



**TAKING a chance could have proven fatal for a Cass City area motorist who attempted to navigate through more than 3 feet of water over Crawford Road just east of Cass City Sunday evening. Elkland Township fire fighters were called upon to rescue the driver, who was forced to climb out of her car and was stranded on the roof. Heavy rain and mild temperatures Friday caused flooding problems throughout the area.**

## O-G redefines position

Owen-Gage School officials are moving forward with a plan to replace the district's full-time certified counselor's position with a part-time "guidance coordinator" serving grades 7-12.

After meeting in executive session for about 50 minutes Monday night, the Board of Education approved a formal job description and pay scale for the position, which will be posted this week.

School Supt. Dan McKenzie last month recommended the resignation of Counselor Jill Sebald, who left the district to accept a post in the Bay City Schools.

"While we consider a substitute performing the duties of a certified counselor, there is an opportunity to (utilize) a member of the current staff," McKenzie told board members, adding the individual he has in mind is not a certified counselor but previously filled in for Sebald during her maternity leave.

McKenzie stressed he believes seniors will still receive the attention they need and that preparations for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test would be completed.

"I'm confident this person could perform the duties satisfactorily," he said.

The board Monday approved a part-time schedule in which the guidance coordinator would be paid \$18 per hour, 7 hours per day, 3 days per week. The total cost would be \$9,510, a savings to the district of \$18,988 compared to the full-time salary of \$28,498, McKenzie said.

The duties of the new position will include: providing for all student scheduling, including enrollment of new students; guidance and counseling services for all junior and high school students; academic and career planning for students; administration and reporting on all state assessment, achievement and IQ tests; assistance in career education curriculum; assistance to juniors and seniors with career and educational planning, scholarship identification and tuition

planning; maintenance of transcripts and calculation of grade point averages; and student tutoring.

### TECH SPENDING

Turning to technology issues, the board approved a list of proposed equipment and software purchases recommended by the district's technology committee, a board composed of community members, school staff and a board member.

In all, the expenditures total \$17,428 and include purchases of software, computers, scanners and other equipment for the elementary and junior-senior high buildings.

"These are purchases we have delayed. It's my understanding they have been delayed for some time. These will enhance and enlarge our current (technology) capacity," McKenzie said, adding the new equipment will enable school officials to move some technology out of labs and into students' hands in the classroom.

The purchases will be made with technology bond monies approved by voters in June 1999. The bond totaled \$300,000 and has already funded new computer labs in both buildings. McKenzie noted there was about \$130,000 remaining in bond funds prior to Monday's action.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the monthly meeting, the board:

- \*Learned a grant application submitted by the district in an effort to set up and operate a preschool program for the next 3 years was not approved for funding. McKenzie said an alternative plan will be drafted and presented to the board for consideration at a future meeting.

- \*Approved a motion to participate in a state initiative that will provide certified teachers with \$1,200 to purchase laptop computers and other technology-related equipment.

- \*Briefly reviewed negotia-

tion committee recommendations related to job descriptions and salaries for non-certified staff. Specific figures were not discussed, but board members noted the proposal included no pay cuts. "The intention here is to develop... uniformity and consistency," McKenzie said.

- \*Accepted the resignation of custodian Al Witkovsky.

- \*Granted permission for a pair of school band trips to

Chicago and Cedar Point.

- \*Approved a resolution supporting a philosophy that the superintendent and school board members take an especially active leadership role in demonstrating appropriate conduct at all public school activities, including athletic, music and academic events.

- \*Recognized a student in each grade level, all nominated for best exemplifying

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## Washout

**Heavy rain, balmy temperatures wreak havoc on roads, basements**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Area residents may have been looking forward to Friday's spring thaw, but that sentiment quickly changed when heavy rain and temperatures near 50 degrees combined to flood roadways and basements.

Temperatures took a nosedive Friday night, but dangerous conditions remain on some roadways, including Crawford Road just east of Cass City, where fire fighters rescued a motorist who attempted to navigate her small car southbound through more than 3 feet of water Sunday evening.

"She was a good quarter-mile into the water," said Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski, whose department arrived at the scene at about 6 p.m. to find Audrey Woods, Cass City, cold, wet and stranded on the roof of her vehicle. "It (water) was coming in the doors of the pumper, so I'm going to say the water was 3 1/2 feet deep."

Pawloski said a strong current was pushing the car, but fire fighters were able to rescue her without incident. Cass City police also responded to the scene to assist.

The woman was not injured, but appeared to be suffering from hypothermia, according to the fire chief, who recommended that Wood seek medical attention.

### FLOODING

The rain and melting snow caused headaches for several homeowners and a short-handed Cass City Department of Public Works crew, which worked frantically to

move snow and ice away from catch basins and to open blocked sewer lines.

But even their efforts were not enough to avert flooding, and probably few areas were hit as hard as the Northwood Estates Subdivision.

"It was unbelievable. The Beechwood lift station, which is at the corner of Beechwood and Hospital Drive, was in an alarm status," Cass City Village Manager Jane Downing said. "It was like a whitewater river up there. Probably the worst of it was about 2 o'clock."

Downing noted the hilly terrain north of the subdivision caused rainwater and melting snow to converge on Beechwood Drive.

"It was like a torrent coming down from those fields," she added, noting she contacted Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash to advise him of the situation in order to keep students from walking in the area of the subdivi-

vision. "I would say from Linda Lane all the way to the Knights of Columbus (hall) was extremely dangerous."

Nearly 2 inches of rain fell between Thursday night and Friday, according to statistics compiled at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant, where officials recorded a plant flow of about one million gallons Friday--more than 3 times the average flow.

The Beechwood lift station has 2 pumps each capable of pumping 400 gallons per minute, and the pumps ran continuously for several hours, according to wastewater treatment plant Supt. Rick Mohr, who reported what he described as a minor overflow of raw sewage from a manhole on Beechwood Drive. Village officials will have to file a report with the state detailing the incident, he said.

The flooding also affected other areas of the village.

"I know a lot of people had problems with flooded basements," Downing said. "There were some people who have never had water (in their basements) who had water."

The volume of water overwhelmed the village's sanitary sewer system, which resulted in a basement full of water at the Cass Theatre.

Theatre owner Dick Hendrick was forced to close the theatre Friday night after more than 2 feet of water accumulated in the basement of the business, putting the furnace out of commission. "I stayed here until 10 o'clock and got the water out with a sump pump," said Hendrick, who estimated the damage at more than \$1,000 plus another \$300 or so in lost revenue because he had to close for the night.

"What a mess," Hendrick said. "That's the worst I've seen since (the flood of '86)."

## Residents comment on assisted living proposal

Over 50 people crowded into the meeting room at Rawson Memorial Library Monday to hear details about the proposed \$5.1-million senior living project in Cass City.

The meeting was arranged so that residents could learn and comment on the village's proposed participation in the construction.

Lambert Althaver, a member of the board of Hills and Dales General Hospital, outlined financial needs for the project.

He said that the facility has

been chartered as non-profit so that tax-exempt bonds could be issued through the Economic Development Association. Talking with local lending groups, he said, \$3.5 to \$3.8 million is available.

Already raised is \$570,000, \$50,000 from a trustee donation and \$500,000 from another trustee pledge. Fund drives have raised another \$20,000.

The committee is seeking village help to reduce the initial financing costs. It proposes that the village pay infrastructure improvement

costs of some \$254,000 and purchase the 18.8 acres of land for \$450,000.

The plan is to pay back the money advanced by the village over a period of years. Councilman Joe VanAuken said that the reason for this meeting was to find out what taxpayers felt about the proposal.

That sparked a host of comments, mostly strongly backing the plan. Speaking in support were Clarence Schneeberger, Tom Proctor, Dick Wallace and several others. A dissent was voiced by Ray Donaldson of 4694 Hospital Drive. He said that the village advancing money for the non-profit facility was a burden to taxpayers as the facility would pay no property taxes.

Another concern was voiced by Nora Frederick of Guardian Angels Health Services. She objected to comments that there was no other health provider in the area. We have been in business for 4 years, she added.

The loan, the pledges received and participation by the village leaves a shortfall of some \$700,000. Althaver suggested that this money could be generated by fund raising events and from residents who would guarantee loans of \$10,000.

### THE BUILDING

The building will be located on 18.8 acres, one-half mile north of Hills and Dales General Hospital. It will have 40 units, 20 for assisted living and 20 for persons with Alzheimer's disease.

The assisted living units and the Alzheimer units will be separate. For assisted living there will be 8 bedroom units and 12 studio units. Meals will be included in the rent which is forecast to be about \$3,000 a month. Costs for care in the Alzheimer units is expected to be \$3,300 a month.

Dee McKrow, president of Hills and Dales, said that there is no doubt that there is a need. We will have no trouble filling the rooms, she feels. It is expected that the facility will hire 20 persons.

## Sweet writes, arranges, performs

### Blind musician cuts first demo

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Choosing music as a career takes a lot of heart, determination and persistence.

Nathan Sweet has all of those traits, and the Cass City area resident is willing to make the sacrifices necessary to achieve success as a professional musician. After all, it's his lifelong dream.

"I'd like to go out and hit the big time and reach out to people," Sweet commented Thursday in the recording studio at Ron Badgerow's Sound Solutions and Full Armor Productions north of Owendale, where he recently completed his first compact disc demo, a collection of 4 original songs.

"I hope to reach out to people and give them a sense of who I am," he said. "I just keep my head and hope for the best."

Visit with Sweet and chances are good you'll walk away believing the 22-year-old will, indeed, realize his dream.

Blind since birth, Sweet embraced music early on in life and went on to learn how to play guitar, keyboards and drums. For him, blindness has always been more of a nuisance or inconvenience than a major stumbling block.

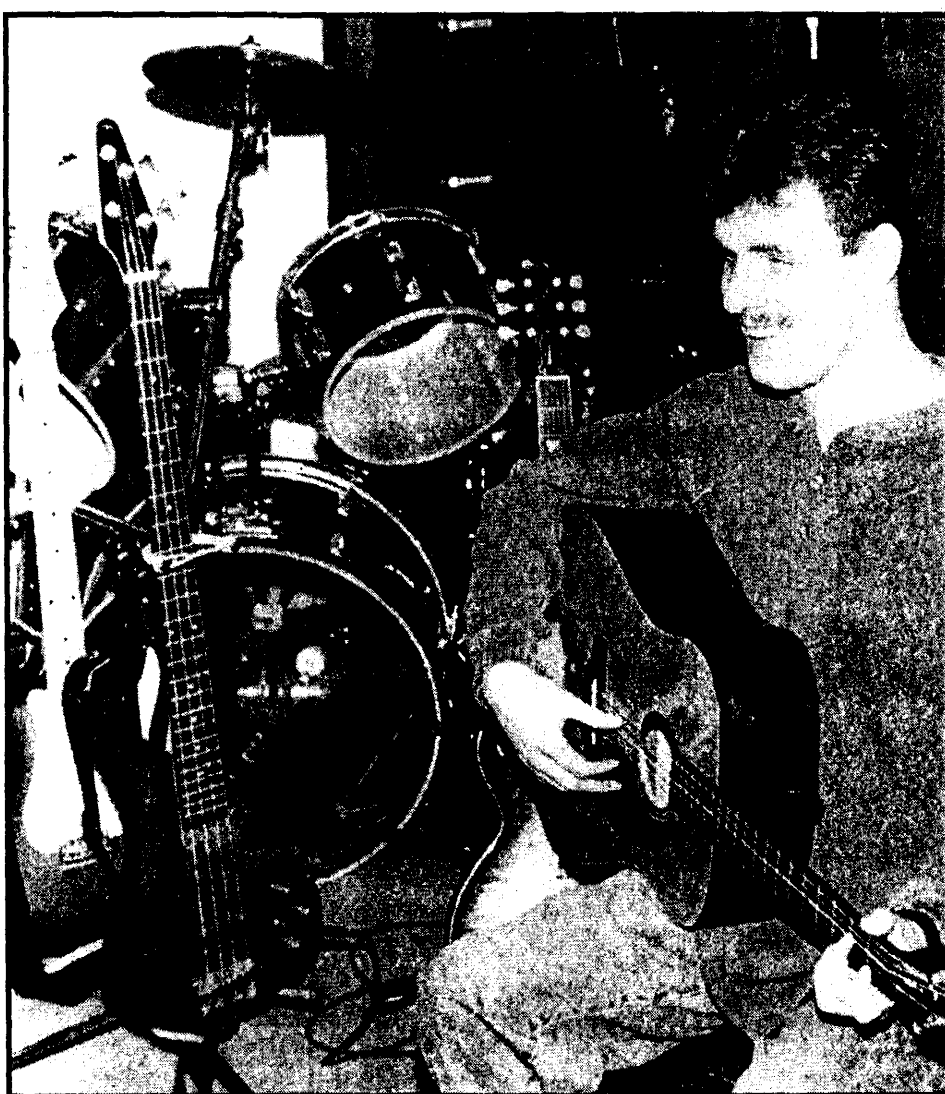
"It doesn't really bother me because I don't feel sorry for myself," he said.

Today, he has own studio at his Pringle Road home, where he writes and arranges all of his music using a computerized keyboard that enables him to produce a number of different instrument sounds.

"I lay it (music) down on the keyboard - the drum track and the bass track - and then put them on a floppy disc," he explained.

"Nathan is very talented when it comes to music. He's been singing since he was 3. He started singing with the radio," Sweet's mother, Kathy, recalled. Nathan took a year of guitar lessons with good friend Brian Mallory when he was young, she added, "but other than that, he plays by ear."

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**CASS CITY'S Nathan Sweet wrote, arranged and performed all of the music on his first demo CD, entitled "Sight Unseen".**





Beth and Christian Eiler

## McIntosh, Eiler exchange vows

Beth McIntosh of Royal Oak and Christian Eiler of Troy were married Aug. 19, 2000, at West Locke Wesleyan Church in Williamston, by Pastor Mike Black.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Shirley McIntosh of Williamston, and the groom is the son of Wayne and Helen Eiler of Troy. Grandfather of the bride is Grant Brown of Cass City.

Matron of honor was Michelle Hill, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lori Brown, also a cousin of the bride, and Sandra Chu and Ratana Therakulsathit, friends of the couple.

Best man was Wayne Eiler Jr., brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Brent McIntosh, brother of the bride, and David Harris and

Mike Khomutin, friends of the couple.

Soloist was Amanda Satchell, friend of the bride, who sang "Grow Old Along With Me". The bride's gown was designed and created by Mrs. John Kleeves.

Hosts for the wedding and reception were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morley and Mr. and Mrs. John Kleeves. Guest book attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Davis.

A dinner reception was held at the Michigan State University Union.

Beth is employed as a science teacher at Hamtramck High School, and Christian is a student at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University. Both are graduates of the University of Michigan, where they met.

## Senior movies Friday

Rawson Memorial Library senior citizen movies will be shown Friday, Feb. 16, at 1:30 p.m. They are:

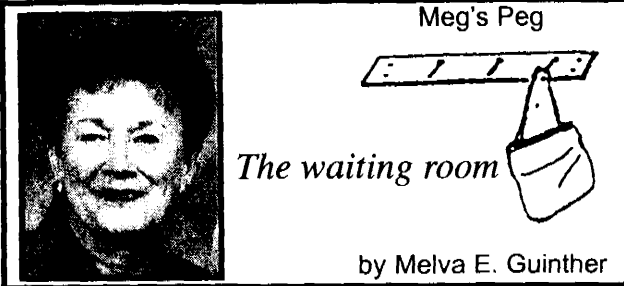
**The Yukon Gold Rush Trail with Tom Bodett:** Tom Bodett sets the scene for the Yukon Gold Rush in Seattle's Pioneer Square and Gold Rush Museum then takes a side trip to the Boeing Aircraft Museum and Mt. Rainier National Park. Tom then sets sail from Puget Sound to follow the Inside Passage along the Alaskan coastline to Skagway where the tales and legends of the gold rush are preserved and commemorated. He also visits Juneau, native Tlingit artisans, Chilkoot Pass, Dead Horse Trail, Mendenhall Glacier and the Treadwell Mine Ruins.

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## Parsell named to dean's list

The 2000 fall semester dean's list at Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind., includes the names of more than 370 students, including Jaime Parsell of Cass City.

