00 feet; thence along the centerline of the Hutchinson drain, South 00 degrees 31 minutes 15 seconds West, 150.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 45 seconds West, 212.00 feet to the West line of section 6 and the point of beginning.

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

Commencing 30 rods East of the Northwest corner of Section 18; Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence South 106 2/3 rods; thence East 30 rods; thence North 106 2/3 rods; thence West 30 rods to the point of beginning. EXCEPT Commencing 30 rods East of the Northwest corner of Section 18, thence South 840 feet; thence West 80 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPTING AND RESERVING 50% of all right and title in and to oil, gas and other minerals with right of ingress and egress to the Federal Land Bank, its successors and assigns as set forth in Liber 237 of Deeds, page 562, and any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 12, 2000.

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

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, except the West 990 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 29, 2000

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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 Frankmuth 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 Frankmuth Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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

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

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

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

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

Commencing 18 rods, 7 1/2 feet West of the Northeast corner of Block 10, Village of Caro, thence South 8 rods, thence West 4 rods or to land formerly owned by Fred W. Richardson and wife, thence North 8 rods, thence East to place of beginning being part of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 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 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 8, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
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% 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 North 143.43 feet; to said east West Quarter line; thence South 87 degrees 50 minutes west 499.55 feet; to the point of beginning. Subject to the Right of Way for M-38 over the Northerly side thereof.

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

Dated: March 15, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 991112617
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 sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which

said premises are described as follows, to wit:

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning 660 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 13; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence East 132 feet to the point of beginning.
Tax No. 020 013 000 0250 00

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

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

DORT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Mortgage
2845 Davison Road
Post Office Box 1635
Flint, Michigan 48502

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

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 at 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

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF TUSCOLA

TIMOTHY A. BENDER Plaintiff,
vs.
ROY HARTMAN and DONNA HARTMAN Defendants.

Case No. 00-18582-CH

Jerry L. Walrath (P55658)
Attorney for Plaintiff
521 West Court Street
Flint, MI 48503
Ph. 810.238.6969

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF DEFAULT AND REQUEST FOR JUDGMENT

To the Defendants: On March 27, 2000, Default was entered in this cause of action for your failure to answer or otherwise defend against the complaint and Plaintiff requests Judgment Quoting Title to certain real property located in the Village of Akron, Township of Akron, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, to wit:

VILLAGE OF AKRON, ASSESSORS PLAT, BLOCK 14 LOT 15
Tax ID 79 31 500 114 0500 82
Commonly known as 4326 Beach St.

Formerly described as:
Commencing 48 rods west of the South East corner of the South West 1/4 of section 34, T14N R8E; thence North 10 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence East 4 rods to POB.

March 28, 2000

Jerry L. Walrath (P55658)
Attorney For Plaintiff

4-5-1

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 North 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% 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 28, 2000.

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

LAND SITUATED IN THE VILL

Obituaries

Stella Galubenski

Stella Galubenski, 73, of Harrison, formerly of Kingston, died Friday, March 31, 2000, at Mid Michigan Regional Medical Center, Midland.

She was born Dec. 4, 1926, in Clifford to Stanley and Anna (Wardzola) Koczwar. She married Frank B. Galubenski Aug. 16, 1947, in Clifford.

She worked as a press operator for Metal Craft in Marlette for 20 years. She was a member of St. Athanasius Catholic Church in Harrison and a former

member for many years of St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot.

Surviving are her husband, Frank; 5 children, Sharon (Daryl) Thorp of Remus, Cathie (Lyle) Curry of Kingston, Jackie Galubenski of Dallas, Texas, Barbara (Ed) Walkiewicz of Deford and Julie (Greg) Wenzlaff of Kingston; 8 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mary (Clayton) Fifield and Lucy Weaver, and 2 brothers, Walt (Pearl) Koczwar and Edward (Virginia) Koczwar.

She was preceded in death

by a grandson, Eddie Walkiewicz; 3 sisters, Josephine Koczwar, Jenny Koczwar and Irene Lanford, and a brother, Steve Koczwar.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 3, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot. Sr. Ruth Adamites officiated.

Interment was in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmot. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Kranz Funeral Home in Kingston was in charge of arrangements.

Eva Laming

Eva C. Laming, 94, of Argyle, died Wednesday morning, March 29, 2000, at Sanilac County Medical Care Facility in Sandusky.

She was born June 24, 1905, in Argyle, daughter of John and Ellen (McCarty) Langenburg. She married Melvin Laming July 22, 1924, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Port Huron. He died Feb. 19, 1988.

She was a graduate of Argyle Country School. She worked in Port Huron for

years before marriage, then with her husband on the farm.

She moved to Sanilac County in 1925 and to Argyle in 1942. She was a lifelong parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Argyle and a former member of the Altar Society. She was a member of the Argyle Senior Citizens Group.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Audrey Baumgart and her husband Robert of Clinton Township; Lois MacNeil and her husband Dr. Donald of Port Sanilac; a daughter-in-law, Helene Laming of Sandusky; a brother, Gus Langenburg of Bay City; a sister-in-law, Geraldine Laming of Cass City; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 infant children, Junior Joseph and Mary Ellen Laming, and 2 sons, Max and Jack Laming.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Argyle. The Rev. Anthony Wozniak, pastor, officiated. Burial was in St. Ignatius Cemetery in Freiburg.

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

Kimberly Neumann

Kimberly Denise Neumann, 30, of Unionville, died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at her home after a long illness.

She was born Oct. 30, 1969, in Saginaw to Dale and Arlene (Bolf) Neumann.

She graduated from Caro High School in 1988. She was a member of the Caro Moose Lodge, the Vassar F.O.E. #2380, and Harvest Baptist Church in Akron.

Surviving are a son, Christopher L. Tucker, at home; her mother, Arlene Neumann of Unionville; father, Dale Neumann of Tawas; 6 sisters, Debra (David) Petty of Unionville, Yvonne (Jon) Bedell of Caro, Michelle (Cliff) Green of Lupton, Vicky (Frank) Hall of Caro, CharLou (David) Bearinger of Caro and Heidi (Mark) Seddon of Caro; 2 brothers, Richard (Carolynn) Neumann of Caro and Mark (Kim) Neumann of Kingston; fiance, John Stadler of Vassar; Stadler's daughters, Becky and Jesse Stadler of Vassar; aunts, Bonnie Essex and Tammy Bolf, both of Saginaw, and Renee Bolf of Cass City; uncle, Johnny Bolf of Indiana, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Hazel and John Bolf and Margaret and John Neumann, and her aunt and uncle, Marie and Clarence Decker.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 31, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Don Miller of Harvest Baptist Church, Akron, officiating.

