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AMERICAN FARM Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman (at podium) addresses those gathered at Tuscola County Farm Bureau President Richard Starkey's farm Monday afternoon. Also pictured are (from left) Sanilac and Huron County Farm Bureau Presidents Brian Williams and Joel Ball, and Michigan Farm Bureau President Wayne Wood.

Stallman visits Thumb

Farm Bureau pushing for disaster assistance

There was no shortage of mud puddles at Richard Starkey's place following a steady rain Monday morning, but drought was on the minds of those attending a press conference held at the Tuscola County Farm Bureau president's farm.

Farm Bureau leaders at the county, state and national levels, including American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman, gathered at Starkey's Fairgrove Township farm to briefly discuss several agriculture issues, including unfair trade, increasing federal regulations and, of course, a new farm bill.

Starkey's fellow county Farm Bureau presidents from Huron and Sanilac counties also attended, as did Michigan Farm Bureau President Wayne Wood and Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Dan Wyant.

The officials also toured Thumb area farms as part of activities coinciding with Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac County Farm Bureaus' Tri-County Annual Meeting, held Monday night in Bad Axe.

"From a farmer's perspective, 3 inches of rain at this time of year is only 30 days late to help," Starkey commented, referring to a plentiful weekend rainfall. "It's not the light at the end of the tunnel we were looking for."

Stallman, a rice grower from Columbus, Texas, said he isn't familiar with what some of the Thumb crops should look like at this time of year, but that it's clear the drought has had a real impact.

Much of Stallman's brief presentation focused on national issues, including the farm bill, and he praised the House Agriculture Committee version, saying it meets the needs of the American agricultural industry.

Stallman also touched on regulations, trade issues, granting trade promotion authority to the president, and currency exchange rates as they relate to trade.

"Mr. Stallman's visit is meaningful in that it occurs at a time when critics are questioning the need for \$5.5 billion in supplemental aid for the 2001 fiscal crop year and the U.S. House of Agriculture Committee's proposed \$73.5 billion farm bill," Wood said.

"Our Michigan farmers face rising costs not only to operate but to meet federal regulations. At the same time, they face roadblocks to improving trade opportunities that would allow them to derive more of their income from the marketplace."

"Our farmers aren't looking for handouts. They're merely trying to maintain a solid footing that will allow them to continue to feed their neighbors," Wood added.

"Michigan's recent bout with drought conditions is proof of how even the best farmers face financial obstacles beyond their control. People seem sympathetic to Mother Nature's fussiness, so why is it so hard for people to grasp that the world market can be just as cruel to good farmers trying to make a moderate living?"

DROUGHT RELIEF?

Starkey noted the Michigan

Farm Bureau Board of Directors is working with the state's agricultural industry leaders to push for federal disaster designations in counties hardest hit by Michigan's worst drought since 1988.

Disaster status would allow eligible producers to apply with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from weather-related production losses.

"Farmers are always at the mercy of the weather. However, this year's weather has exceeded their worst expectations. The combination of a wet spring, late frost and the recent extremely hot, dry summer weather has resulted in severe stress on many crops throughout Michigan," the MFB Board said in a written statement.

"Losses for some annual crops are catastrophic, while damage to perennial crops, such as fruit, will impact this

year's crop as well as potentially next year's harvest. The financial impact to farmers will be very serious in many areas."

However, before emergency loans become available, county disaster designations must be declared, and that involves a series of steps. In this case, a request must first be made asking the governor to seek federal disaster status from U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman.

MFB, the state FSA office, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Michigan State University are working in partnership to make that request of Gov. John Engler, and officials with these agencies will take crop tours to help support their claim. A statewide evaluation is planned for Aug. 27, Starkey said.

"Michigan is experiencing

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Sticker shock

Indoor pool estimates higher than expected

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A construction expert threw some cold water on the Cass City Community Indoor Pool Committee's fundraising goal last Wednesday, but the local volunteers remain determined to keep their campaign drive alive.

Committee members, meeting at Rawson Memorial Library, experienced some sticker shock when Construction Manager Chip Hendrick of R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc., Saginaw, estimated the scaled down first phase of the pool project will cost roughly \$1.35 million, not \$1.2 million.

R.C. Hendrick is well known in the Thumb, having managed several major construction projects, including the new Cass City Middle School.

Hendrick's figures, including an initial estimate of \$2 million for the entire project, startled the committee. But members vowed to push ahead with their efforts to reach as many businesses and individuals as possible to raise enough pledges to attract the attention of a foundation able and willing to

come through with a large contribution.

The committee last month announced pledges for the project had topped \$1 million. The group also decided to build the facility in 2 phases - first construction of the pool, then construction of a 3,500-square-foot exercise facility, in order to reduce the total initial cost to \$1.2 million.

Fundraising efforts began late last year after an anonymous donor offered a gift of \$500,000 over 5 years, provided there is a local match of \$1 million and that the project includes a walking-exercise facility.

The Pinney Foundation followed with a \$250,000 contribution that will be part of the local match, also to be dispersed over 5 years.

The initial deadline set by the anonymous donor to raise the local match was June 30. However, the donor has since agreed to extend that deadline to Sept. 30.

Committee Chairman Ed Fox reported last week that pledges from the community had reached a total of just under \$275,000, "and it seems to be getting a little momentum over the last 2 weeks."

Fred A. Eurich, president of TSSE Architects, Inc., Saginaw, outlined the group's plans to build the new facility in 2 phases, saying construction of the pool, showers, vestibule, restrooms and a mechanical room would reduce the initial project estimate from \$1.5-\$1.7 million to the \$1.4-\$1.5 million range, which is still too costly.

"About the only way you can do it (cut the cost) is to phase it and reduce the square footage," he said.

Eurich said the group's options include eliminating the vestibule and public restrooms (600 square feet), and eliminate dedicated pool shower areas and instead renovate existing locker and team storage rooms (600 square feet) at the middle school - the proposed site for the pool facility.

"It's probably not an attractive thing to do, but we were looking at ways to cut costs. We took everything (out) that wasn't an absolute necessity," Eurich said, noting the building could be designed so that items eliminated now could be added on in the future.

Hendrick noted his construction estimates are con-

servative. For example, he said, the estimate of \$475,000 for construction of the pool itself is a maximum amount, and the committee can shave the total cost by about 5 percent by bidding out the project.

Still, committee member Geraldine Prieskorn pointed out, factor in the interest for the first phase and the project cost is back up to \$1.5 million.

"Unless we get a check

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Gospel convention set this weekend

Bay Shore Camp of Schewaing is readying for a full weekend of Gospel Music in the old wooden tabernacle with the coming of the 4th Annual Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music convention, set to run Friday through Sunday morning.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

The 3-day event has undergone a name change to honor the memory of Lloyd "Chic" Severance of Cass City. It was he who worked so hard to establish this annual praise gathering. Severance, who was 85 years old, died last spring.

Fourteen Gospel singing groups are slated to perform over the course of the 3-day weekend. In alphabetical order, they are: One Destiny, Alliance, Calvarymen, Family Tradition, Gospelmen, Gospel Road, Grimshaws, Joyful Sounds, Masters Touch, New Destiny, Not Ashamed, One Heart, Royal Heirs and Sammons & Co. WSNL's Donny Cox will once again emcee the event.

Singing starts at 7 p.m. Friday with The Grimshaws. Royal Heirs and Sammons & Co. Saturday begins with an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast served from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Prices are \$6 for those 12 years old and up, and \$3 for those 11 years old and younger. Proceeds will be donated to Bay

Shore Camp's 8-Plex Building Project.

