



THE REV. MARK Todd stands inside the newly expanded food pantry his church established about 3 years ago. Church members plan to reach out to even more needy families through a new program targeting the "working poor".

To serve needs of "working poor"

Local food pantry expanding

Members of a Cass City church hope to offer a helping hand to even more families by expanding the food pantry they've operated for the past 3 years.

"We're trying to expand our food ministry to meet the needs of not only those who

are in great need, but we're also now trying to incorporate low-income families," said the Rev. Mark Todd, pastor of the Living Word Worship Center, 6536 Houghton St.

"We want to try to reach out to those who don't think they

fit into the 'desperately needy' category, but who need some help."

The church opened its food pantry in response to the June 1996 closing of another pantry operated for more than 13 years by the First Baptist Church.

"It's really gained strength over the past 2 years," Todd said of the Living Word pantry, which serves dozens of area families referred by a number of different agencies ranging from local schools, church members and the Cass City Ministerial Association to the Human Development Commission and the Red Cross.

"In a year's time we have served probably at least 400 people," he said.

Todd noted a portion of the food distributed to needy families comes from drives such as those organized by local Boy Scouts, postal workers and students. "That has been a big help," he added. "The rest of it we

purchase from the Eastern Michigan Food Bank and Flint, and we buy that at a great reduced price."

In the past, church members have distributed free food packages on an individual basis rather than having set business hours.

However, Todd explained, the pantry will now be open on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m., and families will have the option of receiving even more food for a \$10 donation. "We will fix them a large food box that would equal \$40 to \$50 worth of groceries."

"We are not making any money on this," Todd emphasized, adding families who

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Homeowners who heat

While all Michigan residents are or will be paying more to heat their homes due to rising fuel prices, those least able to afford higher bills are facing some very difficult times, even with the help of programs designed to assist with heating expenses.

"Of course, it is a serious situation and we are very concerned about it," said Tom Dillon, director of the Family Independence Agency in Tuscola and Huron counties.

"At this point, we're working with providers and working with customers to get through the heating season. There has been an effort on behalf of the FIA to try to get increased funding and to get our caps (the minimum amount of assistance allowed per household) increased."

"If we make it through April 1 and we still have funds left, we should be okay for this heating season," Dillon added.

with fuel oil or liquid propane have been digging deeper for some time to keep up with price increases on top of an especially cold winter.

But natural gas customers are also expected to feel a serious financial pinch. Officials at both Consumers Energy Co. and Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., citing increased costs, are seeking state approval to nearly double their rates. Likewise, Semco Energy Gas Company, which supplies gas locally, has announced plans to file a request with the Michigan Public Service Commission to increase rates from \$3.24 to about \$5 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas.

Dillon said FIA officials have been working to deal with price hikes for deliverable fuels such as LP and fuel oil. State Emergency Relief program funding has been increased, he noted, and emergency services dollars are also available.

However, he said, officials were not anticipating the large price increases now being sought by the state's major natural gas utilities.

"It's scary. With low income people, and many of the jobs people are getting are low income, it really could be a very difficult situation," he added. "Hopefully the Public Service Commission will take a good, hard look at that before they do anything drastic."

HEATING HELP

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials, who administer direct home heating assistance programs that serve some 700 households in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties, are also concerned about the area's working poor.

While the number of households served has not risen significantly, the amount of assistance families need today has dramatically in-

creased, according to Lori Offenbecher, HDC community services director.

"We know a lot of folks have gone from state assistance to working, (but) we've got a lot of families that are working 2 or 3 service jobs and are still low income," she said.

Offenbecher explained HDC administers 2 main heating assistance programs. The first is The Heat and Warmth (THAW) Fund established many years ago by a non-profit organization based in Detroit. The program provides a set dollar amount of assistance to households that meet income guidelines.

Under the program, Offenbecher said, major utilities match that amount. However, there are no matching programs for heating oil and other deliverable fuels. "It has been a very difficult winter for those folks. That's been a big concern for us," she added.

Another concern centers on the winter protection program for low-income households and senior citizens.

Offenbecher said the program allows those households to pay a set amount each month to heat their homes, but when the program concludes in late March-early April, they must pay the difference between that amount and the actual utility cost.

HDC also administers the State Emergency Relief Fund, which provides emergency dollars for households facing utility shut-offs.

Offenbecher noted HDC also offers a tax-consulting program to encourage residents to apply for home heating credits, and a home weatherization program designed to cut heating costs.

The biggest challenge facing agencies such as HDC, she said, is securing enough funding to meet as many needs as possible. The

THAW program, for example, runs through mid-April, "but we typically expend our funds before that."

"All of our resources are very limited. That's why the Walk for Warmth is so important," Offenbecher said, referring to an annual HDC fundraiser slated for Feb. 24 this year (see related story). This year's goal is to raise \$10,000 in each of Tuscola and Huron counties, and \$5,000 in each of Sanilac and Lapeer counties.

In the meantime, Offenbecher said HDC officials are conducting a survey of those who request assistance to determine the impact of higher heating costs on low-income families based on their income levels and utility bills.

"We're hoping to have at least some baseline data by Feb. 9," she said. "Our hope is that we can send that" to lawmakers and the Public Service Commission.

Walk for Warmth Feb. 24

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is looking for volunteers to participate in its 11th annual Walk for Warmth Saturday, Feb. 24.

The voluntary effort involves citizens who gather pledges and walk a pre-determined one-mile route.

The Walk for Warmth is a significant fundraising event, held simultaneously in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties, that generates dollars to assist individuals who are in desperate need of home-heating assistance, according to Lori Offenbecher, HDC commu-

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Ohio firm to lease MLE

United Producers Inc. (UPI) and Southern States Cooperative Inc. announced Thursday a strategic alliance in which UPI will lease and operate Southern States' livestock marketing facilities, including Michigan Livestock Exchange (MLE).

Officials predict the transition will be completed by March 1.

"While the MLE flag will no longer be flying in Michigan, this should strengthen MLE's position in the livestock marketing and livestock financing arena," said

Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau dairy and livestock specialist. "It also should provide some long-term marketing stability for Michigan livestock producers."

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Familiar face

Cass City's Jack Esau still going strong

Jack Esau smiled during the interview as he recalled a lifetime of service to the community and said, be sure to get this in because it "says a lot about our community."

From the days when I worked for 15 cents an hour to the present, I never worked for an employer that I didn't like. That covers a wide-ranging list and a lot of years in the business community. It's probably equally true that he never worked for anyone who didn't like him.

Esau celebrated his 83rd birthday Tuesday, Jan. 30. Ramrod straight he appears fully capable of easily fitting into the Marine uniform he wore for 6 years (1940-46) serving his country during all of World War II.

His hitch with the Marines included 2 landings in the Pacific. He enlisted a year before Pearl Harbor.

He graduated from Cass City High School in 1935 and attended Michigan State College for a year. Lack of money ended his college career.

In 1935 the depression was grinding away and money was in short supply. My first job at a gas station earned 15 cents an hour and the work included changing oils winter and summer, Esau grimaced, in an outdoor pit.

He also worked part-time at the A&P Store. Keith McConkey ran the store and as the manager he earned \$30 a week and if store receipts went over \$800 he earned a bonus.

In 1937 he became a butcher working for Young and Maier meat market before entering the Marine Corps and at Gross & Maier meat market from 1946-60. After that he spent 6 years working at Walbro Corporation before accepting a position at the Rawson Dental Clinic until he "retired" in 1983.

That same year the people at Erla's Food Market came calling to see if he could help out a few days. He agreed and spent the next 17 years working part time.

He was a Godsend to us, said Char Krueger, store

manager, so good with people.

Waiting on people was what he liked best, his wife Ruth observed, and his friendly assistance and concern for shoppers has made him one of the most recognized persons in Cass City.

Also helping him to become an icon in the community has been membership in various civic organizations. He is a charter member of the Cass City post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars where he served as quartermaster (finance) officer for 13 years. He served in a similar capacity for the Cass City Community Club that was the leading Cass City organization for 40 years to about 1960.

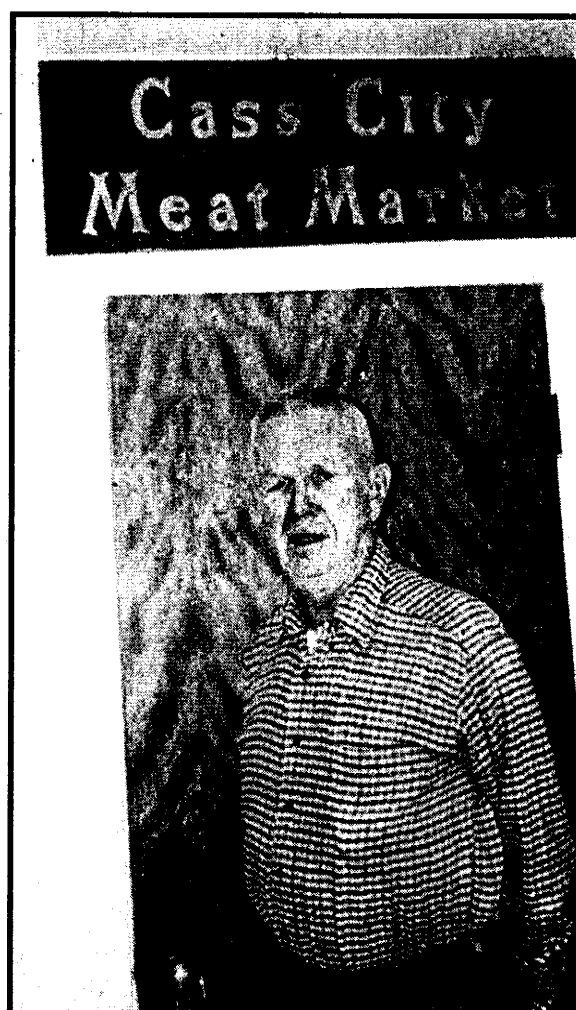
He was a member of the Cass City Gavel Club and a charter member and first president of the Cass City Historical Society.

As a member of the Society and for personal reasons he has been a regular visitor at Rawson Memorial Library, Barb Hutchinson, librarian, reports. "He's a walking encyclopedia of community history and you refer anyone with a hard to answer question about our area to him."

He always has time to talk about the days when nickels and dimes were important and there was no welfare. When Roosevelt started the work-welfare programs it lifted the community and it enabled Cass City to have a sewer-water system long before many others in the Thumb.

He and his wife, Ruth, were married in 1948 and they have 3 children, Eric, of Amherst, Mass.; Mary Beth Bealick, of Cincinnati, Ohio and Ann Ballard of Homestead, Fla.

