



FIRE CAUSED an estimated \$35,000 damage to a garage about 6 miles west of Cass City last week. The loss included a Harley Davidson motorcycle valued at \$20,000.

To deliver senior meals

HDC needs volunteers

Stephanie Davidson earns her living as a waitress during the evening, but she also spends her days serving up nutritious food as well as a smile and some friendly conversation to more than 2 dozen senior citizens in the Deford area.

Davidson, a Sebawaing resident, is a volunteer driver for the Human Development Commission's Home Delivered Meal Program.

"I have about 30 seniors on my route," said Davidson, who began volunteering last April. "My mother-in-law told me about (the program). She's been doing her route for years, and she needed a sub driver, so I subbed for her and I really liked it."

Davidson, who asked for her own route, is one of about 40 volunteers who regularly deliver some 1,400 meals each day to seniors in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, according to HDC Nutrition Manager Michelle Sarka, who says more drivers are needed.

"Another 3 or 4 volunteers per county would be a god-send," she said of the 30-year-old program. "We're looking for people to give us a couple hours - even a day - per month. That would be helpful."

Drivers are especially needed to help cover routes in Bad Axe, Deckerville and Caro, according to Sarka. However, she pointed out, "no one area in Huron, Sanilac or Tuscola counties enjoys an overabundance of drivers, so new volunteers would be welcomed anywhere."

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

Volunteers deliver meals to homebound seniors in Huron and Tuscola counties 4 days a week, while seniors in Sanilac County receive delivery 5 days a week. Drivers also deliver frozen meals for use on the weekends and on other non-delivery days. The seniors, in turn, are asked to donate \$1.75 per meal.

Routes vary, with some drivers covering anywhere from 325 to 1,000 miles every 2 weeks, according to Sarka, who noted drivers of all ages volunteer for the program.

"I have some young girls who are doing it. A lot of

"Basically they're (volunteers) all people who recognize there's a need in this area and they want to help."

times it's retirees - that's our major group," she added. "I have an 80-year-old gentleman in Sanilac County, and he's out there driving daily. It's wonderful."

"Basically they're all

people who recognize there's a need in this area and they want to help," she said. "Sooner or later we're all going to be there."

Many of the volunteers go beyond simply delivering a meal. Some will help a se-

nior move a box, shovel their sidewalk or help out in other ways, Sarka said, adding many also take advantage of a great opportunity to engage a lonely senior in some friendly conversation.

Davidson agrees. "It gives them an opportunity to talk with somebody instead of themselves. It's good for their mind and their spirit," she said.

"I don't have any grandparents left - mine are deceased - so it gives me a chance to visit with the (seniors). They really appreciate it and talk about what a good program it is."

The rewards are great for both the senior and volunteer, Sarka added. "You're only giving up 3 1/2 or 4 hours a day that you go out and help other people. That's not very much."

More information about the program is available by calling the HDC Nutrition Department at (517) 673-4121 or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.



LIGHT SNOWFALL made for some treacherous driving conditions last Wednesday night. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said Nathan L. Gaide, 20, of Caseville, was westbound on Deckerville Road near Englehart Road when he lost control of his pickup truck (above). Gaide was not hurt, but his pickup sustained extensive damage.

Fires destroy home, \$20,000 motorcycle

January came in like a lamb for the Elkland Township Fire Department, which continued to enjoy plenty of peace in quiet with just 63 fire runs in all of 2000. Unfortunately, the month is going out like a lion.

Fire fighters have been dispatched to fires or accidents 5 times since last Wednesday, including 3 blazes Saturday.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski reported a former schoolhouse located at 4992 E. Cass City Rd., about 7 miles east of the village, was destroyed early Saturday morning. He estimated the loss at \$50,000.

The brick structure, which had been converted into a home, was not occupied when the 4:28 a.m. alarm sounded. Pawloski identified the owner as Randall L. Hiatt.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by a state fire marshal, who inspected the scene Monday, and the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department.

Fire fighters remained at the scene for about 3 hours. They were assisted by the Moore and Argyle township fire departments and the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department.

The Elkland Township Department was then called to a car fire on Akron Road, three-quarters of a mile west of Cedar Run Road. The call came in at 9:28 a.m., according to Pawloski, who said a 1994 Buick Century Ltd.

owned by Wallace Wiles, Cass City, was destroyed. He estimated the loss at about \$3,000.

At 11:38 a.m., fire fighters were called back to the former schoolhouse, which had rekindled.

"We didn't clear the hall until quarter after 1 a.m.," Pawloski said, adding it was a long day.

Earlier in the week, Cass City firemen were dispatched to the scene of an accident in which a pickup truck rolled into a deep ditch on Deckerville Road, near Englehart Road (see related photo).

The department was also called to assist the Elmwood Gagetown Fire Department at a garage fire Thursday morning. No one was injured in the blaze, about 6 miles west of Cass City, but the property loss was enough to make any motorcycle enthusiast groan.

The blaze leveled the structure at 3402 E. Cass City Rd., destroying a 1993 Harley Davidson motorcycle valued at \$20,000, according to Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Chief Paul Lopez, who estimated the total loss at \$35,000.

The owner, Karl L. Solo, was not insured, he said.

The fire was reported at 5:38 a.m. The garage was already fully engulfed when the fire department was dispatched, Lopez said. "I saw the glow from Gagetown when we got out of the hall,"

he added.

The fire chief said he suspects a wood burning stove in the structure sparked the blaze.

Elmwood-Gagetown firemen, who were assisted by the Elkland Township Fire Department, remained at the scene for about 3 hours.

Semco gas bills may increase 65%

Semco Energy Gas Company, which supplies gas to Cass City among its 257,000 customers in Michigan, is expected to go before the Michigan Public Service Commission this week and ask for relief from its current freeze on prices.

Roberta Floyd, spokeswoman, said that the company currently bills gas at \$3.24 per 1,000 cubic feet for gas that currently sells for about \$10.

The current price freeze is in effect until April 1. If the MPSC gives Semco permission, the intent is to negotiate a new price which would be in effect from April, 2001, to April 1, 2004.

Floyd says that the intent is to negotiate a price of around \$5 per 1000 cubic feet so that the company would not be required to buy gas on the open market when prices could skyrocket more than they have now.

If the price is negotiated at \$5.00, home owners can expect prices to increase about 65 percent.

Two other major suppliers are MichCon and Consumers Energy. Customers of MichCon will seek approval of rates to \$5.17 from \$2.95 per 1000 cubic feet. Consumers seeks to increase prices from the current price of \$2.84 to \$5.69 per 1,000 cubic feet.

MichCon said that a proposal to cash out contracts for natural gas distribution would reduce the price increase to between 10 and 15 percent.

While natural gas customers face stiff increases, LP gas customers are already feeling the effects of supply and demand in the crude oil market.

There's been little stability in the price of LP, a byproduct of crude oil, said Vince Laney, operations manager at Cass City Oil and Gas. "Nobody knows what the price is going to be. The price changes, literally, everyday," he added.

"Whatever happens with natural gas, you will see with propane as well," Laney said, noting the wholesale price for LP

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Hospital, village may partner on project

The village of Cass City may offer some financial assistance to a proposed assisted living project through a partnership with Hills and Dales General Hospital.

That partnership was briefly discussed during a monthly Village Council meeting Monday night and will be the focus of a townhall meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 12, starting at 7 p.m. in the community room at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City. Officials hope to receive public input during the meeting, which will include a presentation by the hospital.

Hills and Dales officials plan to construct a \$4 million assisted living-Alzheimer's complex on a portion of an 18.8-acre parcel in the northwest corner of the village. They hope to break ground for the 32,880-square-foot facility in the spring.

Village Manager Jane Downing said Monday that details of the partnership between the village and hospital have not been worked out yet. However, she emphasized the village's role, if any, would be to assist in financing infrastructure and other public improvements related to the project.

Council members expressed some concern over the legality of spending public dollars on a private project, and how residents will react to the proposition. "There's no doubt it's legal. It's just a matter of how far you want to go," said Downing, who indicated she hopes both issues will be addressed at the townhall session.

In the meantime, she added, attorneys specializing in municipal law are looking into

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STUDENTS WHO represented Cass City Schools in the Knights of Columbus Spelldown were: (front row, from left) Ryan Biddinger, Allie Richards, Jeff Sparks, Derek Weidman, (back row, left) Corey Brooks, Kaylin Tack and Rose Krug.

Un-bee-lievable

Stellar speller defends regional title

Ryan Biddinger enjoys music, so much so that the Cass City Middle School student has put the time and effort into learning how to play the saxophone.

But "xylophone" and "orchestra" proved to be real music to his ears at the 2001 Knights of Columbus Saginaw Diocese Spelldown, where the sixth grader spelled both words to claim first place in the Level One division for fifth and sixth grade students.

It wasn't a fluke. Biddinger, son of Michelle and Greg Biddinger, Cass City, won the regional contest last year as well.

This year's spelldown was held Jan. 20 in Standish. Aside from Biddinger, other Cass City students turned in strong performances in Level One. Sixth grade student Allie Richards finished in third place, while Jeff Sparks and Derek Weidman, both fifth grade students, were ranked 11th and 13th, respectively, among 32 participants.

In the Level 2 spelldown, Cass City's Rose Krug finished in seventh place,

while Kaylin Tack was ninth and Corey Brooks, 15th out of 23 contestants. All 3 students are in the eighth grade.

Knights of Columbus member Daryl Iwankovitch described this year's Level One contest as a marathon, with the competitors going through 9 pages of words. "They spelled every word on the list and went to an unpublished list of words to determine the winner," he said. "In the Level 2 competition, they spelled through the sixth page to determine the winner."

