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HOG HEAVEN - A record 1,275 bikers and others attended the 7th Annual Evergreen Park Benefit over the weekend. Organized by American Bikers Aiming Towards Education, Region 7, the weekend featuring live music, a bike show and biker games grossed an estimated \$12,300, a portion of which will be donated for park maintenance and improvements.

Area scores up, down

MEAP results mixed bag

by Lynn Heitkamp
Staff Writer

Local educators have mixed things to say about recently released Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests results. Scores from January's 4th and 7th grade MEAP tests were released a few weeks ago, leaving some districts

pleased and others puzzled at their scores.

Cass City school children performed very well on the tests, Superintendent Ken Micklash said. "The trend from last year to this year was definitely a positive one," he noted. The district's 4th and 7th grade percentages of those receiving satisfactory scores

in math and reading were all above state average. The students scored better than last year's district scores as well. The satisfactory rating is the highest offered, on the MEAP. Almost 92 percent of Cass City 4th graders passed the math test with a satisfactory rating. The 4th grade reading score was at 67.3 percent

with a satisfactory rating. Sixty-six percent of 7th graders earned a satisfactory score in math and 52.8 percent earned one in reading. Fourth graders did exceptionally well in math, Micklash said. The 91.6 percent score from this year is considerably higher than last year's 73.7 percent.

Comparing scores is not the purpose of the MEAP, Micklash added, but the district does look at how it stacks up against state averages. Across the state, 74.8 percent of 4th graders passed the math test and 58.2 percent passed reading satisfactorily. Seventh graders scored 62.8 percent in math and 48.4 percent in reading.

Micklash credited the aligning of curriculum to what will be tested. It's not teaching to the test, he said, but making a point to cover areas that the state will. "It's not as if we have test material in our hands," he said.

Five years ago, Cass City schools made a goal to have 66 percent of each class pass the MEAP with a satisfactory score. The district met that goal in 3 of the 4 areas this year, Micklash pointed out. The 7th grade reading score is improving too, he said.

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MEAP SCORES				
The percentage of 4th and 7th graders who scored on the satisfactory level.				
	4th		7th	
	Math	Reading	Math	Reading
State scores	74.8	58.2	62.8	48.4
Cass City	91.6	67.3	66.0	52.8
Kingston	80.0	36.7	67.9	41.5
Owen-Gage	100.00	47.4	50.0	38.9
Ubley	67.5	50.6	65.4	47.4

Sunday near Caseville

Huron deputy dies in crash

A veteran Huron County Sheriff Department officer who served on the department's accident reconstruction team and taught precision driving died early Sunday morning in a single vehicle crash in Caseville Township.

Sheriff Mike Gage reported the accident that claimed the

life of Deputy Kelly Vermeersch, 39, Sebewaing, occurred at about 1:19 a.m. as Vermeersch was en route to back up a Caseville Township police officer for an emergency run in Caseville Township.

"Deputy Vermeersch was traveling northbound on M-25 north of the Caseville Vil-

lage limits in heavy rain when it appeared his vehicle showed signs of hydroplaning on the wet pavement as he rounded a curve," Gage said. "The car left the road and entered a wooded area where it struck a tree and rolled onto its top in a ditch."

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Gas leak forces evacuation of 80

Elkland Township fire fighters along with several other emergency response agencies sharpened their skills during a June 3 mock disaster drill. The local fire department didn't have to wait long to put those skills to work in a real life emergency.

In fact, firemen were called upon to stand by at the locations of 2 gas leaks last week.

Fire fighters evacuated dozens of Cass City residents Wednesday night after a motorist struck a natural gas line at the Walnut Trailer Park.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski reported the call came in at 9:24 p.m. after a 1985 Chevy Blazer driven by Paul Dybilas, Cass City, struck the gas line at a former trailer site in the park, located just east of Seeger Street at the south end of the village. Pawloski said Dybilas lost his breaks when the pickup stalled.

The fire chief ordered an evacuation of nearby residents after fire fighters' attempts to plug the broken gas line were unsuccessful.

"There was no gas meter - just a pipe with a valve on it," Pawloski explained. "The pipe was so old and rotten, that when they tried to put the plug in, the pipe was splitting." The department stood by, awaiting the arrival of a South-eastern Michigan Gas crew, which ended up digging a foot down in order to find a section of pipe strong enough to hold a plug.

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Hospital to close Tri-County, explore assisted living project

Cass City area residents have witnessed an evolution in the local healthcare industry in recent years with the addition of the Thumb MRI Center and Thumb Dialysis Center, and the construction of the Hills and Dales Medical Arts and Rehabilitation Center.

Now, more changes are on the way.

The Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporation Board of Trustees recently voted to close the doors at Tri-County Medical Equipment, effective June 30, after many years of operation.

The board has also decided to review the feasibility and options available to develop an assisted living facility in the village.

Tri-County Medical Equipment has served customers in need of a variety of medical supplies ranging from oxygen and nebulizers to splints, crutches, wheelchairs and

beds. The business is part of Hills and Dales Healthcare's for-profit Selad operations, which also include physician offices and custodial aides.

The corporation's non-profit businesses include Hills and Dales General Hospital, Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center and the Thumb Area Home Care Agency.

Hills and Dales President and CEO Dee McKrow said the decision to close Tri-County Medical, currently located in the new medical arts building, was based on several factors.

"Quite frankly, the company went way down ever since we had the fire," she said, referring to the Main Street blaze 3 years ago that leveled the building housing Tri-County as well as Sommers Bakery. The fire left Tri-County Medical without a home for 18 months.

McKrow said. "It was probably 20 percent of our business, but probably 50 percent of our oxygen business, so that really hurt us."

"On top of that, there are increasing regulations for durable medical equipment companies," she continued. Which translates into an expense of \$20,000 to \$25,000 every 2 or 3 years to cover the cost of accreditation and certification inspections.

McKrow said durable medical companies require a staff specially trained in billing, repair and equipment handling. In recent months, the hospital has contracted with an outside firm for employees to man the business.

"I think what we've come to realize is, to do durable medical, you have to have the staff and expertise to do that."

In the final analysis, McKrow said, "It's gotten to the point to where we can't afford to continue supporting a business that's losing money."

Hospital officials are in the process of contacting Tri-County Medical customers in order to provide them with referrals to ensure area residents continue to receive the services they need.

ASSISTED LIVING

Although assisted living Please turn to page 4.

Riley trust gives hospital \$100,000

It's been years since Joe and Alice Riley ran Riley Shoe Store in a Main Street storefront in Cass City, but the couple's belief and interest in the village lives on in a legacy rich in quiet leadership.

And generosity, according to Hills and Dales General Hospital officials, who recently learned a trust established by the Rileys directed that 10 percent of their estate — \$100,000 — be given to the Cass City hospital. Hospital officials learned about the gift following the death of Alice Riley, who moved to Lebanon, Ohio, in the early 1980s following her husband's death.

Hospital President and CEO Dee McKrow lauded the Rileys' generosity. Gifts such as theirs have become increasingly important as hospitals struggle to keep up with cuts in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, she noted.

"We definitely plan to put it into the health care corporation along with our other investments," McKrow said. "We want to make sure we have that safe (financial) haven for the hospital, and unfortunately, it's getting closer and closer to where we have to worry about that."

Although Alice Riley lived in Ohio, she retained a strong interest in Cass City, and spoke of the shoe store she and her husband operated for many years, according to Bernard "Barney" Wright, executive vice-president and trust officer at Lebanon Citizens National Bank, where Riley established the trust account in 1983. "She was a delightful person. She was a very quiet person and she had a quiet sense of humor," Wright said, adding Riley moved to Lebanon to be closer to a brother, now deceased, along with other relatives. She and Joe had no children.

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DEVASTATING

Even more devastating have been reductions in Medicare reimbursements, under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, that have cut deeply into the healthcare industry, forcing many hospitals and related business to launch severe cutbacks, and forcing others to close altogether.

"Sales (at Tri-County Medical) have gone up, but unfortunately what has happened is reimbursements for durable medical equipment have gone down. Medicaid and Medicare are paying us a lot less," McKrow said, noting reimbursements for oxygen have dropped by 30 percent.

In addition, Tri-County Medical lost its contract with Tenderscare, Cass City, in the spring of 1999 due to a corporate decision directing all of the Tenderscare nursing homes to contract with the same company nationally. "Even though (our bid) was less, we lost the contract,"

UBLY

Meanwhile, Ubley Community Schools are trying to assess what needs to be improved in the district for next year.

"We thought we'd make a bigger improvement than we did and we're disappointed that we didn't," Superintendent David Landeryou said.

The districts 4th graders did improve from last year's scores, with 67.5 scoring at a satisfactory level on the math test and 50.6 percent doing the same in reading.

Seventh grade scores were down in math from a year ago. This year, 65.4 percent of 7th graders scored well on math, while last year 73.8 percent did. Seventh grade reading scores were up a little, to 47.4 percent.

Landeryou said the district would likely take a look at how they can improve the administration of the tests and how they can encourage boys and girls to do better. A new series of elementary school reading textbooks was implemented during the 1999-2000 school year. It might take a year or two to see the results of it, he said.