Right now he is retired, but don't be surprised if all that changes on a moment's notice. Someone just might call, need a little help, and he'll be off and running for another decade or so. And enjoy every minute of it.



83 years young

JACK ESAU stands in front of a sign, "Cass City Meat Market", one of several Cass City businesses he worked with.

Growers hope to seal sugar deal by spring

Sugar beet growers who contract with Michigan Sugar Company hope to buy the Saginaw Township-based business by April or May - later than what they wanted but a potential deal nonetheless.

For the past year, interested growers have tried to negotiate the acquisition with Michigan Sugar's parent company, Texas-based Imperial Sugar Co. Growers had hoped to finalize the deal for an undisclosed sum by March 31, 2001, but delays on Imperial's part have pushed that timeline to later in the spring.

A significant delay was the uncertainty of whether Imperial would file for bankruptcy - a question that left growers wondering whether they should leave sugar beets in this year's rotations, buy seed, etc. Growers interested in buying a stake in the operation farm between 127,000 and 132,000 acres of sugar beets.

Imperial last month filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in a Delaware court. The company listed assets of \$1.1 billion and liabilities of \$775.1 million, including \$456.4 million in debt.

"This bankruptcy was not surprising, it's just that we didn't know when it would happen. Now that it did, it allows the conversation to go on more openly," said Don

Sutto, a Saginaw sugar beet grower who is a member of the Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association and the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

The bankruptcy filing also provided some immediate relief for growers concerned about receiving payment on their 2000 crop, said Dick Leach, executive vice president of the Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association.

"There certainly was a cloud that hung over the heads of growers about payments, but we've been assured that's been taken care of," he said. "Growers were assured by the court's approval that they will get the rest of their payments from the 2000 crop in the normal pay cycle."

Payment is important because sugar beets historically have provided Michigan farmers with profits above other mainstays, including corn and soybeans. And with prices for those other commodities now slumped, keeping Michigan Sugar in business is more important than ever.

Imperial officials blamed financial hardship partly on a lingering trend of low sugar prices on the world market. Leach said growers will evaluate Michigan Sugar's assets and determine what

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New books at the library

The Cases that Haunt Us by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker (nonfiction): John Douglas is an expert on criminal profiling and in his book he analyzes 7 of the most notorious murder cases in history. From Jack the Ripper, Lizzie Borden, the Zodiac Killer to Bruno Richard Hauptmann and the murder of Jon Benet Ramsey, the authors reexamine and reinterpret accepted facts and use modern technology of the FBI to take a new look at the murderers and the crimes they committed.

Celine Dion, My Story, My Dream by Celine Dion in collaboration with Georges-Henri Germain (nonfiction): Celine Dion is the youngest of 14 children of a working-class family. The book chronicles her early life and how she was able to establish a career because of her innate talent and hard work. Her life has not always been easy though and when her husband was diagnosed with cancer it was devastating for both of them. She tells of the joy of impending parenthood and how much they were looking forward to having a child.

Who Wants to Be Me? by Regis Philbin (nonfiction): Regis Philbin can tell a good story and has kept viewers laughing at his tales for the last 15 years on the television show, "Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee." He has used real life situations to show his foibles, aggravations, and the experiences he has had as a husband, father, dutiful citizen, high-rise dweller, handyman, traveler, sports fan, medical specimen and most recently as the host of the enormously popular television show, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire. Stories from Regis' wife and daughters add to the charm of the book.



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Wendy Osentoski & Donald Ball

Don and Lana Osentoski of Pigeon, and Don and Barb Ball of Cass City, announce the engagement of their children, Wendy Marie Osentoski and Donald Wayne Ball.

The bride-elect graduated from Central Michigan University in 1997 and is pursuing an MBA from Auburn University. She is employed at Imation Corporation in Oakdale, Minn., as a financial analyst.

The prospective groom graduated in 2000 from Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He is employed as a job superintendent with Monarch Paving Co. in Amery, Wis. The wedding is planned for April 21.

It's a girl!



Hailey Mae Brock

Lori and Steven Brock announce the arrival of Hailey Mae, Oct. 23, 2000. She was welcomed home by her 9-year-old brother, Andrew.

Her grandparents are Pauline Calka of Cass City and the late B.A. "Curley" Calka, and Leone and Lyle Brock of LeRoy.



This dull, dingy, post-holiday time of year sometimes leaves a person feeling depressed. The best antidote I know is a dose of humor.

Here are a few examples from the book, "More Holy Humor" compiled by Cal and Rose Samra, a collection of jokes gleaned from ministers and other religious sources:

On an African safari, a missionary asked the guide if it was true that a jungle animal will not attack you if you're carrying a torch.

"Well," said the guide, "it depends on how fast you're carrying the torch."

After the birth of their child, an Episcopal priest wearing his clerical collar visited his wife in the hospital. He greeted her with a kiss and a hug, and gave her another hug and kiss when he left.

Later, the wife's roommate commented, "Gee, your pastor is sure friendlier than mine."

A group of teenagers met an old pastor with a white beard and decided it would be fun to tease him.

"Good morning, Father Abraham," one said, bowing. "Good morning, Father Isaac," said another, also bowing.

A third said, "Good morning, Father Jacob." Smiling, the old pastor replied, "I am neither Father

Abraham, Isaac nor Jacob. I am Saul, and I am looking for my father's asses. I think I've found what I'm looking for."

The minister always prepared his sermons word for word and placed them in a loose leaf binder which he took with him to the pulpit Sunday mornings.

One Saturday night just for fun, his son removed a sheet from the scripted sermon.

As the preacher was reading his sermon the next morning, "and Adam said to Eve" — he turned the page and discovered it was missing. Perplexed, he looked at the congregation and exclaimed, "There must be a leaf missing here."

A pastor went on a week's vacation and left his new young associate pastor in charge of the Sunday service. When he returned, he asked a member how his associate had performed.

"He gave a dull sermon — not much in it," the member replied.

When he saw his associate, the pastor asked how he had felt about the Sunday service.

"Very good," was the reply. "I didn't have much time to prepare a sermon, but I found one of yours, so I preached it."

As it says in the book of Proverbs, "A cheerful heart is good medicine."

Several named to CMU honors list

Several area residents are among 3,741 students named to the honors list at Central Michigan University following the fall 2000 semester.

To be eligible for the list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Area students named to the list are: junior Joshua J. Brinkman, senior Amanda J. Deering, freshman Adam Dorland, senior Frances M. Palmateer, freshman Stephanie L. Pierce, sophomore Marissa S. Sweeney, senior Jennifer A. Winchester and freshman Eric M. Zawilinski, all of Cass City; senior Nichol L. Becker, Deford; junior Laine M. Tetil, Gagetown; junior Daniel F. Curry, Kingston; senior Melissa E. Heilig, senior Matthew D. Leasure and freshman Alicia R. Walsh, all of Ubly; freshman Jennifer M. Bulgrien, senior Jill M.

Bulgrien, junior Tina M. Peters, sophomore Wesley J. Reinelt and senior Christine M. Wheeler, all of Snover.

Flood topic of society meeting

The regular meeting of the Cass City Area Historical Society will be held Monday evening, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

The program for the evening will be one of a series on local natural disasters. This, the first, will be on the "Flood of 1986".

Anyone who has pictures of this or stories to tell, please join us. Everyone is welcome.

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O-G seniors meet

The Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met Jan. 4 at the Gagetown Fire Hall. There were 10 members present. Grace was given by Johanna Miklovich for the noon meal.

President Jack Doerr opened the business meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the pledge to the flag. There was no old business or new business. Door prizes were won by Jack Doerr and Johanna Miklovich. Birthdays for January were Jack Doerr, Stella Errer, Elizabeth Bartholomy, Frances Harbec and Pat Guza. Happy Birthday was sung. The committee for January is Orville Mallory and Johanna Miklovich.

The meeting was adjourned

with euchre being played with no prizes being given. Filling in for Pat Guza was Irene Doerr.

The Jan. 18 meeting was attended by 15 members. Pat Guza gave the dinner blessing.

The meeting was opened by President Jack Doerr. The Lord's Prayer and the pledge to the flag were given. Door prizes were won by Stuart Merchant and Berenice Sowden. There was no old or new business.

A get well card was sent to Mary Guza. A sympathy card was sent to Wilma Ashmore.

The committee for February is Beatrice Jones and Lillian Jacoby.

Euchre was played with the following prizes given: Owl - Maxine Haney; men's high - Jack Doerr and John Zawilinski; men's low - Stuart Merchant; women's high - Berenice Sowden, and women's low - Stella Errer.

Cake and ice cream were furnished at break time by the Doerrs and Stella Errer.

The meeting adjourned until Feb. 1.

Cass City Social Items

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Over 75 relatives and friends helped Irene Bader celebrate her 93rd birthday Sunday. Among those attending were her children, Margie (Arthur) Caister, Bob (Shirley) Bader, Helen (Newell) Hubbard, Donna (Gerald) Auten, Dale (Sandra) Bader, Wanda (Ron) Parrott, and Audrey Halas. Irene is a resident of Huron County Medical Care Facility.

Nelle Maharg is turning 75! It's a surprise celebration for her 75th birthday. Her children invite all her friends to join them in honoring her birthday. The family is preparing a Memory Box for Nelle. If you would like to congratulate Nelle in this special way, please send a card, note, photograph or memento (no gifts, please) to Susan Yerg, 37 Cavalry Court, Ridgefield, CT 06877. The party will be held in Connecticut Saturday, Feb. 17. Thank you!

Britt earns degree



Cori Britt

Cori R. Britt of Cass City recently graduated from Grand Valley State University. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a group science major emphasizing biology, and a minor in elementary education.

While attending GVSU, she received the Biology Department Outstanding Major Award.

She is currently employed as sixth grade science teacher at Newhall Middle School in Wyoming, Mich.

Britt is the daughter of William and Judy Britt of Cass City. She is a 1996 graduate of Cass City High School.

