

THUMB OILSEED Producers Cooperative (TOPC) Plant Operations Manager Don Booms (right) stands in the main processing room at the Ubly plant, which is expected to begin refining soybean oil into a food-grade cooking oil in the spring.

TOPC eyes refining process

Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative (TOPC) officials expect to begin refining soybean oil into food-grade cooking oil this spring.

The 200-member soybean processing cooperative, based in Ubly, has offered 700 additional shares to Michigan soybean growers willing to invest in the business and commit at least 500 bushels per share of non-genetically modified (GMO) soybeans each year.

The co-op has a refinery on order and plans to sell food-grade oil in bulk to a bottler.

"The original business plan called for a crush peak of 3,500 bushels a day," said JoAnn Rutkowski, assistant manager of the co-op. "But now we know that when our machines are running at full capacity, we can crush 4,500 bushels in a 24-hour period. That's where the plan to sell more stock originated. To keep our machines working at a continual, economical

rate, we need more bushels for a full year."

The increased crush capacity also provided more soybean oil, which TOPC sold to a refinery in Columbus, Ohio, until it closed in October.

"Then we were ready to sell to a refinery in Illinois, but that closed too," Rutkowski said. "Three refineries were closed since October, and in the meantime, you don't just go out and sell crude soybean oil. The majority of it is refined. So we've done the preliminary work to get the refinery ordered and purchased."

"It's being made now in India, and we hope it will be shipped in mid-April. We're guessing that if all goes well, we could be refining oil by the end of May."

Rutkowski said the refinery will be able to handle all the oil derived from the cooperative's growers and

have operating capacity to spare for a toll refinery to process oil from other crushing businesses for a fee.

The co-op's expansion could boost soybean profits for co-op members this year, particularly since a potential shortage of nitrogen fertilizer - and its expected high cost - could increase soybean acres and reduce corn acres. Soybeans require less nitrogen to grow than corn.

Growers interested in joining the co-op will be required to purchase at least 2 shares of stock at \$1,500 each and pay a one-time membership fee of \$650 to join. The deadline for joining is March 31, or until available shares are sold. Members with 2 shares become voting members.

"This represents an opportunity for a grower to target 25 to 30 acres of soybean production for the 1,000 bushels required, and help him be more diversified,"

said Bob Boehm, manager of the Commodity and Marketing Department at Michigan Farm Bureau.

"It's a different market potential, and it's worth a look. Growers can still capture their LDP (loan deficiency payment) but have part of their crop hold the potential for a higher return from a niche market."

Boehm said growers should keep in mind that once they commit a certain number of bushels to the co-op, it's a contractual obligation and they must deliver. Another caution, he said, is making sure the crop is non-GMO. The co-op will test for that trait as part of its identity preserved program.

"Growers sign affidavits coming in, and we test each load," Rutkowski said. "Identity preserved will be very important because we're refining food-grade

oil. Non-GMO is what the public is asking for right now, so if we sold GMO oil, the food companies wouldn't buy it."

A schedule of meetings to inform growers about the stock offering and the potential of the value-added process will be announced soon.

"Right now we're not paying our growers more than the commodity markets are," Rutkowski said. "But we think that once the refinery is up and running, the premium will be there. With the nitrogen situation and more soybean acres, the timing for investment might be right."

TOPC, which opened for business in July 1999, sells soy meal and oil, and is investigating other value-added products, including a fruit-flavored drink that uses all parts of the soybean.

Sister, 16, critically injured

Traffic crash claims life of Kingston teen

Tragedy struck again in the Kingston Community Thursday morning when a 2-vehicle traffic accident fatally injured one teen and critically injured her 16-year-old sister.

A Marlette couple was also injured in the crash, which occurred at 7:55 a.m. on M-46 near Phillips Road in Kingston Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported a vehicle driven by 16-year-old Candice Boyle of Kingston was eastbound when she lost control on the icy roadway, slid sideways across the centerline and was struck by a westbound vehicle driven by Steven Zabik, 32, of Marlette.

Both Candice Boyle and her sister, Kristen, 14, were pinned in their vehicle. Kingston fire fighters extricated the pair with the Jaws of Life, according to deputies, who said Kristen was transported to St. Mary's Medical Center by FlightCare Helicopter. She died early Friday morning

from her injuries.

Candice Boyle was taken to Caro Community Hospital and later transferred by FlightCare to St. Mary's, where she remained in critical condition Monday.

Zabik and his wife, Denise, were also pinned in their vehicle. The couple was transported to Marlette Community Hospital, and Steven Zabik was transferred to Lapeer Regional Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition. Information on Denise Zabik's condition was not available.

Deputies said all 4 occupants were wearing seatbelts.

Kingston School officials brought in clergy and counselors Friday to offer comfort to students stunned by news of the accident.

"It's tough. We're trying to maintain our schedule as best we can, but we're also giving kids a chance to mourn," school Supt. George Bednerek said, adding Kristen was very well liked, as is her sister, Candice.

Traffic crashes in recent years have claimed the lives of at least 3 other Kingston area teens.

Laura Ann Howard, 17, was killed in a 2-vehicle accident last November in Koylton Township. Howard was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Marian Howard, 59, also of Kingston, whose westbound vehicle was struck by a southbound pickup truck at

the corner of Clothier and Harris roads.

Two years earlier, Joshua Kratz, 15, and Jeffery Randall II, 13, were killed when their northbound car was struck from behind by another vehicle, causing the car to spin out of control and hit a tree on Phillips Road. Kratz was a sophomore at Kingston High School and

Randall was an eighth grade student in the district.

Investigators said the driver of the other vehicle, Richard Hampton, was chasing the teens after a family member reported seeing the pair damaging Hampton's mailbox. Hampton was later sentenced to prison after a jury convicted him on 2 counts of negligent homicide.



Kristen Boyle

Huron voters to decide special ed funding levy

Huron County voters will decide a millage request to offset increasing special education service costs next week.

Huron Intermediate School District (HISD) officials will ask residents to approve a tax levy of 1.5 mills in a special election slated for Tuesday, Feb. 27. If approved, the millage would be levied indefinitely, raising an estimated \$1.6 million in the first year.

HISD Supt. William Mayes said increasing expenses and

need prompted the request.

"Special education costs are accelerating far beyond any other cost in education," he added, noting those expenses have been rising at a rate of 9 to 12 percent annually.

And with Proposal A capping school district revenue at 5 percent, funding services at the local level is a real struggle, he said.

Janet Richards, HISD director of special services, said the majority of funding generated by the millage would be returned to local school districts, which are now being forced to help pay for special education out of their general funds.

That's especially important now, with school enrollments declining - translating into fewer state dollars coming in - and the number of special education students on the rise, Richards noted.

Between 1991-92 and 1999-00, she said, total stu-

dent enrollment in Huron County fell from 6,832 to 6,618, while the number of special education students increased from 610 to 853.

Richards said the needs of those students range from speech difficulty to multiple severe physical and/or cognitive problems.

In recent years, she pointed out, the number of children with severe disabilities has increased. In fact, she said, last fall the district was serving 18 autistic children and another 10 students who are severely impaired - both double the number of students in each category compared to a year earlier.

Richards also noted Michigan is the only state that mandates special education services for students through the age of 25, while other states guarantee services up to a student's 21st birthday.

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Council moving forward on assisted living plan

The Cass City Village Council has taken the first step towards participating in the financing of a \$5.1 million assisted living-Alzheimer's complex in the village.

The council met in special session last week following a town hall meeting with Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporation officials and interested residents to discuss the village's role in construction of the facility.

During the special meeting, council members met with attorney William Danhof of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, a law firm that specializes in municipal law.

Danhof explained the village's statutory authority to borrow money and to participate in financing for the non-profit assisted living-Alzheimer's project.

The council voted unanimously to move forward with a \$3.8 million bonding commitment through the Cass City Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Village Manager Jane Downing explained there have been negotiations with banks interested in purchasing bonds through the local EDC. The bonds are attractive because they are tax ex-

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Cass City youngster likes high tech hand

Monica Stover is a typical 8-year-old. Like many of her classmates at Campbell Elementary School, she's active, talkative and enjoys being around others.

There is one obvious difference, however. A blood clot robbed Monica of one of her arms before she was born. In the years since, she and her parents, Brenda and Mark Stover, Cass City, have experimented with various prosthetic limbs, most of them utilizing a claw or hook-type device.

The artificial arms were neither natural looking nor comfortable.

Thanks to technology, however, Monica is now enjoying life with 2 arms just like her classmates.

Monica was recently fitted with a myoelectric prosthesis, a life-like arm and hand equipped with specially designed microchips that enable her to open and close the hand through simple muscle movement.

"She put it on, and it was like she had it all of her life," Mark Stover recently commented.

"It automatically works, just like

our hands. She has 2 batteries and they just pop in, and she has her own battery charger," he added. "She'll be able to paint her fingernails and all of that stuff."

More importantly, the Stovers noted, Monica has demonstrated a real desire to wear the new prosthesis, unlike the others, which were bulky and relied on uncomfortable harnesses and shoulder muscles.

"Monica has a positive attitude at all times with this hand. I think she's happier with it," Mark said.

"I would say she's more willing to wear it, Brenda agreed.

For Monica, the prosthesis has meant a bit more freedom. "I can pick up stuff. I can pick up paper and pictures," she said.

"The only thing she can't do is tie her shoes. She can zip and button," Brenda said, adding her daughter is anxious to learn how to tie her own shoes.

Monica's prosthesis was custom made, from the snug-fitting arm to the skin tone in the glove that fits over

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MONICA STOVER, 8, of Cass City, pictured above with her parents, Mark and Brenda, is all smiles after being fitted with a myoelectric prosthesis that utilizes microchip technology.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard attended the funeral of his sister, Donna (Gibbard) Barber, at the Gramer Funeral Home at Clawson Tuesday, Feb. 6. Donna Barber was the daughter of the late Tom Gibbard and Nina (Gruber) Gibbard of Cumber.

Ray and Rita Depcinski and Clarence and Leone Depcinski attended the Valentine's breakfast at the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church hall at Ruth Sunday. Leone Doerr of Argyle and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr for Mrs. Cleland's birthday.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the Young Ideas Farm Bureau meeting at the home of Stanley and Dorothy

Heleski.

A video was shown before Dewey Holz led the discussion for the meeting. After the meeting, cards were played and prizes were won by Lorraine Holz and Russell Bouchard. Low prizes went to Josephine Wolschlag and Joe Sweeney.

The next meeting will be at the home of Dewey and Lorraine Holz March 15.