Officials will spend the summer analyzing information.

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Voters in Kingston, Ubley, O-G oust incumbents

Voters in the Owen-Gage, Kingston and Ubley school districts all ousted incumbent board of education trustees in Monday's annual school elections.

In Owen-Gage, newcomers

Deborah A. Quick and Michael Mandich won 4-year terms, garnering 140 votes and 139 votes, respectively. Incumbent Trustee Jeff Faist received 104 votes in that race.

In a battle for a lone 2-year term, incumbent Rick Ziehm received 114 votes, while challenger Kathy Champagne garnered 104 votes. Longtime Trustee Ron Good did not seek reelection.

Winning 4-year terms in the Kingston School District were newcomers Stan Fox and James VanAllen. Fox

received 115 votes and VanAllen, 99 votes, while incumbent Ray Wolak lost in his bid for reelection, receiving 78 votes.

Likewise, Ubley Board of Education Trustee Donald Koglin failed in his bid for reelection. Koglin garnered 95 votes, and challengers Dennis Romzek and Allen Bischer received 128 votes and 100 votes, respectively.

In the Cass City School District, both incumbents ran unopposed. Beverley Auten received 53 votes and David Knight received 52 votes.



A FRANTIC search for a reported blind resident in a burning house trailer at 6565 Pringle Rd. Friday afternoon ended on a happy note when fire fighters learned the man was at a neighbor's house.

Trailer fire damage estimated at \$35,000

Elkland Township fire fighters called to the scene of a house trailer fire Friday afternoon were told one of the residents, a blind man reportedly in his 20s, might still be inside the home.

After a frantic search, however, it was learned the man was safe and sound at a neighbor's home.

Cass City fire fighters were dispatched at 1:48 p.m. and arrived to find the trailer, located about a half-mile west of Van Dyke Road, at 6565 Pringle Rd., filled with black smoke.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski

said the Cathy Sweet residence sustained extensive heat and smoke damage. "Apparently it (fire) had smoldered for some time," Pawloski reported, adding firemen suspect hot cigarette ashes in a wastebasket may have caused the blaze.

Pawloski estimated the loss at \$35,000, including \$20,000 in damage to the trailer.

Cass City fire fighters remained at the scene for about one hour. They were assisted by the Elmwood-Gagetown, Kingston, Argyle and Lamotte fire departments.

Farewell slated

Carl Broecker, chairperson of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee of the Decker United Methodist Church, announces a farewell for the Revs. Jean and James Rencontre, to be held Sunday, June 25.

A worship service will be held at the Shabbona United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m., and a potluck dinner will be held immediately following the service.

The Revs. Rencontre came in June 1993 to be co-pastors of the Argyle, Decker, and Shabbona United Methodist Churches.

James retired in 1997, with Jean continuing on as the appointed pastor of the charge.

In April it was announced

Cass City students recognized

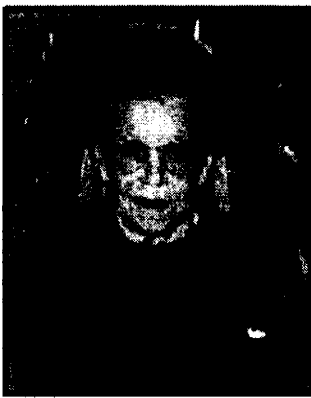
A pair of juniors from Cass City are among the Hope College students named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 1999-2000 school year.

The local students are Lindsay A. Maharg and Lori A. Brown, who achieved the honor by earning a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a scale of 4.0.

that Rev. Jean Rencontre had been appointed by Bishop Donald Ott to be the pastor of the Ironwood and Wakefield United Methodist Churches in the Upper Peninsula, beginning July 1.

Kritzman celebrating birthday

Iris Kritzman's family has announced that she will celebrate her 87th birthday June 14.



Iris Kritzman

She lived in the Cass City area for many years until moving to Sanilac County.

She was an ironer at McQueen Laundromat in Cass City and also did cleaning for area families.

Engaged



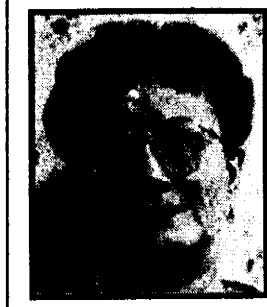
Tracy Lapp and Silvia Tamayo

Mr. and Mrs. George Lapp of Cass City announce the engagement of their son, Tracy Lapp, to Silvia Tamayo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Tamayo of Sarasota, Fla.

Lapp graduated from Cass City High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. He is part owner of JT's Furniture in Winter Park.

Tamayo graduated from Sacred Heart High School and received her Associates Degree from Westchester Community College and is currently enrolled at University of Central Florida. She works for the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel as an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Property Operations in Orlando.

An August wedding is planned.



Meg's Peg
The swimsuit

by Melva E. Guinther

Swimsuit season is here again, and many of us can relate to this anonymous account which came our way from Doris Jones via Barb Hutchinson.

It's spring and I have just been through the annual pilgrimage of torture and humiliation known as buying a bathing suit.

When I was a child in the 1950s, the bathing costume for a woman with a mature figure was designed for a woman with a mature figure — boned, trussed and reinforced, not so much sewn as engineered. They were built to hold back and uplift and they did a good job.

Today's stretch fabrics are designed for the prepubescent girl with a figure chopped from marble. The mature woman has a choice — she can either front up at the maternity department and try on a floral costume with a skirt, coming away looking like a hippopotamus escaped from Disney's Fantasia, or she can wander around every run of the mill department store trying to make a sensible choice from what amounts to a designer range of fluorescent rubber bands.

What choices did I have? I wandered around, made my sensible choice and entered the chamber of horrors known as the fitting room. The first thing I noticed was the extraordinary tensile strength of the stretch material. The Lycra used in bathing suits was developed, I believe, by NASA to launch small rockets from a slingshot, which gives the added bonus that if you manage to actually lever yourself into one, you are protected from shark attacks. The reason for this is that a shark taking a swipe at your passing midriff would immediately suffer whiplash.

I fought my way into the bathing suit, but as I twanged the shoulder strap into place, I gasped in horror. My bo-

som had disappeared. Eventually I found one bosom cowering under my left armpit. It took a while to find the other. At last I located it flattened beside my seventh rib.

The problem is that modern bathing suits have no bra cups. The mature woman is meant to wear her bosom spread across the chest like a speed bump. I realigned my speed bump and lurched toward the mirror to take a full view assessment.

The bathing suit fit all right, but unfortunately it only fit those bits of me willing to stay inside it. The rest of me oozed out rebelliously from top, bottom and sides. I looked like a lump of Play Doh wearing undersize cling wrap.

As I tried to work out where all those extra bits came from, the prepubescent salesgirl popped her head through the curtains. "Oh, there you are!" she said, admiring the bathing suit. I replied that I wasn't so sure this suit would work and asked her what else she had to show me.

I tried on a cream crinkled one that made me look like a lump of masking tape, and a floral 2-piece which gave the appearance of an oversized napkin in a serviette ring. I struggled into leopard skin pieces with a ragged frill and came out looking like Tarzan's Jane on a bad day. I tried on a black number with a midriff and looked like a jellyfish in mourning. I tried on a bright pink pair with such a high cut leg I thought I would have to wax my eyebrows to wear them. Finally I found a costume that fit. A 2-piece affair with shorts-style bottoms and a halter top. It was cheap, comfortable and bulge-friendly, so I bought it.

When I got home, I read the label, which said "Material may become transparent in water", but I'm determined to wear it anyway.

Engaged



Dr. Timothy Rutkoski and Carrie Hoot

Carrie Ann Hoot and Dr. Timothy James Rutkoski are engaged to be married Sept. 16, 2000.

Parents of the bride-elect are Kenneth and Carla Hoot of Midland. Parents of the prospective groom are Herbert and Kay Rutkoski of Cass City.

The bride-elect is a graduate of H.H. Dow High School and Michigan State University. She is an account coordinator with Libby, Perszyk and Kathman.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Cass City High School, Michigan State University and Wayne State University School of Medicine. He is completing his residency at University of Cincinnati Hospital and Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

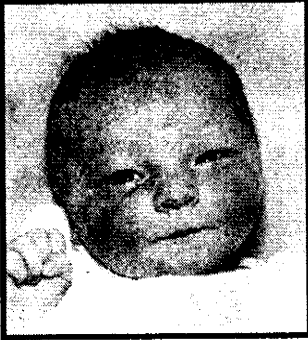
Students on list

Officials at Hope College, Holland, recently announced the names of several high school seniors, including Melissa Homakie of Cass City, who have been awarded Presidential Scholarships. A member of the Cass City

High School Class of 2000, Homakie is the daughter of John Homakie and Michelle Homakie.

Presidential Scholars are selected in recognition of broad academic achievement with superior academic records as well as demonstrated leadership abilities. This year's Presidential Scholars, who will receive between \$8,000 and \$10,000 tuition scholarships renewable though their senior year, have an average grade point average of 3.99, an average ACT composite score of 30, and have an average SAT combined score of 1325.

