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MAKING FRIENDS - A petting zoo was among the featured attractions during Cass City's annual Summer Mania celebration. Among the youngsters who stopped to talk with the animals were sisters Marisa, 7, and Kayla Schneeberger, 6, daughters of Jalaine and Steve Schneeberger, Cass City.

Summer Mania marvelous

by Starr Golembiewski
Staff Writer

This year's Summer Mania wasn't about sidewalk sales or profit, but about bringing people into Cass City to see local businesses and the community.

In its second year, Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Kay Warner said Summer Mania keeps getting bigger and better, but that doesn't mean the 3-day event doesn't have a few organizational problems to work out.

The focus of the event is clear, said Warner. "It's a festival that's evolved from a sidewalk sale to bring people into our community." She added, "It's just more fun summer stuff to show off our businesses."

Crowds turned out in droves to the garage sales and Rawson Library book sale on Thursday. Other big draws were the classic car show and the Neverwell concert Friday night, Warner said. "The car show was phenomenal. We had over 100 cars there," Warner said. "The turnout surprised us."

Thursday there were 50 registered garage sales, she said. The winners of the cash prizes for registering their sale were $75 winner Catherine Beckett, $50 winner Pat Hunter, Alice Smithson who won $25. Winners of the business crawl will be announced in next week's Chronicle, she added.

The sidewalk sales also did well. Coach Light, New Sheridan Healthmart, and Timeless Treasures were all local businesses that said the event gets better every year.

"I think this sidewalk sale is one of the better ones," said Coach Light Manager Steve Eyer. "It's considerably better than last year."

Healthmart Owner Jon Shores said, "We were very pleased. I think it was the best turnout since I opened." Shores added that changing the emphasis from sales to fun helped improve Summer Mania. "The Variety of events and entertainment is what draws people in," he added.

But Warner said she realizes that there were a few organizational glitches in this year's festivities. For instance the car cruise needed more people directing it and the concert afterwards had a few residents complaining about the noise, she said.

"The committee realizes that they will need to make changes and improvements," Warner said. "We appreciate the comments and welcome new ideas."

One of Warner's ideas is to get businesses more involved in organizing the event by having them contribute a service, like vending or finding a crafter, she said.

All ideas are welcomed, Warner said, during the organizational meeting that will occur in 2 or 3 weeks. The date and time are to be announced.

YFC auction draws crowd

Support for Bluewater Youth for Christ programs in the Thumb is continuing to grow, judging by Saturday's attendance at the Cass City-Kingston Region's third annual Benefit Auction in Cass City.

"It went great. Bidders were up this year - I think we had, probably, 155," said Jeff Bader, Campus Life director for the Cass City-Kingston Region. "I think we're going to come in at about $25,000."

The number of items on the auction block was up significantly, Bader added, "But some things went better than they have in the past. I think people are starting to grasp that this is a fundraiser. People understand what we're doing and why."

Last year's auction drew more than 130 bidders and also raised about $25,000. The inaugural auction saw 143 bidders spend a combined $20,000, twice the goal set that year by organizers.

The auction is a major fundraiser for Bader, who is responsible for raising all of his own support funding. In fact, the auction proceeds make up about half his Youth for Christ annual budget.

Money raised during the sale, held at Cass City Recreational Park, goes to help fund a variety of programs, including Club Extreme, an outreach to high school students, and Reality Zone, a similar program for junior high students. Other activities include an annual spring break trip to Florida, a lock-in, and sponsorship of concerts each year.

"We're expanding in Kingston with a program now. It doesn't have an official name yet, but I'm going to be running a (youth) club," Bader noted.

In addition, the newly established Caro Region of Youth for Christ has hired Heather Jensen as its Campus Life director, Bader said, and she will be expanding that ministry to the Reese area this fall.

July driest since 1988

Drought conditions hitting crops hard

Thursday night's rainfall in Cass City may have been refreshing, but it was all too brief.

MSU Extension officials say it will take a great deal more precipitation to put a dent in this summer's drought and, hopefully, make a difference in the yields of certain crops.

In some cases, particularly corn, the damage has already been done.

"I think corn is the one we're going to suffer the most with. It's our thirstiest crop," Sanilac County MSU Extension Director Martin Nagelkirk said. "Corn will probably be 20 percent off yield potential on the driest farms."

Officials at the MSU Extension office in Tuscola County voiced similar concerns, saying the lack of rain has come during the critical pollination period for corn.

"It's a severe impact, no question. We won't know the true picture until the fall when we start harvesting, but you can't go this long without rain and not have it affect yields," said Agricultural Agent Dave Pratt. "I can't put a number on it, but it's going to be severe.

"Some of the damage, unfortunately, has already been done," agreed MSU Agricultural Meteorologist Jeff Andresen. "Beans can make up for it (lack of moisture) if we should get some rainfall, but corn will not. Once you have pollination, what you see is what you get."

Sugar beets and alfalfa, too, can still bounce back, according to Nagelkirk, who said the recently completed wheat harvest resulted in varying yields.

"I think we did fairly well. A lot of guys were seeing 80-plus bushels, but some guys were getting 50 bushels," he said. "Yield and quality have been great the past couple of years, but we're 10 to 20 percent - 8 to 10 bushels - down this year."

Nagelkirk said the east side of Sanilac County received at least one inch of rain over a recent 5-week period, "but the bulk of the county has received very little, maybe a tenth of an inch or under."

Officials at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant recorded barely a quarter of an inch of rain for the entire month of July. And the August total to-date is just .04 of an inch.

Andresen said Cass City's normal July rainfall is about 2.5 inches.

"It certainly was among the driest Julys we've had for many, many years," he added. "To get a month as dry as July 2001 you'd have to go back to the spring of 1988.

"The last appreciable rainfall for most of Michigan was the middle of June," Andresen said. "We're in some serious trouble at this point as far as agriculture. Probably the driest part of the state right now would be the northeastern Lower Peninsula, but the Thumb is not far behind."

As of last week, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has classified all but southwestern Lower Michigan as being in a moderate to severe drought.

And the short-term outlook isn't very promising, according to Andresen.

"Michigan is on the western edge of a region of abnormal dryness that includes southern Ontario, northern Ohio, parts of Pennsylvania, New York and on into New England. It's a large area," he explained. "All of this goes back to the causal mechanism — the configuration of the jet stream. Michigan is on the eastern part of a ridge dominated by warm, dry air in the middle and lower parts of the atmosphere."

Andresen said this persistent pattern suppresses air convection, an upward movement of a warm, light air current. And without convection, he noted, there is no rain.

But there is always hope. Andresen said long-term forecasts suggest there's an equal probability of above and below normal precipitation for the area.

He added that 3 to 4 inches of rain would go a long way towards ending the drought. "What's needed is a series of long rain events where the

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Cass City man nabbed in Vegas

Two fugitives, including a Cass City man, were apprehended last week in Las Vegas, Nev.

The men, Roger William Bearinger, 22, Cass City, and Shane Kevin Orton II, 28, Caro, were nabbed last Wednesday thanks to a cooperative effort involving the Gagetown Police Department, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Fugitive Team and the Michigan State Police, according to Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene.

Bearinger absconded on bond and is presently awaiting trial in Tuscola County Circuit Court on 10 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct. Orton is on parole for 2 counts of writing a no account check.

"Chief Ken Currey of the Gagetown Police Department, through his investigation, learned that both Bearinger and Orton had left the State of Michigan on a bus bound for Los Angeles, Calif.," Reene said Friday.

He added that Currey was able to obtain information regarding the applicable bus schedule, and worked with state police and Las Vegas police to apprehend the men.

"Both Bearinger and Orton now face additional charges of larceny over $1,000 and larceny in a building based on additional investigation by Chief Currey," Reene said. "Both individuals are being returned to Michigan at the earliest possible time."

Council approves contracts

The Cass City Village Council formally approved letters of agreement to hire Don Duggar as interim village manager, and former Village Manager Jane Downing as a consultant to the village during a pair of special meetings Friday and Saturday.

The sessions followed a heated monthly council meeting earlier in the week during which the council rejected and later approved motions on split votes to accept Downing's offer to provide her services during the search for a new village manager.

The council approved Downing's letter of agreement Friday morning on a vote of 5-1 after revising and clarifying 3 points in the contract.

The changes specified that payment to Downing shall not exceed a total of $6,000 and that her business-related expenses shall not exceed $100 per month. The council rejected Downing's request for $3,000 of her fee up front.

The contract became effective Friday, Downing's last day on the job. Downing's consultant services will include preparing the village's 2002 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, preparing a Renaissance Sub-Zone application for the Millennium Industries project, and providing other technical assistance.

Village President Les Karr and trustees Dale McIntosh, Cathy Kropewnicki, John Maharg and Don Ball voted in favor of the contract, while Trustee Matt Prieskorn cast the lone dissenting vote.

The council unanimously approved Duggar's letter of agreement Saturday. The contract provides for a fee of $30 per hour for the longtime former Caro Village Manager, who will serve part-time in his new role as Cass City's interim village manager.

Doerr students shine in Big Apple

Broyles performs at Carnegie

by Starr Golembiewski
Staff Writer

Imagine being on a stage where thousands of talented dancers have performed and, just before the butterflies in your stomach settle, the curtain opens. You lift your arms—dancing the world and its worries away.

Imagine living out your dream.

That's just what New Yorker Pam Broyles is doing—living out her dream of dancing. Performing at Carnegie Hall was one of the highlights of Broyles's career. It was an event that brought tears to her mother's eyes.

"I was so proud because she loves to dance," said Broyles' mother Charleen Watros. "It was like a dream come true. All I could think about were all of the great people that have danced and played music on that stage and she's one of them."

While Watros watched her daughter on stage at Carnegie, she said she was sort of surprised at "how natural it was for her to be up there. It was like it wasn't an effort for her."

But, she wasn't totally surprised because dance is how Broyles expresses herself and Watros said that's what Dance Instructor Sally Doerr taught her daughter—to express herself through dance.

Before Broyles moved to New York she was an "energetic powerhouse" at Sally Doerr's Dance Studio in Cass City, said Doerr, the studio's owner.

Many kids in Cass City have benefited from Doerr's ability to bring in choreographers and instructors from all over the country. Her ability to teach and her being well connected to the dance industry are what Doerr said encourage so many talented dancers. In fact, last week she judged at the West Coast National Dance Competition Finals and she taught a master workshop while she was out there.

Doerr said dancers need drive, discipline, determination and talent to become the type of dancer Broyles is. "I think the drive was already in (Broyles), but we do try to push the kids." Ultimately, Doerr said the kids have to do the work.

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PAM BROYLES (back left) recently performed in "Italian Fantasy" for the Lindt Ballet Co., but when she's not dancing she's on Wall Street. Broyles has a day job with Nasdaq because she likes to challenge herself mentally and physically. Next to Broyles is Whitney Osentoski.

Holbrook Area News

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

Around 65 friends met at the home of Margaret Cook in Bad Axe Monday evening for a surprise birthday party for Dan Franzel.

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Ten members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Franklin Inn Thursday morning for breakfast. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Allen Farrelly was a Saturday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and sons.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mrs. Franklin Sagemen at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe Thursday.

Fred Goodwin and Irene Kippen of Port Huron were Thursday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mike Zauner of California left Sunday after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Around 75 attended the Peace Day Dinner at St. Ignatius Catholic Church hall at Freiburg, Sunday. Those attending from this vicinity were Archie and Penny Guigar, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Goronowich and Allen Farrelly.