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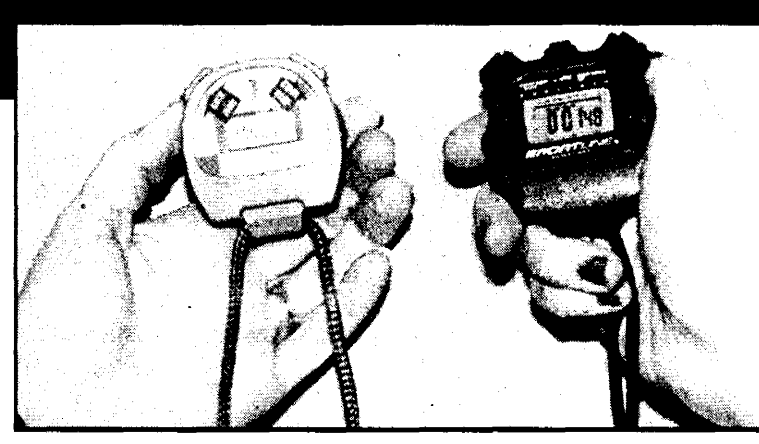
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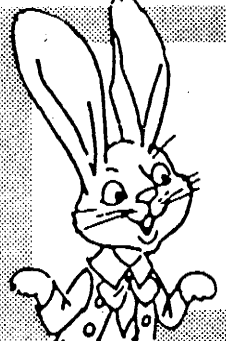
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It was a clean sweep. In fact, it was 2 clean sweeps. The Cass City Police Department with Mike Anderson and his drug-sniffing dog has been active at Cass City Schools. They went through the middle school Jan. 26 and the high school Feb. 1. The search for drugs included all the lockers in the schools. No drugs were found.

Gerald Whittaker stopped at the office and presented me with a calendar notebook that his company, Whittaker Timber Corporation, is passing out to customers. Each page is highlighted by quotes from public figures. Just in case you can't find anything to write about, he grinned. Here's a couple that caught my eye. "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public relations writers", Daniel J. Boorstin. (An apt quote in an election year.) "Probably nothing in the world arouses more false hopes than the first four hours of a diet", Dan Bennett. (I know, I know.)

Thumb airports in line for block grant funding from FAA

The Federal Aviation Administration recently awarded a block grant totaling \$22.1 million to Michigan for various airport development projects at more than 70 smaller commercial airports across the state. Recipients of the funding include the Tuscola Area Airport in Caro, Huron County Memorial Airport in Bad Axe, and the Sandusky City Airport in Sandusky. "Smaller airports across Michigan will be able to extend and repair their runways, acquire land for noise abatement and meet environmental concerns thanks to this grant," said Sen. Carl Levin (D-Michigan), who along with Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan) made the announcement. "Air travelers in Michigan will see the results of these improvements almost immediately." "I am pleased that 76 airports across Michigan will

receive additional federal funding to help them expand and improve air service for Michigan's passengers and visitors," Stabenow said. "This funding is critical to helping Michigan's community airports to offer more convenient service in up-to-date facilities." The Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics will distribute the federal funds, which will be used for improvements to enhance safety and capacity as well as to preserve the physical integrity of the system of airports in the state. Specific projects include extension of runways, land acquisition, environmental assessments, and rehabilitation of runways, aprons and taxiways. Most of the general aviation airports will receive a grant of \$150,000, with some airports receiving more for priority projects, and other receiving somewhat smaller funding amounts.



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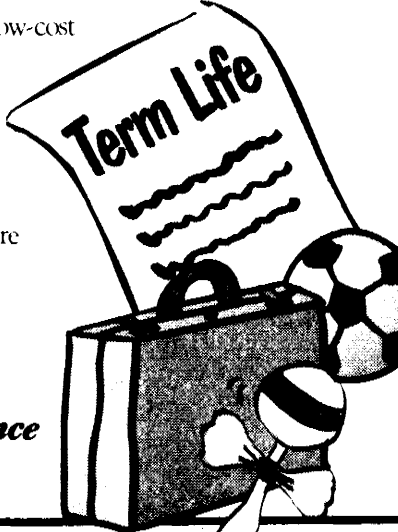
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Police arrest man after crash, scuffle Sunday

A Caro man will have his day in court after his arrest in Cass City following a brief car chase and scuffle with village police officers early Sunday morning.

Woman injured in crash

A Port Austin woman was listed in stable but serious condition following a 2-vehicle traffic accident in Marlette Township Friday afternoon.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported the crash was reported at 2:58 p.m. on VanDyke Road near Clifford Road.

Deputies said Maryann C. Karafa, 66, Port Austin, was driving a van northbound when she lost control of the vehicle on a patch of ice. The van slid sideways into the southbound lane and was struck on the passenger side by a car driven by Craig R. Tetreau, 41, of Marlette. Karafa was transported to Marlette Community Hospital and then taken by FlightCare Helicopter to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

Tetreau and his wife, Teresa Tetreau, 39, were also transported to Marlette Community Hospital, where they were treated for minor injuries and then released. Marlette police, fire and EMS personnel assisted deputies at the scene.

Historical meet set

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.

ing charges of drunken driving, driving with a suspended/revoked license, fleeing and eluding, resisting and obstructing, and malicious destruction of police property against the suspect, Clifford T. Hill, 27.

According to reports, Cass City Officer Mike Gebauer was on routine patrol at about 2:23 a.m. when he observed Hill, driving a 1983 Ford pickup truck, stop in the middle of the intersection of Seeger and Division streets and shut off his headlights.

Gebauer stated he attempted to stop Hill, but the suspect accelerated at a high

rate of speed, heading east. Hill drove into the parking lot at Bob's Bump Shop and crashed at the end of the lot. Hill then attempted to flee on foot.

Hill struggled with Gebauer and attempted to grab the officer's gun, according to reports, which state he later resisted again while being handcuffed. Gebauer was assisted by Officer William Hartzell.

While police were transporting Hill to the county jail, the suspect Hill pulled out some wires leading from the police radio to a radio speaker, reports state.

Sanilac man arrested in drive-by shooting

A 61-year-old Brown City man was arrested Sunday evening in connection with a reported drive-by shooting targeting a home on Wellman Line Road in the Brown City area.

The incident was reported shortly after 7 p.m., according to Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies, who located the suspect's vehicle on Shepherd Road near Salisbury Road while responding to the scene. Deputies, who took the suspect into custody without incident, found a loaded shotgun and ammunition in the

vehicle. Investigators reported a shotgun slug had entered the front of the residence. Witnesses stated there were 2 adults and 6 children in the home when the shot was fired. One small child was playing in the same room where the slug entered, but no one was hurt.

Deputies were assisted by troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky, Peck police and Brown City police.

Police are seeking several charges against the suspect.

The Haire Net



Elmira Hill has been a focus spot traveling north for 79-plus years. The hill is on M-131, about 2.5 miles northwest of the town.

Strangely enough I was reminded of the hill when reading about E-Steer, one of the latest mechanical improvements coming up in the auto industry.

E-Steer is a new electric power system that replaces the hydraulic power system. It is said to be cheaper, accelerate faster, increase fuel economy by 5 percent and provide more precise steering.

The reason Elmira Hill suddenly flashed in memory is that the system also operates when the engine is stalled.

The new technology promises a return to a practice that technology took away. Over the years it had been a practice to turn off the motor and with a good head of steam see how far the car coasted before stopping. With hydraulic steering that little fun thing went by the boards. You lose control when the motor stops.

There's no doubt that an E-Steer equipped car would fail to coast as far as they did in pre-hydraulic times.

That's because Elmira Hill is not the Elmira Hill of long ago. My first experience with the hill came when I was perhaps 4 years old. The road was gravel at the time and it was a struggle for cars to make the grade.

I have a hazy recollection of being one of the 3 kids

who, with my mother, exited the car to lighten the load and then walked up the hill to rejoin Dad.

That Elmira Hill is not the one that's in use today. The road over the hill was moved a mile or so and the peaks chopped away to make the grade less steep.

It may be even less challenging by 2004 the year E-Steer will be used in some cars in this country.

Even with a full head of steam I probably couldn't make it to the bridge that covers the Boyne River as it crosses M-131.

But it sure would be fun to try.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

It's hard to imagine many of us have been celebrating Groundhog Day all of these years without knowing the folklore behind it. I've always wondered why we expect a groundhog to emerge from its den right in the middle of the winter and stumble around looking for its shadow.

The mystery has been solved, however. A story by Shirley Byers Lalonde of Kelvington, Saskatchewan, explains how Groundhog Day came about.

I noticed the story in Grainews newspaper last February and have been saving it for a whole year. I'm determined to use it one way or another.

Ms. Lalonde says Groundhog Day began in Europe as a religious celebration called Candlemas Day. Feb. 2 was chosen as 40 days from the birth of Christ on Dec. 25 and represented the day on which the infant Jesus was presented in the temple of Jerusalem. The celebration dates from about 390 AD and features processions of candle bearers and prayers.

Feb. 2 also happens to fall halfway between the winter solstice and spring equinox. This somehow caused folks in Europe to believe the bear, or badger or hedgehog or woodchuck would stir from its winter sleep on Candlemas Day. (Kind of weird, but I can go along with that.)

If the day is clear, the animal sees its shadow, and we have 6 more weeks of winter. If it's cloudy, the creature doesn't see a shadow, and we have 6 weeks of bad weather instead.

Whatever gave folks the idea a groundhog would emerge from his burrow Feb. 2? Ms. Lalonde explains this quite nicely.

It seems the Europeans were partial to hedgehogs for Groundhog Day predictions. Hedgehogs are not true hibernators. They may wake up on any warm winter day.

Readers will recall the European hedgehog is a small, spiny creature with short quills protruding backward. I suspect they get claustrophobia and have to get out of the burrow fairly often to avoid getting stuck.

When the European settlers arrived in North America they learned there weren't any hedgehogs, but they still wanted to celebrate. So they

selected the groundhog as the designated critter, so to speak.

The main problem here is that groundhogs are true hibernators. They don't wake up until they feel like it.

A groundhog might come out of his burrow on a February day — if the temperature wasn't 10 below zero, the burrow wasn't frozen over, the groundhog wasn't fast asleep, and some character with a dumb hat wasn't standing right in front of the hole!

That's why Punxsutawney Phil, Winnipeg Wilbur, and all of the others have to be dragged out by the nape of their neck. And that's why Groundhog Day means absolutely nothing for predicting the rest of the winter.

Vet benefits meet topic

The Caro American Legion Post #7, 110 West Frank St., Caro, will be hosting a meeting Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. for all veterans regarding the services that are available from veteran's hospitals.

Terrie Brewer, veteran's service officer, will discuss information on how a veteran should apply for medical services. This will include how

to enroll at the Lutz Veteran Hospital, Saginaw, and how to participate in receiving medical treatment and prescriptions. Also, he will be outlining the necessary papers needed to receive the above health services.