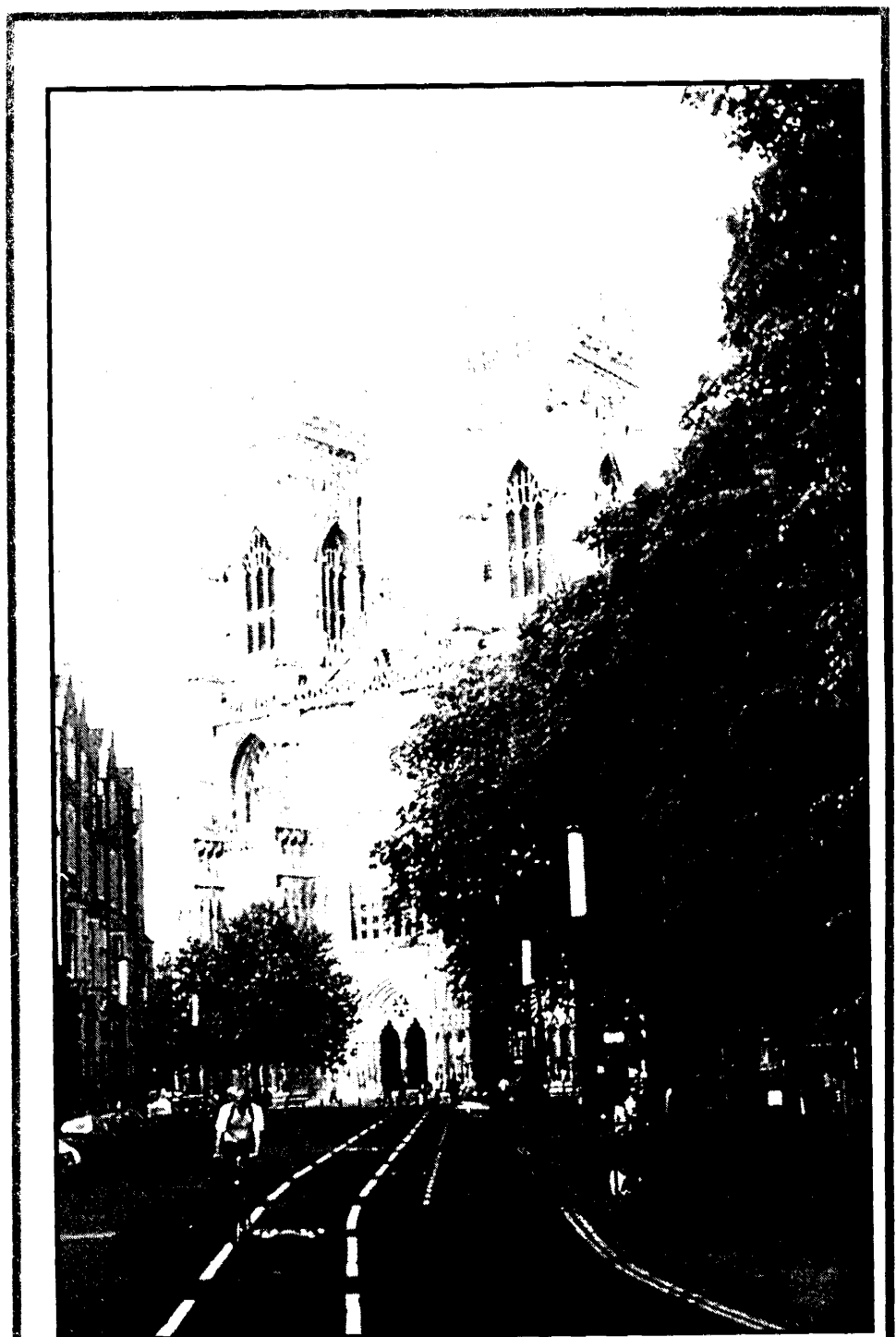
At 11 a.m., singing resumes in the tabernacle and continues nonstop all day and throughout the evening. All 14 Gospel groups will perform at various times during Saturday's schedule.

Also on the docket for Saturday is a chicken barbecue lunch served from 3 to 6 p.m. Bay Shore Camp has ordered 1,600 chicken halves to be barbecued outdoors during the concert. Price structure is the same as that of the pancake breakfast. Other food concessions and beverages will be available all day.

Bay Shore Camp Director Lew Tibbits anticipates a crowd of 2,500 to 3,000 people for Saturday's activities. To prepare for the record-breaking crowd, the camp will set up large shade canopies and rent a closed-circuit TV system. Large screen TVs will enable those sitting outside the tabernacle to see and hear what happens inside.

Gospel music lovers will have one more opportunity to enjoy the convention on Sunday morning at a 10 a.m. worship service. Paired with a devotional message, Not Ashamed and One Destiny will wrap up the convention with their last offerings at that time.

For more information on the 3-day event, contact Bay Shore Camp at (989) 883-2501.



DURING HIS recent exchange visit, Cass City Pastor Phil Rice took this photo of the York Minster Cathedral in York which, he noted, is said to be the most haunted town in England. See story, page 5.



ARCHITECT Fred Eurich (left) points to some ways the first phase of the indoor pool construction could be revised to cut costs. Looking on are Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash (center) and Chip Hendrick of R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc.

Holbrook Area News

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EUCHRE CLUB

The Euchre Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Laming. Prizes were won by Mrs. Harold Copeland, Sylvester Bukowski, Mrs. Ronnie Gracey and Mrs. Jerry Decker. Ronnie Gracey won the traveling prize.

The group had supper at Charming in Cass City.

The next party will be held Sept. 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker.

Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming spent from Tuesday till Sunday evening with Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Peruski, Allen Farrelly, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zurek and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were among a large crowd who attended the barbecue picnic dinner at St. Columbkille Catholic Church at Sheridan Corners Sunday.

Mrs. John Zauner of California spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Jim Foster of Caseville, Doris Western, Allen Farrelly and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel met at the Cass City Stockyard restaurant for dinner Tuesday and later went to the Franzel home.

Several members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at the home of Mrs. Frank Laming for a pot-luck lunch. The discussion was on making quilts for the Crisis Center. Charlotte Particka will be the hostess for the next meeting.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Howerton of Reno, Nev., visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski were Sunday forenoon guests of Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Osentoski, Bob Cleland, Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming attended a bridal shower for Stacy Cleland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family at Walled Lake. Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming came home with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski Sunday evening.

Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended the livestock sale at the Bad Axe Fair Friday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Thelma Jackson were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland in Bad Axe.

Ray and Rita Depcinski, Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy were Saturday supper guests of Bob and Carol Osentoski and family where they celebrated Bradley Osentoski's 13th birthday and Nancy Carpenter's 46th birthday.

Steve Protzman, Bill Smith, Jack Kennedy, Allen Farrelly, Jim Lewis met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Monday morning.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney was a Wednesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cielinski in Uby.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski, A.J. and Andrew Cleland spent Thursday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mark O'Henley of Chicago and Paul O'Henley of Fenton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley and attended the St. Columbkille Church barbecue Sunday.

Katie Rickett and Stephanie Weissce spent Friday with Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro, Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Fillon, Darlene Terrasse, Julie and Melissa and Denise and

a friend, and Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday evening guests of Charlie and Theresa Depcinski and family where they celebrated Nicole Depcinski's 9th birthday.

Jack Kennedy, Bill Smith, Jim Lewis, Bernard Morley, Rick Shuart, Steve Protzman, Tom Talaski and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Wednesday supper and evening guests of Thelma Jackson.

Pat and Sally Bell, Lauren and Katelynn of Cheboygan, Wayne Sweeney of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ritter, Alex and Beth of Elkton were Sunday guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney and all attended the St. Columbkille Church barbecue dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser was a Wednesday supper guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Steve Depcinski's steer won the Grand Champion at the Huron County Fair and sold for \$2.40 a pound.

Engaged



Mary Anne Marie Parr and Scott Iwankovitch

Martin and June Parr of Grand Ledge announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Anne Marie, to Scott Michael Iwankovitch, son of Daryl and Connie Iwankovitch of Cass City.

Scott and Mary Anne are graduates of Michigan Technological University.

A Dec. 29 wedding is planned to take place in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Grand Ledge.

WCTU holds world convention

The 128th National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention was held Aug. 7 to Aug. 12, at Hope College in Holland, Mich. The World 38th WCTU was held in Birmingham, England, in July. The World WCTU was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.

The next World WCTU Convention is scheduled to convene in New Zealand in 2004. The Michigan Unions hosted this year's National Convention. Next year, 2002, the convention will be held at Harrisburg, Pa., and the 2003 convention is scheduled to be in Iowa.

Women from all Christian denominations are invited to join the organization.

Wednesday, groups held tours to President Ford's Museum and the Radio Bible class printing and programs in Grand Rapids. In Holland, they visited the Windmill Island.

Each day opened with prayer and a praise service led by the Rev. Henrietta Griffith, teacher at KMBC, Kentucky, and National Christian Outreach Director, the Rev. Allen Rice of Lansing, MICAP director, brought greetings, and Mrs. Nancy Thornton, Michigan president, gave the welcome.

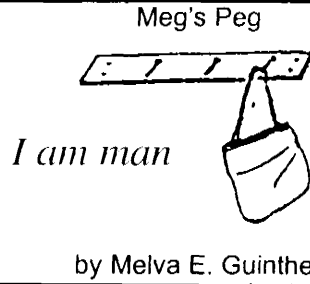
Miss Sarah Ward is National WCTU president. Thursday was President's Day. In the evening, each State President dressed in white formal gowns carrying their large state flag, which was placed across the front. Each State President spoke about their special projects and accomplishments. It was taped for radio and TV.

Dr. Samuel Bacchiochi, professor of Andrews University, gave an address about his research on Wines in the Bible. Emphasis was made on FAS day to be observed Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. when all bells are to ring reminding us of the dangers of alcohol use when pregnant.

Mrs. Jackie Stull of Peck is National Youth Temperance Director. Saturday, an Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest was held and awards were presented.

Those attending from this area were Marie Keihl of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanford and Winifred Dorman of Snover, Patricia Eschtruth of Kingston, Joyce Cameron and Ruth Dorman of Cass City.