Biddinger will now go on to compete in the state spelling bee Feb. 17 in Clare.

Cass City's winning performance in this year's spelldown follows the middle school's best showing ever in 2000, when 4 Cass City fifth graders finished in the top 10 finalists out of about 3 dozen students.

Biddinger correctly spelled "indictment" and then "incomprehensible" to earn the title of top speller, while Courtney Rabideau finished in second place. Allie Richards finished sixth and Brad Severance was tenth.

Baker students on honors lists

Baker College officials recently named several area students to the school's honors lists for the fall 2000 quarter.

Named to the president's list for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average while carrying 12 credit hours or more of coursework were: Renee Kritzman and Marilyn Szarapski, both of Cass City; Melissa McCloskey, Deford; Billi Jo Jones, Snover; and Christine Sweeney, Ubyl.

Full-time dean's list students, who earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 while carrying 12 credit hours of coursework, included Jessica Smith, Argyle; Les Karr, Helen Kelley, Carol Kessler, Toua Lor, Tanya McNeil and Elizabeth Reehl, all of Cass City; Theresa Vatter, Decker; Roxanne Groosbeck, Deford; Loriann Ondrajka and Alice Zaleski, both of Gagetown, and Nancy Thane, Ubyl.

Named to the part-time dean's list for achieving a

grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 while carrying 4 to 11 credit hours of coursework, were: Collier Bogart, Denise Haas, Dawn Hollis, Michele Horne, Ann King, Rachael Kluz and Michele Murphy, all of Cass City; Martha Alexander, Laura Henry, Marion Lemke and Lynn Talaski, all of Decker; Annette Hlland and Daniel Mahan, both of Deford; Loretta Schmidt and Robin Wildman, both of Gagetown; Jeanie Clor and Victoria Parker, both of Kingston; Jodie Tordai, Owendale; Aaron LaPonsie, Snover, and Janice Sageman, Ubyl.

Hoard named to dean's list

Rachel A. Hoard, Cass City, has been named to the dean's list at Lansing Community College for the fall 2000 term. She is majoring in photographic imaging.

Engaged



Kristy Hicks and Bradley Speirs

Fred and Carol Hicks along with Dave and Karen Speirs announce the engagement of their children, Kristy Marie Hicks and Bradley David Speirs.

Speirs will graduate in May with a business degree from Saginaw Valley State University. His plans are to be the full time youth minister at Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City.

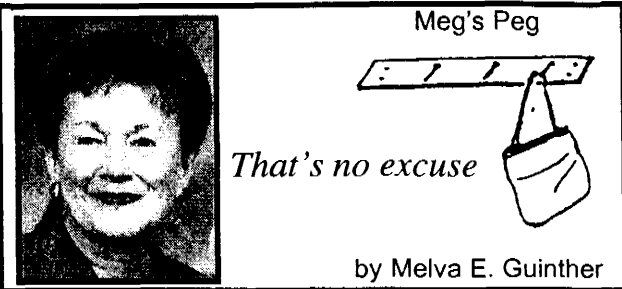
Hicks is a junior at SVSU, currently in the College of Education, with plans to graduate in December 2002 with a B.A. in elementary education.

A July 28 wedding is being planned.

O-G trio chosen for honors band

Three students from the Owen-Gage band participated in the District III Honors Band held at Brandon High School in Ortonville. High school student Josh Errer and junior high students Michelle Brown and Nicole Wright represented Owen-Gage. Over 600 students' names were submitted for participation and only approximately 100 students were selected for each of the performances at the junior and senior high level.

Students rehearsed from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and then performed a concert for the public at 6 p.m. Saturday.



by Melva E. Guinther

By popular demand (Actually, only 2 people asked, but they're both quite popular), we're reprinting this article that appeared about 5 years ago.

Originally collected by Nisheeth Parekh of the University of Texas Medical Branch, these are "actual excuse notes from parents."

*My son is under a doctor's care and should not take PE today. Please excuse him.

*Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.

*Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33.

*Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administering.

*John has been absent because he had 2 teeth taken out of his face.

*Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.

*Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered with very close veins.

*Chris will not be in school because he has an acre in his side.

*Please excuse Ray from school Friday. He has very loose vowels.

*Please excuse Pedro from being absent yesterday. He had diarre dyrea direathe the shits.

*Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and his boots leak.

*Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.

*Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

*I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wear.

*Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.

*My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent the week-end with the Marines.

*Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and couldn't breed well.

*Please excuse Mary for being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.

*Gloria was absent yesterday because she was having a gangover.

*Please excuse Burma. She has been sick and under the doctor.

*Maryann was absent Dec. 11-16 because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around. Her father even got hot last night.

*Please excuse Jennifer for being absent yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.

As has often been said, a poor excuse is better than none.

4 on MSU list

Four area residents are among 6,699 Michigan State University students who have been named to the school's honors list for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or above during the fall 2000 semester.

The area students are: Joshua R. Lounsbury, a senior majoring in political science-prelaw, and Joseph M. Delong, a sophomore majoring in animal science, both of Cass City; Katie A. Wood of Deford, a freshman majoring in communications, and Matthew F. Steinkopf, of Snover, a freshman majoring in horticulture.

The Thumb Area Writer's Club meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Open Door Missionary Church conference room, located at 770 West Sanilac, 3/4 mile west of Sandusky, on the north side of the road.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 13. Meetings commence at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Thumb Writer's Club On The Air can be heard the second Monday of each month on Community Scene on WMIC AM and WTGV FM.

Thumb writers to meet

Historical society meet Feb. 13

The Watrousville/Caro Area Historical Society will meet Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Caro Municipal Building, 317 S. State St., Caro. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be "Movie of 1951 Watrousville Centennial" by Jack Cole.

Refreshments will be served after the program.

The public is invited.

Engaged



Loretta Rolston and John Willerton

Robert and Nancy Rolston of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Loretta Lynn, to John Edward, son of Jesse and Ruth Ann Willerton of Argyle.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Owendale-Gagetown High School and is currently employed with Kingston Health Care. Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Deckerville High School. He is a U.S. Navy veteran and is currently employed at Lear in Marlette.

A Nov. 10 wedding is being planned.

Petty Officer Barlow earns security insignia

Coast Guard Reserve Petty Officer 3rd Class Bruce W. Barlow, son of Glenda L. and Bruce L. Barlow of Snover, recently received the newly-established U.S. Coast Guard port security insignia while assigned to Coast Guard Port Security Unit 309, Port Clinton, Ohio.

The insignia recognizes members who have demonstrated professional excellence in port security operations in a national defense environment. He qualified by completing all security training requirements and actively serving as part of a port

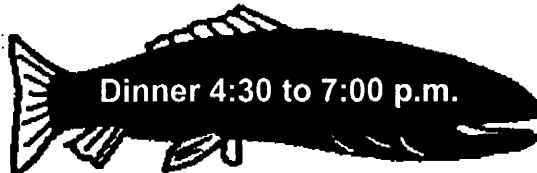
security unit during a deployment or exercise.

Barlow is a 1978 graduate of Swartz Creek High School and joined the Coast Guard Reserve in July 1978. He is a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

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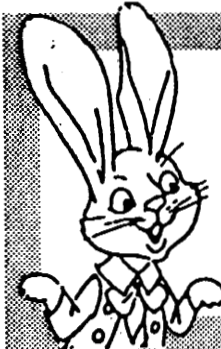


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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Maybe Randy Severance should hustle right down and buy a lotto ticket. With his luck, who knows? At the Marlette basketball game he was the 50-50 winner, netting about \$104. At the USA game, he purchased another winner netting \$308. Winning once is unlikely, winning twice, unbelievable. Winning 3 times? With his luck, who knows?

When Wayne "Buck" Rabideau ends his business career Feb. 5, John Haire will have the dubious honor of being the oldest business owner still (somewhat) active in Cass City.

Support any charity or special interest organization today and be sure that you will be bombarded by requests from related groups almost immediately. Now I am a minor supporter of 4 nature conservancy groups. This month I have been invited to join the Natural Resources Defense Council, Audubon Society and National Wildlife Federation. Requests for help from nationally-recognized big time charities come regularly. All are worthwhile. For most of us, it's impossible to respond to every request. It's a case of pick and choose and hope. Hope that the one you choose does the best job with the money that is donated.

Foundation sharing in tobacco money

The Tuscola County Community Foundation is one of 66 certified community foundations within the state to receive an allocation through the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) from the State of Michigan's share of the national tobacco settlement. "Our community foundation is pleased to have this opportunity to partner with local organizations concerned with health, youth and seniors," commented Donald J. Hahn, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation. "Our flexibility and experience in collaboration will allow for these funds to support current and future needs." Fifty percent of the allocated funds will be used to create a permanent endowment with the goal of attracting additional contributions, thereby making more money available through the years for healthy youth and healthy

senior programs targeted to receive the interest earnings. A local advisory committee will be formed to make decisions on the projects to be supported by the funds. Included in the local advisory committee will be representatives from the community foundation's youth advisory committee, representatives of local health organizations, and public health and community tobacco reduction coalitions. Serving residents in the entire county, the Tuscola County Community Foundation awarded grants in the past year to support programs for youth, the handicapped, the environment and other community needs. The Council of Michigan Foundations is a statewide, nonprofit membership association of 468 private, corporate, family and community foundations with a mission to increase, improve and enhance philanthropy in Michigan.

Of household chemicals Grant targets safe disposal

A \$60,524 state grant will help provide Thumb area residents a safe, environmentally friendly disposal option for household products with hazardous ingredients, state Rep. Tom Meyer recently announced.