John and Nancy Krozek of Kinde, Bob Krozek and Devin, Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Timothy and Jessica, Charles and Therese Depcinski, Shawn and Nicole, Carol Osantoski, Matthew and Bradley, Richard and Cindy Depcinski and Brooke, and Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday dinner guests of Greg and Susan Krozek and family at

Filion. A dinosaur birthday cake and ice cream were served later for Ryan Krozek's 7th birthday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland spent Wednesday forenoon with Mrs. Eugene Cleland in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning. Bob Britt of Bad Axe visited Mrs. Earl Schenk Thursday afternoon.

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

Nine members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met Tuesday at the home of Midge Clemons for a potluck luncheon. Olga Schneeberger led the meeting. Valentines were exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Wayne Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Ed Schember, Ron Wolschlag and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Friday morning.

Bryce and Betty Hagen spent Friday with Donelda and Ben Meske at Port Hope.

Mrs. John O'Henley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Della Gucwa at her home and Loas Wolschlag, Mabel Fisher, Gertrude Quinn and Belva Pratt at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Sunday. Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Monday lunch guest of Mrs. Hiram Keyser.

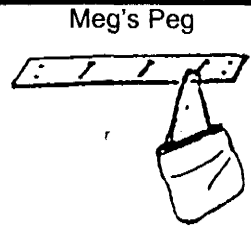
Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richardson and Brenda were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Thelma Jackson and later visited Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney and family.

Jim Foster of Caseville, Ed Schember of Elkton, Allen Farrelly, Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western met at the Huron Medical Facility at Bad Axe for a Valentine's Day dinner Wednesday evening.

Nine members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at Big Boy in Bad Axe next week.



Ads



by Melva E. Guinther

Depending on which news article you read, advertisers paid between \$1.9 and \$3 million for a 30-second commercial during the Super Bowl. That's a lot of money for something to be drowned out by the flush of a toilet.

They were wasted on me. I didn't watch the Super Bowl. When it comes right down to it, most TV commercials are wasted as far as I'm concerned.

Half the time I don't even know what the product being touted is. Instead, I find myself wondering how much they paid that guy on the elevator to look stupid and say, "I got gas!"

Or I try to imagine the ad people who sat around brainstorming and finally came up with a talking sandwich or a singing toilet bowl.

One that pushes the mute button every time is the pizza guy who accompanies the customer home to watch his family eat the pizza. The same guy shows you the 3-step process for eating Crazy Bread. I'd like to shove his bread sticks up his nose.

And have you noticed how pleasant sounding the drug companies make the possible side effects from using their products? Nobody has ever described diarrhea, nausea, vomiting or bleeding in such pleasant tones? They almost make them seem desirable.

One commercial that I saw only once impressed me favorably. It was for Buckley's Cough Medicine and said simply, "It tastes terrible and it works!"

Speaking of ads, these printed ones were passed along by Marge Baur:

Plumber: We repair what your husband fixed.

On the trucks of a plumbing company: Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.

Tire shop in Milwaukee: Invite us to your next blow-out.

On the door of a plastic surgeon's office: Hello, can we pick your nose?

At a laundry shop: How about we refund your money, send you a new one at no charge, close the store and have the manager shot? Would that be satisfactory?

At a towing company: We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows.

On an electrician's truck: Let us remove your shorts.

At an optometrist's office: If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.

On a taxidermist's window: We really know our stuff.

In a podiatrist's office: Time wounds all heels.

On a butcher's window: Let me meat your needs.

On a fence: Salesmen welcome. Dog food is expensive.

At a car dealership: The best way to get back on your feet — miss a car payment.

Outside a muffler shop: No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.

Outside a hotel: Help! We need inn-experienced people.

In a veterinarian's waiting room: Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!

At the electric company: We would be de-lighted if you send in your bill. However, if you don't, you will be.

On the door of a computer store: Out for a quick byte.

In a restaurant window: Don't stand there and be hungry. Come on in and get fed up.

Inside a bowling alley: Please be quiet. We need to hear a pin drop.

In the front yard of a funeral home: Drive carefully. We'll wait.

Sanders finishes course

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael A. Sanders, son of Laurie C. and Brian C. Laarman of Cass City, recently graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

During the 5-week course, Sanders learned the basic theory, construction, and operation of nuclear-powered submarines. Sanders also learned shipboard organization, damage control, and submarine safety and escape procedures.

Sanders is a 2000 graduate of Caro High School. He

joined the Navy in June 2000.

McNaughton named to dean's list

Joshua McNaughton, a student at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, has been named to the dean's list for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the Fall 2000 Semester.

He is the son of David and Connie McNaughton of Cass City.

Cass City graduates earn degrees at WMU

Stacey and Jacob Lounsbury graduated from the College of Education at Western Michigan University Dec. 9, receiving degrees in Elementary Education.

Stacey was recognized with the honor of Cum Laude. Both Stacey and Jacob graduated from Cass City High School. Jacob graduated in 1996 and Stacey in 1997.

Stacey is the daughter of James and Mary Ceranski and Jacob is the son of Thomas and Virginia Lounsbury.

Jacob has taken a position with Saginaw Schools teaching 7th grade Science and Stacey is teaching Language Arts to 6th graders at Bay City Western Jr. High.

They live in Bay City and are expecting their first child in May.



Jacob & Stacey Lounsbury



Dr. James and Padgett VanHoutteghem

Couple exchange vows

Dr. James VanHoutteghem and Padgett Randall of Cass City were married Sept. 23, 2000, at Pigeon River Menonite Church. Pastors James Solomon, Mark Todd and Tom Beechey completed the ceremony.

The celebration was a combination of praise and worship and prayer as the two joined in a covenant relationship.

Janet Crooks of Nashville, Tenn., was the bride's maid of honor.

Jayne Todd, Cass City, and Shannon Randall, Lapeer, were the bridesmaids.

Steve Gnagy of Bay Port was the best man.

Les Merchant and Art VanHoutteghem were the groomsmen.

The couple resides in Cass City. Padgett is a Christian counselor and Dr. Jim has an established chiropractic clinic in Bad Axe. Together they manage A Little Bit Heaven Bed and Breakfast in Cass City.

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Kelly M. Tomich

Cass City Social Items

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Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wisenbach of Caro spent Sunday afternoon, Feb. 11, with Charlotte LaPeer.

Mary Damm and Nancy Frederick of Caro visited Tim and Susan Wooster in Flint Saturday. They went out for dinner to celebrate the birthdays of Tim and Mary.

Beverly Frank, Mary Damm and Onalee Crawford visited Marion McClorey Sunday afternoon.

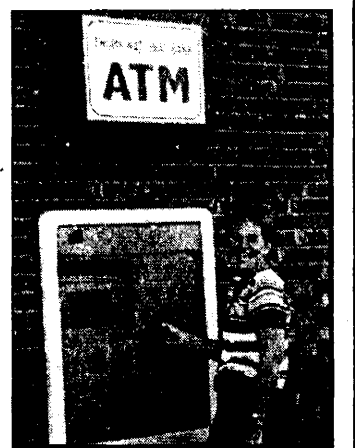
Tomich has been on the honor roll during her senior year. She is a member of the school's newspaper/yearbook staff and serves as a teacher's aide.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Joan Tomich of Gageton. Her future plans are to enter the world of work while taking college classes.

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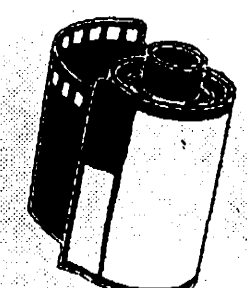


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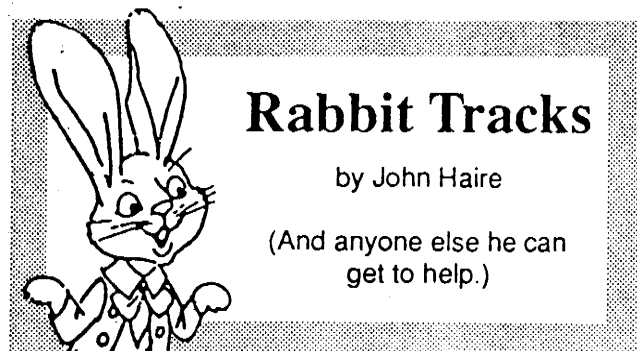
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

A coach from Alma College was in the stands Friday at the USA-Cass City basketball game to scout Craig Emmert. Emmert responded with one of his better nights.

There's little doubt that the senior Hawk hoopster could receive some financial help for attending Alma. The question is what kind of help would be available.

A supporter of San Diego State where Steve Fisher, former coach at the University of Michigan, now reigns, has requested a tape of Emmert in action to show the coach.

A tape of the USA game will be sent. There couldn't have been a better choice.

Rating the Soaring Eagle Hotel-Casino, where we were overnight guests last Thursday.

On the negative side: There are several different places to eat and we visited 2 of them. There is an all-you-can-eat buffet. The variety is good with various meats including prime rib, fish and ethnic dishes. There is the usual salad bar and a selection of cake, pie and soft ice cream for dessert. The price was \$11.95, with about the same quality that is offered for around \$10 elsewhere.

The best feature of the sit-down restaurant we visited for breakfast was the décor. Cloth tablecloths and napkins and a waitress that knew her business. However, the kitchen failed to serve eggs on top of toast as requested. Yes, it was a small matter, but premium prices should expect premium service. An egg cost \$2.50, toast \$2.50 and juice and coffee were higher priced than at an average restaurant. Give each restaurant about a 5 on the one-10 scale.

On the plus side: The rooms are spacious and the service good. The pool and the exercise room are first class. A big plus is the available valet parking offered free. The price for mid-Michigan, \$125 for a room for 2, is slightly higher than others in the area. Give it a 7 on the one-10 scale.

For senior citizens at least, the Bobby Vinton show at the Soaring Eagle was first class. He played to a full house and was on stage full time, helped only by his daughter and son in cameo roles.

I couldn't help but wonder why he subjects himself to the rigors of a tour with one-night-stands. With many mega-hit records and a theatre in Branson, it just can't be for the money.