Bill Smith, Bernard Morley, Rick Shuart, Allen Farrelly and Tom Wolschlager met at McDonald's for breakfast Monday morning.

Karen King was a Wednesday afternoon guest and Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Thursday evening guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Janet Cummings and son, Carol Osantoski and Rita Depcinski were Friday evening guests of Allen and Alice Depcinski.

Jim, Lewis, Bernard Morley, Bill Smith, Jack Kennedy, Ron Wolschlager and Allen Farrelly met Thursday morning and Ed Schember of Elkton, Jack and Wayne Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Bill Smith, Allen Farrelly and Bernard Morley met Friday morning at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast.

Dick and Judy Wallace and Mrs. Ken Osentoski were Saturday guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Special programs slated at Petroglyphs

Michigan storytellers will share the imagination and creativity of Michigan's Native Americans and early French explorers during 3 programs at the Sanilac Petroglyphs this month.

Discover Native American culture and the history of the Great Lakes region during these special programs:

•Stories from the Petroglyphs - "Romancing the Stone," Sunday, Aug., 12, 1 to 3 p.m. Enjoy both historical legends and folklore about the traditions of Michigan's Native Americans, as well as interesting theories on why the Petroglyphs are in Michigan's Thumb region.

•The Metis in Early Michigan History, Part II, Sunday, Aug. 19, 1 to 3 p.m. Al Pifer from Traverse City will continue an exploration of the life of the Metis, 19th century French fur traders in Michigan. Pifer will share stories, demonstrate games, and display clothing representing the attire of the Metis.

Located east of Cass City, the Sanilac Petroglyphs are among the most important prehistoric sites in Michigan.

All summer programs are free and open to the public and will be held rain or shine. The Sanilac Petroglyphs site is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Labor Day.

To reach the park, turn east off M-53 onto Bay City-Forestville Road and drive 2 miles to Germania Road. Turn south on Germania Road and drive approximately one-half mile. The Petroglyphs' parking lot is on the west side of the road.

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BACK TO THE 50s

Engaged

Gina Milazzo and Matthew Chevalier

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Milazzo of Gagetown announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina F. Milazzo, to Matthew A. Chevalier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell L. Chevalier of Pataskala, Ohio.

Gina is a graduate of Saint Francis College in Loretto, Pa., and is a licensed physical therapist with Saginaw Valley Sport and Spine in Saginaw.

Matthew is a graduate of Ohio University with a degree in organizational communication and is an assistant manager at Golf Galaxy Inc., Grand Rapids.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 1.

Gina is the granddaughter of Irene Lubaczewski of Gagetown and the late Walter Lubaczewski.

It's a boy!

Matthew and Angel Hux of Bad Axe announce the birth of their son, Saturday, May 19, at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe. Christian William was born at 9:56 a.m., weighed 5 pounds, 15 1/4, ounces and was 18 #/4" long.

Grandparents are Sharon Dennis of Bad Axe, Ronald Dennis of Aloha, Ore., and Norwood and Ruth Hux of Decker.

Quick to mark 80th birthday

Dorthea Quick will celebrate her 80th birthday Aug. 10. She was born and raised in Gagetown and was married to Basil Quick. He is deceased.

She taught at Cass City Schools until her retirement.

For celebration, a family dinner is planned.

VBS set

Vacation Bible School for ages 3 up to ninth grade will be held at Faith Free Methodist Church, 2380 Deckerville Rd., Snover (corner of M-19 and Deckerville Road), Aug. 13-17 from 9 to 11:45 a.m.

For information or transportation, call (810) 672-9242.

Meg's Peg

Recollections

by Melva E. Guinther

Last week we wrote about how quiet it was following our grandchildren's visit. Now I want to go on record as saying that kids aren't the only ones who make a lot of noise.

We had our 50-year high school class reunion a week ago, and you wouldn't believe how much noise a group of "mature" adults can generate when they get together after a long time.

I didn't go on the school bus tour of the village. (There were 87 of us, and, let's face it, we don't fit into those bus seats like we did as kids.) But we were told that the din was such that it was impossible to hear what the bus driver was trying to point out. She'll undoubtedly be happy to get back to transporting noisy children.

Anyway, we had a really good time.

Of course, there were the usual stories of days gone by, many embellished appropriately over the 50-year interim. There was probably a grain of truth behind each tale, but isn't it amazing how the same event can be so different depending on who tells the story?

Of course, that's true not only at reunions. When you reminisce with a friend about something from the past, you often discover that the other person, if they remember the incident at all, doesn't recall what you thought was terribly significant.

But if you've been blessed to be able to attend a 50th reunion, who cares?

There were the usual jokes about aging. What can you do but joke about it? After all, getting old is better than the alternative.

Tom Townsend, a classmate from California, shared this story with us:

Three sisters, aged 92, 94 and 96, lived together.

One night the 96-year-old drew a bath. She put her foot in and paused. She yelled down the stairs, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94-year-old yelled back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see."

She started up the stairs and paused. Then she yelled, "Was I going up the stairs or down?"

The 92-year-old was sitting at the kitchen table having tea, listening to her sisters. She shook her head and said, "I hope I never get that forgetful!" She knocked on wood for good measure.

Then she yelled, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

We dug up some random facts about events in 1951 in preparing for the reunion. One was that Chrysler Corp. introduced power steering that year.

Truman was president and Barkley, vice-president, and Gen. MacArthur was relieved of his command in Korea. The 22nd amendment was passed in '51, limiting the presidency to 2 terms.

"The King and I" opened on Broadway, and "An American in Paris" won the Oscar as best picture.

In '51, gas cost 20 cents a gallon. (Last week we were elated to find it at $1.23.)

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You could get a new car for $1,800 and a new home averaged $16,000.

Ah, those were the days - - until you remember that the average income was $3,515.

F.B. hosts fair goers

The Tuscola County Farm Bureau saw a need to get more involved with the county fair visitors, and they found the way: feed them!

For the second year, the county Farm Bureau hosted a luncheon for the livestock auction buyers, 4-H exhibitors and their families, July 26 at the Tuscola County Fair, Caro.

"We saw a need to get more involved with the fair, and this was great way to reach a lot of people," said Greg Daily, Fair Committee chairman for the Tuscola County Farm Bureau.

According to Daily, more than 600 auction buyers and exhibitors enjoyed lunch outside the auction ring. County Farm Bureau volunteers and Farm Bureau Insurance agents planned, organized and worked the event.

Daily said, "We hope to continue the lunch next year, so be sure to look for the Farm Bureau tent at the fair."

Clyde and Pat Wells

Couple mark 50th anniversary

Clyde and Pat Wells were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Aug. 4 at the First Baptist Church in Cass City, given by their children.

The former Patty Tate and Clyde Wells were married Aug. 3, 1951, at the First Baptist Church in Cass City, officiated by the late Rev. Arnold Olson.

The couple has 4 children, Steven Wells of Kalamazoo, Sandy Sherman and Sharon Groenewold, both of Otsego, and Sheryl Parker of Kennesaw, Ga. They have 9 grandchildren.

The Wells are both retired. Clyde worked at Walbro, pastored 2 churches, repairs golf carts, and during the last 2 years he has done substitute teaching at area schools. Pat was employed at Kritzman's Clothing Store for 34 years.

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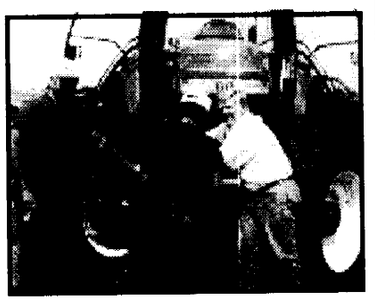

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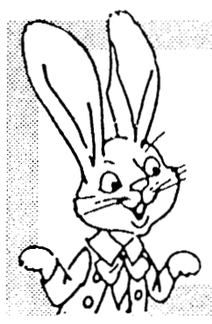

Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

One of the older Chinese restaurants in the area is Forbidden City, 4024 Bay Road, Saginaw.

My first visit last week served as a pleasant indicator of the reason that it has survived over the years.

There were 6 in our party, we ordered dinner for 5. It included beef, pork, chicken dishes, with soup, egg rolls and rice.

All were good and so was the service. Despite ordering for just 5 persons, it was more than ample and leftovers were taken home.

Total cost before the tip was $69.00 Give it a 7 on the one-10 scale.

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Every year there are changes in the rules covering high school sports. Some of them are really picky.

In football, when a team scores and the opposing team commits a foul on the play it is no longer automatic that the infraction is refused.

In basketball, during a 30-second timeout all players must remain standing. It's hard to imagine why we need these nit-picking regulations.

On the other hand, the new emphasis on sportsmanship is laudable. There will be no tolerance for negative statements or actions between opposing players or among team members and coaches. Trash talking, taunting or baiting opponents or casual use of vulgarities will net a penalty immediately.

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There aren't too many around that can identify the men pictured below. It will bring back memories for the really graybeards in the community. We picture it not because the team won 3 bowling championships in a row, but as an indicator of the changing mores 50 years ago and today.

Note the attire. The chances of a group of men today donning suits and ties to accept trophies, as these men did, rate as slim to none.

The picture was submitted by A.J. Murray, second from the right. Others, left to right, are M. B. Auten, Alfred Murray, Frank Reid and Basil Bingham.

$5,200 distributed

HDC, Extension among tobacco grant recipients

An allocation through the Council of Michigan Foundation from the state's share of the national tobacco settlement has enabled the Tuscola County Community Foundation to award 3 grants from its Health Youth/Seniors Fund.

County foundation officials recently awarded $1,200 to the Human Development Commission for the purchase of therapeutic exercise and fitness equipment to be used by older adults in the Tuscola County Adult Day Services program.

Officials presented a second grant totaling $2,000 to Michigan State University Extension to provide matching dollars for a program that involves children, especially at-risk youth, in activities that promote healthy behaviors.

Finally, a $2,000 grant was awarded to the Caro Area Trail Systems (C.A.T.S.) to develop cost estimates for the initial design of proposed trails.

After making the grants, $4,308 remains in the Health Youth/Seniors Fund to provide immediate support for existing or new programs designed to improve the health of youth and seniors in the county. Programs or projects that address issues related to tobacco prevention or cessation continue to be a priority.

Organizations interested in obtaining an application may write to: Tuscola County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, or call (989) 673-8223. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Aug. 31, 2001.

Members serving on the foundation Advisory Committee include Minnie David, Susan Andrus, Norma Bates, Bob Chadwick, Donald J. Hahn, Susan Lautner, Brandon Marks, Dana Megrew, Sarah Moss and Dave Wohl.

Corrections

The Cass City Chronicle regrets that Joshua Wenzlaff, 7, of the Kingston Country 4-hers, was left out of the Tuscola County Fair article. Wenzlaff's animal won Overall Grand Champion Dairy Feeder and Reserve Champion Homegrown Dairy Feeder. The 583 pound animal was sold to Marlette Livestock for $1.85 a pound.

The headline of a story in last week's edition of the Chronicle incorrectly listed Albion College as the site of a SEEKS (Sustaining the Environment through Education, Knowledge and Skills) program recently hosted by Adrian College. The Chronicle regrets the error.

