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Thursday on M-53

Märlette motorist killed

A Marlette man was killed tigators, who said Dulude R. Long, 44, of Rodney, ing his daughter, were injured when the car he was riding in was struck from behind by a truck Thursday afternoon on M-53

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported the crash occurred just north of Deckerville Road at about

A northbound car driven by Brenda M. Dulude, 32, Marlette, was northbound when the vehicle was rearended by a semi carrying a load of waste materials from Canada, according to inves-

to make a left turn, and the semi was unable to stop. Upon impact, the car spun 180 degrees backwards, and both vehicles ended up in a ditch on the west side of the roadway.

Dulude's passenger, her father, Roland Oliver Jr., 55, was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Medical Examiner Sgt. James Wagester.

Dulude was transported to Marlette Community Hospital for treatment of injuries. The driver of the semi, Byron

and 2 other people, includ- had slowed down, possibly Ontario, sought his own

Sheriff's deputies were assisted at the scene by the Elkland Township Fire Department and Cass City MMR, Marlette EMS, Michigan State Police (Caro post), Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division (Bay City and Sandusky), and several area residents.

The accident, which remains under investigation, marked the county's seventh fatality this year, with all 7 occurring in March.

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Council approves lease charge for meter replacement program

Cass City residents and businesses will begin the process of paying for new water meters this spring, but the cost will be spread over several years and the village will initially front the expense.

The Village Council Monday approved ordinance revisions that establish an equipment lease charge for meters and radio signal units used to read the meters.

For a typical household, the charge will total about \$2.50 per month. Businesses will pay more - up to \$26.38 monthly — depending on the size of their meter

Village Manager Jane Downing explained the charge was established by estimating the cost of a new meter (\$100 for a residential meter, for example), plus the radio signal unit (\$170), and dividing them by 120 months, which represents the life expectancy of the equipment (10 years). A small additional cost is built in to cover shipping costs of the equipment, but there no "mark-up" in terms of the charges, she noted.

"Once this program is adopted and the ordinances are amended, regarding utility rates, no customer will be individually assessed the total cost of a meter at the time it is needed," Downing said.

"The village will 'front' the cost of the program through financing and will be reimbursed over time through the lease charges that will accumulate. When new meters are needed throughout the system, monies will be in an equipment fund specifically designated for the meters. Meters will be purchased

from this fund and there will be no other cost to the cus-

Downing said the cost may be adjusted to offset future price increases. At the same time, she assured council members that the cost to residents will also reflect reduced prices, such as when a reconditioned meter is installed rather than a new unit.

Downing said the new lease charge should first appear on residents' bills in May.

Based on the new lease charge and a 5-year water and sewer rate scheduled approved by the council in 1998, an average household's total water/ sewer/meter cost will total about \$24.77 per month (minimum) this year and about \$25.88 in 2002.

IN OTHER BUSINESS In other business during the

regular monthly meeting, the council:

•Set a deadline of 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, to receive "letters of interest" from residents interested in one of 2 council trustee appointments

to fill vacancies left by the recent resignations of trustees Sandra Haley and Joe VanAuken.

Interviews will take place during a special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 18 at 5 p.m.

•Approved a low bid of \$51,500 from M.K. Painting

Please turn to back page.

Chambers still critical

Deputy Sgt. Curtis Chambers remained in critical condition early this week after suffering a gunshot wound in a shoot-out with an armed robbery suspect last Wednesday night in Vassar.

Chambers underwent surgery Thursday morning at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, Doctors had hoped to perform additional surgery

Chambers was struck in the head and the suspect, Shayne Eric Cripps, 34, of Atlanta, Mich., was killed during an exchange of fire after Chambers and his partner, Deputy Steven Anderson, stopped a vehicle driven by Cripps near the intersection of Plumb and Water streets

Earlier in the evening, Tuscola County Central Dispatch broadcast a "be on the lookout" for a male suspect wanted in connection with an armed robbery in Montmorency County. Along with the suspect's identity and a description of the vehicle he was driving, officers were advised that the suspect was believed to be heavily armed and that he might be on his way to a relative's address in the city of Vassar.

Montmorency Sheriff's Department officials said an

Tuscola County Sheriff's armed Cripps earlier in the and Reese police officers evening forced his way into along with troopers from all a convenience store in Atlanta and ordered a clerk to give him a pack of cigarettes. The sheriff's department described the suspect as being scene, where Cripps was homicidal and possibly sui-

> Chambers and Anderson stopped Cripps' vehicle shortly, before 10:30 p.m.

"As the officers exited their vehicle and took cover, they ordered the suspect to show his hands. At that moment the suspect, armed with a large caliber handgun, began firing at the officers, who immediately returned fire," Sheriff Tom Kern said.

Kern said the officers followed all proper procedures for making a felony traffic stop. "They did an excellent job. There's just nothing else they could have done,' he added, noting Cripps opened his door just a few inches and began shooting.

It was all over in seconds, according to Kern, who said the incident marked the first time in more than 40 years that a deputy suffered a serious gunshot wound in the line of duty. "It's really got us upset," he said. "It's bad. I mean it's really bad."

Vassar, Millington, Caro

area Michigan State Police posts and a state police **Emergency Response Team** assisted deputies at the pronounced dead of an apparent gunshot wound.

Chambers, who was listed in critical condition after undergoing surgery, is a 25been with the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department for more than 22 years. The incident remains under investigation. Detective Sgt.

Allan Ogg from the Michigan State Police post in Caro is in charge of the investigation with assistance from detectives from the Sandusky post and Saginaw District Headquarters.

Blue ribbons to honor area police

Local law enforcement agencies and victim services have launched a blue ribbon campaign in response to last week's shooting of Tuscola County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Curtis Chambers.

The idea was spearheaded by Caro Police Officer Steve Repkie, who feels that now more than ever, Sgt. Chambers and all police officers who put their lives on the line need the support and recognition of the citizens they serve. Residents are asked to display a blue ribbon on their lapel, car antenna or around a tree until Sgt. Chambers comes home from the hospital.

Ribbons will be available at some police agencies and the courthouse, or residents may purchase their own. Local businesses are also being asked to display a message of support on their signs, where possible.

Additional information is available by contacting Officer Repkie at the Caro Police Department or Diane Santhany at the sheriff's department.

O-G reviving preschool program

Owen-Gage School officials are proceeding with plans to revive the district's preschool program.

The board of education approved a budget for the program and hired an instructor during a special meeting Thursday night. Plans call for the preschool to be up and running next fall in the junior-senior high building in Owendale.

"The initial budget is \$13,000. That will include salaries and supplies," school Supt. Dan McKenzie said. "The intent of this program is that it will be self sufficient through a combination of state funding, grants and tuition. General fund monies will not be used."

Remember--It's time to

"spring forward" **Daylight Savings** Time returns early Sunday morning.



McKenzie said the tuition rate has been set at \$40 per month per student. The program will accept a maximum of 25 students ages 3 to 5. The sign-up period will begin April 9 at 9 a.m. in conjunction with the district's annual kindergarten roundup. "And we'll be encouraging parents to sign their children up throughout the spring," McKenzie added.

The board hired McKenzie's wife, Tracey, as the instructor. She has a master's degree in early childhood development and 8 years of teaching experi-

McKenzie said school officials are looking forward to providing a service that is very much in demand in the district. "That's the indication we're getting - that parents are excited about preschool opportunities for their children.

School officials have been discussing reviving the program for some time. The district previously attempted to secure grant funding through a partnership with the Huron Intermediate School District and other schools in the county. Owen-Gage would have received about \$102,000 - enough to fund a program for 3 years. However, the grant application

was rejected. In other business during the hired Owen-Gage graduate make recommendations in-Chad Mellendorf as the new terviewed 6 candidates for varsity baseball coach, the position before settling McKenzie said an ad hoc on Mellendorf.

special meeting, the board committee appointed to

Annual chamber dinner scheduled for Saturday

Cass City residents will honor their own this weekend during the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's annual Community Dinner.

The event is scheduled for Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall.

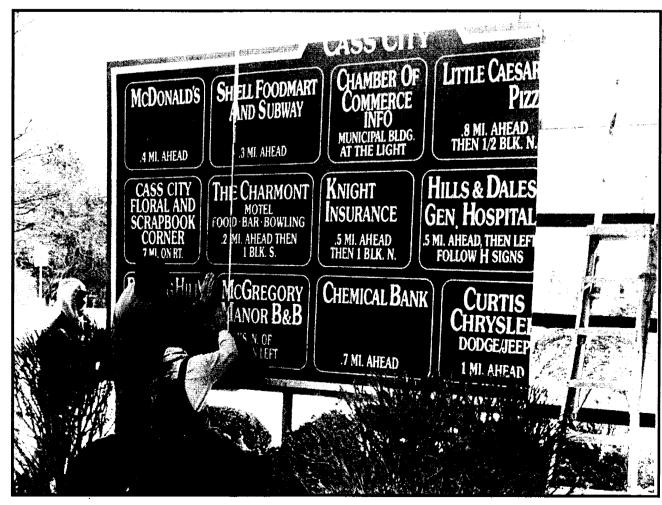
Val Kemp of McGregory Manor and her team of decorators will once again transform the hall into an elegant forum in which residents can enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a meal catered by Ubly Heights Country Club. After dinner, Theresa Dietrich will accompany vocalists Whitney Osentoski and Kristen Pross as they present a repertoire of songs they have chosen especially for the evening.

A brief "state of the chamber address" will be presented prior to the highlight of the evening - the presentation of the Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year

The tradition of honoring the Cass City community's top citizens began in 1963 with the selection of Willis Campbell as the first Citizen of the Year, and in 1965 when Betty Kennedy was named the first Junior Citi-

This year's dinner will include another special presentation, as 2 of Cass City's "unsung heroes" will be honored for their many years of varied service to the community.

Tickets for the dinner, which was a complete sellout last year, are \$15 each and may be purchased from any chamber board member as well as the following locations: Chemical Bank, Independent Bank, Thumb National Bank, Coach Light Pharmacy and the Cass City Municipal Building.



THE LATEST addition to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's sign program arrived Saturday. Above (from left), Scott Gray, Rob Gray and Steve Radlinski, all of Gray Signs, Port Austin, fit together sections of a sign at the west end of the village.

My husband used a term the

other day that I had never

heard before. He didn't

know how to spell it so, of

course, we couldn't find it in

the dictionary. Phonetically,

He couldn't believe I'd

never heard of it, said it was

a common expression when

he was a kid. If everything

was okay, it was "kopasetic."

To prove he wasn't making

it up, he asked a contempo-

rary if he knew the word, and

he readily agreed it was a

term that was often used

The computer Scrabble

game I received as a Christ-

mas present may have made

me overly suspicious of

words Γ m not familiar with.

playing it, the computer

"novice" I play against (be-

cause I can usually beat him),

sometimes cheats. Occa-

sionally it's amusing, but

there are other times when

He'll use a word I've never

heard of, and when I request

a definition, he makes one

up. If I can't find the word

in the dictionary, the only

thing I can do is end the

On the other hand, when he

challenges my word, even

when it's legitimate and fre-

quently used in crossword

puzzles, such as "icer", it

simply gets blown off the

board. I have no recourse to

Campbell

students on

honor roll

The Campbell Elementary

School 4th grade honor roll

for the 4th marking period

Krystal Alexander, Austin

Babich, Deidre Bowen*,

Tyler Burk, Tommy Burns,

Joseph Compo, Adrianna

Devine, Leigha Drohn,

Marla Eberline, Ean Elliott,

Hallwood, Brandon Hartwick*, Brady Horne,

Carly Howard, Michael

Howard, Sarah Howard,

Chelsea Israelson, Aleigh

Kappen, Kyle Kausch*,

Amanda Langenburg,

Whitney Laurie, Kelli

Lautner, Greggory Leslie*,

Brittany Loomis, Shillbe

Lor*, Erica Louks, Travis

Mabe, Candice Marks, Abby

Mellendorf, Elizabeth

Michalski, Brooke Mika,

Ryan Monroe, Travis

Mozden, Carl Nicol, Abby

Palmateer, Keli Pettit, Kim

Proctor, Carly Rabideau, Sa-

rah Reed, Jennica Richards,

Vicki Scasny, Heather

Simpson, Chris Summersett,

Jennie Thorp, Krysta Timko,

Tyler Tomlinson, Megan

VanVliet, Lukas Varney*.

Ariel Veneziano*, Tim

Vincent, Clark Walsh,

Cass City

Social Item

Jack Fay of Memphis,

Mich., spent Thursday with

his cousin, Charlotte LaPeer.

Dalton

McCallum*,

has been announced.

game.

it's downright frustrating.

While I thoroughly enjoy

when he was growing up.

it's "kopasetic."

Kopa what?

Deford School officials announce events, activities

Deford Elementary School officials recently announced several upcoming programs and activities.

The school will be hosting its annual musical Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. The title of this year's program is "Friends"

Kindergarten Round-up has been scheduled for Thursday, April 19, at 1 p.m. in the Deford Elementary gymnasium. Parents should bring an up-to-date immunization record and a certified birth certificate.