Students named to the list have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average in 12 or more semester hours of class work.



by Melva E. Guinther

It has to be the hardest job in the world — waiting.

Admit it. You hate to wait at the spotlight or at the fast food drive thru window. You get impatient waiting in line at the bank, the post office, or the grocery store.

Shucks! We resent waiting 3 minutes for microwave popcorn.

Some of the most stressful waiting, though, is done in the hospital waiting room.

It's fresh in our minds, after spending a 1-o-n-g day waiting while my husband had open heart surgery, and some more long days while the health care professionals tried to get his heart rhythms stabilized.

He's home now and recovering well, and I'm sure the memory will dull with time. Although it's not fun, some valuable lessons can be learned in the waiting room.

You tend to reevaluate your priorities for one thing. When you're faced with how precarious the thread that holds life is, the things you worried about yesterday become pretty trivial. It's too bad that our perspective quickly reverts to the old pattern after the crisis is over.

Another positive aspect of

the waiting room experience is getting to know people and learning again how good and kind most of them are. People all over the world and of all denominations were praying for us during our stressful time. Friends and relatives, and people we scarcely know, expressed their concern and offered to provide transportation to and from the hospital.

You get to know those with whom you share a waiting room over a period of several days, too. Many of those people related their experiences, commiserated, and offered encouragement. The fellow in the next bed even offered to let us stay at his house while we were in the city.

You also learn to appreciate anew the doctors and nurses. People in other fields undoubtedly do their work as well, but when your life is in the balance, it really matters that they know and do their jobs efficiently and care about the patient.

We were more fortunate than most, in that Stan didn't have a heart attack or even any symptoms. In fact, his cholesterol and triglyceride levels are enviable. But because of his family history of heart related problems, he and his doctor have kept an eye on any possible cause for concern.

That's how we discovered that his coronary arteries were significantly blocked and he needed 4 bypasses. He had undergone angioplasty and had a stent inserted in an artery previously, but that was not an option this time.

His experience just reinforces how important it is to have regular physical exams and to practice preventative measures. It might preclude a heart attack or stroke and save your life. It could also eliminate a lot of time in the waiting room.



Robert and Betty Brinkman

## Brinkmans mark 50th anniversary

Robert E. and Betty J. Brinkman of 1601 W. Gifford Rd., Caro, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Betty is the daughter of Jacob and Millie Jacoby of Unionville. Robert is the son of the late Winford and Alberta Brinkman of Akron. The couple was married Feb. 10, 1951, at the Unionville Moravian Church by the Rev. John Hoesman.

Maid of honor was Bonnie (Jacoby) Brinkman, sister of the bride, and the best man was Jack Brinkman, brother of the groom.

The couple has 4 children, Fred and Faith (Brinkman) Fahrner of Owendale, Rob-

ert J. and Deb Brinkman of Pentwater, Richard and Marcy Brinkman and Berton and Mary Brinkman, both of Cass City. They have 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons.

Robert works as an independent crop adjuster.

There will be a catered dinner for the bridal party and immediate family given by their children followed by an open house Feb. 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the Colwood United Brethren Church.

The couple requests no gifts.

## Methodist women air meeting

The United Methodist Women met Feb. 4 with 18 members present and one guest. The luncheon was prepared by group 4 with Ruth Hoffman and Marjorie Dickinson as the co-chairmen.

Dorothea Wilson, from the Lighthouse, gave an interesting program about the neurological rehabilitation facility. Their mission is to provide purpose, privacy and dignity for all persons, in a homelike atmosphere.

President Merchant announced the Craft Show will take place April 28, with Marilyn Green as chairman.

Opal Schneberger urged the membership to contact their legislator to encourage the members of congress to renew the adoption tax credit on all adoptions. Emphasis on "all", it possibly could be changed to read "special need adoptions".

## L. Kratz graduates

Army Pvt. Leon R. Kratz has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Janet Kratz of Silverwood and Jerry Kratz of Kingston. He is a 2000 graduate of Kingston High School.

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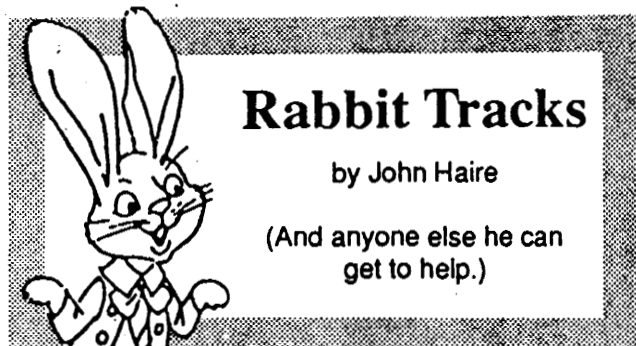


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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Cass City is not the only village in the Thumb that will switch to an automated reading and billing system for water and sewer service. Harbor Beach will switch to electronic reading and automatic billing as part of a \$2.76 million improvement program.

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Cass City was listed in the Detroit News as the ninth ranked team in Michigan in Class C. In previous listing by Detroit newspapers, both Reese and USA were listed before losses that dropped them from the rankings.

Hawk fans hope that joining the ranks of the elite isn't a harbinger of a similar fate for Cass City.

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The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants is holding free Ask-A-CPA Call-In Days Saturday, Mar. 3, and Saturday, Mar. 24. Taxpayers puzzled by tax laws can get answers to state and federal tax questions free by calling toll free 1-877-420-4CPA.

Volunteer CPAs will assist taxpayers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

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The children of Nelle Maharg of Cass City are planning a surprise celebration in honor of her 75th birthday. Included will be a memory box. Folks wanting to remember Maharg are asked to send a card, note, photograph or memento. Please do not send gifts. The party will be Saturday, Feb. 17, in Connecticut.

## Vets memorial planned in Caro

American Legion, VFW and the AMVETS, together, are planning a memorial display honoring Tuscola County deceased veterans.

A special designation will be given to those who have received the Purple Heart because of combat wounds or fatalities. The memorial will be displayed at the Caro Area Library.

The memorial will be on display during the entire month of May. The project is being designed and produced by Tuscola Technology Center under the supervision of instructor Ron Barrons.

Families or friends of Tuscola County deceased veterans and those who were recipients of the Purple Heart are asked to contact the American Legion, VFW or the AMVETS for more information.

## Students honored

The 2000-01 National Dean's List has recognized 48 Saginaw Valley State University students, including Amy L. Venema of Cass City and Kristy M. Hicks of Deford, for their academic achievements.

For both winter and fall semesters, those honored carried at least 12 credit hours and maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Recipients will be eligible to compete for \$25,000 in scholarship awards.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	33	24	0
Wednesday	35	24	32"
Thursday	51	29	36"
Friday	52	17	1.57"
Saturday	29	4	0
Sunday	28	16	0
Monday	38	30	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)



## Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

### Questions and Answers

Recently, several questions have been asked about general school information. I am passing them on to you, along with the answers, to help keep you informed.

Question - How many school days do we have to make up?

Answer - To date, we have had five (5) inclement weather days, which have caused school to be closed. That means we have to make up three (3) days. Our last day for students is now scheduled for Friday, June 8, 2001.

Question - Is the state planning to allow more "Act of God" days than the two (2) which are permitted for non make-up?

Answer - There is likely to be some discussion about this in the state legislature, but as of now, only two (2) days are allowed.

Question - How about that boys' basketball team, aren't they doing great?

Answer - They sure are! At 13 wins and one loss, this is turning into a very exciting season. We are very proud of the team's performance. Additionally, our wrestling team is still in contention for a league title also. GO HAWKS!!!!

Question - Where will the boys' basketball district games be held?

Answer - Ubyly will be hosting the districts this year. Cass City, Ubyly, Harbor Beach, Lakers and Unionville/Sebawaing are all in this district. The regionals for the winner of this district will be held at Sandusky.

Question - How is your winter snow removal budget doing?

Answer - Probably like most of you, our school spent more money on snow removal in December than all of last year. But, fortunately, the winter weather has not been too bad since then. We also are eligible to receive some federal reimbursement because Tuscola County was declared a snow emergency county in December.

Question - What is happening with the swimming pool issue?

Answer - A very supportive committee, of approximately two (2) dozen people, are actively working on this project. Currently, two (2) areas of emphasis are being pursued. One group of people is trying to identify potential grants to apply for and another group is working on a fundraising/pledge drive campaign. The committee will be providing information to the public in the near future.

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

## TOPC selling stock to increase production

The Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative (TOPC), a 200-member soybean processing cooperative based in Ubyly, is currently offering for sale additional shares of its common stock to potential

## Several appear in court

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

•Ronald A. Ledford, 21, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to attempted second degree home invasion June 8 in Akron Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Laura R. Willis, 40, Flint, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail for her plea of no contest to attempted unlawfully driving away an automobile April 18 in Watertown Township.

•Russell B. McLeod, 33, Flint, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 365 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of no contest to unlawfully driving away an automobile and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Oct. 27 in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to undergo residential treatment and to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,800. Restitution is to be determined.

•Tomas Rodriguez, 34, Munger, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 150 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon Aug. 13 in Caro. Rodriguez was also ordered to pay \$1,400 in costs and fines.

•Justin J. Rauschenberger, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 18 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,160 plus \$500 in attorneys fees.

new members until March 31, or until the remaining available shares are sold, whichever occurs first.

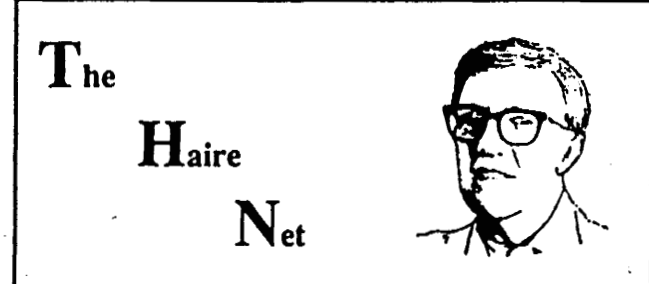
Membership in TOPC is limited to Michigan soybean producers. To become a voting member of the cooperative, a producer must own at least 2 shares of common stock. Each share, currently priced at \$1,500, requires the delivery of 500 bushels of non-GMO soybeans per year. New members must also pay a one-time membership fee of \$650.

Approximately 750 shares remain available for purchase.

TOPC, which began operations in July 1999, is in need of additional members to deliver soybeans so that its processing facility can fulfill its processing capacity of 1,200,000 bushels per year and achieve peak efficiency. Members of TOPC are paid for their soybeans at a price determined by the cooperative and are eligible to share in potential earnings based upon the amount of soybeans delivered.

TOPC produces and sells soy meal and soy oil and is also involved in developing other "value added" products, including potential production of a fruit flavored drink which utilizes the whole soybean and a potential food grade soy oil refinery.

The cooperative will soon announce a schedule of upcoming informational meetings it will conduct regarding the stock offering. For additional information and copies of an Information Statement and subscription materials for common stock offering, visit TOPC at 2145 Leppek Rd., Ubyly, or call JoAnn Rutkowski or Mary Hagen at (866) 658-2344. Further information on TOPC is also available on the Internet at [www.thumboilseed.com](http://www.thumboilseed.com).



The Haire Net

Periodically the issue of allowing the Cass City High School gym to be used on Sundays comes before the board of education.

And when it does the result is a classic oxymoron. The board's policy is to make residents welcome and create a friendly open school to a closed gym.

You can make a case for opening or closing the facility. It definitely is not an open and shut issue.

The rationale for closing is that it takes away from a day that should be reserved for church and the family.

While the issue was not aired when the board refused to allow the basketball team to practice from about 4 to 6:30 p.m. a key reason for originally closing on Sundays was the board felt it pressured players to attend. The practices are billed as voluntary, but the board's consensus was that role players sometimes feel that playing time will be reduced if practice is missed.

That's hardly the case this year as the team's line-up has been virtually unchanged since the opening game.

In the most recent decision, one board member said privately that he felt it would be great if a way could be found not only to open the gym, but also the school for seniors and others who would like to walk for exercise in the hallways.

It was disclosed at the meeting that several groups were in the gym on a previous Sunday, a practice that has been stopped because of the board's edict.

Now it's reasonable to assume that all the kids that were using the facility will be looking for something to do to take up the slack. For them at least it's hard to see any better use of idle time.

For the basketball practice there is no problem with supervision. Coach Jim Green is ready and willing to conduct the practice. Fans sometimes forget that the coach would receive nothing for

this extra work other than seeing his team improve.

That's different from an open gym on Sunday afternoons. That use requires a supervisor, a paid supervisor. Right now the school's budget could accommodate the cost of supervision.

Actually the cost is a secondary consideration here. It's how much does an open gym conflict with family life?

The vote here is a hesitant vote to open the facility although closing it doesn't keep me up nights.

It could be that the whole issue would fade away before the year is out. If a new pool at the school becomes a reality the terms of one of the grants is that it be open weekends to the community.

That solution receives an enthusiastic vote here as the ideal way to solve the problem.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

I guess I'll never be a cat person. There's something about felines that gets under my skin and the cats know it.

Our current kitty is the closest thing to an exception I've seen. That's because I trained her myself.

I know folks say you can't train a cat, but that's because cats are sneaky. They pretend to be stupid so their owners won't try to teach them anything. Our kitty has learned 2 tricks I would recommend to all cat owners. She goes outside when I say "out", and won't come in until I say "in".

This prevents the cat from running through the doorway every time someone comes in — and from hiding under the couch until I forget about her. The kitty learned these things from constant repetition.

I'm not saying this is an especially smart cat. (I can still beat her at checkers.) I'm just saying cats can be trained once they understand who's boss.

Now that my reputation as a cat trainer is established, I often field questions from others who believe their cat is surely smarter than he acts. The following are some examples.

Dear Mr. Pond:

My cat stays outside most of the time but has a habit of climbing the screen door when he wants in. I've replaced the screen 3 times. Is there any way to stop this habit?

Signed,  
Sick and Tired

Dear Sick:

Your cat needs a refresher in obedience. I would begin by showing him a tennis racquet and asking him to imagine how many cats it

would take to make one of these. A banjo will work if you don't have a racquet.

If the cat persists in climbing the door, I would keep the screen and replace the cat.

Dear Mr. Pond:

My cat likes to play outside, but I'm afraid she will go into the neighbor's yard. I've been told cats can pick up toxic substances and then ingest these by licking their feet. Is this true?

Signed,  
Fearful in Farmingham

Dear Fearful:

Cats certainly might ingest toxic substances by licking their feet, but this wouldn't be the major concern in my opinion. I've owned a num-

ber of cats and have noticed they don't lick their feet as much as one might think.

The cats I've owned could walk through toxic substances without much worry. If they sat in those materials, on the other hand, they would kill them for sure.

Dear Mr. Pond:

My friend who lives on a farm wants to give me a kitten. I want a cat that can stay in the house, but my friend says his are "barn cats". What's the difference between a house cat and a barn cat?

Signed,  
Puzzled in Pocattello

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Red Hawk Beat

by Cass City Senior,  
Katie Hacker

Special day



Today, Wednesday, February 14th, is Valentine's Day, a nationwide holiday.