The Multicounty Solid Waste Task Force, based in Lapeer County, will receive the money to establish a mobile collection program in Huron, Tuscola, Lapeer and Sanilac counties. The mobile collection system typically has a properly equipped and trained company set up in a community for a day so residents can conveniently and safely dispose of unwanted household chemicals.

"Just about everyone has shelves of stuff they no longer use or want but you don't want to throw it out in the trash," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "Many things we use to make our lives and tasks easier contain some chemical or solvent that can be hazardous to the environment or ourselves."

"When used properly they pose little risk. If they are no longer of use, then they need to be disposed of properly, and this collections program provides that solution."

Hazardous household items can most often be identified by one of 3 trigger words on product labels — caution, danger and warning.

71 donate blood in Cass City

Seventy-one pints of blood were donated in the blood drive at the VFW hall in Cass City Dec. 23.

First-time donors were: Robert McLachlan, Gail Mellendorf, Shirley McIntosh, Annette Helland and Paul Vershines III. Duane Maas was a one-gallon donor. Two-gallon donors were Mary Fritz, Kay Monte and David Forster; 4-gallon, Beverly Herron; 5-gallon, Betty Rosenberger; 6-gallon, Fred Klinkman and Gerald Auten, and 7-gallon, Marlene Erla. The next blood drive will be April 3.

The grant will pay for 75 percent of the mobile collection program, which also includes education on household hazardous wastes. Local governments match the remaining 25 percent of the money and commit to operating it for a minimum of 7

years. The award is part of \$560,000 given to 7 similar projects in the first round of funding, which is part of the \$675 million Clean Michigan Initiative environment bond proposal voters approved in 1998.

Cass City man charged in theft

A Cass City man faces 4 felony charges, including 2 counts related to the theft of a car in the village earlier this month.

Matthew F. Autry, 27, stood mute in Tuscola County Circuit Court Friday to charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile and failure to report an accident Jan. 14 in Cass City, and to possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, and resisting and obstructing a police officer Dec. 23, also in Cass City.

Bond was set at a combined \$60,000 for the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. A pre-trial hearing will be scheduled in the

case.

The automobile-related charges stem from the reported theft of a car belonging to Michelle R. Dutcher of Gagetown. Dutcher told Cass City police that she stopped at the People's Choice Market at about 4:45 a.m., and when she left the store about 5 minutes later discovered her 1990 Olds missing from the west side of the business.

A short time later, Richard Patera contacted officers to report a car in a ditch near the intersection of Doerr and Elmwood roads. The vehicle sustained some damage, including a cracked windshield.

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Like millions of Americans, I consider myself a true conservationist. Do my small bit whenever the opportunity arises with membership in Trout Unlimited, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Little Traverse Conservancy and Nature Conservancy. That's better than nothing, sure, but the most important single effort to protect our environment nearly all conservationists and I refuse to do. We will not drive a car that reduces the need for gas. The car I drive averages a little over 20 miles per gallon. Many of the SUVs are even bigger gas-guzzlers.

If we all placed more energy efficient vehicles as a must on our priority list, the need to open the coastal plain of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would diminish.

The refuge has so much wildlife (more than 200 species) that it is sometimes called the "Serengeti of North America." President Bush advocates drilling there, an area President Clinton refused to open to exploration.

Bush feels that modern technology reduces the damage to the environmental damage. Environmentalists counter that there are at least 25 contaminated waste sites on Alaska's North Slope and more than 400 spills each year.

Bolstering the environmentalists' case is that experts agree that no matter how much oil is discovered on the plain, it will not have an effect on prices now or in the future. If drilling were okayed today, experts point out that it would be 10 years before oil made its way to consumers.

Regardless of how much oil is recoverable, because of pipeline capacity the most that can be delivered is a mil-

lion gallons a day, about one percent of world oil production.

Experts say that the drilling will do nothing to reduce the U.S. dependence on foreign oil to enhance national security.

A more effective way to reduce dependence on foreign oil is to drive cars that use less gas. It's estimated that if fuel standards for cars and trucks were reduced 3 miles a gallon, it would save a million gallons of oil a day. So we go full circle. Many of us would vote in a blink of the eye to close the refuge to oil exploration.

But we continue to refuse to car pool and demand large, powerful engines.

When good conservation requires a personal commitment, we join that large group that rejects the only way that most of us have to provide significant help preserving our great natural heritage.

The back forty

by Roger Pond

I get a kick out of small town news. Anyone who thinks nothing ever happens in a rural community hasn't been reading their newspaper very well.

I don't get much out of the society page, but I do enjoy letters to the editor. My favorite part of many papers is the sheriff's log.

There's a knack to writing a good sheriff's log and there's an art to reading one. A well-written log sets a tone of intrigue, making readers think all of these events could be tied together if we just had enough rope.

I am indebted to some folks in southern Indiana for sharing clippings from the sheriff's log in their local newspaper. Here are a few items that jumped out at me:

Monday, November 22 6:50 p.m. Woman says her ex-husband tried to slice her tires, but she got away. He is riding in a turquoise vehicle.

Friday, November 26 4:45 a.m. Mt. Moriah man says an older model Chevy pickup is running up and down the road with a loud exhaust and he believes they are stealing mail.

12:00 p.m. Upper Schooner Valley Road woman requires officer for neighbor who will not give pony back. Has it locked in barn.

11:14 p.m. Hornetown Road man reports 2 vehicles are racing up and down the road, and pulling into his driveway yelling at his wife.

Saturday, November 27 12:38 a.m. Woman from Bloomington escort service says one of their girls is in a house on State Road 135 North and they are concerned about her.

3:33 a.m. Newspaper car-

rier reports there are 4 large size boys at a gas station, and she is concerned about the clerk.

2:10 p.m. State Road 45 woman reports she was outside when a shot went past her. Hunters on her property. 3:50 p.m. Elkinsville Road man reports he was threatened by hunters who said they would shoot him if his dog crossed the road.

Monday, December 27 12:10 a.m. Annandale Es-

tate woman says that she now has 2 helicopters flying around her house (outside, I think), and she wants to know what's going on. She also said she did not appreciate the write-up in the newspaper from the Sheriff's Log. Dispatch spoke to

woman and told her there was not a helicopter outside her house and she should just go to bed.

11:00 a.m. Slippery Branch Lane man wants animal control officer for his neighbors who moved in before Christmas.

Friday, December 31 4:10 p.m. Woman says she saw a truck throwing large rocks at mailboxes on Christiansburg Road.

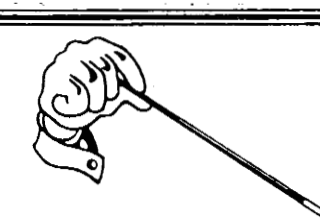
Saturday, January 1 2:02 a.m. State Road 135 North man reports there are kids running up and down his driveway without a muffler, and he would like to see an officer.

Who says nothing ever happens in a small town?!

The Weather

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Super Bowl



Sunday is a day that is usually spent in church and with family, but for football fans in Cass City, this past Sunday was a day of excitement. This past Sunday was the 35th Super Bowl game in NFL history. The game was held in Tampa, Fla., and the New York Giants faced the Baltimore Ravens in a four-period game that had the fans on their feet.

Since my Dad is an ultimate sports fan, I've never missed a Super Bowl game. I have to say my favorite part of the whole day is the replaying of some of the greatest moments in past years' Super

Bowls and especially the half-time show.

Like myself, many other students finished off their weekend by watching the big game. Members from Youth for Christ enjoyed the game on a ski trip they took to Gaylord, while others sat home relaxing watching the game. Some students were even going to get together with a group of friends, as they filled their faces with food watching the game.

Wherever you watched the game from, I hope you enjoyed it. The Ravens are now the 2001 Super Bowl Champs.

O-G set to host honors band event

Owen-Gage will be the site of the annual high school Tri-County Honors Band Concert Sunday.

Participants will be students from Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties. These students were selected from audition tapes that were submitted for judging.

Approximately 100 of the best players from these 3 counties will perform a concert in the Owen-Gage High

School gymnasium at 3 p.m. The event is open to the public. There is no admission fee.

Two participants from Owen-Gage who will be a part of that performance are junior Josh Error and sophomore Justin McLaren.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

FEB. 2-5-7-9

Friday - Beef stew with vegetable, biscuits, baked apples.

Monday - Turkey Tetrazzini, green beans, garlic bread, cranberries.

Wednesday - Beef roast, potatoes/carrots/onions, ambrosia.

Friday - Stuffed peppers, potatoes, corn, mandarin oranges.

Sheriff's employees honored

Mattlin "officer of year"

Deputy Michael Mattlin was honored as the 2000 "Officer of the Year" and several other officers received commendations during the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department's annual meeting last Wednesday.

The top officer award is given based on overall performance and on comments from the public, sheriff's department command staff and the officer's peers, according to Sheriff Tom Kern, whose own personal observations also play a role in who is selected for the honor.

Mattlin, who has been with the department since June 1992, worked as a corrections officer before joining the department's road patrol.

Kern said Mattlin receives high praise from department members and the public alike, and that he pays particularly close attention to following up on complaints and exhausting all resources during an investigation. "He just does an excellent job for us," he added.

Also honored during the annual meeting were:

***Detective Patrick Woidan** - Commended for his work in an investigation conducted by the Illinois Internet Child Exploitation Task Force last March.

"Detective Woidan and (an) investigator from Illinois, along with the assistance of the prosecutor's office, were able to secure a search warrant on the home of John Martinez of West Sanilac Road, Caro. As a result of

the search warrant, child pornography evidence was recovered," Kern said.