Interment was in Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Julia Sanchez

Julia Helen Sanchez, 81, of

Cass City, died Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born March 19, 1919, in Toledo, Ohio, to John and Mary (Gumbos) Sanders. She married Clarence Nordquist at the Novesta Church of Christ in 1943. She married Manuel Sanchez in Wakefield Dec. 31, 1950. He died May 30, 1982.

Surviving are a son, David (Peggy) Nordquist of Cass City; a daughter, Rosemary (Tom) Ryals of Homosassa Spring, Fla.; 3 granddaughters; 2 grandsons; one great-granddaughter; a son-in-law, Nelson Blair Coy of Clearwater, Fla.; 2 step-daughters, JoAnn (Chuck) Izdorek of Cass City and Edith (Eric) Wayman of Decker; a stepson, Roy Lee (Joan) Hull of Decker; dearest friend, Kurt Romisch of Sault Ste. Marie; a special nephew, Milton L. (Brenda) Phillips of Cass City, and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Margaret Gyetvay, Mary Horvath and Betty Phillips Springstead; a brother, John Sanders; special niece, Peggy Regnerus, and special friend, Charles Ray Hull.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 1, at Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Hospital Hospitality House of Saginaw.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

William Sweeney

William T. Sweeney, 85, of Sheridan Township, died Thursday, March 30, 2000, at his residence after a long illness.

He was born Jan. 28, 1915, in Ubly, son of Frank and Hannah (Nelson) Sweeney. He never married.

Sweeney was a graduate of the country school and a lifelong Sheridan farmer, retiring in 1998. He had wintered in Florida for 40 years. He was a former member of St. Columbkille Catholic Parish.

Surviving are a nephew, David Sweeney, and niece, Mrs. Jerry (Mary Beth) Heilig, and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Matthew, Malcomb and David Sweeney, and 5 sisters, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" McCarty, Frances Amanda Sweeney, Sue Young, Isabell McIntosh and Hannah Milliken.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, April 3, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church. The Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in the parish cemetery.

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

Mildred Van Horn

Mildred E. Van Horn, 93, of Kingston, died Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at Marlette Community Hospital, Marlette.

ating.

Interment was in Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston Wesleyan Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Richard Wright

Richard Henry Wright, 67, of Deford, died suddenly Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born Aug. 10, 1932, in Brown City to Charles A. and Elizabeth (Aune) Wright. His first wife, the former Patricia Gruber of Cass City, died Sept. 30, 1985. He married Janet Klinkman McGuire Sept. 6, 1986.

He served in the U.S. Army in Korea in the 1950's, was employed by Walbro and worked at General Motors as an electrician.

Surviving are his wife, Janet; children, Rodney (Daneen) Wright of Cass City, Sherri (Werner) Schulz Jr. of Sebawaing, Dale (Arlene) Wright of Cass City

and Irene (Tom) Holtslander of Alaska; brothers and sisters, Charles (Geraldine) Wright of Lincoln Park, Gladys Jones of Houston, Texas, Sharon Guinther of Caro, Dalbert (Nancy) Wright of Cass City, John (Louise) Wright of Cass City, Darlene Peters of St. Louis, Katherine (Robert) McPhail of Cass City, Carol (William) Benjamin of Woodlawn, Tenn., and Phillip (Shirley) Wright of Clarksville, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Laura Mannarino, and 2 brothers, James and Robert Wright.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 2, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. M. Louise Wright of First Spiritual Church of Bay City officiating. Military service was under the direction of Cass City VFW Post 3644.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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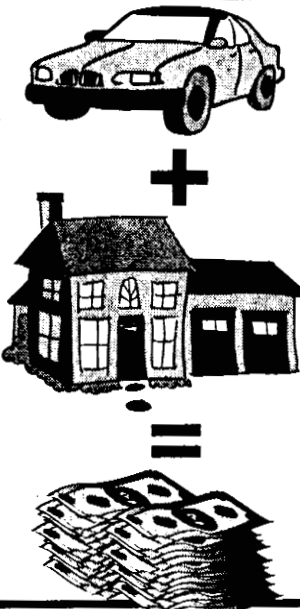
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World Atlas, 1894 Sanilac Co. Atlas
Old ledgers including one from 1850s
Old newspapers
Large quantity of sheet music
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Some children's toys including German doll in need of repair, games, puzzles, wicker doll buggy needs repairs, child's roll top desk - rough, etc.
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Many others

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Several wooden planes
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Copper boiler
Clipper No. 2 fanning mill
Others

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Entertainment center w/glass doors
Sony record & cassette player
Large quantity cassettes & videos - many unused
Several beds including metal ones
Dining table, china cabinet, buffet
Round kitchen table & chairs
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12 join O-G NHS chapter

The Owendale-Gagetown Chapter of the National Honor Society recently held a formal induction ceremony for 12 new members.

The ceremony was held in

Spring story hour scheduled

Spring pre-school story hour is slated for 10:00 a.m., Thursdays, April 20, 27, May 4 and 11, this year at Rawson Memorial Library. Children age 3 through 5, but not yet in kindergarten, are invited to attend. Each week staff members will read and tell stories and the children will make a craft to take home. Children attending April 20 will receive a blue spruce seedling from the Cass City Garden Club.

This program provides an opportunity for children to develop listening skills, learn to love books and reading and interact with others in their age group. During the last session children will be introduced to the summer reading program and learn how they may participate. There is no charge for this program, but children must be pre-registered. Registration begins April 10 at the library.

the Owendale-Gagetown High School cafeteria. Current chapter members performed the candle lighting ceremony and pinning of new members. Chapter advisor Connie Sutter shared some of the many activities that NHS members are involved in at Owen-Gage such as school and community service projects.

Following the ceremony, refreshments were served to the many parents and supporters who were in attendance.