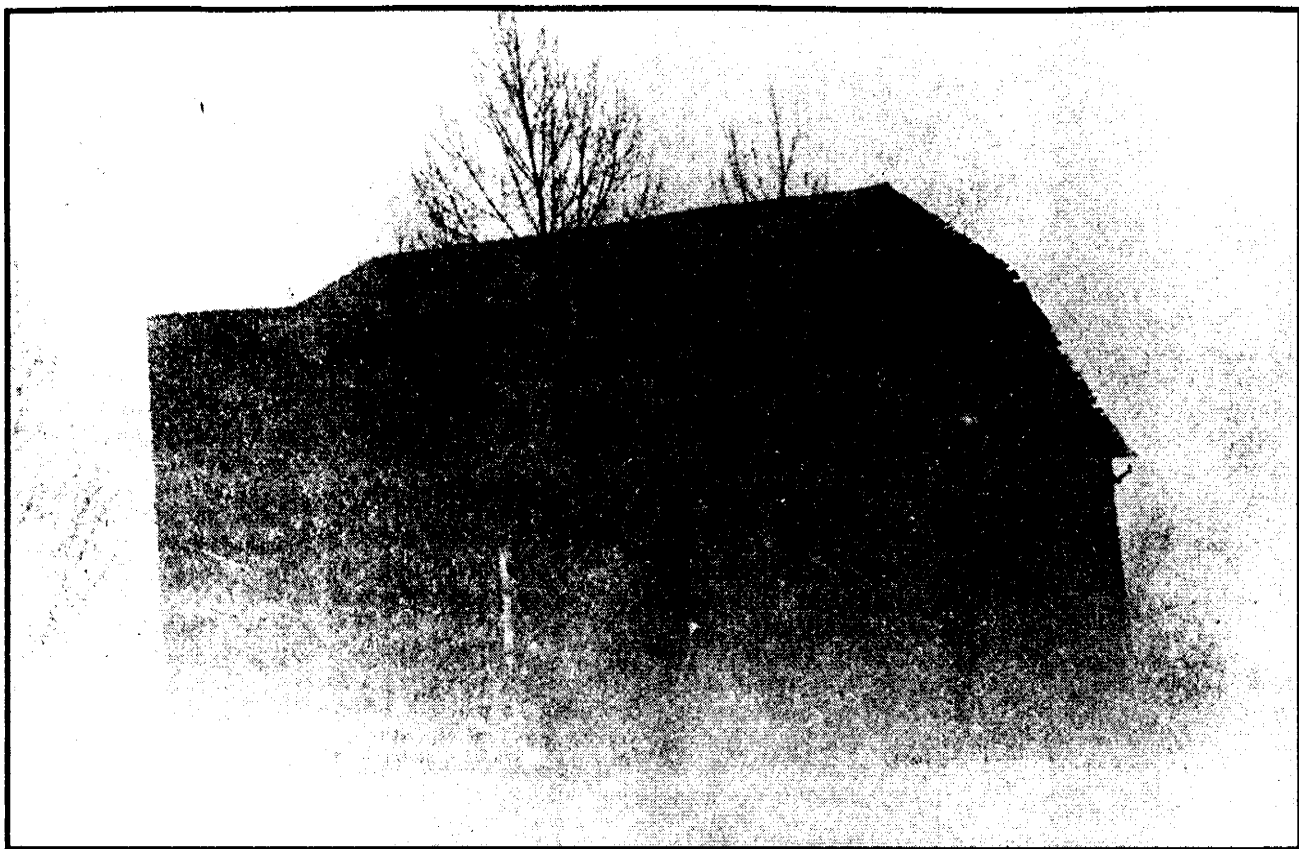
Valentine's Day is supposedly the Christian feast day of St. Valentine and the traditional day for sending a romantic card or gift, especially anonymously, to someone you love.

Well, for the high school office staff it is a day when the office is filled with flowers and balloons and a day when the names over the intercom are never ending. Throughout the day flower shop employees walk in and out the doors with handfuls of flowers and balloons for high school students. You can hear the giggling and screaming as each girl opens the card that is attached to a dozen roses. It's like the entire school has been hit by cupid's arrow as they walk through the front doors.

The freshman class wanted to strike up new romances so they decided to have each student fill out a survey. This survey is called the "I Flirt Data Matches" and the re-

sults were sold Tuesday for just \$2.50. Each Data Match had the top 5 most compatible people in each individual's grade and then throughout the high school. It tells you who your best friend is, the most compatible celebrity, your Zodiac sign, and your horoscope. Whether the Data Matches actually worked or not, only time will tell. Seniors and juniors could possibly have a date to the prom after this whole project. On the other hand they might just have a good laugh.

Valentine's Day is a day to let that special someone know that you love him/her. But that special someone can also be a family member or even a best friend, because you can never say I love you too much. I hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day and President's Day weekend, and remember to come support the boys' basketball team Friday at USA and see the half-time as the Cass City Pep Squad performs.



FOGGY FRIDAY - Rain, warm temperatures and snow combined to create a thick veil of fog Friday in the Thumb.

### Thumb home care survey reveals

## Patient satisfaction high

by Joanne Sopko, RN

A surveyor from Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) evaluated Thumb Area Home Care Agency during an unannounced visit Jan. 15-17.

Thumb Area Home Care Agency provides Medicare-certified home health and private duty services in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. The purpose of the survey was to assess Thumb Area Home Care Agency's compliance with Medicare and CHAP standards.

The surveyor, Gale Surrency, M.A., R.N.C., is from New York and has almost 30 years of nursing and home health experience.

Surrency reviewed patient records and made home visits to Thumb Area Home Care Agency patients. Surrency will recommend accreditation to the CHAP

board and request special commendation for Thumb Area Home Care Agency's Quality Improvement program.

Since there are more than 1,000 CHAP Standards of excellence, Surrency felt it was no small accomplishment to be found in compliance.

Surrency stated, "I found the agency to be very organized and efficient. I am confident that excellent patient care is being given. The 5 patients I visited were all very pleased with the care they receive. One couldn't say enough about it, and it was genuine praise."

Surrency went on to list Thumb Area Home Care Agency's strengths, stating that Thumb Area Home Care Agency, as a department of Hills and Dales General Hospital, is part of an integrated service delivery system that

fully supports home health care. She noted Hills and Dales General Hospital has a creative board of trustees and president/chief executive officer who respond proactively to changes in health care and the community.

Surrency was impressed with the sound financial standing of Hills and Dales General Hospital and Thumb Area Home Care Agency.

"The high level of patient satisfaction at Thumb Area Home Care Agency is a testament to the efficient, professional and competent management and clinical staff," said Surrency. She was also complimentary regard-

ing the additional training and credentials the clinical staff has in the care of cardiac patients.

Thumb Area Home Care Agency will receive a written report form CHAP after the CHAP Board of Directors meets in February.

Joann Sopko, R.N., M.S.N. has worked in home health care since 1981. She has a B.S.N. from Oakland University and a M.S.N. from Saginaw Valley State University. She is the Director of Thumb Area Home Care Agency in Cass City. Thumb Area Home Care Agency is a department of Hills and Dales General Hospital.

## Downing elected to MLGMA Board

Cass City Village Manager Jane A. Downing was recently elected to the Michigan Local Government Management Association (MLGMA) Board of Directors.

Downing was elected to a term through 2004 during the organization's 72nd Winter Institute, Jan. 30-Feb. 2 in Ypsilanti.

MLGMA is affiliated with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and represents 350 local government

managers and assistants.

Founded in 1927, the association's goals are to increase the proficiency of managers and administrators of local government, strengthen the quality of local government through professional management, encourage support for the council-manager plan form of local government, maintain high ethical standards of the profession, and provide opportunities to enhance professional development.

## Letter to the editor

### Invite a friend to church this Sunday

The member churches of the Cass City Clergy Association are preparing an "Invite a Friend" Sunday for Feb. 18. Each church member is urged to do just what the name says: invite a friend to church.

Many more people come into the fellowship of the church because somebody invited them, than from any other form of invitation, be that yellow pages, newspaper ads, radio, TV, or direct mail. The hope is some of the barriers that keep people from the fellowship and ministry of the church will be overcome. And that some of those invited will find a home in one of our congregations.

Imagine helping another person come into the fellowship of the church, and there to find Jesus. Now there's a gift that keeps on giving! Those who decide not to stay will at least have learned that our churches are friendly, welcoming people, who are a lot like them.

If, for some reason, you don't get invited to one of our churches this next Sunday, Feb. 18, why not startle the folks at the church of our choice, and go anyway? Think of the fun you'll have going to church, and the roof doesn't fall in, the earth

doesn't stop in its orbit, and earthquakes don't shake the foundations.

Our Cass City churches have a wonderful source of faith, hope, love and joy that they would like to share with you, Sunday, Feb. 18. (Or any other Sunday of your choice.)

See you in church!

Pastor Philip Rice

**Letters to the Editor**  
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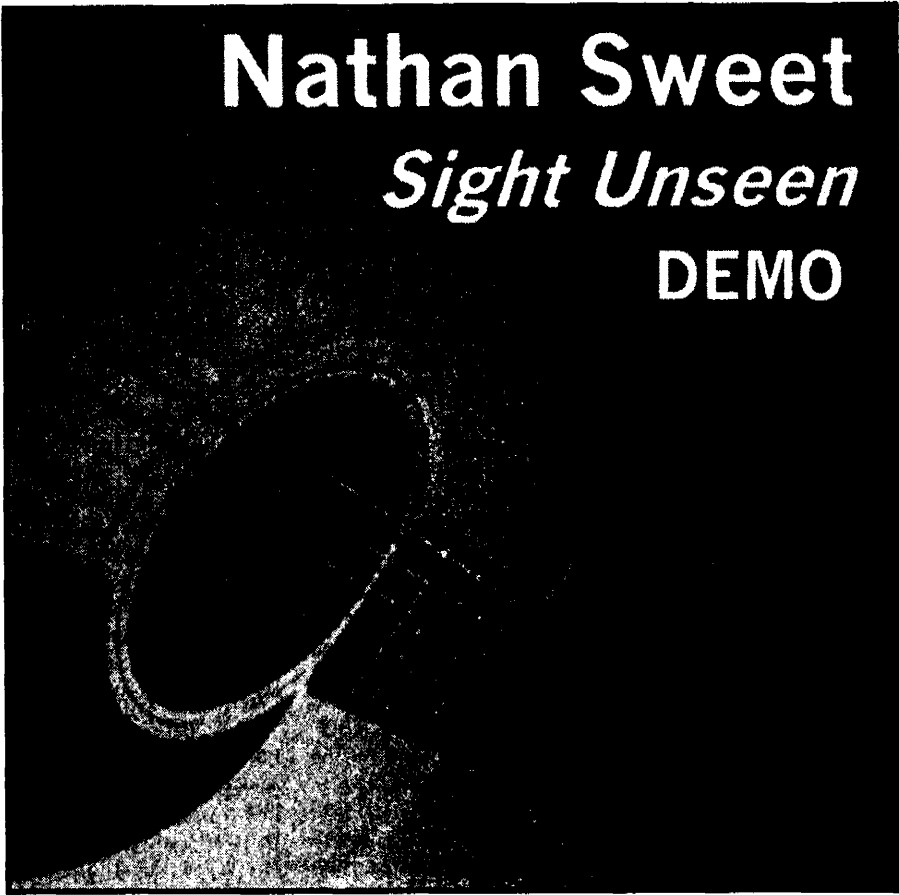
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# Sweet cuts first demo

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Kathy Sweet, a member of the custodial staff at Tendercare in Cass City, is probably her son's biggest fan and has always shared in his sacrifices by helping to finance his budding career, including the purchase of equipment over the years and, now, recording expenses. "We're doing it on our own," she said.

For his part, Sweet has put his voice and musical talent

to work performing at the Kingston Times in Kingston. He also works graduation parties and weddings.

The Sweet's goal at this point is to sell enough of the demo CDs at \$5 each to cover the \$2,000 recording tab. The next step will be to produce Sweet's full 15-song CD and send copies to radio stations. He also plans to send a copy to his uncle, Chris Brandt, a cartoon artist for Warner Studios in

California.

Sweet described his demo CD, appropriately entitled, "Sight Unseen", as a mix of music styles, including blues and rock. "I've always liked the blues - B.B. King and Eric Clapton," he said.

"Some of the songs I write are about special needs kids. There's one song I have out called 'Watch and See'. It's about a lady who had a baby who has Down's Syndrome," said Sweet, whose lyrics were inspired by the real life experience of a friend faced with the special needs of a Down's Syndrome child. "He's 5 years old now and he's okay."

Sweet, a 1998 Marlette High School graduate, recalled meeting Badgerow at a Commission for the Blind meeting at Cass City High School. They hit it off and, in November 1999, went to work on his producing the demo.

By then Sweet had already put countless hours into writing and arranging the music in his home studio. "I go day by day with it," he said, adding he devotes most of his days to writing and playing.

Aside from the release of his first CD, Sweet hopes to land some invitations to national talk shows. He also plans to continue recording and, eventually, own his own studio.

Regardless of what happens, music will also be an important part of Sweet's life.

"If I'm bummed out about something, I'll pick up a guitar. It just seems to free my mind up," he said.

*Editor's note: Copies of Sweet's demo CD are available by calling (517) 872-1171 or by writing him at 5656 Pringle Rd., Cass City, Mich. 48726.*



SWEET rehearses at Ron Badgerow's recording studio near Owendale.

## Owen-Gage board

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the district's February "adult role focus" of being effective communicators.

The students, in grades K-12, are: Tiffany Jamieson, Carli Warack, Matthew Zimmerman, Devin Prich,

Katie Rhodes, Joshua Starks, Grant Champagne, Jeremiah Nuncio, Wendy Errer, Annie Leitermann, Scott Kunderling, Nathan Kain and Kendall Kretschmer.

\*Approved the nomination of senior Kelly Tonich as "student of the month" for February.

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## Lock in prices, supplies

# Fertilizer prices expected to soar

Michigan farmers should expect significantly higher prices to buy nitrogen fertilizer now that a winter fuel crunch has many U.S. manufacturers, including makers of petroleum-based fertilizers, selling their electricity and natural gas supplies for attractive profits.

The situation means that farmers should lock in nitrogen prices and supplies as soon as possible and seek other nitrogen sources, said Bob Boehm, manager of the Commodity and Marketing Department at Michigan Farm Bureau.

Manufacturers who locked in lower energy prices because of long-standing contracts with power generators discovered they can sell the energy in a high-demand market at 9 to 10 times what they paid, said Dean Hyde, manager of the Middleton facility of Michigan Agricultural Commodities (MAC).

"So, they chose to dump the gas, take the profits and forego fertilizer production," he said.

Compounding the problem, said Jim Byrum, president of the Michigan Agri-Business Association, is the fact that

nitrogen production profits are off, and natural gas supplies are being absorbed at increasing rates from Nebraska east because of cold weather.

"We've already seen the results of depressed prices with increasing consolidation within the industry," he said. "It's come down to making the choice between producing nitrogen at poor prices or selling gas for a profit on the open market."

That choice means there could be less nitrogen fertilizer available for farmers.

"We think there is going to be some shortage of some products," Hyde said. "It's hard to know what the demand will be, and no one wants to lock things in as of yet. But we know nitrogen fertilizer costs will be higher than they have been in the last year or 2."

Prices for 3 types of nitrogen - anhydrous ammonia, 28-percent liquid nitrogen and urea - have already jumped dramatically, said Rick Feeback, production manager for liquids with The Andersons in Maumee, Ohio.

Wholesale prices for anhy-

drous, he said, rose \$135 per ton from December 1999 to December 2000. He said he expected another \$50-per-ton rise in January. Liquid nitrogen, he said, increased \$65 per ton in that period, while urea, which also jumped \$65, remained the cheapest option on the wholesale market.

"We've already seen people scrambling for urea who normally wouldn't use it," he said. "And we expect that trend to continue."

On the farm level, producers should expect a general price increase of \$12 to \$15 per acre over last year, Hyde said. He predicts 28 percent liquid nitrogen that sold for \$115 per ton in-season last year will go for \$155 to \$160 this spring. Anhydrous that sold for about \$250 to \$260 per ton last year could be as high as \$400 per ton this year. Urea, he said, could jump at least \$20 to \$235 or \$250 per ton.

Prices could go even higher if supplies become tighter, which is a challenge for Michigan growers, Hyde said.

"We think there's a good possibility that there will be

some type of nitrogen available, but farmers may have to do things a little differently to get what they need," he said. "Manure can fill in some credits for what the field needs, but it's hard to get enough that way, and it also adds phosphorous it might not need."

Boehm said Michigan farmers might switch more acres from corn to soybeans because soybeans require less nitrogen.

"With the price of corn where it is and the high nitrogen costs, I think we'll see people cutting back on high-nitrogen input crops like corn. But they have to think about what that will do to their long-term crop rotations," he said. "Farmers, as they always do, will have to ration their resources to the highest and best use."

Officials for fertilizer manufacturer Terra Industries Inc. acknowledged that the situation could be a "real problem" for farmers. Still, the Sioux City, Iowa-based company went ahead with plans to close 3 of its 6 ammonia plants and sold its December allotment of natu-

ral gas at about double the price of last year, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Hyde is concerned the problem could be worse in Michigan.

"It may be a tougher supply problem here due to the fact that we're one of the last states to plant," he said. "And in much of the Midwest, where nitrogen generally is applied in the fall, that didn't happen last year. That means more demand in the spring."