School officials also announced applications for the Cass City Early Childhood Program (also known as the 4-year-old program) will be available Wednesday, April 25, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursday, April 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City.

For enrollment, parents should bring a certified birth certificate, immunization record, 2000 tax return (or food stamp/FIP case number), and their child's Social Security number.

Parents may pick up an application from any Cass City School office beginning Friday, April 27, to be considered for any other openings, either at-risk or tuition. Applicants wishing to apply for tuition only (if positions are available) may pick up an application form beginning April 25 and return the forms by June 1.

Additional information is available by calling 872-



Area News Mrs. Thelma Jackson Phone 658-2347

Holbrook

DELAYED NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wallace

were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Friday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean

Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mrs. John O'Henley visited Loas Wolschlager, Mabel Fisher and Mrs. Polega at the Huron County Medical Center in Bad Axe Sunday.

Allen Farrelly attended the funeral of Mark Salowitz at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Argyle Tuesday.

Rita and Alice Depcinski attended a pink and blue shower for their niece, Karen Kanaski, Sunday, at St. Anthony's Church hall at Helena. After a one o'clock dinner, games were played and prizes given.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlager, Rita Calka, Ed Schember, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Wednesday morning.

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

Jim Lewis, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly spent Thursday in New Boston.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski spent Thursday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming. Eileen Franzel and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel

at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Friday evening.

Cheboygan.

Leone Doerr of Argyle and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr. Other evening guests were Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn, Ryerson Puterbaugh, Alex Chernowski and Lana

Allen and Alice Depcinski attended a brunch benefit for Jerry Masoulf at the Ruth K of C Hall Sunday.

Tom Talaski, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly went to the Cass City Stockyards for supper Tuesday evening and later went to the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly to pay respects to Agnes Morell.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney spent Tuesday in Caro.

Thirteen members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Thursday morning. They will meet at the Franklin Inn next

Allen Farrelly went to the

a few days with Sally and Pat Bell, Lauren and Caitlyn at

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were Friday afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Jim Foster of Caseville,

Mrs. John O'Henley and

Ramsey Funeral Home at Harbor Beach to pay respects to Frank Talaski.

Jim and Kay Sweeney spent

Puterbaugh and Klynn.

Randy and Karen Rutkowski, Brian, Julie and Amy, Alvin and Anita Iseler, Gina and Ali, and Allen and Alice Depcinski were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Dale Laming and family.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Thursday lunch guest of Thelma Jackson.

Jim Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlager, Ed Schember and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at McDonald's Thursday morning.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Jim B. Sweeney at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe Thursday morning. Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited

Mrs. Frank Laming Tuesday. Al Kincaid and Allen Farrelly spent Saturday in Saginaw.

Roger Sweeney and Thelma Jackson were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Cheryl and Bobbi Alien and Allen Farrelly had lunch at the China King in Bad Axe Wednesday and later visited Dan Franzel at the Huron County Health Center in Bad

Phyllis Pickering of Marlette and Jeri Rich of West Branch were Monday afternoon and supper guests of Reva Silver

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reckling and Jackie Reckling of Rochester Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farrelly of Clarkston, Mr. and Mrs. George Farrelly of Armada, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Curtis and daughter of Utica, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and sons, and Gordon and Allen Farrelly attended a St. Patrick's Day party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farrelly at Grosse Pointe Saturday.

Ken and Sarah Frantz, Keli and Katie, Ellen and Mike Moorman, Bryce and Betty Hagen, Sharlene and Brad Hagen were guests of Jim and Dorene Hagen, Jennifer and Nick for Nick's 8th birthday. Ice cream and birthday cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson visited Thelma Jackson Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Ed Schember, Wayne Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Rick Shuart, Ron Wolsehlager and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Monday morning.

his challenges. When he does this, my mature reaction is to quit (unless I'm having a particularly good game and substantially in the lead).

by Melva E. Guinther

Meg's Peg

I must admit that sometimes his word is a real one, in which case I add to my vocabulary.

Among the words he's tried to get away with are "elution" and "liefer." When I asked for the definition of elution, the computer replied with "the art of cluting." Oh. sure, that makes it legitimate! As for liefer, the answer was "more willing."

My grandma used to say "lief", as in "I'd just as lief stay home." But I never heard her say she was liefer than anybody else.

Nor do I recall hearing her say that staying home would be "kopasetic."

Speaking of my grandmother, a frying pan was a "spider" to her. I have no idea why. Another expression was "Land o' Goshen!" I presume the origin of that came from the children of Israel's sojourn in Egypt, when they dwelt in the Land of Goshen.

Don't you wonder sometimes where expressions originated?

How about "dead as a door nail" or "yer dern (or darn) tootin'?

I have a book that gives the history of some of those expressions, but trying to find it is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

P.S. After this column was written, I had occasion to ask old friend and word connoisseur Ed Connell about "kopasetic." He not only was familiar with the word, he found it in his dictionary. It can be spelled either

copacetic or copesetic, and it means "very satisfactory." All of which goes to prove you can learn something new every day, which is extremely

Cassady Frank, Matt Mothering day slated April 7

The 20th Annual Christian Mothering Day will be held Saturday, April 7. at Laker High School.

This is a special day for women of all ages and stages in life. Participants will be able to attend not only the keynote speech but also 3 small group sessions out of 20 offered.

mand is Elise Arndt, national conference speaker, radio personality, Bible teacher, and author.

Returning by popular de-

Arndt will be joined by 12 other women in making Christian Mothering Day especially valuable.

Gwynne Barry, teacher at

Cross Lutheran School, Pigeon, will be leading 2 sessions for women working outside of the home. Cindy Bridgman, executive director of KIND, from Lapeer County, will have 2 sessions of "Teaching Your Children the Joy of Responsibility" and one on communication, "I Can't Hear You When I'm Yelling!" Maria Manninen, instructor at Delta College, will be having a hands on session in the computers lab as she discusses advantages and disadvantages of home computers for children, as well as giving guidelines for using the Internet. Pam Stonehouse, last year's keynote speaker, will have sessions on "Discipline and Order in the Home" and "Sibling Relationships.

Thumb Christian Outreach Ministries offers this day at no charge except for lunch. All women are encouraged to attend. Those bringing children or wanting hot lunch need to register by April 4.

For information or to register, call Bernice at (517) 269-8443 or Patty at (517) 453-2558, or visit www.christianmotheringday .homestead.com

Library Week April 1-7

Rawson Memorial Library will observe National Library Week, April 1-7. Refreshments will be available all week. The first 50 people coming to the library each day can draw an envelope for certificates for free video rentals, free copying, fine payments and children's books. Everyone may enter a drawing to be held Saturday. Prizes include a Cass City afghan, a Cass City canvas book bag and 3 stuffed

Pair to present recitals



Whitney Osentoski

Saginaw Valley State University seniors Whitney Osentoski and Kristen Pross will be presenting their senior voice recitals in April. Both music majors, Osentoski and Pross are students of Dr. Julie Meyer and will be graduating in May.

Osentoski will present his recital, accompanied by Gershwin pianist Kevin Cole, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Pross will present her recital, accompanied by SVSU alumnus Theresa Dietrich of Mayville, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Both recitals will be held in the Rhea Miller Hall of the Performing Arts Center at SVSU.

Admission is free. For more information, call the department of music at (517) 790-4159.

In addition to all of the prizes, no fines will be charged during that week for any overdue books returned Monday through Saturday. Old fines may be settled for half the amount due. If you have old fines, this is a great opportunity to clear your record at a very reduced rate. Sometimes people forget that they returned books late. If you think you might owe money, just ask the library staff. They can look it up for you quickly.

As a part of National Library Week, Rawson Memorial Library is joining libraries across the country in a new, national, public awareness effort called "The Campaign for America's Librar-Sponsored by the American Library Association, the multi-year campaign is designed to remind the public that today's libraries are dynamic, modern, community centers for learning, information and entertainment.

The campaign intends to increase awareness about the

vibrancy and real value of today's libraries. This public education effort is a response to research that shows that while libraries are popular, they are often taken for granted. Research also indicated that while libraries are rooted in nearly every community, in schools, campuses and businesses across the country, they are often not

"Libraries are a part of the American dream," says library director Barbara Hutchinson. "They offer opportunities for education and self-help. But they are also changing and dynamic places, on the forefront of the information age."

Hutchinson says, "Libraries are truly unique. Where else can you have access to nearly everything in print and on the Web and have the personal assistance of a librarian to help find what you're looking for?"

The public is invited to celebrate National Library Week, April 1-7, by visiting Rawson Memorial Library.





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Residents:

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TOWNSHIP MEETING

Ellington Township Hall

Corner of M-81 & Dutcher Rd., Caro

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: 2001-02 Budget, Proposed road work for 2001

Duane Lockwood, Ellington Township Supervisor

Evergreen Township Will Be Held

MARCH 31

1:00 p.m.

Evergreen Township Hall Shabbona

Arthur Severance, Clerk

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 7:30 Wed. Double Punch On Movie Goer Cards Thurs. "Bargain Nite" Save \$\$\$\$ Julia Roberts & Brad Pitt "THE MEXICAN" (R)

STARTS FRIDAY (ALL AGE FUN) All Evenings (Except Sat.) 7:30

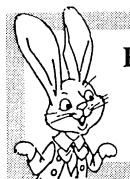


Shayna Ward.

*Indicates all A's.

Saturday 7:30 & 9:30 NO Mon. & Tues. This Picture

MAILMAN WHO'S AFRAID OF DOGS



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Keep on the lookout for a host of students who will be designated for academic honors this spring. The list includes 9 valedictorians, a salutatorian and 43 honor students with grade averages of 3-point or higher. Andrew Stockle was selected for the Detroit Free

Press academic all-state. Watch for Josh Dillon and Manisha Raythatha to appear on one of the WNEM "Salute to the best of the class" programs this spring.

A Detroit area realtor was featured on a WJR radio interview one morning last week. Asked if the economic slump had hurt sales, he said that they may have hurt sales of higher priced homes a bit but the lower priced home sales were moving briskly.

I'm speaking about homes, he added, that sell for \$350,000 or less.

How many of those cheap ones do you want?

In a cooperative effort, a new dugout/press center for the Cass City Little League will be erected this spring. The new building is needed so Little League tournament games can be hosted. It was made possible by a \$5,000 grant from the family in memory of Ryan Hartwick, \$2,000 from the village and \$5,000 from Cass City Rotary Club.

Red Cross blood drive set April 3

The American Red Cross asks healthy people to give blood regularly to help meet the need for blood throughout the year. The strength of the Red Cross Blood Services lies in the active involvement of individuals who voluntarily donate blood to meet demands in

their community and around the country.

The next opportunity for those in the Cass City area to share in this community responsibility will be:

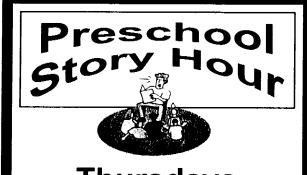
Tuesday, April 3, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Veterans Drive.



gifts and collectibles

6475 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726

517-872-6686 Free gift packaging



Thursdays April 5, 12, 19, 26

10:00 a.m.

Rawson Memorial Library

This program is offered free of charge, but children must be pre-registered. Parents may register children age 3-5, but not yet in kindergarten, beginning March. **26.** Registration deadline is **April 5**.

Growers closer to sealing sugar deal

Michigan Sugar Beet Growers Inc., a new Michigan agricultural growerowned cooperative, announced Thursday that it has signed a letter of intent with Imperial Sugar Company to acquire the capital stock of Michigan Sugar Company.

The letter of intent provides for the proposed purchase to be submitted to the U.S.

A Lapeer man arrested in

connection with the Feb. 20

robbery of the Richville

branch of the Frankenmuth

Credit Union stood mute

during his arraignment last

week in Tuscola County Cir-

Clinton J. Dobson, 26, faces

charges of bank robbery,

fleeing a police officer, third

degree, larceny in a building,

resisting and obstructing a

police officer, and being an

habitual offender (2 prior

A pre-trial hearing was or-

dered in the case and bond

was continued at \$250,000.

Dobson was remanded to the

custody of the sheriff's de-

In other recent circuit court

•Michael O. Morrison, 23,

Vassar, stood mute to charges

of prison escape Nov. 22 in

Juniata Township, and being

an habitual offender (2 prior

A pre-trial hearing was or-

dered, bond was continued at

\$5,000 and the defendant

was remanded to the sheriff's

•Ramon G. Ruiz, 36, Ak-

ron, pleaded guilty to oper-

ating a motor vehicle while

under the influence of liquor,

third offense, resisting and

obstructing a police officer

and driving while his license

was suspended or revoked

The Humane Society of

Tuscola County will host an

On-Site Pet Adoption Satur-

day, April 7, from 10 a.m. to

3 p.m. at the Tractor Supply

Company store located in

Caro. For more information,

These on-site adoptions

will continue to be the first

Saturday of every month, excluding December when

the Pet Pictures with Santa

Paws promotion is held. The

time and place will remain

the same and the dates are as

May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug.