It's a boy!



Justin Joe Slater

Carey and Esther Slater of Snover announce the birth of their son, Justin Joe Slater. Justin was born March 28, 2000, in Lapeer Regional Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are John and Carolyn Fleming of Snover and Gary and Cathy Slater of Harbor Beach. Great-aunt is Mary Jean Pickett of Waterford. Great-grandparents are Pauline Slater of Sandusky and Esther Booms of Harbor Beach.

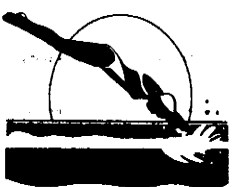
Soens joins Army

Andrea R. Soens has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Saginaw.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. Soens will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training June 3.

She is the daughter of Lois A. Mulrath of Cass City.

The Cass City Community Pool announces **FREE SWIMMING**



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It's a boy!



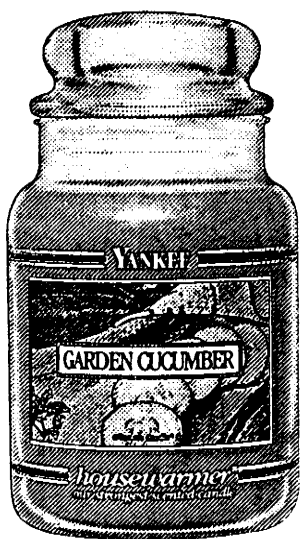
Ritter Hayden Stahlbaum

Reese Alan and his grandmother, Dorothy Stahlbaum, welcome Reese's new brother, Ritter Hayden, who was born May 5, 2000.

Reese and Ritter's Dad and Mom are Jeff and April Stahlbaum of West Bloomfield.

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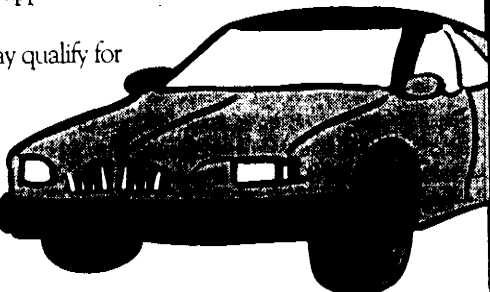
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Youth group to host show, social

The ShaArgyle United Methodist Church Youth (from the Shabbona and Argyle United Methodist churches) invite area residents to attend a talent show/ice cream social Sunday, June 18, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Shabbona church.

This will be the last official youth event for Pastors Jim and Jean Rencontre before their move to the Upper Peninsula.

The Father's Day activity will include singing, music, comedy and acting, featuring youth from the surrounding areas, including Argyle, Cass City and Shabbona.

A free will donation will be accepted, with all proceeds going to purchase youth materials and to pay for future activities.

More information is available by contacting Brenda Rockwell at (517) 872-2020 or Dawn Deering at 872-2484 (both in the evenings), or Rev. Jean Rencontre at (810) 672-9929.

Sanilac Democrats to meet

The next meeting of the Sanilac County Democrats will be Wednesday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at Liberty Lanes, Sandusky.

Guest speaker for the month of June is Pam Stillwell-Binder. Stillwell-Binder is the Democratic candidate for the 84th district senate seat, which includes Huron and Tuscola counties. All are welcome to attend.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

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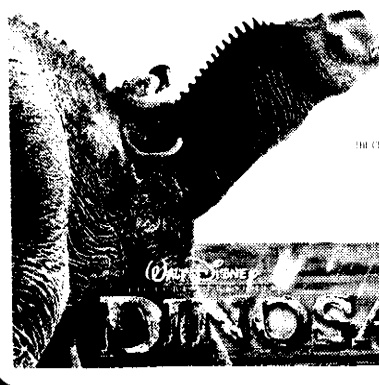
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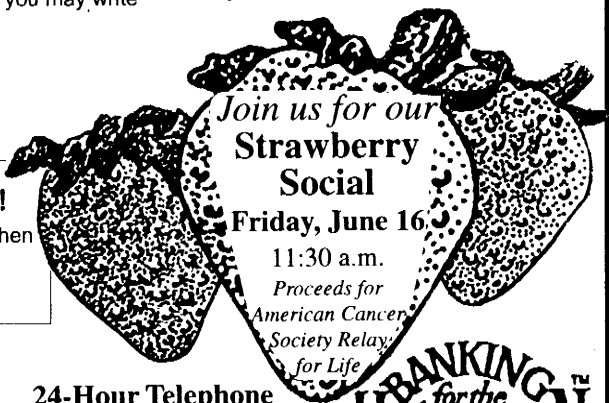
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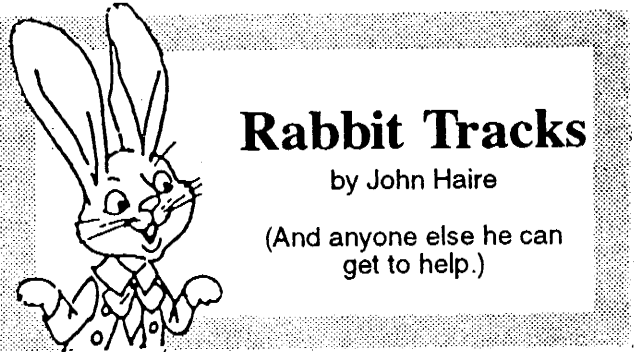
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

An annual rite of summer started this week when the first announcement of the Men's Class B and below slow pitch tournament in Cass City July 14-15-16 was received in the mail.

Annually at this time the call for teams to play in the tournament is issued. The first 18 teams paying the \$150 entry fee are in. More information is available by calling Doug at 517-872-4584.

A publicity release from U.S. Senator Carl Levin sparked my interest in the North Country National Scenic Trail. It is expected to cross more than 800 miles of Michigan's scenic landscape. It's now about half completed.

Since I never heard of the trail previously, I'm in complete accord with Levin when he says that it is a little-known resource. That's especially true for most folks in the eastern half of the state, I suspect, because the trail is on the western edge of the state. Overall, about a third of the entire interstate trail has been completed.



The Michigan portion of the trail runs from Battle Creek through the Porcupine Mountains in the western Upper Peninsula. More information? Closest OH-MI Trail Council is the Tittabawassee Chapter, Jerry Allen, president, 1561 30manville Rd., Gladwin, MI 49840. (517) 345-2677.

Helping defray the costs of the annual July 4 Festival in Cass City are those donation containers spread around town. Last year the containers raised \$304. It's an easy way for folks to help out. With a little effort, it's sure that we could do better. A \$500 total seems reasonable.

Remember, there is no admission charge, a tradition at the festival, even though constantly increased cost of operation takes the community each year.

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For sidewalk construction

Council awards contract

The Cass City Village Council awarded the contract for the village's sidewalk program during a special meeting last Wednesday.

The contract for an estimated \$58,740 in sidewalk construction and related work was awarded to CSS Contracting Co. Inc., Cass City.

The village invited several companies to submit bids, but CSS Contracting was the only firm to bid on the work, according to Village Manager Jane Downing. The good news, she said, is that the Cass City contractor's prices are the lowest seen by the village in at least 3 years.

The sidewalk/concrete projects will include construction of nearly a mile (22,000 square feet) of sidewalk. The work will be concentrated in the northeast quadrant of the village in an effort to improve the walkways most used by children on their way to school, Downing explained.

The village generally splits the cost of sidewalk construction with residents, who

will be receiving letters outlining the work and costs involved.

Also planned this summer are construction of several driveway crossings, 12 intersection sidewalk ramps, 4 catch basin adjustments, and replacement of 150 lineal feet of curb and gutter to

match existing curb and gutter.

The cost of the sidewalk/concrete contract and the village's 2000 street improvement program are estimated at a combined \$169,314, well below the \$247,310 budgeted for the improvements this year.

TNU seizes 6,334 marijuana plants

The Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) kicked off the 2000 operation H.E.M.P. season last week with a large seizure of marijuana.

TNU officers investigated an area that last year resulted in the seizure of over 2,000 marijuana plants. This year, officers conducted a "knock and talk" with the property owner and discovered another large field full of mari-

juana plants which ranged in height from several inches to 5 feet.

When the June 5 seizure was completed, TNU seized 6,334 marijuana plants. The marijuana was seized from a private landowner in northern Lapeer County.

The Michigan State Police Post in Lapeer assisted TNU and the Lapeer City Police Department.

The Haire Net



Joe Riley always conducted his shoe business on Main Street in a building that he made sure was as up-to-date and progressive as any building in town. He reigned in the store that now houses a branch of Hills and Dales General Hospital.

The Rileys have been absent from the business scene for perhaps 25 years now and it's sure that the majority of folks, when reading the story about the substantial gifts the couple has bestowed in the community, don't have a clue about Joe and his wife Alice.

Joe was sort of a hard man to know. He wasn't seen living it up around town and his principal recreation was playing a game of pool or so in the pool room on the second floor of the building which housed Kritzmans' Store. (We had some mighty battles there.)

