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NATIONALLY renowned consultants Doyle Hyett and Dolores Palma will arrive in Cass City next week for 3 days of meetings and field work that will result in a Downtown Action Agenda - an action-oriented, market driven strategy to revitalize and enhance Cass City's downtown.

Strategy

Downtown focus of community meeting

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Nationally renowned consultants specializing in the economic renaissance of downtowns and older business districts will arrive in Cass City next week to begin the process of mapping out an aggressive marketing strategy for the village.

But it's people - residents, businessmen, customers, employees, civic leaders, village officials and others from throughout the Cass City area - who will guide that plan with their own comments and suggestions.

And they will have an opportunity to offer their input at a special Community Vision Session scheduled for Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cass Theatre.

"The goal is to just have a fantastic turnout for that meeting. It really is an opportunity to share our collective visions," Cass City Village Manager Jane Downing said.

Village residents as well as those living throughout the Cass City School District are encouraged to attend.

"Those are the people who shop here, send their kids to school here, recreate here," Downing pointed out. "Those are the folks we want to capture at the meeting."

The Community Vision Session is just one step in developing what is known as a Downtown Action Agenda through the "America Downtown - New Thinking. New Life" program.

The program was developed by HyettPalma Inc., an Alexandria, Va.-based consulting firm, in association with the National League of Cities. Cass City officials are paying the firm \$25,000 to complete the local action agenda, which will involve a comprehensive analysis of the village's downtown and its market potential.

The result, according to Downing, will be a plan outlining an aggressive course of action to guide the further enhancement of downtown Cass City.

"Basically, it's to assist us in developing a strategy that will enable us to market our community," she said. The goals include developing ways to lure new business and industry as well as to retain existing business. Downing explained, noting the plan will also focus on ways to "put us on the map and show people why they should come to Cass City."

"It's (action agenda) not one of those things that's going to sit on the shelf. It's

going to be a living, breathing document," she said. "It's a strategy, which means you take the ideas and implement them - it's a working plan."

HyettPalma will arrive in Cass City Monday morning for the first of 3 days of meetings and field work in the village.

Aside from the community vision session, the consultants will be meeting with the Cass City DDA/EDC Board, Village Council and key downtown/community leaders, and hosting customer and employee group sessions.

The consultants will also complete a retail marketing analysis of the village's downtown. The analysis will include definition of the trade area and customer groups, assessment of competing shopping facilities, inventory/assessment of downtown retail development and business climate, calculation of retail sales potential, potential business expansion and additional business openings.

In addition, the project will involve completion of office and market analyses.

The research is thorough and comprehensive, accord-

ing to Downing, who said the village has been busy compiling a host of information, including a detailed map of every business in the local DDA district, in preparation for HyettPalma's visit.

Local officials, with the help of volunteers, have also completed a random telephone survey of 118 area residents, and a survey of business owners has netted some 80 responses to-date.

Downing called both surveys very successful. "We're really getting the feedback we were hoping for."

When it's all said and done, HyettPalma will recommend a 5-year, market-driven course of action designed to capture Cass City's economic potentials.

Those strategies will address existing business enhancement, business recruitment, business clustering, real estate development, public space enhancement, growth management, traffic flow, parking, public safety, property maintenance, incentives to further investment in businesses and buildings, and public relations/marketing.

Downing said HyettPalma will return to the village in

the fall - probably sometime in October - for a public presentation of Cass City's Downtown Action Agenda. The consultants will also present a written report on their findings and recommendations.

Cass City teen dies in weekend ORV accident

A Cass City teen was killed and a Mayville girl was injured Saturday when the off-road vehicle they were riding struck a tree on private land in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky said the accident, which claimed the life of 13-year-old Ryan W. Hartwick, 4387 Koepfgen Rd., was reported at 8:54 p.m. on private property near 7455 Gilbert Rd.

Troopers said Ryan, a Cass City Middle School student, was driving the ORV west-bound on a 2-track lane when he was struck in the face by a low hanging tree limb, causing him to lose sight of the roadway. The teen was traveling at a high rate of speed, according to reports, which state the vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree in a water-filled ditch.

Both he and his passenger, Jodi R. Phillips, 14, Mayville, were thrown from the ORV.

Upon arrival at the scene, troopers began administering CPR on the boy, who was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. He was transported by Bingham Ambulance to Hills and Dales Gen-

eral Hospital, Cass City, where he was pronounced dead. Phillips, who was wearing a helmet, was also taken to Hills and Dales for treatment of leg injuries.

OBITUARY

Ryan W. Hartwick, 13, was born Sept. 26, 1986, in Cass City to Richard D. and Donna (Francis) Hartwick. Ryan completed 7th grade at Cass City Middle School in June. He was an avid athlete, recently completing Alma College Basketball Camp.

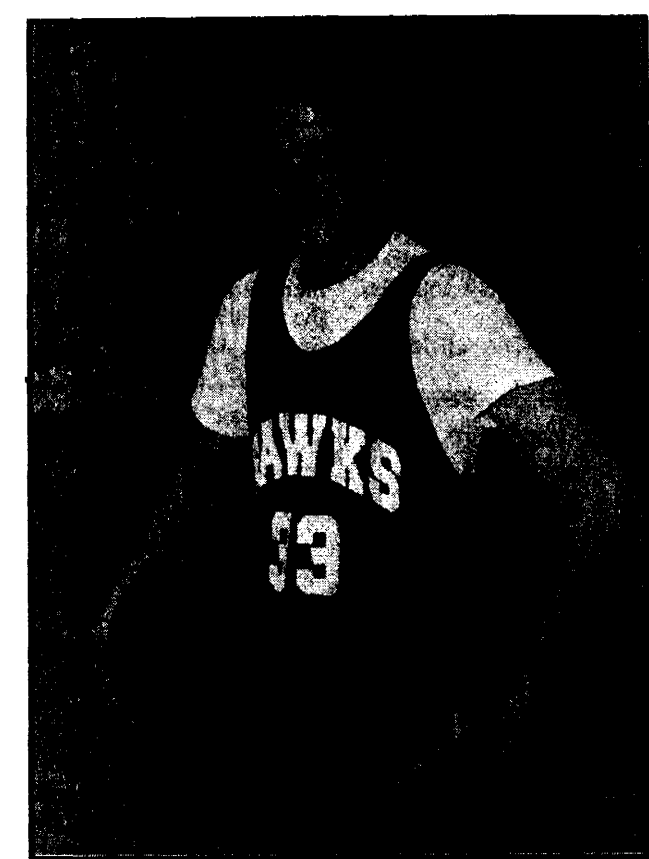
He is survived by his parents, Rick and Donna Hartwick; a sister, Heidi Hartwick, and a brother, Kyle Hartwick, both at home; grandparents Elmer and Janet Francis of Cass City, Ray and Helen Waggoner of Vassar, Elwyn and Toni Hartwick of Mayville; a great-grandmother, Aleta Wills of Bad Axe, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Ryan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Fred and Rachel Wright, and great-grandparents, Virginia and Clayton Hartwick, Ray and Susie Francis, and Elgin Wills.

Funeral services will be

held today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with Dr. Rev. Philip Rice, pastor, and the Rev. David Edwards, pastor of the Cass City Missionary Church, officiating. Visitation will be noon to 1 p.m.

today at the church. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Kranz Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



State increases per-pupil funding

Schools pleased with aid package

by Lynn Heitkamp
Staff Writer

When Gov. John Engler authorized a school budget of several billion dollars for the next 3 years July 26, local school officials were pleased.

"In school business, like any business, funding is the basis of anything," Cass City School Superintendent Ken Micklash said.

The new budget, which runs through the 2003 fiscal year, will raise the amount each district receives per student from the state. During the 1999-2000 school year, districts received \$5,700 per student. The new budget allows \$6,000 per student for the upcoming year. Districts will receive \$6,500 in 2002

and \$6,700 in 2003.

"It's a good state aid package for schools," Micklash said. It does depend on enrollment, however, he added.

Schools with declining enrollment won't receive as much funding as those with higher enrollments, he said.

"I don't anticipate a decline," Micklash added. Enrollment has remained steady in Cass City for the past 15 years and is likely to remain so, he said.

The Cass City schools will also be getting "catch-up" funds, Micklash said. Since changes in school financing came through in 1994, Cass City has not been receiving as much as other districts in the state. In addition to an expected \$490,000 from the new budget, the district will

get \$80,000 to make up for 6 years of not receiving the full \$5,700 per student, he explained.

George Bednerek, superintendent of Kingston schools, agrees that the state funds will help, but in a small school district, 10 children coming or going can make a big difference from year to year when funding is based on yearly attendance figures, he said.

Bednerek said the new budget would have been even nicer if a 3-year average was used to figure attendance, but he's not complaining too much about the new funds, he added.

"We're very pleased the governor has allocated more money to the school district," Bednerek added. "Any extra

money we can get to fund programs is good."

In both Cass City and Kingston, the money will likely be used to combat inflation. Personnel costs are big expenses that are constantly going up, Bednerek said.

In Cass City, a district with a \$10 million budget, a 4 percent increase is budgeted to cover rising costs. "We need \$400,000 just to keep even," Micklash explained.

The Kingston district also wants to keep programs as up to date as possible by improving technology in the schools. "That's an area we're constantly working on," Bednerek said.

"Increased funding will help us do a better job, not so much teaching, but getting better opportunities for our

students," he said. In Ubyly, Business Manager Marc Tenbusch said the district would spend the extra money from the new budget in a variety of ways.

"We're going to utilize it by adding 4 teachers to our elementary," he said. The new teachers will allow for smaller class sizes. The district will be renting the former Saint John's school in Ubyly for extra space for classes, he added.

Ubyly will also be putting a new roof on the elementary building, new lockers in physical education rooms and adding lights and bleachers to the new athletic complex. The district will also spend \$58,000 on new computers, Tenbusch added.

"We'll enjoy the increase," he said.

Tip leads police to stolen merchandise; local pair arrested

A tip over the weekend led to the arrests of 2 Cass City men and the seizure of thousands of dollars worth of stereo equipment police believe was stolen from a Caro business and from vehicles in the area.

"Officer (Mike) Gebauer received a tip that a suspect in Cass City had a bunch of stolen property, and we got a search warrant," Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson said.

Wilson said the tip came from a pair of local teens who told officers Saturday that the suspects offered to sell them amplifiers for \$50. Police believe the amplifiers are among more than \$4,600 worth of stereo equipment stolen during a recent burglary at Extreme Sounds in Caro.

Wilson said his officers received permission to search a car belonging to the girlfriend of one of the suspects.

The vehicle was impounded after stolen stereo equipment was discovered inside the vehicle. Gebauer and Officer Bill Hartzell then executed a search warrant at the suspects' Main Street apartment, where they confiscated more property.

Police arrested the suspects, Steven C. Edgin, 22, and Isaac C. Ponder, 20, both of Cass City.

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office issued warrants Monday, according to Cass City Police Sgt. Don Miller, who said the pair will be charged with breaking and entering, conspiracy and larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 - all felonies. In addition, Ponder will be charged with filing a false police report stemming from the reported theft of stereo equipment from his own vehicle.

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Summer Mania a super success

by Lynn Heitkamp
Staff Writer

Turning Cass City's annual sidewalk sales into a 2-day festival called Summer Mania turned out to be a good idea, Chamber of Commerce Administrator Kay Warner said.

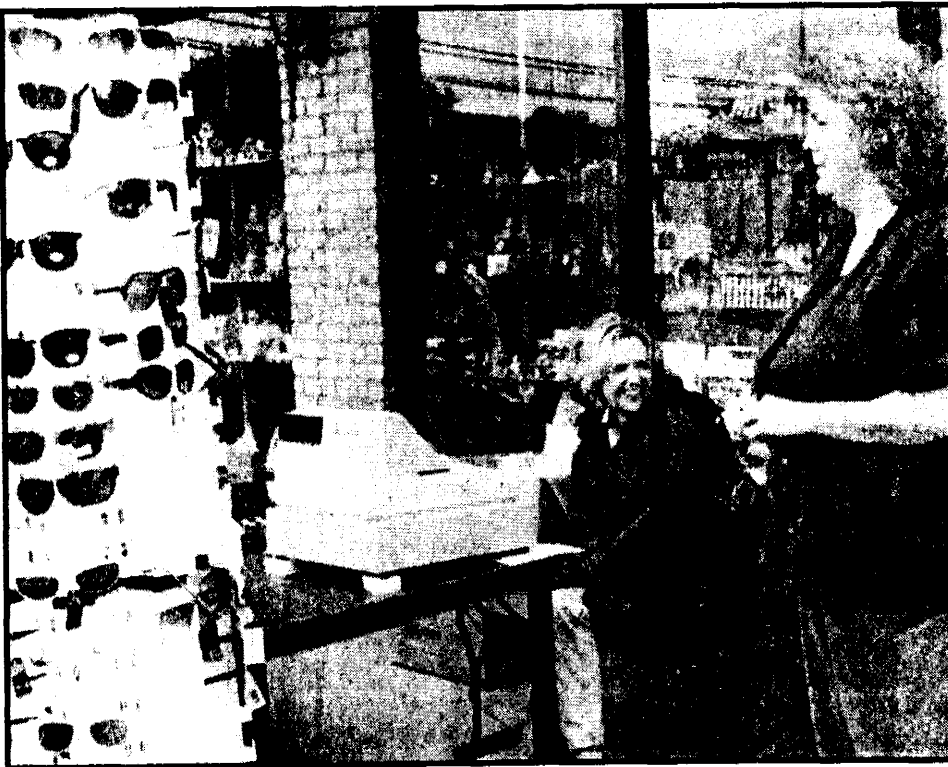
"This is the first time we've really done it like this," she said. "For a first attempt, we thought it was phenomenal."

The festival started Thursday morning and culminated Friday night with a car show and live musical entertainment. Large crowds dominated the scene both days and a lot of the traffic was from out-of-town, Warner said.

Sidewalk sales are hard to maintain in a small town, Warner added. Summer Mania succeeded by adding extra events, including those catering to children, such as a scavenger hunt and a petting zoo, she said. Many merchants in the downtown area held sidewalk sales in front of their businesses as usual, however.

"We think it was great this year, better than last year," Cheryl Shores of Book Mart said. The store donated sale merchandise to the hospital ladies' auxiliary. Auxiliary members worked the tables in front of the building, so the proceeds went to that group, Shores said. Three Girl Scout troops also ran a hot dog stand in front of the store.

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Summer Mania

CHILL IN THE AIR - Julie Homakie (left) bundled up against cool temperatures Thursday morning during Cass City's Summer Mania, as Jayne Palmerton looks on. Both work at Coach Light Pharmacy.



Emma and Dave Ackerman

Ackermans mark 65th anniversary

Dave and Emma Ackerman will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Aug. 11.

Dave Ackerman of Clare and Emma Hadeway of Fairgrove were married in Flint Aug. 11, 1935.

Dave was a school teacher in Fairgrove, Chesaning and Cass City. Emma taught in Fairgrove, Marlette and Cass City (Deford).

They have 4 children,

Sharon (Raymond) Laursen of Fairgrove, David (Charlotte) Ackerman of Midland, Edward Ackerman of East Lansing and Scott Ackerman of Cass City. They also have 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

They will celebrate with their children at a dinner at the Embers in Mt. Pleasant, Sunday, Aug. 13.