"Over the next several months, Detective Woidan conducted extensive interviews with both the suspect and other witnesses. As a result, the suspect John Martinez was convicted on several sex related charges and was sentenced to 2 1/2 to 7 years in prison."

***Lt. Leland Teschendorf** - Commended for dealing head-on with a variety of problems as jail administrator, including staff shortages due to resignations and retirements, overcrowding problems, jail diversion issues and community corrections issues.

"The complex issues related to (his) job are an everyday occurrence (involving) jail overcrowding, inmate sentencing, work release, day reporting, prisoner transport, scheduling for sick days, training and many more," Kern said.

***Sgt. Michael Pine** - Commended for going above and beyond duty during his follow-up investigation of a larceny complaint involving the theft of tires and rims valued at \$450 Aug. 6.

There were no suspects or physical evidence, however, Pine quickly went to work after the victim reported he had seen a car with his tires and rims on it.

"Sgt. Pine was very skeptical that a victim could recognize his tires as a car drove by, but the victim seemed so

sure that he followed up on the plate number," Kern said, adding Pine took photos of the suspect vehicle and showed them to the victim, who indicated his tires and rims had been replaced with another set.

After an extensive investigation, Pine arrested 2 suspects for theft and receiving and concealing stolen property.

***Deputy Ted Hull** - Commended for demonstrating skill and restraint in dealing with an armed suspect in a very tense situation Aug. 29.

Hull was called to assist Millington police on a domestic violence call. The officers heard shots and, after taking cover, Hull observed a man armed with a rifle. "As the man started to walk toward the patrol unit, he fired several shots at objects near him," Kern said. "Deputy Hull instructed the suspect to drop the weapon, but the suspect kept walking. After several more requests, the suspect dropped his weapon."

***Deputy Scott Jones** - Commended for his investigation into the theft of radios from several boats at Lindy's Sales last fall.

"With some physical evi-

dence picked up at the scene, and a few names given to him by the owner of Lindy's Sales, he went to work. Deputy Jones worked on this larceny for over a month, whenever he could work it in with his other duties," Kern said. "By the time (he) finished the complaint, he interviewed 5 victims, 22 witnesses, 3 suspects and recovered all of the stolen radios."

***Deputy Chris Rogner** - Commended for his work searching for a missing deer hunter on state land in Indianfields Township in October.

***Corrections Officer Bernice Sylvester** - Commended for her work as senior officer on third shift. Sylvester provides a guiding hand to those officers assigned to her shift, according to Kern, who cited her outstanding knowledge of corrections department policy and procedure.

***Brent Goodman** - Commended for his work as the sheriff's office mechanic in charge of keeping the department's fleet of 26 vehicles up and running on a daily basis.

Village may assist

Continued from page one.

possible financing scenarios and will meet with the council prior to Feb. 12.

In other business Monday, the council:

***Hired Nelson Tank Engineering & Consulting Inc., Lansing,** to oversee a repair/maintenance project at the water tower that will include interior painting, installation of a mud valve and other improvements. The project cost is estimated at \$68,500. The village will pay Nelson Tank Engineering & Consulting \$6,750 for engineering, consulting and inspection services.

***Approved a motion to hire** Cass City attorney Michelle Bidding to handle criminal and code violation cases for the village. Attorney Clinton House will continue to handle other municipal matters, Downing noted.

***Voted to send a letter of thanks to Jonathan Shores** for his contributions and work on the Downtown Development Authority Board. Shores resigned from the board, citing personal reasons.

***Briefly reviewed the final** Water Leak Detection Survey report from Aqua-Line Leak Detection Services, Findlay, Ohio.

The company in November

surveyed all 20 miles of water line in the village, accessing nearly 800 different access points in an effort to locate any leaks. Company officials reported finding just 6 leaks involving 3 hydrants, a hydrant/joint, valve joint and one joint. The leaks, which have been addressed, translated into a combined loss of 4,420 gallons of water per day.

The village contracted with the firm in an effort to eliminate leaks as a significant cause for the "loss" of millions of gallons of water that are pumped from village wells but unaccounted for and not billed.

***Heard from Cass City student Ross Sherman,** who expressed concerns for the safety of other students who are forced to walk on village streets in areas where sidewalks have not been cleared of snow. He said large piles of snow in roadways also present a safety risk to children who play on and around them.

Council members noted village ordinances require residents to keep sidewalks clear. However, they also pointed out there are a large number of elderly residents who are unable to shovel, and heavy snowfalls make it especially difficult to immediately clear all roads and sidewalks.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, January 31

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

Friday, February 2

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 1-800-267-5692.

Saturday, February 3

Humane Society of Tuscola County will host a Pet Adopt-A-Thon, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tractor Supply Company store located on E. Caro Rd., Caro.

Monday, February 5

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Obituaries

Robert E. Keating

Robert Edward Keating, 15, of Big Rapids, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 3, 1985, in Albion, the son of Phil and Maggie (Alicki) Keating.

He was a sophomore at Big Rapids High School and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Big Rapids.

He is survived by his parents; a brother, Jim; his maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Alicki; his paternal grandparents, Marian and Bob Keating; his aunts and uncles, Ed and Noreen Keating, Molly and John Corriveau, Joe and Donna Alicki, Jim and Julie Alicki, Martha and Jim Horjus, John Alicki and Jerome Alicki; his cousins, Ann and Steven Keating, Bethany Zane and Claire Corriveau, Jennie, Blaise and Pat Alicki, Christopher, Brian, and Michael Alicki, Jordan, Walter and Esther Horjus, and his very good friends, Sean Monahan and Dave Schneider.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, George Alicki.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Big Rapids.

Burial was in the Highland View Cemetery in Big Rapids.

Memorial contributions in Bob's name may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or the DeVos Children's Hospital of Grand Rapids.

Arrangements were through the Rogers-Mohnke Funeral Home, Big Rapids.

Grace Nemeth

Grace D. Nemeth, 74, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, in Las Vegas, Nev., following a lengthy hospitalization.

She was born Nov. 2, 1926, in Sebewaing, the daughter of John and Saloma (Voelker) Rothfuss. She married Louis Nemeth Oct. 2, 1965.

A retiree from General Cable, she moved to Las Vegas in 1999. While at General Cable, she served in various leadership positions of Local 6222 of the Steelworkers Union and was the president of the Local for 12 years. She was also an active member of the Democratic Party and served as a delegate to the 1984 Democratic Presidential Convention. She was a member of SOAR (General Cable Retirees), the Women of the Moose and the VFW Auxiliary, as well as the Cass City United Methodist Church. She was also a former member and past president of the Cass City Business and Professional Woman's Club. She was an ardent supporter of blood drives in Cass City, as well as the Charles Younglove Kidney Foundation's annual fund-raising golf tournament.

She is survived by her husband, Louis of Las Vegas; sons, Keith (Gail) Baudoin of Las Vegas and John (Maria) Brewton of Taylor; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; also special friends, Helen Bartle, Debbie Elliot and the Dorothy Stahlbaum family.

A memorial service was held Jan. 29 at the Desert Springs United Methodist Church in Las Vegas.

The family requests that any memorial donations be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church.

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Cass City honors 4 students

One student from each of the Cass City School District's 4 buildings was honored as recipient of the Red Hawk Award of Excellence. The award is presented 4 times a year, meaning, Supt. Ken Micklash points out, that it is restricted to just 16 members of the student body.

The award recognizes students for leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, improvement or accomplishments in or out of school.

The selection from the middle school is Scott Meeker, son of Steven Meeker, Cass City. He is

cited for a caring attitude and the good example he sets for fellow students. His grades are exemplary as are his citizenship grades. He is a team player on the 7th grade football team.

Benjamin (Lukas) Varney, son of Ben and Kathy Varney of Cass City, is a fourth grade student at Campbell Elementary. He displays excellent character traits, his teachers say, and is an all A student.

He is active in junior banking and student council. He did the set design for the 3-4 multiage Christmas play. He has earned a silver medal in this year's Reading Counts program. He accepts respon-

sibility to help teachers and others in his room and around the school.

Randy Diebel, son of Randy and Jean Diebel, Owendale, earned the award from Cass City High School. He has been active in baseball and basketball and has a 3.95 grade average. He has been on the academic games science team for 2 years. He

was a quiz bowl member for 4 years.

His primary interest outside of school is church activities. He was a member of the national champion Bible Bowl team in 1999 and 2000. He is vice president of the National Honor Society. He hopes to become a minister and placed second in national competition for teen

preaching.

Mary Rivest, daughter of Rebecca and Robert Rivest, of Deford was selected from Deford Elementary School. Her teacher says she works hard to achieve her goals. She is an excellent model for other students and has worked hard to achieve gains both academically and socially.



Outstanding!

DISPLAYING CERTIFICATES and ribbons as Red Hawk Award of Excellence winners are, from left, front row, Mary Rivest and Benjamin Varney, and second row, Randy Diebel and Scott Meeker.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

The Elkland Township Zoning Board last week unanimously voted to recommend denial of an application by Triple T Farms to rezone property just west of Cass City for the purpose of operating an asphalt processing plant.

Dore Constructing, Bay City, has been hired by Farmer Jack to demolish the former Wesley Milk Plant building, located at the southeast corner of Main and Maple streets. The milk plant closed its doors more than 6 years ago, in September 1989, after more than 40 years of operation in Cass City.

High winds early this week caused whiteout conditions at times. Schools were closed and Thumb police officers responded to dozens of calls involving vehicles going into ditches.