Despite rising prices, Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest general utility, contends natural gas supplies are adequate.

"I think perception is driving price increases," said Jeff Holyfield, a spokesman for the Jackson-based company.

"We've had 3 years of tight electricity supplies, and that's led to an increase in plans for gas-fired turbines to generate electricity. New rigs are drilling for natural gas all the time," he said. "So there's that perception that natural gas is worth more than it's selling for, and there's anticipation of more use. But there are adequate supplies."

# Spay Day

## Humane society offering certificates

Every year 4 to 6 million dogs and cats are killed in animal shelters. Although many of these animals are healthy and adoptable, the sheer number of them outweighs the availability of good homes.

America's taxpayers bear the cost of picking up, housing and ultimately killing these homeless animals - as much as \$176 for each one in some jurisdictions. Millions more never even make it to shelters; they are abandoned by their guardians and ultimately die from starvation, exposure and diseases.

The seventh annual Spay Day USA is Tuesday, Feb. 27, and the Humane Society of Tuscola County is encouraging residents to spay/neuter their pets.

As a financial incentive, the organization offers a \$25 savings certificate to Tuscola County pet owners who need financial help.

Officials say spaying/neutering pets is the key to reducing the number of unwanted animals. One cat and her offspring, for example, can produce 420,000 kittens in 7 years. One dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in 6 years.

In 2000, the Tuscola County Animal Shelter took

in 2,034 cats and dogs. Out of that number, 90 were reclaimed by their owners, 351 were adopted and the remaining 1,593 were euthanized or sold to a class B dealer (someone who then turns the animals over for medical research).

Since forming in April

1996, the humane society has distributed 360 spay/neuter certificates - 119 in 2000 alone.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program or to request a certificate is encouraged to contact the humane society at (517) 672-PETS.

## Campbell pupils on the honor roll

The Campbell Elementary School 4th grade honor roll for the third marking period has been announced.

Samantha Auten, Austin Babich, Deidre Bowen, Tyler Burk, Tommy Burns, Joseph Compo, Chelsea Depner, Adrianna Devine, Marla Eberline, Ean Elliott, Cassidy Frank\*, Mitchell Frederick, Matt Hallwood, Brandon Hartwick, Carly Howard\*, Michael Howard, Sarah Howard, Chelsea Israelson, Kyle Kausch\*, Amanda Langenburg, Whitney Laurie, Kelli Lautner, Gregory Leslie, Brittany Loomis, Shillbe

Lor, Erica Louks.

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\* denotes all A's.

## Wallace elected MMCA chief

William Wallace, director of the Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement program, was elected president of the Michigan Mosquito Control Association (MMCA) at its 15th annual meeting Feb. 1 and 2 in Ann Arbor.

Over 125 people attended this year's conference which included such diverse topics as: West Nile Virus Epidemic-Where Do We Go From Here?, The Invasion of New Insects and Diseases into the United States, Preliminary Studies of Malathion Susceptibility in

Culex Mosquitoes, Initial Investigations of Non-target Impacts of Pyrethroid Mosquito Adulticides, Vector-borne Disease Activity and Surveillance in Michigan, and Mosquito Spraying: Residues and Risks.

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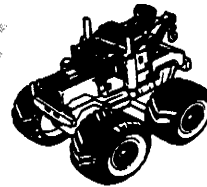


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## Crunch Time

### Owen-Gage cagers host Kingston for NCTL title lead

Make no mistake, this year's Owen-Gage basketball team is a special group. Coach Leon Westover's Bulldogs improved to 13-1 on the cage season Friday with a 66-42 whitewashing at Carsonville-Port Sanilac. The win gives Owen-Gage its best start ever in conference play, 9-1, since joining the North Central Thumb League association in 1973. It also inched the Bulldogs closer to establishing a single season win record, which is currently resting at 18. That mark was set during the 1968-69 season when Owen-Gage was a member of the Greater Thumb C conference. The most wins ever recorded by a Bulldog team while competing in the NCTL conference is 15 set by Coach Phil Gray's 1977-78 Bulldogs.

More importantly, however, the victory sets up Tuesday's showdown with the Kingston Cardinals in what should amount to the NCTL title game. Owen-Gage has captured just one NCTL cage championship and it came during the 1975 season. The Cardinals will enter the game with a perfect 10-0 NCTL mark, while Owen-Gage's only setback of the season came on Kingston's home floor on Jason Randall's controversial buzzer beat.

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**TOTALS** - 21-3 (10-23) 61.

**PECK** - Kiley 1-0 (0-3) 2; Sheridan 4-0 (1-1) 9; Webb 1-0 (0-0) 2; Maitland 1-0 (0-0) 2; Steffon 7-1 (0-0) 17; Curry 0-1 (0-0) 3; Steinoff 0-1 (0-0) 3; Fairman 1-0 (0-2) 2; Griggs 3-0 (0-1) 6; Worth 1-0 (0-0) 2.  
**TOTALS** - 19-3 (1-7) 48.

**OWEN-GAGE** - Minkler 0-0 (1-2) 1; Swiastyn 2-0 (0-0) 4; Mellendorf 0-1 (0-0) 3; Z. Fritz 3-0 (2-5) 8; R. Fritz 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rogers 2-0 (1-2) 5; Kain 2-0 (4-4) 8; Warack 6-0 (0-0) 12; C. Fritz 4-1 (4-4) 15; McKee 2-0 (4-5) 8.  
**TOTALS** - 22-2 (16-22) 66.

**CPS** - Kelly 1-0 (1-2) 3; Winkley 6-0 (1-2) 13; Albrecht 1-0 (0-1) 2; Willis 1-0 (0-0) 2; Bezemek 5-0 (0-0) 10; Calahan 6-0 (0-1) 12.  
**TOTALS** - 20-0 (2-7) 42.

**Sign-up slated**

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Any boys, ages 5-16, and girls, grades kindergarten through 8th, interested in participating in the league are asked to attend. For more information contact Jim Hillaker at 517-872-5096.

Fritz's game high 15 markers.

The visitors raced to a 39-17 margin at the break and then coasted to victory.

Nick Warack was next on the Bulldog scoring parade and finished with 12 tallies. Nathan Kain and Earl McKee split 16 points for the winners.

"We have a very unselfish group and that is why we are so balanced," said Westover.

Owen-Gage made good use of the foul line in the opening half making 13 of 14 attempts, including all 10 tries in the period before the break

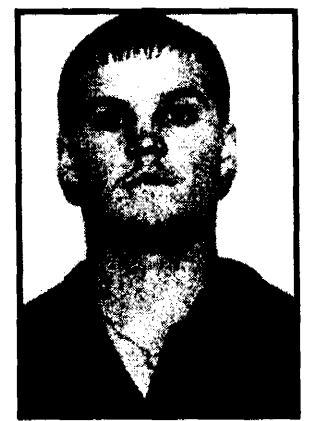
#### PECK

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**Nathan Kain**  
season high  
21 points

"We turned the defense up in the 2nd half," said Westover.

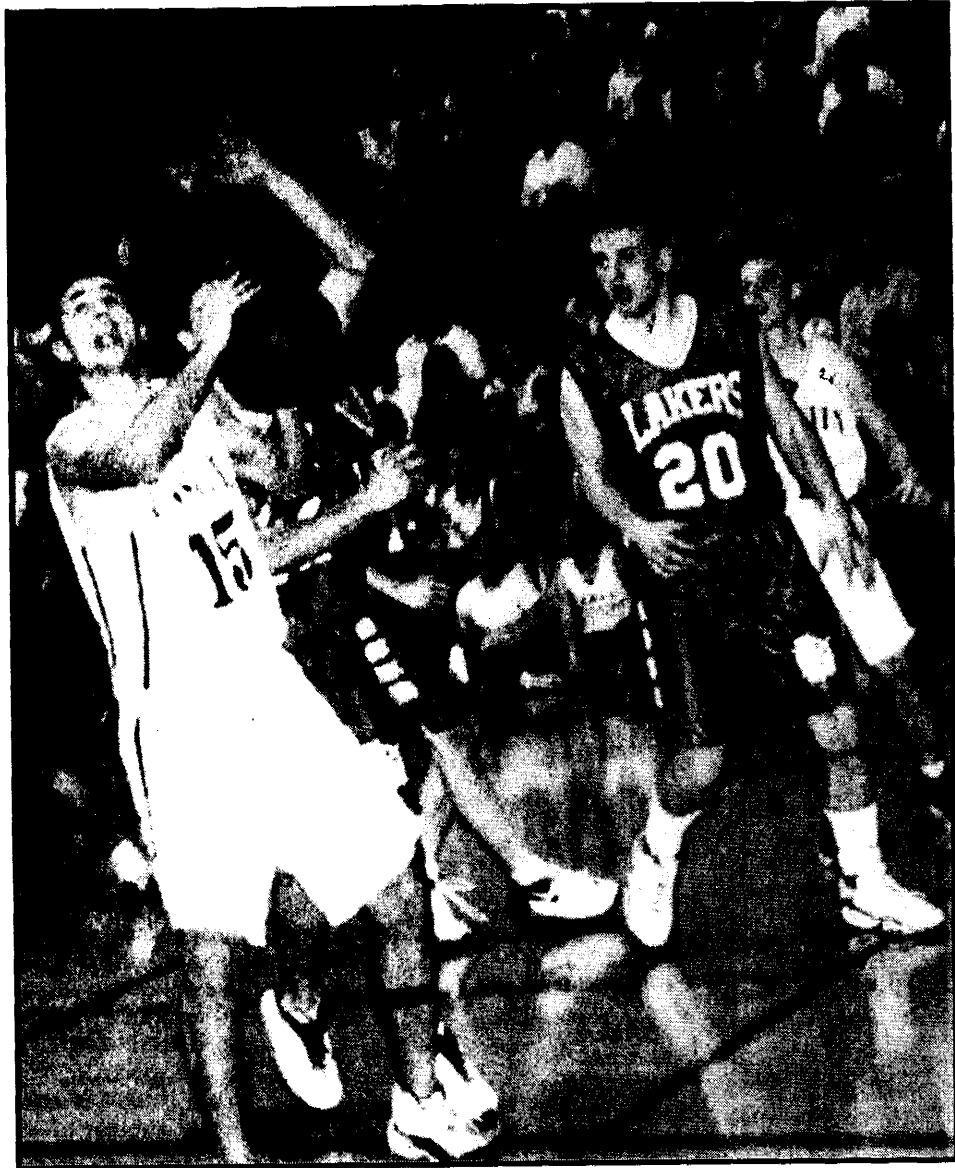
Corbin Swiastyn and Shane Mellendorf each added 9 points, while Cory Fritz posted 8 and Nick Warack 7 for Owen-Gage.

Gary Steffan led the Pirates with 17 points.

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**CASS CITY'S RYAN Holmgren slides along the baseline in Friday's Greater Thumb West conference battle with Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port. The Hawk forward recorded 7 points in the visitors' 72-62 victory.**

## Cass City Bowling Leagues

#### SUNDAY NO ROLLERS As of Jan. 28

Par-T-Ranch	10
CB's	10
Inn-Laws	7
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Sparkle City Rollers	6
Chemical Bank Pinheads	4
Damn Near Last	3

Men's High Series & Games: T. Potrykus 599 (233), R. Wright 226.

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High Team Series & Game: Charmont 3205 (1136).

210 Games or 575 Series: G. Robinson 725 (220-227-278), R. Salcido 687 (230-254), M. Lutz 684 (226-226-232), M. Jackson 680 (279).

C. Anthes 649 (219-226), M. Zawilinski 649 (210-245), R. Kessler 640 (234-237), J. Finkbeiner 633 (220-235), K. Zawilinski 633 (224), R. Koch 624 (246), T. Kuck 585 (235), M. Gettel 584, J. Gorkowski 583, R. Carroll 582 (211-217), T. Patingill 580 (221), R. Wright 580 (218), D. Schultze 578 (227), T. Czekai 216, S. Ross 213, T. Soper 213, W. Laming 213.

#### THURSDAY NITE TRIO As of Feb. 8

Thumb Auto Wash	23
Marlette R.V.	19
New England Financial	17
Osentoski Farm Equip.	17
Martin Electric	16
Marlette Oil & Gas	14
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K. Martin 731 (254-269), Doug Beecher 656 (216-214-226), K. Pichla 594 (213), G. Smith 237-211, Duane O'Dell 230, W. Laming 226, D. Miller 215, G. Robinson 211, Doug O'Dell 210.

High Team Series & Game:

Thumb Auto Wash 1791 (624).

#### CHARMONT LADIES

Dott Manufacturing	34
Cable-ettes	33
J.B.'s Crew	30
Dee's M.P. Rockets	28
Cass City Tire	23
Wild John's	22
Live Wires	18

High Team Series & Game: Cable-ettes 3108 (1099).

High Series: J. Bemus 549, S. Hutchinson 530, B. Watson 516, E. Romain 486, N. Davis 507, B. Ware 479.

High Games: J. Bemus 213, B. Watson 193, S. Hutchinson 199, W. Romain 177, E. Romain 178, B. Ware 188, M. Horne 184, M. Opanasenko 177, J. Reed 174, N. Davis 176.

#### MERCHANETTES As of Feb. 8

Octagon Barn	11
Adamczyk Masonry	10
Marlette Chrysler	9
Detroit Edison	9
FBI Gals	7
J.B.'s Crew	5
Thumb Auto Wash	5
All Season Rent-All	5
LaFave Steel	5
The Chiropractors	4

High Individual Games: C. Smith 222-197, J. Bemus 202-182, C. Brown 187, D. Williams 183, M.A. Opanasenko 183, P. Gettel 182-181.

High Individual Series: C. Smith 586, J. Bemus 550, P. Bauer 528, M.A. Opanasenko 508, C. Brown 497.

High Team Series & Game: Thumb Octagon Barn 1930 (665).

# Showdown on tap for Hawks Friday at USA

Now there is one. One team left to put a roadblock in the Cass City Red Hawks drive for an undisputed Greater Thumb West title. The Hawks successfully hurdled a major test Friday by rolling past the Lakers, 72-62.

The Hawks were led by Joel Brinkman. Coach Jim Green said the senior guard had his best game of the year with 30 points, 2 assists and no turnovers and his teammates did an excellent job of getting the ball to him.

Cass City will need another top performance from Joel Brinkman to get past USA this Friday. The Patriots have lost only to Cass City this season and Cass City was forced to come from behind to chalk up the win. Before this key clash the Hawks were to meet Bad Axe Tuesday. The Hatchets are capable of pulling an upset just as Deckerville did when the Hawks were looking forward to the next game with Reese, unbeaten at the time.

The USA-Cass City clash is a must game for both teams. If USA loses it would take major upsets in the games remaining to keep Cass City from the title. If the Hawks lose the teams are tied and the race would go to the final game of the year.

The Lakers appeared ready to pull a major upset in the opening minutes of the game

with a 7-0 run. But the lead was short lived, as the Hawks came to life with a 13-4 run. That rally was paced by Joel Brinkman who tossed in 3 treys in as many shots, forcing the Lakers to adopt a box and one defense.

At the 2:54 mark, Craig Emmert was forced to the bench and he didn't return until the second half. Despite the loss Cass City controlled the game. Green said, "we needed a total team effort to beat a fired-up Laker team."

Playing without Emmert in the second quarter, The Brinkmans provided the offense that moved the Hawks from a first quarter 15-15 tie to a 33-28 halftime lead. In the opening minutes of the period, Joel and Nathan accounted for the team's first 14 points to finally put Cass City into a 29-25 lead at the 5:20 mark. After that Cass City never trailed although the issue wasn't settled until midway in the fourth quarter.

The Lakers trailed by just 4 points going into the final 8 minutes. Cass City took control with a 9-4 run in the opening 3 minutes to lead 57-48. In the spurge Nathan Brinkman scored 7 of the 9 points.

Cass City won the battle of the boards 30-24 with Emmert picking off 10 in the

less than three quarters he played. It was a great night for ball handling for the team with just 6 turnovers. The Lakers were charged with 9.

Nathan Brinkman scored 16 points with 4 rebounds. Zach Glaspie scored 6 points with 7 assists and 4 rebounds. Ryan Holmgrer picked off 7 boards and scored 7 points including 2 baskets in the first quarter to get the Hawk offense rolling. Jeff Storm was 4-4-4 in rebounds, points and assists.