Engaged



Mary Ann Polega and Jeffery Chavalia

Harold and Joyce Polega of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann Gertrude, to Jeffery Neil Chavalia, son of Emily Chavalia of Bay City and the late James Chavalia.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Davenport University and is employed at Taylor Building Products, West Branch.

The prospective groom is employed at S.C. Johnson, Bay City.

A Nov. 18 wedding is planned.

It's a girl!



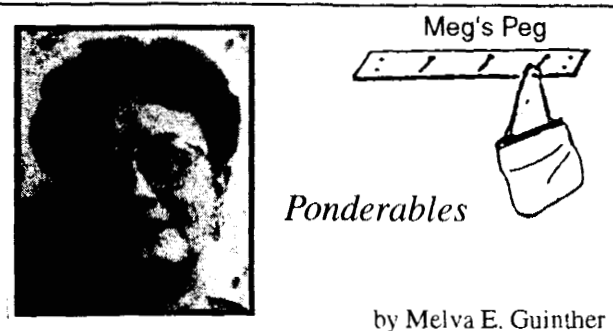
Rachel Ann Braun

Matt and Kim (Morley) Braun announce the birth of a daughter, Rachel Ann Braun, June 8, at Covenant-Healthcare Harrison Campus. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Rachel has a big sister, Ashley, at home.

Grandparents are Bob and Margie Morley of Cass City, Gerry and Lois Braun of Vassar and the late Helen Morley.

Great-grandparent is Mary Sweeney of Bad Axe.



by Melva E. Guinther

Here are some things to think about when you can't sleep at night, or any other time your mind needs to be occupied with the nonessential. They were e-mailed by our daughter.

*It's hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.

*We are born naked, wet and hungry, then things get worse.

*The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

*Laughing stock is really cattle with a sense of humor. *You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

*The latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population.

*If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

*The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

*Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat drinking beer all day.

*A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

*A shin is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

*As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.

*When you're swimming in the creek, and an eel bites your cheek, that's a moray.

*A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

*It was recently discovered that research causes cancer in rats.

*The only cure for insomnia is to get more sleep.

*Everybody lies, but it doesn't matter since nobody listens.

*I wish the buck stopped here. I could use a few.

*I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.

*When you go into the courtroom you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

*Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

*Relief: What a tree does in the spring.

This week in history:

1882 - The feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoy's of Kentucky erupted.

1926 - Warner Brothers Studios premiered the first talking pictures.

1936 - Jesse Owens became the first Olympian to win 4 medals.

1945 - The crew of the Enola Gay dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

1974 - President Nixon announced his resignation.

Diabetes program set

The East Central Diabetes Outreach Network and Hills and Dales General Hospital will offer a free diabetes education program for the community, Aug. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Detroit Edison Building, 4100 Doerr Rd., Cass City.

"The ABCs of Diabetes" is an excellent program for those just diagnosed with diabetes.

Topics will include:

* How to stop or delay the complications of diabetes

* How to accurately monitor and recognize problems with blood sugar control

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* The basics in carbohydrate counting

* How to examine your feet
To register or for more information, call 1-800-323-6614.

676 attend class reunion

The Owendale-Gagetown All School Class Reunion was held July 22 at Uby Heights Country Club. Six hundred and seventy-six graduates, spouses, teachers and administrators attended. Classes 1931-1995 were guests.

Honored graduates were: 1931 - Stella Kain Errer, Eunice McGuire Mutula; 1932 - Bea Kain Jones; 1933 - Lillian Buschlen Schuman; 1934 - Helen Kovach Spaulding, Myrtle Elenbaum Pringle, Evelyn Heberly Brookins, Thelma Ross Mellendorf; 1939 - Lucella Fritz Ewald; 1940 - Eleanor Sticken Weiss; 1941 - Harry Wood; 1942 - Marie Ralph Fleming; 1943 - Vida Burrows Fluegge, Eleanor Brining Horst, Irene Tabor Hool; 1944 - Willis Farnum; 1945 - Robert O'Connell, Ralph Tabar.

1946 - Arnie Wissner, Donald Wissner, Bob Roe, Onnalee Ralph James, Willard Fritz, Fred Chisolm, Lois Good Albrecht, Robert Albrecht; 1948 - Roger Retford, Aileen Shantz

Burzyskik, Jeannie Zapfe Wurm, Barbara Edler Jamieson, Glenn Wissner, George Peters, Naomi Norton Cox; 1949 - Ethel Block Craig, Ronald Good, Hazel Howard Good, Donna Ziehm Sageman; 1950 - Anton Peters, MaryAnn Enderle Grassel, Richard Fritz, Eugene Boch; 1951 - Elwood McDonald, Duane Ziehm, Wayne Mellendorf; 1952 - Jeannette Faust McDonald, Jeannie Faust Ziehm, Jim Montney, Gordon Boch, Edward Howard, Clarence Gaeth; 1953 - Shirley Knowlton Howard, Richard Retzler, Bonnie MacCallum Gaeth, Charles Edler, Earl Roe, Barbara Emery McCallum, Mildred Brining Singler, Dale Mellendorf, Eleanor Good Truemmer; 1954 - Marilyn Osborn Peters, Betty Lorenz Binder, William Retford, Keith Rocheleau, Lucille Montney Day, Bruce Mellendorf, May Ziehm Pobanz.

1955 - Eleanor McDonald Ethier, Nancy Kling Whaley, Jesse Dominquez, Al

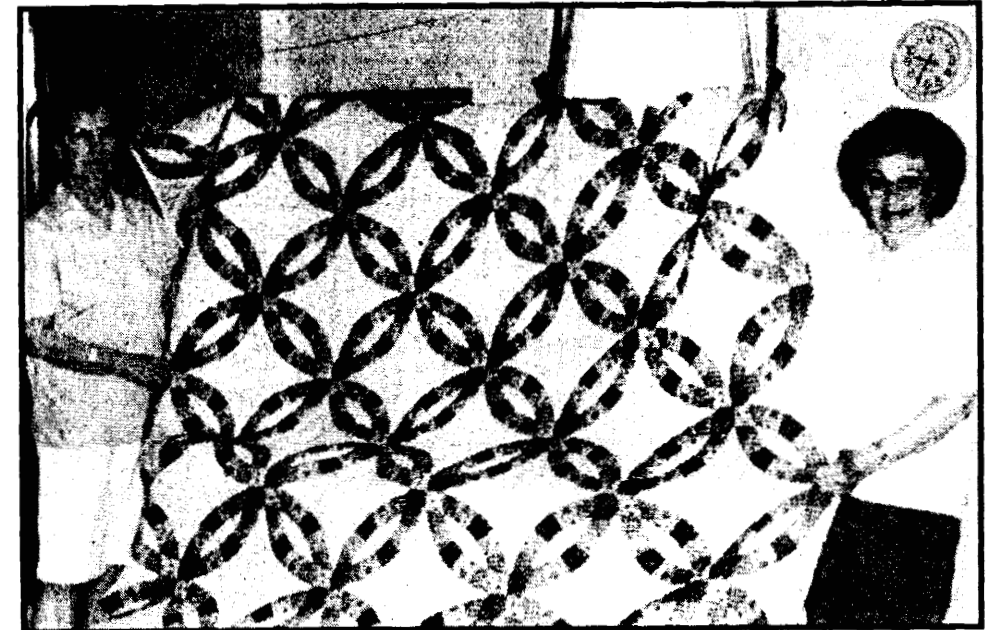
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Invocations were offered by graduates Richard Fritz and Edward Howard.

Guests were present from Michigan, Arizona, Florida, California, Texas, Georgia, Kentucky, Washington, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Virginia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Ohio, West Virginia and Mississippi.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas



Elmwood quilters

EVELYN GOSLIN (left) and Chris Erla are 2 of the members of the Elmwood Quilting Circle who helped make this Double Wedding Ring Quilt. The quilt is for sale and is displayed in the Cass City Cultural Center every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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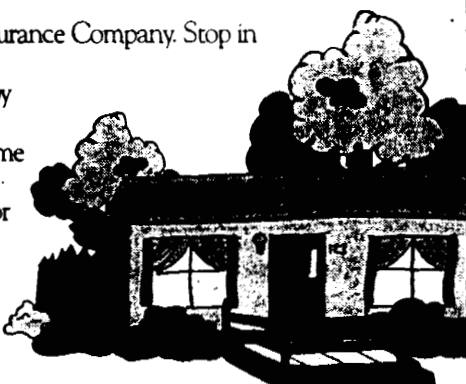
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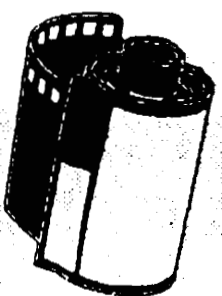


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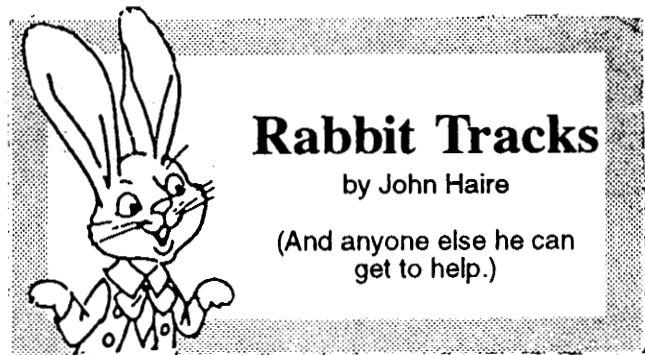
He was the perfect husband until his one mistake followed them home.

WHAT LIES BENEATH

PG-13 DREAMWORKS PICTURES

SOON: "X-MEN" & "NUTTY PROFESSOR 2"

NOTE: No Monday show - Theatre donated for Public Meeting



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

If an upscale restaurant can survive in the Caseville area, the Boat House, 6567 Main Street, should make the grade.

Now in its second summer, it features good food artistically prepared. One dinner included cranberry juice, salad and shrimp scampi. The other, clam chowder, small glass of beer, salad and perch with redskin potatoes.

The clam chowder (\$3.50 a cup) was great, well worth the cost. It's tempting to give it an 11 on the one to 10 scale. Total cost was \$43.99, plus tip. Overall, give it a 7.

Kathy Rowe, along with Dee McKrow, came on board at Hills and Dales General Hospital to successfully help right a financially listing ship. As one member of the hospital board confided, "She's a good one."

McKrow, hospital administrator, said that she was a tremendous asset to the hospital. We are sorry she is leaving, but, of course, we wish her the best in her new post.

Rowe will be leaving Cass City to take a similar position at the hospital in West Branch. She will be missed.

Meanwhile, recruiters have been notified and advertisements placed seeking to fill the vacancy.

Two of the more common lawn diseases that peak in August are nematodes and fairy ring. Nematodes can be diagnosed if your lawn has irregular shaped yellow or green patches of turf up to several feet in diameter.

Fairy ring can be diagnosed by looking for circles or arcs of mushrooms, or wilted, dead or dark green turf.

Complete details about these diseases and other lawn care information are available at www.michiganlawncare.com.

Blood drive slated at local VFW hall

Summer is a very important time of year for blood drives. The need for blood never takes a vacation. While most of us are enjoying leisure activities and vacations this summer, the need for blood continues. In fact, the need is even greater with schools and colleges closed and many regular blood donors following a different routine and away from their regular donation sites. There is also the unpredictability of increased accidents from outdoor activities during these

months.

The next opportunity to assist the Red Cross in maintaining a safe supply of blood all summer will be at the VFW Hall in Cass City Aug. 15, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. This drive is sponsored by Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and the Cass City Knights of Columbus. The collection goal is 65 units.

For more information please contact Kerry Brown at 517-872-5476 (ext. 319) or Helen Jezewski at 517-872-2746.



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Mixed results in Thumb

Drunk driving arrests, traffic deaths up in '99

Despite an increase in alcohol-related traffic arrests in 1999, Michigan's alcohol-related traffic deaths increased, from 525 in 1998 to 541 in 1999.

The rate of alcohol-related arrests increased as well. Alcohol arrests rose to 61,803 in 1999, up from 60,971 in 1998. The arrests included OUIL (operating under the influence of liquor), impaired, zero tolerance and CDL alcohol violations.

Among Thumb area counties, alcohol related traffic deaths in Tuscola County doubled, from 6 in 1998 to 12 in 1999. Alcohol-related arrests, meanwhile, dipped from 367 in 1998 to 354 in 1999.

In Sanilac County, the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths increased from 0 to one during the same period, while arrests increased from 462 to 595. There was no change in the number of deaths in Huron County (2), but the number of arrests fell by 18 to 314 in 1999.

The arrest and conviction information is contained in the recently-released 1999 Michigan Drunk Driving Audit, assembled and distributed by the Michigan Department of State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.

"Unfortunately, numbers do not give us insight into how to reduce drunk driving, especially among young men," said Betty J. Mercer, division director of the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning. "We are hopeful that the impact of new changes in Michigan's drunk driving laws will result in a more positive report next year."

Men continue to far out-

Grimmer joins the U.S. Army

William J. Grimmer has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

He is the son of Susan R. Grimmer and stepson of Dale R. Potter of Kingston.

number women in their rate of alcohol arrests. In 1998, 49,818 men (82 percent) were arrested, compared to 11,153 women (18 percent). In 1999, those figures increased to 50,321 for men (81 percent) and 11,482 for women (19 percent).

This year's report includes a first-time summary of vehicle immobilizations ordered under the state's new repeat offender laws, which went into effect in October 1999. Next year's audit will include a full one-year picture of immobilization actions.

Conviction data shows that of the 58,732 people arrested for OUIL in 1999, 26,856 people were convicted of that offense. However, 31,205 were convicted of the lesser offense of impaired driving (including 943 motorists ar-

rested for impaired driving).

To combat drunk driving, many state and local law enforcement agencies participate in Operation Nightcap, a saturation patrol program targeted in the highest crash areas. Special funding allows officers to target those areas with intense enforcement at the time of day and day of the week when most alcohol-related crashes occur. The goal is to discourage drunk driving through highly visible enforcement.

"These programs take time to show impact. We're collecting data to see what the long-term effect of saturation patrols will be in the targeted areas," Mercer said.

Alcohol is involved in nearly 40 percent of all traffic deaths in the state, a number that has held relatively steady for 8 years.



A few years ago a progressive group spent a lot of time investigating the possibility of an arena featuring an inside skating rink at the Cass City Recreation Park.

It was an ambitious project. It never got off the drawing board for a variety of reasons. It called for major cash for the building. Even more important was determining how the building was to be maintained and operated. For most folks, no matter how the numbers were crunched, they never added up.

The truth is that without adding to the services or facilities, the park is already taking a huge chunk of Cass City's tax dollars. It costs in the neighborhood of \$175,000 annually from the village's general fund \$1.3 million budget.

There is no doubt that an ice arena would add to the life style of the community. There are several other additions that would enhance the enjoyment of the park. They all cost money.

What's needed, of course, is a tax base that covers the area to be served. Right now the park yearly receives a total of \$800 from Novesta, Evergreen and Elmwood townships and \$2,000 from Elkland Township.