Pastor Alan Moody, Roger Haley, Larry Finkbeiner and Art Fisher, all members of First Baptist Church in Cass City, will leave Feb. 4 by plane from Detroit to Togo, West Africa, with plans to build an airstrip there.

Mike and Deb Otulakowski of Cass City and Lori Kennedy of Caro are joining forces to organize Cass City's first ever Youth For Christ group. Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ will be a priority among the goals the Otulakowskis have for the local YFC group.

10 YEARS AGO

A faulty wood stove is being blamed in a fire that gutted a large, 2-story farm house about 6 miles southeast of Deford. No one was injured in the blaze, but the home of the Lee Voss family, 1919 Crawford Rd., Deford, was a total loss. The loss was estimated at \$70,000.

Walbro-SEM, the ignition plant that was viewed by a jubilant Cass City area at an open house in November of 1989, will be leaving the community this spring. The move will mean the loss of about 20 jobs in addition to management.

Elkland Township firemen used the Jaws of Life to free Beatrice Baker of Cass City from her vehicle Friday afternoon following a 2-car crash near the intersection of Garfield Avenue and Sherman Street. Baker was transported by Cass City-Mercy Ambulance personnel to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where she was listed in "fair" condition Monday.

A vacant gas station in Cass City may be the future home of a used car lot. A representative of Al Hanson Chevrolet, Buick, Olds, Inc., Sandusky, told council members that Hanson is "thinking strongly" of locating a used car lot in the village.

The community could be without the annual Bach Festival this year. About a third of the funding is provided by the Michigan Council for the Arts. Governor John Engler has requested that funding

for the Council be cut.

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25 YEARS AGO

Loss was set at \$22,000 when fire destroyed a repair garage owned by William Eberts located 2 1/2 miles south of Cass City, Friday afternoon.

The Tuscola County Road Commission has continued to work its normal 44-hour weekly schedule in spite of unseasonably heavy snow, and has no plans to institute overtime for plowing county roads. Road Commissioner Clerk Jim Miklovic said the only weekend snow plowing scheduled is on state highways where the commission is reimbursed by the Department of State Highways.

The whistle atop the Elkland Township Fire Hall will be blown at least 3 times a day starting this week, Fire Chief Jim Jezewski announced. He said the whistle will be sounded at 7:00 a.m., noon and 5:00 p.m. daily until further notice. The additional soundings must be made due to mechanical difficulties with the whistle.

Gerald Batie, 28, of Gagetown, was reported in satisfactory condition Monday at Huron Memorial Hospital after allegedly being shot by police south of Imlay City early Friday morning. Batie was headed for Utica driving an Erla's, Inc., truck when he picked up 2 brothers at a truck stop near Imlay City. Romeo State Police were closing in on 2 suspects wanted in connection with a series of heavy equipment thefts in the Detroit area. The surveillance crew attempted to stop the vehicle about 4 miles south of Imlay City on M-53. Batie "apparently panicked" and did not heed an order to stop. Police continued the chase until the truck stopped. When Batie attempted to back the truck up, the shots were allegedly fired. The incident has been turned over to Erla company attorney Clinton House, who said police apologized for the alleged shooting but have taken no other action.

Cass City needs an additional \$18,700 to complete its municipal swimming pool project. Village President Lambert Althaver explained that the final project costs, including the pool itself and the bathhouse, should hit

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City and Bad Axe State Police continue to check out leads but as of Tuesday had been unable to come up with the identity of thieves who broke into Erla's Food Center and Meat Packing Company early Saturday morning and made off with almost \$500 in cash. The thieves used high speed drills and pry bars to smash open 2 safes. Total loss in damage and money was set at over \$2,000.

Twenty-three students from 11 foreign countries were hosted at Cass City homes over the weekend in the first Christian Rural Hospitality Council visitation to be handled by the Cass City chapter of the council.

Clarence Bullock, 58, of Mayville, formerly of Snover, lost the sight of his right eye Wednesday when a vacuum bottle on a feed bag sewing machine exploded at the Farm Bureau Services feed plant in Carrollton.

Miss Inger Hansson, Swedish exchange student spending the year in Cass City, moved Sunday to the home of Mrs. B.H. Starmann. She will stay this semester with Mrs. Starmann and her daughter Barbara. Miss Hansson lived the first semester with the Emmerson Kennedy family.

At IGA - Smucker's peanut butter, 3 12-oz. jars \$1.00; Philadelphia cream cheese, 3-oz. pkg. 7 cents; IGA dills, 3 qt. jars \$1.00; oranges, 49 cents doz.

CPR class scheduled

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, is offering a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., in the hospital's third floor solarium.

Instructors certified by the American Heart Association will teach techniques for adult CPR, rescue breathing and obstructed airway (choking). There is a charge for this class.

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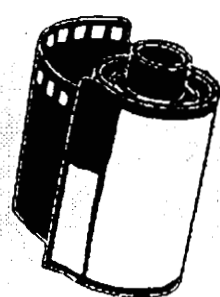


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Swiastyn delivers Owen-Gage cage win at Wesleyan

Owen-Gage improved to 9-1 on the cage season Friday during a Southern Thumb Association-North Central Thumb League crossover battle in North Branch.

Bulldog junior guard Corbin Swiastyn provided the game winner for the guests when he converted a 10' baseline jumper to lift Owen-Gage to an exciting 50-48 non-conference victory.

Coach Leon Westover's squad will continue its road show this week in NCTL action Tuesday against Port Hope, followed by Friday's outing in Caseville. Saturday, the Bulldogs will travel to tangle with non-conference foe AuGres.

Despite controlling the boards, Owen-Gage trailed at the intermission, 27-26, against the Wolverines.

Both squads came out of the locker room hitting on all cylinders and traded hoops to a 20-19 difference on the scoreboard after one period. Shane Mellendorf helped the visitors keep pace in the initial frame with 3 hoops from behind the 3-point arc. The hosts countered with 3 treys of their own in the period, including one from Ryan DeSantis, who led all scorers with 17 tallies.

Owen-Gage used a 4-4 effort from the foul line to gain a 39-37 edge entering the final period. However, the advantage was short lived as DeSantis ignited a 7-0 spurt and helped regain the Wesleyan lead, 44-39, with a basket off a steal, followed by his second 3-pointer of the contest to open the final period.

Owen-Gage climbed back in front with a 5-0 run before Swiastyn delivered the game winner.

The Bulldogs enjoyed a 30-21 rebounding advantage, led by Cory Fritz's 15 rebounds. Fritz also was credited with 4 assists and 3 blocked shots. Nick Warack,

who led the Bulldogs with 13 points, added 8 rebounds.

Westover's team converted 53% of its 2-point shot attempts despite facing a hounding man-to-man pressure defense by Wesleyan.

Fritz finished with 10 points for the Bulldogs and Wesleyan's Grant Alexander recorded 12 points as the game's only other double digit performers.

NORTH HURON

The Bulldogs concluded the first half of their NCTL schedule Tuesday with a 68-50 decision over visiting North Huron.

Leading 28-24 at the break, the hosts put the game on ice with a 24-10 run to open the final half, highlighted by a steal at half court and ensuing dunk by Fritz.

A well balanced scoring attack had Swiastyn with 13 points for Owen-Gage, followed by Fritz and Nathan Kain, who registered 12 and 10 points, respectively. Matt Birchfield led the Warriors with 14 markers, while Brad Schmidt added 10.

The hosts worked for good looks on the night and converted 47% from the field. Many of those looks were from close range and Mellendorf, Swiastyn and Zack Fritz combined for 13 assists.

Owen-Gage, who had both Ryan and Cory Fritz with 7 rebounds, was out-rebounded 34-32 on the night. Westover received a solid effort from Earl McKee off the bench. McKee contributed 2 steals and one block.

OWEN-GAGE - Minkler 1-0 (0-0) 2; Swiastyn 3-2 (1-2) 13; Mellendorf 1-2 (0-0) 8; Z. Fritz 0-1 (0-0) 3; R. Fritz 2-0 (2-2) 6; Rogers 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kain 2-2 (0-0) 10; Warack 3-0 (2-2) 8; C. Fritz 6-0 (0-0) 12; McKee 2-0 (0-0) 4.

TOTALS - 21-7 (5-8) 68.

NORTH HURON - Lage 1-0 (0-0) 2; Birchfield 2-2 (4-4) 14; Gorkowski 1-0 (1-2) 3; Jimkowski 1-0 (1-3) 3; Vignesi 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schillinger 0-2 (0-0) 6; Yaroach 4-0 (1-2) 9; Thomas 0-0 (1-2) 1; Schmidt 4-0 (2-7) 10.

TOTALS - 14-4 (10-22) 50.

OWEN-GAGE - Swiastyn 1-1 (0-0) 5; Mellendorf 0-3 (0-1) 9; R. Fritz 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rogers 2-0 (1-2) 5; Kain 1-0 (2-2) 4; Warack 6-0 (1-1) 13; C. Fritz 4-0 (2-2) 10.

TOTALS - 16-4 (6-8) 50.

NBW - C. DeSantis 2-1 (1-5) 8; Brockfort 1-1 (0-0) 5; R. DeSantis 4-2 (3-6) 17; Alexander 6-0 (0-0) 12; Coulter 3-0 (0-0) 6.

TOTALS - 16-4 (4-12) 48.



RED HAWK SENIOR center Craig Emmert grabs one of his game high 18 rebounds Friday in Reese during the Hawks' 60-53 Greater Thumb West conference win.