Veterans are encouraged to invite all veteran friends to attend the informational meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

The Weather

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WHILE OTHER Cass City residents were snug in their beds Jan. 20, 14 members of Cass City Boy Scout Troop 594 completed their annual Polar Bear Campout in chilly 7-degree temperatures at Camp Mallory, where the event has been held for the past 3 winters. Pictured are (back row, left) Brian Mallory, Scott Mills, Pat Reed, Matt Bock, Derrick Mallory, Eric Hanby, Duane Reed, (middle row, left) Gavin Mills, Justin Grice, Kurt Hanby, Ray Ellis and (front row) Kenny Spencer. Missing are Gordon Wills and Jeff Wills.

Debaters fall short in tourney

Cass City High School varsity debaters made it into the semi-finals of the state varsity championship tournament last week before bowing to power Brother Rice. "We lost to Brother Rice, who went on to win it all" by defeating Detroit Country Day," said Red Hawk Coach Chad Daniels, who noted Brother Rice teams have claimed the state title for the past 4 or 5 years. "It was a respectable loss. We walked out with our heads up high," Daniels said of the performance of his varsity debaters, Erin McMahan and Amanda Frederick, who defeated Hamilton High School in the quarterfinals. "It was closer than we thought it would be. They're (Brother Rice) a more experienced team. The state tournament was Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Novi Hilton.

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Obituaries

Phyllis Baugher

Phyllis Charlotte Baugher, 79, of Kingston, died suddenly Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, in Fisher Convalescent Home, Mayville.

She was born Jan. 17, 1922, in Poskin, Wis., to Swan Wilhelm and Ester Charlotte (Johnson) Mattson. She married Clyde L. Baugher Nov. 19, 1941, in Chicago, Ill. He died Aug. 21, 1997.

She was a seamstress for many years. She taught Bible Club to boys and girls in Detroit for 35 years. She was the Sunday School Superintendent for Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church in Detroit. She was a member of Kingston United Methodist Church and a former member of the Kingston Wesleyan Church where she taught Sunday School.

She is survived by her children, Cheryl (Roger) Betz of San Jose, Calif., Gregory (Graciela) Baugher of Longmont, Colo., Daniel (Tami) Baugher of Kingston; 5 grandchildren; brothers, George Mattson of Port Angeles, Wash., Don (Marlys) Mattson of Wilmar, Minn., sister-in-law, Marilyn Mattson of Flat Rock, N.C., and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Howard Mattson.

Funeral services were held Sunday in Kingston United Methodist Church with Dr. Philip Rice, of Cass City United Methodist Church, officiating. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Glen May

Glen Dale May, 77, of Deford, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, at Hurley Hospital in Flint.

He was born Aug. 17, 1922, in Delphos, Ohio, to Charlie and Nellie (White) May. He married Ida Mae Scribner April 1, 1947, in Elm Rock, Ky.

May served in the United States Army during WWII in the Philippines. He worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad and Nichol Plate Railroad in Lima, Ohio. He worked for the Middlepoint, Ohio, Elevator and for Vassar Manufacturing and Active Homes in Marlette.

He is survived by his wife, Ida M. May; children, Carol Wright of Cass City, Gloria

Clink of Washington, D.C., Margaret (Greg) Knight of Creedmoore, N.C., Lorraine (Robert) Fritz of Caro, Glen (Lucy Hartsell) May of Caro, Dale May of Deford, James (Laura) May of Elkton, Jenny May of Deford, Nancy (Rick) Lawrence of Kingston; 19 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Louise (Paul) Sheets of Lima, Ohio.

Funeral services were held Monday at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with Dr. Philip Rice of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in Ellington Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Frieda Ziehm

Frieda L. Ziehm, 86, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2001.

She was born in Unionville Dec. 24, 1914, the daughter of Henry and Katherine (Thaut) Kruse, and remained

a lifelong area resident. She married Basil Ziehm, who preceded her in death in 1997.

She was a member of Gagetown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her children, William (Nancy) Burrows, Richard (Evelyn) Ziehm, Donna (Thomas) Salcido, Nora Lee Flores, Phyllis (Michael) Root and Georgia (Dennis) Condon; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Donald (Shirley) Kruse; sisters, Margaret Beutel, Ella Beutel and Helen (Eldon) Arbuckle; a brother-in-law, Nathan Joles, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Esther Joles.

Funeral services were held at Gagetown United Methodist Church with the Rev. Alice Sheffield officiating.

Interment was in Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Gagetown United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel.

Meyer named to education panel

State Rep. Tom Meyer will play a role in determining state funding for public schools with his recent assignment to serve on the Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 Education.

"I'm really pleased to have this opportunity," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "Education is one of the top issues I want to address, and what better position to be in than

on the group that determines funding."

Meyer will further be involved in shaping education improvements by serving as vice chair of the House Education Committee. He also is on the agriculture and tax policy committees.

The subcommittee is expected to begin K-12 education budget discussions for 2002 in the coming months.

Elsie Hahn

Elsie Martha Hahn, 77, of Cass City, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

She was born June 19, 1923, in Ashmore to Adolf and Susanna (Becker) Lehman. She married Edward Joseph Hahn Oct. 5, 1940, in Sebawaing. He died June 3, 1982.

She was a Real Estate Salesperson working with her husband. They also grew and sold Christmas trees for 25 years. She was the owner of the Pine Cone Shop in

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Bulldogs register 3 impressive cage war road victories

The Owen-Gage cage team displayed marked improvement Saturday in Au Gres during a lopsided 81-55 non-conference win.

Unlike the 2 schools' opening season overtime tilt, Coach Leon Westover's Bulldogs built a double-digit advantage and cruised to its 11th win in a dozen starts.

The Bulldog team opened the contest outscoring its host 20-11 in the game's opening frame. Corbin Swiastyn hit 3 quick jump shots and Nick Warack tallied 6 of his team's season best 22 markers during the visitors' initial period run.

"They couldn't stop Warack," said Westover.

A balanced and deep Owen-Gage scoring attack saw 9 players register 6 points or more. Prior to Warack's career showing, no member of Westover's team had scored over 19 points in a single game.

"That's what makes us difficult to deal with, they take a chance (defending) one guy and it's a gamble. Our leading scorer, Cory Fritz, has had only 4, 12, and 6 points over the last 3 contests," commented Westover.

Leading 53-39, Warack foiled any comeback hopes by the hosts with 11 tallies in the final stanza.

Swiastyn finished with 13 points and a team high 7 assists. Noah Fields scored 12 points for Au Gres.

PORT HOPE

Solid defense by the visiting Bulldogs Tuesday led Owen-Gage to a 45-25 NCTL win over Port Hope.

The Bulldogs broke open a tight 15-9 ball game with a 23-5 run to start the final half. Swiastyn delivered all 10 of his team high 10 points, including a pair of treys, in the Bulldog's point explosion.

In front 38-14 entering the game's final 8 minutes, Westover emptied his bench for the period.

Kyle Mausolf led the Blue Stars with 9 points.

OWEN-GAGE - Swiastyn 3-2 (1-2) 13; Mellendorf 3-0 (0-0) 6; Z. Fritz 2-0 (2-3) 6; R. Fritz 2-0 (2-5) 6; Rogers 4-0 (0-0) 8; Kain 4-0 (0-0) 8; Warack 9-0 (4-5) 22; C. Fritz 3-0 (0-0) 6; McKee 2-0 (2-3) 6.
TOTALS - 32-2 (11-18) 81.

AU GRES - Stiff 0-1 (1-4) 4; Seabright 1-1 (0-1) 5; Storey 0-1 (0-0) 3; Fields 6-0 (0-0) 12; Lutz 5-0 (0-0) 10; Dittenber 2-0 (5-7) 9; Leinage 6-0 (0-0) 12.
TOTALS 20-3 (6-12) 55.

OWEN-GAGE - Swiastyn 3-2 (2-4) 14; Mellendorf 2-1 (8-10) 15; Z. Fritz 1-0 (0-1) 2; R. Fritz 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rogers 0-0 (2-2) 2; Warack 1-0 (1-4) 3; C. Fritz 4-0 (4-10) 12; McKee 0-0 (3-4) 3.
TOTALS - 12-3 (20-27) 53.

CASEVILLE - Nowak 1-0 (3-4) 5; Behling 0-3 (0-0) 9; Quinn 2-0 (0-0) 4; Tonn 2-2 (2-3) 12; Reynolds 1-2 (0-0) 8.
TOTALS - 6-7 (5-7) 38.

OWEN-GAGE - Swiastyn 2-2 (0-0) 10; Mellendorf 3-0 (0-0) 6; Z. Fritz 1-0 (1-2) 3; R. Fritz 1-0 (3-4) 5; Kain 2-0 (0-0) 4; Warack 4-0 (1-2) 9; C. Fritz 2-0 (0-0) 4; McKee 1-0 (2-4) 4.
TOTALS - 16-2 (7-10) 45.

PORT HOPE - Thoms 1-0 (0-0) 2; M. Joy 1-1 (1-2) 6; Schave 4-0 (0-0) 8; Mausolf 3-1 (0-0) 9.
TOTALS - 9-2 (1-2) 25.



RED HAWK ZACH Glaspie drives past Bay City defender **Brian Erndt** during Tuesday's Greater Thumb West conference play in Cass City. The senior guard led a final half spurt for the winners with a 4-4 shooting performance from behind the 3-point arc.

Hawk grapplers finish 5th at Millington Invitational

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team bounced back with a good strong showing, posting dual meet victories last Tuesday and a fifth place finish in the Millington Invitational Saturday. The team's performance has to be heartening for Hawk followers as the wrestling season winds down.

After a 4-school meet Wednesday, Cass City will travel to Laker High for the annual Greater Thumb C League meet Saturday in an effort to defend the title won last season.

Last week the team was 5-2 with a double dual meet win over North Branch, 48-24, and Flint Powers, 42-36.

Saturday the Hawks finished 5th in the 8-team Invitational. In pool competition Cass City was third. The team lost to Cros-Lex, 52-24, and Yale, 45-35. The Hawks defeated Millington, 48-27, Lapeer East, 51-14, and Davison B Team, 66-6.

Several Hawks had an outstanding week. Aaron Dorland was 7-0 to up his season's record to 34-5. Dorland, a junior, achieved a career milestone by winning his 100th match Tuesday and now his career mark is 106-34.

Other Hawks who wrestled well include Sam Moore

who was 6-1 during the week with a season's record of 17-14 in the 119 or 125 pound class and Jeremy Klinkman, 135 pounds, with a 5-2 mark last week and a 33-6 season's record.

Other top performers: Travis Jensen, 189 pounds, 6-1 and 22-11 season; Jeremy Schulz, 215 pounds, 5-2 and 15-13 season, and Guy Nanney, 275 pounds, 5-0 and 23-8 season.