The new members are: Ashley Adams, Dawn Enderle, Joshua Errer, Zachary Fritz, Becky Hartman, Nathan Kain, Jared Kovach, Earl McKee, Dale Minkler, Donald Perdue, Crystal Pillsbury and Corbin Swiastyn.

They join current members: Seniors - Derek Howard, Melanie Lemanski, Kristen Mandich, Theresa Richmond, Cassie Vargo and Andrea Ziehm; Juniors - Cory Fritz, Danielle Fritz, Ryan Fritz, Amanda Howey, Kendall Kretschmer, Stefanie Lowry, Shane Mellendorf, Thomas Minkler, Matthew Rogers, Jenna Root, Erin Salcido, Nicholas Warack and Melissa Ziehm.

This is one of the larger memberships that the Owen-Gage NHS Chapter has seen in recent years.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Fire leveled a barn at the Shirley Russell farm Sunday morning northwest of Cass City, but area fire fighters saved an adjacent structure. Damage was estimated at \$8,000.

Linda Yost of Deford recently earned an award for logging 1,000 hours on horseback in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. Yost has been active in the Thumb Draft Horse Association's annual wagon trains, and she's been on a couple of trail rides in Missouri.

Vandals spray painted obscenities and gang symbols at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City over the weekend.

The State of Emergency declared Feb. 28 at the Tuscola County Jail due to overcrowding was expected to be cancelled early this week. In all, 35 inmates have been released early as a result of the emergency.

Residents of the Tendercare nursing home in Cass City enjoyed a St. Patrick's party, complete with green beer, pretzels and green popcorn and cookies. They also hosted a Scottish bagpiper dressed in his kilt.

10 YEARS AGO

A lawsuit against the

Tuscola County Road Commission that initially ended in a \$12 million award to a Mayville woman and her daughter concluded Friday in a \$700,000 out-of-court settlement.

Stephanie Humpert, 7, of Cass City, recently received the prizes, which included a Nintendo Game System, she earned by selling more boxes of Girl Scout cookies than any other scout in Tuscola County. She sold 667 boxes.

Ugly Community Schools' officials recently named Melissa Engel as valedictorian and Becky Mazure as salutatorian of the Ugly High School Class of 1990.

Agnes Gruber of Cass City has been selected as the Outstanding Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary member of 1989 for the state of Michigan. She was chosen from Michigan's 136 units, which were asked to nominate one or more members for the award. Gruber, who currently is treasurer-adjuvant of DAVA No. 50, Caro, has been a member of the organization for nearly 26 years.

"Latent Image," the student photography club of Saginaw Valley University, has announced the winners of its first annual photography competition. First place honors went to Ben Johnson, a Cass City senior majoring in English, for his hand-colored photograph titled "Never Say Never."

25 YEARS AGO

A Marlette area man was kidnapped and robbed late Friday night after he stopped to pick up a hitchhiker on M-46 west of Kingston. The victim was placed in the trunk of his car but managed to remove the trunk lock with tools he carried in a toolbox in the trunk. He jumped from the trunk when the car stopped for a traffic signal in Marlette.

Sale of beer and wine became legal in Deford last week for the first time in over 35 years when the State Liquor Control Commission approved a request for a license by Frank Kulling, owner of the Deford Country Store.

Dr. Efreim Dizon, M.D., announced this week that he will stay in Cass City, following word that he has obtained medical malpractice insurance.

Mrs. Elton Willis is wearing a cast on her right leg because of a broken ankle sustained March 17 in an auto accident on M-25 when Mr. and Mrs. Willis were en route home from Bay City. The collision with another car sent both Mr. and Mrs. Willis to Mercy Hospital in Bay City. The Willis car, driven by Mrs. Willis, was completely destroyed.

Hills and Dales Medical Center Inc. has reached a milestone this week when it was learned the corporation does not anticipate the need to sell any more stock. To

date, the corporation has sold 1,205 shares of capital stock valued at \$100 per share.

35 YEARS AGO

Requests to dedicate a 4,000 acre plot of land southeast of Cass City as the Cass City Game Area and to approve the purchase of the first 120 acres is to go to the state Conservation Commission sometime Thursday.

In a surprisingly heavy vote Monday, James P. Churchill of Vassar overwhelmed Robert L. Taylor to win election as Circuit Judge of the 40th judicial district of Tuscola and Lapeer counties. The special election was to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge C.T. Quinn, who moved up to the Court of Appeals.

Vern McConnell and Arthur Little of Cass City, American Legionnaires, received cards signifying their 45th years as members of the American Legion, in ceremonies held Saturday night at the Tri-County Legion hall.

Joe Riley has a copy of the New York Herald that is 100 years old. It features a story of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The paper was discovered at the home of relatives at Lancaster, Ohio, where Riley visited recently.

Gordon MacKenzie, general sales manager of the Ford division of Ford Motor Company, will be the featured speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday. Tickets may be purchased for \$2.50 from any board member.

Crop walk May 6

A Thumb area CROP Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, to raise money to provide food for hungry people throughout the world.

Coordinated by the Kingston, Cass City and Heritage United Methodist Churches, in conjunction with Church World Services, anyone willing to contribute a couple of hours and walk for the hungry is welcome and encouraged to participate.

The CROP Walk will take place at the Cass City park and will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. Two courses will be used for walkers, one a 5K and the other approximately one mile.

The goal of the Thumb Area CROP Walk is to raise \$5,000 for the food program. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will come back to the Thumb and will be distributed to local food banks.

For more information, call the Reverend Margaret Passenger at 683-2922, Phil Rice at 872-3422, or Mary Laub at 810-672-9101.



A message from the Human Development Commission regarding articles in the Tuscola County Advertiser:

During the past few months, the *Tuscola County Advertiser* has printed a number of statements about the Human Development Commission and Cass River Construction. Many of these statements could only rightly be called **allegations, innuendoes, inferences, or, simply, untruths.** We believe they are part of a historical pattern of mistrust cast by *The Advertiser* toward HDC and Cass River Construction. Please read on, then judge these issues for yourself.