The Cass River WCTU will meet Sept. 5 at 1 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Joyce Cameron, 6427 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City (across from Evangelical Free Church). All are welcome.



by Melva E. Guinther

This column by an anonymous author is for women. A few men might appreciate it, but they'd never admit how accurate it is.

*Because I am a man: When I lock my keys in the car, I will fiddle with a wire clothes hanger and ignore your suggestions that we call a road service until long after hypothermia has set in and I have damaged the vehicle.

*Because I am a man: When the car isn't running very well, I will pop the hood and stare at the engine as if I know what I'm looking at. If another man shows up, one of us will say to the other, "I used to be able to fix these things, but now with all these computers and everything, I wouldn't know where to start."

*Because I am a man: When I catch a cold I need someone to bring me soup and take care of me while I lie in bed and moan. You never get as sick as I do, so for you this isn't an issue.

*Because I am a man: I can be relied upon to purchase basic groceries like milk and bread. I cannot be expected to find exotic items like "cumin" or "lady fingers." For all I know, these could be the same thing. And never under any circumstances expect me to pick up anything for which "feminine hygiene products" is a euphemism.

*Because I am a man: There is no need to ask me what I'm thinking about. The answer is always either sex or football, though I have to make up something else when you ask, so don't.

*Because I am a man: I must hold the TV remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I may miss a whole show looking for it (though one time I was able to survive by holding a calculator).

*Because I am a man: When one of our appliances stops working, I will insist on taking it apart, despite evidence that this will just cost me twice as much once the repair person gets here and has to put it back together.

*Because I am a man: I don't think we're all that lost, and no, I don't think we should stop and ask someone. Why would you listen to a complete stranger? I mean how in the world could he know where we're going?

*Because I am a man: You don't have to ask me if I liked the movie. Chances are if you're crying at the end of it, I didn't.



Amy and Erwin Hall

50th anniversary

On Aug. 18, 150 family and friends celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Erwin "T" and Amy Hall at the Cass City Gun Club.

Their 4 children, Kenneth Hall and family of Caro, Kelly Lehman and family of Washington, D.C., Karen Noble and family of St.

Louis, Mo., and Katherine Meyers and family of Romeo, and their 9 grandchildren were in attendance.

The family appreciates Ralph and Pat Zimnecker and Veronica Kroll for their contribution in making this celebration a success.

Dorland top scholar

Adam Dorland, a physical education major from Cass City, has accepted membership in the National Honor Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Central Michigan University.

NSCS is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, the society recognizes first- and second-year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Adam, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in

their college experience," said Steve Loflin, NSCS executive director. "Adam will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."

Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

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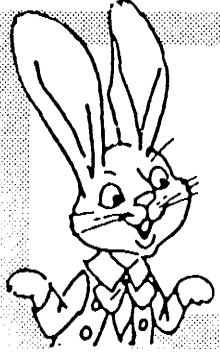
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Guaranteed this is the last time for this in this column of trivia. We don't want to drive you batty. Remember that we previously talked about the invasion of bats in the homes of 4 Chronicle staffers.

Dotty Scollon called to suggest the way to get the bats out of your belfry and your living rooms, too. She reported that she and husband Dr. Ed Scollon found 2 in their house. We got advice and this is what we (successfully) did, she reports.

Light up an outside area and open a door leading to it. Then turn out all inside lights and the bats will head to the lights. It worked for us, Scollon said.

One of my monumental goofs was committed about a year ago when I wrongly identified Fred Hurlburt, former basketball coach here as Nick Gibas, an outstanding Hawk cager. If the incident had to be recalled, it couldn't have been done in a nicer way than wife Kim Gibas did it when she last visited the Chronicle. I wasn't there, so she wrote this note.

"Dear Mr. Haire, My husband (Nick Gibas), our son (Garrett) and myself stopped by to show you that we were really here-visiting in Cass City.

"Last time your paper had a "Nick Gibas" sitting (in the press box at the park) we were home in California. We enjoyed the mention in your paper and my husband got a big kick out of being in the Cass City Chronicle. Take care and know that Cass City is a wonderful town. Kim Gibas."

If the folks that promote the National Folk Festival held this year in East Lansing are looking for a recommendation, all they have to do is call Gary Jones. He and his wife, Doris, attended and he says that it was simply tremendous.

Every type of country music played by outstanding artists was presented, he gushed. It is held each year at different locations and it's a lead pipe cinch that Jones will be watching for the location and times for next year's show.

Besides the music played on the blocked off downtown streets, there was a galaxy of ethnic foods available.

A plus for the thousands of spectators was the way it was managed with free rides from parking locations and the general handling of the crowd, Jones reported.

Several appear in court

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

- Steven K. Carpenter, 16, Otter Lake, was sentenced to 32 months to 15 years in a special alternative incarceration (SAI) program for his pleas of guilty to first and second degree home invasion Nov. 2, 1999, and Oct. 26, 1999, in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,120 plus restitution of \$28,627.

- Benjamin J. Brownlee, 20, Birch Run, was sentenced to 18 months in a boot camp program for his plea of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile April 24 in Indianfields Township.
- Brownlee was also ordered to pay \$1,240 in costs and fines.
- Tony R. Goss, 47, Davison, was sentenced to 16 to 24 months in prison for his plea of guilty to attempted failure to pay child support April 3, 1999, through Dec. 16, 1999, in Indianfields Township.

- John W. Allen, 46, Caro, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in the county jail, with work release/worksites privileges, for his pleas of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a felon Feb. 13 in Fairgrove Township.
- Allen was ordered to undergo substance abuse

therapy/counseling and to pay \$820 in costs and fines.

- Tara F. Board, 24, Cass City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 9 in Wells Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Tracey M. Thompson, 36, Flint, was sentenced to 210 days in jail and 60 months probation for a plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 19 in Arbela Township.
- Thompson was also order to pay \$1,560 in costs and fines and to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling.
- James M. Scherzer, 28, Essexville, pleaded guilty to attempted delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance June 29 in Wisner Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Robert C. French Jr., 17, Reese, was ordered to serve 36 months probation and 75 days in jail for his plea of guilty to delivery of a con-

trolled substance April 4 in Almer Township.

- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$980 plus a \$150 forensic fee.
- Matthew J. Clinger, 32, Mayville, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 8 in Caro.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,860.
- Shari L. Alexander, 30, Unionville, pleaded guilty to fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving a state prisoner last January-March.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Lee E. Neal Jr., 39, Gagetown, stood mute to charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a firearm while under the influence of liquor or drugs July 21 in Gagetown.
- A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

The Haire Net



About as sure as death and taxes is that any significant change in hunting or fishing regulations will be adopted only after stiff opposition from sportsmen is overcome.

The most recent is the Quality Deer Management (QDM) plan endorsed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The plan asks that hunters stop killing young bucks and take more does to keep the herd more healthy.

Judging by the reaction of sportsmen it will take some doing to initiate QDM. Other DNR proposals have always been met with challenge by dissidents. It hasn't been too many years ago that the Thumb was in an uproar over the DNR's proposal to shoot does.

The uproar over holding off shooting of bucks for a year, is nothing compared to the brouhaha that the shooting of does caused.

And all.

We'll never know whether it's the fishermen or the DNR that was right. We do know that the poisoning of the Rifle River worked as it was designed by the DNR. It's a better fishing stream now than it was before when trash fish dominated the well-known trout-fishing river.

New programs endorsed by the DNR aren't always a success. The introduction of Chinese pheasants comes immediately to mind.

But the experts are right much more often than the sportsmen are about the benefits of a new program. QDM is a plan that should provide long-term benefits. It should be adopted.

It was a plan that would decimate the herd, the majority agreed, and sportsmen were urged to get a doe license to keep it from the hands of poor sportsmen who would stoop to taking a doe.

There is still a little of that today, but most now agree that the DNR was right-does became a problem for farmers and a major traffic hazard.

It will be interesting to see if the DNR approved QDM plan will be adopted and supported.

Not all DNR plans are adopted. Several years ago the DNR announced a plan to remove the trash fish from the Cass River by poisoning all the fish and then restocking the river with wanted game fish.

A concert of protest forced the DNR to cancel the poisoning and the river re-

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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What will they come up with next? A new robotic milking machine, capable of replacing 2 workers in a 400-cow dairy, is being showcased around the country.

A news report by John Schmitz for the Capital Press in Salem, Ore., says the machine costs in the neighborhood of \$200,000 and features a robotic milking arm developed in Europe. The equipment is distributed by Bou-Matic, headquartered in Madison, Wis.

Bou-Matic is so confident in their new robotic system they are offering Oregon dairymen a free trip to Wisconsin to see one of 2 systems currently in use in the U.S. The other unit is in Iowa.

I don't expect they'll get many takers this time of year. It's pretty hard to get people out of Oregon when the salmon are running.

They'll get some calls this winter, though. "Say, you folks got any of those robots working in Hawaii right now?"

One advantage of the robotic system is that it allows cows to wander into the parlor and be milked whenever they want. Being milked whenever they feel like it is supposed to reduce stress on a cow.