A tax authority created to include the Cass City School District would cover, with a few additions, the area that the park serves, spreading the cost equally among the people who use the facility. A mill spread across the district generates over \$160,000 annually. Couple that with some held from the village and any reasonable improvement is within reach.

The park's cost to residents of the village has been banded around for a lot of years. I always figured that plans for change ran into a stone wall with this unanswered question. How do you convince people to vote to tax themselves for a service given them virtually free?

But with the change in lifestyles today, where more and more of us are looking to regular exercise and outdoor activities as a means to a more healthful life, perhaps

creating a park authority is not as far-fetched as it once was seen.

Residents outside the village okayed a tax to help support Rawson Memorial Library when the service was still available if they voted no instead of yes on the tax. They paid because enough of them recognized the superior service offered and wanted it to continue. And, I suspect, a sense of fair play created many of the yes votes.

Regardless, the result achieved by the library indicates there is at least a chance that the park could be financed by a wider, more equitable tax base.

If that happened, perhaps we could take another look at an ice arena on the way to making the park all that it can be. Making the community just a little finer to live in than it is today.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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This year's British Open golf tournament provided an interesting look at the long and storied history of the game. Those who think golf was conceived by a wee Scotsman with a gnarled stick will be happy to learn that is probably correct.

Television viewers were reminded that livestock played a vital role in constructing the first golf courses. Historians surmise grazing sheep created fairways on the old courses of Ireland and Scotland.

Experts say bunkers were formed in places where sheep sought refuge from the storm. Clubhouses were established in places the Scotsmen sought refuge from the sheep — or their wives. Many of these early golfers never left the clubhouse; a tradition carried forward to this day.

Historians speculate that rabbits created the first greens by nibbling the most tender grasses on the links. The male rabbit would dig a hole near the center of this short grass and these burrows became the first golf holes.

I've often wished rabbits were still digging golf holes. This would prevent some diabolical greenskeeper from placing the hole 4 feet from the edge of the green.

No one knows for sure how a flag appeared in the rabbit's burrow on those early courses. Few rabbits had the where-with-all to buy a flag in those days.

Some believe the rabbit would wave his flag when he saw a group of golfers leaving the clubhouse. This might sound silly on the surface, but quite a few denizens of the clubhouse have reported stranger sights than that.

I am not a golf historian, but I have played on courses that seem to have been designed by sheep. I've also played on fairways sporting various amounts of forage.

These fairways weren't actually on the golf course, but close enough to allow a shot or 2 before folks begin yelling about some idiot playing out of bounds.

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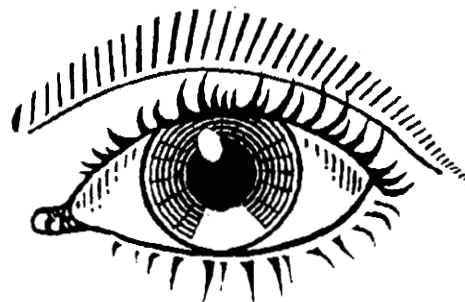
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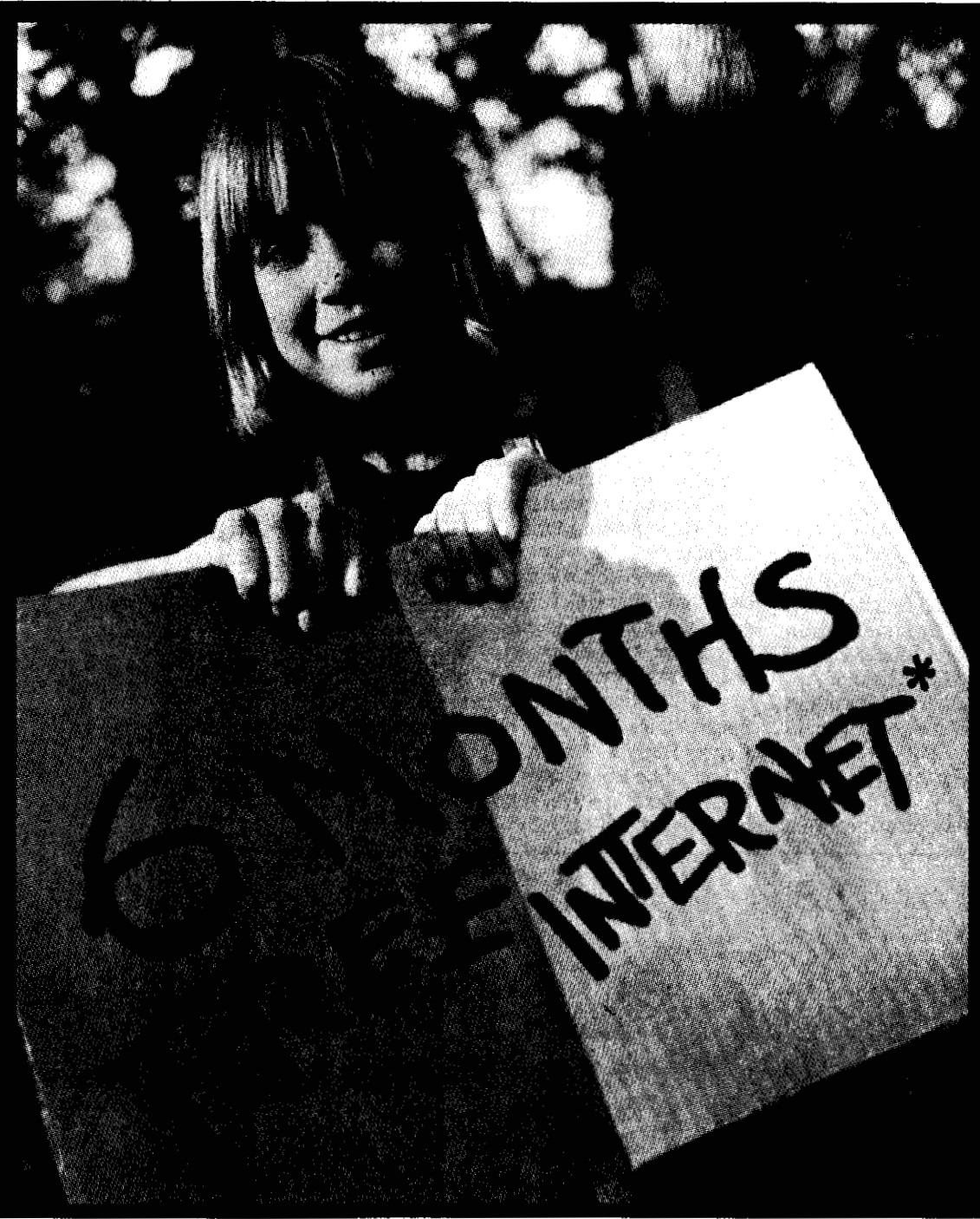
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Cass City's Nancy Hutchinson

Teacher ends 32-year career

by Lynn Heitkamp
Staff Writer

Nancy Hutchinson seems to do everything young. She graduated high school at the age of 16, started teaching at 18 and now is retiring in her 50s.

"I've been responsible for kids since I was 18," she said. That was a factor in her deciding to stop teaching after 32 years in the Cass City schools.

Hutchinson spent her formative years in a small country school in Sand Valley, south and east of Cass City. The school frequently double promoted children, which meant Hutchinson graduated at 16.

"I really didn't know what I wanted to do," she admitted. She thought about nursing, and was accepted at several nursing schools, but then found out she couldn't take the state nursing exam until

she was 21. That seemed a long time to wait.

Her mother was a teacher and encouraged her to apply at different schools. "I decided to go to college. Actually, my mother told me I was going to college," she laughed.

"You remember every single child. You really do."

**-Retiring teacher
Nancy Hutchinson**

Hutchinson spent 2 years at Central Michigan University before her sister entered college. To keep the family finances from being strained too much, Hutchinson took a job teaching Kindergarten through 7th grade in another small country school. She

ever since. She has moved around to several different buildings over the years, however, as she taught 4th, 6th, and finally, 5th grade.

The new middle school building is hard to give up, she said. "I waited so long for a sink in my room and out-

lets you could use without blowing a fuse," she added. In the old Intermediate school, she had to run out into the hall and reset circuit breakers on a regular basis, she said.

5th grade was her favorite grade level. "They're independent and yet, they still depend on the teacher. By the time kids get to 6th grade they're all peer group," she said. Fifth graders want guidance, but by the time children reach 6th grade they don't want to answer to anybody, she added.

She shares many interests with the 5th grade age group too. Like many of her students, she enjoys farms, animals, sports and all kinds of collections. And although they may be starting to get interested in fashion, fads and hairstyles, those kinds of things aren't that important to 5th graders, she said.

RETIREMENT

Hutchinson didn't announce her retirement until after the school year was over because she wanted her last days teaching to be happy. She avoided getting "roasted" by her colleagues or having her students upset that way. She wanted to be able to get through her final day without tears.

She managed to cause a small crisis in the life of one of her 3 grandsons, though. Jimmy, going into the first grade, was upset because his older brother would come to Hutchinson's room at the middle school after classes each day to study spelling with his grandmother.

Now that Jimmy's going to be old enough to do that, she won't be there. "Grandma will just have to pick him up," Hutchinson said.

Besides spending time with her grandchildren, Hutchinson hopes to have

time for painting, playing the organ and the accordion and learning to play the mandolin.

Retirement comes after a long, happy career. "I've had fun. I've really, really enjoyed the kids and the people I worked with," she said.

One of the nicest compliments she's received is former students coming up to her as adults, saying they decided to become teachers because of her.

"You remember every single child. You really do," she smiled. Like many teachers, she feels her students are "hers."

She doesn't necessarily think of them as her children. "There's a difference between MY kids and my KIDS," she explained.

Through the years, students haven't changed much, Hutchinson said. Parenting has changed, technology has advanced and environmental influences have had their effect, but kids remain kids.

Today's children do different kinds of activities than adults did when they grew up. "As history evolved," she noted, "probably every generation of adults could say that."

There is less time in today's classroom for simple, fun things like Hutchinson sharing her hobbies. In 5th grade, the main goal now is to pass the MEAP test. "It guides your curriculum," she said.

Since school funding is reflected by the results, teachers try their best to get kids to pass. It's sad that even bulletin board displays have become devoted to material that will be on the MEAP, Hutchinson added.

With all that behind her, she can now claim something interesting. "I've taught into 2000. Some say the new century doesn't really start until 2001, but I'm saying I taught in 2 centuries," she smiled.



AFTER 32 YEARS of teaching in Cass City, Nancy Hutchinson has retired. Her "kids" gave her many mementos that are now hanging on her kitchen wall.

Draper earns bachelor's degree



Mandy Kaye Nizzola Draper

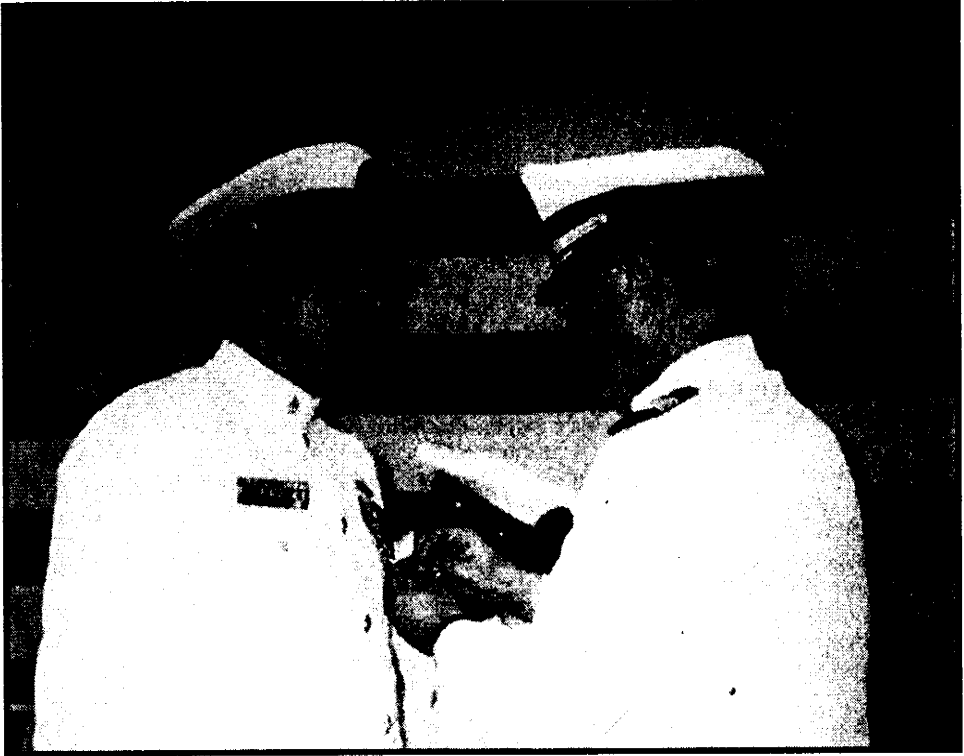
Mandy Kaye Nizzola Draper graduated cum laude June 16 from Kettering University with a Bachelor of Science in engineering with a major in mechanical engineering.

While attending Kettering, she was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Pi Tau Sigma (national honor society of mechanical engineering), and Tau Beta Pi (national honor society of engineering).

Draper is a mechanical engineer for Delphi Chassis Systems, working as an application engineer at the Delphi Tech Center in Brighton.

She is the daughter of Ed and Sandra Nizzola of Cass City.

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CASS CITY area native Chief Petty Officer Stephen L. Agar recently retired from the United States Navy.

'79 Cass City grad Agar retires from Navy

Cass City area native Chief Petty Officer Stephen L. Agar recently retired from the United States Navy.

Attending the tradition laden ceremony in Norfolk, Va., were his parents, John and Joann Agar; his sister, Terry Fahrner, with her husband Charles and sons, Andrew and Aaron; brother, John, with his wife Barbara and son Robert, and his uncle, Harmon Agar, and wife Nancy. Also present were Agar's wife Nesa along with her sister, husband and nephew. In addition to the navy personnel, other guests included pastors Buzz Stewart of Lake Forest, Calif., and Nick Weddle of Pine Mountain Valley, Ga.

During the ceremony, Agar was presented with the Navy/Marine Commendation Medal from the secretary of the navy, Certificate of Appreciation from President Clinton, letters of appreciation from past presidents Bush, Carter, Ford and Reagan.

Letters of appreciation were

also presented from the Surgeon General of the Navy, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Naval Force Master Chief Hospital Corps, Commander of the USS Ponce Captain M.J. Murphy, Virginia's Governor Gilmore and Michigan's Governor Engler, along with a Michigan State Flag with a certificate that it had flown over the State Capitol.

Also presented was a shadow box containing duplicates of Agar's rank pins, service ribbons and the American Flag. A duplicate shadow box was also presented to his parents along with letters of appreciation from Commanding Officer Murphy.

A reception followed the ceremony, after which Agar gave the family and guests a tour of the USS Ponce, his last ship assignment. The following day the family and guests toured the Aircraft Carrier Harry S. Truman.

Graduating from Cass City High School in 1979, Agar entered the Navy the follow-

ing December. After graduating from Great Lakes Naval Training Center, he received his first set of orders assigning him to the USS Dixie, home ported in San Diego, Calif. The Dixie was the oldest ship in the Navy and following a cruise throughout the Pacific, it was decommissioned and Agar reported to Hospital Corpsman A School in San Diego.