Also, a news release on the activity failed to list one local participant, Jeremy Weippert, a Cass City High School student and the son of Nancy and Karl Weippert.

The Haire Net

At times it was a lot like a Keystone cops routine where the cops are the fall guys, stumbling around in circles and waving billy clubs in the air. It was slapstick in its infancy and made an icon of Charley Chaplin.

There wasn't a Chaplin at the Haire residence last week, but John and Esther played the part of the Keystone cops almost to perfection.

Playing the part revved up an adrenaline rush that we agreed was greater than that when we climbed into the car of a roller coaster for the first time as kids.

For me it was a double feature. A day before the main show I had turned the lights out and was ready to call it a day after nodding off in a chair, when I heard a noise and could not figure it out. After a couple of minutes I turned on the lights and there was a bat flying around all the rooms except the bedrooms.

I grabbed a broom and opened the outside door and began the chase. It lasted just long enough for my wife to grouse about the noise and the lights when she was sleeping.

The bat just disappeared and I figured (hoped) that it had whipped out through the fireplace chimney.

That set the stage for the main event. Two nights later my wife was reading in bed when she screamed for assistance. The bat was circling and dive bombing in the bedroom.

We armed ourselves, she with a mop and I with a broom. The chase began. We waved fruitlessly as it zoomed back and forth all over the house. It ignored for the second time a chance to escape through the open door.

That lasted for about 10 minutes before Esther finally corralled it under the mop and I administered the coup de grace.

That ended the performance for the night, but not the speculation. How did it get in and most of all was this a one-act comedy?

Did the bat have a buddy and, heaven forbid, will we be forced to stage similar performances in the weeks ahead?

We don't need any more "thrill nights" like that.

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The back forty

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by Roger Pond

It's easy to forget how much agriculture has changed over the years. My generation has seen the days of 2-row corn planters and this new era of precision agriculture with satellite technology.

One thing hasn't changed, though: The competitive nature of farming. Everyone is looking for crops, livestock, and enterprises that will help improve the bottom line.

A few farmers are taking their cues from the tourist business by providing farm activities for city people. These entrepreneurs have discovered baling hay, building fence, and milking cows are great entertainment for folks who never had to do them.

It's hard to believe people will pay good money to do things their grandparents spent most of their lives trying to avoid, but that's the way it is. Some farmers are planting entire fields of corn and cutting them into mazes so tourists can wander around, wondering how they are going to get out.

I can't imagine anybody getting lost in a cornfield on purpose. The whole thing seems terribly embarrassing to me.

Tourist farming (or agri-tourism) may sound strange at first, but it's a natural progression in many ways. Folks who grew up on a farm have been dealing with tourists for most of their lives: we called them "town kids" when I was a boy.

Getting lost in the cornfield was a minor event compared to the stunts we cooked up for the town kids. Most of our pranks were harmless - - even educational in a warped sort of way.

My friend Jim's brown cow trick was one of my favorites. Jim's family had a few cows and an excellent pasture for baseball, so he always kept a few town kids around for the weekend baseball games.

Most Saturdays we would play baseball until about 5 p.m., and then we had to quit so Jim could milk the cows. While Jim gathered the cows, I generally mixed-up some powdered milk-replacer for the calves.

One company made a chocolate colored milk-replacer in those days, and that's what Jim had for his calves.

Everyone knows the old story about brown cows giving chocolate milk. So we'd mix up a batch of chocolate milk-replacer and try to convince the town kids we got it from the old black cow in the last stanchion.

Our friends were skeptical at first, but they always came around. Seeing is believing, I guess.

When I read about agri-tourism, bed and breakfasts, and cornfield mazes, I always remember those days when the town kids came to the farm to visit. That's the main reason I could never run an agri-tourist business.

I'd have to stop every so often and say, "Wait a minute! These folks are paying to swing on the hay rope. Maybe we'd better actually tie it to something this time?"

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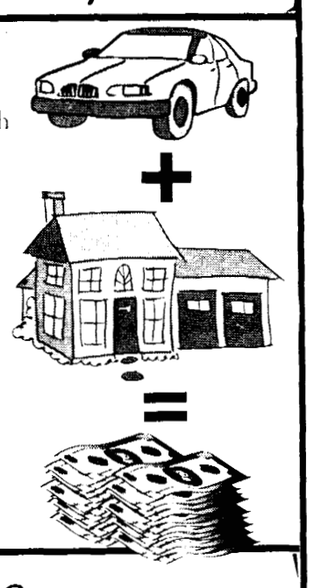

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For more information on the *Women's Heart Initiative*, please contact Becky Felker, Michigan CardioVascular Institute Foundation, at (989) 792-7304 or info@mcvi.com.

CASS CITY High School cheerleaders rolled up their sleeves for some good clean fun Saturday at Curtis Chrysler, Cass City. The girls' car wash netted more than $230.

Residents asked to participate

Waste program on tap

The Multi-County Solid Waste Task Force is looking for residents to participate in its 4 household hazardous waste (HHW) collections in September.

The program is being offered to residents in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties in an effort to reduce the waste going into local landfills as well as the negative impact these products can have if mingled with the regular waste stream.

Residents will be required to pre-register and be assigned an appointment in order to participate in the program, but the information provided will be kept confidential. Due to budget limitations, participants will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Task force officials say hazardous waste needs to be diverted from the regular waste stream for various health and environmental reasons.

"If a rubbish handler unknowingly spills a container with corrosive fluid they pick up at the curb, their health and physical abilities may be permanently changed," said Don Duggar, task force chairman. "If these materials make it into our municipal landfills, they can mix with other chemicals and cause the containment systems to fail and then leak into our drinking water supply.

Residents should feel encouraged to dispose of hazardous materials they have in their home through a HHW program," Duggar said. "Not only is it safe, but by getting rid of it now, the homeowner can prevent a future incident, when the dog or a small child comes in contact with these products that are often poorly stored in a basement or garage."

For additional information or to register for an appointment, residents should call one of the following county offices: Tuscola County, (989) 672-1673; Huron County, (989) 269-9949; Sanilac County, (810) 648-2515; Lapeer County, (810) 667-0452.

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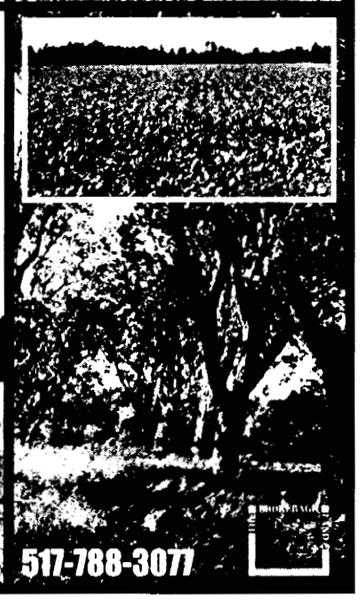

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Letters to the editor

It's time for a pool reality check

Re: Indoor Pool

It's time for a reality check and time to look at the other side. May I start by saying I'm neither for nor against the indoor pool. I have lived in 2 other large communities with indoor pools. I was a frequent visitor at both. I liked it.

However, there is more to consider than the fun side. An indoor pool is a lot more expensive to operate than an outdoor pool. You now have a year round operation plus a building to maintain and climate control to deal with. Is the population large enough to support both pools? I doubt it.

The first community I lived in with an indoor pool was open year round. I loved it. October through May I was often the only one using it. After all, how many people think of going swimming in the middle of winter? It was a horrendous expense to the taxpayer.

Community number 2 had a different way of coping with low attendance and high maintenance costs. They leased large blocks of time to various groups and organizations. Wednesday was the only day open to the public.

You say it can't happen here.... don't bet on it.

Good Luck.

God Bless Cass City.

Ray Donaldson
Cass City

Village ignoring unsafe building

Re: Vacant Nestle Building

Have you ever wondered why the village has refused to act on this building? The truth may shock you. FACT: The Nestle Building is structurally unsafe. A large section of the roof has fallen in and the walls are crumbling. The floor is covered with water and is a breeding ground for disease carrying mosquitoes and rodents.

The building is unsafe and is a threat to public health and safety.

Would you believe this building is unsecured? The front, side and back overhead doors are all wide open. I have seen school children (boys and girls) coming and going from this building. Someone is going to get seriously hurt. Does the village government care? Apparently not.

I have personally brought the aforementioned to the attention of the village manager and asked why this building hasn't been condemned. Her answer left me wondering.

Although other communities have been able to obtain state grants to tear down similar vacant buildings, our village appears afraid (and unable) to act in the public's best interest.

Let's hope the incoming village manager can get the job done.

God Bless Cass City!

Ray Donaldson
Cass City

Hosting local exchange student great experience

Dear John,

Our family recently hosted Sandra Teixeira, a Rotary Exchange Student from Brazil. She returned home last week, but it was a pleasure having her live with us. Our children enjoyed having an older sister around. I also would like to comment that we are not members of the Rotary Club.

When we were first asked if we wanted to host a Rotary Exchange student, we had our doubts. After all, we were a very busy family with sports, dance, scouts, school and work. We didn't know how she would fit in or even if we had the time to help her. Saying yes was one of the best things we did. Sandra fit right in from the beginning. Teaching and showing her things had been a lot of fun. She attended high school as a senior and participated in basketball, volleyball, and soccer, which were sports that she never played in Brazil. She is very open, kind, intelligent, willing to learn and respectful to people. She has become a part of our family and the experiences and memories we shared will last a lifetime.

For anyone who is thinking about hosting the next exchange student, we strongly urge you to accept. These young people leave their home thousands of miles away for one year to experience ~~things many~~ people never get a chance to do. All that is required from a host family is a home where they can feel welcome. The memories and the benefits of hosting an exchange student outweigh the little extra effort it takes to help them learn our customs.

We are grateful to Rotary for the opportunity to host one of their Foreign Exchange Students.

Sandra will always have a place in our family.

Dave and Carol Knight
Cass City

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.

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Former cheerleaders: story was disappointing

Dear Editor:

We recently read your July 24th issue of the Cass City Chronicle, and were rather disappointed. Disappointed to read that your information was incorrect in the article "Cass City cheerleaders gearing up for competition." It stated that this year's cheer team would be the first team to compete.

It is great that the Cass City cheer team is going to work towards competitions, however, they will not be the first cheer team to compete. During the 1995-1996, the varsity cheer team competed in a single competition in Frankenmuth Dec. 9, 1995. The cheer team consisted of Amy Butler, Shelly Ingrao, Becky Lowe, Crystal McKnight, Amber Rienstra, Rochelle Shaft, and Laura Truemner, and coached by Chris Weippert.

We hold no grudges, but would like the information to be correct. We would also like to wish the upcoming cheer team good luck!