On October 30, 1999, *Advertiser* Publisher Brett McLaughlin says in his personal column: "...I'm going to talk about appearances now, and I really don't care about the whys and wherefores behind them...the question arises as to how bonafide contractors are expected to compete with a firm (Cass River Construction) that has its back scratched by a non-profit agency (HDC) that accepts state and federal grant funds by the bucket-fuls (sic)." There is a strong innuendo here that Cass River Construction is **NOT** a bona fide contractor, and that it does not compete fairly with other private contractors. There is also the inference that, because HDC "scratches the back of Cass River Construction", somehow the relationship between the two must be improper and a source of unfair competitive advantage. Local builder William Campbell, in a November 10, 1999 letter to the editor in the *Advertiser*, says that "...even the politicians do not want to get involved because of the connection to HDC. You don't mess with the poor and the elderly, especially when the business in question is operated by two minorities." He goes on to say that this is an example of "a bad situation when our tax dollars are being used against us."

In a February 26, 2000 news article, *Advertiser* staff writer Mary Drier states flatly that [HDC Executive Director Mary Ann] "Vandermark (sic) and LeeRoy Clark own Cass River Construction." In the same article, builder Campbell also states: "It's my feeling there is a definite conflict of interest there. Mary Ann Vandermark (sic) and LeeRoy Clark are the owners of Cass River Construction."

FACT: Mrs. Vandemark and Mr. Clark do NOT own Cass River Construction or HDC (which the *Advertiser* acknowledges back on page A-8 March 29). **FACT:** HDC is a private, 501 (c) (3) organization, subject neither to the Open Meetings Act nor the Freedom of Information Act. **FACT:** Ownership is vested in the complete Board of Directors of HDC. It is patently illegal for anyone to profit from the organization's operation. **FACT:** Cass River Construction is part of a for-profit subsidiary of HDC, formed in 1991 to provide jobs, job-training, and

other products and services. **FACT:** Mrs. Vandemark is an employee of HDC; Mr. Clark is the voluntary chairperson.

While Cass River Construction is a free-standing company (and has been so since 1991), it **DOES** enjoy some benefits derived from its parent corporation, in much the same way, for example, that a radio station might enjoy from a parent corporation which also owns a newspaper and a printing plant. In neither case is there anything illegal, immoral, or even improper about the arrangement.

Now, "back-scratching" wouldn't go very far at HDC, with funding sources, government monitors, independent auditors, and many others all keeping a very close eye on us. If there were ever any evidence of "our tax dollars being used against us", it would have been uncovered long ago by one or more of these sources. This has **NEVER** happened here.

Regarding the Simpson home in rural Caro, we can only say that HDC made every effort to meet the demands of the homeowners. The **FACT** is that the Simpsons would not allow entry to contractors to complete their work. The litigation they've initiated prevents us from commenting further.

As for the Devine home, staff writer Mary Drier said in her March 4 *Advertiser* article that: "This is the second time in as many months that concerns have been raised about the workmanship of HDC and/or Cass River Construction." **FACT:** Cass River Construction had absolutely **NOTHING** to do with the Devine home. HDC used other subcontractors here, as it often does (in 1999, in fact, HDC routed nearly \$750,000 to private contractors). Headlines on the *Advertiser's* March 29 article say "HDC home inspection canceled due to presence of witnesses". **FACT:** the "witnesses" were *Advertiser* Staff writer Mary Drier and Wm. Campbell. **FACT:** there was no "inspection" scheduled, since that is a specific series of tasks performed by a licensed specialist. **FACT:** the walk-through visit was not canceled by HDC. It was postponed until a meeting between the Agency and its customer could be arranged in private. **FACT:** HDC always seeks to protect customer confidentiality, and this policy will not change.

We commend the *Advertiser* for printing its second story on March 29 ("HDC, newspaper meet"). However, they omitted a couple of things...**FACT:** the Human Development Commission initiated this meeting. **FACT:** HDC asked *Advertiser* representatives several questions, too, including this one: "What is it you're looking for?" Their reply was: "Answers". We hope they print these answers soon, and that they will be truthful.



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MICHIGAN representatives to the National Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C., were (seated, left to right) Diane Morley and Abby Gordon, (second row, left) Jan Bokemeier, Manny Gonzalez, Ira Dixon, Faye Adam, Susan Kelly, Carol Keaton-Dixon, Arlen Leholm, (third row, left) Richard Kotulak, Loraine Becker, Ralph Wilcox, Jim Goodheart and William Anderson.

Snover resident attends seminar

Members of the Michigan State University Extension and Experiment Station Council recently took part in the National Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C. The seminar, sponsored by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), provided learning and networking opportunities for more than 300 participants from 28 states. Participants learned about

partnering and collaboration strategies that are being implemented across the nation. They also learned how to represent their university with public officials, and they heard budget and legislative perspectives for land-grant universities.

While in Washington, the Michigan representatives met with members of Michigan's congressional delegation to solidify their support for federal Extension

and Experiment Station programs.

MSU representatives included Faye Adam of Snover.

They were accompanied by Abby Gordon, an MSU student from Saline; Arlen Leholm, MSU Extension director; Janet Bokemeier, Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station assistant director, and Kathryn Foerster, state council coordinator.

Wise choice key now

High oil prices hitting agriculture industry hard

Good management and wise business decisions have never been more important in production agriculture than they are today. U.S. producers are facing some of the lowest commodity prices in a decade and now considerably higher fuel costs for at least the next growing season.

Agricultural production in the United States is very energy-intensive, and America's farmers are now having to swallow yet another cost that cannot be passed on to the consumer, explained Bob Boehm, Michigan Farm Bureau commodity and marketing department manager.

Last year, U.S. farmers spent about \$6.5 billion for fuel and oil, according to Terry Francel, a senior economist with the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF). If fuel prices remain at current levels, he said, the cost will increase to \$8 billion this year.

The increase in crude oil prices will have 2 impacts on farmers' production costs. The first, almost immediate, is the higher cost of diesel fuel, gasoline and oils utilized on the farm. Last year the average annual price of West Texas intermediate crude oil was about \$19 per barrel. At that level, farmers' costs for petroleum fuels and oils was \$6.4 billion. For ev-

ery \$3-per-barrel increase in the cost of crude oil, the cost for petroleum fuels and oils to farmers is estimated at \$1 billion, according to AFBF. Therefore, if crude oil prices average \$28 per barrel in 2000, it would increase the cost to farmers by about \$3 billion, a 47 percent increase.