4. Sept. 1, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3.

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Robbery suspect

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Bankruptcy Court in Delaware for approval.

"We are pleased that we have been able to reach agreement on the letter of intent," said Richard Maurer of Ruth, a grower and chairman of the board of the new cooperative. "Growers will now be able to plant their 2001 crop with the confidence that the factories will

March 2 in Fairgrove Town-

A pre-sentence investiga-

tion was ordered and bond

was continued at \$5,000.

Sentencing is to be sched-

Eugene C. Carlock Jr., 51,

Kingston, stood mute to

charges of operating a mo-

tor vehicle while under the

influence of liquor, third of-

fense, and driving while his

license was suspended or re-

voked Feb. 14 in Mayville.

Bond was continued at

\$2,500 and the arraignment

was continued to Friday at

1:30 p.m.

operate and process this year's sugar beet crop."

beyond that date, the letter of intent provides for the cooperative to lease the factories to process the 2001 crop. The letter of intent also deals with the procedures to be folthe balance of their 2000 crop payments.

The cooperative will send letters to all growers with details of the buyout and the

The Sugar Land, Texas-based Imperial Sugar is the parent company of Michigan Sugar, which has sugar beet processing plants in Caro, Carrollton, Sebewaing and Croswell. The plants have a combined daily slicing capacity of some 17,400 tons of beets

Imperial Sugar officials filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in a Delaware court last January. The company listed assets of \$1.1 billion and liabilities of \$775.1 million, including \$456.4 million in debt. Officials blamed financial hardship partly on a lingering trend of low sugar prices on

 T_{he} Haire

For the vast majority, Michigan's bottle deposit law has passed the test of time. It's routinely accepted and has eliminated the litter of discarded pop and beer bottles and cans.

After 25 years, its beneficial effect is mostly unnoticed until you visit nearby states that have no law and see discarded containers littering the highways and parks.

There was a crescendo of protest when the law was enacted. While the law removed a painful eyesore, it was a pain in the neck for stores that were required by law to handle the returns.

It increased the cost of doing business and, at the time, I thought it would have been fair to initiate a charge for handling the returns. A penny a bottle would have

helped. The original law was expanded in 1988 to include wine coolers and canned cocktails. Now lawmakers are considering adding water, tea and fruity drink containers to the list of returnables.

The proposal has the support of Michigan United Conservation Clubs and other conservation groups. It is opposed by the Michigan Grocers Association. The problem is enhanced, members point out, by the new emphasis on food safety. It's not uncommon to find roaches, diapers, even condoms in the bags of bottles and cans people re-

The present law has been beneficial in areas other than reducing litter. Bottle and can recycling keeps 600,000 tons of waste out of landfills annually. It produced some 5,000 recycling jobs.

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Closing of the purchase is targeted for Sept. 1. In the event the closing is delayed lowed by growers to receive

timing of grower meetings.

the world market.



The water, tea and fruity drink containers that lawmakers are considering including are now ending up in rivers, ditches and landfills.

It is estimated that each state resident uses an average of 100 bottles or cans yearly for these drinks not covered by the returnable law

It makes sense to add these containers to the list. If they do, it's obvious that the cost of doing business will be increased.

A penny a bottle or can charge probably won t fully compensate merchants for the cost of handling the bottles, but it would certainly help.

A handling charge is the fair thing to do. For all of us who value the cleanest environment possible, it should be a charge cheerfully accepted.

The back forty

by Roger Pond

Keeping in style has always been a problem for me. The only way I can keep up with fashions is to wear western clothes all of the time. Those never go out of style.

My biggest problem is finding jeans that fit. There are several reasons for this, but the clothing manufacturers certainly deserve part of the blame.

My waist size hasn't changed much. It just moved down a few inches. Why can't clothing manufacturers compensate for things like

I could try suspenders, but I grew up in the days when suspenders were for sissies -- and bib ovealls were considered "barn clothes." Nobody would have been caught dead in a pair of suspenders when I was a kid.

All that changed. The biggest thing going with kids today is baggy pants and suspenders. These kids had better wear suspenders. There's no way to hold those pants up if they don't!

My daughter tells me she has seen 2 kids lose their drawers in the past few months. One was talking on the phone in front of the grocery, and the other was trying to get on his bicycle.

Nobody wore baggy pants when I was a kid. Our jeans were called overalls, and we made sure they were tight in the hips and pegged at the cuff. Anyone who could put his pants on without lying on the floor didn't have enough

Our jeans weren't full of wrinkles, either. That's because my mother had a mangle iron.

A few readers may remember the old mangle irons. Mother called hers the "automatic iron," but there was nothing automatic abbut it.

This iron had a big, round drum that rotated against a concave to press the clothes. Mother sat in front of it, feeding pants into the machine, much like one would feed a wringer-washer.

The drum was operated by a foot pedal. Each time the concave was pressed against the clothes, a big cloud of steam would belch toward the ceiling. Talk about power; using a mangle iron for wash day was like taking a roadroller to a cookie bake.

There were 5 boys in our family, and Mother was dedicated to keeping all of our clothes clean. Wash day often looked like an explosion at a Levi's factory.

The automatic iron would press any type of clothes, but Mother only used it for overalls. If you put a tan shirt through this iron, it came out looking like a brown grocery

Jeans rolled from the automatic iron like paper from a typewriter. These pants were brittle. You had to bend them over a chair or slam them in a door a few times to loosen them up so you could crawl

Styles change, I guess. Clean, well-pressed clothes were a lot more important in those days than they are now.

I'll tell you one thing, though. Those loose, cotton pants kids are wearing these days wouldn't have lasted 2 weeks at our house. Mother's automatic iron would have eaten them alive.

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

In a discussion I had with high school yearbook advisor George Bushong the other day,

he was lamenting the fact that people don't seem to be buying yearbooks like they used to. "The most common concern", he said, "is that it costs too much." But the production of a hard cover, high quality book is not cheap. The yearbook actually costs more than 2 times the amount charged for the book, but half the cost is being borne by our community and those around us. Mr. Bushong explained that even though costs are up, revenue has kept pace. The decline has been in the sale of the yearbook.

Yearbook Time

Cass City Public Schools

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

I did some checking and the advertising sold in the current yearbook equals half of the contracted price of the book. The balance would be made from the sale of the yearbook. The problem is that only 83 of the 490 students at Cass City High School have ordered a yearbook. As of March 20, only 30 of the 107 seniors have ordered their senior year-

Students don't seem to realize how much this book might mean to them in the future. Mr. Bushong shared a personal example: One of his college roommates was U of M head football coach, Lloyd Carr. They used to play a cardboard football game in the dorm on Sunday afternoons rather than study. "I taught him most of what he knows", George joked. The problem is, George was only an underclassman and didn't spend the money on a yearbook and didn't get it signed by those who might become famous. Now, "I have no way to prove that I really knew Coach Carr before he was famous." This is just the kind of reason even underclassmen might want a record of their time at Cass City High School.

If you wish to order a 2001 yearbook for you or your student, contact Advisor Bushong or Editors Holli Cooper and Alissa Pasant at 872-2148, but don't forget to place your order by April 15, 2001. Thank you!

Red Hawk Beat

by Cass City Senior, Katie Hacker

Cinderella



Cinderella's prince and white carriage will be rolling into Cass City High School's cafeteria when students perform the play, "Cinderella."

"Cinderella" is a play written by Rodgers and Hammerstein and directed by Judy Hoelzle, Connie Iwankovitsch and Krista Connolly.

When choosing a play, the directors looked for something that would fit the students' talent, and that's why they choose "Cinderella." They looked at a couple plays that included a majority of male roles, but they thought not enough males would audition for the play.

Singing and acting auditions were held and the cast members had to either sing something they brought with them or read a part of the script from the play. About 30 or 40 people auditioned and the final play cast includes about 25 people.

Practicing began roughly two and half months ago with drilling the music, since the scripts weren't in yet. In the beginning, practices started with block scenes, then complete acts, and now finally the entire play. The cast's dress rehearsal is Thursday and they have been preparing for opening night by working very diligently.

"They have been working very hard about three hours a night lately, working the rough spots and ironing them

out, but by performance night it will be awesome," said Mrs. Hoelzle.

Many of the students have been working incredibly hard on numerous parts of the play so it will all come together smoothly. Set and props have been coming together with the help of Megan Powell and Heidi Cheng. Amanda Frederick and Tim Khoury will be playing the piano and Allison Emmert will also play the piano and accompany with the flute.

Holli Cooper helped choreograph the dancing in the play and also taught the cast how to waltz and do the

Pavotte. Wayne Karavas was the set New law targets builder and made the rotating clock, the spring loaded flat and many other parts of

Deb Bashur made and provided all the costumes and sewed a lot of the costumes herself. Most of the cast members have at least two costume changes, so that adds up to a lot of costumes.

The play will be performed in the cafeteria Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the high school for \$3.00 for students and \$5.00 for adults.

This is going to be a very exciting play to watch with singing and dancing and some very talented actors/ actresses, so make sure you come and see it.

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EPA officials back off on new arsenic standard

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials last week announced they will propose to withdraw the pending arsenic standard for drinking water that was issued Jan. 22.

The rule would have reduced the acceptable level of arsenic in public water supplies from 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion.

In a news release issued Tuesday, EPA Administrator Christie Whitman said her agency will seek independent reviews of both the science behind the standard and of the estimates of the costs to communities to implement the rule. A final decision on withdrawal is expected after

Beginning March 28,

Michigan motorists will

want to give wide berth to

emergency vehicles parked

A new law signed by Gov.

John Engler in January (Pub-

lie Act 458) hands down sub-

stantial penalties for those

who drive unsafely near po-

lice cars, fire trucks, ambu-

lances and other emergency

There are now 2 basic re-

quirements for motorists ap-

proaching a parked emer-

gency vehicle with flashing

* On a road with 2 or more

adjacent lanes in the same

direction.... The driver must

proceed with caution and

yield the right-of-way by

moving into a lane not adja-

cent to the stopped emer-

gency vehicle. If movement

to an adjacent lane is not pos-

sible due to weather, road

conditions or the presence of

other vehicles, then motorists

must follow the requirement

for roads without 2 adjacent

lanes in the same direction.

more adjacent lanes in the

same direction.... The driver

must reduce and maintain a

safe speed for weather, road

conditions and traffic condi-

tions, while proceeding with

women in law enforcement,

emergency health care and

"Every day, men and

* On a road without 2 or

lights:

on the shoulder of a road.

the public has had an opportunity to comment.

"I'm ecstatic," Cass City Village Manager Jane Downing said of the announcement. "I think that ultimately, when they get a chance to conduct more research, the level (of arsenic) does need to be reset," she added. "But to make it so extreme - for it to come down so quickly, and how they are going to implement it - that is more of a concern for ev-

eryone involved. 'Water quality, to me, is critical, but I don't know what the level should be," Downing said. "I think this gives us more time to respond to it in a reasonable

save one of us," said Rich-

courtesy that most of us fol-

Penalties for those who vio-

late the new law fall into 3

distinct categories: 1) a per-

son who violates the law, 2)

a person who violates the law

and causes injury to emer-

gency response personnel,

and 3) a person who violates

the law and causes death to

emergency response person-

Violation of the law would

result in a misdemeanor

charge punishable by a fine

of not more than \$500 and/

or imprisonment for up to 90

days. Violation of the law

causing injury would result

in a felony charge punishable

by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/

or imprisonment for up to 2

years. Violation of the law

causing death also results in

a felony charge, punishable

by a maximum fine of

\$7,500 and/or imprisonment

"The bottom line is that it

doesn't pay to drive care-

lessly in the vicinity of an

emergency vehicle," Miller

said. "By exercising patience

and courtesy, we will be

helping to protect those who

for up to 15 years.

serve all of us."

low anyway."

emergency safety

fashion. It's going to give us more time to study it legitimately.'

In the EPA new release, Whitman stated she remains committed to safe and affordable drinking water for all Americans.

"I want to be sure that the conclusions about arsenic in the rule are supported by the best available science," she said. "When the federal government imposes costs on communities - especially small communities - we should be sure the facts support imposing the federal standard. I am moving quickly to review the arsenic standard so communities that need to reduce arsenic in drinking water can proceed with confidence once the permanent standard is confirmed."

While scientists agree that the previous standard of 50 parts per billion should be lowered, there is no consensus on a particular safe level.

fire-fighting risk their lives to Whitman said independent review of the science behind ard Miller, manager of Comthe final standard will help munity Safety Services for clear up uncertainties that AAA Michigan. "This new have been raised about the law basically mandates a practice of common driving health benefits of reducing arsenic to 10 parts per billion in drinking water.

"It is clear that arsenic, while naturally occurring, is something that needs to be regulated. Certainly the standard should be less than 50 parts per billion, but the scientific indicators are unclear as to whether the standard needs to go as low as 10 parts per billion," Whitman contin-

"This decision will not lessen any existing protections for drinking water. The standards would remain the same, whether the rule went through or not, until it was time to enforce it under the compliance schedule 5 to 9 years from now. But, in the interim, EPA will examine what may have been a rushed decision."