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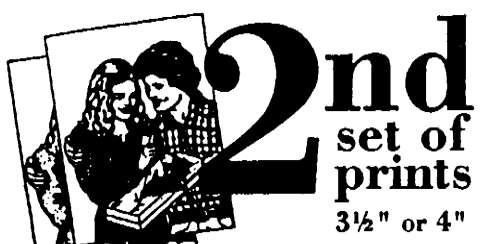
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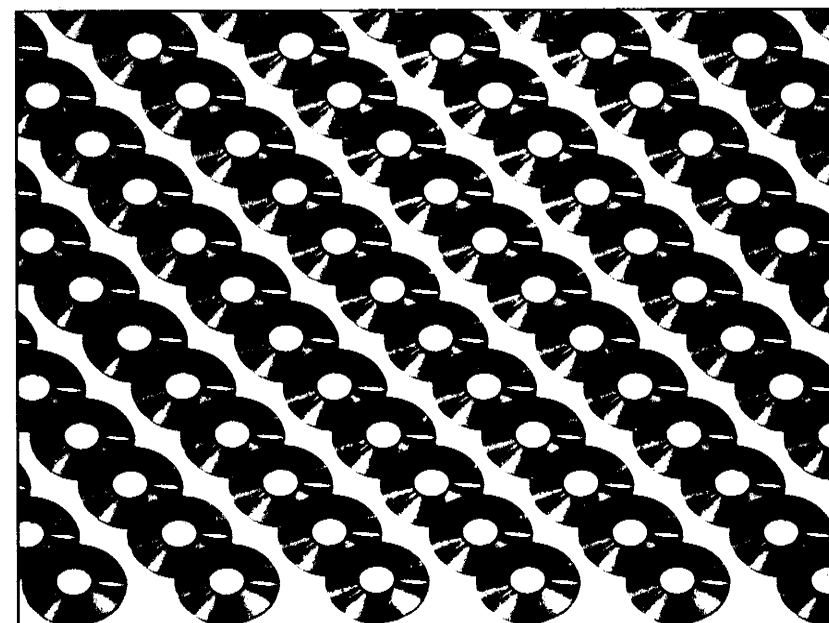
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Enrollment dips in Cass City, Ubly, Owen-Gage

Enrollment in the Cass City Schools has dipped by 2 dozen students since October, but the numbers continue to indicate stability in the district, according to school Supt. Ken Micklash.

Despite the reduced count, the local school system stands to collect more revenue in the 2001-02 school year thanks to a generous increase in per-pupil funding from the state.

School officials across Michigan conducted one of 2 annual student counts last week. In Cass City, the preliminary count revealed a total of 1,612 students - 479 at the high school, 521 at the middle school, 529 at Campbell Elementary and 83 at Deford Elementary.

The student tally conducted last fall totaled 1,636 students, an increase from February 2000, when the count showed 1,619 students in the district.

Micklash noted Cass City's enrollment fluctuates from year to year, but the total number of students has remained in the low- to mid-1,600s for the past several years. One exception was recorded in September 1998, when enrollment peaked at 1,683 students - the highest number since 1983-84 (1,725 students).

In other area districts: •Owen-Gage School officials reported a total enrollment of 273 students - 145 at the elementary and 128 at

the junior-senior high school. The district's enrollment totaled 288 last fall and 278 a year ago.

•Ubly Community Schools also reported fewer students. Last week's count revealed an enrollment of 906 students - 461 at the elementary, 148 at the junior high and 299 at the high school. The total represents a decrease of 5 students from last fall. The district reported 924 students in February 2000.

The student tallies play a key role in local education revenue. Schools receive the majority of their funding in the form of a state foundation allowance, which is applied to the number of students enrolled in each district.

Food distribution set

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will hold its Tuscola County Temporary Emergency Food Distribution (TEFAP - yellow card registration) Friday, March 2, at the HDC Warehouse, 165 Butler St., Caro, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

These surplus commodities have been made available to HDC by the federal government and are intended for personal consumption by eligible low-income families. Income guidelines and household size determine eligibility for this distribution; this information may be ob-

tained by contacting the Human Development Commission.

Persons who wish to participate in this distribution are invited to appear in person at the designated site and time mentioned above. For further information, interested persons may contact the Human Development Commission at (517) 673-4121 or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.

Cass City Schools' current state foundation allowance is \$6,000 per student, according to Micklash, who noted state officials plan to increase that figure to \$6,500 per student in 2001-02.

Police arrest resident

Cass City police made one arrest after responding to a reported domestic violence incident at a Seeger Street residence Saturday afternoon.

According to reports, officers arrested Thomas S. Ponder, 42, on suspicion of domestic assault following an argument with his wife, Louise Ponder. Police were dispatched to the home at 2:47 p.m.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

Good news, Western clothes are back in style. Bad news, the price of boots just got another shot of steroids.

Retailers say having a president from Texas and vice president from Wyoming has hoisted sales of Western wear. News reports say President Bush wore boots to the inauguration, and many of the women attending that event were wearing boots under those long, velvet dresses.

Retailers say folks who care about fashion are now trying for the cowboy look. That kind of defeats the whole image as far as I'm concerned.

Cowboys don't care about fashion. That's why they've been wearing the same clothes all of these years.

Anybody who cares about fashion will never look like a cowboy. President Bush doesn't look like a cowboy, nor does Cheney. They just like Western clothes.

Al Gore wears boots, too, but he doesn't look like any sort of rancher — or even a country boy. Al needs the boots to keep his socks clean.

I wouldn't mind looking like a cowboy, but I can't do it. Neither can those other guys.

Cowboy impersonators will learn there's more to the image than buying clothes. You've got to have a truck, for one thing — and some cows. Not very many, but you've got to have some.

A person actually needs 2 trucks to appear legitimate, a big truck for the cows and a small one for the dogs. The smaller truck is called a "rig".

Don't forget the dogs. A cowboy needs a real dog, not one of those squeaky, little mutts that sounds like he needs a shot of oil, or a big German shepherd that eats more than a cow does.

A cowboy needs a cowdog — like an Australian shepherd or a Dingo. Dogs that

can stand in the gate and scare cows all over creation.

Then, once you get the cows and the dogs, you put the dogs and 2 bales of hay in the rig and head into town. (The hay goes in the back. Dogs can go front or back, unless your state requires seat belts for dogs).

Why 2 bales of hay? That's pretty obvious when you think about it. Three bales looks like you're showing off, and one bale looks like you forgot the other one.

Where does a person get the hay? Some folks grow their own, but it's easier to just buy some of those sticks the neighbor bales up. That way

you don't have to own all that machinery.

Where can you get a cowdog? That's easy, you just head down to the pound and take your pick. Any dog with beady, little eyes and pointy ears was probably a cowdog at one time or another.

Why does animal control have so many cowdogs? Mainly because these dogs all answer to the same name.

The dog catcher just drives around yelling, "Git in the pickup you stupid #@* *\$#@&," and he's got all of the cowdogs in the country, slick as a whistle.

The Weather

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Saturday	21	7	0
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Red Hawk Beat
by Cass City Senior,
Katie Hacker

3-day weekend

Since Monday was President's Day, Cass City students had a 3-day weekend. Friday during 6th hour at the high school, the student council pride committee planned a Pep Assembly for the boys' varsity basketball team. Craig Emmert, team captain, started the pep assembly out with a few words and had the students screaming, while a few guys from the team ripped a USA dummy to shreds.

The students were then entertained for the next 10 minutes as 5 staff members took on the varsity team in a game of basketball. The staff team was lighting the floor up with talent from Mr. Markel, Mr. Hoard, Miss Connelly, Mrs. Fluegge and Mr. Green and their coach, Mrs. Iwankovitsch. The staff members gave the varsity team a run for their money and ended up coming out on top by just a point.

The Red Hawks traveled to USA Friday night to play in front of a packed house. People were sitting cheek to cheek. The freshmen played an awesome game even with having a few people out. They came out on top and beat USA by 15 points. The JV team made a tremendous comeback, but it slipped away in the fourth quarter, leaving USA with their first win for the night.

The Pep Squad got the Cass City fans excited as they performed to Jock Jams "Space Jam." (The Pep Squad was also invited to perform at Bay City All Saints this Friday during the JV half time.)

The varsity team played their hearts out, but unfortunately this wasn't enough to beat the USA patriots.

Saturday came early for the freshmen, JV, and varsity volleyball teams as they traveled to play in the Bad Axe League Invite (freshmen), USA League Invite (JV), and the Laker Invite (varsity). The freshmen team brought Cass City home a first place from the 6-team league invite, and the JV came home with third from the USA League Invite. The varsity team played in the Laker tournament and was second in the bronze pool, but lost to Cros-Lex in single elimination.

Sunday was a day of rest for many Red Hawks after the big game Friday and an all-day volleyball tournament Saturday. Most kids slept in and others crawled out of bed and made it to church. Monday for many kids was a day to catch up on sleep and just be lazy, and, of course, to study.

Cass City students returned to school Tuesday with only 2 weeks left in the fourth marking period. Spring Break, April 6, is also approaching very quickly, but for some not soon enough. Hopefully, the snow will be gone soon because everyone is ready for summer in the high school.

I hope everyone enjoyed their 3-day weekend. Remember to check the sports schedule to see who the Red Hawks play this week.



OWEN-GAGE second grade students pose with the quilt they recently completed with the assistance of teacher Sandy Parks. The quilt will be raffled off to raise funds for second grade activities.

O-G students sew up annual quilting project

Second grade students in Sandy Parks' classroom at Gagetown Elementary School have been busy quilting.

The students have been working hard, hand sewing quilt blocks together, according to Parks, who sewed the long rows together on a sewing machine.

"The completed, full size, hand-tied quilt has Red Work designs on both sides," she said, adding the quilt will be raffled off Wednesday, Feb. 28, with the ticket sale proceeds going to fund special projects in the second grade classroom.

"Tickets have been sold the last 2 months," Parks said.

"The quilt may be seen at the Gagetown building or at several of the home volleyball and basketball games."

The quilt project has proven popular and successful over the past several years," Parks said. "Not only do the students learn to sew, but they also learn of the history of quilts in America."

Letters to the editor

Observe handicap rules

Dear Publisher:

We would appreciate it if you would publish the following, please.

Did you know?

How many owners of public restrooms realize the handicapped must be able to hang their coats, jackets, etc., at a height half the height of the stall door?

It is impossible for wheelchair individuals to hang their garments on most hooks located near the top of most stall doors.

Also, handicap signs displayed on buildings must be located no lower than 60 inches above the ground.

Handicap signs in parking lots must be displayed on posts or poles no lower than 80 inches above the ground.

I was informed by Bad Axe Police Chief John Bodis and Huron County Sheriff Kent Tibbitts, that if the above signs are not properly displayed, no improper parking violations will be issued even if the painted handicap signs are displayed on hard surfaces such as blacktop or concrete.

Please place all handicap parking near entrances and in some instances near the exits, too!

We say thank you for your cooperation.

Rob Elliott
Ubyly

Make a difference in a senior's life; volunteer some time

The staff at Tendercare is devoted to stimulating interest in the community and within our own facility. Our goal is to provide socialization, continued growth, learning experiences and a continued sense of value for our elders.

As a community, you can help! We are looking for volunteers and/or ideas to make volunteering convenient, easy and fun. No personal patient care will be expected when volunteering, so everyone can participate.