Cass City Bowling Leagues

CHARMONT LADIES Jan. 23

Cable-ettes	24
Dott Manufacturing	22
J.B.'s Crew	20
Dec's M.P. Rockets	18
Wild John's	18
Cass City Tire	16
Live Wires	8

High Team Series & Game: J.B.'s Crew 3081 (1121).

High Series: S. Hutchinson 591, B. Kilbourn 486, B. Watson 485, C. Slaughter 480.

High Games: S. Hutchinson 225-198, M. Davis 193, N. Wallace 192, D. Gornowicz 188, B. Ware 173, C. Slaughter 178, B. Peyer 170, W. Romain 179, D. Mathewson 185, H. Karr 178.

MERCHANETTES Jan. 25

Octagon Barn	46 1/2
The Chiropractors	43
All Season Rent-All	41 1/2
Marlette Chrysler	40
FBI Gals	35
Thumb Auto Wash	31
LaFave Steel	31
J.B.'s Crew	30
Detroit Edison	30
Adamczyk Masonry	22

High Individual Games: C. Smith 218, J. Bemus 198, M. Gettel 184, S. Buschlen 183, L. Hanson 182.

High Individual Series: C. Smith 530, M. Gettel 525, N. Wallace 522, J. Bemus 521, S. Buschlen 510, C. Wallace 509.

High Team Game: FBI Gals 649.

High Team Series: The Chiropractors 1888.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Jan. 18

Marlette RV	12
Osentoski Farm Equip.	11
Thumb Auto Wash	11
Martin Electric	10
Cass Tavern	9
New England Financial	7
Marlette Oil & Gas	7
Mycogen Plant Sciences	7
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Wickes	6
Cellular One	5
Generally Low	5

Individual High Series & Games: K. Pichla 660 (211-245), Doug Beecher 621 (221-218), K. Martin 611 (210-233), R. Root 606 (223), J. Krol 604, G. Robinson 597 (229), E. Schmaltz 595 (224-226), R. Doerr 221-212, B. Biebel 225, D. Roth 223, G. Smith 222, J. Baker 219, J. Maharg 215, P. Regnerus 214.

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Men's High Series & Games: T. Potrykus 677 (210-265-202), D. Copeland 220, B. Brown 210.

Women's High Series & Game: D. Silance 571 (231). High Team Series & Game: Par-T-Ranch 1998 (683).

Hawks deliver first Reese cage defeat Friday, 60-53

The Cass City Red Hawks rose to the occasion Friday to take the lead in the torrid Greater Thumb West League race with a 60-53 win over previously undefeated Reese Rockets.

The victory keeps the 9-1 Hawks undefeated in conference play but no one is celebrating yet. This year more than most, the cliché anybody can win on a given night applies to GTW play.

Cass City was to face Bay City All Saints Tuesday and travel to Mayville Friday and will be heavy favorites to win before starting the second round against the league's top teams.

Victory is almost assured if the team rebounds and shoots as well as it did against the Rockets. The Hawks dominated the boards against the shorter Reese team, posting a 49-25 advantage.

Leading the rebounding parade was Craig Emmert. He swept the boards clean with 18 rebounds on his way to his finest game of the season. He also blocked 8 shots and scored 26 points, including 12 for 12 from the free throw line.

Six of the free throws came with the game on the line in the last minute of the game. The Rockets battled back to within 3 points with 1:02 left. Emmert made the first pair of charity tosses to boost the lead to 5 points. The points were matched by Craig Histed's basket. When Emmert next stepped to the foul line with 20 seconds left and converted both attempts, the game was decided. The last 2 free throws were just icing on the cake, pushing the margin to 7 points.

The teams traded baskets in the opening minutes and then Cass City went on a scoring rampage with a run of 10 unanswered points before Histed netted a free throw. The Hawks then used a combination of offensive rebounding and fast breaks to extend the margin to 21-5 at the end of the quarter.

Building the early lead was important, Coach Jim Green said, because Reese came out

with fire in the second half. After trading baskets in the second quarter, the Rockets started to chip away at Cass City's 16-point lead in the third period.

The pressure by the Reese guards caused several turnovers and sparked an 11-0 rally that reduced Cass City's lead to 7 points. With Emmert on the bench in the fourth quarter, the Rockets cut the Hawk lead to 4 points, but were able to get no closer.

Green pointed out, "Our inside power and team defense was the difference." Reese was held to its lowest total of the season and converted just 28 percent of shots from the field. The Hawks posted a satisfactory 41 percent.

The game was close because of turnovers. Cass City was charged with 24 while Reese made just 15.

Zach Glaspie was cited by the coach for handling the

ball well under pressure. Jeff Storm netted 8 points and 10 rebounds. One of the baskets came at a key time to halt a Rocket rally mid-way through the fourth quarter.

Ryan Holmgren had 7 rebounds to go with his 6 points. Joel Brinkman had 5 assists with some pretty passing in the first half while scoring 7 points.

CASS CITY - Glaspie 0-1 (4-6) 7; Holmgren 3-0 (0-0) 6; Storm 3-0 (2-3) 8; Emmert 7-0 (12-12) 26; N. Brinkman 0-1 (3-4) 6; J. Brinkman 2-0 (3-4) 7.

TOTALS - 15-2 (24-33) 60.

REESE - Ruhanen 5-0 (0-0) 16; Haske 3-0 (0-0) 6; Bierlein 0-0 (1-2) 2; Schiefer 3-1 (2-2) 11; Dinsmoore 1-0 (0-0) 2; Histed 7-0 (3-6) 17.

TOTALS - 19-3 (6-10) 53.

Junior Varsity: Reese 77, Cass City 55.

Eagles stun Hawks in double overtime

Basketball is a simple game. Rebound, eliminate turnovers and play rugged defense and you usually win.

Fail at one or more of these and it takes phenomenal shooting to win. Cass City shot well, but not good enough to overcome failure in the 3 basics last Tuesday.

The charged up Deckerville Eagles won the battle of the boards, 41-37, and the Hawks committed 22 turnovers. The Hawks lost 78-77 in 2 overtimes.

Coach Jim Green said, "our defense let us down. Deckerville scored at will in both overtimes. We were intimidated by Deckerville's physical play."

It was a nip and tuck game all the way. The Eagles jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter, 14-11, as Richard Merriman led the way with a pair of treys. Craig Emmert notched 6 in the period.

The Hawks used the 3-point

route to take the lead at the half, 27-25. Nate Brinkman converted a pair and Jeff Storm and Joel Brinkman each added one in the spurge.

Joel Brinkman had a career scoring night with 7 trifectas, a hoop and 6 of 8 free throws for 29 points.

Two of the 3-pointers came in the first overtime and it enabled Cass City to send the game into the second overtime but another turnover in the last seconds clinched the win for the Eagles.

Emmert scored 17 points with 9 rebounds and 3 blocked shots. Zach Glaspie scored 5 points and picked up 12 assists. Storm had 10 rebounds to go with his 7 points.

CASS CITY - Glaspie 0-1 (2-2) 5; J. Brinkman 1-7 (6-8) 29; Holmgren 4-0 (3-9) 11; N. Brinkman 1-2 (0-0) 8; Storm 1-1 (2-2) 7; Emmert 5-0 (7-8) 17.

TOTALS - 12-11 (20-29) 77.

DECKERVILLE - Messing 1-0 (0-0) 2; Palmer 9-0 (5-7) 23; Noble 1-0 (0-0) 2; Trowhill 3-0 (2-3) 8; Binder 4-0 (2-2) 10; Wolf 5-0 (5-7) 15; Merriman 4-2 (4-6) 18.

TOTALS - 27-2 (18-25) 78.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	4	5	9	1
Reese	3	1	8	1
USA	3	1	8	3
Valley Lutheran	3	1	6	3
Laker	1	3	5	6
BCAS	1	3	4	6
Bad Axe	1	3	1	9
Mayville	0	4	2	8

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	6	0	9	1
Owen-Gage	5	1	5	6
Peck	3	3	5	5
CPS	2	3	3	7
North Huron	1	5	1	9
A-Fargrove	1	5	1	9
Caseville	1	6	2	9
Port Hope	1	6	2	9

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Cros-Lex	3	1	8	3
Deckerville	3	1	7	3
Brown City	3	1	6	4
Harbor Beach	3	1	6	4
Marlette	2	2	5	5
Udby	1	3	4	6
Yale	1	4	3	7
Sandusky	0	4	3	7

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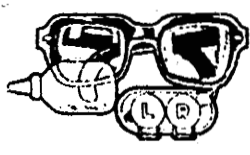
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Gymnasts place third at Vassar

Cass City gymnasts defeated Midland High Wednesday, 129-125, and finished third at the 4-team Vassar Invitational Saturday.

At the Invitational Midland Dow dominated, finishing first in all 4 events with a total team score of 136.85. Cass City was edged for second place by .35 of a point. Vassar's total was 126.75 and Cass City's 126.4. Midland High was last with 117.25.



Johanna Hoelzle



Laura Laming

In the vault and the floor exercises the Hawks and the Vulcans tied with scores of 32.7 on the vault and 34.55 on the floor. The Hawks were second on the bars.

Chelsee Zimba was second on the vault and the floor exercises. Lisa Barnard of Dow was first in the all around (37) and Ashlee Box was second (34.15). Johanna Hoelzle was best in the all around for Cass City (32.25), closely followed by Zimba (31.9) and Laura Laming (31.8).

In the dual meet with Midland High, Cass City won the vault 32.65 to 31.05, with Zimba first with 8.6. Ashley Ouvry was best in the uneven bars (8.3), won by the Hawks 28.9 to 27.55.

Other events won by Cass City were the balance beam, 34.1 to 30.6, led by Johanna Hoelzle (9.1), and floor exercise, 33.4 to 31.5, again led by Hoelzle (8.9).