Some cities and states that will have to comply with the arsenic rule have raised serious questions about whether the costs of the rule were fully understood when the rule was signed in early January. EPA officials estimate the cost to be about \$200 mil-

lion per year. Many small communities will be affected by the drinking water standard for arsenic, making it especially important to ensure that the Safe Drinking Water Act provision allowing balancing of costs is based on accurate in-

formation In Cass City, where the most recent water tests have revealed an arsenic level of 16 parts per billion, the cost to establish a water treatment program has been estimated at \$4 million. In addition, according to Downing, the annual maintenance and operations costs of treatment could cost another \$600,000 annually.

Spring Bazaar on tap

The Ubly Lioness Club will be sponsoring its annual Spring Bazaar Saturday, April 7, at the Ubly Fox Hunters' Club from 9 a.m. to

The bazaar will include a luncheon, raffles and a wide variety of crafts. The Easter Bunny will visit from 10 a.m.-noon with treats for the children. A \$1 donation will be taken at the door.

The Ubly Lioness Club donates money towards children's projects in the community throughout the year. Anyone interested in the bazaar or club activities can call Karen at (517) 658-2693.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Letters to the editor

But something should go

New meters not the answer in Cass City

NEW METERS ARE NOT—one of a lack of any kind of THE ANSWER.

In my opinion, a Village

1. Had more than 10 underground breaks/leaks in the

last year. 2. Addresses "replacing and, in some cases, rebuilding the large number of old and non-functioning meters now in use (Cass City Chronicle, December 6,2000). Why did you let things get so bad?

3. "Has more than 30 homes where meters are not working at all" (Cass City Chronicle, December 6, 2000). How do you account for their water use?

4. I strongly believe there are commercial users with no meter at all. Not everything is metered, period.

5. Does not read all the meters of users tied into the municipal water system (no

6. "A couple of small leaks that could be responsible for the loss of roughly 4,500 gallons of water a day." What the Village Manager isn't telling you is this equals well over one million gallons of water per year. Small leaks sound better.

7. Personally reported a water leak in early summer of 1999. Still not repaired.

8. Cannot accurately account for water use in flushing hydrants and water used by the Fire Department. The Village has left at least one fire hydrant run wide open on a Sunday, apparently forgotten about.

9. While claiming to attempt to eliminate the possibility of meter tampering, the Village has given its consent to installing a water meter on a garden hose.

The problem appears to be

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.

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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.

maintenance and doing the things required to run an efficient, cost-effective operation in the Water Depart-

You could go through the expense of purchasing a new metering system and without proper management wind up with the same problem. When properly maintained, these same meters used in

Cass City work fine cross the State of Michigan.

If the water department were efficiently managed, you could cut the water rates by 20 percent and sewer rates by two-thirds.

I agree something should be replaced...and it isn't the meters.

Raymond Donaldson

Wrestlers deserve plenty of praise

To the C.C.Middle School Wrestlers -

This letter goes out to all of

you and your coaches.

'Congratulations" You stood tall from the beginning till end. Through unspeakable pain - There were wins - There were losses - and there were tears,

but most of all there was laughter and spirit. It didn't matter that you had no cover-ups with your school logos on them. It did not matter that there was a school that showed intimidation and arrogance and no consideration for last minute

it be a win or a loss. We are proud to say "That's

time change. You still went

in and did your best. Whether

Our Team". None of you showed the intimidation, the arrogance, the smugness when you won

show - Spirit - Respect - Dignity - and Consideration to the other schools. Things that coaches and parents are proud of.

You showed strength and confidence in whatever you had to face, be it male or female. That was team spirit. No throwing a match, just got the job done.

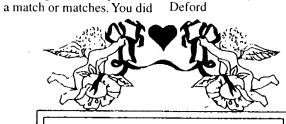
You taught them well, Coach Dorland, keep on working with the team, get them in shape.

They showed you respect and kept on fighting to do their best. You will have new ones next year and hope they do just as well or better.

So Hold Your Heads High, Middle School wrestlers and coaches, you did well in our eyes. It was great being able to watch and cheer you on.

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn announced the sale of the Paint Store to Steve and Sandy Wright last week.

Dan and Pat Allen of Deford and their youngest daughter, Melannie, 14, left Michigan Sunday en route to Togo, West Africa, where they'll work at the Karolyn Kempton Memorial Christian Hospital. This is the third trip there for Dan, owner of Dan's Power and Stove in Cass City.

Spring officially began last Wednesday, but a spring storm with heavy winds and snow caused nearly whiteout conditions and closed schools.

Elkland Township firemen recently received their new \$184,600 Pierce Saber pumper, featuring a 6-man

Alice Guernsey revealed a \$25,000, 3-year commitment from the Walbro Charity Foundation at an open house gathering Thursday at Rawson Memorial Library. Also, the Detroit Edison Foundation has pledged \$2,500 to the drive. As of Monday, \$430,000 of the estimated \$650,000 needed has been promised for the library expansion project.

10 YEARS AGO

The top 3 finalists in the "America and Me Essay Contest", sponsored by the Farm Bureau Insurance Agency, are eighth graders Toby Herringshaw (first place), Leana Edwards (second place) and Lindi Parrott (third place). Herringshaw's essay will now be entered in state competition.

Bob Wallace will become the first player from Cass City to be in the Michigan High School Coaches Asso-

ciation Hall of Fame when he is inducted April 6 at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena. Wallace was a star basketball player for Cass City High School in

Area graduates who carned degrees from MSU following the 1991 winter term are, Barbara A. Root and Christine J. Tuckey, both of Cass City, and Terry R. Bukoski of Ubly.

Cass City High School exchange student Luisana Matia of Santander, Spain, is enjoying the challenges of learning about a different culture. Her host family are Phil and Barb Rockwell of

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker recently arrived home from a 13-day Tauck Tour of the Hawaiian Islands.

25 YEARS AGO

A suspected tornado ripped away a portion of the roof at Sherwood Forest Country Club at Gagetown late Saturday afternoon. Damage was estimated at \$30,000.

Valedictorian and salutatorian honors for the Cass City High School class of 1976 were announced this week. Leading her class of 154 is Grace LaPonsie. Ann Hobart and Jane Rabideau have been named co-salutatorians.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Gary Somerville home on Lamton Road, 11 miles southeast of Cass City, late Monday night. Total loss was set at

Dr. Jan Babiszewski of Ubly will be leaving to begin a 5-year residency at a Cleveland clinic. Babiszewski came to the United States from Germany when he was 13, unable to speak a word of English. Today, the , 29-year-old Babiszewski is a medical

Coaches in the Thumb B League announced the allconference basketball squad for 1975-76. Ken Lowe of Cass City was picked for the dream team. Named on the honorable mention list were senior Rick Tuckey and sophomore Clarke Haire.

35 YEARS AGO

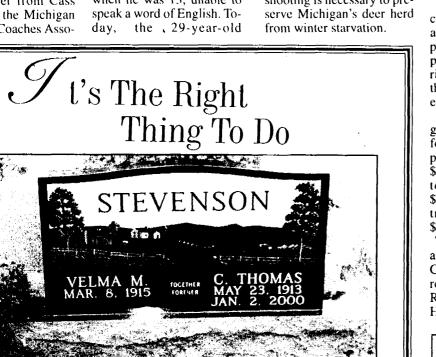
Dr. Albert MacPhail, 36, of Flint and a native of Cass City, is recovering from serious injuries suffered in an accident at the corner of Court Street and Grand Traverse Street in Flint Sun-

A baking oven, used to dry motors, has been officially blamed as the cause of the \$20,000 fire which gutted Jay's Electric Motor Service building early Sunday morn-

The stately elms on North Seeger will soon be gone. About 8 of the picturesque trees are dead or dying and the village council is making plans to cut them down.

As of Tuesday afternoon, it became illegal to park vertically on the south side of Cass City's Main Street. State Highway Department workmen hoped to complete the painting of horizontal parking markers sometime Wednesday.

Eight members of the Cass City Gun Club participated in a deer survey tour near Mio Sunday. Participating in the tour were Dick Szarapski, George Lapp, Bob MacKay, Bill Parrott Sr., Don Finkbeiner, Jack Hartwick, Richard Gaffney and Jim Jezewski. After the tour they were convinced that a limited amount of doe shooting is necessary to pre-

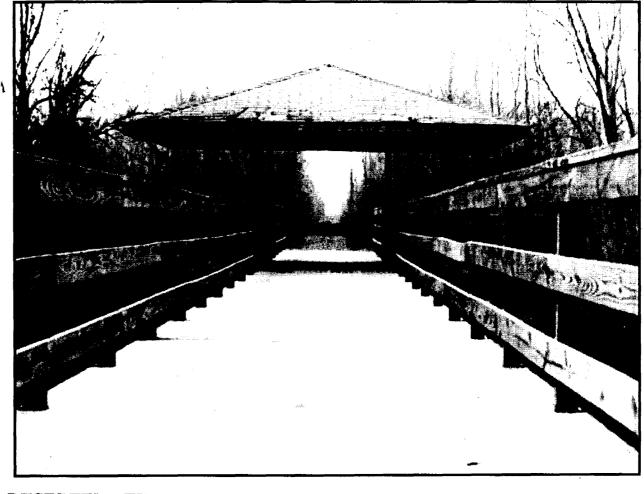


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DESERTED - THE gazebo at the south end of Cass City's walking trail was deserted over the weekend as cold temperatures returned, but spring's arrival will soon be welcomed by walkers and joggers of all ages.

Barcia aide to meet with constituents

An aide to U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia will hold constituent hours in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties next month. Anyone with questions or concerns about issues before the U.S. House of Representatives or who has a problem with any federal issue is encouraged to visit.

The hours are: • Bad Axe, Huron County **Huron County Courthouse**

Wednesday, April 4, 10 a.m. to noon. • Caro, Tuscola County

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Office Courthouse Annex 207 E. Grant St. Wednesday, April 4, 2 to 4

 Sandusky, Sanilac County Sanilac County Conference Room

37 Austin St. Friday, April 6, 10 a.m. to

Budget set at \$333,600

Elkland Twp. finances sound

Although final figures for 2000-2001 were not available because the township's fiscal year doesn't end until April 1, preliminary figures indicate that Elkland Township is in sound financial condition.

A proposed 2001-2002 budget presented at the annual meeting Monday shows that revenues and expenditures will be \$333,600. Treasure Art Randall said that the township's contingency fund is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

Salary increases of 5 percent for the township board and employees were approved. Supervisor Dan Erla pointed out that the new salaries for the board are among the lowest for townships of equal or larger size.

The previous salaries together with the new salaries tor board members are: supervisor, \$7,476.00 to \$7,850; treasurer, \$7,177.00 \$7,7835.00; clerk, \$7,823.00 to \$8,377.00, and trustees, \$3,310.00 to \$3,476.00.

The township has signed an agreement with Tuscola County to gravel a mile of 2 roads: Reed Road to Buehrly Road and Schwegler Road to Huron Line Road.

Also to be submitted for bids is the blacktopping of 3 roads. The roads are: Krapf Road, one mile south to Elmwood Road; Koepfgen Road, one mile south of M-81, and Richie Road, from Bay City Forestville Road to Huron Line Road. Richie road runs past the Octagon Barn.

There were 2 persons at the the meeting and the board

annual meeting. One of them was Ed VanBelleghem, who told the board that Elkland Township residents living outside the village are forced to pay too much for garbage pick-up. He suggested that the township negotiate with the waste disposal firm for a contract pick-up. His request was noted in the minutes of will investigate.

Another complaint by VanBelleghem was that the township didn't pay zoning administrators enough to keep them on the job.

However, these problems have evidently done nothing to discourage residents from building homes in the township. In an interview a week before the board meeting,

Erla pointed out that 2-acre sites in the township were selling for as much as \$20,000. Smaller building sites are not a lot cheaper, either, he observed.

Among the projects for the township, Érla said, are building a storage shed and repair of the chapel at Elkland Township Cem-

Group eyes vote on new CC

Organizers of "People Who Care About Kids" last week delivered a referendum petition to the Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections in hopes of putting the state's new concealed weapons law to a vote of the people in the Nov. 5 general election.

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller said the petition was accepted as a tender of filing, pending a decision on the petition's legal standing. Miller requested an opinion from the attorney general March 16 to determine whether the request for a referendum on the new law is in conflict with the State Constitution, which indicates laws that include an appropriation are not subject to a

Newell E. Harris Registered Representative*

referendum.



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law, introduced by former state Rep: Mike Green, includes a \$1 million appropriation for distribution of trigger safety locks. "While we are waiting for

The concealed weapons

a legal opinion, the Bureau

prepare the petition for the canvass conducted by the Board of State Canvassers," Miller said. State law requires the board

preliminary steps needed to

to complete the canvass of Elections will initiate the a petition, although that pe-

within 60 days of receiving

Kindergarten sign-up scheduled for April 19

The spring kindergarten registration, for parents only, is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, at Campbell Elementary's cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. If you have or know anyone who has a child that will be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2001, this meeting is important to you

Deford Elementary will hold their kindergarten round-up the same day at 1 p.m. Parents unable to attend at that time may attend the

Owen-Gage round-up April 9

Kindergarten round-up for the Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools will be Monday, April 9, in the Owendale-Gagetown Elementary School gym in Gagetown, from 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m.