And it's not just the fuel that runs the tractor. Fuel and oil costs account for 30 percent of the typical farm's energy bill, but the remaining 70 percent lies hidden in the prices of manufactured inputs, such as fertilizer and pesticides.

For fertilizers, natural gas typically accounts for about 75 percent of the cash costs of manufacturing anhydrous ammonia, a basic feedstock for all nitrogen fertilizer products. Energy accounts for half or more of the underlying cash production costs for nearly all of the other manufactured inputs.

While the current supply-and-demand situation for such things as fertilizer will override or mask the impact of higher energy costs in the short-term the next 3 to 6 months if crude oil prices continue near current levels, the prices of competing energy products will also begin to rise. As manufacturers and dealers begin replacing the inventories of fertilizers and pesticides utilized in spring, most of which are stored in

warehouses or are in the process of being shipped, upward cost pressures will be exerted. This may add up to \$500 million in extra fertilizer costs the latter half of the year and up to \$300 million in higher pesticide costs.

If the current level of crude oil prices is carried into the next year, the cost of petroleum fuel and oils to farmers would remain essentially the same. However, fertilizers and pesticide costs will probably increase an additional \$2 billion to \$3 billion in 2001 as the cost of competing energy sources rises.

AFBF estimates that producer costs will probably increase \$10-15 per acre for crops like corn and cotton, while soybeans and wheat production costs stand to increase \$5-10 per acre.

Unfortunately, farmers have virtually no ability to pass higher costs on to those who buy their crops, Boehm explains. This means the higher energy costs will come directly out of the farmer's pocket and off the bottom line. Consequently, net cash income, which is already under duress due to lower crop prices, will be reduced even further. Net cash income to farmers, estimated by the USDA to be \$59 billion in 1999, is projected to decline to just under \$50 billion in 2000.



THEY'RE NO lunkers, but these young steelhead caught by Brandon Montgomery (left) and Josh Hinds brought smiles to the youngsters' faces. The pair were fishing just east of Harbor Beach Saturday morning with their fathers, Tom Montgomery, Cass City, and Dave Hinds, Birch Run.

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Delay storage facility plans

Christine White, USDA- executive director, recently Farm Service Agency state cautioned producers not to

begin construction of on-farm crop storage facilities in anticipation of the Farm Service Agency program that will offer financial assistance for such facilities.

"Producers should be aware that if they begin storage facility construction before the program is in place, they probably won't be eligible to participate," White said.

"We will be required to assume that farmers and ranchers who can afford to start building on-farm storage facilities without USDA assistance now, have the resources to finish the job, and don't really need the federal government's help for these facilities."

The Farm Service Agency has announced that formal rules for implementing a Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFLP) are currently being drafted. The FSFLP will offer producers financial assistance for the purchase of modern grain storage and drying equipment. It is the intent of the program to provide marketing alternatives for producers who, due to a lack of storage space, may be forced to

sell their grain during times of historically low commodity prices.

"In the past, many farmers have been unable to deliver crops for storage at harvest because commercial facilities were at capacity," White said. "The result was that producers were forced to sell when markets were at their lowest point in the year. On-farm storage will allow the producers to make better business decisions when it comes to timing the market."

In addition, it will enable producers to keep crops segregated to enhance their marketing options."

"A word of caution is needed for those who are nervously awaiting the roll out of this storage facility program," White said. "While we anticipate the announcement of the program in the near future, producers should be warned that any action prior to the publishing of the rule authorizing the program, may affect the producer's eligibility."

"Any preparatory work like excavation, foundations, or purchase orders prior to the official announcement of the program's availability, may render producers ineligible for the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program."

Safety grant awarded

For the second year, the Tuscola County Health Department has been awarded a Fire Prevention grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The purpose of this grant is to reduce fire mortality rates through the increased prevalence of functioning smoke alarms. During the first year of the grant, officials successfully installed over 1,200 alarms in the targeted areas of Caro, Mayville and Fairgrove.

The first goal for the upcoming year will be to complete the follow-up on the installed smoke alarms.

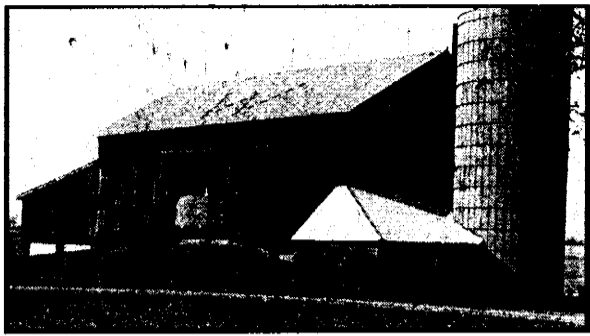
The second goal is to award a new target fire district area with 50 smoke alarms.

The third and final goal is to encourage the other existing fire districts in Tuscola County to take part in a smoke alarm installation program. Discussions are underway now with these fire districts.

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 - Located in Elmwood Township, this barn is familiar to motorists heading west from Cass City.

Answer to March 29 Mystery Barn - The Battel Sugar Shanty.

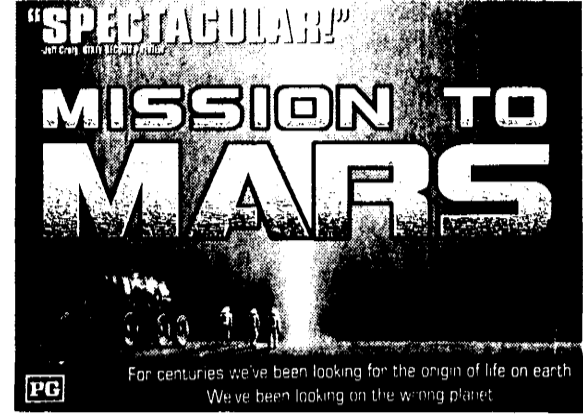
George Battel claimed a tract of land on Daus Road in 1882, just a year after the great fire. He found a rare spot the flames had left untouched. George had to clear most of his new ground to farm but left one corner of hardwood, mostly sugar maples, intact. George taught his son Hohn how to tap the majestic maple trees, then boil the sap into syrup. John passed the knowledge on to son Art, who taught his son Mark the art. Bob Battel, the 5th generation continues the tradition.