We are not looking for long term commitments. You can volunteer as little or as much as you choose. Some things that our elders have been participating in include preparing and baking muffins (which included washing dishes), movie nights, different parties, etc. Our last party was a demonstration of different "stamps" to decorate cards for all occasions. Just this past week, Debbie Krug came in and gave the residents a spinning wheel demonstration.

Help us eliminate the 3 plagues of nursing homes elders: loneliness, helplessness and boredom. Please contact Julie LaPratt or the Tendercare Activity Department at 872-2174. Be a part of something positive - volunteer!

Diane Ewald,
Administrator

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Green joins Sen. Gougeon's staff

Senator Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City) recently announced that former State Rep. Michael Green, Mayville, has joined his staff as district representative.

Green served the 84th District as a state representative from 1995-2000. As district representative, Green will attend events on behalf of Senator Gougeon and work as a constituent liaison.



Michael Green

"Mike comes to us with an enormous amount of experience in public service and an intimate knowledge of how state government works," Gougeon said. "I was impressed with his track record in the House as well as his extensive volunteer work. I feel incredibly fortunate to have him as my district representative."

In addition to serving in the Michigan Legislature, Green has been a member of the State Commission on Aging, Region VII Area Agency on Aging, Thumb Area Consortium, Tuscola County Cooperative Extension, Michigan and National Associations of Counties, Tuscola County Health Department Board and the Thumb Area Commission on Aging.

Green was a Tuscola County commissioner from 1985-1992 and an aide to Gougeon in 1993-94. He is a graduate of Goodrich High School and attended Flint Junior College. He was employed at General Motors as a tool and die maker from 1966 to 1995.

"I've known Mike for quite some time now and I couldn't be more pleased with his skills, knowledge and dedication to public service," Gougeon said.

Diabetic classes scheduled

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, is offering a series of diabetic classes Thursday afternoons, March 1 through March 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. Whether you're a newly diagnosed diabetic or someone with diabetes who would like more information, this series of classes is for you.

Ann Booms, R.N., certified diabetic educator, along with Denise Schmidt, registered dietitian, will present classes.

For more information or to register, call Huron Memorial Hospital at (517) 269-9521 (ext. 4346). Classes will be held in the third floor solarium at the hospital.

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Obituaries

Luann Baerwolf

Luann Baerwolf, 45, of Sandusky, died Feb. 15, 2001, in her home.

She was born May 22, 1955, in Cass City to Elwyn Lewis and Dorothy J. (Ball) Baerwolf.

Baerwolf was a bus driver for the Sandusky Community Schools for 11 years. She played the organ and was the Music and Sunday School Director for Christ the King Lutheran Church. She also helped her father in the day to day activities of starting the church.

She is survived by her mother, Dorothy; brothers, Richard (Kimberly) Baerwolf of Sandusky, David (Carol) Baerwolf of Ypsilanti; 6 nieces and nephews, and 2 great-nieces. She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services were held Sunday in Christ the King Lutheran Church in Kingston with Fred Mutart officiating.

Interment was in Watertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Kristen Boyle

Kristen Lynn Boyle, 14, of Kingston, died Feb. 16, 2001, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born May 22, 1986, in Saginaw, to Michael and Pamela (Allan) Boyle.



She was a freshman at Kingston High School. She participated in volleyball and track, and hoped to be a marine biologist.

Surviving are her mother, Pamela (Harry Perkins) Boyle; 2 brothers, Michael Bennett Boyle of Caro and Benjamin Bennett Boyle of Kingston; a sister, Candice Ann Boyle of Kingston; grandparents, Marvin and Elizabeth Lambert of Kingston, Frank and Tonna Boyle of St. Helen and Beverly Allan of Caro; aunts and uncles, David and Michelle Allan of Caro and Newt and Debbie Robinson of Caro; cousins, Lynda Robinson, Michael Robinson, Brian Robinson, Travis Parrish and Tiffany Parrish.

She was preceded in death by her father, Michael Boyle, and grandfather, David Allan.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City.

Interment will be in Dayton Center Cemetery, Caro. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Visitation will be at the Kranz Funeral Home in Kingston from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

Hazel Clark

Hazel Mae Clark, 78, of Bradenton, Fla., died Feb. 4, 2001, at Manatee Memorial Hospital.

Born in Cass City, she moved to Manatee County from Peck in 1984. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She attended Oneco United Methodist Church and was a member of United Methodist Church of Shabbona.

She is survived by her husband, William R.; 5 daughters, Mary Lou Agostini of Sanford, Donna Jean Rockwell of Snover, Sheila Rae Tovcimak of Pittsburgh, Penn., Rosalie Ann Cork of Indonesia and Carolyn Sue McFawn of West Bloomfield; 3 sisters, Helen Smith of Rochester, Maxine Stephen of Long Lake and Shirley Watters of Bradenton, Fla.; 13 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Benjamin Delos Jones; infant son, William Jones; 2 infant grandsons (children of Paul and Donna Jean Rockwell); brothers, Ivan, Jack and Jean Corkins, and sister, Lucile Hewens.

A memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date.

National Cremation Society, Sarasota Chapter, was in charge of cremation arrangements.

Stanley Homola

Stanley Homola, 72, of Gagetown, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

He was born March 9, 1928, in Ovid, to John and Catherine (Bruick) Homola. He never married.

Homola was a farmer, raising wheat, soybeans and corn.

He is survived by his brother, Joseph Homola of Owosso; sister, Josephine Fisher of Owosso; many nieces and nephews, and friends, Owen and Rosie Quinn of Cass City.

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

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, February 21

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

Friday, February 23

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

Monday, February 26

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

HISD vote set

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Mayes said rising costs isn't the only dilemma faced by the HISD.

A snafu related to billing issues has resulted in the federal government withholding Medicaid funding in Michigan, he explained. The problem has resulted in a great deal of uncertainty for ISDs, which may even be required to pay back some Medicaid funding already received.

Of course, if that issue is

resolved and voters approve the millage, he pointed out, the intermediate district would levy only the portion of the 1.5 mills needed to fund special education services.

The bottom line, Mayes said, is that special education services are vital for each child, no matter how severe the disability. "It does make a difference in their lives, and that's what we're all about. It's (millage) going to be critical for... all students in the area."

Tree sale on tap

It's time to place your tree order with the Tuscola Soil Conservation District.

The trees and shrubs may be planted for field or farmstead windbreaks, reforestation, restocking a woodlot, wildlife cover, erosion control and Christmas trees. The district will assist in determining the amount you need to order and which species will grow best on your soil type.

Seedlings that are available are white pine, red pine, Austrian pine, Scotch pine, white spruce, Norway spruce, Colorado blue spruce, Douglas fir, red maple, black walnut, green ash and red oak. The district is offering Norway spruce and Colorado blue spruce, 4-year-old super husky transplants for windbreaks. White cedar transplants, 9-15 inches, and Norway and white spruce transplants are also available.

The pine and spruce seedlings and shrubs come in bundles of 50 and the hardwoods and transplants come in bundles of 10. Other items offered are: a Bird and Butterfly packet consisting of 4 butterfly bush, 4 Rose of Sharon and 2 trumpet vine and a Homeowner Packet consisting of 6 Colorado blue spruce, 5-10"; 6 Norway spruce, 5-10"; 6 white pine, 3-6"; 2 black walnut, 5-10"; 4 silky dogwood, 5-10";

and 2 red osier dogwood, 5-10". Tree planting bars and "Trees Planted - Keep Off" signs are also available.

Residents can order at the Tuscola SCD office, 1075 Cleaver Rd., Caro, or by calling (517) 673-8174 (ext. 3).

Self-defense class set March 22

Ladies, mark your calendars. Huron County MSU Extension is sponsoring a Women's Self-Defense Class Thursday, March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Huron Expo Center, Soper Road, Bad Axe.

Monte Oswald, training officer at the Michigan State Police Academy, will instruct the class. He will cover topics such as domestic violence, stalking, personal protection orders, date rape, physical defense tactics, and psychological techniques.

There is a fee for this class. Pre-registration and payment must be made to MSU Extension by March 19. To register and make payment, contact the Huron County MSU Extension office at (517) 269-9949.

Council moving forward

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empty and offer an attractive interest rate, she said, adding the commitment represents "absolutely no liability to the village."

During last week's town hall meeting, Hills and Dales officials also proposed that the village provide financing for infrastructure improvements and for the purchase of 18.8 acres where the facility will be built.

Infrastructure work - roads, bridges and other improvements - is estimated at \$254,000, which would be paid for over a period of time through a special assessment district established by the village. The land cost is set at \$450,000, and Hills and Dales officials proposed paying the village back that amount over a term of several years.

Hills and Dales officials approached the village in an effort to significantly reduce initial financing costs for the project.

To-date, the corporation has raised \$570,000, including a \$50,000 gift from one hospital board trustee and a \$500,000 pledge over the next 5 years from another trustee. Fund drives have raised another \$20,000.

The facility will be constructed on a 6-acre site about one-half mile north of Hills and Dales General Hospital. Plans call for 20 senior assisted living units and 20 Alzheimer's units, with the capability to expand in the future. When fully operational, the facility is expected to employ 20 people.

Although the village has not yet committed to financing the infrastructure and land purchase costs, Downing said she's hopeful the council will address both proposals during the next regular meeting, which is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

FEB. 26-28

Monday - Goulash, garlic bread, corn, fruit salad.

Wednesday - Tuna casserole, mixed vegetables, corn bread, yogurt.

Friday - Not available.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Monica enjoying new hand

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the limb. The process began in November with a visit to the U-M Orthotics and Prosthetics Center, a facility the Stovers have become very familiar with over the years.

"I said, 'Monica, tell the doctors what you'd like', and she told them, 'I would like a hand that looks like a hand'," Mark recalled. A doctor produced a book with photos of lifelike limbs, he said, and the work to fit Monica for her new arm and hand began.

The process involved several steps, including taking measurements and creating a mold, and encouraging Monica to complete special exercises to build up muscle tissue, he added.