**CASS CITY** - Glaspie 0-(3-5) 6; Holmgren 3-0 (1-1) 7; Storm 1-0 (2-3) 4; Emme 3-0 (3-8) 9; N. Brinkman 4-2 (4-4) 16; J. Brinkman 4-(7-9) 30.  
**TOTALS** - 14-8 (20-30) 72.

**LAKERS** - Ertel 1-0 (0-4) 2; Hurren 0-3 (3-3) 12; Fri 7-2 (6-7) 26; Voss 2-0 (0-4) 4; Heron 9-0 (0-0) 18.  
**TOTALS** - 19-5 (9-10) 62



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Anyone interested in playing soccer for the spring and fall of 2001 we will have registration on the following dates:

**Tue., Feb. 13 - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Wed., Feb. 14 - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sat., Feb. 17 - 9:00 - noon**

Registration will take place at the  
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## Fabulous Five's Fearless Forecast

**Tuesday, February 13**  
Millington at Caro  
Reese at Mayville  
Yale at Cros-Lex  
Cass City at Bad Axe  
Harbor Beach at Deckerville  
USA at Lakers  
BCAS at Valley Lutheran  
Sandusky at Ubyly  
Brown City at Marlette  
Kingston at Owen-Gage  
Peck at Akron-Fairgrove  
North Huron at Caseville  
Port Hope at C-PS

**Thursday, February 15**  
Ubyly at Deckerville

**Friday, February 16**  
Frankenmuth at Caro  
Marlette at Cros-Lex  
Cass City at USA  
Brown City at Yale  
Harbor Beach at Sandusky  
Valley Lutheran at Reese  
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Last week's results  
Season's results

25-4  
127-33 (79%)

21-8  
129-31 (81%)

24-5  
128-32 (80%)

20-9  
122-38 (76%)

24-5  
133-27 (83%)

#### HOOP STANDINGS AND RESULTS

Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	8	0	13	1
USA	7	1	13	1
Reese	5	3	11	3
Laker	4	4	8	6
Valley Lutheran	4	4	7	8
Bad Axe	3	5	3	11
BCAS	1	7	4	10
Mayville	0	8	2	12

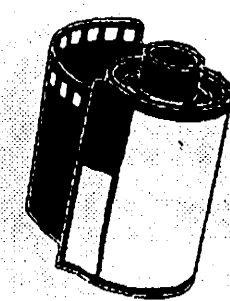
Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	7	1	10	4
Deckerville	6	2	10	4
Cros-Lex	5	3	10	3
Peck	5	3	8	6
Harbor Beach	3	5	6	8
Marlette	3	5	6	8
Sandusky	2	8	5	9
Ubyly	2	8	5	9
Yale	2	6	5	9

Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	10	0	13	1
Owen-Gage	9	1	14	1
Peck	6	3	8	6
North Huron	4	4	5	8
CPS	4	6	6	9
Caseville	3	7	3	11
Port Hope	2	9	3	12
A-Fairgrove	1	9	1	13

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**  
Valley Lutheran 67, Bad Axe 59  
Cass City 72, Laker 62  
USA 61, Mayville 50  
Reese 80, BCAS 65  
Harbor Beach 63, Cros-Lex 58  
Deckerville 61, Yale 40  
Sandusky 58, Marlette 57  
Brown City 57, Ubyly 42  
North Huron 72, A-Fairgrove 57  
Peck 56, Port Hope 40  
Owen-Gage 66, CPS 42  
Kingston 70, Caseville 37

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## Cass City grapplers finish third in league standings

The young, rebuilding Red Hawks finished 5th at the Greater Thumb League meet Saturday at Laker High with 100 points. The results of the meet counts for half of the points used to determine final league standings. Results of individual meets count for the other half.

With a pair of wins in league action Wednesday the Hawks finished with a 7-1-1 mark in dual meets. That record was enough to push Cass City into a third place tie with Cros-Lex in the final league standings. The championship was won by Marlette with Mayville second.

The other teams finished in the following order: Brown City, 5th; Yale, 6th; Lakers,

7th; Sandusky and Valley Lutheran, 8th; Bad Axe, 10th.

Marlette won the league meet with 165 points. Mayville was second with 142 points and Brown City, third with 129 points. Other scores were: Cros-Lex, 121.5; Cass City, 100; Yale, 94; Lakers, 63.5; Bad Axe, 43; Sandusky, 29; Valley Lutheran, 28.

In the league meet the Hawks had one champion, Guy Nanney, 275 pounds. Jeremy Klinkman, 135 pounds, and Travis Jensen, 189 pounds, finished second. Taking thirds were Cliff Biskner, 130 pounds, and Aaron Dorland, 152 pounds. Anand Raythatha was fourth.

**DOUBLE DUAL**

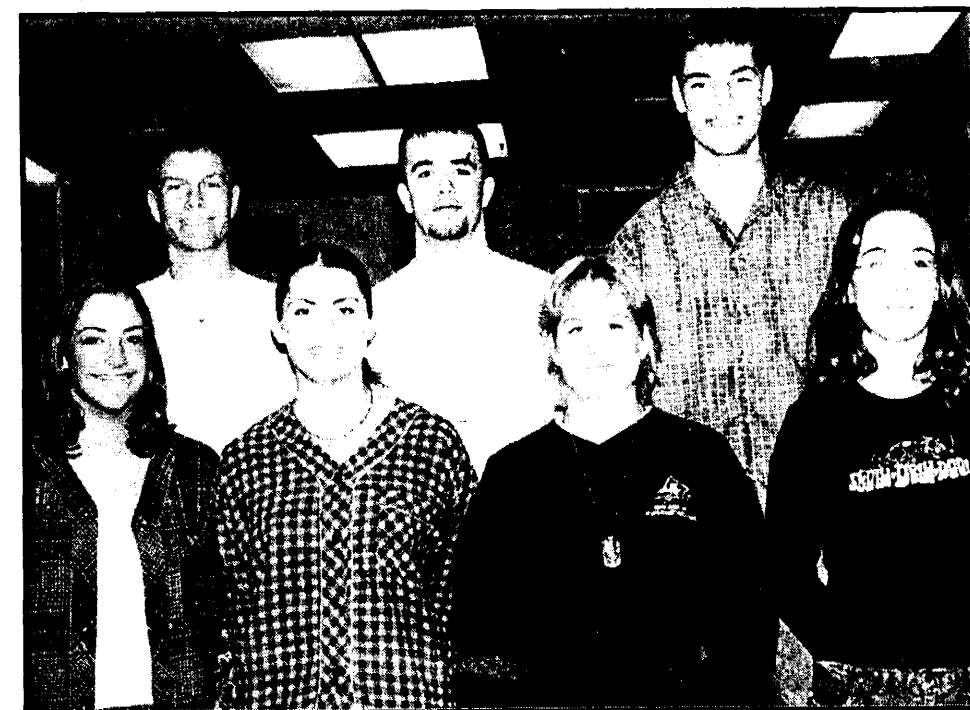
Cass City won a double dual meet with Sandusky and Valley Lutheran Wednesday. The meet was held at Brown City. Cass City topped Sandusky, 48-24, and Valley Lutheran, 66-15.

Double winners for the Hawks were Adam Haag, 112 pounds; Don Spencer, 119 pounds; Cliff Biskner, 125 pounds; Jeremy Klinkman, 135 pounds; Josh Smith, 140 pounds; Anand Raythatha, 145 pounds; Aaron Dorland, 152 pounds; Travis Jensen, 189 pounds, and Guy Nanney, 275 pounds.

Cass City ends the regular season with an 8-1 mark in the league and a 15-8 record overall.



**THE OWEN-GAGE SNOWBALL** Court underclassmen representatives are: (front l-r) Stephanie Dorsch, Jenny Sparkes and Erin Roach; (back l-r) Adam Kain, Justen Pitcher and Kevin Dorsch.



**VYING FOR OWEN-GAGE** Snowball King and Queen honorees Friday are seniors (front l-r) Dee Fritz, Jenna Root, Shannon Pitcher and Kim Wilkinson; (back l-r) Shane Mellendorf, Kendall Kretschmer and Cory Fritz. Missing is James LaCroix.



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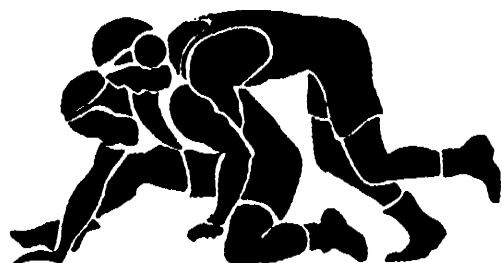
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## TOURNEY TIME



**DIVISION 3 TEAM DISTRICT  
CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14**

**Caro**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Bad Axe  
Sandusky**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Cass City**

The district wrestling team tournament is scheduled today (Wednesday) starting at 6 p.m. at Cass City. Four teams are entered, Cass City, Caro, Sandusky and Bad Axe. The Tigers will be pro-

hibitive favorites led by Wynn Michalak and Adam Curtis, 2 wrestlers who are expected to compete for the state individual championships.

The individual district tourney is slated at Bad Axe Saturday.

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## Sanilac 4-H program

## Shooting sports on tap

4-H is all about learning by doing, and this February many individuals will be learning and doing a lot as they participate in the Sanilac County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is available to young people and adults who are interested in participating in an exciting, safe, adventure filled, and diverse opportunity.

"Shooting, like any other 4-H project, helps young people to learn new knowledge, acquire new skills and abilities, and develop personal responsibility," said Michelle Collins, Sanilac County MSU Extension 4-H youth agent. "Through shooting activities, youth develop social skills, leadership techniques, and are given opportunities for community service."

Dave Rydel and Brian Haupp, Sanilac 4-H volunteers, are offering a small arms firing school beginning Thursday, Feb. 15, for 12 weeks. Classes will be held every Thursday from Feb. 15 until May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, 37 Austin St., Sandusky.

Participants will learn to shoot a variety of rifles, including field and target rifles. Safety and marksmanship will be stressed throughout these classes. This class will train students for 4-H competitions at the local, state, and national level. Participants will also get an opportunity to participate in the target programs sponsored by the National Rifleman's Association (NRA) and Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).

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(ammunition will be extra). Participants do not need to be 4-H members to participate. This class is open to everyone - adults and youth alike.

For more information or to

register for this class, call Dave Rydel (376-4538), Brian Haupp (378-5847) or the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office (648-2515).

## Assault center offers support

The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center offers domestic violence victim support groups on a weekly basis.

The groups and their meeting days and times are:

\*Domestic Violence Support Group, Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center in Caro, and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at Marlette Community Hospital.

\*Women's Group, Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the

Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center.

\*Life Skills for Domestic Violence Recovery, Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Sanilac County Michigan Works! in Marlette.

\*Self-Help Group, Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center.

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# Bulldogs fall in finals of USA Invitational

Owen-Gage was denied its first championship of the season Saturday in the finals of the USA Invitational volleyball tournament 15-6 and 15-4 by nemesis Ubly.

The Bulldogs, 15-10 overall, used victories over Marlette and Caro to finish in 2nd place, on points, in its well balanced pool play competition, before advancing into the elimination rounds.

Coach Judy Campbell's spikers opened the event on a sour note, losing a pair of tilts to Cass City 15-12, 15-11. But, Owen-Gage turned its afternoon around by earning wins of 15-5 and 15-8 over the Red Raiders and 15-6 and 17-15 against the Tigers in its next 2 matches.

The Bulldogs completed their pool play round with losses of 15-9 and 15-8 to Ubly.

In the elimination round semifinals, the Bulldogs downed Deckerville with decisions of 15-12 and 15-13.

Campbell pointed to a solid team effort that resulted in a runner-up finish.

Erin Salcido had 26 points, that included 14 aces. The senior team leader also was credited with 34 kills, 42 digs and 9 saves. Jenna Root recorded 24 points, a team high 44 kills, 28 blocks and 18 digs. Dee Fritz had 20 points, 27 kills, and 46 digs. Melissa Ziehm pitched in with 25 markers, 37 assists, and 30 digs, while Kelly Zaleski finished with 32 kills, 43 digs, and 9 saves.

blemished Thursday with straight game wins over visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac. The scores of the match were 15-12, 17-15, and 15-9.

Becky Hartman paced the hosts with 15 points. The Bulldog junior also contributed 6 kills and 18 digs.

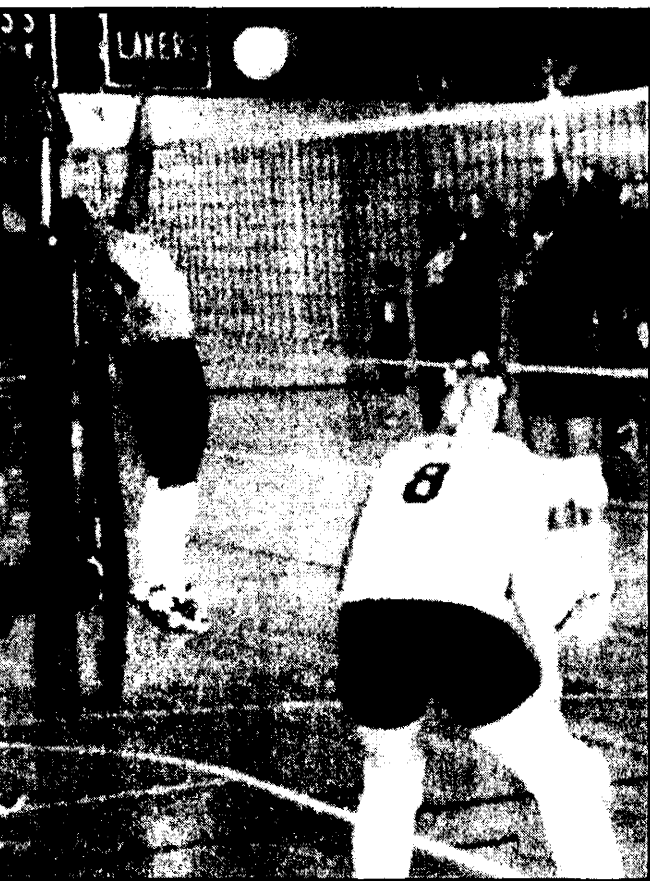
Ziehm recorded a team high 5 ace serves and 11 points, to complement 19 assists and 9 digs for the winners. Fritz also reached double digits for the Bulldogs and finished with 10 points, 7 kills and 18 digs.

Root and Erin Salcido combined for 25 kills to lead Owen-Gage on the front line.

Earlier in the week, the Bulldogs traveled to Peck on Monday and registered NCTL wins of 15-10, 15-8, and 15-4.

Fritz registered a team best 16 points, with 8 tallies resulting from ace serves.

Salcido chipped in 10 points, 5 kills, and 17 digs for the visitors. Ziehm had 12 assists and 8 digs for the Bulldogs and sophomore Kelly Zaleski registered 7 kills and 6 digs.



CPS/PECK

The Bulldogs kept their NCTL volleyball title un-

**BULLDOG JENNA ROOT leaps high for a kill Saturday at the USA Invitational.**



**RED HAWK SENIOR Holli Cooper attempts a pass during Saturday's USA Invitational volleyball action against Caro. Positioning for action in the background is junior Jennifer Tenbusch.**

## Cass City spikers finish with 4-4 mark in Saturday tourney

Cass City's roller coaster volleyball season continued Saturday at the USA Invitational volleyball tournament.

The Red Hawks compiled a 4-4 record over the weekend that included a pair of strong showings against perennial powerhouses Owen-Gage and Ubly. However, Cass City's outing also included a lackluster loss to Caro, a team the Hawks beat handily early in the season.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers opened the day with a pair of victories over the North Central Thumb League's top-ranked Owen-Gage Bulldogs. Senior Holli Cooper helped the Hawks get off to a good start with 6 blocks and 9 kills as the Bulldogs surrendered 15-12 and 15-11. While Cooper was busy at the net, the maroon and white received 12 service points from junior Rochelle Dohn.

The Tigers took advantage of a sluggish Cass City offensive attack in the Hawks' next pool play contest and recorded wins of 15-12 and 15-10. The Hawks combined

for just 10 kills over the 2 games against their M-81 foe.