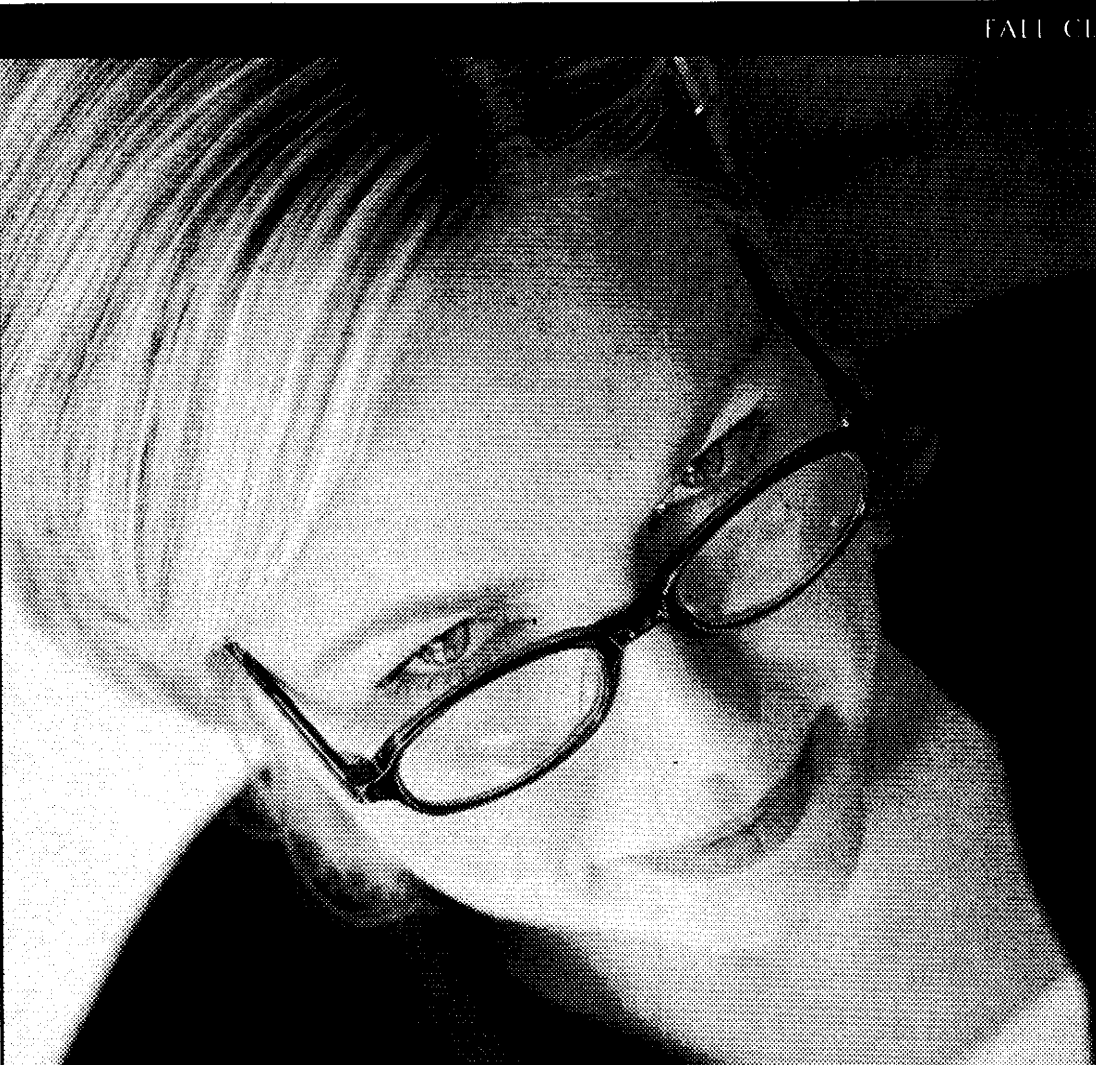
Upon completion of his schooling, he received orders to report to Fleet Marine Force, 2nd Division, 3rd Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Following that assignment he served at Pensacola, Fla., Quantanamo Bay, Cuba, Fort Lewis, Wash., and finally the USS Ponce, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

On his last voyage, Agar was involved in transporting Marines to Kosovo. While they were out, the recent earthquake disaster occurred in Turkey and they received orders to assist in a rapid shelter building project for the victims.

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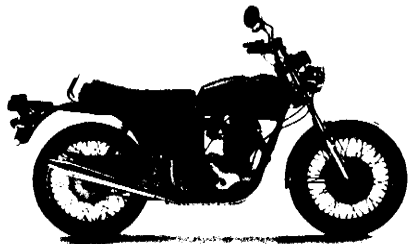
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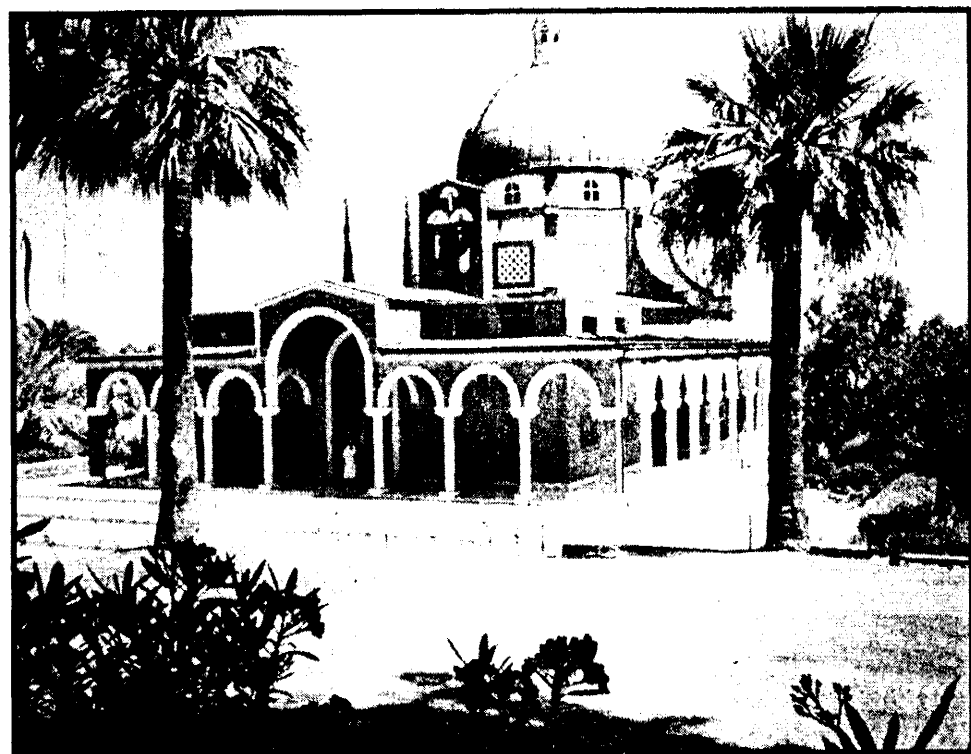


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MARV AND Marilyn Hobart recently returned from Israel, where they performed with the C.M.I. Choir in Bethlehem's Manger Square as well as in Jerusalem at the Citadel of David.



THE HOBARTS' trip included seeing a host of historical sites, including the Church of the Beatitudes (above), overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

Circuit court proceedings

A Mayville-man charged with forcing another male to engage in sex acts will spend the next 20 to 30 years in prison.

The sentence was handed down Friday to James W. Trammel II, 37, who previously pleaded guilty to 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion Jan. 12, 1999, in Fremont Township. Trammel also pleaded guilty to being a habitual offender (3 or more previous felony convictions).

In other recent circuit court proceedings:

•Philip S. Timmerberg, 30, Clifford, stood mute to charges of criminal sexual conduct with intent to commit sexual penetration and aggravated domestic violence, second offense, Jan. 22 in Koylton Township.

Bond in the case was continued at \$250,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled.

•Joseph M. Reyna, 20, Vassar, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 365 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years April-September 1999 in Vassar Township. He was also ordered to pay \$800 in court costs and fines.

•Erik S. Hatfield, 19, Vassar, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 30 days in jail for his plea of guilty to attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years in May-July 1999 in Millington and Vassar Townships. He was ordered to pay \$700 in costs and fines.

•Harry M. Haske, 35, Reese, was sentenced to 24 months to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to 3 counts of attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between January 1990 and January 2000 in Gilford Township.

•Jeremy R. Bouchard, 15, Otter Lake, stood mute to 2 counts each of first degree home invasion, conspiracy to commit home invasion, larceny in a building, malicious destruction of a building and malicious destruction of personal property Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 in Watertown Township.

Bouchard was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department and his bond was continued at a combined \$200,000. A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled.

•William O. Hegwood, 52, Columbiaville, was sentenced to 4 to 8 years in prison for his plea of guilty to 3 counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud between December 1998 and March 2000 in Millington.

•Chad C. Williams, 27, Vassar, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond July 21, 1999, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Joshua J. Larkin, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted delivery of marijuana July 20 in Tuscola Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Scott D. Truax, 24, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to conspiracy to commit home invasion Dec. 13 and larceny in a building Dec. 30-31 in Vassar Township.

Truax was also ordered to pay \$4,892.92 in restitution, costs and fines totaling \$2,520, and \$1,000 in attorney fees.

•Steven L. Fisette, 41, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Jan. 7 in Caro, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, and resisting and obstructing a police officer Dec. 4 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued for the defendant, who was remanded to

the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Charles Boyle Jr., 36, Akron, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 12 in Columbia Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Maureen J. Andrakowicz, 28, Clifford, pleaded guilty to escape from prison April 6 in Clifford.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Martha A. Scott, 40, Caro, was convicted of possession with intent to deliver marijuana April 13 in Caro. A jury handed down the verdict following a one-day trial.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Rex A. Severn, 37, Flint, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 24, 1999, in Kingston Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Hobarts recall trip to Holy Lands

Couple tours with concert ministry

Editor's note: area residents Marv and Marilyn Hobart recently returned from Israel where they performed in Bethlehem's Manger Square and also in Jerusalem at the Citadel of David with the C.M.I. Choir.

The Hobarts are members of the Michigan/Ohio division of Concert Ministries International, whose motto is "Taking Music to the World". They are also members of the Cass City United Methodist Church Choir and the Tom Thumb Singers.

The following is a first-hand account of the Hobarts' experiences abroad:

Members from the St. Louis, Mo., division combined with the Michigan/

Ohio choir and along with 2 encore groups of the Continentals, performed the musical "David, a Man After God's Own Heart" in the Citadel. Choir members wore Biblical costumes to perform in the ancient open-air fortress.

"Christmas in June" was the theme of the Bethlehem Square performance. Thurlo Spurr, founder and director of C.M.I., and Bob Pickett directed the Manger Square performance.

The experience was priceless as were several days of touring the Holy Lands, including a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee in a replica of a

wooden ship used in Jesus' day. Being baptized in the Jordan River and swimming in the salty Dead Sea were 2 more unforgettable events. Considerable time was spent visiting holy sites in Nazareth and Jerusalem.

Our impression of Jerusalem was a very busy, intense city with more than can be absorbed in a few days. It is politely described as a mosaic of religions, but after being there we wonder if contested for by 3 major religions - Christianity, Judaism and Muslim - might be more accurate.

With so many people wanting to live and die in what they believe is the holiest place on earth, there doesn't seem to be enough space for all of them.

Israel is a country of contrast, going from hot barren mountains to green, fertile, irrigated valleys where delicious fruit, vegetables, grains, bananas, dates, apricots, olive trees and much more are grown from water diverted from the Jordan River or natural springs.

Wild camels inhabit some areas, with the Bedouin tribes herding sheep, goats and donkeys in the mountain

desert area. The Bedouins living in their tent shelters with the sheep and goats herded in caves for the night makes the Bible story of Jesus' birth seem real.

A trip to Masada, a fortress built by King Herod on a mountain top 2,000 feet above the Dead Sea, with a stop at Qumran (where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947), made a full, memorable day also.

June daytime temperatures are very hot and dry. Water must be consumed in large quantities. After sundown it is usually quite pleasant. The sky is bright blue and clear most every day.

Marilyn found the impact

of our musical message to be a very heartwarming experience in that the people of Jerusalem and Bethlehem were very receptive to our presence, and she now has a pen pal, a 16-year-old named Amira living in Bethlehem.

An added bonus was a stop in Athens, Greece, where we saw the ancient Greek ruins of the Acropolis, Mars Hill and the Parthenon.

Traveling with the choir and being joined by Marv's sister, Joyce, and her husband, Clarence Ventline of Cass City, made it a very memorable journey.

We walked and walked over stony, uneven pathways where tripping and falling were often dangers, but we felt we walked where Jesus walked and we will always be blessed because we did,

Your neighbor says

Library 'friends' are busy group

The annual used book sale, held last week in conjunction with Summer Mania events, is only one thing Friends of the Library does, member Carol Rutkoski said.

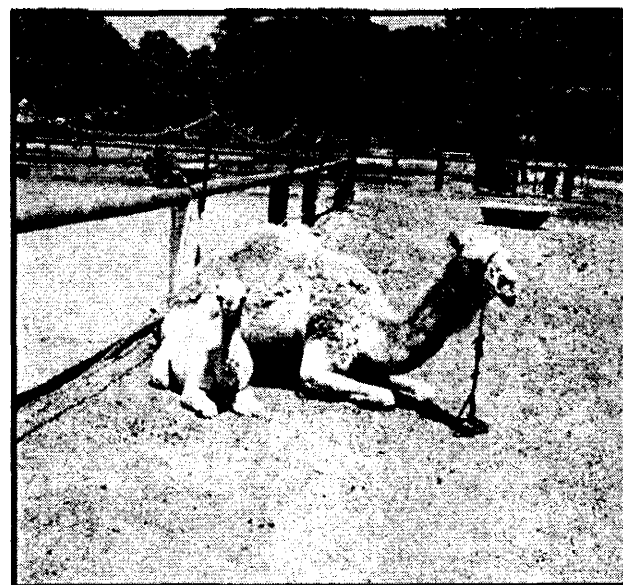
The group also has an Easter bake sale, a Christmas home tour every other year and puts on exhibits like the successful "Barn Again" show held at the library last spring. "We're working all the time," Rutkoski said, but she admitted it is a fun group to belong to.

She has been active in the Friends for about a year. "After you retire, you find something," she said. "Anybody can join, she added. All one has to do is come to the group's meetings the 3rd Thursday of every month and pay \$3 in dues."

The Friends raise money to help buy videos and other materials Rawson Memorial Library needs.

Rutkoski said if she wasn't working at the used book sale, she would have been buying. Shoppers can find real bargains, she added. Customers at the sale paid 25 cents for paperback books and 50 cents for most hardcovers. "That's cheaper than garage sales," Rutkoski laughed.

She also enjoys the sidewalk sales during Summer Mania, for more than just the shopping. "It gets people together," she said, "Everybody comes out."



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TROOP LEADER Cathy Meck and Girl Scout Angie Simpson recently worked at a hot dog stand in front of Book Mart in Cass City. Service Unit 609, including Girl Scouts in Cass City and Kingston, has many more activities in store for the upcoming year.