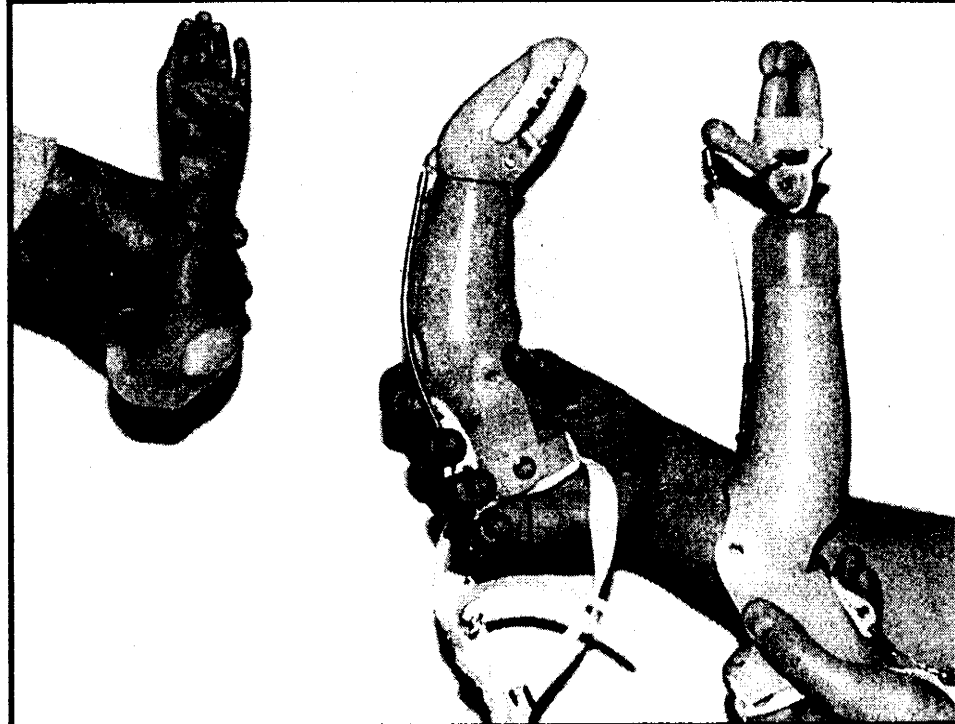
The result was a snug-fitting arm that doesn't require a harness and can be adjusted to accommodate growth. "It's very expensive, but anybody can see the technology here. It was well worth it," Mark continued. He said the prosthesis cost \$12,000. The tab was covered by insurance and funding from the Special Children's Healthcare program.

The Stovers are thankful for their insurance coverage through Mark's job as a custodian for the Cass City School District, and for the support and assistance offered by Cass City physician Dr. S. Raythatha, who has been with the family since Monica was born. But the couple indicated they would have done whatever was necessary to obtain Monica's new prosthesis.

"You've got to offer your child the best. You've got to make it available for her," Mark said. "If you or I were her age, would you want to wear a hook?"

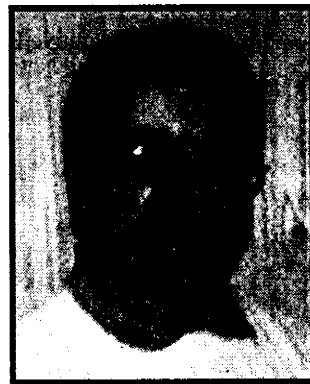
Even if a prosthetic arm were not available for Monica, the Stovers say they would feel blessed, especially after several visits to the U-M Orthotics and Prosthetics Center, where they have seen first hand the types of physical challenges other youngsters face.

"What really amazes me is, you can see other people and be thankful for what you've got," Mark said. "Monica is a healthy girl."



THE STOVERS have experimented with different prostheses over the years, from a crawling mitt (far left) to models with claw and hook devices.

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This seminar is put on yearly to inform producers of new products and practices to manage risk in their production fields. Several respected experts from the MSU campus will be presenting information on subjects such as weed control in various crops, insect problem management, disease control and the Food Quality Protection Act.

For those in attendance there will be three (3) RUP credits available, as well as CCA credits.

The meeting will be at Uby Heights Country Club, just east of Uby, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a fee for this seminar.

Please call MSU Extension for more information on this valuable workshop — in Tuscola County call (517)

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Deering receives funding

Amanda Deering of Cass City has received an undergraduate student research grant from Central Michigan University.

Undergraduate research and creative endeavors grants provide up to \$250 to offset costs associated with conducting research.

Deering, a senior at CMU, is majoring in biology. Her project is titled, "Comparison of Protein Bodies from Wild Type and Opaqued Maize."

A dean's list student, she is the daughter of Becky and Gary Deering.



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USA hands Cass City first conference loss

The Cass City Red Hawks are still in control but the team's quest for a Greater Thumb West title is more shaky now than it was before the loss at Unionville-Sebewaing Friday, 67-60, before a standing room only packed gym. In all probability what happened Tuesday when Reese visited the Hawks will decide if Cass City can chalk up the league crown.

Cass City followed a disturbing trend in recent games by falling behind early. The Patriots converted their first 5 shots, including 2 each by Steve Cramer and Isaiah Gainforth to race to a 10-4 lead.

The Hawks bounced back

after the slow start, led by Craig Emmert, who scored the first 11 points of the game for the Hawks on his way to a banner 31-point performance.

The Hawks ended the first period in front by a point and in the second quarter the lead changed hands 3 times before USA bounced in front 29-28 at the half. Cass City played the quarter without Emmert, who picked up 2 quick fouls.

Emmert was in the game when the Patriots went on a 10-2 run to open the third quarter and the Hawks never led after that. Midway through the last period Cass City closed the gap to 5 points but the Patriots put the

game away with stellar 5 for 7 free throw shooting.

Coach Jim Green said, "USA out-hustled us. They seemed a lot hungrier." For only the second time this year Cass City lost the battle of the boards. The Patriots posted a 27-21 edge in rebounding. "Our rebounding and transition defense was poor", Green pointed out. "USA had a good game plan and their players executed it well."

USA had a slight edge in field goal percentage, hitting 51 percent. Cass City hit 50 percent. The Patriots hit all of their shots from the inside. The team hit no 3-pointers, while Cass City had 6, 2 each by Emmert, Joel Brinkman and Zach Glaspie.

While the shooting percentages were excellent, the Hawks failed to convert many good looks from the perimeter. Nathan Brinkman, who has been a reliable outside threat all season, failed to score despite several good opportunities.

Emmert had 7 rebounds and 4 blocked shots to go with his 31 points. Glaspie was the only other Hawk in double figures, with 10 points. He was 3 for 3 from 3-point land and had 3 assists.

Ryan Holmgren scored 7 points with 4 rebounds and 3 assists. Joel Brinkman posted 6 assists to go with his 8 points. Jeff Storm had 2 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists.

CASS CITY - Holmgren 3-0 (1-1) 7; Glaspie 1-2 (2-2) 10; Storm 1-0 (0-0) 2; Thane 1-0 (0-0) 2; Emmert 11-2 (3-4) 31; J. Brinkman 1-2 (0-1) 8.

TOTALS - 18-6 (6-8) 60.

USA - Cramer 6-1 (1-2) 13; I. Gainforth 9-0 (4-4) 22; A. Gainforth 3-0 (0-0) 6; Gruhn 8-0 (3-4) 19; Travis 2-0 (3-4) 7.

TOTALS - 28-0 (11-14) 67.

District cage tickets offered

Tickets for the Cass City Red Hawks' opening district basketball contest will be available starting at noon Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Athletic Director Jeff Hartel says that participating schools will be allotted 500 advance tickets for each game, being hosted this year at Ubyly High School. Tickets will be available at both Cass City Middle School and high school buildings.

The tickets will be made available first to roster members' parents and then on a first come basis to the general public. Each person may purchase only one ticket.



WHEN CRAIG EMMERT gets his hands on the ball deep under the basket, it's usually too late to keep him from scoring. It was on this play even though he was surrounded by USA defenders. Emmert had a banner night in the Hawk loss with 31 points.



MAKE ROOM! - KINGSTON'S Eric Marquardt heads toward 2 of his career high 45 points between Bulldog defenders Cory Fritz (44) and Nick Warack. The Cardinals took control of the NCTL standings with a 71-70 comeback win.

Owen-Gage fades from NCTL cage championship race

All that the Owen-Gage basketball team has left to look forward to now is district play.

And that won't turn out favorably for the Bulldogs unless they can find a way to finish off the Kingston Cardinals.

For the 2nd time on the campaign, the Bulldogs (15-2) fell victims to the Cardinals last week, after building what appeared to be an insurmountable final half lead in the closing seconds of North Central Thumb League play.

Although Coach Leon Westover's Bulldogs rebounded from Tuesday's disaster against league rival Kingston with a 82-40 pounding over visiting Akron-Fairgrove Friday, it did little to erase the sour memory of the NCTL title clash against the visiting Cardinals in Owendale.

The Bulldogs seemed poised to position themselves on top of the conference standings, next to the Cardinals, as they built a 64-49 lead with just 5 minutes remaining.

But Kingston junior Eric Marquardt had other ideas.

In the most dominating performance of the season, the 6' 9" center tossed in a career high 45 points, including the game winning free throws with .8 of a second showing on the clock.

Trailing 70-69, Marquardt calmly stepped to the charity stripe and converted both tosses to give the visitors an unbelievable comeback win. Cory Fritz recorded a sea-

son high 24 points to lead Owen-Gage and Nick Warack added 21.

Jason Randall tallied 13 for Kingston.

"I told the kids we would meet one time in the districts," said Westover.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE

The host Bulldogs leaped out in front 23-3 against the Vikings and never looked back.

With Corbin Swiastyn and Nathan Kain delivering from the perimeter and Nick Warack providing in the paint, the Bulldogs built a 44-21 edge at the intermission of their Snowball contest.

Swiastyn and Kain, the Bulldogs' best outside shooters, kept the visitors at bay for most of the night and finished with 20 and 13 points, respectively.

Westover saw that every player saw playing time and was extremely pleased with the effort of Tom Minkler and Earl McKee against the Vikings.

"Minkler and McKee had outstanding efforts," said Westover, who gave Minkler his first start of the season.

Leading 57-30 entering the final 8 minutes, the hosts outscored the Vikings 25-10 to the final buzzer.

Nick Warack, who's shooting over 57% from the floor on the season, added 13 tallies for Owen-Gage.