Parents must bring their child along with a certified copy of their birth certificate (not hospital certificate), immunization record and Social Security card.

A speech pathologist will be on hand to answer any concerns parents may have regarding their child's speech and language development.



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child's birth certificate and immunization record to this meeting. To obtain a birth certificate, contact the county clerk's office in the county your child was born in. You need this document! Applications for the 4-year-

old program will be available April 27 at the Campbell Elementary School office. Registration for this program will take place at Rawson Memorial Library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City, April 25 and April 26, from 1-4 p.m. If you have any questions about this program, call 872-2871.

If you are unable to attend round-up, please call the school for an appointment as soon as possible at 872-2158.

The concealed weapons law is scheduled to take effect in

riod can be extended by 15

days if necessary.

Green said the so-called

"shall issue" law establishes uniform eligibility requirements for residents applying for gun permits, and standard suidelines for local county boards that issue the permits.

Under the state's old law, county gun boards could issue a concealed weapons permit only if it appeared that evening meeting in Cass the applicant had good reason to fear injury to his or her Parents need to bring their person or property, or had other proper reasons, and was considered a suitable person to be licensed.

> In effect, the new law takes away gun boards' discretion in issuing permits. However, the law prohibits people convicted of a felony and certain misdemeanors, or who are mentally ill, from legally carrying a gun.

> The law also increased the age limit for carrying a gun from 18 to 21, requires applicants to complete a gun safety course, and prohibits people from having guns in schools, day care centers, establishments that serve alcohol, large arenas or stadiums, casinos, and college and university buildings.



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AMONG THE Deckerville 3 on 3 basketball tournament champions recently were the 7th grade team of: (l-r) Renee Czekai, Ashley Hendrick, Kalen Trischler all of Cass City, and Allison Demontt of Sandusky.

Ulfig earns MIAA honors



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grams so important? Once the 3 o'clock bell rings, millions of America's children have nowhere to go.

Shelly Ulfig, Alma College

sophomore, has had few

problems adjusting to college life. Especially on the

The 1999 graduate of Cass

City was an aggressive

rebounder that propelled her

to become the lone player in

Lady Red Hawk basketball

history to topple the career

Ulfig finished her high

school career with 1,223

points while leading Coach

Jim Mastie's Red Hawks to

the Greater Thumb West

championship in her senior

season. Her success on the

hardwood floor has contin-

Ulfig was recently named to the All-Michigan Intercolle-

giate Athletic Association

Dream Team. The first team selection led the MIAA in

rebounding with a 8.3 aver-

age per game and tallied a

A 6-foot center, Ulfig helped the Scots to a runner-up fin-

ish behind Hope College

with a 12-2 conference mark,

and 17-6 overall record. She

finished as the MIAA's 3rd

leading scorer with 15.6-

ued at Alma College.

season total of 116.

1,000-point plateau.

basketball court.

These children are at significant risk of being victims of crime, getting poor grades, or participating in anti-social behaviors that have grave consequences and cost for society. Millions of working parents watch the same clock, wondering whether their children are gaining ground, or losing it, worrying whether their children are safe, during the hours after



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Women's High Series & Games: D. Witkovsky 197, D. Williams 497.

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(215), R. Byrnes 254, R Salcido 226, W. Laming 225 C. Maurer 224, R. Carroll 213, M. Zawilinski 213, J. Finkbeiner 210.

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MERCHANETTES March 22

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High Individual Series: P. Bauer 641, M. Gettel 605, C. Brown 525, C. Smith 522. High Team Series & Game: FBI Gals 2183 (806).

After-school programs important

Violent crimes by juve-

niles - murder, violent be-

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bery and aggravated assault

the hours at the end of the

school day. The rate of juve-

nile violence during after-

school period is 4 times the

rate during curfew hours of

Students involved in af-

ter-school programs exhibit

fewer behavioral problems,

better ability to handle con-

flicts, and improve self-con-

10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

peak between 3 to 7 p.m.,

581 (218), R. Wright 579

Why are after-school profacts to consider: Over 28 million schoolage children have either their only parent or both parents working outside the home.

school.

Here are some interesting

If you are interested in learning more about working as a community to keep kids safe during out of school hours, you can contact Sherman at the MSU Extension office by calling (517)

 While 74 percent of elementary and middle school parents say they'd be willing to pay for school-based after-school programs, only about 31 percent of primary school parents and 39 percent of middle school parents report their children actually attend an after-school program at school.

 Students who spend no time in extracurricular activities are 49 percent more likely to have used drugs and 37 percent more likely to become teen parents than those students who spend one to 4 hours per week in extracurricular civilizes.

 High school students who take part in after-school activities exhibit more positive feelings and attitudes toward the pressures of teen life and are willing to share talents with the community.

After-school is an issue that crosses geographic boundaries. Votes support programs not only for children in their own communities, but also for children they don't know in towns and cities across the nation.

Read Meg's Peg

Kurt Sherman is the 4-H VISTA Youth-at-Risk Program coordinator for Tuscola County MSU Extension. His responsibilities include providing young people with sustainable relationships with significant adults and opportunities to experience a variety of educational, recreational and community service activities. These key areas are supported by a strong volunteer training system and collaborations with a variety of community part-

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THE KALLY MAHARG scholarship recipients are: (1-r) Krista Homakie, Jesse Rader, Tara Whittaker, Jessup Hoyt, Leah Sherman. Presenting the scholarships is John Maharg.

Scholarship winners aired

Only the best of teachers continue to help students grow well after their days in the classroom are over. Former Cass City Middle School teacher Kally Maharg is one of those special edu-

The Kally Maharg Scholarship Committee met for final interviews March 22. All candidates stood out as being positive representatives from this year's class. The committee was impressed with the way the students handled their emotions and nervousness during the interviews. Answers were well thought out and articulated with candor and honesty.

This scholarship is designed to honor the history education that Kally Maharg presented to her classes on an annual basis. Students' willingness to earn a portion of their trip to Washington D.C., a true desire to attend the historical sites, grades, citizenship and a need for a financial assist are criterion for this award. John Maharg is pleased to promote and sup-

This year there were 5 selected that will represent the school and the tribute to Mrs. Maharg. They are Jesse Rader, Tara Whittaker, Jessup Hoyt, Krista Homakie and Leah Sherman. Maharg would like to thank all of the students for applying and hopes the trip will be a memorable one. It is hoped that this trip will help history become a life experience that the students will take with them into adulthood.

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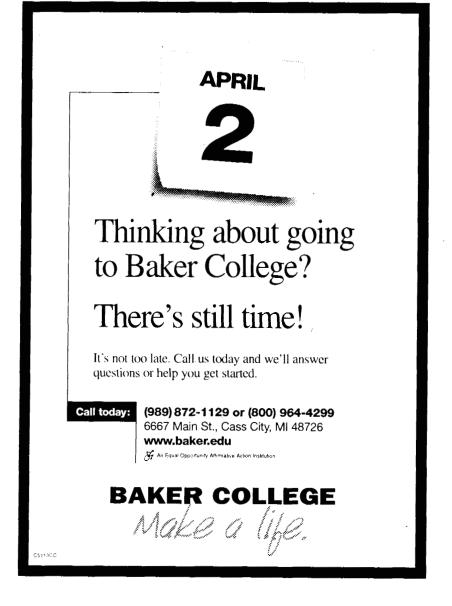
Notice is hereby given that the Village Council is seeking "Letters of Interest" from candidates, who are willing to serve the community, as a Village Council Trustee. Two (2) vacancies have occurred on the Village Council and the balance of the unexpired terms are for one year until March 2002 and the three years until March 2004, respectively.

The Village Council will conduct interviews, for the appointment, on April 18, 2001, at 5 p.m., during a Special Meeting of the Village Council. All meetings of the Village Council are open to the public and held at the Village of Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass

Persons wishing to be considered for the appointment, should submit their "Letter of Interest", no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 12, 2001, to the village offices. All persons submitting applications for the appointment are invited to attend the Village Council Meeting, at which time the interview and appointment process will occur.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Jane Downing, Village Manager, Village of Cass City, Telephone (517) 872-2911, 6506 Main Street, Box 123, Cass City, Michigan 48726.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is herby 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 27, 2001.

12.500% per annum

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

The East 10.01 acres of the North 350.00 Feet of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Pamela S. Leiterman, an unmar ried woman (original mortgagors) to MG Investments, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1999. and recorded on April 5, 1999 in Liber 767, on Page 1198, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank One, National Association, as Trustee f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee, as assignee by an assignment dated March 25, 1999, which was recorded on September 2, 1999, in Liber 781, on Page 17. Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY THOU-SAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE AND 20/100 dollars (\$50,323.20), including interest at 10.250% 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 20, 2001

Said premises are situated in City of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are

The West Half of Lots 3 and 4, Block 3 of the Plat of Pinney's Addition to the Village of Cass City, Elkland Township. Tuscola County, according to the plat re-corded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 60 now being Page 6B, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 7, 2001

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made by Jamie T. Chambers and Heather A. Chambers (original mortgagors) to Bank One N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 7, 1999, and recorded on December 1999 in Liber 789, on Page 589. Tuscola County Records. Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 36/100 dollars (\$34,770,36), including interest at 9.740% 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 f Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 11, 2001

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF FOSTORIA, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 5 and the South 8 feet of Lot 4. Block 16 of the plat of the village of Fostoria, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Pages 44 to 45, Tuscola County Records

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

Dated: March 28, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 248-593-1310 Trott & Trott, P.C Attorneys and Counselors

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3-28-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JOHN E. REID AND TONYA M. REID, HUSBAND AND WIFE to TMS MORTGAGE INC., DBA THE

gagee, dated September 3, 1999, and recorded on January 18, 2000, in Liber 792, on page 967 TUSCOLA County records, Michigan, on which there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty seven thousand four hundred eighty three and 88/100 Dollars (\$47,483.88), including interest at 10.450% per annum, with

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 11:00 AM on April 27, 2001.

adjustable rate rider.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, TUSCOLA County, Michi gan and are described as:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 30, T11N, R8E, described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 30 which is South 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds West 726.19 feet from the interior 1/4 corner of said Section 30; thence continuing along said East and West 1/4 line. South 88 degrees 35 minutes 20 seconds West 200.00 feet; thence parallel to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 30, North 01 degrees 40 minutes 29 seconds West 225.00 feet thence North 87 degrees 58 minutes 40 seconds East 200.00 feet thence South 01 degrees 40 minutes 29 seconds East 225.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Southeasterly 33.00 feet thereof as

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948C1, 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale

Dated: March 28, 2001

TMS MORTGAGE INC. DBA THE MONEY STORE Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, PC 401 South Old Woodward Avenue Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616 (248) 540-7701

3-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: George J. Woidan Jr. and Teresa Woidan, husband and wife to Southern Pacific Funding Corporation. Mortgagee, dated June 30, 1998 and recorded August 25, 1998 in Liber 748, on Page 840. Tuscola County Records. Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems. Inc. by assignment dated July 6. 1998 and recorded November 12, 1999 in Liber 787, Page 532, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Six Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety Nine and 96/100 (\$76,599.96), including interest at 12.30% 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, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Friday, April 6, 2001.

Said premises are situated in Township of Freemont, Tuscola County. Michigan, and are described as: commencing at a point on the East line of Section 34. Town 11 North, Range 9 East, which is 493 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 34; thence continuing North along said East line 401.5 feet: thence West at right angles to said East line 217 feet: thence South and parallel to said East line 401.5 feet: thence East at right angles to said East line 217 feet to the point of beginning. Right of Way for Mertz Road over the Easterly side

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

Dated: February 20, 2001

Mortgage Electronic Registration Sys-Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 36250 Dequindre Rd. Ste. 410 Sterling Heights, MI 48310 (810) 795-4400 Ext. 102 2-28-5 File # 100.3458

Pair face charges

The following people were recently arraigned on felony charges in Tuscola County District Court:

Daniel J. Graves, 30, Caro, faces charges of first degree home invasion, 2 counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer, tapping/cutting telephone lines and malicious destruction of a building March 17 in Caro.

Bond in the case was set at \$35,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for Friday at 9 a.m.

•Matthew R. Sage, 26, Millington, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 10 in Vassar.

Bond was set at \$5,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for Friday morning.

siren testing set The weather outside may Saturday of each month at 1 still be frightful as March p.m. during the severe comes to a close, but spring-like weather can't

Monthly tornado

weather months, April through October. All county fire departments use the same system to alert residents of

tornadoes; a 2-minute blast indicates a tornado warning has been issued, and 3 short blasts indicate the danger is

A tornado or severe thunderstorm watch is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop, giving residents time to plan and prepare. A warning is issued when a tornado funnel is sighted or indicated on radar. Residents are continue to test their tor- urged to act immediately and seek shelter.

Swing Into Spring Sanilac 4-Hers shine at achievement night

be too far away.