That's contrary to the beliefs of my brother's high school classmate. Sometimes he would skip milking on the night of a basketball game with the comment, "It's a darned poor cow that can't hold her milk 24 hours."

Everyone milked cows twice a day when I was a kid, but the cows still called the shots. Some cows got milked for 3 minutes, some for 5, and a few went in one door and out the other so fast nobody cared if they got milked or not.

We used the old Surge milkers that were suspended from a belt over the cow's back. Cows were lined up in stanchions, so the person doing the milking had to squeeze in between 2 cows while he tried to attach the machine's cups to a cow's udder.

The cow behind you was just as dangerous as the one in front, but there wasn't much anyone could do about that. Verbal threats weren't very effective, but we used

them a lot, anyway.

The man, woman, boy, or girl who was doing the milking would put his or her head into the cow's flank for protection. Having your head close to the cow was the safest place if the cow decided to kick.

Having your head in the flank would also signal when the cow was lifting her foot. There wasn't much anyone could do at that point, but you might get out an epithet or 2 before she got you.

Anyone who milked cows the way we did would surely welcome one of these robotic

systems. Send in the cows, and let the robot take the thumping.

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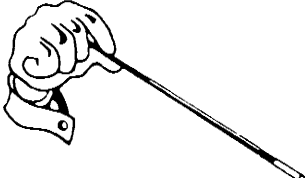
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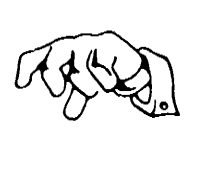
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It's back to school Tuesday

The carefree days of summer are quickly coming to a close, and school officials across the Thumb are busy preparing to welcome students back for the start of the 2001-02 school year, which gets underway next week.

The following is a round up of back-to-school information provided by the Cass City, Kingston, Owen-Gage and Ubly school districts:

CASS CITY

Cass City Schools will open Tuesday with a full day session. Students are to report to their respective buildings, with all fourth through twelfth grade students from the Deford and Evergreen areas attending school in Cass City.

Kindergarten through third grade students from Evergreen Township who reside north of Argyle Road will attend Campbell Elementary School or Cass City's Early Childhood Education Center, while kindergarten through third grade students residing south of Argyle Road will

attend Deford Elementary School.

There will be no school Friday, Aug. 31, in observance of the Labor Day holiday weekend.

School busses will be traveling similar routes this year, although some changes have been made and school officials are encouraging students to be ready 15 minutes early the first few days of classes until route adjustments are completed.

The elementary, middle and high school cafeterias will open Tuesday. This is the second year for the district's new computerized debit system for the breakfast and lunch programs. The program operates with a student's PIN number, which generates a picture of each student on a computer screen while it accesses his/her account.

Envelopes for the program are provided to students, who are asked to accurately fill out the information on the front so that money is placed in the proper account. Checks or cash must be

sealed in the envelopes and placed in a drop box in the principal's office of each school before 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast and lunch prices have been increased by 10 cents across the board this year. The prices are: \$1.25 for lunch at Campbell and Deford elementary schools; \$1.30 for lunch at the middle and high schools; and \$1 for breakfast in all buildings.

Applications for free and reduced-price meals are being mailed to parents.

There will be a number of new faces in the district this year. New teachers will include Rebecca Walker, Cass City (first-third multi-age); Ronald McCollum, Caro (Campbell Elementary special education); Ashlie Chappel, Cass City (Deford Elementary kindergarten); Cheryl Gilbert, Millington (middle school special education); Josh Stern, Milford (8th grade science/math); Cristine Foerster (5th through 8th grade instrumental music); and Doug Lull (instrumental music and vo-

cal music).

In addition, school officials are in the process of filling 3 other vacancies: 9th grade English/physical education, high school special education, and elementary reading recovery/Title I.

KINGSTON

Kingston students will also begin the new year with a full day of classes Tuesday.

Elementary students are to report to their classroom areas on the first day (class lists are posted in the main entrance), while 7th and 8th grade students will report to the cafeteria. Students in grades 9-12 are to report to the gymnasium.

Bus routes will be similar to those followed last year with some minor changes. Parents will receive a flyer in the mail outlining the routes as well as other school-related information.

The breakfast program remains unchanged from last year, but school officials have approved an increase in lunch prices. Prices are \$1.25 at the elementary, up from \$1, and \$1.50 at the high school, up from \$1.25.

The district's teaching staff will include just one new instructor. Kristen Margrif, Akron, has been hired as the new high school English teacher.

OWEN-GAGE

Tuesday marks the first day of classes for Owen-Gage students, who will attend a full day session.

Daily schedules will remain the same as last year, with elementary students allowed to enter the building at 7:40 a.m. Students participating in the breakfast programs at either building are to report directly to the cafeteria.

Busses will be traveling similar routes this year, with some minor adjustments possible.

The elementary and high school cafeterias will open Tuesday. Daily student prices this year are: elementary and high school breakfast, \$1; and elementary and high school lunch, \$1.25 (high school price reduced from \$1.75).

Free and reduced lunch applications along with a letter will be sent to all homes in the district.

New staff members this year include Kevin Maust, Caseville, who will teach 6th grade; Mary Minkler and

Kathy Mroz, teacher aids for the middle and high school at-risk program; and Kelly Bencheck, Gagetown, who was hired as the new school nurse.

In addition, the school board has made some administrative changes. William Britt, a veteran district staff member who served as K-12 principal last year, will now serve as principal for grades 6-12. Named as the new K-5 principal was Diane Warack, who previously served as elementary disciplinarian and teacher.

UBLY

Students in the Ubly Community School District will also report Tuesday for a full day of classes. There will be no school Friday, Aug. 31, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

New teachers are to report to school Friday, Aug. 24, and all other teachers will report for orientation Monday, Aug. 27, at 8 a.m.

The breakfast and lunch programs will begin on the first day of school. Breakfast will be served from 7:40 to 8 a.m. Prices are 75 cents for elementary students and 85 cents for grades 7-12. Lunch prices will be \$7.50 per week for grades K-6, while grades 7-12 will pay \$8.50 weekly.

The prices include an increase of 20 cents per day approved by the board of education.

Parents can make meal payments by mailing them to the school, in care of "Mealtime". Money can be deposited in each child's account before the first day of school.

Kindergarten and Young 5 pupils will attend school 4 full days each week. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Their classes will be held in the former St. John School in Ubly.

Several new staff members will join the district this year. They are: Joel Brandel, Cass City, who will serve as K-12 counselor; Janice Brandel, Cass City, who was hired as Home School Liaison and guidance program assistant; Andrea Kerszykowski and Gale Leiby, both of Pigeon, who are special education teachers; Susan Kilborne, Marlette, who will teach an hour of agriculture/science; and Peter Wilson, Brighton, who has been named the instrumental music instructor.

Letter to the editor

Stand up and protect future right to hunt

I'm sure by now, more hunters are aware of the proposal by the QDMA to manage the deer herd.

My husband and I were unaware of the meeting with QDMA at the Cass City Gun Club a couple weeks ago. I have been told there is to be another meeting with QDMA Sept. 23, at the Fox Hunters Club in Ubly. I hope as many hunters as possible will attend this meeting.

At this point I will say I am against the QDMA's push to take only bucks with 4 points on one side. I feel the current rule that requires only your second buck have 4 points on one side is sufficient. Maybe a one buck per season, 3-inch spikes minimum, would be a better alternative rule.

It just seems wrong to tell a hunter with an opportunity to harvest their first buck (no matter the age of the hunter), they can't shoot a nice 4, 6 or even a spike. I have hunted for many years, harvesting only 5 deer in my years hunting.

In October 1996, I got my first (and to date my only) buck. It was a nice 5 pointer. The hunt in October 1996 will always be one of my most treasured memories of my hunting experiences. Of course one day I would love to hang an 8-point rack or larger beside my 5 pointer hanging on my wall. But until that year comes, why should I (or any hunter) be

denied the chance to harvest a 4 point, 6 point or even a spike? Especially if it's going to be a hunter's first buck of their life or even their first buck of a season.

Not all of us who hunt have the opportunity to hunt big buck areas. Or we can't get out as often due to work schedules, etc. Some hunters are just as satisfied to fill a doe permit as others are when they take a big buck. Has the QDMA forgotten that it's called "deer hunting", not "big buck hunting"?

I may never have a B & C trophy hanging on my wall, and I may never make it on an episode of Fred Trost's Big Buck Night. But I will always be a happy and satisfied, grateful hunter if I'm able to come home with a filled tag - no matter if it's an 8 point, 6 point, spike or even a doe. For a successful day of deer hunting is a quality hunt.

I feel this proposal by the QDMA will only discourage many hunters in the long run. Fewer hunters, resulting in increased deer herds. The

anti-hunting groups must be just sitting back enjoying this latest rift between hunters.