Marc Donovan and Brandon Foster each chipped in 9 points to lead Akron-Fairgrove.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Cass City	9	1	.900
USA	8	2	.800
Reese	7	3	.700
Laker	6	4	.600
Valley Lutheran	5	5	.500
Bad Axe	4	6	.400
BCAS	1	9	.100
Mayville	1	9	.100

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Kingston	12	0	1.000
Owen-Gage	10	2	.833
Peck	7	3	.700
North Huron	5	6	.455
CPS	5	7	.417
Caseville	4	7	.364
Port Hope	1	11	.091
A-Fairgrove	1	11	.091

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Brown City	9	1	.900
Harbor Beach	7	3	.700
Cros-Lex	6	4	.600
Deckerville	6	4	.600
Ubyly	4	6	.400
Marlette	4	6	.400
Sandusky	2	8	.200
Yale	2	8	.200

FRIDAY'S RESULTS			
Bad Axe 53, Laker 51	USA 87, Cass City 60	Mayville 65, BCAS 59	Reese 73, Valley Lutheran 50
Harbor Beach 53, Sandusky 46	Marlette 67, Cros-Lex 66 (OT)	Brown City 50, Yale 37	Owen-Gage 82, Akron-Fairgrove 40
North Huron 82, Port Hope 39	Kingston 80, CPS 52	Caseville 45, Saginaw Grace Baptist 42	

OWEN-GAGE - Minkler 2-1 (0-1) 7; Swiastyn 7-2 (0-1) 20; Mellendorf 3-0 (0-0) 6; Z. Fritz 4-0 (0-0) 8; R. Fritz 0-1 (1-2) 4; Rogers 4-0 (0-0) 8; Kain 2-2 (3-4) 13; Warack 6-0 (1-2) 13; C. Fritz 1-0 (0-0) 2; McKee 0-0 (1-2) 1.

TOTALS - 29-6 (6-12) 82.

AKRON-FAIR. Ackerman 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rhymer 1-0 (0-0) 2; Prime 0-0 (3-6) 3; Aeder 3-0 (1-2) 7; Donovan 3-0 (3-4) 9; Foster 3-0 (3-3) 9; Starkey 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gray 2-0 (0-0) 4.

TOTALS - 15-0 (10-15) 40.

OWEN-GAGE - Swiastyn 4-1 (1-1) 12; Mellendorf 1-0 (0-0) 2; R. Fritz 2-0 (0-0) 4; Kain 2-1 (0-0) 7; Warack 8-0 (5-11) 21; C. Fritz 8-0 (8-9) 24.

TOTALS - 25-2 (14-21) 70.

KINGSTON - Lyons 1-0 (2-2) 4; Brzezinski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Jahr 1-0 (0-0) 2; Wilmont 0-1 (0-0) 3; Randall 6-0 (1-1) 13; Marquardt 19-0 (7-10) 45; Mack 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 29-1 (10-13) 71.

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Reese at Cass City	Ubyly at USA	USA at Harbor Beach	USA at Harbor Beach	USA at Harbor Beach	USA at Harbor Beach
Yale at Ubyly	USA at Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran at Sandusky	Valley Lutheran at Sandusky	Valley Lutheran at Sandusky	Valley Lutheran at Sandusky
Marlette at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach at BCAS	BCAS at Laker	Harbor Beach at Laker	Harbor Beach at Laker	Harbor Beach at Laker
BCAS at Laker	Mayville at Valley Lutheran	Valley Lutheran at Sandusky	Valley Lutheran at Sandusky	Valley Lutheran at Sandusky	Valley Lutheran at Sandusky
Mayville at Valley Lutheran	Sandusky at Deckerville	Deckerville at Kingston	Deckerville at Kingston	Deckerville at Kingston	Deckerville at Kingston
Sandusky at Deckerville	Kingston at Hale	Hale at Akron-Fairgrove	Kingston at Hale	Kingston at Hale	Kingston at Hale
Kingston at AuGres-Sims					
Hale at Akron-Fairgrove					
Friday, February 23	Caro at North Branch	Caro at Cass City	Caro at Cass City	Caro at Cass City	Caro at Cass City
Caro at North Branch	Cass City at Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex at Sandusky	Cros-Lex at Sandusky	Cros-Lex at Sandusky	Cros-Lex at Sandusky
Cass City at BCAS	Ubyly at Cros-Lex	Yale at Sandusky	Ubyly at Sandusky	Ubyly at Sandusky	Ubyly at Sandusky
Ubyly at Cros-Lex	Bad Axe at Mayville	Mayville at Brown City	Bad Axe at Mayville	Mayville at Brown City	Bad Axe at Mayville
Yale at Sandusky	Harbor Beach at Brown City	Brown City at Laker	Harbor Beach at Brown City	Brown City at Laker	Harbor Beach at Brown City
Bad Axe at Mayville	Lakers at Reese	Reese at USA	Lakers at Reese	Reese at USA	Lakers at Reese
Harbor Beach at Brown City	Valley Lutheran at USA	USA at Deckerville	Valley Lutheran at USA	USA at Deckerville	Valley Lutheran at USA
Lakers at Reese	Deckerville at Marlette	Marlette at Peck	Deckerville at Marlette	Marlette at Peck	Deckerville at Marlette
Valley Lutheran at USA	C-PS at Peck	Caseville at Akron-Fairgrove	C-PS at Peck	Caseville at Akron-Fairgrove	C-PS at Peck
Deckerville at Marlette	Port Hope at Kingston	Kingston at Owen-Gage	Port Hope at Kingston	Kingston at Owen-Gage	Port Hope at Kingston
C-PS at Peck					
Caseville at Akron-Fairgrove					
Port Hope at Kingston					
Owen-Gage at North Huron					
Last week's results	15-10	14-11	17-8	18-7	15-10
Season's results	142-43 (76%)	143-42 (77%)	145-40 (78%)	140-45 (75%)	148-37 (80%)



ROYAL PAIR - Seniors Dee Fritz and Kendall Kretschmer were announced Owen-Gage Snowball king and queen during half time of Friday's NCTL cage contest with Akron-Fairgrove.

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Markel lauds effort

Three Cass City grapplers advance into regional play

Coach Don Markel was all smiles this week following the district wrestling tourney at Cass City Wednesday and the individual tourney at Bad Axe Saturday.

The team exceeded all of my expectations, Markel said. We had 14 team members and were forced to give opponents 12 points each week because we could fill only 12 of the 14 weight classes.

We graduated 9 seniors, Markel continued, from our 26-2 squad last year. We had only 4 upperclassmen in the starting line-up and finished

16-9-1. That's a tremendous accomplishment.

In the team competition Cass City lost in the finals to the Caro Tigers, 56-19. The Hawks advanced to the finals with a 60-12 win over Sandusky and the Tigers defeated Bad Axe prior to winning the tourney with the win over Cass City.

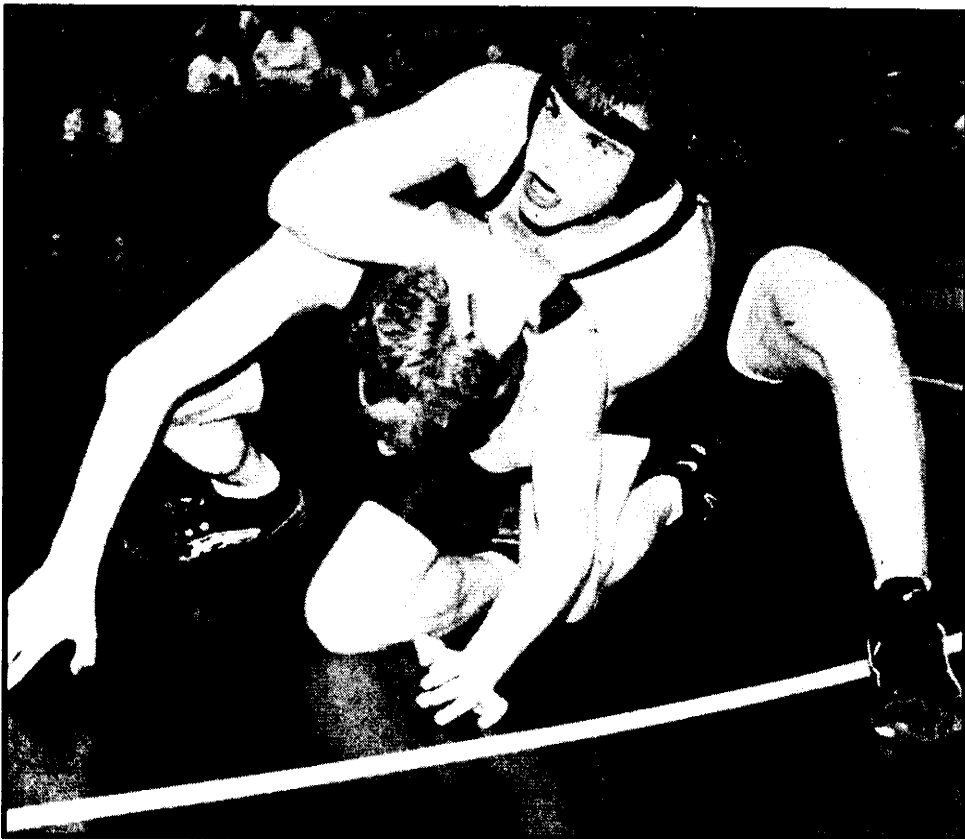
Markel said that the team wrestled very well against both teams even though the Caro score does not indicate it. The Tigers are a powerhouse team, currently rated number one in Division 3 in the state.

For the season the Hawks

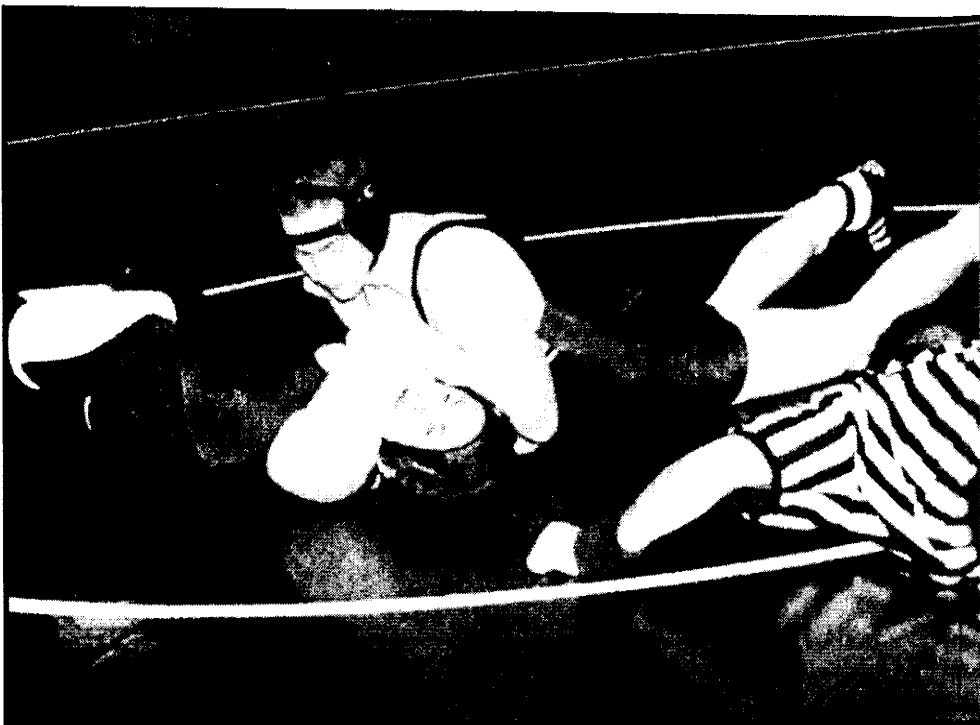
finished 16-9-1 overall and 7-1-1 in the Greater Thumb Conference. In the 10-team GTC Cass City finished in a tie for third.