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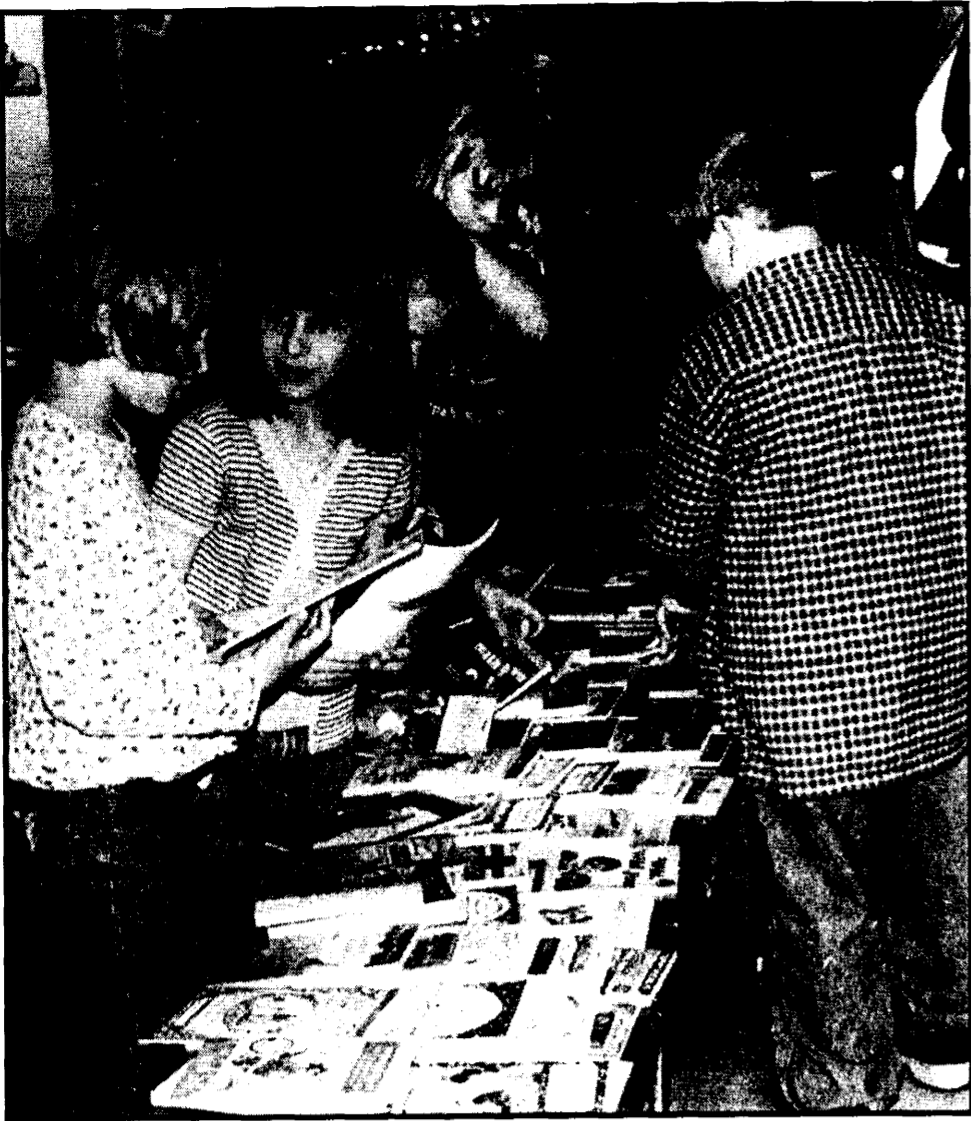
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Long-term care focus of meets

The Human Development Commission (HDC) recently announced it will host a series of informational meetings to discuss long-term care financing and alternatives to nursing home care. The sessions are scheduled for April 5 in Caro, April 13 in Bad Axe, and April 14 in Sandusky, and will be held at HDC Senior Dining Centers in those locations. Each will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Co-sponsored by Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program, Region VII Area Agency on Aging, and A & D Home Health, the sessions will provide a wealth of information for those who attend. Topics will include: Medicare and Medicaid coverages, rules and eligibility; asset protection; a discussion of the myths regarding long-term care financing, and the Home and Community-based Services Waiver Program that provides for the alternative of in-home care for the elderly and the disabled.

These sessions are ideal for people who are facing the issues involved in long-term care now or in the future. They provide an opportunity to plan ahead, and to learn more about what is available to help families cope with those issues. Persons who would like to remain for lunch at the HDC Dining Centers involved may do so by reserving one day in advance (Caro: 517-673-4121; Bad Axe: 517-269-9901; Sandusky: 810-648-4497). Those who are 60 or older may dine for \$1.75. Younger people are also welcome, and their lunch will be \$5.

The Bad Axe Dining Center is located at 46 Westland Drive; Caro is at 429 Montague Avenue; Sandusky is 239 Roberts Street, in the Eastside Manor.

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Scholarships available to survivors

College scholarships for young cancer survivors are now available for the fall 2000 school year. A special program of the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division Inc., scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to a qualified group of young cancer survivors in Indiana and Michigan to help them achieve their goals of higher education. Applications for this year's grants will be accepted through 5 p.m. April 14.

The scholarships, for undergraduate degrees at any accredited Michigan or Indiana college or university, will be awarded based on need to qualified Michigan and Indiana residents who have had a diagnosis of cancer before the age of 21. Applicants must also be under 21 at the time of application.

A volunteer committee with representatives from both states will award the scholarships after review of the student's financial needs, academic performance, community service and leadership qualities. The grants are for one year only, but may be renewed upon reapplication and approval by the Scholarship Committee.

Applications must be submitted to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan 48906. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation, a 500-word essay, a copy of academic grades 9-12, SAT and/or ACT scores, and financial information.

To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at 1-800-723-0360.