Sportsmen are having their inherited rights to hunt challenged and taken away every year. I believe the QDMA's proposal is going to end up shrinking the number of legal, ethical deer hunters if passed.

Thousands of people hunt deer. So why is it only a handful of hunters (600) will be sent a survey to decide on a rule that will affect all of us?

I'd like to see how this idea would fly in a presidential election. Let's only count the votes of, say 10 states, and that's who will run the country. After all, if those 10 states voted in Mr. X - it must be what the rest of us would want. I think not.

Stand up and protect not only your right to hunt, but also the future hunting rights of your children and grandchildren.

Respectfully,

Rita Bartle
Cass City

Old Settlers

30 attend 88th reunion

The 88th Annual Old Settlers Reunion was held at the Deford United Methodist Church Aug. 11 with 30 in attendance.

Four people attended for the first time. The oldest person attending was Clarence Cox, 92, and Kelly Brinkman, 15, was the youngest.

A fun program was enjoyed by all, conducted by President Lawrence Englehart.

Poems were read about childhood memories, and a poem written by Arleon Retherford, entitled

"Novesta", was read by his wife, Leola Retherford. The crowd enjoyed singing some old hymns, accompanied by Gerald Hicks and Pam Butters, wife of the Rev. Terry Butters.

From 1913 to 1924, meetings were held in area homes, then from 1925 to 1932, they met in area farm groves. From 1933 to 1934, meetings were held at the Church of Christ. Since 1935 the Deford United Methodist Church has hosted the group.

In 1945, owing to a gas and time shortage, a bus was arranged for the Cass City members to attend. The axle broke shortly after leaving Cass City, just after crossing the Cass River. The Rev. Lorne Lee was driving and did a great job to avert what might have been a serious accident. Several were hurt and shaken up and were returned to Cass City. The rest continued by cars to Deford.

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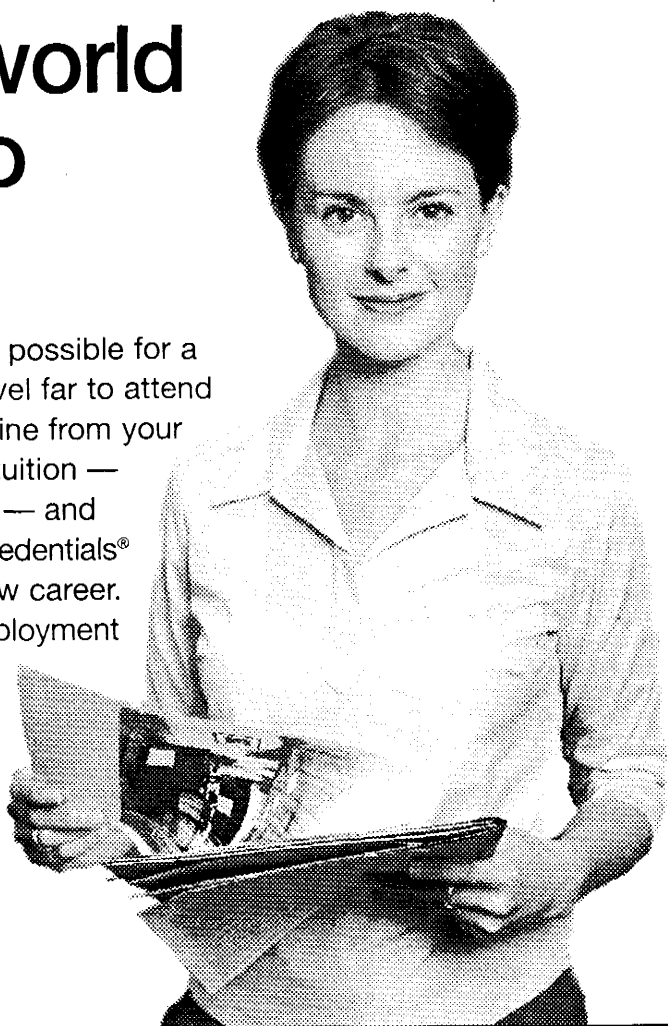
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Rice: pastoral exchange memorable



THERE were friendly faces everywhere, including one belonging to this bus driver in Beamish, located in northern England.

Week focuses on 'big rig' drivers

Travelling Michigan's roads and highways, notice that in addition to more cars, there are more commercial trucks on the road than ever before. Some motorists look at this trend as a "bad" thing, because trucks seem so big and, sometimes, seem dangerous.

In reality, truck drivers generally have amazing safety records. Michigan truck drivers have amassed more than one million miles on the road without a collision.

The Michigan trucking industry employs approximately one out of every 11 workers in Michigan, with a total payroll in 1999 of \$14.1 billion. Trucks carry 91 percent of all manufactured freight transported in and out of our state.

August 26 - Sept. 1 is National Truck Driver Appreciation Week.

Since statistics show that approximately 70 percent of all fatal car-truck crashes

occur due to an error by the car driver, motorists can follow these 2 simple rules to help prevent many collisions from occurring.

- Big rigs have large blind spots. Motorists are asked to avoid staying in a trucker's blind spots for long periods of time because the truck driver will not be able to see the car. Blind spots generally are directly in front and in back of the truck, along the trailer and cab of the passenger side, and over the driver's left-hand shoulder. Remember, if you can't see the truck driver's face in the truck's mirrors, he/she probably can't see you.

- Trucks make wide turns: Trucks generally swing out a bit because they need more space to avoid curbs, utility poles or oncoming traffic. Cars are encouraged to hang back and let the truck complete the turn, so they don't get squeezed.

The Rev. Phil and Charlene Rice aren't typical exchange students, but the Cass City couple recently enjoyed an interesting cultural experience that combined travel overseas with his job as a Methodist pastor.

The couple traveled to Stockton, England, where they spent several weeks participating in the World Methodist Council's Pastor Exchange Program.

The Rices traded places with the Rev. Trevor and Jenny Haigh. Haigh filled in as pastor at the Cass City United Methodist Church in Rice's absence, while Rice took Haigh's place as pastor at St. Andrews Church and Green's Lane Church in England.

The program enables pastors to exchange houses, churches and cars for 6 weeks followed by a vacation.

The goal is to experience a different culture - both for the pastors and their congregations. "So, it's kind of a cross-cultural exchange," said Rice, who indicated the experience proved rewarding.

"I didn't really know what to expect," he commented Thursday. "In general, it was all I could have hoped for. It was marvelous. The people were very nice, very cooperative. We had meals together and went places."

Rice explained the churches he served are just 2 of 13 circuit Methodist churches in Stockton, a small but densely populated industrial and agricultural town in the north-eastern part of England.

Rice noted 5 ordained ministers along with several lay preachers serve the circuit through a rotation schedule. "You don't always go to the same church every Sunday."

Ag plates support state agriculture

There's no mistaking the support for Michigan agriculture when you pull into the parking lot of the Coolidge Professional Building in East Lansing.

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ture education in Michigan," said Jim Byrum, president of MABA. "Those of us involved in agriculture can appreciate the value in that. Initially, since the plate went on sale April 2 we've had moderate sales. However, I'm confident that will pick up as the plate, and its purpose, gain recognition. This is an excellent opportunity for agri-businesses and other ag organizations to stand behind the industry."

"They (congregations) ministered to us, too," he continued. One gentleman took the couple on a 45-minute drive to Durham Cathedral, where worship services have been held every day for the past 900 years. "It was just a marvelous experience," Rice