At Bad Axe, the Hawks qualified 3 wrestlers for the regionals slated at Durand Saturday. The top 4 wrestlers in each class qualify.

Cliff Biskner, a freshman, placed fourth at 125 pounds. His season's record, 23-21. Also finishing fourth was Jeremy Klinkman, senior, 140 pounds. His season's record is 41-9. Aaron Dorland, a junior, was third wrestling at 152 pounds. For the season he was 44-7.



RED HAWK Clifford Biskner works toward an exciting last-minute 14-12 decision against Sandusky's Nick Particka during Wednesday's Division 3 team district in Cass City.



RED HAWK GRAPPLER Jeremy Klinkman went undefeated for Cass City Wednesday night in the Division 3 team district. Caro won the event by turning back the hosts 56-19 in the championship match.

February is American Heart Month

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February is American Heart Month, and the American Heart Association is encouraging all Americans to help improve the cardiac arrest survival rate by learning the warning signs of cardiac arrest and taking quick action when faced with a cardiac arrest emergency.

About 225,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac arrest each year. That's about the equivalent of 3,747 airplanes crashing each day.

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survival rate were increased to 20 percent or higher.

When people go into cardiac arrest, there's only a 7-10 minute window of opportunity to save their life so it's critical to know what to do and react immediately.

The American Heart Month 2001 message is Be Prepared for Cardiac Emergencies. Know the warning signs of cardiac arrest. Call 911 immediately. Give CPR.

The American Heart Association is asking the public to be prepared for cardiac emergencies by taking these 3 steps:

1. Know the warning signs of cardiac arrest so you recognize it when it occurs. Cardiac arrest occurs suddenly and dramatically. When the heart goes into cardiac arrest, the heart's electrical impulses become chaotic. This irregular heart rhythm, called ventricular fibrillation, causes the heart to stop suddenly. A cardiac arrest victim:
 - collapses and loses consciousness
 - stops normal breathing
 - loses pulse and blood pressure. Cardiac arrest can be caused by heart attack, electrocution, drowning or trauma, or it can have no known cause.
2. Call 911 immediately upon recognizing any cardiac arrest warning signs.
3. Give CPR. CPR maintains vital blood and oxygen flow to the heart and brain, and helps sustain the cardiac

arrest victim until defibrillation (electric shock to the heart) can be administered. For details on Heartsaver CPR courses near you, call your local American Heart Association or toll-free at 877-AHA-4CPR or visit www.heart.org.

Bulldog spikers can secure NCTL title Thursday in Peck

The Owen-Gage volleyball team (12-0 NCTL) can clinch at least a share of the North Central Thumb League championship Thursday when they travel to face pesky North Huron.

But don't look for Coach Judy Campbell's gang to be satisfied sharing the elite honor. Especially seniors Jenna Root, Erin Salcido, Dee Fritz and Melissa Ziehm, who have been part of the Bulldogs' last 3 undisputed conference crowns.

To add a 4th toga to their resumes, however, the Bulldog seniors will have to get past Caseville Monday in their final career NCTL match-up.

Caseville has slipped just once in conference play and would like nothing better than to avenge the late January setback against the Bulldogs on their own floor.

That will be no easy chore. The Bulldog spikers continue to show improvement week in and week out. After collecting a pair of NCTL wins over Akron-Fairgrove and Kingston during the week, Owen-Gage staged a strong showing Saturday at the Laker Invitational.

Owen-Gage advanced to the quarterfinals of the 10-team tourney, where Uby rebounded from an initial game loss, 15-7, with wins of 15-11 and 15-10.

"They are so big," said Coach Campbell about the Bearcats. "I don't have anybody who can block with them."

The Bulldogs faced tourney champions Yale and USA in pool play and earned a split. Yale pounded the Bulldogs with wins of 15-1, 15-6 and 15-8, while the Patriots fell in straight games by the margins of 15-12, 15-13 and 15-12.

In silver round action, the Bulldogs defeated Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 7-15, 15-11 and 15-10, and were edged

by Uby, 7-15, 15-11 and 15-10.

Salcido led the Bulldogs at the service line on the day and recorded team highs in both points and ace serves. Salcido was credited with 38 points and 20 aces, in addition to adding 63 kills and 65 digs. Fritz registered 29 points, 10 assists and 81 digs. Root added 27 points, 50 kills and 51 blocks for Owen-Gage. Ziehm chipped in 19 points, 51 assists and 53 digs. Kelly Zaleski finished with 19 points, 31 kills, 53 digs. Becky Hartman had 16 points, 38 digs and 19 blocks.

NCTL

The Bulldogs' final regular season home contest proved fatal Thursday for visiting Akron-Fairgrove. The Vikings fell in straight games of 15-3, 15-7 and 15-2.

Hartman recorded game scoring honors with 15 points that included 8 aces. At the net, the hosts had Root, Salcido and Fritz with 14, 8 and 5 kills, respectively. Ziehm posted 8 points, 10 assists and 5 digs for Owen-Gage.

On Monday, Kingston provided little contest in Owendale for the Bulldogs, who won easily in straight games, 15-3, 15-4 and 15-4.

Hartman and Ziehm combined for 25 points to lead the winners. Root had 14 kills, while Salcido added 16 digs for Owen-Gage.

NCTL Volleyball Standings	
Owen-Gage	12-0
Carsonville	11-1
C-PS	8-4
Peck	6-6
North Huron	6-6
Kingston	6-8
Akron-Fairgrove	1-11
Port Hope	0-12

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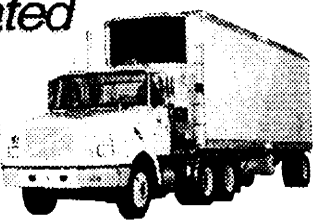
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MERCHANETTES Feb. 15

High Team Series: Stafono's 3106.
High Team Game: Charmont 1164.
210 Games or 575 Series: T. Pattinill 700 (239-253), M. Gettel 687 (243-248), J. Smithson 678 (236-239), M. Jackson 671 (223-258), T. Soper 669 (224-236), C. Maurer 657 (233-234), K. Desimpelare 652 (223-223), T. Kuck 628 (267), W. Lamington 625 (214-232), M. Lutz 625 (220), G. Robinson 624 (244), R. Hull 607 (217-223), K. Zawilinski 604 (218), R. Kessler 602 (212-236), M. Zawilinski 601 (211-211), T. Kretz 600 (222), R. Koch 599 (212), C. Anthes 591 (211), D. Johnson 588 (226), J. Krol 223, S. Ross 214, M. Frappart 212, J. Anthes 212, R. Byrnes 211, D. White 210.

CHARMONT LADIES

Cable-ettes 38
Dott Manufacturing 37
Dee's M.P. Rockets 34
J.B.'s Crew 32
Cass City Tire 31
Live Wires 22
Wild John's 22

Sheridan Rollers 12
Town & Country 11
Sometimers 10

2001 Partnership Conference slated Thursday, March 1st

A 2001 Partnership Conference for local officials, community leaders and concerned citizens will take place Thursday, March 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center.

The keynote presentation is entitled "Community Partnerships" (Moving Towards the Future Together). Presenting the program will be Rick Foster PhD, vice president for programs, W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

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Gophers 8
Newcomers 7
High Rollers 6

High Women's Series & Game: R. Beecher 545 (212).
High Men's Series & Games: J. LaPratt 617 (208-216), K. Pichla 602 (208-211).
High Team Series & Game: High Rollers 1917 (666).

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Feb. 15

Thumb Auto Wash 26
Marlette RV 20
Osentoski Farm Equipment 20
New England Financial 18
Marlette Oil & Gas 17
Martin Electric 16
Cellular One 14
Wickes 14
Cass Tavern 13
Mycogen Plant Sciences 13
Schmaltz Construction 12
Generally Low 9

Individual High Series & Games: D. Roth 669 (247-223), G. Robinson 638 (220-216), Dennis Hyatt 631 (222-226), S. Osentoski 623 (239), Doug Beecher 608 (211), Dave Beecher 244, J. Krol 221, K. Martin 221, K. Pichla 211.

High Team Series: Cass Tavern 1753.
High Team Game: Marlette Oil & Gas 618.

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CASS CITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 5	Caro 53, Cass City 68	5:00
12	Brown City Postponed	5:00
15	Harbor Beach 34, Cass City 54	5:00
19	Ubyly 49, Cass City 69	5:00
Jan. 5	Lakers 54, Cass City 60	5:00
9	Cass City 65, Marlette 56	5:00
12	Bad Axe 53, Cass City 86	5:00
16	Brown City 52, Cass City 67	5:00
19	USA 39, Cass City 44	5:00
23	Deckerville 78, Cass City 77	5:00
26	Reese 53, Cass City 60	5:00
30	Bay City A.S. 49, Cass City 85	5:00
Feb. 2	Mayville 64, Cass City 81	5:00
5	Valley Luth. (Fresh.)	6:00
6	Valley Luth. 66, Cass City 91	6:00
9	Lakers 62, Cass City 72	6:00
13	Bad Axe 41, Cass City 51	6:00
16	USA 67, Cass City 60	5:00
20	Reese	5:00
23	Bay City A.S.	5:00
27	Mayville	5:00
March 2	Valley Lutheran	5:00

CASS CITY WRESTLING

Nov. 30	Caro/Mayville	Away	6:00
Dec. 2	Cros-Lex (V)	Away	10:00 a.m.
9	Marlette Ivite (JV,V)	Away	8:00 a.m.
13	Lapeer East/Bentley Lapeer East		6:00
	Davison		
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	Inlay 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 Ivite	Away	8:30 a.m.
18	Ubyly, A-F (V)	Ubyly	6:00 p.m.
	Ubyly, A-F (JV)	Home	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Caro	Home	6:00 p.m.
5	Bad Axe Inv. (Fresh,JV)	Away	3:30 p.m.
6	Bad Axe Ivite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
11	Lakers	Away	6:30 p.m.
13	Laker Ivite (Fresh)	Away	9:00 a.m.
15	Brown City	Home	6:30 p.m.
18	Bad Axe	Home	6:30 p.m.
20	Laker Ivite (JV)	Away	9:00 a.m.
20	Cass City Ivite	Home	10:00 a.m.
22	Sandusky	Away	5:30 p.m.
25	USA	Home	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Reese	Away	6:30 p.m.
5	North Branch	Home	6:30 p.m.
8	Bay City A.S.	Home	6:30 p.m.
10	USA Ivite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.
15	Mayville	Away	6:30 p.m.
17	Laker Ivite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
17	Fr. League Ivite	Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.
17	JV League Ivite	USA	8:30 a.m.
22	Valley Lutheran	Home	6:30 p.m.
24	League Ivite	Lakers	9:00 a.m.
March 3	Districts	TBA	TBA