The final margin of victory had Cass City with 129.05 and Midland at 120.35.



CASS CITY'S Becky Bulla (left) and Jaime Fluegge close in on a shot during Thursday's Greater Thumb West volleyball contest with visiting Unionville-Sebewaing.

Patriots win 5-game match

Cass City suffers heartbreaking defeat Thursday to visiting USA

Say this about the Cass City Red Hawk volleyball team - it always gives you plenty for the price of admission.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers battled visiting Unionville-Sebewaing for 5 games Thursday before bowing during a Greater Thumb West conference match-up.

Earlier in the week, on Monday, Cass City nipped Sandusky in a thriller, winning with a 15-9 decision in the final game of a match that went the entire distance. The scores were 15-9, 15-12, 2-15, 10-15 and 15-9.

The hosts jumped out to a quick 2 game advantage against the Patriots with vic-

tories of 15-11 and 17-15. The Hawks took control of the initial game when sophomores Becky Hartel and Deidre Deering teamed up to give Cass City a 4-point edge. With Hartel at the service line, Deering delivered a hard cross court winner that put the Hawks in front 10-7.

Another Deering kill followed by a Hartel tip brought Cass City to game point at 14-11, where Sara Homakie served out the game.

Holli Cooper gave Cass City a 3-1 lead in game 2 with one of her team high 10 spikes. However, the Patriots clawed back to take a 14-8 lead.

Cass City refused to fold and recorded 7 straight points before winning 17-15.

The Hawks nearly closed out the match in game 3, but this time the Patriots captured a 17-15 decision at the turning point of the match. USA recorded 15-7 and 15-9 wins in the closing games to escape with victory.

"(We) didn't block as well as we should have," said Howard. "(We're) having trouble getting the ball to the setter."

Hartel led the hosts in scoring with 15 points and added 23 assists. Sara Homakie chipped in 8 spikes, 4 blocks and 28 digs. Deering finished

with 8 kills. Monica Dorland had 19 assists for Cass City.

The Hawks were led in receiving by Homakie with 22 and Becky Bulla with 16.

Howard's team will try to rebound from the Patriots loss Thursday in Reese, before Monday's home non-conference meeting with North Branch.

In Sandusky, the visitors started quickly and finished strong to secure victory in the 5-game match.

Hartel and Bulla paced the winners at the service line with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

At the net, Homakie had a team high 6 blocks, while Cooper recorded 3. Homakie was also credited with 16 kills and 33 receptions. Rochelle Dohn added 20 digs for the Hawks. Hartel contributed 16 assists and Dorland chipped in 15.

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Bulldogs vault to top of NCTL standings

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs climbed to the top of the North Central Thumb

League standings in convincing style Thursday with a hard fought victory over visiting Caseville.

Coach Judy Campbell's spikers took the outright NCTL lead, as they knocked the Eagles from the unbeaten ranks with straight game wins. The defending NCTL champions improved to 8-0 in conference play and 8-4 overall.

Cass City grapplers lose pair

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team suffered 2 decisive defeats Wednesday at Marlette while competing with a squad decimated by injuries, illness and disciplinary action.

The Hawks lost to Marlette, 53-18, and to Brown City, 51-19. Double winners for Cass City were Jeremy Klinkman and Aaron Dorland.

Cass City finished 7th in the 14-team Spartan Invitational Saturday at Imlay City. The meet was won by Oxford with 236 points. The final team standings: Imlay City, 195.5; Marlette, 149; Durand, 118; Capac, 115.5; Almont, 94; Cass City, 78; Brown City, 68.5; Lapeer West B team, 65; Dryden, 56; Bad Axe, 49; Burton Bentley, 39; Imlay City B team, 30.5; Marysville, 30.

Placing and earning medals were Don Spencer, 119 pounds, 4th; Jeremy Klinkman, 140 pounds, 2nd; Aaron Dorland, 152 pounds, 3rd; Travis Jensen, 189 pounds, 4th.

ney. The hosts handled their guests from the bay easily in the initial game and recorded a 15-1 rout. However, the Bulldogs struggled in the middle tilt, despite winning 15-7. In the closing game, the hosts rebounded from a 13-8 deficit to post a 15-13 margin.

"I was real concerned because half of the team has been sick this week. They pulled together and played like a team. This was the best showing of teamwork this year," said Campbell.

"Caseville has a nice team," said Campbell, adding, "Katie Quinn is tough."

The winners received 17 kills and 23 digs from senior Erin Salcido. Jenna Root posted 11 kills and added 4 blocks, while Becky

Hartman recorded a team high 5 blocks and 10 digs. Sophomore Kelly Zaleski registered game scoring honors with 14 tallies that included 7 aces. Zaleski also chipped in 19 digs. Dee Fritz had 10 points, 3 kills and 17 digs.

NORTH HURON

The Bulldogs entertained North Huron Monday and cruised to easy wins of 15-6, 15-1 and 15-4.

Melissa Ziehm had a stellar outing and recorded 17 points, 7 aces, 17 assists and 6 digs.

Root and Salcido combined for 25 kills, while junior Ashley Adams chipped in 6 assists. Fritz tallied 9 points, 4 kills and 4 assists for Owen-Gage.



OWEN-GAGE'S Becky Hartman (center) and Melissa Ziehm (right) set up for a spike attempt in Thursday's NCTL contest with visiting Caseville. The Bulldogs posted straight game wins of 15-1, 15-7 and 15-13.

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Weiss has suffered through many illnesses and operations in his lifetime and is currently unable to work due to health concerns and another operation. He is married, has 3 school age children and lives in Cass City.

The Knights of Columbus will host the benefit supper from 4 to 7 p.m. The supper

will include spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and dessert for \$5, with the proceeds going to help the family with their medical expenses and other personal expenses.

Donations will be gratefully accepted at the hall the evening of the benefit or may be mailed to: Knights of Columbus, Danny Weiss Benefit, 6106 Beechwood Drive, Cass City, MI 48726.

For more information, contact Jon Zdrojewski at 872-5681 or Lois Papp at 673-4338.

Circuit court proceedings

The following people appeared Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court on various criminal charges:

- Steven C. Edgin, 22, Cass City, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 between July 28 and Aug. 6 in Cass City and Elkland Township, plus one prior felony conviction.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Kenneth W. Maynard, 49, Deford, pleaded guilty to 3 counts of possession of a firearm by a felon Sept. 2-3 in Novesta Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Darrell J. Wilson, 30, Millington, pleaded guilty but mentally ill to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building May 11-13 in Watertown Township and Millington, and to 2 counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer Aug. 18 in Caro, plus 2 prior felony convictions.
- Bond was set at a combined \$35,000. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Michael J. Holland, 28, Sebawaing, received a one-year delayed sentence and was ordered to pay \$920 in court costs and fines for his

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Meyer on committees

State Rep. Tom Meyer was appointed Thursday by House Speaker Rick Johnson as vice chair of the Education Committee and to serve with Republican and Democrat caucus leaders on the House Television and Oversight Committee.

Meyer will be seated between Johnson, the Republican majority floor leader, the Democrat minority party leader and democrat floor leader while serving on the committee, which oversees the policies and activities for programming and broadcasting House sessions.

"Sitting with these leaders may be a little intimidating at first, but I think it will be a good introduction to working in Lansing," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "I can learn the ropes from people who are in the top positions, and with

my radio and media background, I believe I have some expertise that will help the committee.

"I'm also happy to be playing a prominent role in decision-making on the Education Committee, because education is one of the important issues I said I wanted to address when I got to the House."

Meyer also was appointed to the agriculture and tax policy committees.

"I welcome Rep. Meyer to Lansing and I look forward to working with him on the committee and other legislative issues," said Johnson, R-LeRoy. "Through the conversations we've already had, I'm sure Tom will provide 84th District residents the quality service and representation they expect."

plea of guilty to operating a motor while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 4 in Wisner Township.

- Jerome L. Hatmaker, 34, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of no contest to attempted third degree criminal sexual conduct last September in Indianfields Township.
- James E. Schermerhorn, 44, Columbiaville, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 21 in Arbel Township.
- Schermerhorn was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,860.
- Timothy R. Lemmon, 33, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 160 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 14 in Vassar.
- He was also ordered to pay \$3,160 in costs and fines.
- Michael A. Pelton, 28, Flint, received a 6-month delayed sentence and was ordered to pay \$740 in costs and fines for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 16 in Mayville.
- Bernard A. Osborn, 59, Millington, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 30 days in jail, with work release/worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 5 in Millington Township.
- He was also ordered to pay \$4,740 in costs and fines plus restitution totaling \$153.52.

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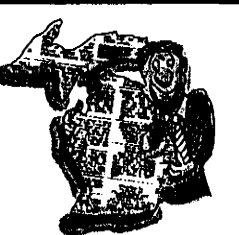
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael T. Bender, and Jacqueline A. Bender, husband and wife, (original mortgagors) to Independent Bank MSB ("IB MSB") f/k/a Mutual Savings Bank, FSB f/k/a Mutual Savings and Loan Association, a Michigan Corporation Mortgage, dated April 4, 1978, and recorded on April 7, 1978 in Liber 485, on Page 279, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 96/100 dollars (\$1,313.96), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2001.

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

Lot 17, Elbers Subdivision, part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, Denmark Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 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: January 31, 2001

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas C. Finkbeiner a married man and Amy S. Finkbeiner his wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Second National Bank of Bay City, a National Banking Association, Mortgage, dated April 16, 1996, and recorded on April 25, 1996 in Liber 689, on Page 443, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the rate hereof the sum of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINETY AND 76/100 dollars (\$37,090.76), including interest at 7.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2001.