While Joe was never lauded as a very good businessman while he operated his store, in hindsight it is apparent that he was. And not just because he left an estate of a million dollars plus.

Go back to the days when Cass City was in dire need of an industry to provide jobs for the community. Joe was one of the promoters of what resulted in the purchase of the original 10 acres that started the industrial park in town.

Over the years it has been demonstrated time and again that making money in a shoe store was a Herculean task in a town the size of Cass City. Many have tried and failed.

Riley devised a business practice that enabled him to thrive and sell shoes where price was only a secondary consideration.

He ran small ads in area papers. One in the Chronicle read, "Have you had a fit lately?" After appropriate copy the ad concluded, "Free consultation. See Joe Riley."

Was it effective? I was in the store when a customer came in and asked to see Dr. Riley. He prospered because he sold shoes to folks with foot problems. As a cobbler, he was able to doctor shoes to bring relief for many sufferers and they didn't object

to paying the high dollar for "Foot-So-Port Shoes" or "Red Wing Boots." Patrons came from all over the upper Thumb.

As many of the business people did in his era, the Rileys lived in back of their store and then, as well as now, cutting expenses meant added profits.

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The back forty

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Online publishing got a boost recently with the announcement that Time Warner has formed an electronic publishing division. The company plans to solicit manuscripts for books to be published on the Web next year.

An Associated Press story reports Simon and Schuster recently released 15 "Star Trek" titles in electronic format, expecting these to appeal to "early adopters" of technology. Random House has released several new titles designed for palm-sized computers, lap-tops, and PCs.

That's fine and dandy for folks who want to read that way, but it's going to be a cold day in Texas before you'll see me reading novels or stories from a computer screen. I've published a few books of my own, and I can't imagine anyone reading them on a Pocket PC.

Some of my readers aren't "early adopters of technology" for one thing. Many are like me, and wouldn't even need computers if our math was better.

My people wouldn't know a Star Trek character from the garbage collector. We take pride in that.

Some of my readers don't even like to read. They aren't going to spend hours sitting in front of a computer screen.

It's like a woman told me last winter. "My husband hates to read," she said. "So, I gave him one of your books, and he just loved it!" (Now what do you suppose she meant by that?)

My ego was further bolstered this spring when a reader called from California. The caller was one of those country boys who grew up in the '50s — about the same time I did.

His sister gave him one of my books while he was recovering from chemotherapy treatments. He called to tell me that was "the best book he has ever read."

After we talked a while, my new friend confessed he

doesn't read a lot. And now that he thinks about it, my book could be the only one he's ever read."

But he liked the book so much he read it twice. We have all these literacy organizations around the country, trying to get people to read, and some of them haven't accomplished this any better than I have.

That just proves to me the electronic age isn't for everyone. The old-fashioned values of hard work and frugality are as important as ever.

My California fan sent me some jams and jellies he

canned and entered in the fairs this spring. When we talked on the phone a few days later, he said the local grocery gives him some of the produce they are planning to throw out.

He's supposed to feed this to his sheep and goats, but he cleans some of it up and makes jams and jellies with it. He says the women exhibitors get a little miffed when his jams and jellies win a lot of the prizes at the local fairs.

I don't doubt that a bit. This is definitely the best sheep food I ever ate.

The Weather

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Free-throw winners announced

The Owendale Lions Club sponsored a free-throw contest at the Owendale-Gagetown Jr./Sr. High School in May.

The contest was conducted during the lunch hour period in the gymnasium. Students competed in a junior high bracket and a senior high bracket.

The winners of the contest were Corbin Swiastyn in the high school division and Josh Powell in the junior high division.

Both winners were recently presented with an engraved plaque by Lions Club members Fred Sullivan, Ron Good and Ed Good.



PRESENTING plaques to Owen-Gage Free-Throw winners Josh Powell (left) and Corbin Swiastyn are (far left) Owendale Lions Club members Fred Sullivan and Ron Good.

MEAP scores a mixed bag

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tion and deciding how they can improve scores, he added.

"We always have to improve," he said.

KINGSTON

Kingston schools had mixed results.

"We've been on a cycle

these past 2 years," high school Principal George Bednerek said about the 7th grade scores, "and last year we had an exceptional class."

The district had 67.9 percent of 7th graders pass the math test with a satisfactory rating, Bednerek said. That's 7.6 percentile points up from last year, he added. With 41.5 percent scoring satisfactory on reading, the score is down

from last year.

"We'll take a look at our strengths and weaknesses and see where we need to improve," Bednerek said.

Kingston's 4th graders did well, elementary Principal John Forshee said. "We feel very good about both of these scores," he said.

Eighty percent of Kingston's 4th graders had a satisfactory rating on the math test. In the next category down, 16.7 percent scored in the moderate rating. A total of 96.7 percent scored in those 2 levels.

"If they're in the moderate or satisfactory levels, I consider that to be admirable," Forshee said. His goal is to bring students out of the lowest category, he added.

The fourth grade reading score was 36.7 percent satisfactory. Forshee was quick to point out 46.7 percent placed in the moderate category, however, for a combined total of 83.4 percent.

Forshee said the MEAP scores don't mean as much to him as reading tests the school conducts through the Intermediate School District. Those tests evaluate a child actually reading to an adult, he said.

"For an educator, this is the stuff that is really important," he said. Students won't do well later on the MEAP math, science and social

studies tests unless they can read and write, he added.

OWEN-GAGE

Owen-Gage also had some scores up and some down this year. One hundred percent of 4th graders received a satisfactory rating on math. Reading scores were down from 82.4 percent satisfactory in 1999 to 47.4 percent this year.

Fifty percent of 7th graders passed at satisfactory level in math and the other half scored in the moderate group. In reading, 38.9 percent received satisfactory. Last year, 66.7 percent scored satisfactory in reading.

Jill Sebald, counselor at Owen-Gage high school said the size of the district is to blame. "With small classes, the scores really fluctuate from one year to the next," she said.

Only 21 4th graders and 22 7th graders took the test.

"We're always trying to improve," Sebald said.

Owen-Gage students went through review for the test both this year and in 1999. Staff went through training to help bring scores up, Sebald added.

The state posted the results of this year's MEAP tests, along with previous year's, on the website www.meritaward.state.mi.us

Office to close

The Secretary of State branch office at 130 Millwood, Caro, will be closed Tuesday, June 20, and Wednesday, June 21, for remodeling.

The office will close at 5 p.m. Monday, June 19, and will reopen Thursday, June 22, at 9 a.m.

Residents who need to transact business during this

time are encouraged to visit one of the following Secretary of State branch offices in the area:

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Hospital exploring assisted living plan

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isn't a new concept, efforts to build a facility in Cass City have failed to materialize. In recent years, 2 separate developers have proposed facilities - both in the northwest corner of the village - and one of them even began construction before abandoning the project.

But there is a very real need locally for the assisted living concept, which gives some residents an alternative to living in a nursing home, according to McKrow. It's an idea the hospital board wants to explore in the community, she said.

"They're committed to the vision - they believe there is a need, but we have to get into the community to see the (community's) vision and need for this kind of facility."

"The board's first priority will be to receive input on the community's wants and needs for extended life opportunities," she added. "This must be balanced with the challenging nature of the current financial health care environment to ensure the hospital's security in the future."

"A key component of the success of the assisted living facility must include strong support by the community."

McKrow, who encourages members of the community to offer their input by contacting her at 872-5476 (ext. 240), said the board has decided to hire a consultant to

assist in drafting a business plan and conducting feasibility studies. Among the issues that have to be explored is the type of assisted living model that would best serve the needs of residents in the Cass City area.

McKrow said hospital officials frequently see patients for whom assisted living would be ideal, providing them with an opportunity to live independently and at the same time receive assistance such as meal preparation and household chores.

"There are quite a few people who fit into that category. That's why there is such a tremendous need for this."

At the same time, hospital officials don't want to bite off more than they can chew, particularly in light of Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement cuts that have cost Hills and Dales an estimated \$300,000 to \$350,000 a year in each of the past 3 years. Officials expect the toll to reach up to \$450,000 in the coming year.

"We want it to be a go, but we have to be sure the hospital can afford it."

In spite of the cuts, McKrow said hospital finances are stable at this time, thanks largely to the efforts of employees.

"It's looking like we broke even (this year), which is a tremendous feat. The employees have worked very hard to make this year successful."

Residents evacuated

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In the meantime, Pawloski said he was not going to take any chances.

"The potential (for an explosion) was there; we had a one-inch gas line just spewing gas," he said. "In total, I think we evacuated 3 city blocks. I'm going to say 60 to 80 people were evacuated to the VFW hall."

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies and Huron County Emergency Services officials assisted with the evacuation. Tuscola County Emergency Services Director Pat Finn was out of town, according to Pawloski, who noted the Thumb counties back one another up under a mutual aid agreement.

In addition, American Red Cross officials responded, and a ham radio organization called RACES/ARES assisted with communications.

Residents were able to return to their homes after an hour or 90 minutes, said Pawloski, whose department remained at the scene for about 2 hours.