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CASS CITY GYMNASTICS

Dec. 6	Midland Dow/Vassar	Home	6:00
11	Freeland	Home	6:00
16	Troy Athens Invit	Away	TBA
Jan. 3	Cadillac	Away	6:00
6	Traverse City Invit	Away	Noon
11	Midland Dow	Away	6:00
18	Vassar	Away	6:30
20	Hartland 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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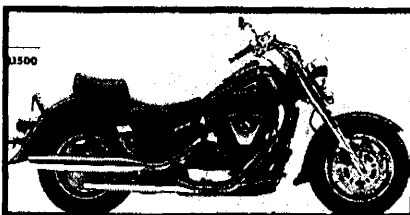
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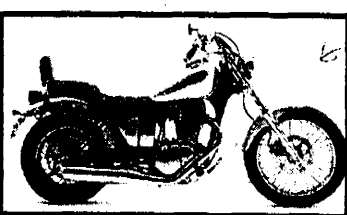
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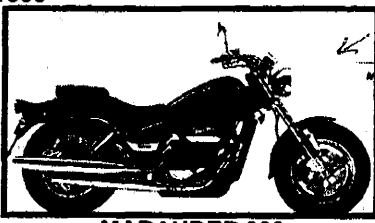


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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE - (TUSCOLA COUNTY)
THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and

provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, March 16, 2001 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder. The front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows:

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

Commonly known as: 5937 McCormick Street
Tax I.D. No. 015-017-110-1300-00 and 015-017-110-1800-00

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

Dated: January 31, 2001

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

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 Kelley B. Gray and Deborah Gray a/k/a Deborah L. Gray, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 29, 1999, and recorded on September 1, 1999 in Liber 780, on Page 1294, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 12/100 dollars (\$81,870.12), including interest at 7.500% 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 April 6, 2001.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 14, thence along the East Section line, South 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West 330.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds West 660.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East 330.00 feet; thence along the North Section line, North 89 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds East 660.00 feet to the point of beginning. Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: February 21, 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 # 200112306

Jaguars

2-21-5

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

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

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

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

The redemption period shall be 12

month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 31, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
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Ravens

1-31-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SCOTT TYSON and ANNETTE TYSON, husband and wife, of 7180 Frankenthum Rd., Vassar, MI 48768, Mortgagors, to GREENTREE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP., f/k/a CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP. Mortgagee, dated the 5th of November, 1998, and recorded in the office of the register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 4th day of December, 1998 in Liber 757 of Tuscola County Records, page 741, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Nine and 77/100 (\$94,229.77), and no suit or proceeding 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 the 30th day of March, 2001 at 10 o'clock AM Local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court of the County of Tuscola is held), 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 interest thereon at \$20.81 per cent and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the township of Tuscola, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Exhibit "A" Legal Description
A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing on the East line of Section 16 at a point 728.00 feet, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, from the southeast corner of said Section; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, perpendicular to said East section line, 435.60 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said East section line, 200.00 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, perpendicular to said East section line, 435.60 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way for Bradleyville Road over the Easterly side thereof.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: February 1, 2001
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP.
FKA GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORP.
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
JONATHAN L. ENGMAN (P56364)
Attorney for Mortgagee
888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470
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2-14-5

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 u/a dated 6/197 (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 Northeasterly 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 the sale; unless said premises are abandoned, in which event the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days, pursuant to MCL 600.3241.

DATED: February 1, 2001

FIRST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
MARTIN H. NEUMANN
Attorney for Mortgagee
6810 S. Cedar Street, Suite 16
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 694-3300

2-14-4

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, Mortgagee, 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 Mortgagee

DAVID J. BENNETT
THAV, GROSS, STEINWAY & BENNETT
30150 Telegraph Road
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 645-1700

2-14-5

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

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

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

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

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 31, 2001

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Ravens

1-31-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John F. Boroff and Fay J. Schwaim, 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.

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

Dated: February 14, 2001

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Tigers

2-14-5

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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:

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Dated: January 31, 2001

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Mustangs

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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:

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

Dated: February 7, 2001

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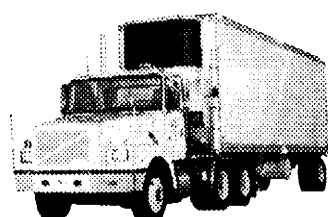
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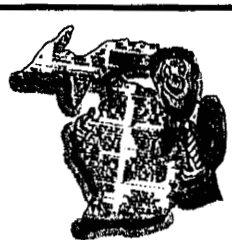
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OUR SINCERE THANKS and appreciation to the many friends, family and neighbors for their kind words, flowers, food and visits for the loss of our Mom. Especially to Fr. Bala, St. Pancratius funeral committee for the luncheon, Kranz Funeral Home and staff, Cathy Sullivan and Connie Iwankovitch for the music. St. Mary's Emergency Room staff, NICU staff and Neuro step down unit. In addition, thanks to the many people who called and offered their assistance during this time. Words cannot express the gratefulness we feel. Our mother was a wonderful person and a great mom. The family of Elsie M. Hahn. 13-2-21-1



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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Owen-Gage students planned to stage a walkout Tuesday in protest to a new policy prohibiting students from leaving the high school campus in Owendale without special permission.

Cody Rabideau of Caro has been competing in motorcycle ice racing for only a few weeks, but he's already notched a trio of second-place finishes in 5 races held in Gladwin, Port Huron and Canada. Cody, the son of Cass City natives Rich and Marsha Rabideau, celebrated his 4th birthday just 2 1/2 months ago, and hasn't even started kindergarten.

A cast and crew of 75 Cass City High School students are busily preparing for this year's production of "Annie Get Your Gun." Starring are Colleen Cartwright, Matt Ramirez, Tom Fulcher, Rose Hoelzle, Luke Frederick and Ed Hartwick. They will be accompanied by Joseph Khoury on the piano.

Cass City High School students whose art work was recently selected for display at the Saginaw Art Museum in conjunction with the Michigan Art Education Association are Melissa Epskamp, Jonathan Fobear, Jessica Apel-Mifsud, Beth Bashur and Courtney Turner. Apel-Mifsud's work was

chosen to go on to regional competition in Lansing.

Tendercare Cass City celebrated Valentine's Day with a party that included crowning of royalty at the nursing home. Honored were King and Queen Felix Skonieczny and Agnes Sylvester, and Prince and Princess David Allen and Karen Koop.

Benson E. Hobart, 62, of Gagetown, died suddenly Thursday, Feb. 15, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. He had served on the Cass City School Board for 12 years and was chosen as Cass City's representative to the Friends of Youth at the Meet of Champions.

10 YEARS AGO

A raging fire fanned by gusty east winds leveled a large barn and milk house at the Harland Lounsbury farm Monday, causing an estimated \$75,000 in damage.

The Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner/dance banquet was held Saturday evening at the Colony House. For the first time ever, the chamber selected two recipients in both categories. Named as Co-Citizens of the Year were Arlan Hartwick and Wayne Dillon. Jane Marker and Steve Tuckey were named the Co-Junior Citizens of the Year.

The Cass City High School board of education nominated Eldon Stoutenburg for the "Friends of Youth" award from the district and he will be honored at the annual Thumb Meet of Champions in May.

Unidentified flying objects were sighted by at least 3 reputable Cass City residents in the early evening Feb. 7. The 3 are Roy Tuckey, Charles Tuckey and Kenneth Micklash. According to Roy Tuckey, who was in his yard at the time, several objects that looked something like a light fastened to a parachute came floating down and then suddenly all disappeared together.

25 YEARS AGO

Deb Walter of Cass City was crowned Campus Life Sweetheart Queen during the Tuscola County Sweetheart pageant held Saturday night at Vassar.

Friday night the Cass City Red Hawks played their fifth overtime game of the season when they bowed to the Caro Tigers, 83-82. The Caro Tigers took the Thumb B Conference game from Cass City with a basket with one second left in overtime.

The new "instant winner's lottery" hasn't caught fire, at least in Cass City, as Lottery officials had hoped. A survey of businesses in town selling tickets reveal that sales are down from 30 to 50 percent. Quaker Maid Dairy Store owner Chuck Guinther thinks there aren't as many big prize winners in the Thumb as there should be, given the number of tickets purchased.

Authorities Tuesday were withholding names of 45 persons arrested during a drug

raid in Snover early Sunday morning.

To vote in the next general election in November, Michigan counties may be forced to use paper ballots instead of either voting machines or punch cards, due to a swarm of political parties scrambling to get on the ballot. If this happens, each ballot would have to be hand counted before the results were known, and you wouldn't know who won until at least the next afternoon.

35 YEARS AGO

With 61 years of experience behind his clippers and still at it at 84, Charlie McCaslin can safely be called the dean of Cass City's, if not the Thumb's barbers. He was called out of retirement late last year when Chet Graham's partner of 48 years, Lester Bailey, died in October.

Frederic O. Vollmer, 27, of Dodge Road, Cass City, was listed in critical condition Wednesday morning in Saginaw St. Mary's modified care unit after being thrown from his car early Sunday morning in a one-car crash on Vassar Road. His wife, Norma, 24, suffered cuts and bruises in the accident.

The village council this week established overtime premium pay for members of the village hourly rated crew and boosted salaried employees 10 percent. The present work schedule for village employees is 49 1/2 hours weekly. Previously pay scales ranged from \$1.77 to \$2.02 per hour on a straight time basis. The new pay calls for time and one half over 40 hours.

Lynn Atwell, 13, Cass City skier, will compete in divisional competition Saturday and Sunday at Lutsen, Minn. She won a spot at the district meet by taking the Slalom at the regional meet at Boyne Mountain Saturday in competition against 20 girls from the 4-state Region III.

General Cable Corp. of Cass City announced this week the transfer of Al Torpie, 26, personnel manager, to the Cass City plant from Cable's Rome, N.Y., branch.

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To make it convenient for everyone in the Thumb to attend each workshop, the class categories will rotate between 4 locations:

- * Davenport University, Bad Axe (Huron County): 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * Mott Community College, Lapeer (Lapeer County): 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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