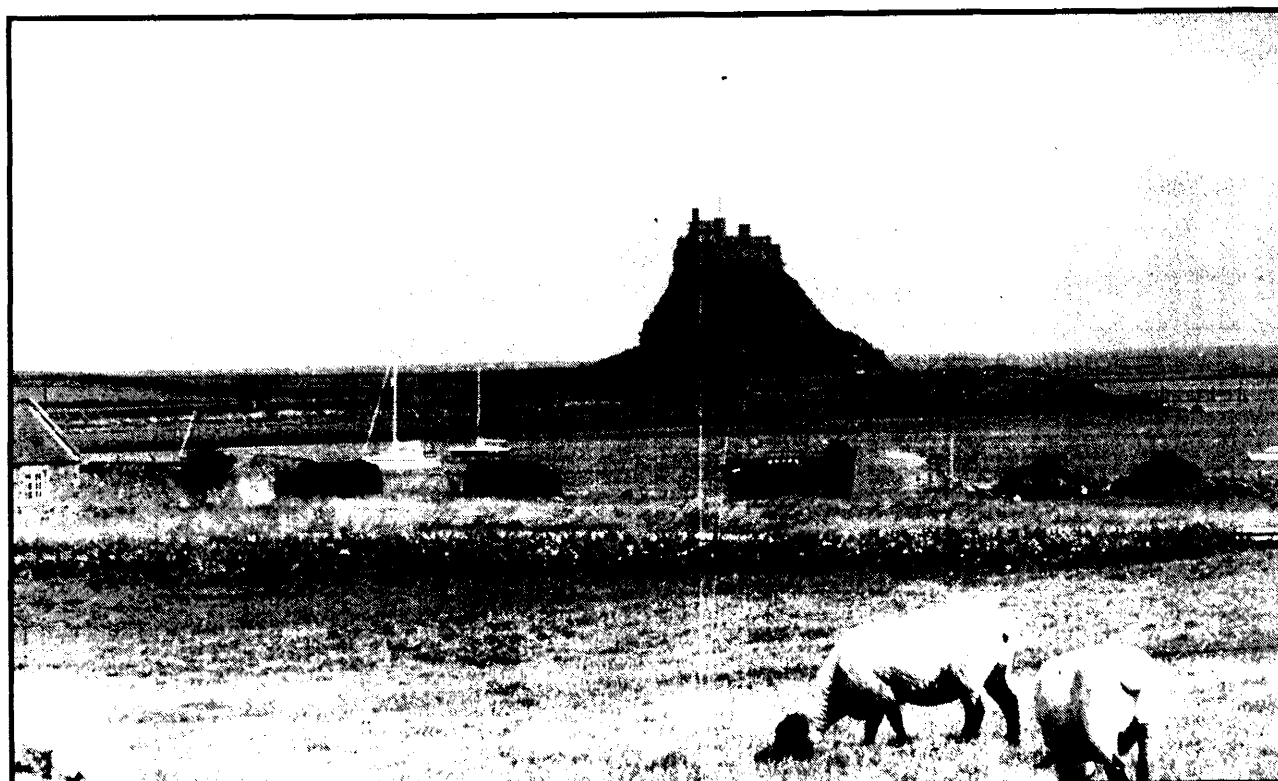
said, adding it was a treat to meet the church organist, who at just 21 years of age was very accomplished.

The couple also visited Roman ruins in Bath. "That's the thing about England - the history - you're living in it." The Rices made good use

of their free time in England. "We stayed for an extra, nearly 3 weeks to vacation, or be on holiday as they say over there," said Rice, who added they enjoyed several side trips, although they spent a full week in southern Scotland. Among the high-

lights were stops at Holy Island and Bamburgh Castle.

The couple will also fondly remember the people they met. "(You) realize we all worship the same God and that we have more in common than differences," Rice said.



THE SCENERY enjoyed by the Rices during their pastoral exchange trip was breathtaking. Above, a castle sets atop Holy Island, surrounded by lush countryside.

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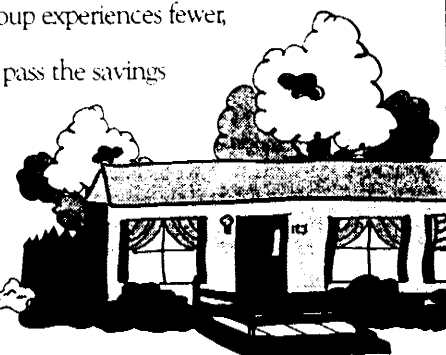
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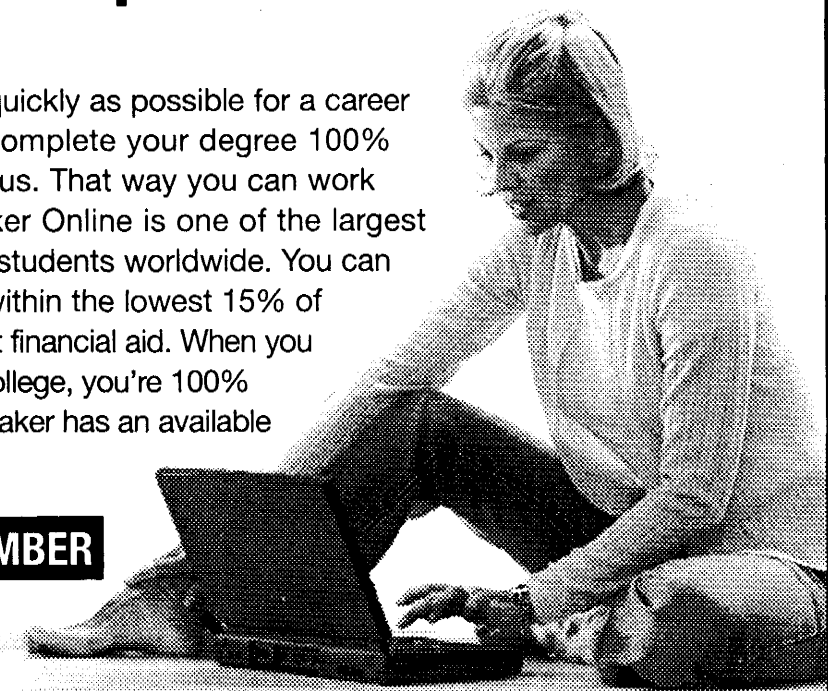
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Friday's opening game at home against Arenac Eastern promises to be a stern test for the Bulldogs. A-E made the playoffs last year.

and Wayne State University; a week of sun and fun for kids ages 6-21, at Camp Cavell on Lake Huron in Lexington, and tending toward the purchase of wheelchairs and/or braces. All services are provided at absolutely no cost to the patient or their family.

Anyone with questions, concerns, or who would like to know how to participate, is encouraged to contact the Flint MHA Office at (810) 232-3190. People who wish to make a donation can visit the Vassar Eagles between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday,

FLIGHT #2 (all scratch)	
Don Warner	195
Dan Mosher	182
Bryan Abbe	172
Jim Peyer	169
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Jim Apley	163
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Kurt Dennis	154
Dave Weiler	141
Dan Dickinson	137
Russ Bieler	135
Craig Bellew	133
Tom Craig	124
Rick Hollis	124
John Riddle	122

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Gary Robinson	192
Rick Doerr	193
Brian Reinhardt	187
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Mike Ware	153
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Jack Hool	147
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Dick Wallace	120
Don Erla	110
Elwyn Helwig	105

FLIGHT #4 (all scratch

Ben Schott	18
Pat Curtis	174
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Jim Mastie	15

1st Flight	
Doug Lautner	148
Bob Stickle	148
Orville Beecher	146
Kevin Bliss	135
Jep Bryant	130*
Rich Perkins	130
Bruce LeValley	128
Mary Rabideau	117.
Fran Bellew	107.
Joan Montgomery	101.
Betty Koepf	96.
Sue Ellen Greenlee	94.
Dee Pickett	85.
Nelle Maharg	84.

FLIGHT #5 (handicap)

Leonard Thompson	182
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Charles Tunis	176
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As the number of cases of diabetes rises, it is important for healthcare professionals to increase their knowledge regarding this topic.

Autumn Bartz, MSN, will be presenting an inservice for healthcare professionals on "Treating Complications of Diabetes."

This EDCON inservice will be offered Aug. 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Global Classrooms located at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon Hills and Dales Hospital, Cass City; and at Marlette Community Hospital in Marlette. The inservice has been accredited for 1.2 continuing education credits.

For more information on one of the above sites holding the inservice, please call Brenda Kretschmer at Scheurer Hospital (989) 453-3223; Susan Lautner at Hills and Dales Hospital (989) 872-2121; or Jeanette Yaroch at Marlette Community Hospital (989) 635-4103.



CASS CITY'S GOLF team won its own 12-team invitational tournament Thursday at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Participating team members included: (l-r) Chris Maharg, Matt Ender, Nick Chappel, Derek Bellew, Zack Bliss, Nick Swanson.

Hawk golfers roll at own invitational

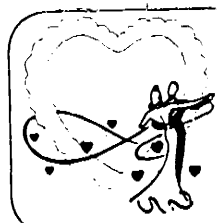
Defending Greater Thumb League West golf champion and pre-season favorite Cass City lived up to its advanced billing by winning a rain-shortened 12-team tourney at Rolling Hills Golf Course Thursday.

It was a 2-person team scramble with the top 2 scores from among 4 teams determining the outcome. The Hawks racked up a score of 69 as the teams of Chris Maharg and Nick Chappel shot 34 and Derek Bellew and Matt Ender shot 35. Cass City's third team of Zach Bliss and Nick Swanson shot 38. Caro finished second with 73, having scores of 35 and 38. Third was Mayville with scores of 37 for both teams.

Other schools finished in the following order: Vassar, 75; Cros-Lex, 77; Deckerville, 77; Sandusky, 78; CPS, 78; Harbor Beach, 79; Marlette, 82; Millington, 86; Brown City, 86.