"I can't commend my firemen enough for how quickly they got everybody evacuated and controlled the scene," he said. "It was just tremendous."

The second gas leak was reported Friday morning after a backhoe operator nicked a 2-inch high pressure gas line near the northeast corner of Campbell Elementary School.

There was no damage and no one was injured. No one was evacuated, according to reports, which noted gas company officials were called in to repair the line.

Fire fighters, who remained at the scene for about 3 hours, were assisted by the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department, Cass City police, Michigan State Police and Tuscola County Sheriff's Department.

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Mock disaster a great success

Dear Editor:

On June 3, 2000, a community-wide "mock disaster" was held with numerous organizations, including Tuscola County's Department of Emergency Management, the Red Cross, State Police, the Cass City Police Department, fire departments from Cass City, Gagetown, Kingston Rescue, and of course the Girl Scouts. As the CEO of Hills and Dales General Hospital, I do not participate on the actual disaster committee. However, I have to say how impressed I was with the com-

Letters to the Editor
The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity. We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

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Cattle producers: check on requirements

Michigan cattle producers planning to sell animals in other states should contact the chief livestock official in the state of destination to find out if they can do that and what the requirements are.

"Better yet, have your veterinarian make the contact," says John Molesworth, veterinarian and Extension livestock agent in northeastern Michigan. "Chances are you'll have to have animal tests, permits and other paperwork."

Michigan's status as a TB-free state has been compromised, and other states have reacted by placing restrictions on the entry of livestock from Michigan. These restrictions are not uniform; each state has the authority to make its own.

"The only way to be sure is to contact the state of destination shortly before livestock are to be moved," Molesworth said.

Several nearby states have announced that they require TB tests for cattle from Michigan and will not take any animal from northeastern Michigan, where there is a state-imposed quarantine. When the U.S. Department of Agriculture announces what Michigan's new TB status will be, USDA-imposed testing requirements for movement of livestock to other states will be put in place. Later this year, there may also be requirements for movement of cattle within Michigan.

"Remember, you do not need permits from states you cross to get to the state of destination, but you can't off-load cattle on the way," Molesworth said.

Phone numbers of the chief livestock officials in Michigan and nearby states are listed below.

State Chief livestock official	
Michigan	517-373-1077
Illinois	217-782-4944
Indiana	317-227-0319
Iowa	515-281-5305
Kentucky	502-564-3956
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Missouri	573-751-3377
New York	518-457-3502
Ohio	614-728-6200
Pennsylvania	717-787-5319
West Virginia	304-558-2214
Wisconsin	608-224-4872



THE LIONS Club appointed its 2000-2001 officers at a banquet last week. (From left to right) Rich Sattelberg, Jack Baker, John Niebrzydowski, Ed Scollon, Tim Hallwood, Rick Doerr, Mike Pine (front), Ken Martin Jr. (back) and Rich Witherspoon. Missing from picture are Gary Jones and Curt Strickland.

Elected at annual meeting

Ubly clerk MML chairman, Downing vice chairman

At the 46th annual Regional Meeting, Florence Schrader, treasurer of Ubly, was elected chairperson of Region V for the Michigan Municipal League's 2000-2001 term. Also chosen were Jane Downing, village manager of Cass City, as vice chairperson, and Al Gelhausen, mayor of Lapeer, as secretary.

Over 40 mayors, village presidents and other elected and appointed municipal officials recently attended the meeting in Marlette. Region V includes cities and villages within the counties of Huron, Lapeer, St. Clair, Sanilac and Tuscola. The outgoing Regional Chairperson, Ken Babich, mayor of Marlette,

coordinated and hosted the meeting.

Since 1953, the Michigan Municipal League has held regional meetings in 7 areas of the state. The annual gathering of officials on this regional basis provides the opportunity for an exchange of ideas and cooperative action in matters of mutual concern.

This year's program included presentations on Out of the Box Thinking for a Changing World, Emergency Preparedness and Tourism & Community Marketing as well as a legislative update from the Michigan Municipal League's State and Federal Affairs Division.

The Michigan Municipal League unites over 500 member cities and villages

throughout Michigan to work cooperatively to improve the administration of municipal government.

Movie Star's Discovery Stops Pain

HOLLYWOOD—Movie star and former spokesperson for the Arthritis Foundation, Frankie Avalon is fighting arthritis in many ways, including his discovery of a new breakthrough for pain relief.

Avalon vividly recalls the pain associated with his own case of



THE CASS CITY Lions Club recently awarded its Lion of the Year award to Tim Hallwood. He was given the honor at a banquet at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

arthritis. The pain in his fingers was so bad he couldn't even hold a golf club. Nothing he tried relieved the pain. Frankie became desperate for pain relief when he was about to begin filming *Back to the Beach* with Annette Funicello. After visiting an herbalist, he finally found relief in a cream now called **ZERO PAIN**.

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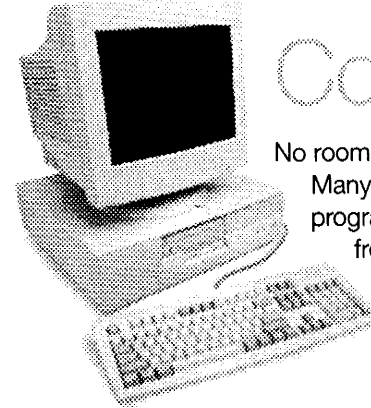
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Bulldogs dunked by Bath in regional semifinals

Coach Al Dadacki's Owen-Gage Bulldogs were knocked out of the state Division 4 baseball tourney Saturday in Vestaburg with a 16-4 defeat to Bath in a regional semifinal pairing.

The North Central Thumb League champions struck for 2 runs in the opening frame, added another in the 2nd and enjoyed a 3-0 lead entering the 4th frame.

However, that ended when

starting pitcher Shane Mellendorf suffered an injury and Bath capitalized on the Bulldogs' misfortune with 16 tallies over the final 4 innings.

"Shane got a hip pointer in the 3rd inning and couldn't continue on the mound," said Dadacki.

Corbin Swiastyn led the Bulldogs at the plate with 2 safeties, including an RBI double in the 2nd inning.

Derek Howard, playing in his final outing as a Bulldog, also enjoyed a 2-hit performance, while Earl McKee, senior George Janssen and Zach Fritz added solo hits.

"We had a great season," said Dadacki. "And we have our whole infield back next year."

The Bulldogs enter the record books with a 24-5 overall record.



RECEIVING RED HAWK soccer awards at Cass City's spring sports award ceremony Thursday were: (l-r) Megan Powell - Most Improved, Laura Laming and Lyndi Trischler - Coaches Awards, Crystal Sattelberg - Hustle Award, Jesika Ferris - Most Improved. Missing were Kaylee Bell - Coaches Award, Johanna Hoelzle - Most Valuable.

Deadline July 4

'Partners' seek participation

Applications are being accepted until July 4 for participation in the Michigan Partners in Policymaking, with recruitment emphasis on Tuscola County.

Beginning in September, the 8-month training, designed for parents of young children with disabilities and young adults with disabilities, will be held in Lansing. The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council provides funding for qualified applicants.

"The overall goal is to achieve a productive partner-

ship between people who use services and those in a position to make policy and law," says Pat Carver, coordinator of the statewide program.

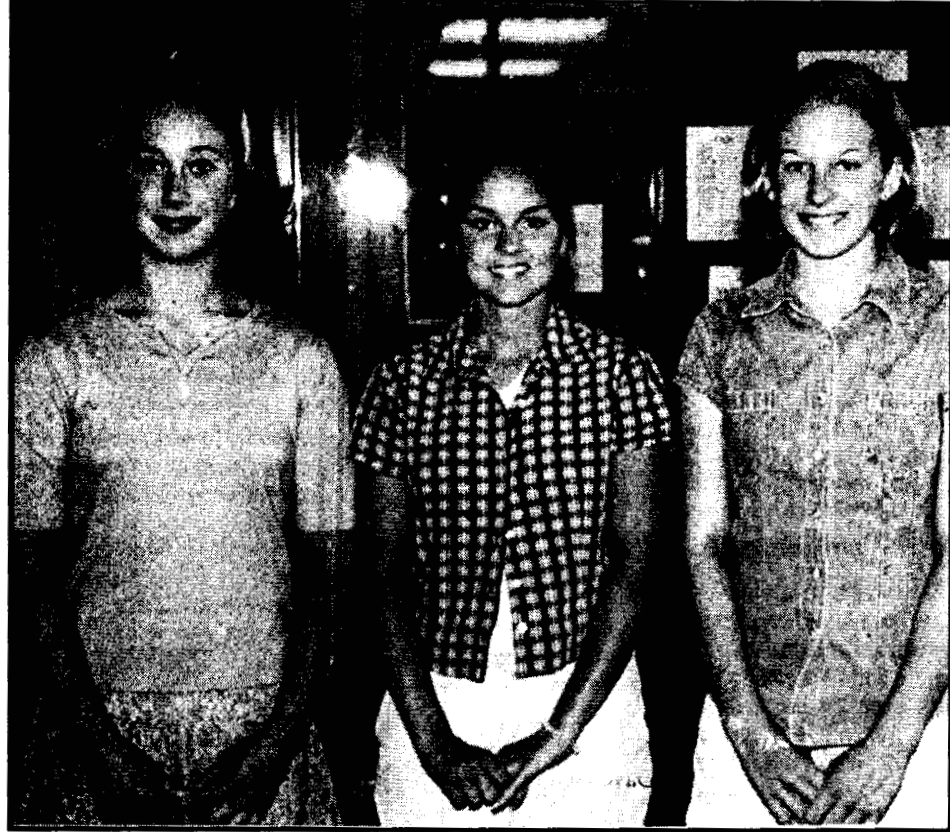
Michigan Partners in Policymaking provides promising information about disability issues and builds competencies necessary to become advocates who can effectively influence public policy. Partners - who are parents of young children with disabilities and young adults with disabilities - learn about current issues and best practices while becoming familiar with

policymaking and legislative processes at the local, state, and federal levels.