Lakers Friday

Cass City handles resilient Mayville Friday in GTW

The Cass City Red Hawks edged by a resilient Mayville Wildcat team Friday, 81-64, in a game that was much closer than the final scored indicates.

The game may well be a harbinger of things to come. The Wildcats are winless in the Greater Thumb West and Cass City is undefeated. From now on the teams in the league will be taking dead aim at Cass City.

No one knows this better than Coach Jim Green. This week we have 2 very difficult games at Valley Lutheran (Tuesday) and Lakers (Friday), he said.

The Lakers have come on strong after a slow start. The Hawks posted a narrow win over the Lakers when they came to Cass City.

It's probable that Cass City will have to take better control of the ball than it did against the Wildcats as the team enters the crucial home stretch in its championship bid. The Hawks were charged with 30 turnovers.

The turnovers and some hot shooting by Mayville's Matt Kitchen kept the Wildcats in the game until midway through the last quarter.

In the opening 4 minutes of the game it appeared as if the Hawks were on their way to a one-sided easy win. Ryan Holmgren made a steal for a basket. That was followed by treys by Zach Glaspie and Joel Brinkman and a pair of hoops by Craig Emmert. Cass City led 14-4.

But the Wildcats responded to the challenge with a 10-3 run to close to 17-14 at the end of the quarter.

Mayville continued to challenge in the second period, closing to within 2 points midway in the quarter before falling back to 30-25 at the half.

In the second half, Kitchen almost single handedly kept the Wildcats on the heels of the Hawks. Cass City went on a 14-4 spree as the third

period opened to move in front 44-29. Mayville bounced back with a 6-2 run and when Kitchen made 3 foul shots as the period ended Cass City's lead was cut to 55-43.

The Hawks showed some offensive firepower of their own in the quarter, led by Joel Brinkman who counted 3 treys among his 5 hoops in the period.

Kitchen continued his torrid shooting in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. In the opening minutes he counted 11 of his 13 points and Mayville was still very much in the game, 64-59, with 4:08 left to play. From that point on it was all Cass City. Using balanced scoring the Hawks went on an 8-0 run and after a 2-pointer by Kitchen used another 8-0 streak to finally put the Wildcats away.

Green said, "we played one of our better games to get this tough road victory." Cass City shot 54 percent and

Mayville 45 percent. The Hawks had a huge advantage in rebounds, 30-14, but trailed in turnovers, 30-18.

Joel Brinkman led 4 Hawks in double figures with 23 points and 3 steals. Holmgren netted 20 points with 5 rebounds and 3 steals. Included in his hoops was his second dunk of the season. Emmert scored 16 with 12 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 blocked shots. Glaspie had 13 points, 4 assists and 5 rebounds. Kitchen led all scorers with 28 points.

CASS CITY - Glaspie 2-1 (6-6) 13; Holmgren 5-0 (10-16) 20; Storm 2-0 (2-3) 6; Emmert 5-1 (3-4) 16; N. Brinkman 0-1 (0-0) 3; J. Brinkman 5-4 (1-2) 23.
TOTALS - 19-7 (22-31) 81.

MAYVILLE - Kitchen 5-5 (3-3) 28; Seger 4-0 (0-0) 8; Draves 3-0 (3-4) 9; Buhl 1-0 (5-5) 7; Patterson 5-0 (0-0) 10; Young 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 19-5 (11-12) 64.

Hawks cruise past visiting All Saints

The Cass City Red Hawks remained undefeated in the Greater Thumb West by rolling to a comparatively easy 85-49 decision over visiting Bay City All Saints Tuesday.

The Hawks charged into the lead in the first quarter, matched baskets with the Cougars in the second quarter and dominated the Saints in the last half.

In the first quarter it was Cass City's one-two punch of Craig Emmert and Joel Brinkman that carried the team to a 25-17 advantage. Emmert went to the free throw line 6 times in the period, converted 5 of them and added 2 hoops for 11 points. Joel Brinkman cashed a pair of treys and 3 of 4 charity tosses for 9 points.

The Hawks took 43 shots from the foul line. Coach Jim Green pointed out, "we did a good job of getting the ball inside and getting to the foul line."

The Hawks exploded for another 25 points in the third quarter. The charge was led by Zach Glaspie who put 13 points on the board in record setting time. He cashed 4 consecutive trifectas and on one of them was fouled. He converted to register the team's first 4-point play of the season.

Green said that the team's defense improved in the sec-

ond half. With a large lead the coach was able to give his bench significant playing time and 12 of the 15 players posted points on the board.

Cass City had a great night controlling the ball, an area in which they have been negligent in many games this season. They committed just 10 turnovers. All Saints had 12. In addition to his third quarter explosion when he scored all of his points, Glaspie made 5 assists. Joel Brinkman ended with 11 points and 5 assists. Emmert scored 25 points with 14 rebounds and 4 blocks.

CASS CITY - Sugden 0-0 (1-2) 1; Diebel 1-0 (1-2) 3; Holmgren 2-0 (0-2) 4; Glaspie 0-4 (1-1) 13; Chappel 1-0 (0-0) 2; Khoury 0-0 (4-4) 4; Frank 1-1 (0-0) 5; Storm 2-1 (1-3) 8; Thane 0-0 (7-10) 7; Emmert 7-0 (11-13) 25; N. Brinkman 1-0 (0-0) 2; J. Brinkman 1-2 (3-4) 11.
TOTALS 16-8 (29-43) 85.

BCAS - Brandel 1-0 (4-4) 6; Lukowski 2-0 (0-1) 4; Oleary 2-0 (0-0) 4; Tanner 2-0 (1-2) 5; Droewicki 1-0 (0-0) 2; Erndt 2-1 (3-5) 10; Szczepanski 5-0 (2-3) 12; VanMullerom 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rau 1-0 (0-1) 2.
TOTALS - 18-1 (10-18) 49.

CASEVILLE

One day earlier, on Friday, Owen-Gage held host Caseville to just 2 points in the opening frame of a 53-38 North Central Thumb League victory.

Shane Mellendorf, Swiastyn, and Fritz combined for 41 points to help turn back the Eagles.

Fritz and Swiastyn did most

HOOP STANDINGS AND RESULTS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	PTS
Cass City	5	1	11
USA	4	2	10
Reese	3	3	7
Laker	3	3	7
Valley Lutheran	3	3	6
Bad Axe	2	4	2
BCAS	1	5	4
Mayville	0	6	2

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	PTS
Brown City	5	1	8
Cros-Lex	4	1	9
Deckerville	3	2	8
Harbor Beach	3	3	6
Ubyly	2	3	5
Marlette	2	4	5
Yale	2	4	5
Sandusky	1	5	4

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB			
Team	W	L	PTS
Kingston	7	0	10
Owen-Gage	7	1	11
Peck	5	2	5
North Huron	3	3	4
CPS	3	3	8
Caseville	2	6	2
Port Hope	2	7	3
A-Fairgrove	1	8	1


FRIDAY'S RESULTS			
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Brown City 98, Deckerville 37			

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CASS CITY'S Jennifer Tenbusch readies for a reception attempt Monday against visiting North Branch. Waiting in the background is Red Hawk spiker Sara Homakie.

Hawk spikers fall Monday

Tri-Valley East conference North Branch invaded Cass City Monday night and left with a 4-game non-conference victory over the Cass City Red Hawk spikers. The Broncos, tied for 2nd in the Tri-Valley East standings, had too much talent, depth, and power for Coach Beth Howard's spikers.

The visitors got off to a quick start behind the serving of Melinda Hutchinson. The Bronco junior served 12 consecutive points to start the

initial game and then her squad cruised to an easy 15-1 victory.

The Hawks played their best volleyball of the night in game 2. The hosts jumped out in front 11-8, but then surrendered 5 straight points. Trailing 12-11, Cass City evened the game at 12-all on a hard deep ace serve by Becky Bulla. Both schools then battled to a 14-14 deadlock were Cass City sophomore Deirdre Deering served out the win. Red Hawk Mel-

issa Homakie ended the game at 16-14 with a cross-court kill at the net.

The visitors used a 9-0 run in game 3 to take control of the contest. Cass City's only point in the 15-1 decision was recorded by Rochelle Dohn when Becky Hartel and Holli Cooper combined for a tip that briefly halted the Bronco run.

North Branch ended the contest with a 15-9 win in the closing game.

O-G advances to quarterfinals

A sluggish start Saturday at the Laker Invitational volleyball tournament by the Owen-Gage spikers didn't faze its veteran head coach Judy Campbell.

The Bulldogs (10-7 overall, 8-0 NCTL) failed in their opening 4 games at the 9-team event, losing a pair of tilts to Greater Thumb East opponent Marlette, 15-13, 15-13, and to Southern Thumb Association League foe Almont, 17-15, 15-10.

Owen-Gage regrouped for the bronze round play and was able to grab its first wins on the afternoon. The Bulldogs slipped past Bentley, 15-8, 15-10, and then advanced to the quarterfinals with an exciting 3-game de-

cision over the Bay City All Saints. Against the Cougars, Coach Campbell's squad bounced back from an opening game loss with wins of 15-2 and 15-10.

"We played well. I was real pleased with our effort. We didn't roll over and die," lamented Campbell.

The host Lakers ended the Bulldogs' afternoon with victories of 15-9 and 15-4 enroute to the championship game where they came up short against Almont.

The defending NCTL champions received a seasoned showing from improving sophomore Kelly Zaleski. Zaleski led Owen-Gage with 32 points and 16 aces. She also added 20 kills,

4 assists and 54 digs.

Senior Jenna Root had a solid outing for the Bulldogs and was credited with 23 points, 50 kills, and 21 blocks. Erin Salcido posted 18 points, 9 aces, 37 kills and 65 digs. Melissa Ziehm pitched in 22 points and 12 aces to complement 36 assists and 55 digs. Juniors Ashley Adams and Becky Hartman combined for 96 digs.

The Bulldogs will continue towards the North Central Thumb League title Thursday when they entertain Carsonville-Port Sanilac. On Saturday, Owen-Gage will travel to compete in the USA Invitational.

Reese tops visiting Cass City

Reese remained in the Greater Thumb West conference volleyball title chase Thursday with a nail-biting 5-game decision over the visiting Cass City Red Hawks. With the win, the Rockets improved to 3-1 in conference play.

For Coach Beth Howard's spikers, 8-9-2 overall, the match was the visitors' 2nd consecutive 5-game setback. Cass City will look to rebound from the hard luck losses Thursday when they play host to Bay City All Saints. The contest with the Cougars should provide the

hosts with its initial GTW victory and help to build some momentum heading into Saturday's USA Invitational.