BOY'S GOLF

Aug.	16	Cass City Invite	Home	9:00 a.m.
	21	Frankenmuth	Away	4:00 p.m.
Sept.	5	9 Hole League Invite	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
	7	Brown City Invite	Away	8:30 a.m.
	10	Mayville	Away	4:15 p.m.
	12	Deckerville	Home	4:15 p.m.
	14	Essexville Garber Invite	Away	9:00 a.m.
	17	Ubley	Away	4:15 p.m.
	19	Valley Lutheran	Home	4:15 p.m.
	24	Harbor Beach	There	4:15 p.m.
	26	Lakers	Home	4:15 p.m.
	27	Vassar	Home	4:15 p.m.
Oct.	1	Bay City A.S.	Away	4:15 p.m.
	5	Vassar Invite	Away	8:30 a.m.
	8	Bad Axe	Home	4:15 a.m.
	10	18 Hole League Invite	Ubley	10:00 a.m.
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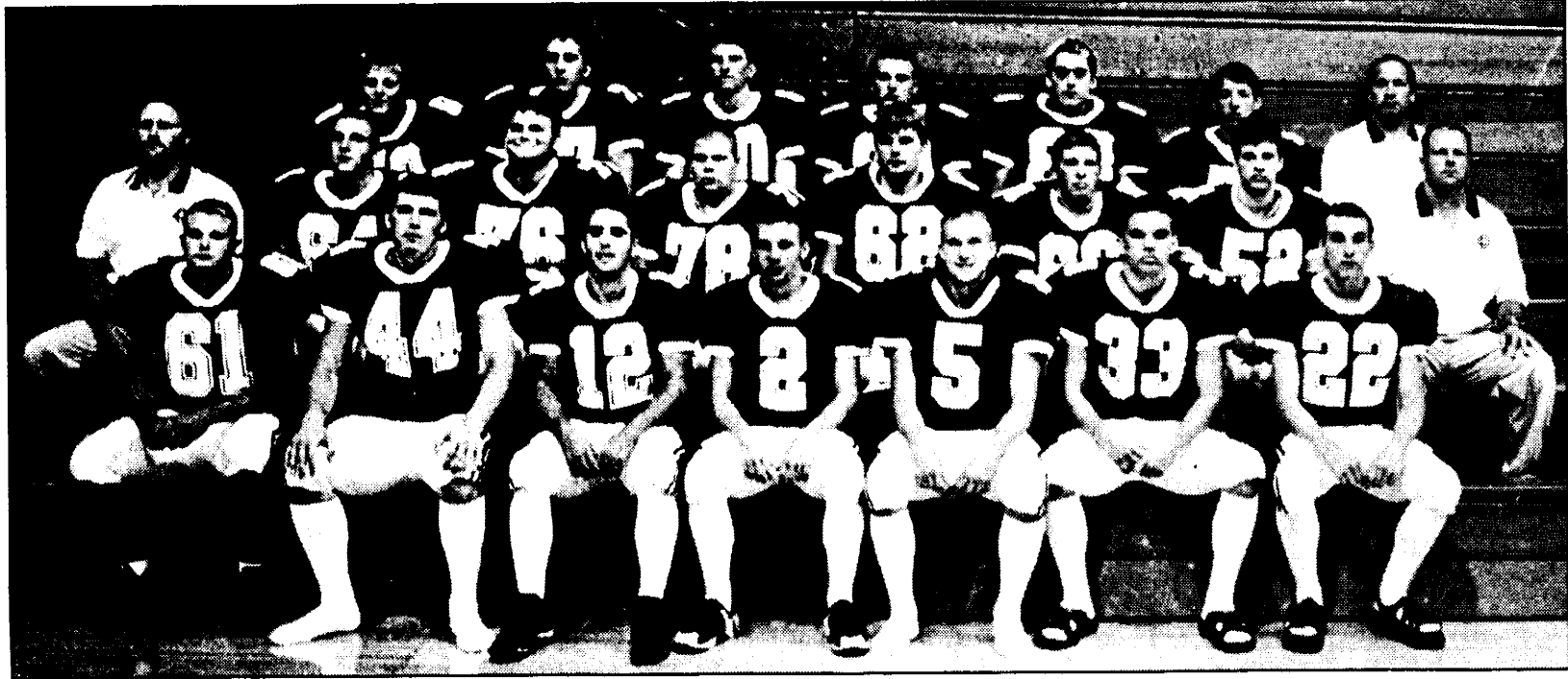


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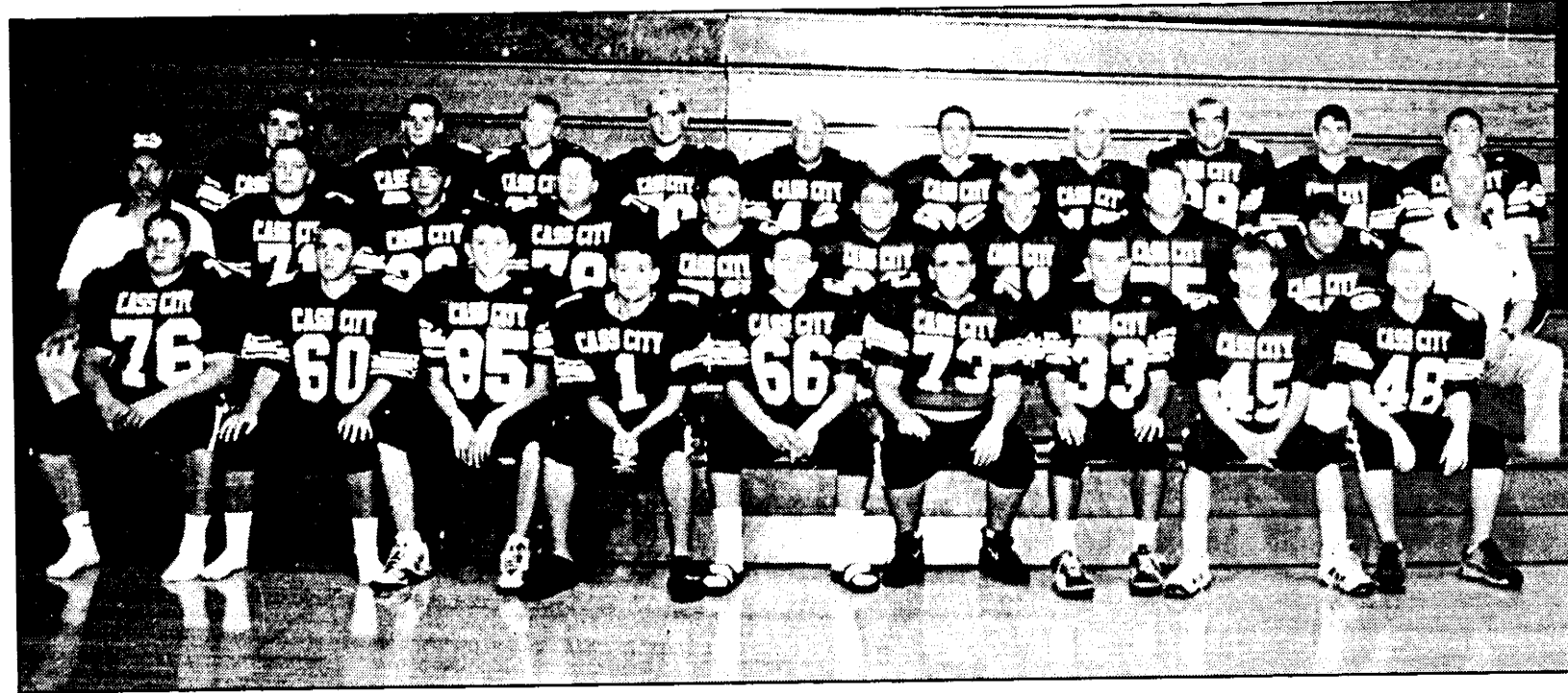
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CASS CITY RED HAWK varsity is looking to improve on its 2-7 mark last year. Front row, left to right: Rob Havens, Bill Thane Jr., Timothy Khoury, Matt Stoutenburg, Nick Turner, Aaron Dorland, Nathan Laming. Second row, left to right: Coach Stern, Joel Hessler, Jason Barrigar, Jeremy Schulz, Travis Jensen, David Mayer, Joe Lounsbury. Third row, left to right: Tyler Harp, Nathan Izydorek, Cason Harris, Aaron Diegel, Grant Frank, Joe Nauka.



THE CASS CITY Junior Varsity has a strong group of sophomores this season and is anticipating a banner season. First row, from left: Steve Papp, Jeff Tenbusch, Paul Hoelzle, Nick Stoutenburg, Jason Samons, Jake Wilder, Danny Mittlestat, Nicholas Walther, Paul Smith. Second row, from left: Coach Ed Stoutenburg, Randy Tenbusch, Andrew Schinnerer, Michael Zmierski, Andrew Whittaker, Wesley Becker, Brice Stine, Brandon Stec, Brandon Miller, Coach Scott Richards. Third row, from left: Zak Sutter, Greg Dillon, Cole Mellendorf, Eric Hollis, Tyler Erla, Jake Brinkman, Nathan Fisher, Boomer Warju, Chris Dillon, Andy Haas.

11-year Tiger win streak

Hawks seek to end Caro's domination

Near the end of last season, the Cass City Red Hawks broke a long losing streak with 2 wins in the final 3 games of the year.

New coach Scott Cuthrell hopes to continue the winning trend and improve on last year's 2-7 mark.