Thumb Girl Scouts gearing up for action-packed year

by Lynn Heitkamp
Staff Writer

It isn't just business as usual with the Cass City area Girl Scouts.

"We're looking forward to a new year with a newly reorganized service unit team with new fresher ideas," local troop leader Gerri Simpson said, "and we're really excited about it."

The service unit covers 8 troops in Cass City and 2 in Kingston, managing around 70 girls. The team of troop leaders is organizing activities and projects for the Scouts during the upcoming year.

"Of course, we're quite famous for our Girl Scout cookies and that takes place in November," Simpson said. The girls get to keep the money earned to use it towards field trips and supplies. Some troops spend part of their cookie money buying handbooks or uniforms for girls who might not be able to afford them otherwise.

Last year, area troops went to the Delta College planetarium in Bay City, Huckleberry Railroad and Crossroads Village in Flint and went to sleepovers at Flint's Sloane Museum and Caro High School, where they earned badges overnight. A

rollerskating trip will probably be a new addition to the line-up this year, troop leaders said.

Troops from all over the state often attend these events. "They're earning

Keep America Beautiful Day. "We do do the community work, but we have fun doing it," Simpson said.

"We earn our keep, so to speak, around here," she added.

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their different badges and patches for the uniform, but they're also meeting other Scouts," Simpson explained.

Girl Scouts also take part in service projects like Mitten Tree, during the winter. Younger Scouts decorate boxes to place around town to collect donations of warm clothing. The hats, gloves and scarves are distributed to local elementary schools where they can be passed out as needed to children with missing or wet snow gear.

The service team hopes to be able to pass out food baskets at Christmas time. Scouts also put up holiday decorations at medical facilities and go caroling throughout town.

In May, the girls clean up litter and do yard work on

Whatever the Scouts are doing, it will broaden their horizons and help them out somehow in the real world, another troop leader Cathy Meck, said. "We try to have a lot of experiences for the girls," she added. A lot of the activities the girls participate in, such as museum sleepovers, they probably couldn't do on their own, leaders said.

SCOUTING IN THE FUTURE

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. will be celebrating its 88th birthday this year, and the program is no longer centered on sewing and home-making skills as it was at the beginning, Meck said. "It has had to broaden," she ex-

plained. For example, girls can now earn badges in science, sports and computer technology.

Camping however, has remained a strong part of the program and many girls take advantage of Camp Oak Hills in Harrison. The camp even offers special camps where parents can come and spend time with their daughters.

Candlelight ceremonies also remain a part of the organization. Having ceremonies to mark achievement at the different levels of Scouting is an important part of the program, Simpson said. The troop she leads recently "bridged" from Brownie Scouts to Juniors.

The new year kicks off September 7, with registration at the Detroit Edison building, on Doerr Road, at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in joining Girl Scouts is welcome to come, Simpson said. Current Scouts will be on hand to talk about their experiences and show how they've earned badges. More information about the event will be sent home with girls at school closer to the date.

Detroit Edison is one of many local businesses that supports Girl Scouts, Simpson said. Veterans of Foreign Wars recently purchased a building across the street from its hall that they are letting the Scouts use as an office and meeting place. McDonalds, Book Mart, The United Way and the Business and Professional Women also contribute generously, she said.

"It's a good way to meet new friends and have a lot of interesting activities," Meck said about Scouting.

"They're hanging out with their girlfriends," Simpson agreed. "They learn something, but they don't even know it."

For more information about the Cass City or Kingston area Girl Scouts, contact service unit director Carol Knight at 872-4607, Kathy Bock at 872-4110 or Meck at 872-5088.

Stacer completes requirement

Catherine Stacer, Agent, of The McVey Agency of Cass City and Bad Axe, has successfully completed the Annual Continuing Education Requirement of the Society of Certified Insurance Service representatives in Austin, Texas.

In order to earn the designation, CISR (Certified Insurance Service Representative), each individual must have attended 5 courses covering all phases of the insurance business and passed 5 comprehensive examinations.

Stacer, a 21-year veteran of the industry, has been a CISR since 1998. Stacer believes insurance consumers are best served by those who acquire and maintain a high level of professional excellence by meeting the continuing education requirements of the Certified Insurance Service Representatives Program.

"Gagetown Country Days"

Gagetown set to host annual bash

Gagetown is hosting a community party and everyone is invited to join in on the fun.

The second annual Gagetown Country Days will get underway Friday afternoon. The 3-day festival offers something for all ages, from children's games and a parade to a softball tournament and the popular MT Pocket Pullers.

The celebration offers residents a full weekend of entertainment as well as an opportunity to help improve the village of Gagetown.

"The 1999 event raised enough funds to support the event this year, and with the help of volunteers and donated materials and lots of donated labor, we have been able to install dusk-to-dawn lights in the village park," said Gagetown Country Days co-chairman Joan Koch, who noted organizers hope to encourage camping and more evening events at the park.

"We have put in 900-plus feet of sidewalk from the school to the park," Koch added. "One senior citizen made the comment that finally there is a flat sidewalk to walk on because in Gagetown you either walk up hill or down hill. Now they can walk to the park. And strollers push a lot safer on the sidewalk than on the road."

"I think this group is bringing Gagetown together and it is really nice to see the retired and young alike working side by side and taking

pride in the community."

This year's celebration kicks off Friday with the start of a 3-day softball tournament (the first game is slated to begin at 5 p.m.). Cruise night gets underway at 7 p.m. with a line-up at the north end of Dodge Road on Bay City-Forestville Road.

Also scheduled is a teen dance, from 7 to 11 p.m., and a beverage tent will be open from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., with live entertainment provided by "Trigger Happy."

Saturday's activities include opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. at the village gazebo, and a FlightCare Helicopter flyover and display (if available) near the park. The parade is slated to begin 11 a.m.

There will be plenty for the kids to do, including children's games and a free inflatable midway starting at noon uptown. There will be crafters, an Eagle bingo tent, barrel rides, mule wagon rides and local food vendors. Derby car racing begins at 1 p.m.

In the park, visitors will find a pig roast by Bob Cook, a Lions Club food sale and a girls softball sale. The beverage tent will remain open until 1 a.m. and live music will be provided by "Remember" and other bands. Sunday will mark the end of the softball tournament with the championship game (time to be announced). The feature event of the day will

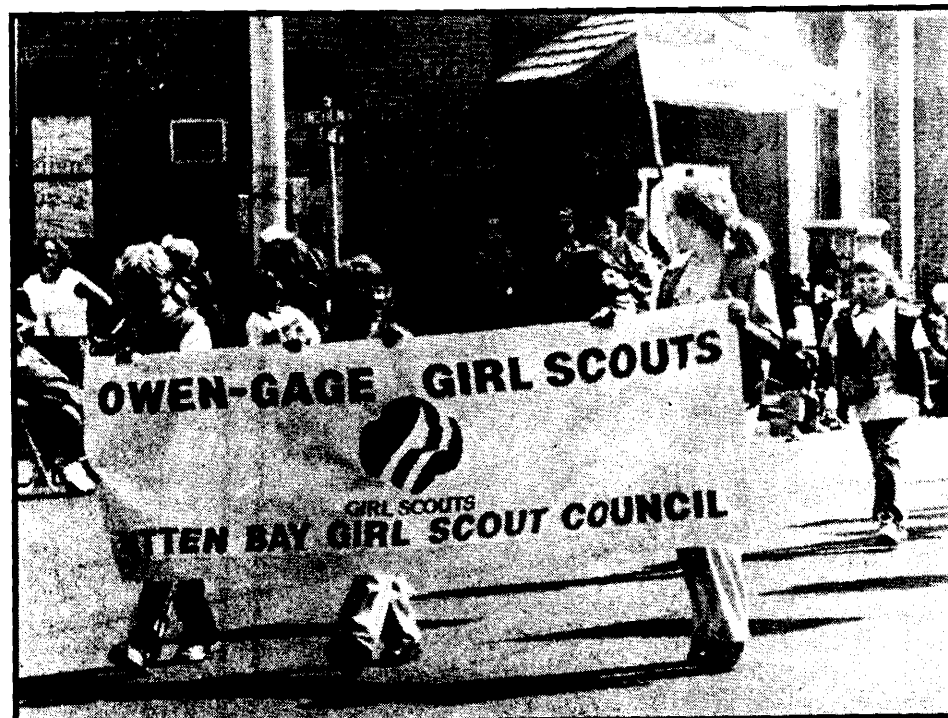
be MT Pocket Pullers starting at 1 p.m. Featured will be ATV classes, ultra light tractors, unlimited (multi-motor), garden tractors and more. The beverage tent will remain open until 5 p.m.

In addition to the activities in town, the Friends of the Octagon Barn will be hosting tours of the Octagon barn and farmhouse on Ritchie Road from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Although Gagetown Country Days was organized by a small group of volunteers just last year, the event has already had a positive impact on the Gagetown community, Koch pointed out.

"All funds raised stay in the community for its improvement, pride and betterment," she said. "I think we have a good thing going and hope that 2000 is a successful year."

More information is available by calling (517) 665-2518 or 665-2606.



A FUN-FILLED parade is just one of a host of activities planned during Gagetown Country Days, which will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Gagetown.

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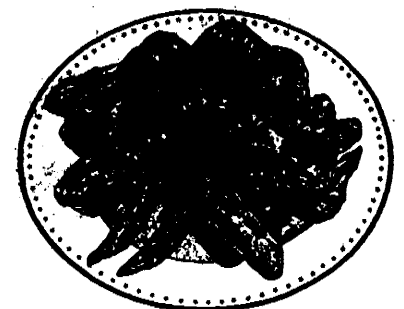
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(All scratch)

Ken Zdrojewski 171 Jim Apley 152 Jim Peyer 151 Mike Randall 151 Daryl Iwankovitch 146 Kurt Dennis 144 Frank Miller 141 Ernie Bellew 137 Russ Biefer 133 John Riddle 131 Fred Leeson 128 Dan Mosher 126 Jim Hobbs 115 Craig Bellew 114 Elwyn Helwig 111 Pat Curtis 73	FLIGHT #3 (All scratch)	Jim Fox 168 Jim Hempton 155 Jack Hool 146 Dick Wallace 145 Mike Ware 141 Rick Doerr 136 Craig Weaver 133 Dan Dickinson 132 Brian Reinhardt 121 Jon Zdrojewski 115 Dan Hittler 114	FLIGHT #5 (Handicap)	John Agar 172 Jeff Krol 148 Charlie Tunis 147 Asa Apley 140 Jim Mastie 140 Dennis Meck 138 Bill Ewald 135 Pat Davis 127 Dave Keller 120 Leonard Thompson 117 Bert Althaver 112 Brian Cuddie 88	WEDNESDAY 2-MAN GOLF LEAGUE Aug. 9	EARLY DIVISION Wallace/Apley 178 Stickle/Iwankovitch 150 Henn/Peters 148 Williamson/Rieman 146 Zdrojewski/Bryant 143 Harris/Hogan 139 Herron/Tuckey 135 Maharg/Pasieczny 131 Laming/C.Hillaker 127 W.Dillon/Retherford 122 Strickland/Glaspie 120 Bliss/Baker 108 Burns/Hutchinson 91 Berwick/Greenlee 97	LATE DIVISION J.Hillaker/S.Murphy 152 Ypma/deBeaubien 152 Jones/Marshall 146 K.Smith/Biddinger 143 M.Murphy/K.Martin 140 Chappel/Pasant 135 McCallum/Randall 135 LeValley/Morgan 130 Hool/Toner 127 Wright/Prieskorn 122 P.Peters/K.Bliss 122 Hartel/Comment 118 Schneeberger/Ulfig 111 Doerr/Haire 103
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TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' LEAGUE
As of Aug. 1

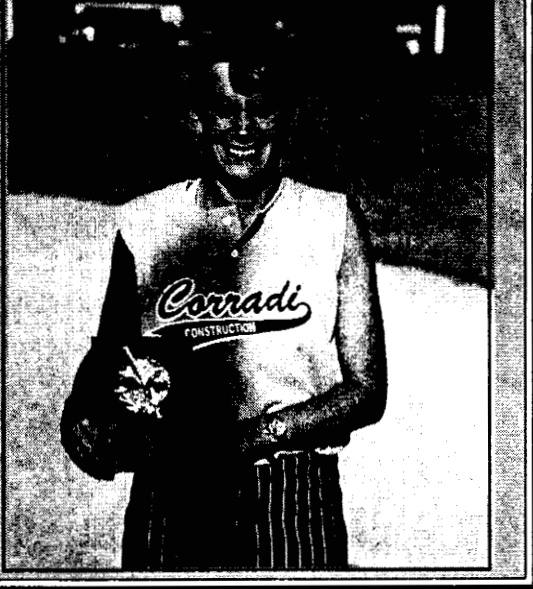
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MICHELLE PRETZER (right) was named the MVP of the tournament.



Soccer meeting planned Thursday

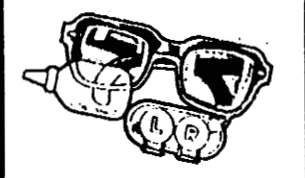
An informative soccer meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 10, at 5:00 p.m. at the Cass City Village Park soccer field/pavilion.

All Cass City High School boys and girls interested in playing soccer should attend and bring a physical exam card, running shoes/cleats, athletic apparel (shorts and t-shirt) and an open mind.

All students are required to have a physical exam before participation can be allowed.

Official practice begins Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. at the village park field.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Matt Turnstall at 517-872-1281.



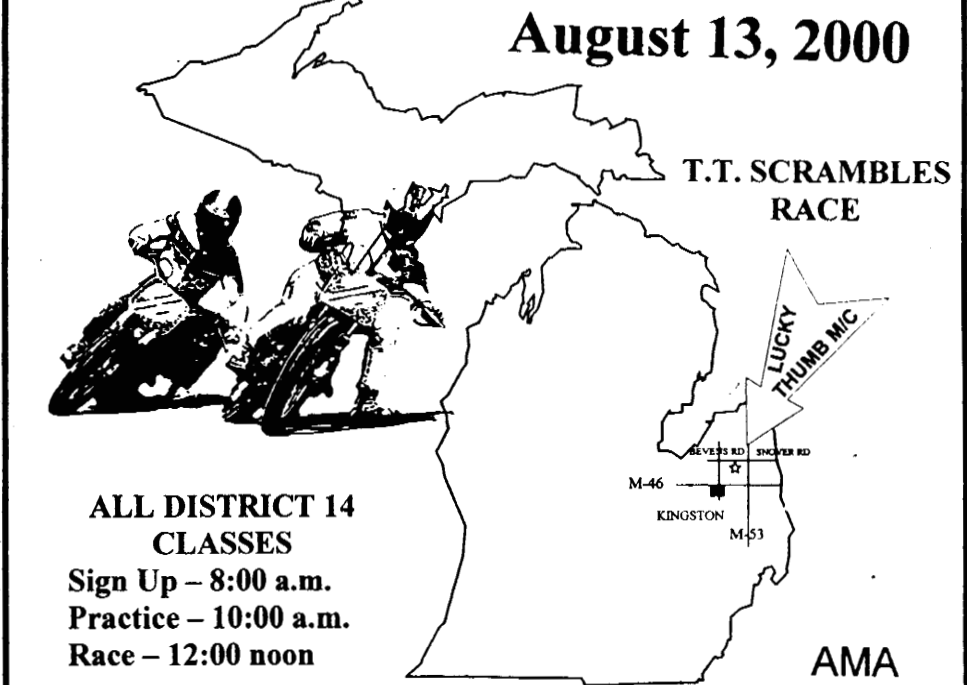
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Reinhold named finance director


Art Reinhold has been named finance director for Walbro Engine Management, a subsidiary of TI Group Automotive Systems.