"Too many team errors. We beat ourselves, lack of communication," said Coach Howard.

Howard pointed to the Hawks' serving as key to winning its next match against Marlette. Cass City used 7 aces in the opening match and 4 aces in game 2 to record wins of 15-13 and 15-12.

Becky Hartel contributed 10 assists against the Greater Thumb East conference foe, setting up Sara Homakie, Cooper, and Deirdre Deering who finished with 8, 5, and 4 kills, respectively. Homakie added 14 digs.

The Hawks saved its best volleyball of the day for its final pool play opponent Ubly, but suffered identical losses of 16-14. The Bearcats then advanced into the single elimination rounds and returned home with the tourney title after defeating Owen-Gage 15-6 and 15-4 in the finals.

"The girls played tough

(against Ubly). We had lots of communication," commented Howard.

Homakie and Cooper combined for 9 blocks against Ubly, while Hartel contributed 13 digs and Monica Dorland chipped in 6 sets.

**BCAS**

Cass City suffered its 5th straight Greater Thumb West conference loss Thursday as visiting Bay City All Saints defeated the hosts in 4 games.

Cass City captured the opening game 15-7 against the Cougars, but then suffered straight game losses of 15-12, 15-10, and 15-9.

Becky Bulla recorded a team high 18 points to pace the hosts, while Homakie accounted for 13 tallies, 3 blocks, and 6 kills. The hosts had Deirdre Deering with 9 kills and 6 blocks, while Hartel recorded 10 sets.

The Hawks will travel to meet Mayville next on Thursday, before Saturday's tournament play in Pigeon.

# WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

## CASS CITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec.	5	Caro 53, Cass City 68	5:00
	12	<b>Brown City Postponed</b>	5:00
	15	Harbor Beach 34, Cass City 54	5:00
	19	Ubly 49, Cass City 69	5:00
Jan.	5	<b>Lakers 54, Cass City 60</b>	5:00
	9	<b>Cass City 65, Marlette 56</b>	5:00
	12	<b>Bad Axe 53, Cass City 86</b>	5:00
	16	<b>Brown City 52, Cass City 67</b>	5:00
	19	<b>USA 39, Cass City 44</b>	5:00
	23	Deckerville 78, Cass City 77	5:00
	26	Reese 53, Cass City 60	5:00
	30	<b>Bay City A.S. 49, Cass City 85</b>	5:00
Feb.	2	Mayville 64, Cass City 81	5:00
	5	Valley Luth. (Fresh.)	6:00
	6	Valley Luth. 66, Cass City 91	6:00
	9	Lakers 62, Cass City 72	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 Davison		6:00
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

**BASKETBALL**  
**February 20**  
**Reese**

**VOLLEYBALL**  
**February 22**  
**Valley Lutheran**

## 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 Invite	Away	10:00
	24	Midland	Away	6:30
	27	Vassar Invite	Away	Noon
	29	Midland	Home	6:30
Feb.	10	St. Johns Invite	Away	10

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# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## Village of Cass City, Michigan - 2000

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act. This legislation added a provision requiring all community water systems, deliver to their customers, a brief Annual Water Quality Report.

The Village of Cass City is pleased to provide you with this year’s Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water quality and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Village of Cass City obtains its water from three different municipal wells. All three wells are located in the Village Park, at the east end of town. Wells No. 1 and No. 2, located just east of the tennis courts, were installed in 1946. They are 290 feet and 240 feet deep respectively. Well No. 3 is located on the west side of the volleyball courts. Well No. 3 was installed in 1998 and extends to a depth of 311 feet. All three municipal wells are drilled into the bedrock of the Michigan Formation. The Village now has the capacity to pump 1,656,000 gallons of water per day.

The State of Michigan will be producing a Source Water Assessment by the year 2003. The Village will inform you of how to obtain a copy of the assessment when it is completed.

This report shows our water quality and what it means to you, our customers.

If you have any questions concerning this report, or about your water, or your water utility please contact Village Manager Jane Downing, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m., 517-872-2911. The Village also has regular scheduled Village Council Meetings, the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 6506 Main Street, Cass City Michigan. The public is welcome at all meetings of the Village Council.

The Village of Cass City routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The Village has conducted tests for over 150 different contaminants, on each municipal well and throughout the system. The following table shows the results of our monitoring, for the period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) “Safe Drinking Water Hotline: at 1-800-426-4791.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we’ve provided the following definitions:

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts Per Million (ppm)** or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts Per Billion (ppb)** or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - The “maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water . MCL are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

The State of Michigan allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of our water quality, but some are more than one year old. The table below represents the most current testing information available.

### VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, MICHIGAN DRINKING WATER TEST ANALYSIS - 2000

Microbiological Contaminants						
Contaminant	Date that Samples Tested Positive		Violation Y/N	Unit of Measure	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	09-05-2000	1 sample out of 5	no	Positive or Negative	More than 1 Positive Sample	Naturally present in the environment
	09-06-2000	1 sample out of 1	yes			
	09-07-2000	3 samples out of 3	yes			
	09-08-2000	2 samples out of 7	yes			
	10-03-2000	2 samples out of 8	yes			

Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level Detected	Violation Y/N	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	02-19-97	16ppb	No	ppb	50ppb	n/a	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards
Barium	01-15-97	.17ppm	No	ppm	2ppm	2ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	01-15-97	1ppb	No	ppb	100ppb	100ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	09-22-99	5ppm	No	ppm	4ppm	4ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH CONCERNS:

**Arsenic** - Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Barium** - Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

**Chromium** - Some people who use water containing chromium well in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience allergic dermatitis.

**Fluoride** - Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL, over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.

**Total Coliform:** The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet strict limits for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio.

The EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) is reviewing the Drinking Water Standard for arsenic because of special concerns that the standard may not be stringent enough. Arsenic is a naturally occurring mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations.

The table shows that our system uncovered some problems this past year. The Village of Cass City detected positive coliform bacteriological samples in the water distribution system for the months of September 2000 and October 2000. Coliform are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliform were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

On September 5, 2000, 1 of the 5 routine samples was positive for the coliform bacteria. Further testing indicated other positive samples in the area of the water tower. Chlorination was started and the system flushed. 18 samples taken after September 10, 2000 came back negative for coliform bacteria. Chlorination was halted on September 22, 2000.

On October 4, 2000 two samples came back positive for coliform bacteria. A boil water notice was issued. Chlorination was once again started and the system flushed. The water tower was drained cleaned and inspected by Nelson Tank Consulting Inc. 24 samples from October 5, 2000 through October 11, 2000 came back negative. The boil water notice was lifted on October 6, 2000. Chlorination is continuing at this time. The water tower was suspected of causing the bacteria problem. The water tower is scheduled to be repainted on the inside this coming summer.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be:

**Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

**Radioactive contaminants**, are naturally occurring, or can the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants, the presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public systems. The FDA regulates contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

MCL’s (Maximum Contaminant Levels) are set at very stringent standards. To understand the possible health effects described, for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime, to have a “one-in-a-million chance” of experiencing the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by crypto sporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call the Village Office if you have any questions or would like to see the reports for all of the tests the Village has conducted. The contact person for this information is Village Manager Jane Downing, telephone: (517) 872-2911.



# It's Valen-time

To Jake -  
wishing you  
a very  
Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



Always,  
Butterfly

Happy Valentine's  
Day  
Paul and Kevin  
Gram

Happy  
Valentine's Day,  
Dad  
YOU'RE THE  
BEST!



Love,  
Matthew and Rachel

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day  
Grandma Janet  
and Papa  
From: Sean

Happy Valentine's  
Day  
Preston James  
Gram



Happy Valentine's  
Day  
Brent  
Love, Grandpa Arthur  
and Grandma Janet

Happy  
Valentine's Day  
Sean & Brad  
Love,  
Papa & Grandma

Julia Meredith  
Happy Valentine's Day  
from  
Grandpa & Grandma

Happy  
Valentine's Day  
Nicholle Alizabeth  
Love, Grandpa & Grandma

Ed & Marideth  
The Valentine's  
Day Couple  
Happy  
Anniversary  
Mom & Dad

Happy Valentine's Day  
Jason & Ethan  
Love,  
Grandpa & Grandma

Happy Valentine's  
Day  
Carrie and Allie  
Gram

Happy Valentine's Day  
Sean & Bradley  
Love, Mom & Dad



Rosemary,  
Happy Birthday  
on  
Valentine's Day  
and  
that true love of mine.  
Mother

Happy Valentine's  
Day  
Aaron, Christi, Lesli  
Gram

Jason  
&  
Machelle



Mom Loves You!

Happy Valentine's  
Day  
I Love You  
Grandma Janet & Papa  
Love, Bradley

Happy Valentine's Day  
Mom & Dad  
LB KB  
Love, Zack



**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RYAN M. FISCHER, a married man and ANGELA MARIE FISCHER, his wife to waive her dower rights in the subject property to American Financial Mortgage, Mortgage, dated November 3, 1998 and recorded on November 4, 1998, in Liber 755, on page 250, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee by mesne assignments to STERLING BANK & TRUST by an assignment dated November 3, 1998, and recorded on July 12, 1999, in Liber 776, on page 770, Tuscola County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY AND 67/100 Dollars (\$53,420.67), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock on March 30, 2001.

Said premises are situated in Township of Kingston, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6, Block 4 of the Plat of Newberry, Now Village of Kingston, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, pages 304-305, excepting the West 2 rods thereof. Tax I.D. # 79-038-500-104-06000

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: February 1, 2001.

STERLING BANK & TRUST  
Assignee of Mortgage  
DAVID J. BENNETT  
THAY, GROSS, STEINWAY & BENNETT  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
(248) 645-1700

2-14-5

**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 County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described follows:  
Lots 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 10, Township of Kingston, T County, Michigan, according to thereof as recorded in Liber 1 Page 56, Now being 43A, Tusco Records.

Commonly known as: 5937 Street  
Tax I.D. No. 015-017-110-1 015-017-110-1800-00

The redemption period 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 Ballfour  
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230  
(313) 881-0296

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1692 OF TITLE 15 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Promissory Note and Mortgage bearing interest at 11.700% per annum made by Albert F. Trischler and Lola E. Trischler, husband and wife, and Christopher Trischler, a single man, Mortgagee, to EquiCredit Corporation of MI, Mortgagee, on March 20, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on March 27, 1997, in Liber 707 of Mortgages, Page 850, and subsequently assigned, through mesne assignments, to First Bank National Association TR/UA dated 6/1/97 (Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-2), said assignment being recorded on October 1, 1997, in Liber 721 of Mortgages, Page 141, and

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is the sum of Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and Six Cents (\$60,681.06), for principal, interest and insurances, and

WHEREAS, no suit or proceeding at law or equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

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 March 16, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., local time, said Mortgage shall be foreclosed at sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, Village of Caro, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, (that being one of the places of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said Mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said Mortgage with the interest thereon at the applicable note rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises described in said Mortgage is located in the Township of Wisner, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan and legally described as:

Commencing in the middle of highway M-25 on East-West one-eighth line of Southeast quarter of Section 22, Town 14 North, Range 7 East, thence North 84 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds West 234 feet; thence North 56 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East 300 feet to point of beginning; thence South 21 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds East 113.93 feet; thence South 65 degrees 12 minutes 03 seconds West 100 feet; thence North 21 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds West to the aforesaid line running North 56 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East 300 feet; thence Northeastly along said line to point of beginning. Right of Way for M-25 over the Southerly side thereof.

Tax Identification No. 79-023-022-000-2000-00

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the period of redemption, pursuant to MCL 600.3240, shall be six (6) months from the date of sale; unless said premises are sold, in which event the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

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 months(s) 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 # 200027978

Mustangs

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 months(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 # 200110761

Ravens

1-31-5

# 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 Terri L. Collier a single woman (original mortgagors) 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 14203-2399, 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 28B-30B, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months(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  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
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 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 months(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 31, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
248-593-1306  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200027978

Mustangs

1-31-5

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

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

in Liber 769, Page 1306, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 17, 2001

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

Ravens

1-17-5

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 rate hereof the sum of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINETY AND 76/100 dollars (\$37,090.76), including interest at 7.750% per annum.

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

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

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

The redemption period shall be 12 months(s) 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 # 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 John F. Boroff and Fay J. Schwaime, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to ContiMortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 27, 1996, and recorded on January 22, 1997 in Liber 704, on Page 329, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1997-2, Agreement dated 3-26-97, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Assignee by an assignment dated March 21, 1999, which was recorded on January 25, 2001, in Liber 820, on Page 237, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-THREE AND 55/100 dollars (\$34,443.55), including interest at 12.200% 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 30, 2001.

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

The South 100 feet of the North 230 feet of the East 300 feet of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 7 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months(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 14, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
248-593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200022564

Tigers

2-14-5

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 SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE AND 79/100 DOLLARS (\$71,112.79), including interest at 8% per annum.

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

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

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# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Ed Schember of Elkton, Jim Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Wayne Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's for breakfast Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Saturday guests of Irene Kippen in Port Huron. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Todd of Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen of Livonia were Saturday guests of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Shawn and Nicole Depcinski were Saturday guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski. Other guests were Susan and Greg Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Filion and Charlie and Theresa Depcinski.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy,

Wayne Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Alger Novak, Tom Smithers, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Peruski and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Wednesday morning.

Dennis and Sharlene Hagen and Bradley, Clint and Melissa Hagen and Dylan, Keith Hagen and friend Erin, Mary Hagen and friend Jim, Ellen and Mike Moorman, Jim and Dorene, Nicholas and Jennifer, and Bryce and Betty Hagen met at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe for a birthday supper for Betty Hagen. After Ellen and Mike Moorman presented Betty with a birthday cake Betty opened several gifts.

Rick Stuart, Jim Lewis, Ron Wolschlagier, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly had breakfast together Mon-

day morning at McDonald's in Bad Axe.

Larry Silver of Clinton Township and Reva Silver were Saturday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Jim A. and Kay Sweeney spent a few days visiting Doug and Beth Sweeney at Kissimmee, Fla.

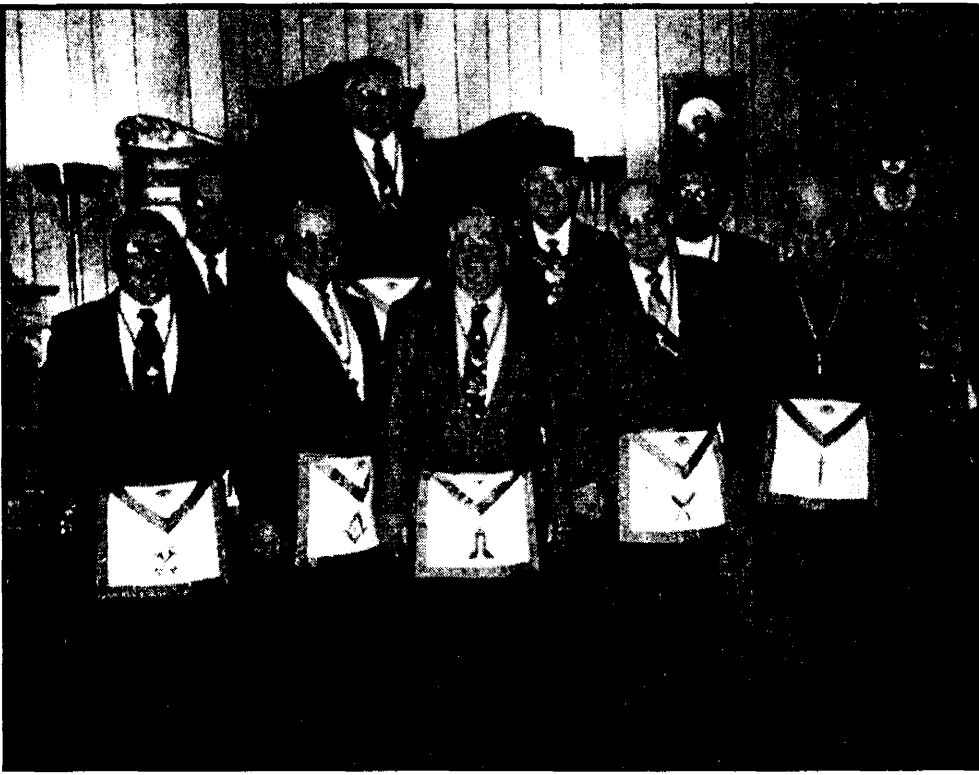
Charlie and Theresa Depcinski came home Saturday evening from an 8 day Royal Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas.