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Worship Service
11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service
6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Wm. Bixler
5-12-22-52

CASS CITY GUN Club Fish Fry, April 8, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. \$6 donation. 5-3-29-2

Hunter Safety
Cass City Gun Club
April 13-14-15
Thursday, April 13
6 p.m.-7 p.m. registration
7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. class
Friday, April 14
7-10 p.m. class
Saturday, April 15
8 a.m.-1 p.m. class
\$3 fee
Bring Social Security Number to registration.
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10-3, Lunch, 11-2
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A SPECIAL THANKS to Dr. Jeung who did my surgery. Also to Dr. Ray for being there. Also to Hills and Dales Hospital nurses staff for taking such good care of me during my stay. You all did a great job. Also to my family for the great support I received. Thank you for the flowers, gifts and phone calls. You will always be remembered. Catherine Davidson. 13-4-5-1

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ERIKA Karavas is among a host of Cass City Middle School students who plan to share their talents during Friday's variety show.

Washington trip fund raiser

Students to showcase talent in variety show

Area residents are invited to a variety show that promises plenty of entertainment as well as an opportunity to help fund an annual trip to Washington, D.C., for local eighth grade students.

One of the final fund raising events of the year, the "Good Stuff's in the Middle Variety Show" is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. in the Cass City Middle School gym. Admission will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. "The show is not a competition, it is a showcase of the wonderfully talented students in the school," event organizer Renee Mallory said. "The entire event, from flyer and program designs to advertising to ushering and clean-up will all be done by the students."

Mallory noted the show will kick off with the National Anthem.

"It was of vital importance to (late middle school teacher) Mrs. Kally Maharg that all eighth grade students learn and know the words

and meaning to the Star Spangled Banner. In memory of her, Mr. Ryan Walker has continued the tradition," she said.

The show will feature about 25 acts, including piano solos, dance routines, dramatic readings, vocal solos, instrumentals, comedy and more. The event will end with refreshments in the cafeteria.

"The students wanted to end their fund raising with some entertainment as a way to say thank you to everyone who has supported them this year," Mallory added.

The annual Washington, D.C., trip offers Cass City

eighth grade students an opportunity to become familiar with their nation's capitol.

The students will leave in June for the 4-day trip, which begins with a stop in Gettysburg. They will visit the U.S. Capitol Building, Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Holocaust Memorial Museum and many other historical sites that tie into the students' social studies curriculum.

In order to defray the cost of the trip, students and parents alike have been busy with fund raising projects throughout the year.

Letter to the editor

Gun rights will be a memory if you don't stand up now

Memories

By now most of us have long since cleaned and oiled our favorite rifle or shotgun and put it away for another year. We have fond memories of days spent at camp or afield with family and good friends. Those memories are safely tucked away in the backs of our minds, and we look forward with eager anticipation to next season.

I'm sorry to interrupt your daydream but there is a very real threat facing us, one which most gun owners and sportsmen fail to take seri-

ously. Never in the history of our nation have we been closer to losing our constitutional freedoms than we are right now. If you are not doing your part to correct the problem, you are instead, part of the problem!

The National Rifle Association (NRA) said it very clearly, "When guns are outlawed and taken away, the people will say, 'Where was the NRA?' And the NRA will say, 'Where were you?'"

What you decide to do today will have lasting consequences for tomorrow. Instead of taking your favorite gun off the rack next season to go hunting, you may be forced to take it off the rack to hand it over to a federal agent standing at your door. I urge you to join the NRA or any pro-gun, pro-constitution organization of your choosing.

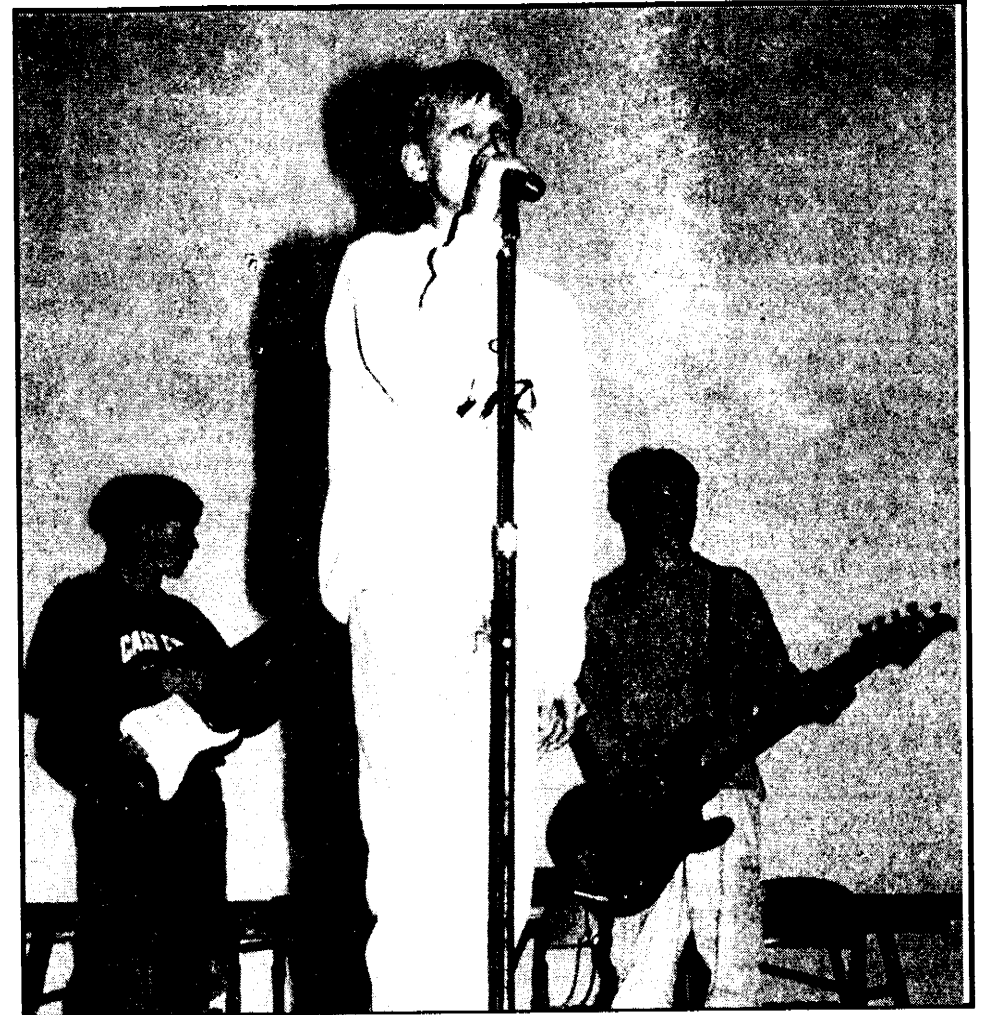
Most importantly, if you are not registered to vote, REGISTER TODAY! Next, learn all you can before the upcoming election this fall. Inform yourself about the threats to your constitutional freedoms. Know where your elected officials stand on these issues. (The NRA web site <www.nra.org> is an excellent source for this information. Or call the NRA Institute for Legislative Action 1-800-392-8683). Then, by all means, VOTE! Your vote only counts when you use it. We must, and will, vote these anti-gun politicians out of office.