As finance director, Reinhold will be responsible for the Walbro Engine Management Finance Function. He will be based at Walbro Engine Management's headquarters in Tucson, Ariz.

Reinhold joined Walbro in 1986 as divisional controller for the company's small engine operations in Cass City. He has since held a variety of positions with Walbro, including divisional controller - Automotive Operations in Caro, corporate controller - Global Automotive Operations; director of International Operations, Mergers and Acquisitions, and director of Joint Venture and Corporate Audit.

Prior to joining Walbro, Reinhold spent 8 years with Hercules, Inc., holding several positions ranging from plant accountant in Harbor Beach to senior cost analyst and senior business analyst in Wilmington, Del. He also worked for Hyzer, Hill, Booms, CPA, PC, Bad Axe.

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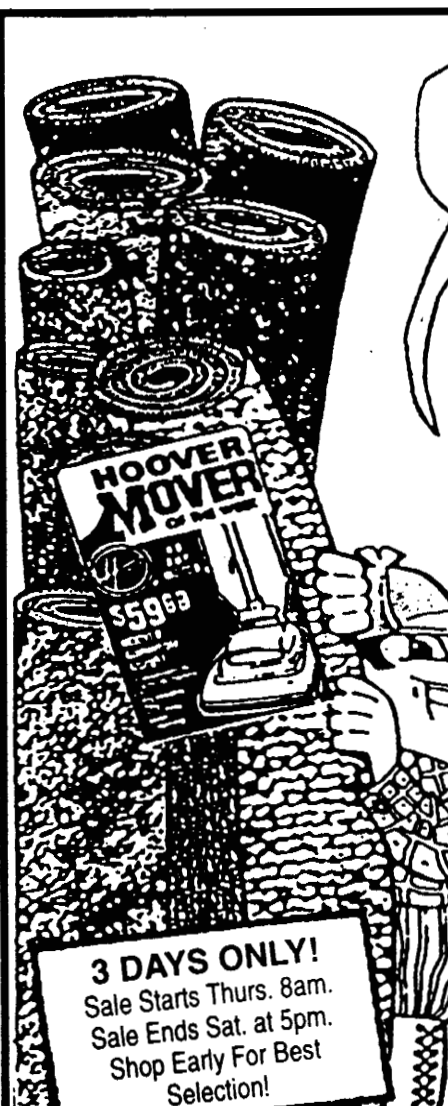
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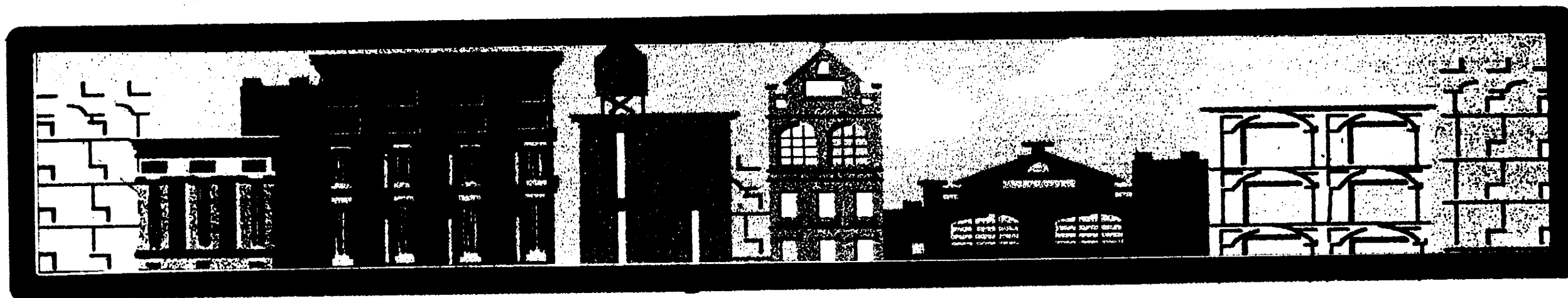
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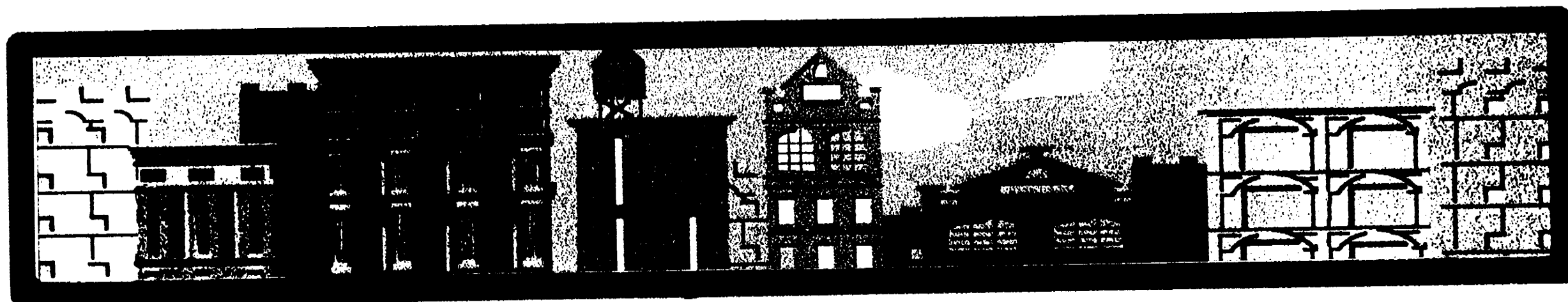
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Exchange student from Finland

Buehrlys reunite with Ulla

by Lynn Heitkamp
Staff Writer

Louise and Dale Buehrly know family members don't have to be related by blood. In 1981, they hosted an exchange student from Finland for the summer. Now, 19 years later, Ulla Haggren is still part of their lives and calls them her "American mom and dad."

"She blended right in like she was one of our own," Dale said.

The Buehrlys visited Finland earlier this summer and stayed with Ulla, her husband, Ari, and their 2-year-old son, Otto, in their hometown of Jamsa, located about 3 hours north of Helsinki, in the central part of the country.

Although they'd vacationed with her in Germany in 1984 and she visited here in 1990, the trip to Finland was the first time the Buehrlys had

seen Ulla in 10 years.

It was also their first trip to Ulla's native land. "Finland is a lovely country. They're really up on recycling and pollution control," Dale said. "You don't feel unsafe there, like you do in Russia," he added.

The trip also included a 3-day excursion to Saint Petersburg, Russia for Louise, Dale and Ulla. It was an experience that made the Buehrlys appreciate the United States. "You don't feel very comfortable there," Dale said.

Although they enjoyed seeing another culture and visiting museums, armed guards, pollution and people living on the streets are prevalent there, he added.

Dale admits they were glad to get such a compatible student 19 years ago. Good kids are in exchange programs, but they're not the ones you hear about, he added. He's heard horror stories of students coming to America who don't get along with their host families or spend all their time here being homesick. Many host families never hear from their students again after they leave the country, he said.

Their own daughter, Christine, spent time in Sweden as an exchange student in the early 1980s. She never connected with her host family the way Ulla did, Dale said.

She hasn't kept in touch with the people there.

Knowing long-term relationships between students and host families are rare makes spending time with

Ulla and her family a joy.

The Buehrlys said they feel proud to have made such a permanent addition to their family through the program.

Ulla and Ari promised to

visit the States again in a couple of years to see Louise and Dale. "She said while she was with us that our friends and family became also hers," Louise stated.



VISITING FINLAND meant a chance for Dale and Louise Buehrly (back) to see their former exchange student Ulla again. Ulla and her husband, Ari Haggren, now have a 2-year-old son, Otto, whom the Buehrlys also met.



THE BUEHRLYS also traveled with Ulla Haggren to Saint Petersburg, Russia. Although they enjoyed their time there, they say the side trip made them appreciate America and Finland.

Sheriff receives in-car camera

They may not be smiling, but drunk drivers may find themselves on camera now that the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department has received a new in-car camera to aid in the apprehension and prosecution of drunk drivers.

The Michigan Office of

Highway Safety Planning recently awarded several in-car cameras to law enforcement agencies that participated in stepped up enforcement activities over the July 1-4 holidays.

Participating agencies were entered into a random drawing for the in-car cameras.

Sheriff Tom Kern's deputies arrested 2 motorists for drunk driving and 4 other alcohol citations. Deputies also issued 107 speeding citations, 2 other moving violations, 39 seat belt violations, and made 204 traffic stops.

The cameras capture not only erratic and dangerous driving but also a person's performance on field sobri-

ety tests. These videos present compelling evidence to supplement blood-alcohol levels and an officer's testimony. Each in-car camera system cost \$4,254.

"We hope the camera will serve as yet another deterrent to those who think they can drive drunk without being caught," Kern said.

MMPA doles out \$4 million

Michigan Milk Producers Association made cash payments of over \$4 million last week in equity retirements.

These cash payments represent the 1988-89 allocated earnings. This is in addition to the \$1.9 million in cash patronage from 1999 earnings paid to members earlier this year. Combined, MMPA has paid \$5.9 million in addition to the monthly milk check to its dairy farmer members in the first 7 months of 2000.

"Our well-managed plants and diverse product mix allow us to continue to revolve back millions of dollars each year while still maintaining a strong competitive pay price in the market," says Walt Wosje, MMPA general manager.

In this time of low milk prices, MMPA continues to maximize the return of cash of its members. During the

past fiscal year (98-99) MMPA returned extra cash payments in the form of equity payments, cash patronage refunds and a "13th" check in September. These payments totaled almost 28 cents per hundredweight to all members.

In addition to the extra cash payments, MMPA strives to pay a competitive price each month to its members. The cooperative has marked 2 back-to-back record setting years for profits and member premiums.

MMPA has achieved these benchmark goals without an equity capital retain, relying on the association's plant operations, milk marketing and member dues to refund the cooperative.

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

New books at the library

The Hades Factor by Robert Ludlum: Three people from distant parts of the country die suddenly and painfully from an unknown virus. A team of scientists in a U.S. government laboratory work frantically to find out where the virus came from and how to stop it. When Lt. Col. Jonathan Smith, the leading researcher from that lab, returns from a trip overseas he barely survives several attempts on his life. By the time he arrives home the virus has killed its 4th victim, Smith's colleague and fiancée, Dr. Sophia Russell. Smith quickly discovers that her death was no accident and someone out there is using the virus to kill at will. As Smith brings together a private team to search for the source of the virus, which is killing more people every day, he discovers that his search leads to the highest levels of power and a determined genius is the culprit.

Middle of Nowhere by Ridley Pearson: When the "Blue Flu" breaks out in the Seattle Police Force, a majority of the officers are on an unofficial strike. Detective Lou Boldt is determined to remain on the job in spite of being overworked and understaffed. A series of robberies and the attempted murder of a female cop push Boldt to the breaking point and his marriage to the brink of ruin. Police psychologist Daphne Matthews and Sergeant John Lamoia work with Boldt to crack the case. Their investigation leads them to a Denver convict and his brother, also a hardened criminal. Boldt's life is in danger when he discovers the crimes are all related and refuses to drop the investigation.

Timbuktu by Paul Auster: Mr. Bones, the canine hero of this book, is the sidekick and confidant of Willy G. Christmas, a brilliant and troubled homeless man from Brooklyn. Willy is dying and he sets off with Mr. Bones for Baltimore in search of his high school English teacher and a new home for his companion. Mr. Bones is the narrator during the journey and from his thoughts comes a compelling and inspiring story.

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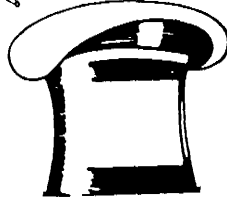
What about my brake fluid? Well, things have changed since the old days of just making sure it's full. Nowadays we have a little thing called anti-lock brakes. Brake fluid in itself hasn't really changed, but the components it runs through has. Brake fluid will get dirty and draw moisture. Every time we take the cap off to check its level we let a little air into the system. Air has moisture in it. The rubber components in the brake system also slowly deteriorate, so now we have tiny pieces of debris in our fluid. What's the big deal? Cost of repair is. Newer cars with anti-lock brakes have controllers and electronic pulsating valves that can stick or get damaged by the dirty fluid. In older cars when a problem occurred we might have to put on a new master cylinder or a wheel cylinder at a cost of \$60 to \$80. Now we're talking \$1,000 to \$2,000 for anti-lock parts and components. Can you see the difference now? Most car manufacturers recommend flushing the brake system every 2 years. Usually this is done for under \$100. Now that's a lot better than waiting for the system to fail. To repeat an old saying "you can pay me now or you can pay me later," sound familiar?

For answers in this news section, e-mail: Curtis@AVCI.net or send your questions to:

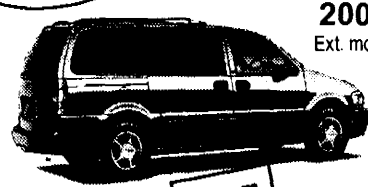
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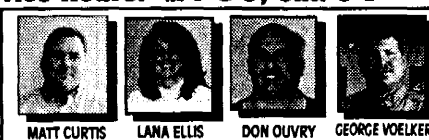
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on September 22, 2000.

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

Commencing at a point 120 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence South 188 feet, thence East 162.5 feet, thence North 188 feet, thence East 162.5 feet to the place of beginning, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: August 9, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303

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

DATED: August 2, 2000

COASTAL BANC, SSB
Assignee of Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

8-2-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arlur J. Reimus and Linda M. Reimus, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Charter One Credit Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 1, 1999, and recorded on October 27, 1999, in Liber 785, on Page 1419, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on January 31, 2000 in Liber 793, Page 659, Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety-thousand four hundred forty-seven and 52/100 dollars (\$96,447.52), including interest at 11.180% 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 September 1, 2000.

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

Lots 2 and 3, Welsh Estates, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, on Page 17, 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: July 19, 2000

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cindy E. Howden and John Howden wife and husband (original mortgagors) to Mortgage America (IMC), Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 17, 1997, and recorded on January 13, 1998 in Liber 728, on Page 157, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Indenture Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Owner Trust 1998-4 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of June 1, 1998, Assignee by an assignment dated July 5, 2000, which was recorded on July 25, 2000, in Liber 806, on Page 1363, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY AND 41/100 dollars (\$76,540.41), including interest at 11.910% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 12/22 and 6/22 of each year.

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 September 22, 2000.

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

Commencing at a point 120 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 32, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, thence South 188 feet, thence East 162.5 feet, thence North 188 feet, thence East 162.5 feet to the place of beginning, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: August 9, 2000

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8-9-5

MORTGAGE SALE

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

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Watch Bird Investment Co. to First National Acceptance Company, dated July 11, 1997 and recorded on July 25, 1997 in Liber 716 page 598, Tuscola County records. The mortgage holder has begun proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$39,702.57.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, August 31, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at front steps, 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 Artois, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as: beginning at a point that is N 89 degrees 16' E, 601.9 ft. from the Southwest corner of Section 31, thence N 00 degrees 10' 30" W, 250 ft., thence N 89 degrees 16' E, 100 ft., thence S 00 degrees 10' 30" E, 250 ft., thence S 89 degrees 16' W, 100 ft. along the South line of Section 31 and 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.