Sincerely,

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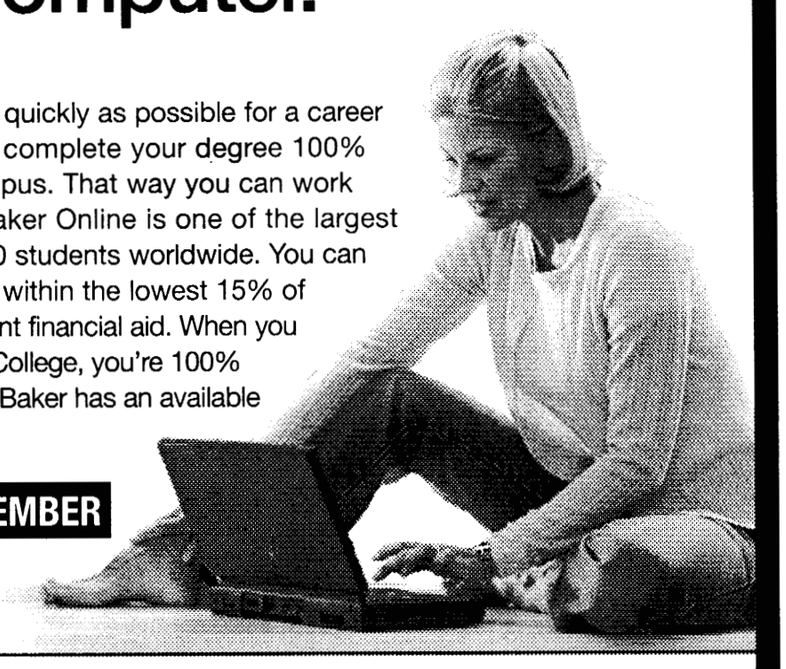

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TO SHOW how much fun scouting can be, a badge workshop will take place next week and a few of the organizers are (l-r) Lauren Brzuchowski, Klyn Puterbaugh, and Ashley Puterbaugh. Klyn shows off a doll their troop leader, Veronica Fenningsdorf, gave the girls to put badges on.

Scouts hope to boost numbers

by Starr Golembiewski
Staff Writer

Girl Scout troop 1081 will hold a badge workshop Aug. 13- 17 to rebuild the Girl Scout program that's suffering from dwindling numbers.

The first 2 days are for grades 1 through 3 and costs $20. From Aug. 15 to Aug. 17, grades 4 through 6 will participate and the cost is $35. All participants must become registered Girl Scouts.

Jerica Fenningsdorf, Lauren Brzuchowski, Klyn Puterbaugh and Ashley Puterbaugh are the 8th grade scouts that are organizing the event, which will help them receive the Girl Scout's Silver Award Badge.

Organizers want the event to encourage more girls to join the scouts by showing them how much fun scouting can be. Kids will earn 3 badges, sports, toymaker, and swimming if the pool is open. An overnight is planned for Thursday.

The Cass City Girl Scouts lost 2 troops this year and 2 troops last year. Girl Scout Service Unit Manager Kathy Sweeney estimated they lost about 20 girls. But, the Girl Scouts didn't always have such low numbers.

In 1998 there were 110 to 115 girls participating, but Sweeney said this year there are only 6 active troops in Cass City, which means 45 to 50 girls are scouts.

Sweeney attributes the loss to the lack of parents leading troops. "It's hard to get parents to participate and a lot of leaders quit because it takes up a lot of time," she said.

Girl Scout Troop 1081 Leader Veronica Fenningsdorf said lack of parental leadership might be the case for younger troops, but the reason older girls don't join is because the scouts are no longer "cool."

One of the reasons Fenningsdorf suggested the workshop was to help the Girl Scouts' image. "I think a lot of people think the Girl Scouts aren't cool," Fenningsdorf said. "But, I make scouting fun and I think it's a great opportunity because if they stick with it they can get a scholarship."

She said she thinks once kids see how much fun the scouts are they may quit making fun of older scouts.

Another factor in the decline of membership, according to Sweeney, is the girls are getting more involved with team sports, which don't leave them much time for Girl Scouts.

Workshop Organizer Klyn Puterbaugh said she's "iffy" on whether or not she'll be a Girl Scout next year. Puterbaugh said it was difficult to be a member of the Cass City Middle School's volleyball team and be a scout.

Puterbaugh has been a Girl Scout since she was in the 4th grade, but next year she'll be a freshman in high school who'll want to devote more time to her friends and other activities. Puterbaugh agrees that older scouts do get made fun of, however she said whether or not girls become members depends on them.

"When you're in this age group you get to do more stuff so you get sidetracked," Puterbaugh said. "It all depends on the person though. If they're in scouts and drop out, it might be because they're not interested or their friends start teasing."

But, Puterbaugh doesn't care if kids tease her, because in the end she makes up her own mind. "I blow it off, it's my choice not theirs," she said.

Sweeney said she's hoping that younger kids will see these older Girl Scouts at the workshop and decide to become and stick with being a scout.

CASS CITY'S Garden Club honored veterans by giving the VFW a 6-foot green ash tree taken from Denison, TX, the birth place of Dwight D. Eisenhower. From the left: VFW members Jack Esau and Ron Lomasney next to Garden Club members Anna Niebrzydoski and Fran Bellew.

Your neighbor says

Village already has a good pool

The in-door pool project has one Cass City resident wondering what's wrong with the pool the village has.

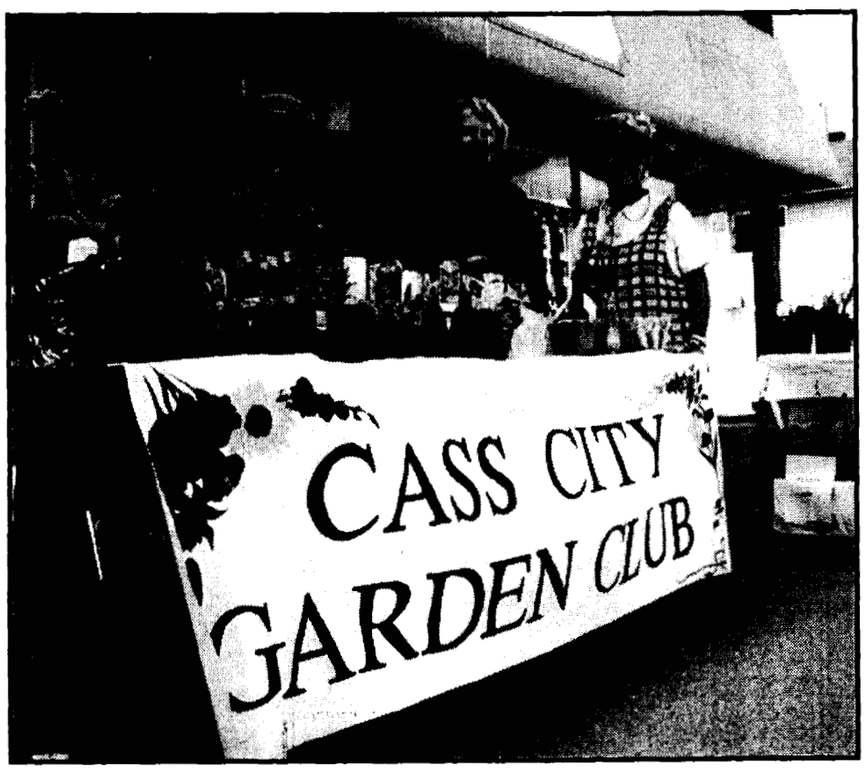
Dan Toner said Cass City has a perfectly good pool, despite recent pump problems that needed fixing. Toner added that every pool, including this in-door one, will need to be maintained.

Toner said he would have no problem with Cass City having this new pool if they really could afford to maintain it, but he said he knows they can't and in the end taxpayers will pay.

"A lot of people have all the taxes they can bear. Who's ever in charge isn't telling you everything," he said. But, "You can't blame the person in charge because they're trying to get something going, however they're not enlightening the people."

Toner also said he doesn't believe that people really want the pool and that the village is building it whether the community wants it to or not. "The people in general—no they don't want the pool. The people who don't have kids will pay for it," he said.

Cass City is promising it's residents a pool, Toner said, but the village is leaving out how much it's going to cost residents in the end, thus breaking a bigger promise to citizens. He added, "Promises in Cass City aren't always kept."



Garden Club in action

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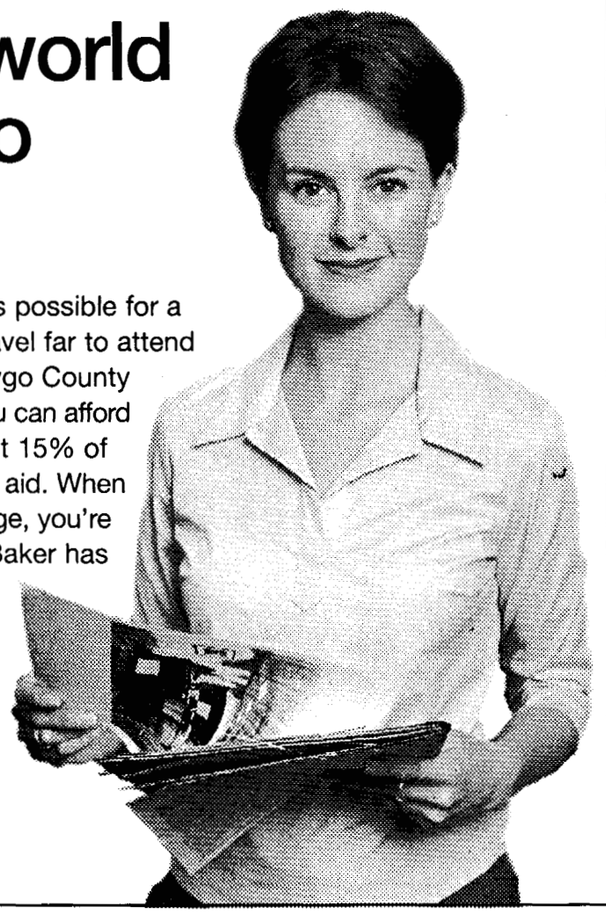

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Several new teachers have been hired to fill vacancies in Cass City Schools. Jeanne Lohela is the new principal, replacing Dr. William Snyder. Karin Pearson will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Veronica L. Commiere, who received plaudits for her work as English teacher and her work producing the school play. Joan Helwig is the new middle school guidance counselor. She moves to Cass City from Caro, where she was middle school counselor for 9 years. She replaces Dick Partlo, who retired.

School authorities received a surprise resignation from band director Brian Knoll, who is leaving after 2 years in the system. He informed the board that he has been accepted for officer training at the United States Naval Academy.

Fred Matthews was recently presented a plaque and certificate in appreciation for his 12 years on the Cass City School Board.

Cass City police are investigating the theft of more than $2,000 worth of equipment from a GTE truck in Cass City sometime over the weekend.

Sisters Becky Retherford and Julie Martinez are the co-owners of a relatively new store in Cass City called The Ten Spot and More. Located near the corner of Main Street and Leach, the store offers women's fashions at reasonable prices. Most of the store's merchandise is less than or close to $10.

10 YEARS AGO

Fifty jobs will be lost as the Michigan Supreme Court decided Monday it won't review an appeal of a ruling that would close the Pioneer Work and Learn Center in Koylton Township due to zoning violations.

About 900 people packed the Colony House Saturday for the 4th All Class Reunion of Cass City High School. Seated at the head table were several 1920s graduates. Among the class of 1923 were Herbert Bartle, Thelma Luther Crawford, Ken McKenzie and Alice Ferguson Stewart. Graduates from the class of 1924 included Louis Severance and Warren Wood.

Arthur and Janet Severance were hosts at a potluck barbecue Friday evening at their home when 11 employees, and their families, of the Cass City Chronicle attended. A total of 31 enjoyed the meal.

Renee Lee Butts was crowned Tuscola County's 1991 Bean Queen at the fair Thursday evening. A 1990 graduate from Akron-Fairgrove, Renee plans to attend Michigan State University to study agriculture.