At Reese, both schools traded victories until the hosts sent the Hawks home on a sour note with a 15-3 triumph in the deciding game. After Cass City posted a 15-9 margin in game one, the Rockets captured a pair of wins 15-10 and 15-4. Cass City then sent the match to the deciding 5th game with a 15-10 win in game 4.

"We had too many attack

errors," said Coach Howard. "We're hitting the ball out of bounds too much. (We're) only getting 3 or 4 kills per game. When we win a game we average 8-10."

Sara Homakie led the Hawks with 28 digs, 28 receptions, 7 kills, 3 blocks, and 10 points. Senior Holli Copper added 5 kills and 1 block for Cass City. Sophomore Becky Hartel contributed 7 assists, while classmate Deirdre Deering added 18 digs and 3 kills. Monica Dorland led the guests with a team high 12 points. She also chipped in 6 assists.

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

CASS CITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec.	5	Caro 53, Cass City 68	5:00
	12	Brown City Postponed	5:00
	15	Harbor Beach 34, Cass City 54	5:00
	19	Ubly 49, Cass City 69	5:00
Jan.	5	Lakers 54, Cass City 60	5:00
	9	Cass City 65, Marlette 56	5:00
	12	Bad Axe 53, Cass City 86	5:00
	16	Brown City 52, Cass City 67	5:00
	19	USA 39, Cass City 44	5:00
	23	Deckerville 78, Cass City 77	5:00
	26	Reese 53, Cass City 60	5:00
	30	Bay City A.S. 49, Cass City 85	5:00
Feb.	2	Mayville 64, Cass City 81	5:00
	5	Valley Luth. (Fresh.)	6:00
	6	Valley Luth. (JV,V)	6:00
	9	Lakers	6:00
	13	Bad Axe	6:00
	16	USA	5:00
	20	Reese	5:00
	23	Bay City A.S.	5:00
	27	Mayville	5:00
March 2		Valley Lutheran	5:00

CASS CITY WRESTLING

Nov.	30	Caro/Mayville	Away	6:00
Dec.	2	Cros-Lex (V)	Away	10:00 a.m.
	9	Marlette Ivite (JV,V)	Away	8:00 a.m.
	13	Lapeer East/Bentley Lapeer East	6:00	
		Davidson		
Jan.	16	Yale Ivite (JV)	Away	9:00 a.m.
	3	Lakers/Yale/Cros-Lex	Home	6:00 p.m.
	6	Yale Ivite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
	10	Bad Axe/Mayville	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
	13	Bad Axe Ivite (JV,V)	Away	10:00 a.m.
	17	Cros-Lex/Brown C.	Brown C.	6:00 p.m.
	20	Mayville Ivite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.
	24	Marlette	Marlette	6:00 p.m.
	27	Imlay City Ivite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.
	30	North Branch	Away	6:00 p.m.
Feb.	3	Millington Ivite (JV/V)	9:00 a.m.	
	7	Valley Luth/Sandusky Brown C.	6:00 p.m.	
	10	League Ivite Lakers	10:00 a.m.	
	14 or 15	Team Districts	TBA	TBA
	17	Individual Districts	TBA	TBA

CASS CITY VOLLEYBALL

Dec.	16	Caro Invite	Away	8:30 a.m.
	18	Ubly, A-F (V)	Ubly	6:00 p.m.
		Ubly, A-F (JV)	Home	6:00 p.m.
Jan.	4	Caro	Home	6:00 p.m.
	5	Bad Axe Inv. (Fresh,JV)	Away	3:30 p.m.
	6	Bad Axe Ivite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
	11	Lakers	Away	6:30 p.m.
	13	Laker Ivite (Fresh)	Away	9:00 a.m.
	15	Brown City	Home	6:30 p.m.
	18	Bad Axe	Home	6:30 p.m.
	20	Laker Ivite (JV)	Away	9:00 a.m.
	20	Cass City Ivite	Home	10:00 a.m.
	22	Sandusky	Away	5:30 p.m.
	25	USA	Home	6:30 p.m.
Feb.	1	Reese	Away	6:30 p.m.
	5	North Branch	Home	6:30 p.m.
	8	Bay City A.S.	Home	6:30 p.m.
	10	USA Ivite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.
	15	Mayville	Away	6:30 p.m.
	17	Laker Ivite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
	17	Fr. League Ivite	Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.
	17	JV League Ivite	USA	8:30 a.m.
	22	Valley Lutheran	Home	6:30 p.m.
	24	League Ivite	Lakers	9:00 a.m.
March 3		Districts	TBA	TBA

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CASS CITY GYMNASTICS

Dec.	6	Midland Dow/Vassar	Home	6:00
	11	Freeland	Home	6:00
	16	Troy Athens Invit	Away	TBA
Jan.	3	Cadillac	Away	6:00
	6	Traverse City Invit	Away	Noon
	11	Midland Dow	Away	6:00
	18	Vassar	Away	6:30
	20	Hartland Ivite	Away	10:00
	24	Midland	Away	6:30
	27	Vassar Ivite	Away	Noon
	29	Midland	Home	6:30
Feb.	10	St. Johns Ivite	Away	10



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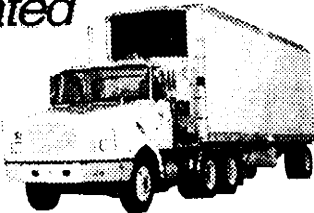
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The Euchre Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker. High prizes were won by Charlotte LaPeer and Ronnie Gracey. Low prizes went to Jerry Romzek and Mrs. Leonard Beulla. Leonard Beulla won the traveling prize. A potluck lunch was served.

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the Our Lady of Lake Huron Sunday breakfast at the church hall at Harbor Beach and later visited Earl at Beattie Boom's where they were supper guests.

Dean and Pat (Rumtzt) Adams who have spent over 20 years in Springfield, Mo.,

moved back to Michigan Sunday.

Fred and Myrtle Hagen and Betty and Bryce Hagen spent Monday forenoon in Ann Arbor and in the afternoon they visited Grace and Paul Aardol in Howell.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Tom Talaski, Ron Wolschlagier and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumtzt and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Friday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Rita Depcinski and Alice Depcinski visited Bernard and Violet Holdwick at Ruth Tuesday forenoon, and had lunch at Norm's Place in Harbor Beach where they

saw their cousin, Betty Outlaw of Garden City, and Aunt, Bernetta Messing before visiting Kenzie and Leona Masouff of Harbor Beach.

Bryce and Betty Hagen were Sunday afternoon guests of Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope.

Allen Farrelly attended the private funeral for Ervin Wruble at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Uby and the lunch that followed at Uby Heights Golf and Country Club and later went to the home of Irene and Leonard Bezemek in Uby, Saturday.

Thirteen members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at McDonald Grocery and Deli in Bad Axe next week.

Jim Foster of Caseville, Eileen Franzel and Doris Western, and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Wednesday evening.

Allen Farrelly spent Monday afternoon in Detroit.

Tom Talaski and sister, Marge, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlagier, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's Wednesday morning for breakfast.

Summers graduates

Marine Corps Pvt. Ryan E. Summers, a 2000 graduate of Uby High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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Several appear in circuit court

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

•Shaun C. Parker, 38, Vassar, pleaded guilty to op-

erating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and resisting and obstructing a police officer Nov. 3 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investiga-

tion was ordered, bond was continued at \$30,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Thomas H. Zytowski, 38, Mayville, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle Jan. 15 in Millington Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000.

•Leo G. Zarko, 37, Vassar, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (90 days deferred without a date), with work release, for his plea of guilty to being a prisoner in possession of marijuana Sept. 12 in Caro, and to having one prior felony conviction.

Zarko was also ordered to pay \$560 in court costs and fines.

•David J. Warren, 20, Caro, was sentenced to one year

and 6 months to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to 2 counts of unlawfully driving away an automobile Sept. 22-23 in Caro.

Warren was ordered to pay restitution totaling \$4,324.

•Duane N. Metro, 19, Millington, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to attempted malicious destruction of police property and resisting and obstructing a police officer June 27 in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,020 in costs and fines plus \$862.65 in restitution.

•Douglas J. Howell Jr., 34, Cass City, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of no contest to fleeing and eluding a police officer and guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 13 in Caro.

Howell was ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling and pay costs and fines totaling \$3,360, restitution of \$881.33 and a forensic fee of \$150.

•James F. Nichol, 22, Kingston, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 365 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon and no contest to carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent Oct. 5 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,940.

Shawn P. Jefferson, 39, Vassar, pleaded guilty to delivery of marijuana June 28 in Vassar and possession with intent to deliver marijuana and possession of a weapon by a felon Oct. 11 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$35,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

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Legal Notices

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 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 Mortgagee, 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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 2000110761

Ravens

1-31-5

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, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 1990, and recorded on April 26, 1990, in Liber 601, on page 1385-1388. Mortgage was between Camellia 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 SIXTY-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 SO 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 SO 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 Terri L. Collier a single woman (original mortgagor) to First Alliance Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 20, 1998, and recorded on December 30, 1998 in Liber 759, on Page 782, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, NY 10203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1999-1, Agreement dated 2-11-99, Assignee by an assignment dated October 30, 2000, which was recorded on November 3, 2000, in Liber 815, on Page 136, Tuscola County Records, and re-recorded on January 9, 2001, in Liber 819, on Page 116, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 49/100 dollars (\$64,699.49), including interest at 9.600% 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 23, 2001.

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

Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 8, Assessor's Plat of the Village of Akron, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, on Pages 78-80, now being Pages 288-30B, 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: February 7, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1302

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Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200017354

Tigers

2-7-5

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, Mortgagee, 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 mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As-

signed 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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1302
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VA Number: LH-292966185405

Tigers

1-17-4

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, Mortgagee, 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 date 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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303
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30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200020406

Ravens

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, Mortgagee, 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 mortgagee 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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200026738

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., Mortgagee, 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 mortgagee 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 hereof 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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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200027978

Mustangs

1-31-5

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, Mortgagee, to FIRST FINANCE, which is organized and existing under the laws of Michigan and whose address is 6785 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, Mortgagee, 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 thereafter 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:

Lots 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, Block 10, Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, Now being 43A, Tuscola County Records.