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

Commencing 56 Rods North of the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, thence West 80 Rods; thence North 8 Rods; thence East 80 Rods; thence South 8 Rods to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the right of way for Bradleyville Road over the Easterly side thereof.

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

Dated: January 31, 2001

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1-31-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John F. Culbert And Kristie L. Culbert, Husband And Wife, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, mortgage, dated April 29, 1999 and recorded May 4, 1999 in Liber 770, Page 537-544, Tuscola County Records said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A., as Trustee by assignment dated November 14, 2000 and recorded on October 31, 2000 in Liber 814, Page 816, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 95/100 Dollars (\$93,996.95) including interest at the rate of 10.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 9, 2001.

The premises are located in the Village of Caro, Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 14 rods West of the Northeast corner of Block 10 of the original Plat of the Village of Caro, thence South 8 rods; thence West 4 rods 7 1/2 feet; thence North 8 rods; thence East 4 rods 7 1/2 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCCLA

600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 3, 2001

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Citibank, N.A. as Trustee,
As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
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File No. 209.0136
1-3-5

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE - (TUSCOLA COUNTY)
THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by ELIZABETH C. MAGIERA AND TERRY R. MAGIERA, Husband and Wife, Mortgage, to FIRST FINANCE, which is organized and existing under the laws of Michigan and whose address is 6785 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, Mortgage, dated February 13, 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on February 19, 1998, in Liber 730, Page 1057 of Tuscola County Records, which mortgage was therefor on February 19, 1998 assigned to BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., as Custodian or Trustee, and recorded with the Tuscola County Records on October 9, 1998 in Liber 752 Page 812, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FORTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIX AND 98/100 (\$41,906.98) DOLLARS including interest thereon at 14.25% per annum.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, March 16, 2001 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder. The front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows:

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The redemption period shall be six 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: January 31, 2001

ELAINE W. MARDIROSIAN (P33528)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
1373 Balfour
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
(313) 881-0296

1-31-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy Decent and Cheryl S. Decent husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Metwest Mortgage Services, Inc., a Washington Corporation, Mortgage, dated June 23, 1999, and recorded on July 21, 1999 in Liber 777, on Page 683, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to The Bank of New York, as Trustee, pursuant to the terms of that certain Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 1999, related to Metropolitan Asset Funding, Inc. II, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1999-D, Assignee by an assignment dated August 3, 1999, which was recorded on August 2, 2000, in Liber 807, on Page 786, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 56/100 dollars (\$47,856.56), including interest at 12.100% 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 February 23, 2001.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 11, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes East 1031.24 feet along the North Section line to the Point of Beginning; running thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes East 293.14 feet along the North Section line; thence South 0 degrees 38 minutes 05 seconds East, 668.96 feet along the Centerline of a ditch (apparent East line of the West half of the Northwest Quarter); thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 03 seconds West, 292.84 feet; thence North 0 degrees 39 minutes 37 seconds West 669.19 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Town 12 North, Range 10 East.

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

Dated: January 10, 2001

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Ravens

1-10-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David W. Duncan III, a married man and Alisa A. Duncan, his wife, as mortgagor (original mortgagors) to Quicken Loans, Inc., Mortgage, dated February 29, 2000, and recorded on March 6, 2000 in Liber 795, on Page 984, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. Assignee by an assignment dated February 29, 2000, which was recorded on September 25, 2000, in Liber 811, on Page 397, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date here of the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 40/100 dollars (\$130,770.40), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2001.

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

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, running thence East 440 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 990 feet; thence West 220 feet; thence North 990 feet; thence East 440 feet; thence South 1980 feet; thence West 220 feet to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 31, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1306
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File # 200027978

Mustangs

1-31-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Francis R. Gubio and Bonnie S. Gubio, his wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated September 30, 1997, and recorded on September 30, 1997, in Liber 721, on Page 75, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated April 12, 2000, which was recorded on August 18, 2000, in Liber 808, on Page 1209, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND 16/100 dollars (\$120,696.16), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 2, 2001.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 21, Township 14 North, Range 9 East, running thence East 20 rods; thence North 6 rods; thence East 1/3 rod; thence North 8 rods; thence West 20 1/3 rods; thence South 14 rods to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 17, 2001

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

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Candace A. Kaiser to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Mortgage, dated April 26, 1990, and recorded on April 26, 1990, in Liber 601, on page 1385-1388. Mortgage was between Camella Wateridge and Farmers Home Administration which was given due to assumption of mortgage dated October 28, 1994 and recorded October 28, 1994 in Liber 666, page 277-280, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE AND 79/100 DOLLARS (\$71,112.79), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Friday, March 2, 2001.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF BIRCH STREET 542.82 FEET 50 DEGREES 11' W FROM THE INTERSECTION OF WEST LINE OF BIRCH STREET WITH NORTH LINE OF SECTION 18, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, THENCE N89 DEGREES 49' W, 170.00 FEET; THENCE S0 DEGREES 11' W, 70.94 FEET PARALLEL TO WEST LINE OF BIRCH STREET; THENCE S89 DEGREES 49' E 170.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF BIRCH STREET; THENCE N 0 DEGREES 11' E 70.94 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF BIRCH STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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: January 17, 2001

United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

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

1-17-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Aubert a/k/a Bruce Alan Aubert and Tammy Aubert a/k/a Tammy Lynn Aubert, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank, Mortgage, dated November 20, 1998, and recorded on November 20, 1998 in Liber 756, on Page 471, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Old Kent Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated November 20, 1998, which was recorded on April 29, 1999, in Liber 769, on Page 1309, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 68/100 dollars (\$70,541.68), including interest at 7.250% per annum, and modified by a Loan Modification Agreement dated April 1, 1999 and recorded April 29, 1999 in Liber 769, Page 1306, Tuscola County Records.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 2, 2001.

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

A part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at a point 570 feet North of the Centerline of C & O Railroad on the North-South 1/4 line; thence West 400 feet; thence South to the North right-of-way line of said C & O Railroad; thence Southeast along said North right-of-way line of the C & O Railroad to the North-South 1/4 line; thence North along said North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 17, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200027276

Ravens

1-17-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert E. Atkinson and Beckie L. Atkinson, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to American Mortgage Management Corporation, Mortgage, dated December 16, 1993, and recorded on December 28, 1993 in Liber 651, on Page 1197, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, a Pennsylvania Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated July 1, 1999, which was recorded on May 24, 2000, in Liber 801, on Page 1110, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FORTY-FOUR AND 96/100 dollars (\$28,044.96), including interest at 7.750% 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 February 23, 2001.

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

Lot 2 of Goodwin Creek Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, part of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 19, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, 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: January 10, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1309
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Dolphins

1-10-5

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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FARM BUREAU

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau met Thursday evening at the home of Clarence and Pat Heleski. After the meeting, during which a video was shown, cards were played and prizes were won by Dorothy Heleski and Russell Bouchard. Low prizes were won by Rita Depcinski and Stanley Heleski.

The hostess served a lunch. The next meeting will be Feb. 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Heleski.

meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Eugene and Molly Depcinski, Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the K of C 4th degree appreciation dinner at the Franklin Inn at Bad Axe Sunday.

Mrs. John O'Henley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Belva Pratt, Mabel Fisher, Leas Wolschlager and Mrs. Polega at the Huron County Health Center in Bad Axe Thursday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Andersen of Brighton, Jennifer Kleinfelt of East China Township, Bryce and Betty Hagen and Mrs. Earl Schenk were among a large group who attended the funeral of Jack Ross at the Uby Methodist Church Sunday afternoon.

Jim Foster of Waterford, Eileen Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at the Huron County Medical Care Facility Wednesday.

Bob and Jardine Zurek and Ray and Rita Depcinski spent Friday in Bay City.

Fred Britt of Johannesburg was a Friday and Saturday guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

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

Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Thursday lunch guests of Florence Booms in Bad Axe.

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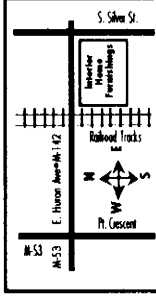
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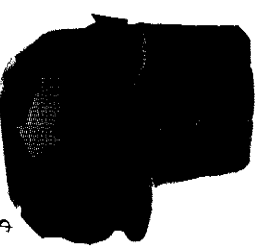


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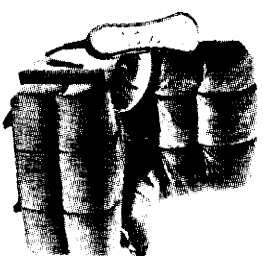
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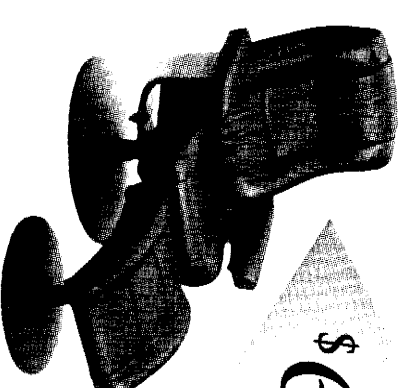
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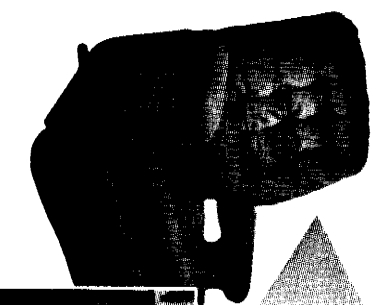
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