Governor John Engler recently announced 8 appointments, including Jack Laurie of Cass City, to the Michigan Exposition and Fairgrounds Advisory Council.

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City lost one of its most active civic leaders Friday, Aug. 6, when Harry L. Little, 67, retired owner of Little's Funeral Home, died at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

A major burglary ring operating in the Cass City area for several months has been broken with the recovery of between $4,000 and $5,000 in stolen merchandise from a Cass City residence.

Shelly M. Seurynck, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Seurynck of Gagetown, was crowned Tuscola County Bean Queen during ceremonies Thursday at the County Fair in Caro.

A crowd of over 1,000 persons jammed into Colony House Saturday night to attend the all-class reunion of Cass City High School. Mrs. Nancy DeLong Dickinson, 90, a member of the class of 1904, was the oldest person to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sokol returned home from a 2,500 mile, 10 day motorcycle trip through 8 southern states.

35 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Jacqueline Freiburger was named principal of Deford elementary school Monday night by the Cass City Board of Education.

Fourteen blue ribbons, 22 red ribbons 7 white ribbons, a first-place junior calf, 2 state-show projects, the county 4-H queen and a combined total of 30 years of membership would be a showing for any 4-H club at the fair. But when those accomplishments belong to one family, it's enough to make anyone proud, especially the parents. The parents in this case are Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeLong of Cass City. Following in the footsteps of their parents are Duane, Connie, Bob, Dick and Donna.

It is doubtful if the new high school building will be completed in time to admit classes for the start of the 1967-68 school year, but progress in recent weeks has been noticeable.

Erla's of Cass City defeated Stroh's, 6-1, in the play-offs Tuesday night to capture the championship of the Ubly Softball League. This weekend Erla's will be at Port Huron to compete in the districts of the State Softball Tournament.

At IGA - Tide - 59 cents, 3-lb. 1 oz. box; sweet corn - 29 cents a dozen; home grown tomatoes - 25 cents a pound; Hills Bros. coffee - 79 cents a pound.

Chemical appoints 2

Aloysius J. Oliver, President and CEO of Chemical Financial Corporation, announced that the board of directors of the corporation has appointed Janet M. McGuire as Vice President and director of Corporate Marketing, and has named Pavel Koneeny as Assistant Vice President and director of Corporate Funding.

McGuire joined Chemical Bank and Trust Company in 1972, advancing through various positions, most recently serving as Vice President and Cashier of the bank. In her new position, she will be responsible for all aspects of sales and marketing within the corporation. McGuire is the recipient of the Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council -Women of Distinction Award and also was the recipient of the Athena Award in 1994. McGuire serves in various capacities with many community and civic organizations, including Leadership Midland, Celebrate Midland, the Midland Symphony Orchestra, The Midland Redcoats, Walk for Warmth and the Midland Chamber Foundation.

Koneeny joined Chemical Bank and Trust Company in October of 1998 and has served in the bank's Investment Department in portfolio management and in asset/liability risk management. In his new position, Koneeny will be responsible for managing various aspects of funding for the corporation, including liquidity management, deposit gathering, and other sources of funding. Koneeny holds both graduate and undergraduate degrees from Northwood University.

Historical society to meet

The Watrousville/Caro Area Historical Society will meet Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Watrousville Methodist Church parking lot.

Members and friends interested will travel to the Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum in Sebewaing and then tour the Pigeon Historical Museum.

For more information call Esther at 1-989-823-2360.

More farms on-line

Forty-eight percent of Michigan farms now have Internet access, compared to 28 percent in 1999, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

Sixty percent of Michigan's farms have access to a computer, virtually unchanged from 1999. Approximately half of all farms own or lease a computer, similar to the results in 1999. Farms using computers for their farm business increased from 25 percent in 1999 to 27 percent in 2001.

Within the 12-State North Central region (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD and WI), 73 percent of farms with sales of $100,000 or more have access to a computer, 69 percent own or lease a computer, 55 percent use a computer for their farm business, and 57 percent have Internet access.

For farms with sales from $10,000 to $99,999, the figures are: 51 percent have access to a computer, 45 percent own or lease a computer, 29 percent use a computer for their farm business and 37 percent have Internet access.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, August 8

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. Last week's winners: Wally Taylor and Wendell Wood. New players welcome, call John 872-2010.

Friday, August 10

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Monday, August 13

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 14

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

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Saturday, August 11

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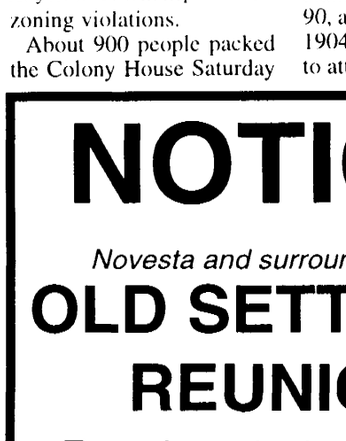

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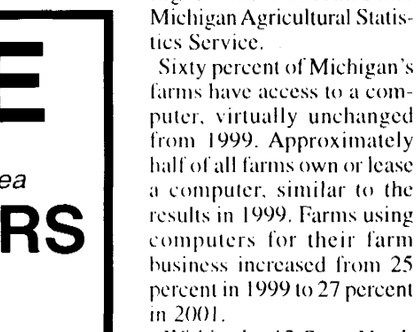

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	Psychology 100 - General Psychology	6 to 10 p.m.	4 credits
Wednesday	Communication 105A - Fundamentals	6 to 9 p.m.	3 credits
	History 100B - Survey U.S. 1800-1900	6 to 9 p.m.	3 credits
	Sociology 346 - Juvenile Delinquency	6 to 9 p.m.	3 credits
Thursday	Criminal Justice 201 - Intro to Criminal Justice	6 to 9 p.m.	3 credits
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	Math 120A - College Algebra	6 to 10 p.m.	4 credits

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MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE

FLIGHT #1 (all scratch)

John Maharg	171
Rich Tate	170
Mark Swanson	164
Craig Helwig	155
Brad Goslin	153
Dave Hoard	147
Dan Delamarter	137
Terry Wiseman	133
Mike Murphy	130
Bill Kritzman	125
Jerry Toner	119
Don Ouvry	114
Ray Fox	112
Ken Zdrojewski	103
Clark Erla	97
Dale McIntosh	82

FLIGHT #2 (all scratch)

Bryan Abbe	167
Don Warner	163
Dan Mosher	151
Daryl Iwankovitsch	149
Jim Peyerk	145
Ernie Bellew	143
Kurt Dennis	139
Jim Apley	137
Jim Hempton	134
Craig Bellew	118
John Riddle	116
Russ Biefer	113
Dan Dickinson	113
Dave Weiler	112
Tom Craig	109
Rick Hollis	101

FLIGHT #3 (all scratch)

Gary Robinson	170
Rick Doerr	169
Brian Reinhardt	156
Jon Zdrojewski	149
Jim Hobbs	145
Jim Fox	134
Fred Leeson	134
Mike Ware	129
Craig Weaver	129*
Dan Hittler	123
Jim Smithson	118
Corey Ulfig	115
Jack Hool	114*
Elwyn Helwig	101
Dick Wallace	101
Don Erla	94

*Points to be adjusted

FLIGHT #4 (all scratch)

Ben Schott	163
Pat Curtis	159
Jeff Krol	147
Roger Cooper	142
Bob Montgomery	139
Jim Mastie	132
Bob Stickle	131
Duane Henn	128
Doug Lautner	126
Orville Beecher	122
Kevin Bliss	116
Rich Perkins	116
Bruce LeValley	115
Jep Bryant	112

FLIGHT #5 (handicap)

Leonard Thompson	167
Anton Peters	158
Don Corrigan	155
Pat Davis	153
Charles Tunis	153
Dave Oehring	146
Dave Keller	136
Bert Althaver	130
Doug Laurie	124
Ed Knight	120
Dennis Meek	120
Brian Cuddie	106
Bill Ewald	99
Clate Sawdon	81

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' LEAGUE
As of July 31

1st Flight

Mary Rabideau	92.5
Fran Bellew	84.0
Joan Montgomery	83.0
Betty Koepf	79.0
Nelle Maharg	78.5
Sue Ellen Greenlee	71.0
Dee Pickett	70.0

2nd Flight

Blanche Rumptz	98.0
Jane Hool	96.0
Bunny OBerski	93.5
Ardis Haist	90.5
Barbara Wilson	71.5
Candy Holdship	70.0
Linda Helwig	67.0

3rd Flight

Eleanora Rees	94.5
Noreen Krug	88.0
Joann Martin	87.0
Mary Lou Maurer	74.5
Arlene Regentine	65.0
Marian Harm	23.0

WEDNESDAY 2-MAN GOLF LEAGUE
As of Aug. 8

EARLY DIVISION

Henn/Peters	160
Maharg/Pasieczny	157
Wallace/Apley	152
Herron/Tuckey	140
Bliss/ Baker	137
Stickle/Iwankovitsch	136
Harris/Hogan	135
Kritzman/Burns	125
Williamson/Rieman	124
Strickland/Glaspie	111
Zdrojewski/Bryant	105
Berwick/Greenlee	102
W.Dillon/Retherford	98
Burns/Hutchinson	98

LATE DIVISION

C.Bliss/K.Bliss	153
Ypma/deBeaubien	140
Doerr/Haire	135
M.Murphy/K.Martin	131
LeValley/Morgan	130
Wright/Prieskorn	128
Schneeberger/Ulfig	126
Schott/Osentoski	122
J.Hillaker/S.Murphy	121
Hartel/Comment	120
K.Smith/Biddinger	116
Jones/Marshall	96
McCallum/Randall	90
Hool/Toner	88

OWENDALE SPEEDWAY
RESULTS FROM AUG. 4

FAST QUALIFIERS

Dana Truemner from Cass City	LL
Chuck Kaake from Cass City	SM
Mike Essex from Cass City	SS

4 CAR DASH

Ron Bieri from Caseville	LL
Paul Bieri from Caseville	SM
Rod Wakefield from Gagetown	SS

HEAT WINNERS

Kim Watz from Lapeer	LL
Ken O'Connor from Elkton	LL
Gene Carson from Harbor Beach	SM
Wade Witherspoon from Pigeon	SM
Scott Buehrly from Cass City	SS
Diana Woodruff from Caro	SS
Dave Hutchinson from Cass City	SS

SEMIFEATURES

Catrina Simmons from Elkton	SS

FEATURE WINNERS

Ken O'Connor from Elkton	LL
Wade Witherspoon from Pigeon	SM
Wade Schmidt from Deford	SS

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New books at library

A Cold Day for Murder *by Dana Stabenow*: Kate Shugak was once the best investigator of the Anchorage D.A.'s office. When she returns to her Aleut roots in Alaska her talent for detection makes her the toughest crime-tracker in that cold northern land. When a young national park ranger disappears during the long Alaskan winter, everyone thinks the cold got him. But when an investigator sent to look for the ranger also fails to return, suspicions begin to arise that something other than the weather is killing people. With her husky, Mutt, to keep her company, Kate starts hunting for answers among the pipeliners, Aleuts and hardy eccentrics of the rugged north country. She doesn't realize that she is treading on the thin ice that lies between lies and loyalty - between justice served and murder.