Dated: July 27, 2000

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

8-2-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TIMOTHY R. DAVIS, AN UNMARRIED MAN to AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated January 25, 1999, and recorded on March 3, 1999, in Liber 764, on page 1439, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty six thousand three hundred fifty one and 60/100 dollars (\$46,351.60), including interest at 9.760% per adjustable rate rider.

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, MI, at 11:00 AM on September 15, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF MAYVILLE, TUSCOLA County, Michigan and are described as:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, DAYTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 WHICH IS NORTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 1206.25 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE NORTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET TO SAID SECTION; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH, EAST AND WEST 1/8 LINE, SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 24 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 1326.10 FEET TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 16 AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO THE USE OF THE SOUTHERLY 33.00 FEET THEREOF AS PHELPS LAKE ROAD.

THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, DAYTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 WHICH IS NORTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 1206.25 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE NORTH 88 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 120.00 FEET TO SAID SECTION; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH, EAST AND WEST 1/8 LINE, SOUTH 88 DEGREES, 24 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 1326.10 FEET TO SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 16 AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO THE USE OF THE SOUTHERLY 33.00 FEET THEREOF AS PHELPS LAKE ROAD.

Tax ID # 005-016-000-1800-00

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

DATED: August 9, 2000

AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
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Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

8-9-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valentino Salazar and Roxanne Salazar, married (original mortgagors) to ContiMortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 1999, and recorded on June 10, 1999 in Liber 1192, on Page 0220, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the EMC Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated December 16, 1999, which was recorded on February 25, 2000, in Liber 1253, on Page 0428, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY AND 35/100 dollars (\$52,630.35), including interest at 10.850% 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 September 22, 2000.

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

Commencing 100 feet North of the Northeast corner of Lot 9, Burnside Road Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 21, Lapeer County Records, running thence North 200 feet, thence West 217 feet, thence South 200 feet, thence East 217 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the Southeast quarter of Section 8, Town 9 North, Range 10 East, Deerfield Township, Lapeer County, Michigan; together with rights of ingress and egress over: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 8, Burnside Road Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 21, Lapeer County Records, thence North 208 feet, thence East 33 feet, thence south 208 feet, thence West 33 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southeast quarter of said Section 8.

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: August 9, 2000

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8-9-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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TUSCOLA COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

FILE NO.
00-29662-DE

In the matter of Richard Holsinger

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:

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An Informal Probate Proceeding has been initiated to probate the estate of Richard

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Date: July 17, 2000

Alan M. Smith P28635
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412 S Saginaw St., Ste. 300
Flint, MI 48502
Telephone 810-767-1520

Carol Carli,
Petitioner
9449 Willard Rd.
Millington, MI 48746
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8-9-1

Meal program needs drivers

The Home Delivered Meal Program, operated by the Human Development Commission (HDC) to bring hot meals to homebound elderly citizens, needs area residents' help. The 30-year-old program is short of drivers to deliver the meals to senior citizens around the Thumb area.

"We have spots within our communities where we need drivers," said Barb Tetil, nutrition manager at HDC. "We're looking for people to give us a couple of hours - even a day - per month. That would be helpful."

Areas in the Thumb most in need of drivers for established routes are (in Sanilac County) Deckerville, and Caro (in Tuscola County). Tetil says, however, that no one area in Huron, Sanilac, or Tuscola counties enjoys an over-abundance of drivers, so new volunteers would be welcomed anywhere.

Home Delivered Meal drivers are strictly volunteers, but are reimbursed for their mileage. Each driver also receives a meal prepared by the HDC nutrition staff.

The program, which delivers 1,400 meals a day to seniors in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, currently depends on the services of about 40 drivers. Another 3 or 4 volunteers per county would be a godsend, Tetil said.

For more information, or to volunteer as a driver, please call the Human Development Commission's Nutrition Department at (517) 673-4121 or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394. Ask to speak with Tetil.

Free health screenings set Aug. 15

Hills and Dales General Hospital will offer free blood pressure and diabetes screening for the community.

The screening will be offered Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Independent Bank, Cass City, 6241 Main St. If you are over 45 years of age or have a family history of high blood pressure or diabetes, you should be screened.

7-19-5

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Wruble Elevator officials are offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals responsible for the loss of an estimated \$15,000 worth of beans over the weekend. Ray Wruble reported someone had dumped several tons of beans — valued at \$100,000 — on the ground, and due to inclement weather, there was a significant loss of the crop.

A lightning strike apparently was the cause of an electrical fire that resulted in an estimated \$250,000 to \$300,000 damage to the Walbro Corp. Aftermarket Division building in Cass City Sunday afternoon.

At least 4 Cass City businesses were among several in Tuscola County that were cited for selling alcoholic beverages to minors following a sting operation Friday night.

Area Special Olympics participants attended the International Special Olympics June 30 to July 10 in New Haven, Conn. They were Ren Cramer and David McPhail, who took first place in their division in the unified golf partners competition. Swim Coach Eddie Crosbie led his team to take 12 medals in 17 events, and Tom Beardon earned third place in the singles golf event.

Angie Meredith, daughter of Jerry and Penny Meredith of Snover, spent a month touring Italy with 6 other students from Cedarville College, a Baptist accredited college in Ohio. The purpose was to share the gospel.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City's last remaining dairy will close its doors this month, marking the end of a long history of milk processing at the corner of Main and Maple streets that began in the early 1930s. Wesley's Milk Plant will shut down Aug. 25, plant General Manager Gerald Stilson announced Friday.

Dissatisfaction with on-going contract negotiations prompted teachers in the Owen-Gage School District Monday to stage their second informational picket in 3 months.

Funding was recently approved for several state recreation grants, including a \$30,000 award to Cass City,

which will use the money to develop a walking trail along the old Grand Trunk Railroad right-of-way.

Since Aug. 2, when Iraqi troops stormed Kuwait, oil refineries have steadily increased gas prices. Cost of unleaded gas in Cass City Monday was \$1.29.9 per gallon. Previously this state's highest recorded price was \$1.46 per gallon in May 1984.

Renovation of the Cass City track facility is expected to be completed before football season begins, thanks to a \$24,000 loan Cass City School officials have agreed to make to the Cass City Boosters Club.

25 YEARS AGO

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Hawley, 3 miles southwest of Gageton, Thursday afternoon.

Two streakers were reported running through Deford late Thursday night and early Friday morning. The unclad pair were reportedly cavorting along Deckerville Road and apparently ran in front of the lights of passing cars.

Cass City's fire fighting ability came under sharp criticism last week in a report received by village officials. The report, compiled by the Insurance Services Offices of Southfield, finds fault with inadequate hydrant water pressure and water system coverage in the village.

John Frank Schwartz, 21, and Joyce Ann Karr, 23, both of Cass City, were listed in fair condition at Hills and Dales General Hospital Tuesday after their car went

out of control and rolled over near the intersection of Third and Brooker Streets early Sunday morning.

Twin brothers Donald and Ronald Russell walked away with Grand and Reserve Championship honors inpen and market lambs competition, with Donald raising the Grand Champion lot, at the Tuscola County Fair held in Caro last week.

35 YEARS AGO

Clifford Matthews, 25, succumbed Saturday to burns suffered when he was attempting to burn an old trailer at his farm home, west of Cass City, Thursday evening.

Fred Leeson announced this week that he is holding the grand opening of Leeson's Wallpaper and Paint store under his management.

A diving accident critically injured Richard McCool, 17, of Kingston Aug. 3, resulting in paralysis of his entire body starting with the upper chest, according to his grandmother, Mrs. Flora Hubbard of Cass City.

Richard Mallory, 29, of Cass City, suffered a broken vertebra in his back when he fell from a tree while working in Owendale Tuesday morning. Mallory was taken to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. Employed by the Myer's company, which contracts for Detroit Edison, he was trimming tree branches that were obstructing electric lines.

At IGA Foodliner - Campbell's bean and bacon, and vegetable soup, 8 cans for \$1; chuck steak, 59 cents a pound; new cabbage, 2 heads for 39 cents.

HDC raffle set

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will again be hosting its annual raffle, which benefits a variety of services provided to people throughout the Thumb.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per couple and admit 2 for dinner, beverages, fellowship, and a chance to win a grand prize of a \$10,000 Savings Bond. Additional prizes include \$5,000 and \$1,000 Savings

Bonds. Proceeds derived from this raffle will be used to support the many services HDC offers to the community, including the Foster Grandparent Program, Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, and the Home Delivered Meals Program.

To purchase a ticket, or for additional information, please contact the Human Development Commission's Caro office at (517) 673-4121, or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.

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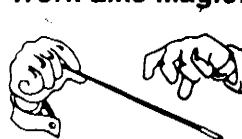
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IT MAY BE hard to believe, but the first high school football game of the season is just 16 days away. Above, the Cass City High School Marching Band, led by director Marc Palma and Drum Major Heidi Cheng, was busy preparing for the first game during an annual band camp last week.



Kretzschmer attends state trooper program

Forty-five Michigan high school students, including Kendall Kretzschmer of Owendale, are experiencing the training needed to become a Michigan State Police Trooper.

These students are members of the 25th annual American Legion Student Trooper Program being held at the Michigan State Police Training Academy, in Lansing.

The week-long program, which began Monday, is conducted by officers of the

Michigan State Police and is funded by the Michigan American Legion. The school is designed for highly motivated young men and women who are seriously interested in a career in law enforcement. In order to attend, each student was responsible for securing his or her own sponsorship from one of the Michigan American Legion Posts located throughout the state.

Between wake-up at 5:30 a.m. and lights-out at 10 p.m., students learn about traffic and criminal law, defensive tactics, firearms and marksmanship fundamentals, first-aid, water safety, narcotics, searches, patrol tactics, criminal law, crash investigations, law enforcement career opportunities, forensic science, conservation law, and underwater recovery.

"This program provides young people with a glimpse of what it takes to become a Michigan State Trooper. It is a real eye-opener. It is an intensive law enforcement career training program patterned after a regular Michigan State Police Recruit school," said Captain Gene Hockwater, Commander, Michigan State Police Training Division.

"The program promotes an educational experience for building teamwork while learning about law enforcement fundamentals.

"In just one short week, we see these students become a fine-tuned team of personalities, determined to meet with success. It is just as rewarding to our staff to see the progress these outstanding young men and women make as it is for the students when they graduate at the end."

Washington trip learning experience for 8th graders

Cass City 8th grade students recently returned from their travels to historical Gettysburg, Harper's Ferry and Washington, D.C.

There were 41 students and 10 adults who made this fourth annual trip. The trip's tour director and founder, Linda Edwards, along with Lakeland Tour Company designed the itinerary and events that took place.

Students and adults traveled through 6 states and had 4 extensive days of experiencing the early timeline of the nation's beginnings as well as modern day history in the making.

The decision for an 8th grade trip to these areas stemmed almost 5 years ago when Edwards was teaching literature for the 8th grade. As part of the middle school philosophy that had changed from the "intermediate" school, working collaboratively in teams and integrating core subject matter was the focus of the decision to fuse together literature and history. Placed geographically side by side to 8th grade teacher Kally Maharg, it was decided to work together on several projects.

The field trip was only one of many ideas. Maharg spearheaded the annual trip to see Scrooge every year in the 8th grade, which was more literature, connected and so began the idea of Edwards to travel to D.C. The content highlights of the history curriculum spawned the itinerary of sites visited for the trip.

This trip is an educational content trip, rather than a "field trip" experience, which means a faster pace without the social emphasis. While Maharg was never actually able to plan or attend any of these trips, a scholarship in her name allowed 5 students to attend this year.

The trip differs from the Close Up trip to D.C. at the

high school in the basic content of the trip. At the 8th grade level, the focus is historical rather than political. The first stop is made at Gettysburg where students walk the grounds of the battlefield and climb Little Round Top and Devils' Den. Later in the day, students visit Harper's Ferry, where the biggest realization is how important this area was in the production of arms and manufacturing and realizing it's not a big boat.

Sites in D.C. include Arlington, Korean, Vietnam, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Jefferson Memorials, National Archives, Ford Theater, Peterson House, Lee Custus House, Newseum, Capital, White House, Mt. Vernon, Smithsonian and Holocaust Museum.

Attendees on the trip also take in a dinner theater designed to integrate the humanities with the historical. Some social activity in the form of swimming and dancing are sprinkled in to refresh and rejuvenate.

Funds for the trip come largely from students earnings through an annual magazine sale in November, and events throughout the year, including Santa's Workshop and pop bottle drives, sales of pizzas, cookie dough, and sometimes clothing.

Scholarships were awarded this year by application and interviews held. Recipients of these scholarships are available to speak at clubs and organizations for presentations of their trip highlights. Names and arrangements will be available at the middle school. Community support and parents are an integral part of the trip planning each year.

Information for this year's trip will be available in September by contacting Linda Edwards at the middle school.

Sanilac 4-H/FFA sale nets \$203,098

The Sanilac County 39th annual 4-H/FFA Livestock and 21st annual Small Animal Sale was held July 21 at the Sanilac County 4-H Fairgrounds Livestock Arena in Sandusky. The combined total sales were \$203,098.50. Among area 4-Hers:

Jennifer Lowe of Snover (North Star 4-H Club) exhibited the Grand Champion Steer, which weighed 1,329 pounds and was purchased by Applied Tech & Resources-Chris and Robert Tanton of Lapeer for \$1,800 a pound. In all, 79 head of beef were sold with sales totaling \$94,530.15.

Michael Watson of Snover

(Argyle Sox 4-H Club) exhibited the Champion White Meat Turkeys in the poultry show. They were purchased by Smith Farms of Brown City for \$70. Kristy Watson of Snover (Argyle Sox 4-H Club) exhibited the Reserve Champion Meat Birds which were purchased by Mark Hart Auction Service of Marlette for \$80. Twenty-one pens of poultry were sold with sales totaling \$1,980.

Champion Market Pen of Rabbits was exhibited by Katherine Alsop of Lakeport (Rainbow Rabbits 4-H Club) and was purchased by Nick Romzek of Snover for \$100.

Vision, hearing screening offered

The Tuscola County Health Department will be offering hearing and vision screening for any child who may have missed kindergarten round-up, and who will be entering school in the fall.

Screening will be done Tuesday, Aug. 22, and Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the Tuscola County Health Department, 1309 Cleaver Rd., Caro, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call the Health Department at 673-8114 and ask for Sandy or Deb.

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BABY GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson of Anaheim, Calif., are the parents of a baby girl, Cecily Corinne, born Monday, July 31, 2000, at 3:06 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces. She was 20 inches long.

She has one sister, Brianna, and 2 brothers, Danny and Jeremy.

John Jackson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and grandson of Thelma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz of Uby.

Bob Cleland of Waterford spent Friday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka were Friday guests of Greg and Michelle Reid and Ethan.

Evelyn Miller visited Mrs. Martin Sweeney Monday.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Russ Graf and Bill Iceberg met Friday morning at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast.