I'm sure that this past Christmas many of you bought your child or grandchild their first gun and are looking forward to spending many days afield with them. I urge you also to give them a membership in the NRA. If you want to pass on your hunting and shooting heritage, and your constitutional freedoms as they were passed down to you, it is imperative that you act now.

We are all familiar with the Army recruitment posters with the picture of Uncle Sam pointing his finger with the words "I Want You." Today that finger is pointing directly at YOU. Your constitutional freedoms are hanging in the balance. Which way they will tip tomorrow depends on what you do today.

If you fail to do everything you can to stop this growing anti-gun threat, your hunting and shooting heritage may soon be nothing more than a memory. Regardless whether you hunt or own a firearm, by your failure to act, all your constitutional freedoms are endangered. If you choose to do nothing but bury your head in the sand and hope the threat goes away, I hope that you stored away lots of memories. They surely will be all that you have left, and all that you rightfully deserve. The choice is yours.

Tom Hecht



MEMBERS OF the band, "Kallory" - singer Derrick Mallory and guitarists Dustin Mallory and Zach Sutter - rehearse in preparation for "The Good Stuff's in the Middle Variety Show" set for Friday at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym.

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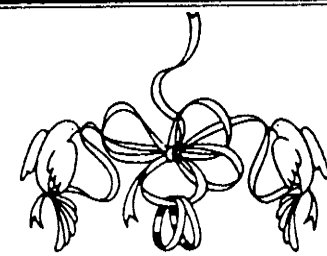


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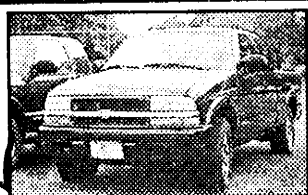
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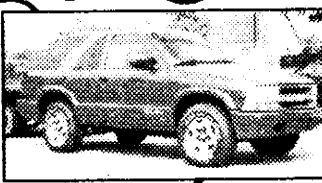
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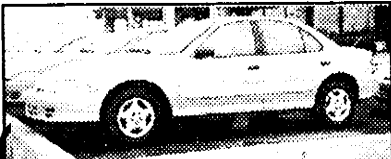


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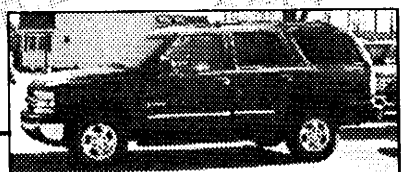
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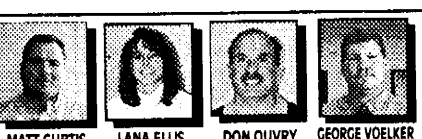


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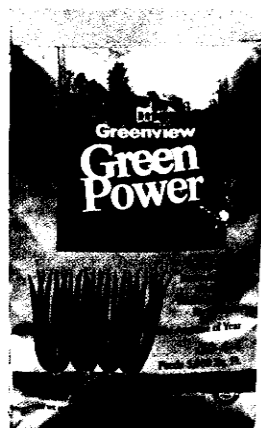
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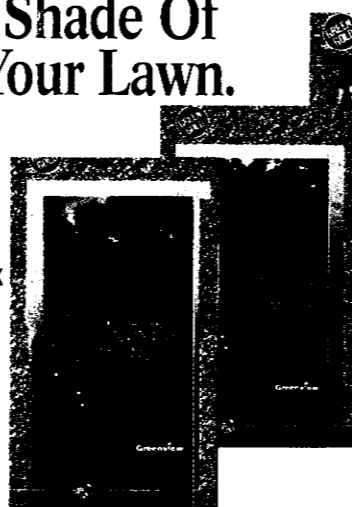
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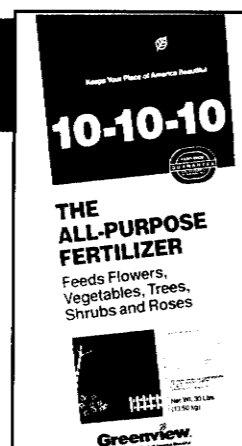


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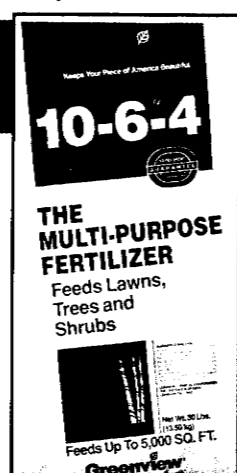
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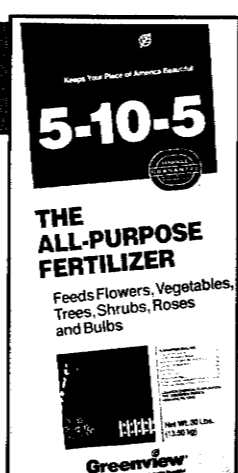
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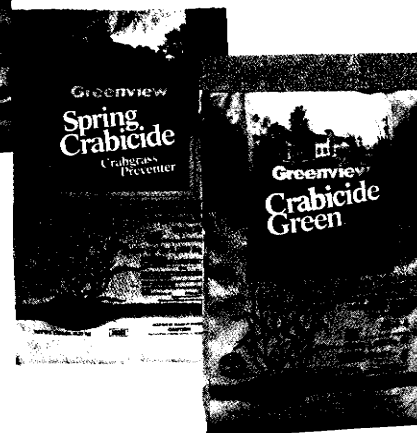
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