A Widow, a Chihuahua and Harry Truman *by Mary Beth Crain* (nonfiction): When Mary Beth Crain's husband died she was inconsolable and thought she would never again find happiness. But there was a savior - or two - in her future in the form of President Harry S. Truman, Mary Beth's idol, from whose practical wisdom she had always drawn strength, and his namesake, Truman, a 3-pound Chihuahua. In this book, Crain shares her experience of overcoming loss by finding inspiration and joy in her dog and a former president who left a legacy of common sense, integrity and optimism.

Eternal Journey by *Carol Hutton*: Olivia Dunne's rather cloistered life as a studious minister's daughter is changing radically. Her 2 beautiful sisters marry military officers and she is left to take care of their dying mother. She has to put aside her dream of going on an archaeological dig in Egypt because World War II is raging. Falling prey to what she thinks is a harmless flirtation she suddenly finds herself banished to a rural Colorado outpost and married to a man she hardly knows. Overwhelmed by loneliness, she reaches out for friendship to 2 Japanese American sisters who are living in a nearby internment camp. Unknowingly, Olivia is drawn into becoming an accomplice to a crime that causes her to reevaluate her beliefs about love and trust.

MMPA distributes $1.7 million in equity retirements

Michigan Milk Producers Association made cash payments of over $1.7 million this week in equity retirements.

These cash payments represent the 1990 allocated earnings. This is in addition to the $1.9 million in cash patronage from 2000 earnings paid to members earlier this year.

Combined, MMPA has paid $3.6 million in addition to the monthly milk check to its dairy farmer members in the first 7 months of 2001.

"The continued success of our plant operations and diverse product mix allow us to continue to revolve back millions of dollars each year while still maintaining a strong competitive pay price in the market," said Walt Wosje, MMPA general manager.

During the past fiscal year MMPA returned extra cash payments in the form of equity payments, cash patronage refunds and a "13th" check in September. These payments totaled almost 20 cents per hundredweight to all members.

In addition to the extra cash payments, MMPA has paid a competitive price each month to its members. The cooperative has marked three consecutive record setting years of profits and member premiums.

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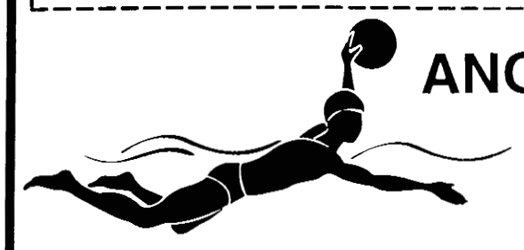

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 31, 2001.

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

Parcel B - Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 11 East thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds East 371.10 feet along the East line of said Section 30 to the point of beginning, running thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 01 seconds West 466.7 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds East 466.7 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 01 seconds East 466.7 feet; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds West 466.7 feet along the East line of said Section to the point of beginning.

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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 11:00 AM, on September 14, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GILFORD, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWN 13 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST.

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

Dated: August 8, 2001

MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, ONE M & T PLAZA
Assignee of Morgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard Thies and Betty Thies, husband and wife to Southern Pacific Funding Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 4, 1998 and recorded June 24, 1998 in Liber 743 on Page 43, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as trustee f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., as trustee by assignment dated July 12, 2001 and received by and recorded in Tuscola County Records on July 20, 2001, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Seven and 89/100 Dollars ($23,747.89), including interest at 15.125% 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 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on August 31, 2001.

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

Part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 3/4 of Section 26, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 26 which is North 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds East, (recorded as North 00 degrees 12 minutes 22 seconds East) along said Section line, 1723.43 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 26; thence continuing North 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds East, along said West line, 150.00 feet said point being South 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds West 772.71 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said section 26; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 55 seconds East, at right angles to said West line, 290.40 feet; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 05 seconds West, parallel with said West line, 150.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 55 seconds West, 290.40 feet to the point of beginning. Right of way for Mertz Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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: July 20, 2001

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as trustee f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A. as trustee, Assignee of Mortgagee

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8-1-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by RICK A. HILL and JULEANN HILL, husband and wife, of 3021 Harmon Lake Rd., Mayville, MI 48744, Michigan, Mortgagors, to CREVE COUER MORTGAGE ASSOCIATES, INC., Mortgagee, dated the 25th of April, 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of June, 2000 in Liber 804 of Tuscola County Records, page 020, said Mortgage having been assigned to FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK OF DELAWARE, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Seventy One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine & 41/100 ($71,669.41), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday the 21st day of September, 2001 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 14.600% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Dayton, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

A parcel of land described as beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 4, T11N, R10E, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 4; thence North 87 degrees 40'12" East along the South line of said Southwest 1/4, 266.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 06'15" West parallel with the West line of said Southwest 1/4, 197.64 feet; thence South 83 degrees 15'23" West, 74.74 feet; thence South 02 degrees 48'18" East, 91.39 feet; thence South 87 degrees 40'12" West parallel with said South line, 192.62 feet to said West line; thence South 02 degrees 06'15" East along said West line 100.58 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: July 30, 2001

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK OF DELAWARE, Mortgagee

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8-8-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Aulbert a/k/a Bruce Alan Aulbert and Tammy Aulbert a/k/a Tammy Lynn Aulbert, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 20, 1998, and recorded on November 20, 1998 in Liber 756, on Page 471, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Old Kent Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated November 20, 1998, which was recorded on April 29, 1999, in Liber 769, on Page 1309, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO AND 96/100 dollars ($71,222.96), including interest at 7.250% per annum, and modified by a Loan Modification Agreement dated April 1, 1999 and recorded April 29, 1999 in Liber 769, Page 1306, Tuscola County Records.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 24, 2001.

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

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

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

Dated: July 11, 2001

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Ravens

7-11-5

5-30-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Krystyna Rollo, a single woman (original mortgagors) to CBSK Financial Group, Inc. DBA American Home Loans, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 27, 1999, and recorded on November 19, 1999 in Liber 788, on Page 35, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on November 19, 1999 in Liber 801, Page 987, Tuscola County Records and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, N.A., f/k/a Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., as Custodian. Assignee by an assignment dated April 30, 2001, which was recorded on July 16, 2001, in Liber 838, on Page 13, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 60/100 dollars ($83,375.60), including interest at 10.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on September 14, 2001.

Said premises are located in the VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence running North 10 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning. ALSO commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 2, Block 4 of the plat of Village of Millington recorded in Liber 1, page 42A; thence North 8 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: August 1, 2001

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File # 200114488

Gators

8-1-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert J. La Berge and Christine F. La Berge Husband and Wife (original mortgagors) to TCF National Bank successor By merger and/or name change to Great Lakes Bancorp, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 1994, and recorded on March 15, 1994 in Liber 655, on Page 925, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND 58/100 dollars ($19,387.58), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on August 24, 2001.

The premises are located in the TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 1094 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 5, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence East 200 feet; thence North 235 feet; thence West 200 feet; Thence South 235 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: July 18, 2001

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-1 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of January 1, 1997
As Assignee
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File No. 193.0052

7-18-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Katren A. Mellendorf, a married woman and Roger Mellendorf, her husband is signing this mortgage for the sole purpose of waiving his homestead interest (original mortgagors) to Continental Mortgage Corp - USA, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 1998, and recorded on December 7, 1998 in Liber 757, on Page 1152, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bankers Trust Company of California N.A., as Custodian or Trustee, Assignee by an assignment dated December 8, 1998, which was recorded on June 28, 1999, in Liber 775, on Page 416, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE AND 21/100 dollars ($66,025.21), including interest at 12.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on September 21, 2001.

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

Part of South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, being part of so-called "Parcel A" of a previous Kay Engineering Inc. Survey as recorded in Liber 541, page 1214 of Tuscola County Records, described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said "Parcel A" which is South 00 degrees 40 minutes 02 seconds East, along the West line of said Northeast 1/4, 1720.32 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 34, thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 02 seconds West, along said West line, 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds East, parallel with the South line of said "Parcel A", 457.40 feet; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 02 seconds East, parallel with said West line, 200.00 feet to said South line, thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, along South line, 457.40 feet to the point of beginning

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

Dated: Aug. 8, 2001

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Stallions

8-8-5

MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Johnson Potato Farms, L.L.C., to Michigan National Bank. The Mortgage is dated June 25, 1998 and was recorded on September 9, 1998 in Liber 749 on pages 711 through 720 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now One Million Seven Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty One and 44/100 ($1,726,531.44) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on September 7, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Court House in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan which is the location of the Circuit Court for Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The following property to be sold is located in Akron and Dayton Townships, Tuscola County, Michigan, and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

PARCEL 1. Part of the West 1/2 of fractional Section 18, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at point on the West line of said fractional Section 18; said point being along said West line South 01 degree 52'01" West, 280.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said fractional Section 18; thence continuing along said West line South 01 degree 52'01" West, 1034.68 feet to the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said fractional Section 18; thence along said South line South 88 degrees 40'45" East, 1133.55 feet to the East line of said West 1/2; thence along said East line, North 01 degree 35'36" East, 1623.94 feet; thence North 88 degrees 24'24" West, 50.00 feet; thence North 01 degree 35'16" East, 164.07 feet; thence North 88 degrees 24'24" West, 45.87 feet; thence South 62.14" West, 132.00 feet; thence North 01 degree 35'36" East, 165.00 feet to the centerline of state Highway M-25; thence along said centerline South 62 degrees 14' West, 412.00 feet; thence South 02 degree 05'22" West, 373.84 feet; thence South 01 degree 52'01" West, 285.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07'59" West, 554.00 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals given to Cecil K. Bates as set forth in Liber 232 of Deeds, page 16 and any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto

PARCEL 2: Part of the West 1/2 of fractional Section 18, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said fractional Section 18, said point being along said West line South 01 degree 52'01" West 165.0 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said fractional section 18; thence continuing along said West line South 01 degree 52'01" West 115.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 07'59" East 554.0 feet; thence North 01 degree 52'01" East, 285.84 feet; thence North 02 degrees 05'22" East 373.84 feet to the centerline of State Highway M-25; thence along said centerline South 62 degrees 14" West, 83.26 feet; thence South 01 degree 50'40" East 379.95 feet; thence North 88 degrees 44'15" West 226.69 feet; thence South 01 degrees 52'01" West 121.97 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07'59" West, 281.00 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT an undivided 1/2 interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals given to Cecil K. Bates as set forth in Liber 232 of Deeds, Page 16 and any interest in subsequent instruments pertinent thereto.

PARCEL 3: The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, EXCEPT commencing 757 feet East of the South 1/4 corner of Section 27; thence East 230 feet; thence North 245 feet; thence West 230 feet; thence South 245 feet to the point of beginning

PARCEL 4: The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, EXCEPT beginning at a point on the South Section line, East 500.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence continuing East 823.22 feet to the East line of said West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4; thence along said line, North 0 degree 22'08" East, 565.01 feet; thence West 824.82 feet; thence South 0 degree 12'21" West, 565.00 feet to the point of beginning. Also EXCEPT the East 439.32 feet of said West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 EXCEPT the South 565 feet thereof.

The redemption period will expire One (1) year from the date of the sale.

Dated: August 2, 2001

MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric Darden a married man (original mortgagors) to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2000, and recorded on August 17, 2000 in Liber 808, on Page 1160, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIFE AND 43/100 dollars ($163,755.43), including interest at 9.375% annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on September 14, 2001.