The potential for severe

storms will arrive with

warmer temperatures,

which is why the Michi-

Weather Awareness,

week of April 1-7 as

Severe Weather Aware-

As part of the annual ob-

servance, all Tuscola

County fire departments

will be testing their tor-

nado sirens Saturday,

The fire departments will

nado sirens on the first

April 7, at 1 p.m.

and Gov. John

Engler have

declared the

ness Week

gan Committee for Severe

"Swing Into Spring" was the theme for the the 2001 Spring Achievement held March 17 at Sandusky Middle School.

4-H Personal Appearance members participated in the morning event, in which their projects in knitting, crocheting, sewing, buymanship, and wearable recycling were evaluated for construction, style revue and all the mini fair projects.

Awards for the evening were the Citizen's First awards, which are provided by Citizen's First Savings Bank of Sandusky. This year's winners of \$50 savings bonds were Stephanie Moore, Sandusky - Sr. Sew-

ing; Jenna Moore, Sandusky - Jr. Sewing; Becky Hale, Melvin - Knitting and Crocheting, and Carrie King, Decker - Buymanship. The crowning of the 4-H

King, 4-H Queen, and 4-H Court was held at the end of the program with Amanda Wojcik, Carsonville, as 4-H Queen and Matthew Jahn, Croswell, as 4-H King. Members of the Court are Csizmadia, Jamie Carsonville; Stephanie Dawson, Croswell; Jessica and Tiffany Gillam, Brown City; Stephanie Moore, Sandusky, and Brandon Nunn, Croswell.

Others receiving awards in-

Beginning Sewing: Adam Mahaffy, Deckerville (style); Jonathon Brewer, Brown City (construction and style); Bainbridge, Katelyn Sandusky (construction and style); Naomi Perrin, Marlette (construction), and Ashley Aldrich, Sandusky (construction and style).

Young Sewing: Kelsey Moore, Sandusky (construction and style), and Lanae Mahaffy, Deckerville (style). Junior Sewing: Becky Hale, Melvin (construction and style); Kellie Brewer, Brown City (construction and style), and Jenna Moore, Sandusky (construction and style).

Senior Sewing: Stephanie Moore, Sandusky (construction and style) and Renee Puterbaugh, Snover (construction).

Buymanship: Carrie King, Decker (style); Kelsey, Jenna and Stephanie Moore, Sandusky (style); Katie Reed, Sandusky (style); Melissa Paape, Deckerville (style), and Lanae Mahaffy, Deckerville (style).

Becky Hale, Melvin (construction and style); Carrie King, Decker (style), and Veronica Long, Sandusky (construction).

Wearable Art: Adam and Lanae Mahaffy, Deckerville (construction and style); Andrew Bell, Brown City (construction), and Becky Hale, Melvin (construction).

Wearable Recycling: Carrie King, Decker (construction and style).

Mini Fair Participants were Amanda Aldrich, Sandusky; Brittany Shephard, Brown City; Jodie Mahaffy, Deckerville; Alex King,. Decker, and Jessica Bowsky, Brown City.

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of kids carried out more than 1,600 events. This number is expected to increase this An awareness program such as Kick Butts Day puts

an important focus on the fact that kids are a powerful part of the solution to reducing youth tobacco use, not just part of the problem. Throughout the year, youth advocates take part in a variety of activities to protect kids from tobacco, including peer education. In Huron County, TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) is used as a peer education tool in most districts.

For more information on this initiative, visit the Kick Butts Day website at www.kickbuttsday.org. or locally, contact Kristi Pitts. Huron County Tobacco Education Coalition, at 517-269-9721, ext. 123.

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The Michigan Corn Growers Association recently elected new officers to lead the association's growermembers into 2002.

There are currently 23 Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) Board members representing the state corn industry's interest on policy issues.

The new officers serving throughout the coming year include:

* Clark Gerstacker, a corn producer from Midland, is serving as president. Gerstacker and his wife Jennifer farm 1,300 acres of corn, dry beans, soybeans and sugar beets.

* Jeff Farmer, a corn producer from Sandusky, is vice-president. Farmer sits on the MCGA board as the Sanilac County Corn Growers president. Farmer and his wife Lisa work cooperatively. on a 2,200 acre corn and soybeans farm.

* Brian Kreps, a corn producer from Temperance, is secretary. Kreps farms 2,000 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat with his father, Gary.

* Harry Roggenbuck, a corn producer from Harbor Beach, is serving as treasurer. Roggenbuck, his wife Rochelle and sons, Brian, Dean and Scott, farm 1,700 acres of corn, soybeans, sugar beets and wheat.

"The new Michigan Corn Growers Association officers will work extensively in meeting the state's corn producers political interests," said Gerstacker. "The 2002 Farm Bill, ensuring ethanolfriendly legislation and the new energy policy are at the top of our priority lists for 2002 and beyond."

Gerstacker added that MCGA is also working to strengthen the bond with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan as it takes both organizations to successfully move the industry forward. Headquartered in Lansing,

the Michigan Corn Growers Association is a grassrootsmembership association representing the state's corn producers' political interests. Since the 1970's the MCGA has been looking out for the state's corn producers and working to keep them on the cutting edge.

Hospice training slated

Thumb area residents interested in becoming a United Hospice Service volunteer can sign up for training this month.

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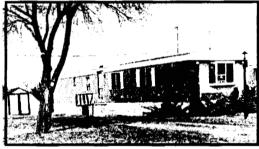
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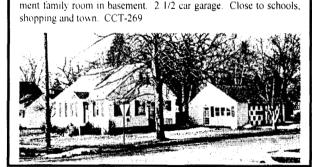
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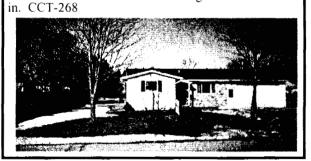
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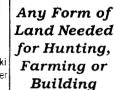
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Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

Wednesday, March 28

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

Soup & Sandwich Lunch, Cass City United Methodist Church, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, March 29

Sanilac County Relay For Life team captains/co-captains meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; committee members meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Heritage Inn on M-46 in Sandusky.

Friday, March 30

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

Saturday, March 31

Cass City Chamber of Commerce annual Community Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall.

Monday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 4

Registration deadline for children or for hot lunch for twentieth annual Christian Mothering Day to be held Saturday, April 7, Laker High School, Pigeon. For women of all ages. Call Bernice at 517-269-8443, Patty at 517-453-2558 or see www.christianmotheringday.homestead.com.

Obituaries

George Fisher Sr.

George S. Fisher Sr., 90, of Cass City, died Thursday, March 22, 2001, at Covenant Care-Cooper, Health Saginaw.

He was born April 11, 1910, in Ellington Township to William and Almira (French) Fisher. He married Elizabeth Reitter Sept. 7, 1935, in Unionville. She died Sept. 30, 1963. He married Ruth Hendrick Finkbeiner May 18, 1968, in Cass City.

Fisher worked for the Frutchey Bean Company in Cass City and New Greenleaf, retiring as manager after 40 years. He was a member of the Cass City First Baptist Church. After retiring, he worked as church ianitor for 11 years.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; 5 children, George (Norma) Fisher Jr., Arthur (Jean) Fisher, Carol Ann (Leslie) Hartwick, Kathleen (Charles) Hartwick and Jeanne (John) Shagena, all of Cass City; 3 stepchildren, Donald H. Finkbeiner of Cass City, Eugene (Mary) Finkbeiner of Sumter, S.C., and Larry (Sandra) Finkbeiner of Caro; 17 grandchildren; 34 greatgrandchildren; stepgrandchildren; 21 step-

great-grandchildren; a sister, Phoebe Klinkman of Deford; 3 sisters-in-law, Irene Tracy and Isabelle Whittenburg, both of Cass City, and Phyllis (Sherwell) Kelly of New Boston, and many nieces and

He was preceded in death by grandsons, James Fisher and Brent Fisher; greatgrandson, Scott A. Fisher; Timothy stepson, Finkbeiner; stepgrandson, Clark Finkbeiner; brothers, Jonathon Fisher and Myron Fisher; step-daughter-in-law, Judith Ann Finkbeiner, and brothers-in-law, Arthur Klinkman, Don Whittenburg and Ivan Tracy.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 26, at Cass City First Baptist Church with the Rev. Eric Holmgren officiating. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Cass City First Baptist Church.

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Joseph Koepf

Joseph C. Koepf, 72, of Cass City, died Thursday, March 22, 2001, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brian (Betsy) McHugh.

He was born April 9, 1928, in Unionville, to John and Anna (Rekl) Koepf. He married Elfriede Schwara Sept. 15, 1948, in Vienna, Austria. Koepf was an altar boy at

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Unionville. He graduated from Unionville High School and entered the United States armed forces in 1946. He served in the occupation forces in Vienna until November 1948. He was employed at General Motors Grey Iron Foundry in Saginaw for 37 years. He was a member of the VFW Post #3644 in Cass City, the Knights of Columbus and of St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Elfriede; 5 children, Helen (Al) Frank of Dearborn Heights, Clemens R. (Sally) Koepf of Cass City, Patricia (Les) Brown of Millington, Linda Whittaker of Cass City and Betsy (Brian) McHugh of Caro; 19 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; special friends, Elfriede and Lawrence Englehart of Deford; a brother, John R. (Barbara) Koepf of Cass City; a brother-in-law, Werner (Karoline) Schwara of Austria; a sister-in-law, Christine Schwara of Austria, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bernard Koepf.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 26, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul Bala officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery, with military rites under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to the St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

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Calendar of Events Thumb health coalition seeking new members

The Thumb Area Health Educators Coalition (TAHEC) is currently seeking new members to assist with committees or work group efforts.

TAHEC was formed to help meet the educational needs of health professionals in the county. In 2000 the TAHEC goals were expanded to include increasing the use of technology, providing programs for schools, and developing education programs for the public.

Most recently, the group has become involved with a grant received by Hills and Dales Hospital, Marlette Community Hospital, and Scheurer Hospital. The goal of the grant is to increase the use of technology to advance health in the Thumb area.

Participants do not need to be a doctor, nurse or other health professional to be involved with the effort.

"It is extremely important to include teachers, school administrators, youth, parents. business leaders, senior citizens, and other community members for our group to be successful in accomplishing our objectives," said Kay Balcer, member of the public relations subcommittee.

Individuals have 6 subcommittees they may choose to

*K-12 Education Committee - Supplement and support health curriculums and plan bi-weekly prevention classes through REMC. Contact person: Minnie David, Hills and Dales Hospital, (517) 872-2121.

* Survey Committee - Research and prioritize needs of health care workers and assessment of grant objectives. Contact person: Joan Nagekirk, (810) 622-8757.

* Continuing Education Committee - Provide continuing education programs for health professionals using survey results and current needs. Contact person: Jeanette Yaroch, Marlette Hospital, (517) 635-4103.

* Grant Committee -Search for additional funding, collaborate with other groups such as the Community Health Assessment and Improvement (CHAI) Workgroup, monitor/oversee compliance with current grant requirements and associated reporting functions. Contact person: Minnie David, Hills and Dales Hos-

* Community Education Committee - Develop a weekly cable program by April 2001 that addresses community health needs. Contact person: Laura LaJoie, Hills and Dales Hospital, (517) 872-2121 (ext. 315).

* Public Relations - Communicate all TAHEC information to the public. Collect and disseminate information on available resources and

ongoing programs for agencies and the public. Contact person: Kay Balcer, Huron County Health Department,

(517) 269-9721 (ext. 196). Individuals and organizations interested in TAHEC, its activities, or joining one of the work groups may call any of the contact people listed above.

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Police planning pedal patrols

The Cass City Police Department plants to introduce a little pedal power to its patrol schedule this summer.

Village Council members learned Monday that the local department is gearing up to implement a Bicycle Patrol Program as part of its ongoing Community Oriented Policing effort.

Sgt. Craig Haynes said Officer Mike Gebauer will be undergoing specialized training for the new detail, which

is designed to get officers into the community to more closely interact with the residents they serve.

Cost of the program, including a custom bicycle fitted with a siren, lights and other equipment, is estimated at \$1,300, according to Village Manager Jane Downing.

Haynes noted the program will include bike safety education programs and various special events in the coming

Council okays charge

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for interior maintenance and improvements to the village's water tank. The contractor was recommended by Nelson Tank Engineering and Consulting Inc. The village received 4 other bids ranging from \$53,600 to \$144,000.

•Voted to send a "letter of interest" to the Tuscola County Solid Waste Board and Tuscola County Recycling Center, which have asked all governmental units in the county to consider a plan to charge residents \$11 per year to fund existing and

expanded recycling services. cially at this point. Recycling officials are simply trying to gauge potential support for their plan to offer additional service throughout the

•Heard a presentation on the Cass City Community Indoor Pool and Exercise Facility project. Committee head Ed Fox explained the effort, saying organizers are soliciting pledges to match \$750,000 promised by 2 family foundations over the next 5 years.