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

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

Mark Farrelly and sons and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at Uby Heights Country Club Sunday.

Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Dale Laming and family were Allen and Alice Depcinski, Randy and Karen Rutkowski, Amy and Julie.



**TYLER LODGE** of Masons, Cass City, recently held its awards and election of officers. Elected were (left to right) Treasurer Robert Wood, Junior Warden Robert Ricker, Senior Deacon Lyle Melkerson, Worshipful Master Carl Palmateer, Senior Warden Ken Blue, Installing Officer Grand Tiler James Schad, Secretary Milt Connolly, Junior Deacon James Wilson and Tiler Harold McGrath.

## O-G trio essay winners

Three students from Owen-Gage Area Schools have been named local winners in the 32nd annual America and Me essay contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 575 Michigan schools participated in the contest. The topic of the 2000-2001 contest was "My American Hero".

The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in March, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing

Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top 2 statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top 10 statewide winners this year.



Katie Swiastyn



Wendy Errer



Nashia Prich

The 3 students who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school are: Katie Swiastyn, first place, Wendy Errer, second place, and Nashia Prich, third place. As the school's first place winner, Swiastyn's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Swiastyn's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected.

## Students honored

Several area students have been named to the part-time honors lists at Delta College for the fall 2000 term.

Among those named to the president's list for earning at least 6 credit hours with a perfect 4.0 grade point average were: Loyd C. Lisek and Jacob W. Papovich, both of Deford; James C. Slieff,

Gagetown; and Todd C. Treder, Owendale.

Students named to the vice-president's list for earning a minimum 6 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.7 to 3.99 included: Jennifer N. Bills and David A. Czapl, both of Cass City; Patti A. Rodenbo, Kingston; and Amanda J. Kaczor and Joshua R. Susalla, both of Uby.

Named to the dean's list for earning at least 6 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69 were: Stephanie L. Lomphey of Kingston and Amanda L. Salcido of Owendale.



**MASON** of the year honors went to Robert Wood (left), pictured above with Carl Palmateer.



**LESLIE** Beach (right) received his 70-year membership pin.



**PALMATEER** presented the Edgar Quest Award for Outstanding Service to the Community to Kate VanAuken (left) and Paula LeValley, who organized construction of Cass City's Playscape at the site of the former middle school.

## Cass City Honor Roll

The Cass City High School final grade honor roll has been announced.

### 9TH GRADE

All A's - Allyson Bell, Krystee Dorland, Alison Emmert, Kristi Fluegge, Leslie Hacker, Erik Helwig, Sarah Hobbs, Amy Howard, Nathan Laming, Maegan Laurie, DeAnna Newby, Mallory Powell, Brandon Stec, Nicholas Walther.

B or Better - Jonathon Bennett, Jessica Covarrubias, Justin Darr, Erica Delamarter, Gregory Dillon, Nathan Fisher, Gavin Frederick, Lauren Galloway, Adam Haag, Erika Karavas, Kayla Karr, Kevin Lowe, Dustin Mallory, Jeffrey McMahan, Scott Regnerus, Jamie Robinson, Elizabeth Sobczak Shanna Spencer, Nicholas Swanson, Jennifer Sweeney, Megan Toner, Bryan Warju, Joshua Wark, Teresa Woodward.

### 10TH GRADE

All A's - Laura Barnes, Jason Barrigar, Heidi Cheng, Robert Dale, Amanda Frederick, Ashley Froede,

Courtney Green, Elizabeth Hoyt, Dara Iwankovitch, Jessica Kamrad, Jessica Nicol, Rajen Raythatha, Kristen Wiles, Melissa Zmierski.

B or Better - Laura Auten, Aaron Diegel, Paula Fluegge, Tiffany Francis, Jordan Glaza, Cyndi Henn, Kurtis Hessler, Justin King, Christopher Maharg, Alissa Pasant, Jessie Poisson, Renee Putterbaugh, Cory Rickett, Samantha Sabo, Brandon Speirs, Matthew Stoutenburg, Talisa Talaski, Annjea Tanton, Melissa Woodward.

### 11TH GRADE

All A's - Raymond Abasso, Danielle Guilds, Sara Homakie, Timothy Houry, Guthry Laurie, Jamie Leiterman, Robin Messing, Elise Pasant, Julie Roche, Rebecca Rockwell, Chenelle Smentek, Stephanie Stevens, Jessica Tenbusch, Erin Vcnema.

B or Better - Tara Bryant, Melissa Doerr, Nicole Drinkard, Jesika Ferris, Sharon Finkbeiner, Jonathon Galloway, Noah Gould, Cason Harris, Kari Lowe,

### 12TH GRADE

All A's - Branden Albrecht, Kaylee Bell, Holli Cooper, Andrew Dale, Randy Diebel, Josh Dillon, Amy Duquesnay, Craig Emmert, Jaime Fluegge, Zachary Glaspie, Brent Goslin, Katie Hacker, Kandie Hansen, Jeremy Klinkman, Laura Laming, Laura O'Dell, Emily Rayl, Anand Raythatha, Manisha Raythatha, Andrew Stoeckle, Brad Ypma.

B or Better - Michael Bashur, Joel Brinkman, Nathan Brinkman, Ryan Cooper, Michelle Derfiny, Monica Dorland, Shaun Engler, Johanna Hoelzle, Ryan Holmgren, Eric Hueter, Heather James, Sherry Luana, Erin McMahan, Andrew Nahanak, Megan Powell, Kyle Ross, Sara Sabo, Ross Sherman, Stacy Sullins, Sandra Teixeira, Gregory Walther.

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## Cass City physician recertified

Garth M. Murray, MD, General Surgeon has been recertified by the American Board of Surgery.

The American Board of Surgery was created in 1937 to certify surgeons who achieve the highest professional standings. To qualify, a physician must complete a prescribed residency training of at least 4 years then pass a rigorous examination. Certification is granted for a 10-year period. Dr. Murray was initially certified in 1980, recertified in 1990 and again in 2000. To maintain certification, a surgeon must also complete certain continuing medical education courses and pass another examination.

Dr. Murray performs a wide range of general surgical procedures but specializes in diseases of the breast and laparoscopic (small incision) surgery. Dr. Murray has offices in Cass City and Caro.

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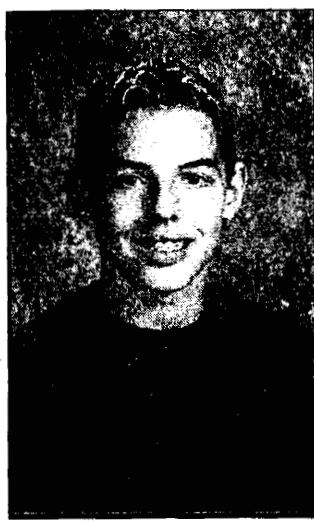
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## Wark awarded full ride

Josh Wark, a freshman at Cass City High School, has received a full scholarship to attend the Blue Lakes Fine Arts Dance School.



Josh Wark

Wark, who has trained at the Sally Doerr Dance Studio in Cass City, will receive 6 hours of daily instruction and coaching from a variety of distinguished dancers from July 10 through Aug. 6.

To be accepted into the program and receive the scholarship, Wark had to audition with Jefferson Baum, professor of dance at Grand Valley State University.

## Krug wins 'bee'

Chelius Krug, an eighth grade student at Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools, recently won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee.

The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 13th annual National Geographic Bee.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the 5 U.S. territories participated. The school winners, including Krug, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee April 6.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship May 22 and 23. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Other participants at Owen-Gage who placed in the competition were: seventh grader Levi Adams, second place, and eighth graders Katie Swiastyn and Kevin Komonowski, third place.

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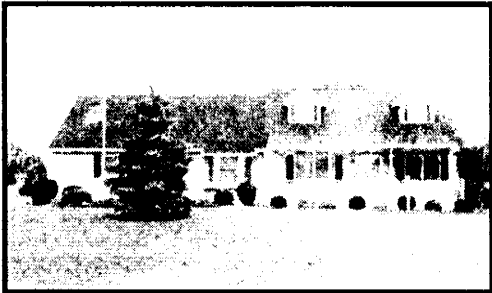
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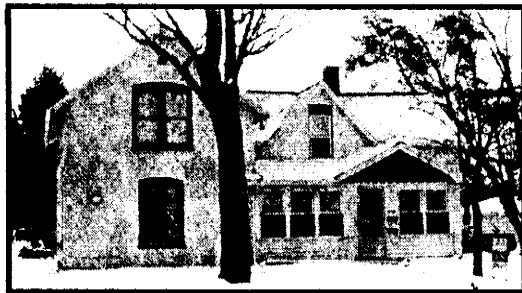
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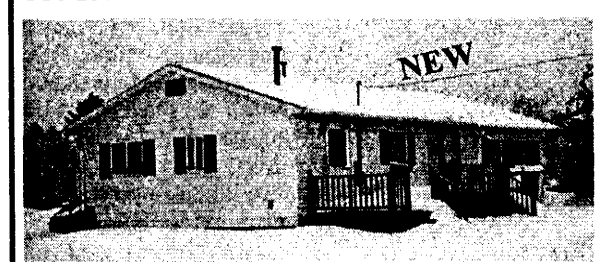
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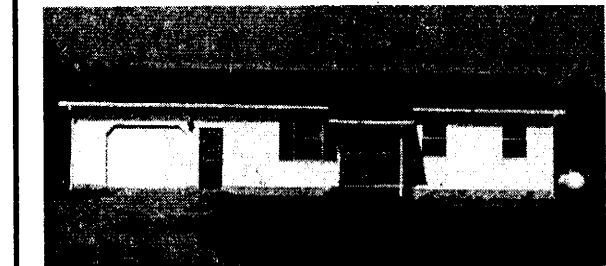
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# Obituaries

## Donna Barber

Donna June Barber, 71, of Royal Oak, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

She was born June 2, 1929, in Sanilac County. She married George William Barber Sr., Dec. 24, 1948, in Michigan.

Barber volunteered as a Sunday School teacher at St. John's United Methodist Church in Royal Oak.

She is survived by her husband, George William Barber Sr.; children, George Jr. (Marcia) Barber, Mary (Dennis) McWilliams, Rose (Richard Keith) Welby, Vickie (Douglas) Schneider, Suzanne Barber, Lloyd Barber and Charlene (James)

Curtis; brothers and sisters, Mildred Wilson, Evans (Lillian) Gibbard, Ruth Ann (Obert) Regal and Carl (Jean) Gibbard; 18 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald Gibbard, in 1958.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 10, at Gramer Funeral Home, Clawson, with the Rev. Gordon Ackerman officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association.

## Mary Davidson

Mary Elizabeth Davidson, 66, of Newaygo, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, at her residence.

She was born Mary Elizabeth Wood in Cass City, the daughter of Trina (Ellenboise) and Warren Lee Wood, May 16, 1934.

She was a teacher for Grant Public Schools until 1995 and was a member of the Cass City Methodist Church.

She is survived by 2 sons, Scott and Bonnie Davidson of Rockford, and Mark and Betty Davidson of Grant; 4 grandchildren, and special friend and former husband, Doug Davidson.

Memorial services were held Feb. 3 at Grant Reformed Church, with Mr. David Joe Hatter officiating.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Newaygo County c/o The Fremont Area Foundation or the American Cancer Society of Newaygo County.

## Thomas Fiacco

Thomas M. Fiacco, 82, of Seminole, Fla., died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at Largo Medical Center.

He was born in Katonah, N.Y., and moved to Florida in 1981 from Katonah.

He was a supervisor for the City of New York Water Supply.

He was a member of St. Jerome Catholic Church, Largo; a Navy veteran of WWII; a member of the Elks Lodge, Mt. Kisco, N.Y., and a volunteer for the Katonah Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife Ruth of 18 years; 4 sons, Thomas M. Jr. of Indialantic, Fla., Gordon J. of Mesa, Ariz., Donald of Katonah, N.Y., Arthur J. of Ridgefield, Conn.; 2 step-daughters, Sheryl Batts of San Diego, Calif., and Shelby Roby of Deford; 2 step-sons, Steven Batts of Cass City, and Stewart Batts of Parrish, Fla.; one brother, Arthur, and one sister, Marie Malone, both of Seminole, Fla.; 19 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Moss-Feaster Funeral Home Serenity Gardens Chapel, Largo, Fla.

## Elizabeth Scripck

Elizabeth M. Scripck, 77, died Feb. 10, 2001, at Covenant Cooper Campus in

Saginaw.

She was born in Deford July 16, 1923, the daughter of Louis and Mary Luana. She lived most of her life in Deford where she farmed. She married Steve Peter Skripick Nov. 11, 1939, at St. Michaels in Flint. He preceded her in death in 1979.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Shirley Hayward of Clarkston, Mary and husband Andrew Kozan of Clinton Township, Joan and husband Bruce (Al) Kinzie of Burton; son, Steve and wife Tollie Skripick of Deford; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Irene Schwab of Hamet, Calif.

She was preceded in death by husband Steve; twins, Judy Mae and Janet Kay, and brothers, James and Howard Luana.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Hansen Funeral Home, Davison, with Fr. David Hannes officiating.

## Orrin Wright

Orrin Eldon Wright, 87, of Cass City, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, in Alterra Facility, Grand Blanc.

He was born May 23, 1913, in Cass city to Edward and Susan (Ballagh) Wright. He married Bernice Elizabeth Powers March 30, 1940, in Napoleon, Ohio.

Orrin began farming in 1945, raising chickens. He attended Argyle United Methodist Church. He and Bernice spent their winters in Mission, Texas, for the past 23 years.

Orrin is survived by his wife, Bernice; children, Charlotte (Robert) Dennis of Davison, Ronald (Carol) Wright of Davison; 5 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and sister, Myrtle McColl of Cass City.

He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Bertha Wright, Olive Jaus, Verna McDermid, Helen Baker, Mae Nicol, Alvin Wright and Curtis Wright.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Ellen Burns and Pastor John Heim, of Argyle United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

## For buildings, renovation project

# Caro hospital campaign reaches \$1 million goal

Ruby Reid, co-chairperson of the Caro Community Hospital Endowment Foundation Capital Campaign, has announced that the Campaign's initial fundraising goal of \$1 million has been reached.

She and several other community members in the greater Caro area have been working toward this goal for 2 years or more. Reid said campaign officials will continue to raise additional funds to benefit the long-planned Caro Community Hospital building and renovation project.

Upon receiving the news, the Caro Community Hospital Board of Trustees approved the activation of a building committee to proceed with the development of detailed plans with architects and engineers for the building and renovation project.

Caro Community Hospital CEO William "Pat" Miller,

who is a member of the hospital board and the building committee, indicated that, because of the complexity of advance work involved in hospital construction, the preparatory phase may take up to 2 years to complete before actual construction can begin.

A Certificate of Need for the project must be filed with the Michigan Department of Community Health, and approval must be granted before proceeding. In addition, detailed architectural and engineering plans must be completed and approved by the Michigan Department of Building and Codes; a decision must be made as to which will be the initial project phase; additional financing must be acquired; and bids for construction must be secured.

Reid and Miller expressed

gratitude to all those who have already supported this project and said they look forward to additional community support as the project proceeds.

"This hospital exists for the community", Miller said, "and now the community has told us that it wishes to support an expansion for the future. We will do our utmost to see that these wishes are met."

Miller lauded the hospital's board of trustees and staff along with the dedicated community members who have worked so hard on the campaign thus far.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the Caro Community Hospital Endowment Foundation Capital Campaign, or who would like more information about this project or any service provided by the hospital, is invited to call (517) 673-3141.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, February 14

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Wally Taylor and Wendell Wood.

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

### Thursday, February 15

VFW Post #3644, 4533 Weaver St., Cass City will have a potluck and silent auction at 6 p.m. All old and new members and spouses are welcome.

### Friday, February 16

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

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

### Monday, February 19

Cass City Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Tuesday, February 20

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital.

AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Walbro

## Chappel performing with choir

Alma College sophomore Amanda Chappel, a 1999 graduate of Cass City High School, is heading south with the Alma College choir.