Rita Depcinski came home Thursday after having hip surgery Friday, July 21. Visitors Friday were Leone Depcinski, Alice Depcinski, Charles, Therese, Shawn and Nicole, Jardine and Bob Zurek of Bad Axe, Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro, Bradley Osantoski of Bad Axe, Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Kinde, and Sharon Depcinski. Allen and Alice Depcinski were Sunday visitors, and Violet Holdwick of Ruth on Tuesday. Sharon Depcinski spent from Friday till Sunday.

Carol Osantoski visited Monday, Betty Myers of Gladwin on Wednesday and Thursday, and Mary Smith of Ohio spent from Thursday till Saturday with Ray and Rita Depcinski.

Mrs. Gerald Wills and Thelma Jackson were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mrs. Bill Goretski of St. Clair Shores spent from Sunday till Tuesday with Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Mary Catherine and John Nicol and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hunt, Ron Wolschlager, Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly met at Courtney Manor where they celebrated Dan Franzel's 86th birthday. Birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Bryce and Betty Hagen took Mary Hagen to Midland Hospital Friday, where she had foot surgery. She is recuperating at home.

Allen Farrelly was among a large group who attended the Feast Day dinner at St. Ignatius Church at Freiburg Sunday.

Mrs. Tom O'Henry and Paul were Wednesday evening guests of Allen and Alice Depcinski.

Ted Particka and Kim Willoughby of Madison Heights were Saturday lunch guests of Melvin and Charlotte Particka.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser spent from Friday till Tuesday at Gladwin with Mr. and Mrs. John Hart. While there they enjoyed a pontoon ride on the Tittabawassee River.

Corlis Leach of Ocala, Fla., Joy Guca and Dick and Ruth Krug visited Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer.

Monday, Ed Schember of Elkton, Ron Wolschlager, Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Wright. Bryce and Betty Hagen had supper with Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope Saturday.

Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at Courtney Manor Friday and Sunday in Bad Axe.

Nine members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Franklin Plaza in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at Stafono's in Bad Axe next week.

Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. Wednesday.

Allen Farrelly and Doris Western took Dan Franzel to Detroit Wednesday, where he is a patient in Hutzel Hospital.

Bob and Bev McCrea of Bad Axe were Sunday supper guests of Bryce and Betty Hagen.

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

Rus Graf, Ron Wolschlager, Jack Kennedy, Rick Shuart, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday morning.

Alice Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Thursday evening.

Mrs. Mary Beardsley attended the funeral of Al Shotwell of Dryden Aug. 2, and also spent a few days with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley and daughter in Dryden.

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LITTLE CAESAR greeted visitors to Summer Mania Thursday. Caesar's escort also passed out pizza coupons to sidewalk sale shoppers.

In Cass City

Summer Mania super

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Sandi Wright, owner of The Paint Store, said sales this year were the best in the 4 years. "Ours went very well," she added. The Chamber did a good job of recruiting different features for the festival, she stated. She saw a lot of people from out-of-town in Cass City, she added.

A new business in town, Golden Pheasant Gifts, didn't have a lot of merchandise to sell, "but we had a real nice turnout," owner Gary Wills said. The store's staff enjoyed being a part of the festival and is looking forward to participating in other village events, he added.

Erla's Food Center's sponsored a food tent for the first time, Char Krueger said. The tent featured chicken dinners and bratwursts from the store's deli and homemade donuts from the bakery. "Sales were very good. We would definitely want to do it again," she added.

So many people visited the food tent on Thursday that Bob Tschirhart, Mike Britt and Sharon Cummins, who manned it, had to send to the store for more food, Krueger said.

The annual Friends of the Library used book sale made over \$1,600 during the weekend, Marge Feebish, leader of the group, said. The Friends started with a large inventory of books, which partially accounts for the event's success, she added. "It's one of our biggest money-makers for the library," Feebish stated.

There's a good selection left, she added. The Friends decided to continue the sale through Friday to help clean out the rest of the books, she said.

As successful as many found the festival to be, one merchant said, business wasn't as good as one would expect with such large crowds.

"We had a lot more people," Coach Light Pharmacy Manager Steve Eyer said, "but it didn't affect sales that much." Although he said he was pleased that the event had attracted people into town, but the store's sale was

not an exceptional success. "You can't expect miracles in 2 days," he added.

The Chamber will evaluate what went right and what will need to be worked on for next year's event, Warner said. Already the group has learned that it shouldn't schedule children's events in the morning during summer vacation. The bicycle safety rodeo did much better on Friday afternoon than it did Thursday morning, Warner said.

"We would like more crafters and vendors on the streets and we would like to see more garage sales," she added.

During the bicycle rodeo at Summer Mania, many area children won prizes. Hannah Van Erp, Justin Sorensen, Aaron Robles, Zach McCreedy, Nicholas Smith and Brad Whittaker, all of Cass City, won new bicycles.

Winners of bicycle helmets were Morgan Erla, Galen Kuebli, Bradley Hanby, Eric Hanby, Jessica Harris, Laura Steely and Kelton Roth of Cass City; Alyssa Sangster and Joy Perry of Deford; Rose Beebe of Kingston; Justin Clemens of Owengage; Kyle Smith and Gavin Colpaet of Caro; Nora Kechma of Marlette and Carly Fleming of Snover.

Jocelynn Venema, Sara Venema and Stacy McArthur of Cass City won tire pumps. Katie Hill of Snover won a lock and a bike light. Chelsie Gebauer of Cass City won lights and Ryan Woizke of Cass City won a bike horn.

Some particularly successful events at the festival included the scavenger hunt at the playscape, Warner said. Over 100 children attended, she added. The children's petting zoo was also well received, she said.

A Tae Kwon Do demonstration Thursday night had 70 people in attendance, Warner said. The car show also went well. Antique autos filled the parking lot behind the municipal building Friday night, she said. "We'll do that again," Warner added.

Warner said she expects the festival to be even bigger and better next year.

Local pair arrested

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Wilson noted the Caro Po-

lice Department assisted in the investigation.

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Corn growers explore plane fuel

The state's corn producers received money through a grant program from the State of Michigan to promote ethanol for yet another use — aviation fuel. The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) received a \$5,000 state grant to increase awareness of federally-certified Aviation Grade Ethanol (AGE85) and showcase an ethanol-fueled aircraft.

The converted plane will be featured at airshows and other fly-in events across the state to demonstrate the use of AGE85. An educational brochure outlining specific environmental benefits and the performance of this ethanol-based fuel will be distributed.

"AGE85 is a low-cost, lead-free alternative aviation fuel that contains 85 percent ethanol," said Bob Bender of Bender and Associates. He stated, "AGE85 provides a high performance aviation fuel that is good for the environment and made from a renewable resource — corn."

"The CMPM has been working to promote ethanol consumption in the state of Michigan through vehicles and the aviation project is a

great opportunity to promote ethanol as an environmentally-friendly fuel for all occasions," said Greg Horst, a Sanilac County corn producer and president of the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan. "Not only is ethanol an abundant and low-cost fuel alternative, it is made from corn."

Headquartered in Lansing, the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan is a legislatively-established statewide program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold. Investments are made in the area of research, education, promotion and

market development in an effort to enhance the economic position of Michigan corn producers. The Corn

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, August 9

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners, Woody Crutchfield and Bill Dupuis.

Thursday, August 10

Informative soccer meeting, 5 p.m., at village park soccer field for high school boys and girls.

Friday, August 11

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

Saturday, August 12

Old Settlers Reunion, Deford United Methodist Church, potluck at noon.

Sunday, August 13

The United States Amateur Ballroom Dance Association will be holding their dance at the Caro Center for the Arts beginning at 4:00 p.m. The dance is open to all. There will be a lesson from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. with open dance following. Call 872-4943 for more information.

Monday, August 14

VFW Auxiliary #3644 of Cass City meets at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Post, 4533 Weaver St., Cass City. New members welcome as well as old members.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15

Hills & Dales General Hospital is providing free blood pressure and glucose screening at Independent Bank from 9-11 a.m.

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

Letter to the editor

Babies don't have choice, voters do

The Holocaust in America

We in America remember our Veterans of Foreign Wars and honor them with very deserved honor. They gave life and limb for a cause that freedom loving Americans wanted for oppressed human beings in other countries. This is what "foreign" means. We know freedom, life and liberty were not meant for Americans alone but for all human beings.

We are still willing to spend millions of dollars across the ocean for the oppressed, but the little babies that are not wanted by their mothers, or society are murdered before they have a chance to even breathe. We are even willing to pay taxes to pay the medical doctors, who have no

conscience, to kill those babies. Thirty-nine million - that's how many babies have been aborted since it was legalized. The number of Veterans of Foreign Wars who died in combat would only be a drop in the bucket compared to these babies who have died in another war of the conscience. You may have a choice, but these babies didn't. Nothing can justify why we do this. We have our excuses.

What can you do about it? You can vote Aug. 8th and Nov. 7th for candidates that are endorsed by "Right to Life". They are Hembling, Abraham and Bush. Right to Life is pro choice from the Baby's Point of View!

Thanks,
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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.

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STEPHANIE MILLER, 9, daughter of Pam and John Miller of Cass City, fed the animals at Summer Mania's petting zoo. The zoo, located next to D & J's Dairy, was one of many children's activities available during the festival.

Commemorative postmark available at Huron fair

The Bad Axe Post Office will issue a commemorative postmark in honor of Huron County 4-H Programs today (Wednesday).

Bad Axe Postmaster Neal Emerick will join with the 4-H clubs and have a U.S. Postal store set up during the Huron Community Fair.

The unique postmark, featuring a 4-H four-leaf clover, is free. Postal personnel at the temporary post office station inside the 4-H/FFA building will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will apply the postmark to any item bearing first-class postage.

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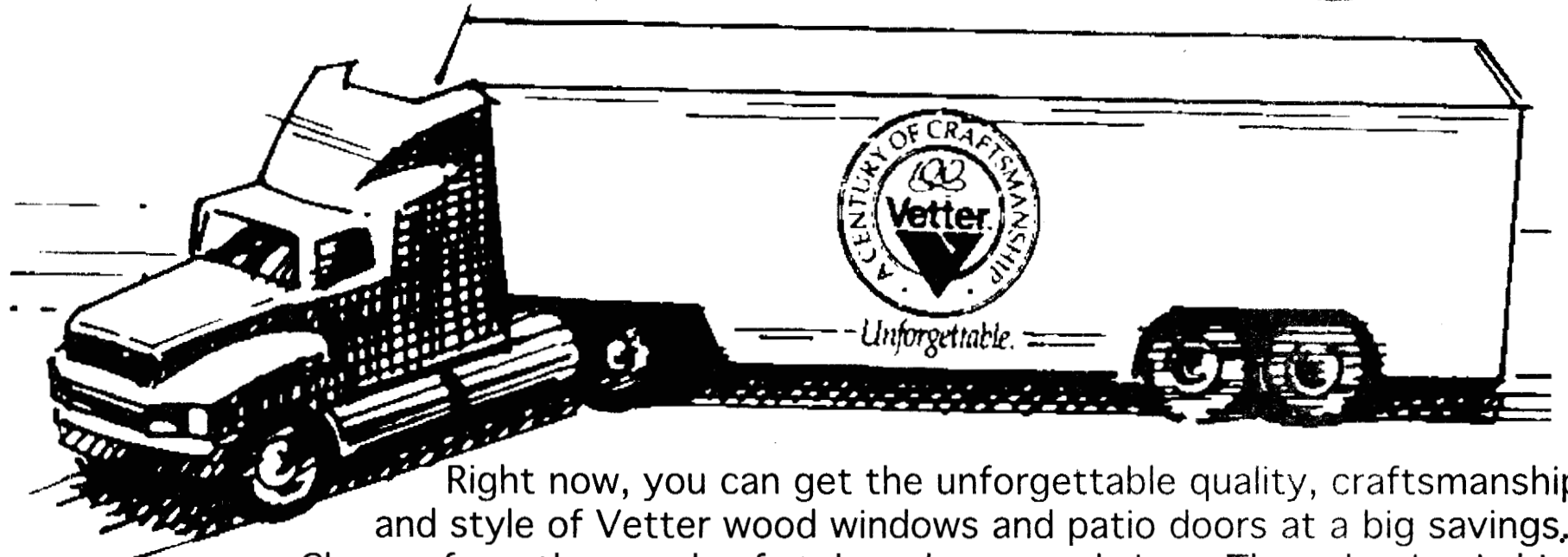
Four-H is a fun, learn-by-doing, educational program for young people ages 5-19. The mission of Michigan 4-H Youth Development is to create environments, through collaborations, that build strong and healthy youth who are proactive in a complex and changing world. Through their involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain meaningful educational experiences that contribute to their personal growth and development.

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The major goal of the Huron County 4-H Program is to offer learning experiences over an extended period of time through 4-H clubs. In addition, active participation in county, state, and international programs is strongly encouraged. In Huron County there are over 1,000 members and 226 leaders who participate in 56 4-H clubs.

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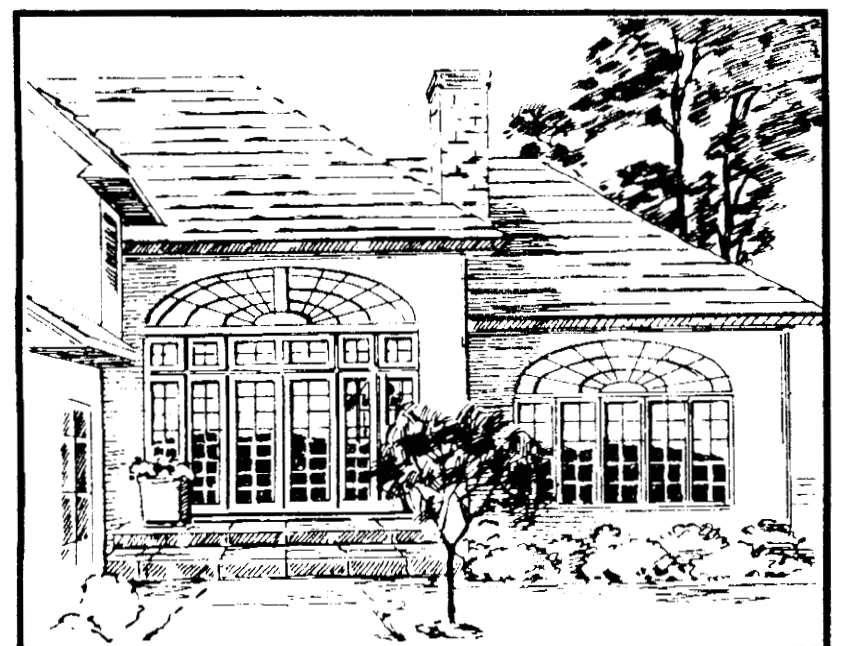
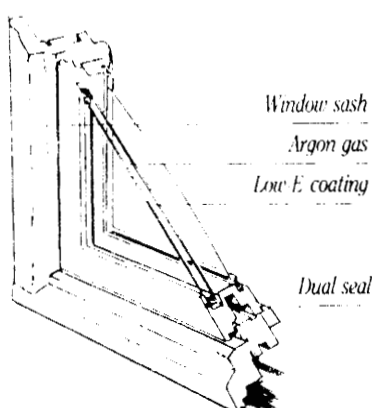


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