Commonly known as: 5937 McComb Street
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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 Robert E. Atkinson and Beckie L. Atkinson, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to American Mortgage Management Corporation, Mortgagee, 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-EIGHT 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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File # 200027067

Dolphins

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 Bruce Aulbert a/k/a Bruce Alan Aulbert and Tammy Aulbert a/k/a Tammy Lynn Aulbert, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, 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 mortgagee to the Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, 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

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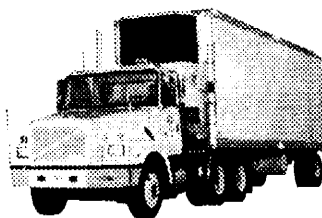
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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, February 7

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

Pop Can Drive, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In-town collection or drop off at high school bus garage. Cass City 8th grade Washington D.C. Trip fundraiser.

Monday, February 12

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
VFW Post #3644 Auxiliary meeting, 7:30 p.m. at VFW Post, 4533 Weaver St., Cass City. All old and new members welcome.

Tuesday, February 13

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, please call (517) 672-2273.

Wednesday, February 14

Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Cass City Bowling Leagues

SUNDAY NIGHTERS As of Feb. 4

Sometimes	9
Sheridan Rollers	8
Town & Country	8
Try Hards	8
Newcomers	6
Gophers	4
High Rollers	3

High Series & Games: L. McCreedy 221, E. Hutchinson 601 (206-235).
High Team Series & Game: Try Hards 2020 (724).

THURSDAY NITE TRIO As of Feb. 1

Marlette RV	19
Thumb Auto Wash	19
Osentoski Farm Equip.	16
New England Financial	14
Martin Electric	12
Schmaltz Construction	11
Marlette Oil & Gas	11
Cellular One	10
Cass Tavern	9
Mycogen Plant Sciences	8
Generally Low	8
Wickes	7

High Individual Series & Games: R. Doerr 691 (248-218-225), Duane O'Dell 648 (214-232), E. Schmaltz 641 (223-216), Doug O'Dell 639 (226-222), O. Beecher 637 (247), G. Smith 628 (243-211), D. Beecher 625 (244-213), K. Pichla 623 (246), D. Dickinson 617 (222), J. Roth 603 (212), J. Krol 226, D.

Honor list

Spring Arbor College has released its Academic Honors List for the fall 2000 semester.

Melannie Allen, a Cass City sophomore majoring in history, was among the students named to the list.

To be named to the Academic Honors List, full-time students must receive a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester. Part-time students must receive a 3.5 gpa for the semester and carry a cumulative 3.5 gpa.

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High Team Series & Game: Marlette RV 1915 (679).

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210 Games or 575 Series: M. Jackson 688 (235-246), T. Davis 681 (221-266), T. Kretz 678 (216-221-241), C. Maurer 678 (211-268), R. Salcido 665 (213-244), J. Krol 657 (222-234), M. C. Zawlinski 642 (216-225), T. Pattinill 638 (212-226), B. Kupiec 630 (246), J. Zawlinski 628 (211-214), J. Smithson 624 (210-234), M. Lutz 623 (210-223), C. Anthes 618 (211-235), G. Robinson 615 (230-231), M. Frappart 612 (213-217), M. Gettel 608 (215), D. Schultze 606 (239), D. White 595 (220), L. Prime 591, R. Byrnes 590, L. Morgan 583 (221), J. Finkbeiner 581 (224), R. Koch 575 (226), K. Czekai 228, R. Kessler 226, D. Salcido 224, T. Kuck 223, J. Gorkowski 219, R. Hull 214, T. Halasz 213, T. Furness 212, R. Wright 210.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO As of Jan. 25

Marlette RV	15
Thumb Auto Wash	15
Osentoski Farm Equip.	12
Martin Electric	11
New England Financial	10
Cass Tavern	9
Schmaltz Construction	9
Marlette Oil & Gas	8
Mycogen Plant Sciences	8
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Generally Low	8
Wickes	7

Individual High Series & Games: K. Pichla 677 (267-216), J. Krol 655 (217-212-226), D. Dickinson 620 (268), D. Beecher 619 (235), R. Doerr 613 (215), K. Martin 612 (223), O. Beecher 606 (226), Doug O'Dell 602 (231), G. Smith 599 (210), D. Doerr 225, W. Laming 225, L. Morgan 223, D.

Co-op Elevator chief honored by state group

As a young man, John Kohr was lucky enough to land a job as a bookkeeper for a chain of elevators in Michigan's Thumb area. Two years later, the Pigeon Cooperative Elevator lured him away and, for the last 39 years, he's been a major contributor to the company's growth and continued success.

As the Chief Executive Officer for the renamed Cooperative Elevator Company Inc., Kohr was recently honored as Michigan Agri-Business Association's (MABA) 2000 Member of the Year during the organization's 68th Winter Conference in Lansing.

Michigan Farm Radio Network's Farm Director Karen Tremble presented the award during the opening luncheon in front of more than 400 of his friends, family and colleagues.

"He was my teacher," said

Burt Keefer, chair of MABA and vice president of Cooperative Elevator Company. "His work ethics and dedication to the industry has led the co-op to many years of success."

Kohr has also been a leader for the Michigan Agri-Business Association, Michigan Bean Shippers Association, National Grain and Feed Association's County Elevator Council and various cooperative organizations across the country.

Kohr, who will retire June 30, climbed the ladder from bookkeeper to office manager, grain marketer, assistant manager, manager and finally CEO, where he's been for the last 14 years.

Thirty-nine years ago the Pigeon Cooperative Elevator Company had one location and grossed 2 million. Today, the Cooperative Elevator Company has 11 locations in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, grossing more than \$110 million.

"What's incredible about that is we had 1,200 customers back then and we have 1,200 customers now," Kohr said. "The difference is we were dealing with 300-500-acre farmers, today they are 3,000-5,000-acre farmers. Farmers have had to meet the

demands through consolidation, and we've had to keep step."

Consolidation in agriculture demands foresight, planning and willingness to change, according to Kohr. "It's survival of the fittest, and the sharpest pay attention and make adjustments to meet the needs of their customers."

The Cooperative Elevator Company has been through 7 consolidations. "And each time it has been better for our producers," Kohr said. "We've spread our risk and expanded our commodity expertise to provide the highest level of service."

Kohr is quick to praise staff and share the success of the company. "We have about 200 employees in a tiered system where everybody has some level of responsibility," he said. "It has allowed people to do the job the way it should be done."

Kohr and his wife Diane reside in Pigeon. They have 4 children, Kathy, Carrie, John and Susan, and 5 grandchildren.

A search committee for a new CEO has narrowed a field of 18 applicants to 6 and will begin evaluations in April.

Crop pest meets on tap in Thumb

Thumb-area farmers have 2 opportunities in February to learn about the latest advances in managing field crop pests.

The first meeting is Feb. 7 at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth. The second is Feb. 28 at the Uby Heights Country Club. Programs begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$35. Michigan State University specialists will provide the educational content.

Plant pathologist Pat Hart will address plant diseases such as white mold and sudden death syndrome in soybeans.

Nematologists George Bird and Fred Warner will discuss

management of soybean land to prevent — or deal with — soybean cyst nematodes.

Entomologist Chris DiFonzo will discuss the soybean aphid, an Asian insect that invaded Midwest soybeans last year, and other insect pests.

Weed specialists Jim Kells, Corey Guza and Chad Lee will discuss changes in the MSU Weed Control Guide and address Roundup-resistant weeds. They will also address the topic "Corn Injury 2000: Cold, Wet and Ugly."

To register for a meeting, contact Huron County Extension at (517) 269-9949 or Saginaw County Extension at (517) 758-2500.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Jim and Debra Kranz, who took over Little's Funeral Home more than a year ago, are planning to build a new facility just east of Cass City. The couple hope to break ground in May 1997.

Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson, who has served as chief for 25 years, indicated that Cass City is getting a lot more larcenies and a lot more vandalism than we used to. The problems have escalated particularly over the past 2 or 3 years, after the appearance in town of a small group of youths dressing in gang-type garb. There have been problems with graffiti, vandalism and assaults.

James Philip Stuart, 36, of Uby, lost his life in an accident at his farm last Wednesday. Stuart was using an auger to unload corn from a silo when he apparently attempted to unclog the auger and became caught in it.

The Cass City School Board approved a contract for Chad Daniels of Rosebush to teach the new alternative education program in Cass City.

Friends of the Library President Marian Keating was honored by her fellow volunteers Thursday at Rawson Memorial Library. The group presented her with a plaque and thanked her for her service and work behind a host of fund raising events during her tenure.

10 YEARS AGO

Interested sponsors of Jordan College were presented an encouraging picture of the school's progress at a first annual banquet Monday night at the Cass City campus.

Clinton C. House was honored after 20 years on the board at Hills and Dales General Hospital. House retired at the end of 1990.

Seven area residents recently earned degrees at Saginaw Valley State University. They are Frank Glaza, Theresa Hurley, Susan Hutchinson and Helen Keyser, all of Cass City, Lynne Gilmore and Julie Lis, both of Kingston, and Kathleen Sweeney of Uby.

Robert Wischmeyer has joined Agri Sales and will be working in the Colling and Gagetown plants specializing in commodity and marketing. He joins Agri Sales after 21 years in the elevator business in Cass City.

Raymond and Velma Starr share their time and talents together quilting at their Argyle area farm. The couple, who will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in July, have worked with their group at Mooretown Brethren in Christ Church in making quilts, but have enjoyed it as a hobby for only a few years.

25 YEARS AGO

Not everyone is happy with topless dancing in Gagetown. The village council received a petition signed by 87 village residents protesting the dancing staged regularly at Bennett's Bar and Hotel.

Michigan State Police recovered a stolen dump truck 4 miles east of Cass City last Friday believed connected with 2 persons involved in a shooting incident near Imlay City last week in which a Gagetown man was innocently wounded. Police refused to release details of their investigation.

Beth Ann Shagene, 17, of Cass City, was reported in fair condition Tuesday after her car collided head-on with a car driven by Pamela Kay Stickle, 17, of Cass City, Saturday afternoon on Cemetery road north of Cass City. The road was covered with 3 inches of snow at the time of the accident.

The odd-year graduates defeated the even-year graduates of Cass City High School Saturday night in the annual alumni game, 95-85. Leading scorer for the winners was David Asher with 18 points. High scorer for the even-year graduate team was Tony Davis with 27 points.

Harold Craig and Tom Craig flew out of Tri-City Monday to spend a week in Biloxi, Miss., golfing.

35 YEARS AGO

Anson H. Henderson, longtime Cass City resident, and Cass City's oldest active businessman, celebrated his

90th birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thelma Pratt, Sunday. An insurance agent since 1906, he is still active in the business.