Participants attend 2-day training sessions 8 times a year. The curriculum includes philosophies and critical strategies for changing systems through readings, small group assignments and promotion of best practices.

"There's a need for citizens from Tuscola County to participate," says Carver. This important area of Michigan has not been represented in the first 5 sessions."

For more information, call Carver at 1-800-890-6084.



EARNING ACCOLADES for their contribution on the Hawks' softball diamond at the annual spring gala were: (l-r) Deidre Deering - Coaches Award, Lindsey Gaszczynski - Most Valuable, Katie Hacker - New Captain.

Owen-Gage leads NCTL baseball dream team picks

District and North Central League Conference baseball champion Owen-Gage placed 5 players on the first team all-district squad and 4 on the first team league dream team.

First team league selections were Shane Mellendorf, pitcher; Earl McKee and Nathan Kain, infielders, and Derek Howard, outfielder.

Balancing off the first team were Mike Hickey, A-F, pitcher; Jeff Affer, Peck, catcher; Addam Kraynak and Todd Squires, A-F, and Tim Souva, North Huron, infielders; Robbie Prime, A-F, Mark Isler, Port Hope, outfielders, and Joe Turner, Caseville, player-at-large.

Winning selection to the all-district team were Mellendorf and George Janssen, pitchers. McKee was selected at first base and Corbin Swiastyn and Kain in the infield. Howard was named from the outfield.

Coach Allan Dadacki was named district coach of the year.

were: Pitchers Chris Wilcox, Kingston, and Paul Nienaltowski, North Huron. Catcher: Pat Rhymmer, A-F; infielders: Joe Turner, A-F, Jay Huhn, Caseville, Paul Nienaltowski, North Huron, Tim Johnston, Peck.

Outfielders: Mike Orlik, A-F, Mark Kelly and Chris Behnke, CPS, Tyler Lyons and Ben Beckrow, Kingston, Matt Sheridan, Peck.

ACADEMIC STARS

Named to the all-district academic team from Owen-Gage were Shane Mellendorf, Nick Warack, Ryan Fritz and Derek Howard.

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Coaches name softball best in NCTL association

Owen-Gage juniors Erin Salcido and Melissa Ziehm were named to the North Central Thumb League softball All-Conference squad released last week. Salcido was chosen among the league's best infielders, while Ziehm was voted one of the top outfielders.

The Bulldogs had 3 players named to the NCTL's second team in senior Andrea Ziehm - pitcher, junior Dee Fritz - catcher, and senior Melanie Lemanski - infield.

Receiving honorable mention recognition from Owen-Gage were Ashley Adams and Kelly Tomich.

The league's other first team picks included: Katie Quinn, Jessica Ross - Caseville, Jesse Kaniszewski, Beth Hunter, Kristal Davis, Amanda Haarz, Jen Jobson - Kingston, Tammy Carolan -

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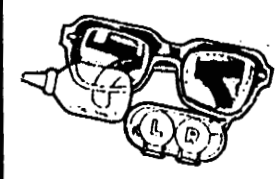
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Kally Maharg Memorial outing to benefit Cass City Boosters

Everybody will be a winner at the first annual Kally Maharg Memorial golf fun day at Rolling Hills Golf Course Saturday, July 22, at 10 a.m.

The big winners will be the Cass City Boosters Club and a fund to help pay for the annual trip to Washington, D.C., by Cass City Schools eighth graders. Kally Maharg was one of the founders of the trip for the students. Each benefactor will receive half of the funds.

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After the golf, a brief fellowship period is slated followed by dinner. It will be a

good one, Chappel emphasized. We want our supporters to wind up a great day with a great meal.

The cost of the day's activities will be \$50 each. It includes golf, prizes and meals. There are expected to be 18 sponsors that will pay \$300 each. All of the sponsors' money will be given to the sponsoring organizations. The names of these supporters will be noted on the golf courses with signs.

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Dieter Roth	69
Jason McCallum	65
Don Ouvry	65
Clark Erla	63
Rich Tate	63
Mike Murphy	59
Rick Hollis	56
Craig Helwig	54
John Maharg	53
Scott Richards	52
Terry Wiseman	52
Dale McIntosh	42
Brad Goslin	37*
Dave Hoard	30
Newell Harris	26*

*Points to be adjusted

FLIGHT #2 (all scratch)

Russ Bieffer	76
Jim Peyerk	70
Dan Mosher	68
Jim Apley	63
Frank Miller	62
Ken Zdrojewski	62
Daryl Iwankovitsch	60
Fred Leeson	55
Kurt Dennis	52
Mike Randall	52
Jim Hobbs	48
Ernie Bellew	47
John Riddle	47
Elwyn Helwig	46
Craig Bellew	44
Pat Curtis	30

FLIGHT #3 (all scratch)

Jim Fox	77
Jack Hool	74
Craig Weaver	67
Dan Dickinson	65
Dick Wallace	59
Jim Hempton	57
Mike Ware	57
Rick Doerr	53
Dan Hittler	50
Corey Ulfig	45
Jon Zdrojewski	45
Duane Henn	41
Gary Robinson	41
Brian Reinhardt	39

FLIGHT #4 (all scratch)

Bruce LeValley	72
Roger Cooper	70
John Niebrzydowski	70
Bob Stickle	62
Jim Smithson	61
Kevin Bliss	53
Anton Peters	53
Don Erla	51
Doug Lautner	46
Kelly Smith	46
Doug O'Dell	45
Clate Sawdon	31

FLIGHT #5 (handicap)

John Agar	78
Jeff Krol	77
Pat Davis	69
Asa Apley	60
Jim Mastie	57
Charlie Tunis	56
Bert Althaver	52

Dave Keller

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2-MAN GOLF LEAGUE

June 14

EARLY DIVISION

Wallace/Apley	97
Williamson/Rieman	85
Harris/Hogan	75
Maharg/Pasieczny	74
Henn/Peters	74
Laming/C.Hillaker	71
Herron/Tuckey	63
Stickle/Iwankovitsch	60
W.Dillon/Retherford	58
Zdrojewski/Bryant	57
Strickland/Glaspie	55
Bliss/Baker	55
Berwick/Greenlee	51
Burns/Hutchinson	47

LATE DIVISION

Ypma/deBeaubien	80
Jones/Marshall	78
Hartel/Comment	70
Chappel/Pasant	67
M.Murphy/K.Martin	65
LeValley/Morgan	65
P.Peters/K.Bliss	64
J.Hillaker/S.Murphy	63
McCallum/Randall	62
Wright/Prieskorn	61
K.Smith/Biddinger	57
Schneeberger/Ulfig	50
Doerr/Haire	50
Hool/Toner	48

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' LEAGUE

As of June 6

1st Flight

Mary Rabideau	45.0
Joan Montgomery	43.0
Fran Bellew	38.0
Millie Nadison	35.0
Toby Weaver	32.5
Bonnie Miller	31.5
Betty Koepf	26.0
Nelle Maharg	22.0

2nd Flight

Linda Helwig	43.5
Ardis Haist	30.0
Candy Holdship	19.0
Arlene Regentine	15.0
Bunny O'Berski	12.5
Dee Pickett	6.0

3rd Flight

Eleanora Rees	52.5
Joann Martin	46.0
Blanche Rumpitz	45.5
Barbara Wilson	44.0
Mary Lou Maurer	30.0
Noreen Krug	26.0
Jane Hool	16.5
Marian Harm	12.5

CBF RESULTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Vassar 15, Cass City No. 2 13. Tyler Erla suffered his first loss of the season. Chad Keyser had 2 doubles and 4 RBIs.

Cass City No. 2 20, Vassar 5. Keith Truerner had his fourth victory, 4-0, with 5 strikeouts. Cody Halasz 4-4. Cass City's record is 7-4.

Rawson Library

hosting puppet show

Brake for the Moose, that is, take a break with Marc Thomas and his puppet buddy "Max the Moose" Thursday, June 22, 1:00 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library. Thomas entertains children and parents alike in a show that gets the audience involved in their seats and on the stage.