·Acknowledged an annual donation of \$2,000 from Elkland Township for village park and recreation pro-

•Approved a motion endorsing a liquor license transfer Downing emphasized that to Mulligan's Irish Links the letter of interest does not Golf Course (formerly obligate the village finan- Northwood Shores Golf Course).



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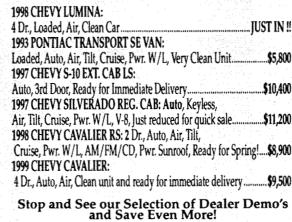
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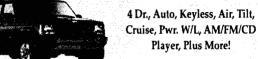
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facility has received a fully, a play area to the installation of an \$12,000 grant from the serve the facility's child automatic door. Follow-State of Michigan to care program. start the Eden Alterna- Already operating is an tion of a wooden awtive Program. The Eden on-site child-care pro- ning. Existing cement program is based on gram for the staff. It has will be removed and

on 2 fronts at nursing homes—lone- dents, staff members etable beds at the site project, volunteers are needed. Tendercare, the skilled liness, helplessness and point out. In addition, will be raised so that needed to provide the many plants, 2 cats and City. The first was an The outdoor project many birds provide

flower and vegetable tion of the patio starts The second is that the garden areas and, hope- early next month with ing that will be installahelping cure the 3 ma- provided "grandchil- new walkways created.

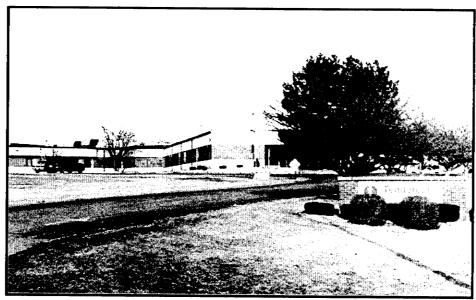
basic structures will be working hard to secure Ewald, 872-2174. completed by June.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

patients can help care labor. Larry Robinson, helping and needing for them without leav- massage therapist, who more information about excellent state review will include a resident smiles and help cure ing wheelchairs. It is donates his services at the Eden program are expected that the patio's Tendercare, is already asked to call Diane

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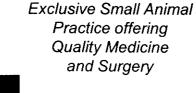
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Making life a little more last year the business has now available. The compan pleasant for area residents doubled, requiring the dou- can complete minor home who need help is the aim of bling of office space to give repairs such as drywall repair. Guardian Angels Home office personnel more room. Health Services, Inc., corner Our goal is to help people of Main and Ale Streets. remain in their homes. notes Nora Frederick, ad-Frederick explained, and to

The firm, which is celebrating its fourth year in business meals, housekeeping, launin April, has seen its services dry and companionship. quickly accepted. Since June A new "Chore Service" is

be cared for. Services offered include smaller painting projects and repair of leaking faucets. There is a tremendous need

for our services. Frederick points out, and we are playing with the idea of opening

Home decorating service at Lota's Corner Cupboard

more and more to Lota's added to the lodge area, Corner Cupboard in wedding room and gar-Caro for home decorat- den room ings, in addition to its we plan to expand our gifts.

Custom service, in- tops, unity candles and cluding selection of other items for the wedflorals, curtains and ding. We also plan to tablewear, can add the offer more home decofinishing touch to deco-rating ideas and furnishrating the home. You are ings. Expanded, too, invited, says owner Lota will be the selection of Hartel, to come in and pictures, florals, custom

Residents are turning see the many new items curtains and wallpaper

ing help and furnish- This year, Hartel adds, Layaways are welcome reliable source for selection of bridal ac- available to hospitals unique and tasteful cessories, including and funeral homes in bridal bouquets, cake Cass City and Caro.

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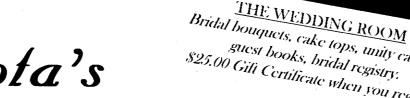
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JANE DOWNING, village manager, reviews community's progress and future.

Aid to Cass City firms

Four agencies band to promote Cass City

Dedicated to helping the Cass City community become all it can be are the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), the Cass City village government and Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Author-

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

One of our principal concerns, Jane Downing, village manager, is quick to point out, is to retain the business and industry we enjoy now and attract others to the com-

In 1999 the Cass City Industrial Park was designated a Renaissance Zone, which enables plants located there to realize enormous tax advantages. It relieves qualifying businesses from all personal tax, property tax and single business tax for up to 15 years.

Right now Downing has quickly completed a proposal tying in these tax advantages that hopefully will encourage General Cable Corporation to remain as one of the community's larger employers. The company is now undergoing a feasibility study of the Cass City plant.

Upgrading the business community has been a primary concern and the focus of the EDC and the village. The Downtown Develop-

Long-term, authorities be- be replaced yearly. lieve, the \$25,000 HyettPalma study that pin- the water-sewer department

most important step in the long-term viability of the business community.

offering a new Facade Improvement Program. The program offers Cass City businesses low interest loans for up to \$25,000 with up to 5 years to repay.

Using the report as a guide, a committee is studying a possible Community Center downtown instead of at the village park. It's envisioned as a multi-purpose facility with services for all ages. HvettPalma's report emphasizes the need to concentrate on the 3-block core area of the business district. It recommends the types of business that the village should seek and ways to make the community more attractive to shoppers and residents.

One of the problems being addressed by the village, Downing explained, is the water system. The average life of a meter is about 10 the meters in the Cass City system are 25 to 35 years old. If the 1,288 meters in the village were replaced on a 10- munity easy to get.

Downing says that currently points ways for the down- in Cass City is not paying its town business district to way and she forecasts that grow and prosper may be the users will face an increase in While water-sewer charges

will be increasing, village Development Corporation is taxpayers are getting a lot for their dollar. Downing points out, by the work of the village employees. We are the only village in the area of our size or larger that operates with a non-union staff. We do it because we pay competitive salaries.

The village operates with iust 15 full-time employees, Downing pointed out, and out-sources much of the work or hires part-time workers with substantial fringe benefit savings.

The village operates on a budget of slightly over \$4.1 million with a total tax of 18.4625 mills

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Working side by side with the village is the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, Kay Warner, director, has the years. About 80 percent of Chamber active in supporting business and in making information for visitors and others interested in the com-

year basis, 126 meters would The Chamber is in the midst

of compiling a directory that Warner says. On the web it's will include names and infor- http//travel.to/casscitymi. mation about services of The office phone is 517-872fered. Information about 4618 and the fax number is places to stay and where to 517-872-4855. dine will be instantly avail-

the Chamber coordinates "Christmas in the Village" and "Summer Mania", townwide sales events that have proved popular.

The top event each year for the Chamber is the annual banquet highlighted by the selection of the citizen of the year and the junior citizen of the year.

These activities have received the approval of the community. There are now 130 business memberships. There are 45 individual memberships that pay \$25 each to support the organization. Warner feels that there will be more when a membership drive is completed.

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The Chamber office is in the Municipal Building, corner In addition to this service, of Main and Seeger Streets.

MEDICAL CENTER

and Dales Hospital. Cass City is becoming a medical center and is financially sound and growing at a time when many facilities are in finan-

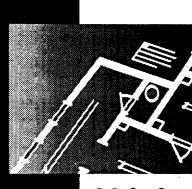
The latest project that is coming will be the construction of the Assisted Living Facility that is expected to begin this spring.

The big news on the school front is the proposed new KAY WARNER, dienough funds can be generated to build it, the erection of the middle school and merce.

the school buildings in what probably is their best ever



swimming pool and senior citizen walk building. Regardless of whether or not revitalization of the Chamber of Com-



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with 10 years' experi- day through Friday ence. With Mike, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 McCallum says, we are p.m. and Saturday from prepared to take care of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. all small engine repairs The business is a famincluding string trim- ily affair. Stephanie saws. We do repairs, her job as a teacher.

Jason McCallum be- McCallum points out, at

available when needed. which they will be Added to the staff happy to demonstrate.

Horne is a mechanic Jason's is open Mon-

mers, motorcycles, 4- McCallum takes care of wheelers, snowmobiles, the books evenings and lawn mowers and chain weekends in addition to



JASON'S OUTDOOR POWER stresses service along with sales, says owner Jason McCallum.

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Erla family grateful for customer support

Erla's Food Center has been serving the Cass City and Thumb area for over 47 years. Since it started, it has always been a family operated business with an interest in helping make the community grow.

The Erla families and their staff are grateful for the support area residents have given them. A key to the success, says Char Krueger, store manager, is that we alalways listen to them.

Over the years, Erla's has completed several enlargements and modernizations. Another renovation is underway now to make shopping easier and should be completed in the next 2 months.

Erla's Food Center strives to bring you the best products at the lowest prices. Customers appreciate the fresh

from name brand and Shurfine products.

Many of the sausages and lunchmeats offered are

The meats and the homemade products are sold wholesale throughout the Lapeer and Bay City.

produce, in-store bakery, customers will be continued.

The Point offers adults affordable housing

Initial reaction to The Point. a lakefront development which features affordable housing for adult-senior living, has been enthusiastic, report owners Kelly A. and Kelly W. Smith. Although the development will not officially open until later this spring, about 25 percent of the 29 lots have been spoken for, say the Smiths.

permit was received in the be rented. spring of 2,000. With the help of local firms, the site was prepared. Bill Shagene of Shagene Excavating and Don Doerr of Doerr Landscaping completed the roads and made the sites ready for

The lots at The Point are 50 to 55 feet wide and 100 to

After wading through a sea 120 feet deep. The homes of red tape, a construction will be sold and the lots will

> Smith says that he wasn't sure how the development for adult-senior living would be received, but was pleased to find that there was no negative feedback from all who have visited the on-site model now open for inspec-

ways welcome suggestions deli, fresh cut meats at the They include doubling of and Wednesday's senior citi- discounted 5 percent on store. Customers can choose coupons worth up to 50 cents zens' day when prices are nearly every item.

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Chemical Bank's quality service ongoing

vice-president and branch manager in Cass City, said that Chemical Bank & Trust Co. continues its ongoing focus of providing quality customer service and products. "We are the 'Bank for Everybody'," according to Seelev.

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Chemical Bank's friendly staff

READY TO SERVE is this staff at the Cass City branch of Chemical Bank and Trust Co. Front, from left: Samantha Farver, Kim Vincent and Michele Pohlod. Back row: Carol Wright, Carolyn Westerby, Judy Hulburt, Bev Perry, Sherryl Seeley, Ellen Schmidt and Rich Ypma.

Corner Gallery devoted to art

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

If all goes well, Cass City residents will be able to look forward to a store devoted to art and art supplies, Judi laas, owner of Corner Gallery, reports.

Haas has been connected with art for 20 years and in October opened the Gallery in the Village Wallpaper and Paint Store, corner of Oak and Main Streets.

Since its beginning, business has increased and if it ontinues, the plan is to open a store where artists can earn and display their work.

Beginning classes are offered in water, oil and acrylic and in paint a picture in a 4-hour session. Classes cost about \$20. For beginners, Haas said, we stress the fundamentals, including the care and use of paper and

In April a faux painting class will be held. Classes are restricted to no more than 8 artists, Hass explained. The next open class will start in May.

Guest artists help teach the various classes. Right now Ruth Ann Mersino of Kingston, well known in artistic circles, is helping instruct a class for the Gallery.

The Gallery has a line of gift items and framed art. Available in stock are Grumbacher oils, watercolors and acrylics. Canvas, drawing paper, patio paints and stencils are also in stock.

Haas sells paintings for other artists and has sold several paintings of her own. Prices typically range from \$25 to \$250 each, she says.



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Erla's has been in the process of some renovations to the store. Most of which should be finished in the next two months.



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Howard's Heating leading Cass City's renovation effort



JOE HOWARD OF Howard's Heating backs his faith in the community with a renovation of his Main Street store.

Main, is in the midst of a renovation of its building which, Joe Howard says, "reflects our faith in the Cass City business community. We expect Cass City and our company to continue to prosper."

Howard's Heating started in 1968 and Joe Howard took over from his dad in

Since that time, the firm has expanded its business and its services steadily. It is qualified to assist in air quality control with addition of purifiers and air cleaners for residents who have allergies and a need for pure air.

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Howard's Heating and aid of the company, Air Conditioning, 6523 Howard explained, we can offer Amana quality with no down payment to qualified buyers.

In addition to heating and cooling, Howard's stocks plumbing supplies.

Howard's is primarily a family affair. Joe Howard is assisted by his wife, Barb. A brother, Don Howard, is the chief mechanic, and his son, Jesse, is one of 2 co-op students at the firm. The other is Erin Ruggles, Barb's daughter.

Floyd Soldan works in the office.

Joe Howard points out that in these days of high energy costs, home owners would be wise to check out the savings available by replacing older furnaces with today's high efficiency units. Savings can amount to 30 percent on the dollar, he says.