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

The West 893.5 feet of the South half of the North half of the Southwest quarter of section 4, Town 11 North, Range 11 East. Excepting land commencing at the West quarter corner of section 4, running thence South on West line of said section, 693 feet to the place of beginning; thence East 363 feet; thence South 249.5 feet, thence East 190 feet thence North 61 degrees 20 minutes East 100 feet; thence East 253.2 feet; thence South 425.75 feet to the South one-eight line of said section; thence West along said South one-eight line a distance of 893.5 feet to West line of said Section; thence North along said West line of said section, 627 feet to the place of beginning. Right of Way for Kingston Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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

Dated: August 1, 2001

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Jaguars

8-1-5

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MORTGAGE SALE -Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradford D. Quick and Pennie K. Quick, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Full Spectrum Lending, Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 23, 1998, and recorded on October 16, 1998, in Liber 753, on Page 233, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank of New York, Assignee by an assignment dated July 12, 2000, which was recorded on August 22, 2000, in Liber 809, on page 31, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE AND 90/100 dollars ($71,763.90), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 24, 2001.

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

Beginning 300 Feet North of the East 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 10 North, Range 7 East; Thence North 300 Feet; Thence West 725 Feet; Thence South 300 Feet; Thence East 725 Feet to the Point of Beginning, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: July 11, 2001

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Mustangs

7-11-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry M. Stoick and Angela M. Stoick, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 24, 1998, and recorded on November 25, 1998 in Liber 756, on Page 875, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgagee Corporation, assignee by an assignment dated April 1, 1999, which was recorded on November 5, 1999, in Liber 786, on Page 1388, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 87/100 dollars ($64,365.87), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on Sept. 21, 2001.

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

Lot 11, Block 4 of Johnsons Addition to the Village of Fairgrove, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 27, now being Page 28A.

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: Aug. 8, 2001

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Stallions

8-8-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alan R. Reed and Lisa M. Reed, Husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Independent Bank, MSB F/K/A Mutual Savings Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 1995, and recorded on September 28, 1995 in Liber 679, on Page 894, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE AND 62/100 dollars ($112,303.62), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 24, 2001.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, TOWNSHIP OF ELKLAND, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as

Lot 89 of Northwood Village and Estates No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, pages 75-78, 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: July 11, 2001

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Ravens

7-11-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cortney D. Bailey and Christopher D. Bailey, her husband (original mortgagors) to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2000, and recorded on February 1, 2000 in Liber 793, on Page 761, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 13/100 dollars ($128,936.13), including interest at 8.375% 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 Sept. 7, 2001

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

Parcel D-Part of the North 625 feet of the West 698 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Southwest 1/4 which is South 87 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds East, along said North line, 498.01 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 14; thence continuing South 87 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds East, along said North line, 200.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 33 minutes 27 seconds West, parallel with the West line of said Southwest 1/4 625.01 feet thence North 87 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds West, parallel with said North line, 200.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 33 minutes 27 seconds East, parallel with said West line 625.01 feet to the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 months days from the date of such sale

Dated: July 25, 2001

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Gators

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Sally Doerr is the owner and director of the studio and has been instructing and choreographing for 24 years. Sally is a staff judge for the Kids' Artistic Revue Dance Competition based out of L.A. She travels the country judging regional and national dance competitions, and she recently returned from judging her second West Coast National Dance Competition in Las Vegas, where she was also hired to teach an elite master lyrical workshop. Sally is co-choreographer for "Hooray for Hollywood," a benefit to raise money for the Michigan Diabetes Foundation in October at SVSU. Several S.D.D.S. students auditioned and were chosen to be in the show. Sally hosts professional choreographers in Cass City to further the student's dance training. Sally teaches tap, jazz and lyrical dance to children and adults. Sally's positive attitude and love for teaching dance opens up many styles and fun experiences for her dancers. She would like her students to achieve self-confidence, a love for dance, poise, a respect for themselves and others, and an opportunity for challenge and growth. The staff of the S.D.D.S. is proud to see their students excel in many scholarships to New York, L.A., and Canada, performing in and out of the country in Europe, Australia, and across the U.S., performing the Nutcracker Ballet, teaching at dance conventions, being in commercials, pageants, or doing Broadway. Former S.D.D.S. student Kyle Vandemark, is now on tour with 15-year-old singing sensation, Myra. She is the opening act on a concert tour with Nick Carter. Danielle Osentoski and Josh Wark also just received the opportunity to study with Kids Artistic Revue in New York City after winning top honors at their regional dance competition. Josh also received a full scholarship to study this summer with Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp in Michigan. Other former students, Pam Broyles and Whitney Osentoski, are currently pursuing their dance careers in New York. Many students also compete and attend workshops and auditions. There is an annual recital along with parade and festival appearances from the Sally Doerr Dance Troupe and Dance Company. Sally and her staff could not be more proud of the many accomplishments their students have achieved.

Erin Lee Beller portrays dance as an art form. With every breath there is a movement, with every movement there is an emotion that captures the heart of her audience, in all venues of dance. Erin is an accomplished instructor of Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Character, and Acrobatics. For the past three years, Erin has directed "A Night Out on Broadway," and now this year "Hooray for Hollywood," an Eastern Central Diabetes Outreach Network Project. This fall Erin will be assistant director to the Moscow Ballet in the "Nutcracker" held at the Heritage Theater in Saginaw. Erin was a faculty member of the American Heritage Dance Convention for 8 years. She has judged for Kids Artistic Revue, and was featured in a commercial for Chase Manhattan Bank Corp. in New York City. Erin performed in "Tag" and "Dancing on the Edge" with the Jazz Dance Theater, Ann Arbor, the "Nutcracker", Tri-City Ballet Company, several other Christmas shows, and the Chesaning Showboat. Her students have received top 1st place trophies, cash awards, scholarships, and Miss Dance Titles at national competitions. Erin's former ballet student, Nehemiah Kish, is now a member of the National Ballet of Canada. Erin is very proud of all of her students and their accomplishments and gladly welcomes new students to join her.

Alischia Boyle - Acrobatic sensation! Alischia is a dynamite instructor at the studio! Alischia is tiny but she's a powerhouse. Not only is she a fabulous instructor, but a great gymnast. Also, she not only can teach the art, she can demonstrate her talent. Alischia has been active in gymnastics for over 20 years. Alischia has competed in state competitions in Michigan and Georgia for over 7 years and has won many awards in all gymnastic events. Alischia's specialty and favorite event is the floor exercise. Alischia has strong beliefs in technically correct basics and form as students strive to achieve their acrobatic goals. Alischia hopes her students will gain self-confidence not only in class but also in their everday lives. She also has been utilized in training gymnastics for cheerleaders and dance teams. We are proud to have Alischia as part of our staff and are looking forward to another great year of an amazing and highly applauded acrobatics program!

Nicole Rae Doerr is a dancing "Diva" with many accomplishments. Nicole's performances are breathtaking, technical and brilliant. Nicole has won many top awards at regional and national competitions, including title of Miss Dance. She has received numerous dance scholarships to places such as the Edge Performing Arts Center of L.A., Tremaine Dance Center of L.A., Paula Abdul's Company Dance, Broadway Dance Center of New York, Steps Dance Center of New York, and Peridance Center of New York. She also performed in a promotional commercial for Lansing Community College, for her second year, with Jammnation. Nicole has had intensive training with the Joffrey Ballet School of New York and was accepted into the National Ballet of Canada's summer program. She has trained and performed in Australia, Los Angeles, Ann Arbor, Arizona, and South Carolina. Nicole has modeled for Stormaker Costume Catalog. She has trained with many professional choreographers from around the world, including an upcoming solo specifically being choreographed for her by New York choreographer and actor Cameron English, who played "Paul" in the movie "A Chorus Line." This solo will be part of a benefit to raise money for the Michigan Diabetes Foundation in October at SVSU. Nicole is returning for her second year at the University of Michigan this fall. At college she is a member of Impact Dance Theater, a phenomenal performing group on campus. She is still planning on pursuing a career in dance and acting after getting her degree. She also has taught at the American Heritage Dance convention, and has taught at several other workshops in places such as New Baltimore, MI, and North Branch, MI. Nicole will be frequently returning to the S.D.D.S. to give workshops to the students and has been doing a lot of choreography over the summer and will continue this throughout the year. This past summer, Nicole was hired as an engineering intern at General Motors-Powertrain in Bay City.

Jeralyn Harp is a strong dancer who has a unique, almost "modern" style, her dance is emotional and creative. Jeralyn's choreography is expressive with a keen ear for accents. Jeralyn has been dancing for 16 years. She has studied ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and acrobatics. She has performed in many award winning solo and group numbers. She also has been the winner of the S.D.D.S. dance scholarship. Jeralyn was very active in the drama department in Ubly High School, where she choreographed for various school activities. Jeralyn has had the lead role as Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz" ballet production. Jeralyn auditioned, and will be performing in "Hooray for Hollywood," a benefit to raise money for the Michigan Diabetes Foundation in October at SVSU. Jeralyn is continuing her second year of college at Delta College in Saginaw. We are very excited to have Jeralyn back with us for her second year, for her skill is an essential element to our incomparable dance program.

258 arrested for drunken driving

The Drive Michigan Safely Task Force reported that 258 people were arrested for drunk driving over the recent Fourth of July holiday law enforcement crackdown on drunk driving.

Law enforcement agencies in 27 of the state's highest crash-prone counties used federal overtime enforcement funds, provided by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, to step up patrols for drunk drivers.

Because the Fourth of July fell on a Wednesday, the official holiday period was only 30 hours. Of the 6 traffic fatalities recorded to date, 4, or 67 percent, involved alcohol. Three of the 4 vehicle occupants killed were unbelted.

"We always hope that reminder messages and increased enforcement will bring out the best in drivers," said Betty J. Mercer, OHSP division director. "Fatalities will plummet when more people buckle up and drivers are sober behind the wheel. It's just that simple."

In addition to the drunk driving arrests, during the enforcement crackdown officers made 64 felony arrests, 513 misdemeanor arrests and issued 819 moving violation tickets.

The next Task Force enforcement wave takes place over the Labor Day weekend, when officers will be working the Click it or Ticket campaign to encourage greater safety belt use.

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Obituaries

Dale Otto

Dale A. Otto, 61, of Vaughnsville, Ohio, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2001, at Lima Memorial Hospital, Lima, Ohio.

He was born July 8, 1940, in Lima, Ohio, to Elbert and Helen (Turner) Otto. He married Louise Morris July 1, 1967.

Otto graduated from Vaughnsville High School, class of 1958; he was a member of the Vaughnsville United Methodist Church, the Sugar Creek Athletic Boosters, of which he had been past president, and was retired from Roundys, Lima, Ohio, in 1997, after 30 years. He had operated heavy equipment, prior to working for Roundys, for various area construction companies and was the announcer for the Putnam County Little League tournament games for many years. He had been a member of the Vaughnsville Valve Lifters Car Club.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; a son, Dale B. (Lori) Otto of Columbus Grove, Ohio; a daughter, Kaye (William) Heilman of Vaughnsville, Ohio; a brother, Richard (Phyllis) Otto of Vaughnsville; his step-mother, Beryl Otto of Cass City; 4 step-sisters, Gwen McLachlan, Marilyn Peters and Norma Wallace, all of Cass City, and Jeannie Osborne of Maryville, Mo., and 4 grandsons.