Cass City lost a respected businessman and civic leader Sunday when Ralph G. Gauer, 48, died after a lingering 4-year illness. Gauer came to Cass City in 1956 to take a post with Walbro Corporation and quickly became a leader in the community.

Off-street parking problems have been facing the village for several years, and it became acute last fall when the State Highway Department lowered the boom on angle parking in Cass City. When the switch to parallel parking is made (as soon as the weather becomes suitable for painting the lines this spring) the village will lose about a third of its available parking spaces.

Anxiety over an apparent "cost squeeze" caused by rising building costs has prompted architects to eliminate the farm shop from plans for the new Cass City High School.

Members of St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, paid tribute to Fr. Frank McLaughlin Sunday afternoon at a dinner in honor of his 40th anniversary as a priest. The dinner and a family gathering were held in the parish hall.

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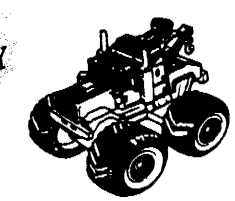
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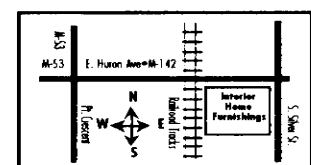
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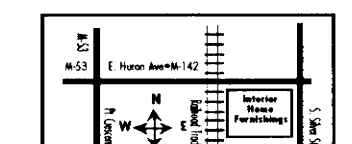
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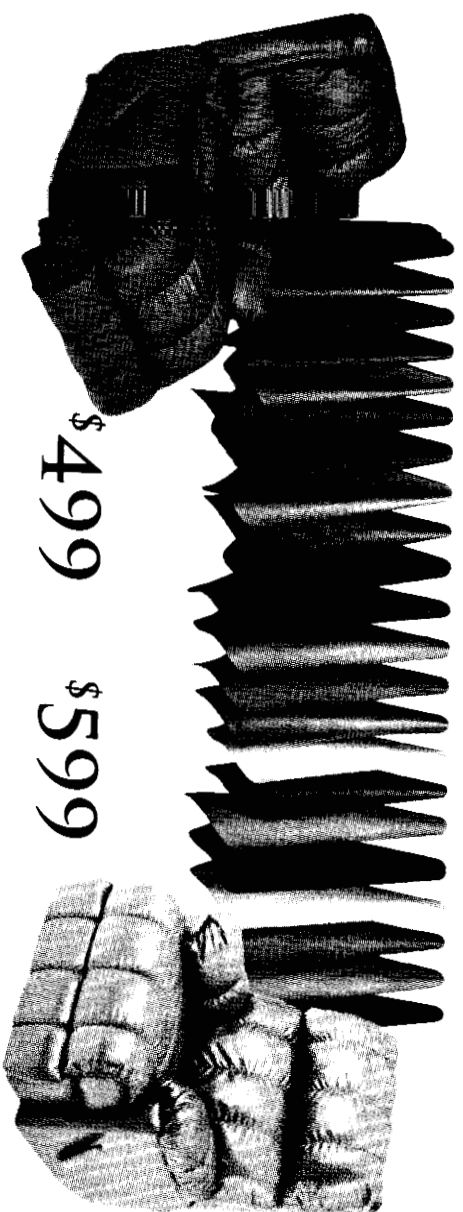
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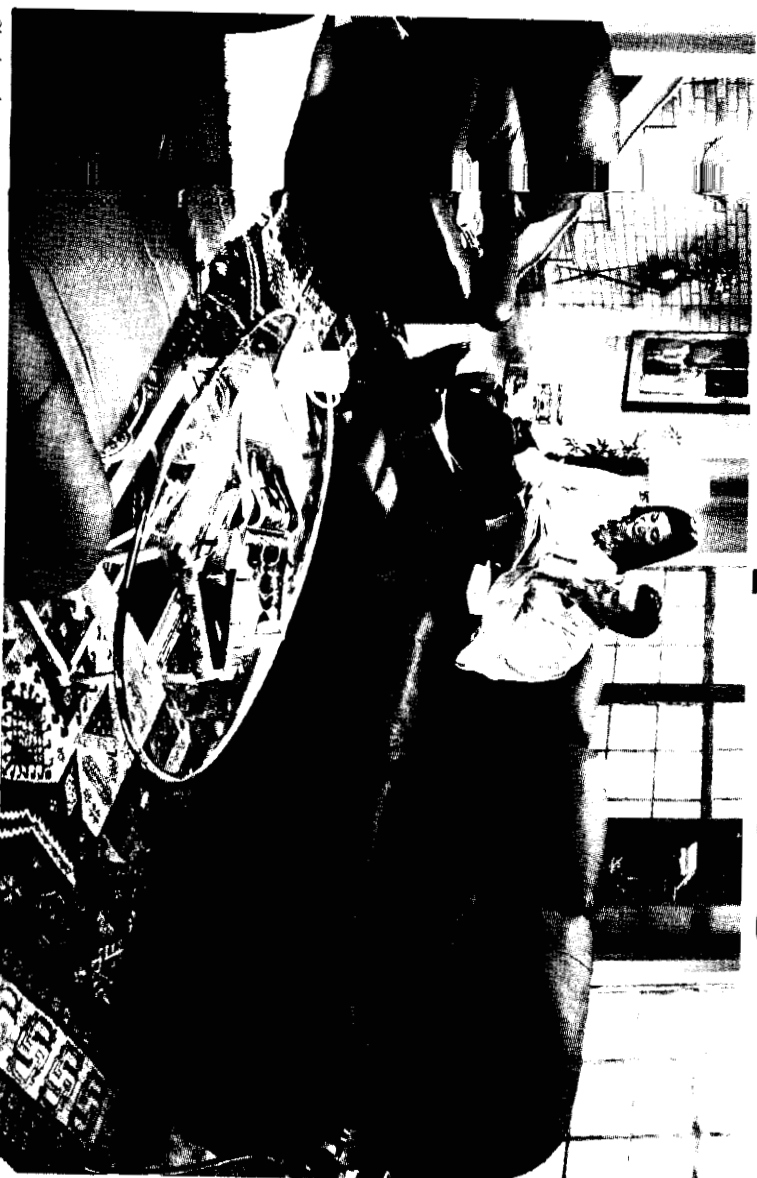


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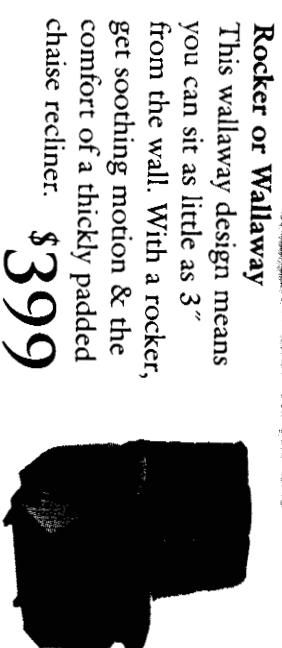
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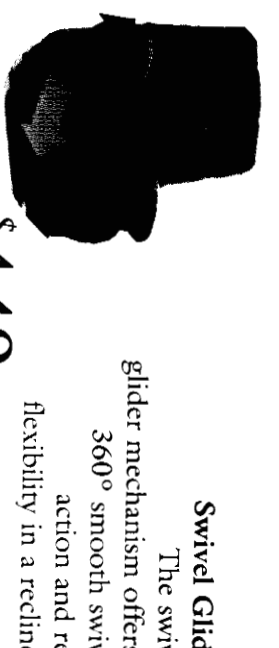
Sit back and relax. This leather match sofa collection features plush padded armrests, pillowtop seating and dual reclining ends. Loveseat \$949, Recliner \$699, Sofa \$999



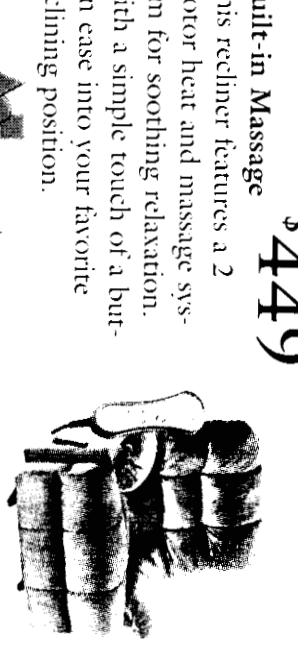
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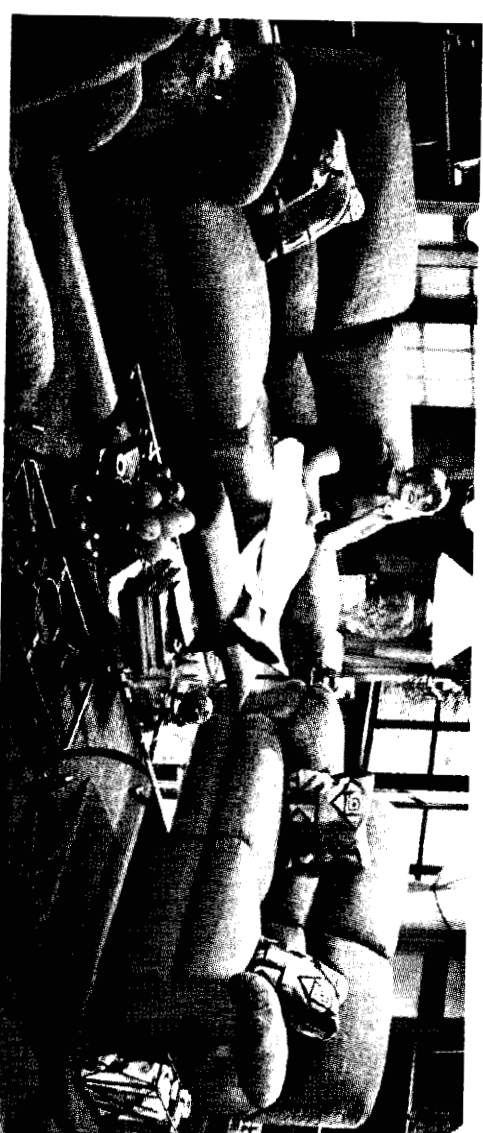


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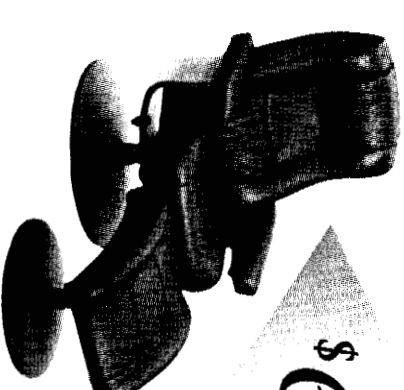
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