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BASEBALL AWARDS were presented to Cass City varsity players: (l-r) Dave Sutter - Batting Champion, Joel Brinkman - Most Improved, Anthony Brinkman - Most Valuable, Matt Frappart - Flipper Award, Randy Diebel - Coaches Award, Dan Vandecar - E.R.A. Leader. Missing is Travis Eyer - Oil Can Award.

July 10-14

Summer music camp slated

Plans for Summer Music Camp 2000 are underway. This is an excellent opportunity for students who have completed at least one year of band and all band students up through the eighth grade to have a camp experience without having to travel a great distance, stay overnight, or pay high fees. Band directors Shelley S. Roland, Marlette, Chip Williams, Sandusky, and Mike Campbell, Caro, along with percussion instructor Clint Sabon, will meet with students on a daily basis July 10-14. The camp day will begin at 10 a.m. and continue to 3 p.m. each day. Students wishing to enroll in the jazz band segment will begin their studies at 8:30 a.m. All classes will be held at Marlette High School. Students will be involved in both large ensemble rehearsal and smaller sectional rehearsals each day. The camp activities will culminate in a family picnic and student concert Friay, July 14, at the Marlette Park. For more information, contact Shelley Roland at (517) 635-4917 or (517) 683-2146.

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Obituaries

Earl McKee

Earl Robert McKee, 69, of Cass City, died Wednesday, June 7, 2000, at Cooper Covenant Hospital of Saginaw. He was born April 17, 1931, in Owendale, son of Earl and Ethel (Finkbeiner) McKee. He and Elsie Joan Hibberd were married June 27, 1957. Elsie preceded him in death Dec. 10, 1999.

He served in the United States Army in Korea. He worked maintenance for the phone company for many years. In 1969 he moved from Roseville to Cass City. He is survived by 3 sons, Terry and his wife Doreen of Cass City, Larry and his wife Debbie of Ft. Meyers, Fla., and Roger and his wife Vicki of Cass City; one sister, Charlotte Car of Gagetown; one brother, Mac McKee and his wife Bonnie of Gagetown; 7 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 12, at the MacAlpine Funeral Home of Bad Axe.

Burial was in St. Columbkille Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family.

Harley Nichols

Harley Rexford Nichols, 64, of Decker, died Saturday, June 10, 2000, at his home in Decker.

He was born Dec. 21, 1935, in Decker to Rexford and Cassie Nichols.

Private funeral services were held Monday, June 12, with Pastor Eric Holmgren of Cass City First Baptist Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City, with military services under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Carlyle Pomeroy

Carlyle Raymond Pomeroy, 81, of Decker, died Sunday, June 11, 2000, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

He was born Dec. 24, 1918, in Denmark Township to Ona Jay and Effie B. (McKay) Pomeroy. He married Bonnie Weiss March 2, 1946, in Reese.

Pomeroy served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the anti-aircraft unit from January to November 1945. He farmed in Denmark Township with his father for 21 years. He moved to Decker and farmed for 13 years before retiring. After his retirement, the Pomeroy's wintered in Bradenton, Fla.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie; 9 children, Carol (Charles) Fackler of Mayville, William (Laura) Pomeroy of Caro, Linda (Mike) McKinnon of Rhodes, Joan Fritz of East Lansing, Donna Keys of Kingston, Ronald (April) Pomeroy of Vassar, Nancy (Darin) Fackler of Fostoria, Bonnie Michael of Decker and Connie Pomeroy of East Lansing; 26 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren; a sister, Irene Holzworth; 2 brothers, Ona J. Pomeroy Jr. and Roy Pomeroy; a sister-in-law, Wilma Pomeroy, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Donald Pomeroy; a grandson, Michael Pomeroy; a great-grandson, Joshua Pomeroy; a son-in-law, Danny Fritz; a brother, Jay Pomeroy, and a sister, Ruth Nitschky.

Funeral services were scheduled Wednesday, June 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Dr. Philip Rice of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Shad Ricketts

Shad E. Ricketts, 15, of Deford, died Saturday, June 10, 2000, at his home.

He was born Feb. 5, 1985, in Lapeer to Kenneth and Jamie (Vincent) Ricketts.

He just completed the 8th grade at Cass City Middle School and was an excellent academic student.

Surviving are his parents, Kenneth and Jamie Ricketts of Deford; a brother, Seth Ricketts, at home; a sister, Alena M. Camron of Davison; grandfather, Pat Ricketts of Lapeer; grandmother, Karen White of Hadley; aunts and uncles, Ronald (Linda) Ostrander of North Branch, Robin (Cliff) Wilkerson of Hadley, Tom Ostrander of Lapeer, Alex Ricketts of Lapeer, Dennis (Dawn) Ricketts of Flint and Phillip Ricketts of Florida, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Carol Ricketts and James Vincent.

Memorial services were scheduled at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Mark Todd of Living Word Worship Center officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Dorothy Warner

Dorothy A. Warner, 67, of Caro, died June 6, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital following a lingering illness.

She was born May 8, 1933, in Detroit, the daughter of Gilbert and Alinde (Koerber) Hamilton. She married Glen M. Warner Nov. 29, 1957, in Angola, Ind. He died Jan. 12, 1992.

She was employed at the Kingston Schools for several years, retiring in 1974.

Surviving are 2 daughters and one son, Linda and Donald Walker of Harrison, Karen and Ted Craft of Caro, and Scott Warner of Detroit; 4 grandchildren; one sister, Pat Hayes of Troy; 6 brothers, John Cripps of San Antonio, Texas, Paul (Maria) Cripps of San Antonio, Texas, George (Diane) Cripps of Colorado, Robert (Sharon) Cripps of Burton, Royal (Chris) Cripps Jr. of Davison, and Joseph (Nancy) Cripps of Marlette, and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by 2 sisters, Marilyn Hamilton in 1975 and Frances Pritchett in 1984.

Funeral services were held at the Ransford Funeral Home in Caro Thursday, June 8, with Larry Turner of the Caro Church of Christ officiating.

Burial followed in the Novesta Township Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to their local school's anti-smoking campaign.

Church to host concert

The Swordbearers of Cedarville College will present a concert at First Baptist Church, 6420 Houghton St., Cass City, June 25 at 11 a.m. Call the church for more information.

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Area News



Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Following the 9 o'clock Mass at Sacred Heart Church at Bad Axe, a breakfast at Oswald Hall and graduation exercises at Bad Axe High School Sunday, a dinner was served at the home of Mark and Carolyn Schultz in Bad Axe for Kimberly Depcinski. Guests attending were Ray and Rita Depcinski, Janet Cummings of Fountain Hills, Ariz., Betty Myers of Gladwin, Mary Smith, Nicholas and Brian of Lucas, Ohio, Nancy and Dean Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael and Jessica of Caro, Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Kinde, Bob and Carol Osantoski, Kristin, Matthew and Bradley of Bad Axe, Charles Therese, Shawn and Nicole and Cindy and Richard Depcinski, Brooke and Kimberley.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly visited Cheryl Allen Tuesday afternoon.

Janet Cummings of Fountain Hills, Ariz., flew into Metro Airport, rented a car and drove to the home of Dean and Nancy Carpenter and family of Caro, where she was an overnight guest Thursday. She then went to Ray and Rita Depcinski's. She met Susan Krozek of Kinde, Carol Osantoski of Bad Axe and Rita Depcinski at China King in Bad Axe for lunch.

Olive Derpinhaus of Iron Mountain and Mrs. Hiram Keyser were Tuesday supper and evening guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

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

Ed Schember of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Auggie Renn, Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Rick Stuart and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Friday morning.

Bryce and Betty Hagen were Sunday evening guests of Ben and Donelda Maske

at Port Hope.

Alice and Allen Depcinski, Albert and Ann Depcinski, Steve, Andrew and Heather attended a graduation supper for Amy Warderf at Carsonville Park Sunday. Amy is a graduate of Carsonville High School.

Sharon Cummings of Fountain Hills, Ariz., left Monday evening to return to Fountain Hills after spending several days with relatives here.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney spent Wednesday with Annie McIntosh at Sterling Heights and was an overnight guest of Kevin Sweeney at South Lyon.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Allen Farrelly attended graduation exercises for granddaughter, Tanya Koroleski, at the Bad Axe High School Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ballagh were Sunday afternoon guests of Bryce and Betty Hagen.

Bob Cleland Sr. recently returned home from a 10-day trip to Scotland, where he visited Loch Lomond, Glasgow, toured a castle at Lock Ness, Balmoral Castle at Edinburgh and St. Andrew's Castle at Edinborough. He went with a group of 125 from a Nomada Club.

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

Dean and Helen Keyser and Benjamin were Monday evening guests of Mrs. Hiram Keyser and Olive Derpinhaus.

Sanilac township races on tap

It will be a busy election year in several Sanilac County townships in the Cass City area, with a host of newcomers vying for trustee seats.

ARGYLE

Four candidates, including a pair of incumbents, are seeking 2 trustee seats on the Argyle Township Board. The incumbents are Sally Henry of Argyle and Bert Sutherland of Snover, and the challengers are Francis Krumenaker and Susan C. Woodward, both of Snover. All of the candidates are Republicans.