In addition to regular business hours, Howard's is pleased to be able to offer 24-hour emergency



Hendrian Floor Covering

Customer support key to expansion

It's been an eventful year During the year, selecsince Robin and Scott tions of carpet, wood, vi-Hendrian opened nyl and ceramic floor cov-Hendrian Floor Covering ering have been expanded at 6435 Main Street last to bring customers a wide April, and this year prom-variety of choices. In Januises to be equally as chal- ary the Hendrians wellenging and rewarding as comed Guy, a ceramic the first year in business. That's because the own- experience.

ers are now working overtime to prepare the former awarded a contract to fur-Kritzman's Clothing Store nish some of the tile work building for a planned ex- at the new Wal-Mart Supansion. The major renoper Center in Caro. vation will offer larger Both owners are grateful viewing areas and an even and thank the community

customers. While the storefront lo- them during their first year cation is only one year old, some of the customers everyone to come and see knew owner-installer Scott the renovated Kritzman's through his 17 years' ex- building when it opens. perience with floor cover- We are making great ef-

Owner-design consultant with a showplace that Robin assists customers in folks will be delighted to making decisions and visit, the Hendrians point

specialist with 20 years'

The company has been

wider selection for the for the support and confidence they have placed in in business. They invite

forts to provide this area



READY TO SERVE at Hendrian's Floor Covering, from left, are Robin and Scott Hendrian, owners, and valued staff members Rae Blome and Mark Deering.

Village Wallpaper & Paint Store

Residents of the area visiting the Village Wallpaper & Paint Store since it started business at the corner of Oak and Main streets in October have been pleased with the expanded selections and the personalized service.

We have increased the amount of wallpaper in stock by 150 percent from that carFirm concentrates on basic business, expands stock

In addition, books are avail-

able for special orders. We

have, Klein noted, the larg-

The store has a full line of

eliminated gifts and items not related to the basic busi-

While that has enabled the est and most recent papers store to expand the wallpaper in stock, we will continue

Serving customers is a veteran staff that many have relied on previously. Ready to continue to help are Mary Lou Erla, Jean Murphy and

The Wallpaper and Paint Store is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Later in the spring, Klein said, the store may be open

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lot with asphalt.

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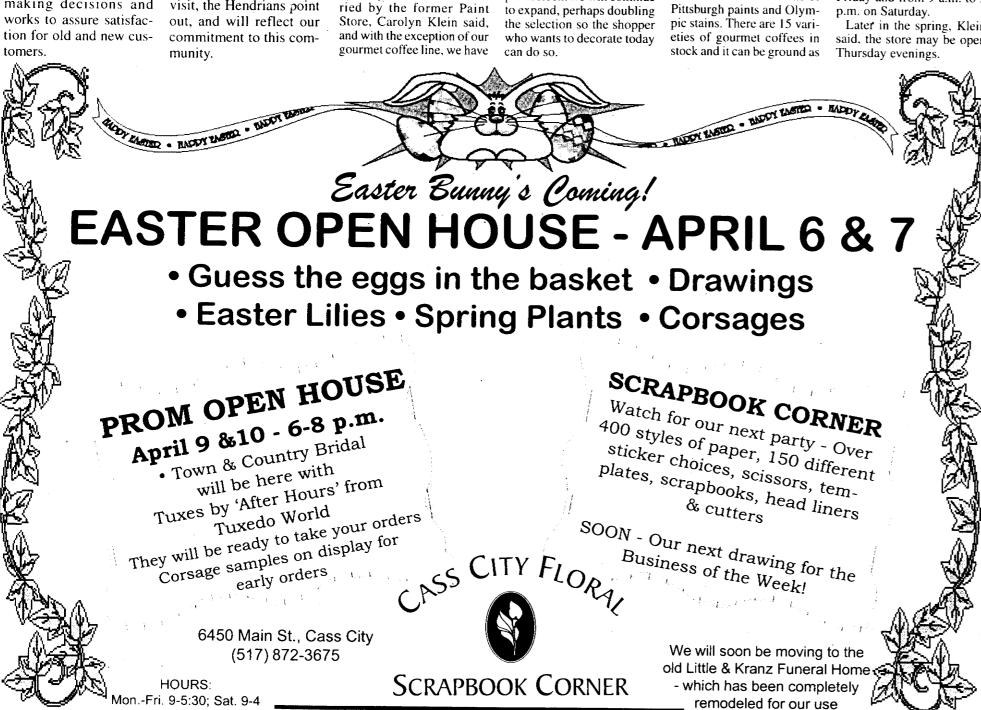
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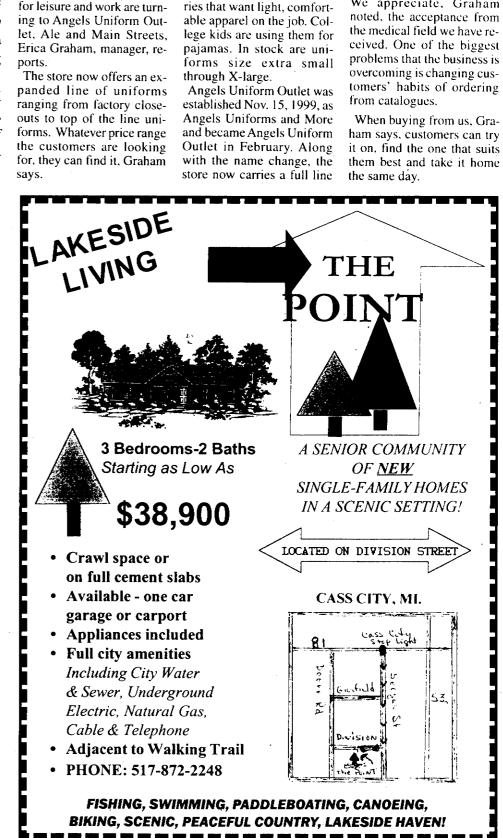
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Cass City is a General Law Village and is governed by an elected Village Council and an appointed Village Manager. The Village Council is responsible for approving the general direction and establishing policies for the Village and for providing the resources necessary to carry out these policies.

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A strong industrial and commercial base, anchored by longtime Cass City corporate citizens, TI Group/Walbro, BICC General Cable, Anrod Screen, Marshall Distributing, Detroit Edison Regional Center, and United Parcel Service continue to be major assets to the life and prosperity of the community and the entire Thumb Region.

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Downtown Revitalization was certainly the hallmark for the Village in the year 2000. This past year nationally reknown experts and consultants of HyettPalma, Incorporated, were retained to provide the Village with a market analysis and strategic plan for the commercial sector of the community. The "Downtown Action Agenda 2000" has been in the process of implementation for several months and success stories are beginning to emerge from this effort.

VILLAGE MANAGER
Jane A. Downing

In the year 2000, Hills and Dales General Hospital initiated steps toward the development of an Assisted Living Facility. This proposed new facility will be another "jewel in the crown" for Hills and Dales General Hospital as they continue to position themselves as the major regional medical location in the Thumb of Michigan.

VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER Joyce A. Bemus During 2000, the Village continued its major Capital Improvement Program, by initiating several projects. These projects encompass both construction of new infrastructure, and also the planning for new development in non-serviced and under serviced areas of both the Village and Elkland Township.

POLICE CHIEF Gene Wilson The Village of Cass City is committed to deliver the highest quality of municipal services to the community. Opportunities for commercial and industrial business continue to expand, given the Village's geographic and transportation network location. Improvement of public infrastructure continues to be a top priority of the Village Council and Administration.

D.P.W. SUPERINTENDENT Gary Barnes

Boards and Commissions of the Village are also critical partners with the Village Council. The Downtown Development Authority and the Economic Development Corporation are implementing renewed initiatives for the overall development of the community. The DDA is leading the charge to create an aesthetically pleasing environment for merchants, shoppers, and residents in a revitalized Central Business District. In a joint program between the DDA and the local financial institutions, we are able to offer low interest loans for Cass City businesses to make needed improvements to their properties.

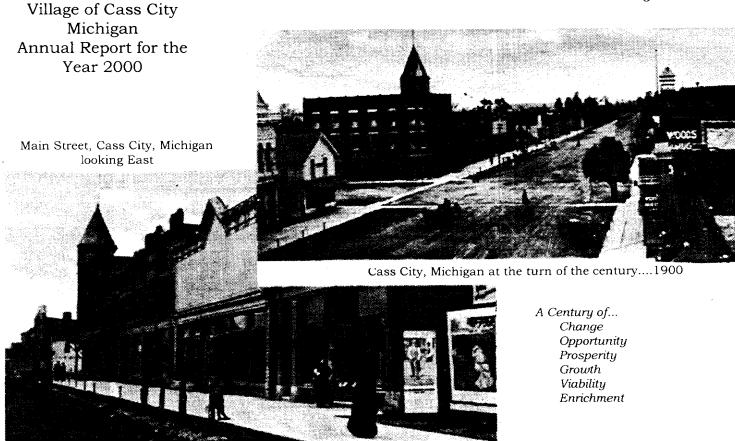
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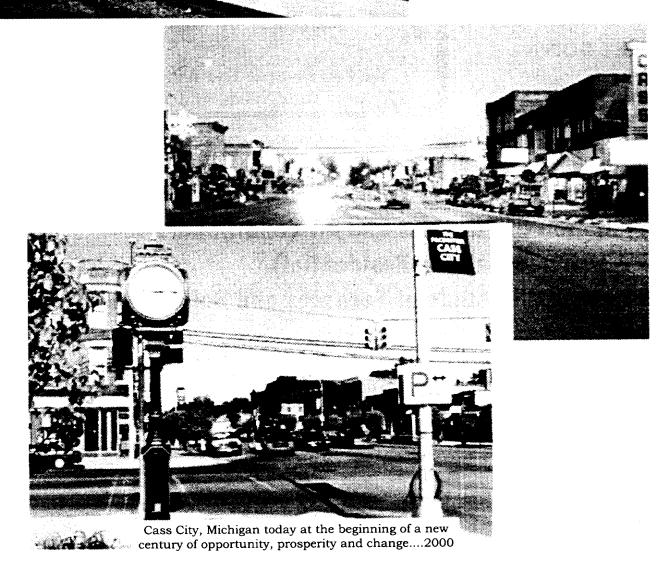
Blick Mohr

The EDC continues to facilitate job creation and expansion by concentrating their efforts on both the retention of existing business and seeking or attracting new opportunities for Cass City. The new Industrial Park, located west of Doerr Road, received designation of the Renaissance Zone for the Industrial Park.

The Year 2000 was a great year for our Village and we are well on our way to another century of prosperity and growth for our community!

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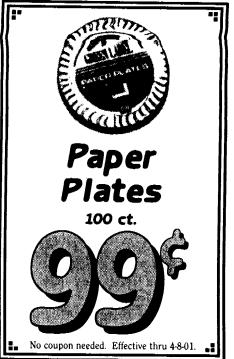












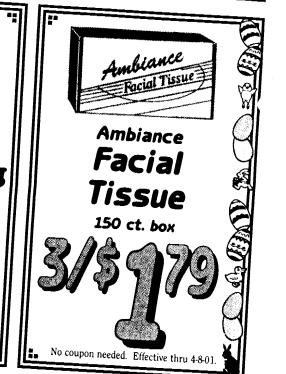










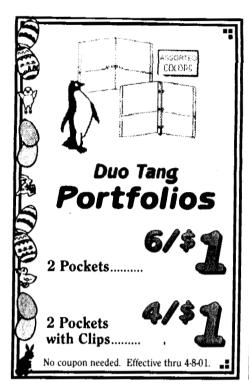


















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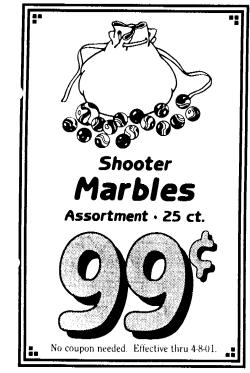


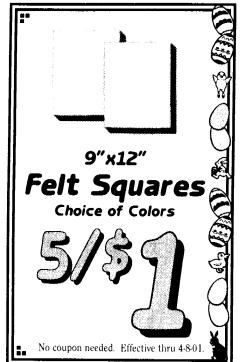










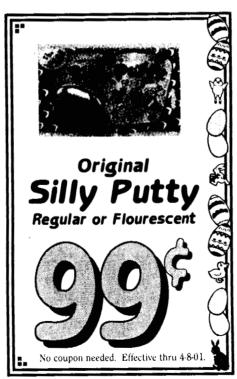


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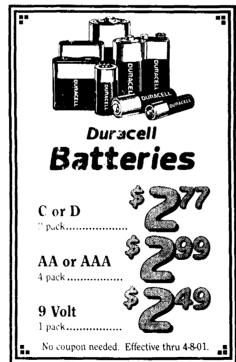




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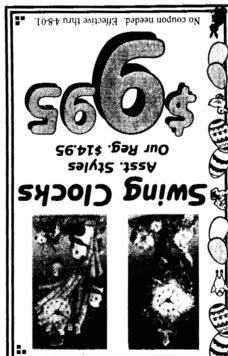


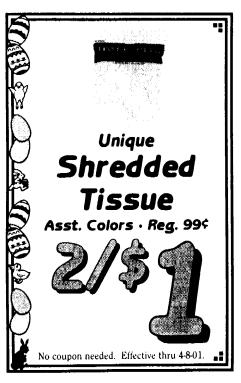


















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