The 55-member choir, directed by Secrest Professor of Music Will Nichols and accompanied by pianist Tony Patterson, kicked off its tour Saturday in Toledo and finished the weekend in Highland, Ind., and Kalamazoo Sunday.

Florida is the destination for their one-week spring break tour that begins Feb. 24. The choir is singing sacred and secular pieces in churches throughout the Sunshine State. While in Florida, members of the choir will reside with host families and in hotels.

Chappel, who is majoring in education, is the daughter of R. Paul and Suzanne Chappel of Cass City.

## Wetland workshop slated

Huron and Tuscola Conservation Districts are offering a grassland and wetland restoration workshop. The workshop will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Cass City DNR field office. Topics to be discussed include native grass planting and maintenance, wildlife benefits of native grass plantings, wetland restorations and a question and answer session regarding CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program).

Weather permitting, the workshop will include a site visit to an established grass planting. There is no charge, but please call Huron Conservation District by Wednesday, Feb. 21, to register, (517) 269-9540 (ext. 3). The DNR field office is located 5 miles west of Cass City on the corner of M-81 and Green Road.

# Middle school honor students

The Cass City Middle School 3rd marking period honor roll has been announced.

### 5TH GRADE

David Acker\*, Heather Baker, Matthew Bartnick, Isaiah Battel\*, Lauren Bennett, Jessica Bessler, Christopher Binder, Kendra Bitzer, Chelsey Bootz, Evan Bushong, Allen Bussard, Christopher Childs\*, Justin Clemens, Ethan Damm\*, Erica Darr\*, Andrew Deering\*, Danielle Delamarter, Rebecca Doerr\*, Madeline Dooley, Megan Dorland, Kimberly Guthrie, Jacob Hanby, Scarlett Helland, Terry Helwig\*, Zach Hopper, Darrin Howard, Devin Jamieson, Brittany Karavas\*, Kristie Karr, Mark Koepf, Adam Kranz, Jacob Leslie, Candize Littlebear, Caitlin Marek, Shane McFarland, Brandi McKee, Dannielle Metzger, Jamie Monas, Heather Moore, Lacey Morrish, Alyssa Nicol\*, Alicia Osentoski,

Thomas Parrish, Caitlyn Rickett, Bria Romstad, Kelton Roth, Timothy Sangster, Thomas Sieradzki, Cassandra Simpson, Nicholas Smith\*, Jeffrey Sparks, Ashlee Spencer, Abrien Swires, Brian Taylor, Derek Weidman\*, Trent Vatter, Christopher Zawilinski, Jennifer Zmierski.

### 6TH GRADE

Rebecca Bennett, Ryan Biddinger\*, Dennis Bowen, Whitney Braun\*, John Brown\*, Brent Cooper\*, Alyssa Cryderman\*, Kristen Curtiss, Terra Czekai, Joseph Daneault\*, Cheryl Davis, Jill Dillon, Jeremy Farr, Aaron Fent, Jeremiah Fritz\*, Jimmy Froede, Chelsie Gebauer, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hacker\*, Jennifer Hadd, Bradley Hartel, Danielle Hartel, Kati Hill, Allison Hillaker, Lauren Howard, Stephanie Jamieson\*, James Ketterer\*, Ryan King\*, Whitney Kim, Kathryn Klico, Lysa Knight\*, Jessica Lange, Anthony Langlois, Alexan-

dria Lively, James Luana, Andrew Martin\*, Laura McComas, Brandon Miller\*, Kyle Monroe, Lindsey Montgomery, Adam Nerkowski\*, Kevin Ouvre, Jessica Pachla, Andrew Peruski, Kevin Phillips, Katelyn Pine, Ashleigh Rabideau\*, Danielle Reed\*, Kyle Reif\*, Allyn Richards\*, Derek Ricker, Eric Romain\*, Ryan Ross, Nicholas Sattelberg\*, Emily Schinnerer\*, Bradley Severance\*, Kane Smith, Beth Spencer, Preston Stec, Michael Stevens, Brent Stine, Philip Strong, Kyle Swanson\*, Rebecca Sweeney, Nancy Thane\*, Brent Weaver, Adam Wentworth, Leah Whittaker\*, Tyler Whittaker, Jason Wilder, Bobby Windsor\*, Nicholas Woodruff, Samantha Wright.

### 7TH GRADE

Dustin Bader, Caitlin Barnes, Dustin Bitzer, Jennifer Brinkman\*, Lauren

Brzuchowski, Eric Bullock, Amber Burns\*, Donna Bushong\*, Samuel Ceckowski\*, Sarah Childs, John Crandall\*, Libby Doerr\*, Bethany Edwards\*, Andrea Erla, Ross Forrest\*, Nicole Froede, Justin Glaza, Justin Grice, Ashley Hendrick\*, Aimee Hennessey\*, Alex Hiatt, Ivy Hiatt\*, Lindsey Jensen, Andrew Klico, Matthew Koepf, LaShae LaJoie, Bradley Langenburg, Sarah Langmaid\*, Evan Laurie\*, Vanna Lor\*, Jill Lowe, Derrick Mallory\*, Kevin Martin, Katie McIntosh\*, Steven Meeker\*, William Miller IV, Jordan Mozdzen, Philip Naherak\*, Nicholas Nanney, Lawrence Nerkowski, Brandon Otulakowski\*, Alex Papp\*, Samantha Parr, Ivan Peruski, Tara Powell\*, Klyn Puterbaugh\*, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed, Lisa Santhany\*, Lindsey Speirs\*, Amanda Spencer, Ryan Storm, Jarod Stoutenburg\*, Jeffrey Stoutenburg\*, Brandi Talaski, Mark Taylor, Jenna Timko\*, Michael Todd,

Kalen Trischler\*, Amber Weiss, Jeffrey Wills\*, Justin Wutzke.

### 8TH GRADE

Ashley Barrigar\*, Jessica Bellew, Tasha Bryant, Brenden Curtis\*, Patricia Dale\*, Danielle Dohn, Jared Ferris, Chad Francis\*, Samantha Glaspie, Caleb Hanby, April Hein, Carrie Hillaker, Jenna Hoffman, Krista Homakie\*, Jessup Hoyt, Rose Krug\*, Luann Laming\*, Bethany Langlois, Nichole McComas, Sean McFarland, Christina Osentoski, Delores Rabideau\*, Jesse Rader, Patrick Reed, Stephanie Richards\*, Andrew Schinnerer\*, Sean Severance, Leah Sherman\*, Kristina Spaulding, Jason Speirs, Steven Steely, Angela Stoeckle, Nicholas Stoutenburg, Jeffery Tenbusch, Joseph Vandecar, Aime Warack, Andrew Whittaker, Tara Whittaker.

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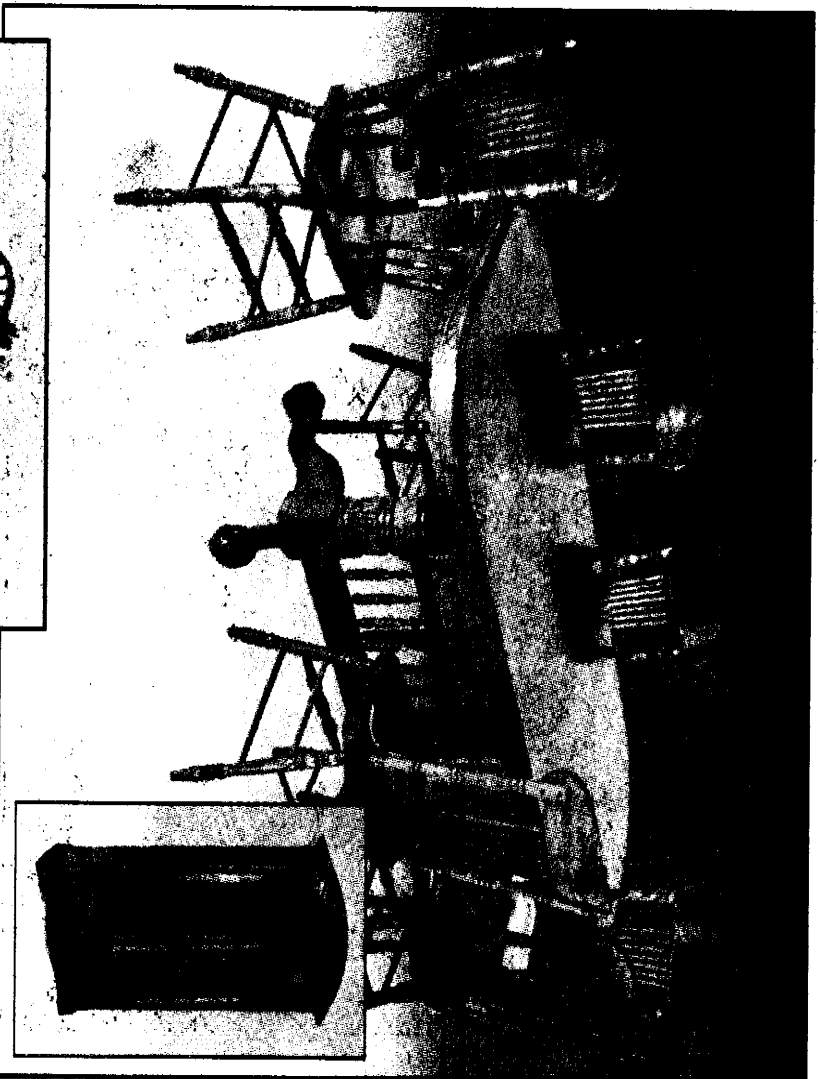
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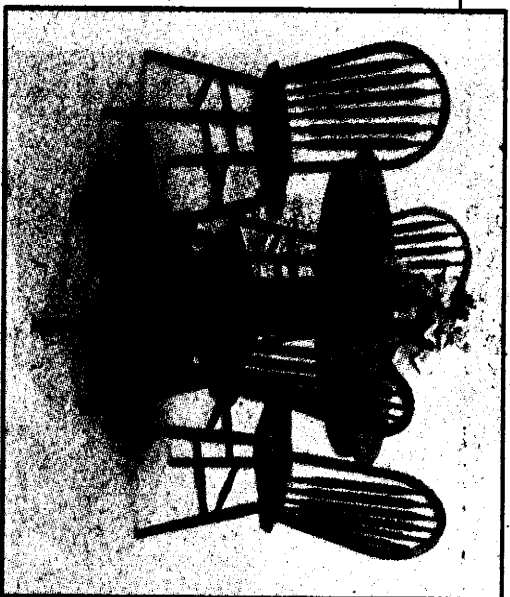




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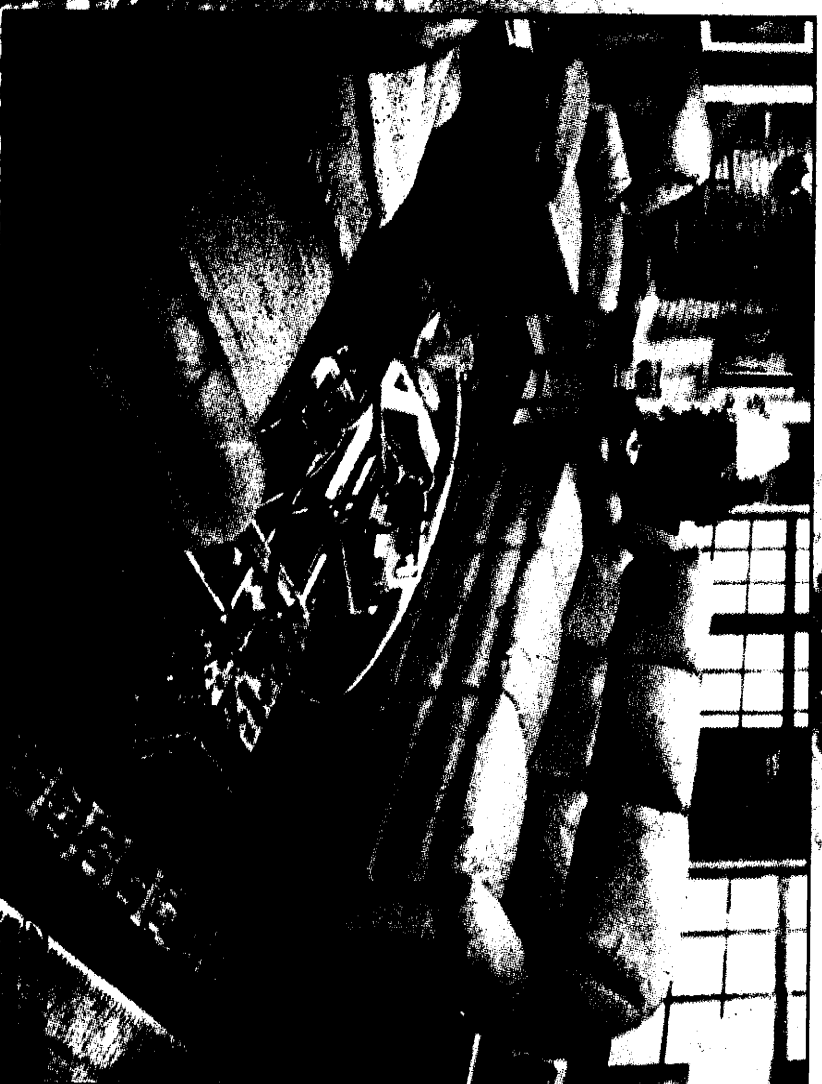
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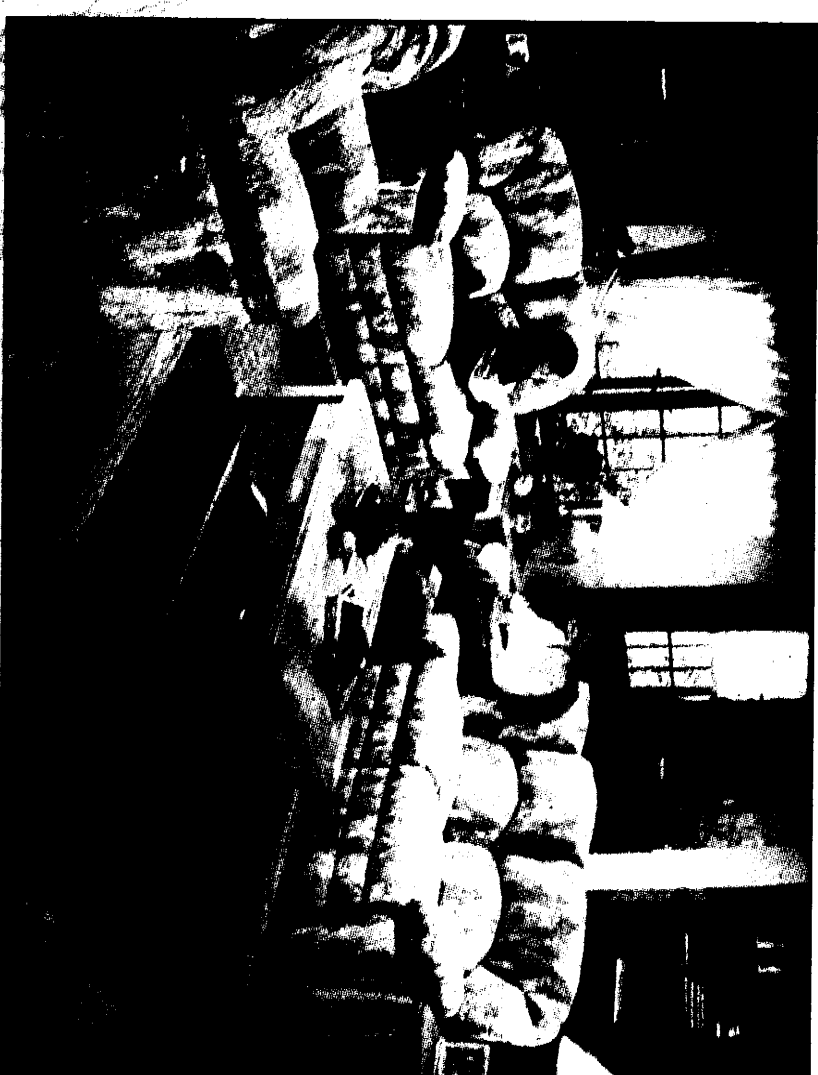
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