Seeking reelection unopposed are Supervisor Jerry L. Hillaker of Snover, Clerk Edward J. Pfaff of Snover and Treasurer Linda Krumenaker of Ubyl, all Republicans.

AUSTIN

In Austin Township, a trio of newcomers is vying for a pair of trustee seats. They are Marshall Grifka and Al Lemke Jr., both Ubyl Democrats, and Republican Joe Morell, also of Ubyl.

Running unopposed are Ubyl Republicans John Osentoski, supervisor; Dinah Osentoski, clerk; and Randy Bock, treasurer.

EVERGREEN

Incumbent Evergreen Township Trustee James R. Brown, Cass City, is seeking election to one of 2 available seats along with newcomers Charles Hendrick, Decker, and Peggy Hyatt, Snover. All 3 candidates are Republicans.

Seeking reelection unopposed are Decker Republi-

cans Audrey J. Leslie, supervisor, Arthur Severance, clerk, and Cass City Republican Wayne M. Whittaker, treasurer.

GREENLEAF

In Greenleaf Township, incumbent Republican Trustees Mark Battel, Cass City, and Brian Sweeney, Ubyl, face challenges from a pair of Democrats, newcomers Mariea K. Spencer and Marcia Spitz, both of Cass City.

Running unopposed are incumbent Treasurer Louis Laming, an Ubyl Republican; and newcomers Kirk M. Winter, a Cass City Republican seeking the post of supervisor. Also unopposed is Alfred J. Kosowski, a Cass City Republican who is seeking election as constable.

LAMOTTE

Only the incumbents filed for seats on the Lamotte Township Board.

They are Supervisor James L. D'Arcy of Marlette, Clerk J. Boyd King of Snover, Treasurer Linda L. Hirsch of Decker, and Trustees Leslie

J. Phillips and Stephen D. Shaw, both of Decker. All of the candidates are Republicans.

MOORE

In Moore Township, newcomers Annette Bradley of Snover and Cheryl L. Schultz of Sandusky, are

seeking the posts of clerk and treasurer, respectively.

Also running unopposed are incumbents Gregory Dorman, Snover, supervisor; and Trustees James J. Brown Jr., Snover, and William R. Pringle, Sandusky. All of the candidates filed as Republicans.

To explore cooperative

\$50,000 grant awarded

A \$50,000 state economic development grant will help Huron County explore a joint-operating cooperative to spur expansion of Michigan Sugar, state Rep. Mike Green announced Monday.

"The study will find the best way to organize Michigan Sugar for a stable and finan-

cially viable future in the Thumb area," said Green, R-Mayville. "Developing a successful plan will benefit the company and the local economy."

Huron County applied for the state funding to evaluate the possibility of creating a

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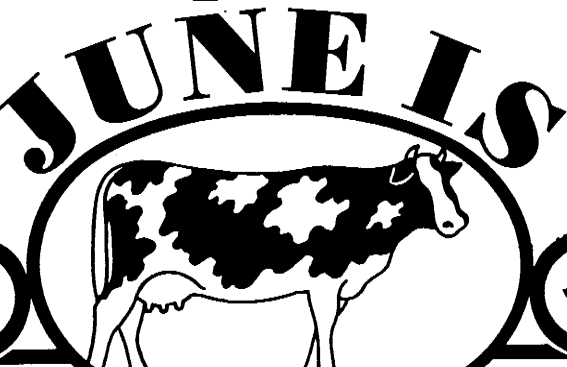
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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, June 14

Chamber of Commerce board meeting, 7 a.m., McDonald's.
Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Wally Taylor and Wendell Wood.

Thursday, June 15

Story Hour for children age 4 and up, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, June 16

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.
Country & Western Dance by Northern Lights Dance Club at Uby Heights Golf & Country Club, 8:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Monday, June 19

Children's Movie "Hunchback of Notre Dame", 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, June 20

Thumb Area Parkinson Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital.
AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Walbro.

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GARAGE SALE - Friday, June 16, 8:00-4:00, Saturday, 9:00-2:00. 4739 Hospital Dr. Lots of baby, kids' and adult clothing, guns, knives, hatchets, slot and poker machines and lots of other miscellaneous. 14-6-14-1

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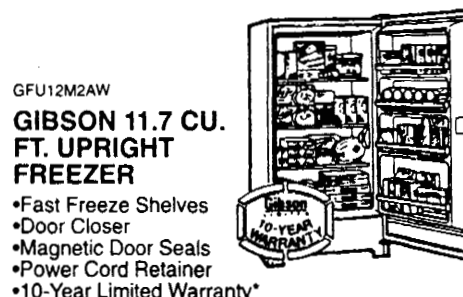
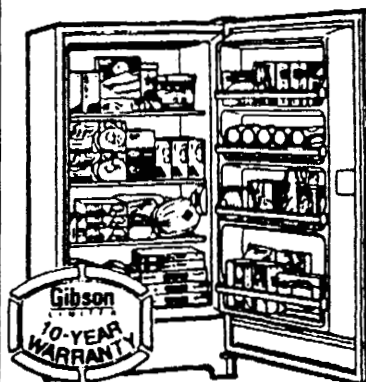
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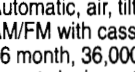
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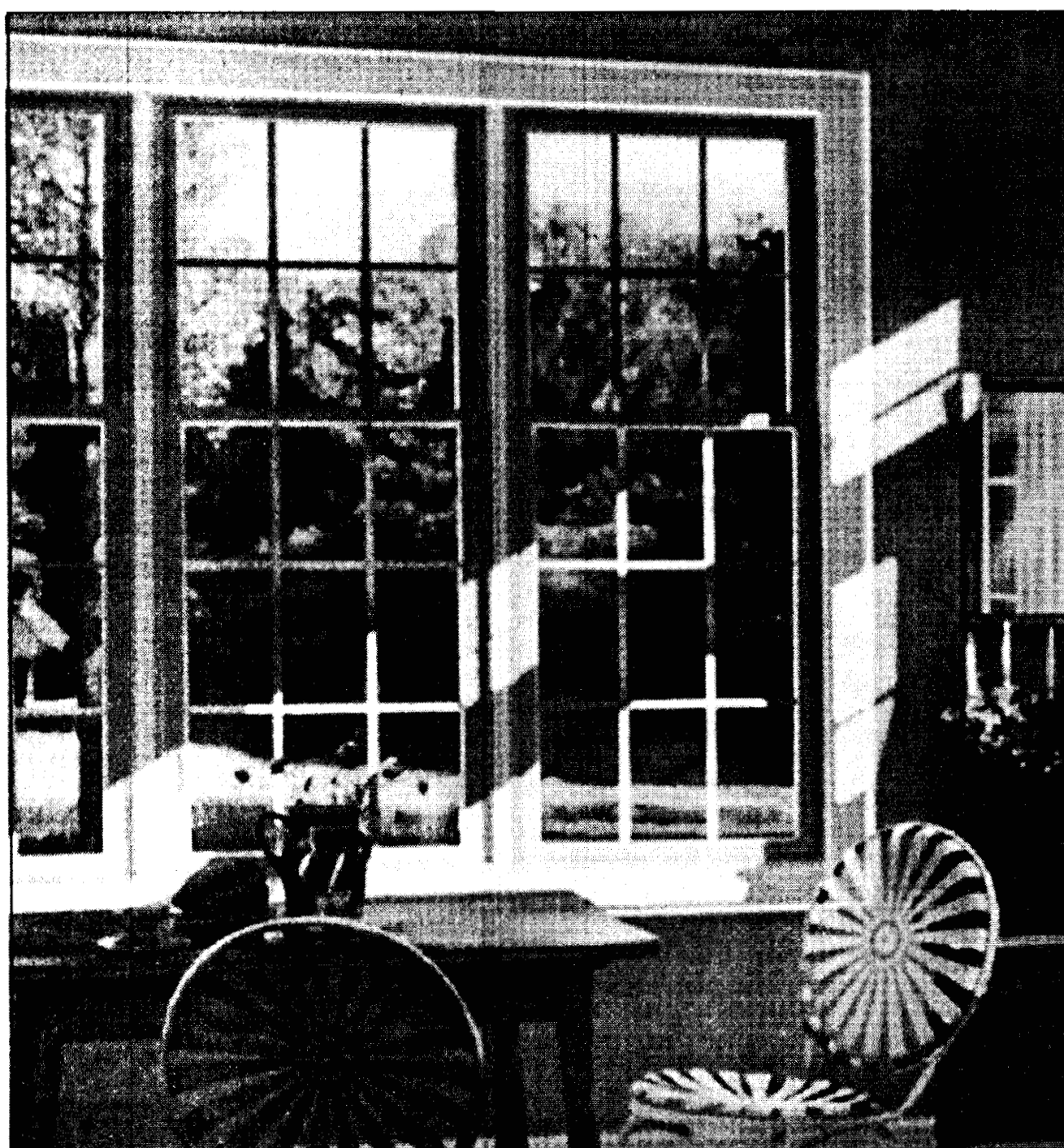
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