Funeral services will be held Aug. 8 at Hartman Sons Funeral Home, Columbus Grove, Ohio, with the Rev. Don Hague and Jon Bremer officiating.

Burial will be in Vaughnsville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Sugar Creek Athletic Association or Vaughnsville United Methodist Church.

Frank "Bud" White

Frank Frederick White, 80, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, in Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe.

He was born Dec. 24, 1920, in Cass City to Fred and Lydia (Clark) White. He married Mae E. Karr June 22, 1946, in Cass City. She died March 8, 1991. Bud married Grace (Beutler) Hyatt Sept. 7, 1991, in Cass City.

Bud served in the United States Army during World War II. He retired from Saginaw Steering Gear in 1981 after over 30 years. Bud also painted houses after his work at the shop. He was a member of Deford Community Church.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, helping people, and meeting new people.

Bud is survived by his wife, Grace; his children, Duane (Sally) White of Birch Run, Kenneth (Marie) White of Elkton, Thomas F. (Kim) White of Colman, Robert (Barb) White of Cass City, Fran (Jim) Sampson of Saginaw, Joann (Roger) Martindale of Gagetown, Jane Wass of Cass City, Lisa (James) Mester of Cass City; step-children, Eugene (Ann) Cook of Tennessee, Larry Hyatt of Decker, Judy Brock of Flint, Barbara (Harold) MacAlpine of Snover; 10 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 9 step-grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren.

His sisters, Wretha White, Cora Fleenor, Isla Cook, Ethel Buehrly and Mary Rich preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 4, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor David Mercer of Deford Community Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery with military services under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to Deford Community Church of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Police credit fewer deaths to new belt law

by Starr Golembiewski
Staff Writer

Because of heavier police enforcement and the mandatory seat belt law there were fewer fatal car crashes in Tuscola County last year.

Only 9 people were killed last year compared to the 17 killed during crashes in 1999, according to the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center.

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern said "We don't like to lose anyone, but compared to what we've had years ago we're happy with that figure."

Kern attributes a lower fatality rate to a combination of extra police enforcement and the mandatory seat belt law passed last March.

"It's been an aggressive enforcement by our agency and the State Police," Kern said. "I like to think it's because of all the extra patrol cars."

According to Kern people who wear their seat belts are reducing their risk of dying in a car crash. "I've seen a lot of people walk away from crashes because those seat belts and air bags have saved lives," he said.

The mandatory seat belt law that went into effect last March is the reason there were fewer deaths last year, according to Anne Readett, public information specialist at the state Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Readett said the law played a key role in decreasing the number of crash-related deaths. "Increase belt use means fewer fatalities," she said. "We know that a lot of people are taking the law seriously now."

Before the mandatory seat belt law, police couldn't pull over a person who wasn't wearing their seat belt unless they had some other traffic violation. But, now police can look for and specifically pullover individuals not wearing their seat belt.

Another bonus to the mandatory law, Kern said, is that it puts extra patrol cars out on the streets that can look for speeders as well as those individuals not wearing a safety belt.

Despite the highway safety laws, Kern said with an increasing population, speeders and inattentive drivers, he doesn't think he'll ever go a year without a fatality.

"Most police officers have good driving records because they drive defensively, but too many people are in their own little world," Kern said. "It would be a sheriffs' dream to have no traffic fatalities, but we're not going to see it in my lifetime."

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YARD SALE - Dodge Rd., south of Gagetown, Aug. 9-10, 9 to 5. 14-8-8-1

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YARD SALE - Aug. 10-11, Thursday and Friday, 9-5 p.m. Tools, antiques, household, boy's clothes 4 and under. 4 miles east, one north, 3/4 east. 14-8-8-1

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GARAGE SALE - Thursday and Friday, 8-5. 4405 Koepfgen Rd. 14-8-8-1

GARAGE SALE - Aug. 9, 8:30-5:00. 20" boy's bike, good stuff, cheap. 4293 Leach St. 14-8-8-1

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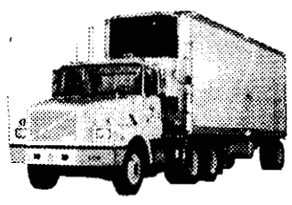

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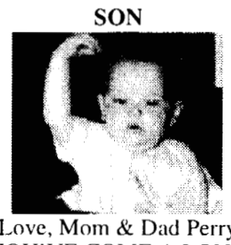

Love, Mom & Dad Perry
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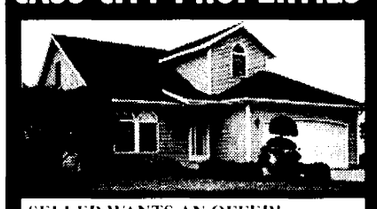

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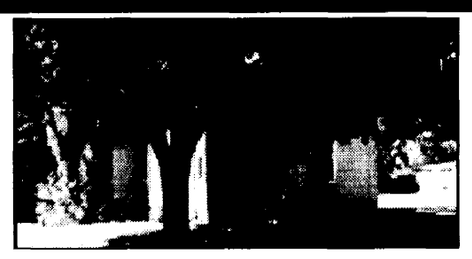

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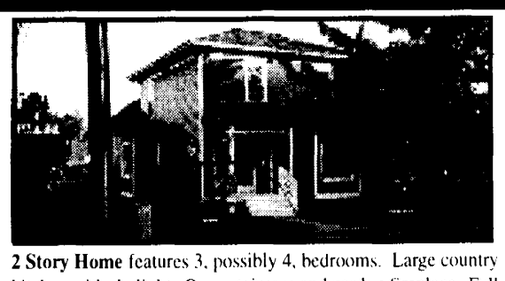

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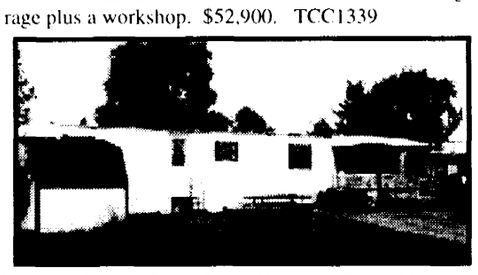

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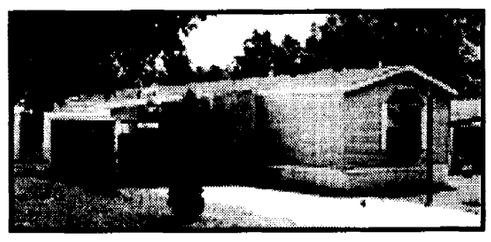

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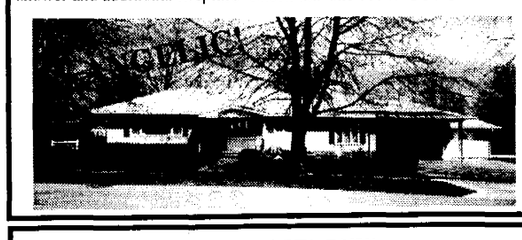

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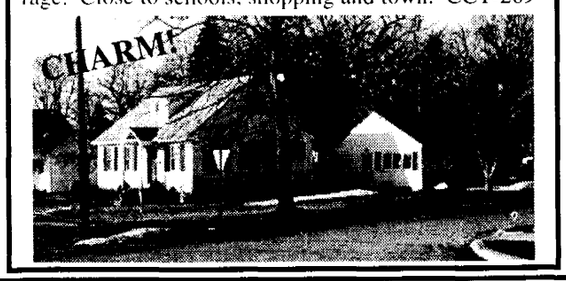

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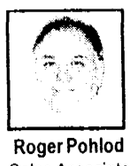
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SALLY DOERR teaches most of the classes. But when her daughter, Nicole, comes home from the University of Michigan she helps mom out. Nicole currently dances with Impact Dance Theatre in Ann Arbor.

THE MICRO-MINIS are a younger competition group at Sally Doerr's Dance Studio. "I Want Candy," by Aaron Carter, is the song of choice for their upcoming competition this spring. (Back Left) Ariel Veneziano, Megan VanVliet, Sarah Lackey, Kelton Roth, Jennica Richards and Amanda Langenburg. Nicole Doerr (in front) teaches the class.

JOSH WARK, 15, is off to New York after returning from a month-long study of ballet at the Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lakes, MI. Accompanying Wark to New York will be fellow scholarship winner Danielle Osentoski.

WHITNEY OSENTOSKI (right) danced with Sally Doerr (left) for many years. Like Broyles, he attended SVSU, took classes at Joan Malone's Dance Center in Saginaw, and he is now living in New York where he is pursuing a dance theater career.

Broyles performs at Carnegie

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Broyles, 26, was described by Doerr as versatile, talented, and strong in her dancing technique. "I couldn't be more proud of her accomplishments," Doerr added. "She's gone above and beyond the expectations of a small town."

Without Doerr, Broyles said she wouldn't be where she is today. Doerr has taught her the art of performing, she said. "She really cares about her dancers. She gave a great introduction to dance and let me run with it," she added.

Pam Malone taught Broyles at her studio while the dancer attended Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw. Broyles came to her well prepared, Malone said. "(Pam) is high powered. When you watch her dance she draws you in —she's dynamic," Malone said. "I commend Sally Doerr."

Doerr was not only a good instructor, but a mother figure that forged a bond with her dancers, Watros said. "Sally was very instrumental in her support. I remember when Pam was in a talent show 13-years-ago and won. Sally was just as estatic as we were," she said. "As far as instructors go, I guess there was a bond between Sally and Pam."

Ironically, this small town studio has produced a lot of talent. Whitney Osentoski is another one of Doerr's students dancing in New York City.

Last summer Broyles, Osentoski, and Tammy Kohlschmidt moved to New York. After being there 6 days Broyles started dancing with The Horde, a dance opera. And it wasn't long before Kohlschmidt was touring nationally with Pokemon Live.

But, Osentoski decided to go back to Saginaw Valley State University to finish his degree in Music. About a month ago, Osentoski moved back to New York to live with Broyles and Kohlschmidt.

Last week, 23-year-old Osentoski auditioned with a choreographer that Doerr had in her studio when he was about 13, or 14. "The performing world is a small world," he said, and he will work for the choreographer in "Manhattan Mayhem," which will run in Atlantic City, NJ, from September until October.

The list of talented dancers the Doerr's studio produces is a little odd considering it's located in such a small town, Doerr admitted. But, dancers who take lessons from her agree that Doerr's ability to keep up with the dance industry is what makes her so good at what she does.

"The quality of her dancer s keeps going up and up," Osentoski said. " A lot of people say Sally has a lot of talented kids out there in Cass City." He said the quality is because Doerr "works really hard to send kids out of state and to keep up with the industry."

Doerr not only taught them to dance, but she instilled in them a love of dancing.

Osentoski knew when he was a kid that he wanted to become a dancer. "When I was a kid I knew I was different because I wasn't into sports," he said. "I remember the first day my mom walked me into Sally's studio. It became my second home and I was always happy to be there."

Broyles said Doerr is "lucky" and she's sorry she can't tell us the instructor's secret, but she's grateful. "I've had many mentors, but she was a big part of getting me to where I am today. She laid down the foundation," she said.

Thanks to Doerr, Broyles said she's living her future. "I'm so happy with how the last year has turned out," she said. "I love how I feel when I dance—complete. It's like everything in the world doesn't matter—the world stops."

Drought

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rain is able to soak into the ground."

Even then, farmers will have a tough time making up for what has already been lost, according to Pratt.

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