For Hawk supporters, there would be nothing better than to start with a win over host Caro Tigers Friday.

Defeats of the Tigers have been few and far between in recent years. Caro has dominated in the last decade. The last time Cass City prevailed was in 1990 in Cass City's homecoming game.

Athletic Director Jeff Hartel feels that the Hawks have a very good chance to break the Tigers' 11-year win streak this season.

The Hawks will be building around 6 returning veterans and players up from a good junior varsity team.

There will be some big shoes to fill. Among the 8 players lost via graduation are Andy Stoeckle, second team all conference defensive center; Zach Glaspie and Greg Walther, honorable mention on defense, and Chris Ziehm, honorable mention offense.

There are 4 seniors on the squad. Cason Harris, is a tough quick defensive tackle; Tim Khoury, a 2-way player, is a solid running back with good speed. He will play halfback on defense. The captain of the team, he played quarterback last year.

Aaron Dorland is a solid defensive player and Bill Thane is really going to help us at linebacker, Cuthrell says.

Two juniors who played key roles as sophomores will return. Matt Stoutenburg will be the quarterback with good speed running to the outside. Jason Barrigar, the largest player on the squad at 290 pounds, will be one of the anchors in the line at tackle.

Cuthrell points to a senior, 3 juniors and a sophomore as key newcomers.

Grant Frank, linebacker and tight end, is a big time player that we have been missing at Cass City, Cuthrell said. Juniors Jeremy Schultz, 2-way tackle, and Joe Lounsbury, center, are strong tough players. Junior Travis Jensen is another big time hitter at linebacker and is a 2-way starter.

Nathan Laming moves to the varsity as a sophomore and is a pure hitter that will add strength to the defense.

Our goal, Cuthrell points out, is to be competitive in every aspect of the game and to become a hitting team.

The Greater Thumb West, the coach feels, is going to be very tough this year with Reese and the Lakers as the teams to beat.

One weakness, says Cuthrell, is that we have 20 players on the squad. We cannot afford injuries. We really need to stay healthy.

VARSITY FOOTBALL				
Aug. 24	Caro	Away	7:30 p.m.	
30	Bay City All Saints	Away	7:30 p.m.	
Sept. 7	Lakers	Away	7:30 p.m.	
14	Bad Axe	Home	7:30 p.m.	
21	Reese	Away	7:30 p.m.	
28	USA	Home	7:30 p.m.	
Oct. 5	Valley Lutheran	Home	7:30 p.m.	
12	Mayville	Away	7:30 p.m.	
19	Deckerville	Home	7:30 p.m.	

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL				
Aug. 23	Caro	Home	7:00 p.m.	
29	Bay City All Saints	Home	7:00 p.m.	
Sept. 6	Lakers	Home	7:00 p.m.	
13	Bad Axe	Away	7:00 p.m.	
20	Reese	Home	7:00 p.m.	
27	USA	Away	7:00 p.m.	
Oct. 4	Valley Lutheran	Away	7:00 p.m.	
11	Mayville	Home	7:00 p.m.	
18	Deckerville	Away	7:00 p.m.	

Solid Waste Task Force offers hazardous waste collections

The Multi-Country Solid Waste Task Force will begin offering household hazardous waste (HHW) collections to residents in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties this September.

These collections will reduce the negative impact household chemicals can have on the environment when disposed of improperly.

County officials identified the need for such collections through solid waste planning efforts that have taken place over the last 4 years. The state requires counties to evaluate all aspects of the waste stream including hazardous products and find solutions to manage them properly.

This program also aims to educate residents about the impact mishandled hazardous wastes have on ground and surface waters. When hazardous wastes are dumped down a storm drain or into a septic system, toxins can easily re-enter the drinking water supply and contaminate a community.

"We want residents to feel secure knowing that they have done the right thing," said Sara Lesky, HHW program coordinator for the Task Force.

"This program will provide an outlet for disposal and will hopefully change their attitude towards purchasing these products in the future."

We do not want repeat customers at this type of collection. We want residents to be aware that more is not always better, there are many safe alternatives out there that will not have the negative impact that the products of yesteryear do and to buy them in smaller quantities."

Due to funding constraints, space is limited. Residents will be required to register in advance and schedule an appointment. Participant's information will be kept confidential.

Contact your county's coordinator for a complete list of acceptable materials and further information at (989) 269-9949.

Ferris State slates classes in Flint

Ferris State University, Big Rapids, is now enrolling students for the upcoming semester, which begins Aug. 28. A wide range of degree courses is scheduled in Flint during the evenings and weekends. In addition to this site, courses in medical coding and reimbursement are offered in Midland and coursework for the automotive and heavy equipment management bachelor's degrees is taught in Clinton Township.

This fall also will see the start of a new rotation of coursework in the Nursing RN to BSN program. This program, accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, is designed to build on basic nursing education. Course repetition is reduced and college credit is granted for basic nursing education without proficiency testing.

Through Ferris State University of Southeast Michigan, bachelor's degree programs in business, administration, criminal justice, nursing and secondary teacher education are available. In addition to the new master's of education program, coursework for master's degrees in career and technical education and information systems management also are offered.

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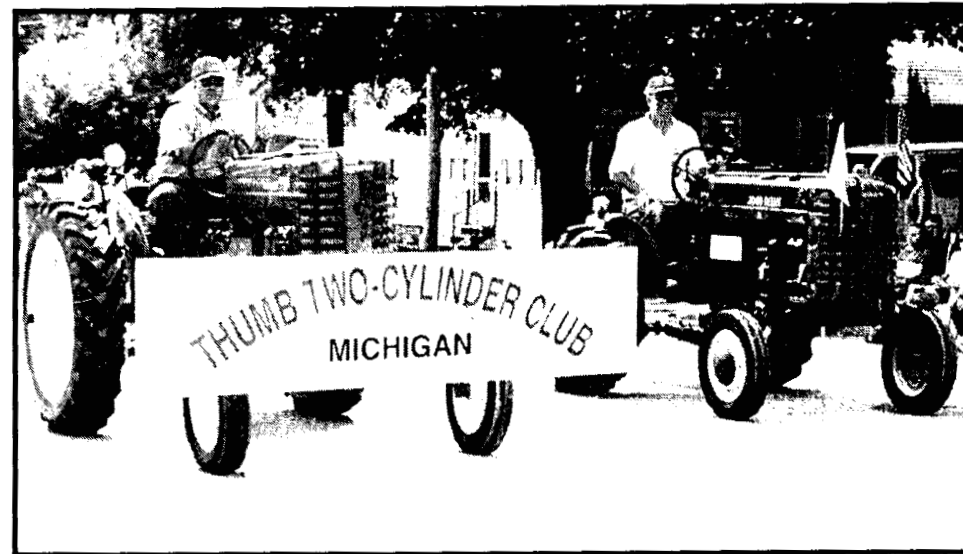
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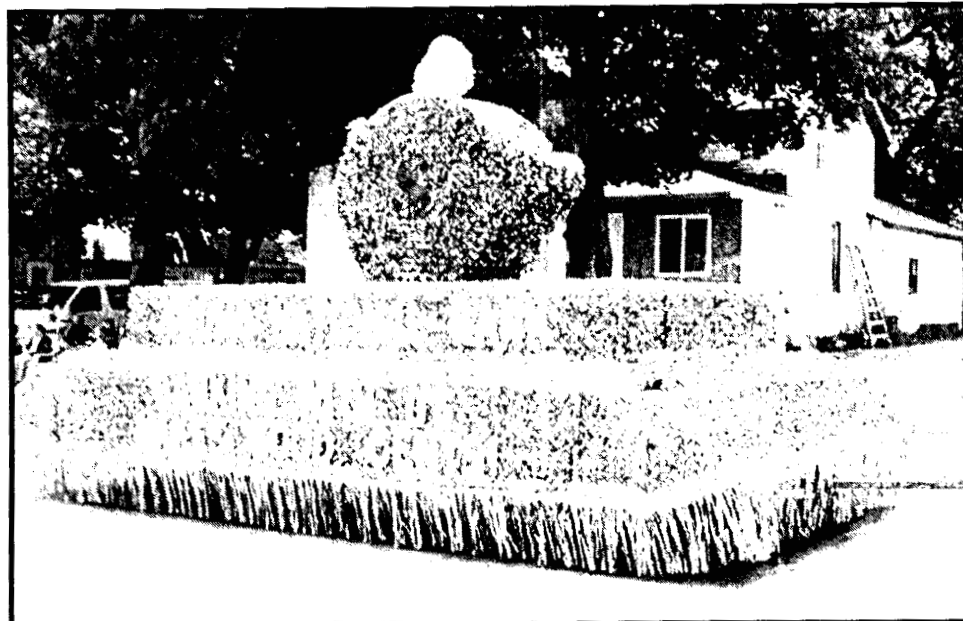
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HONORED VETERANS during Saturday's Gagetown Country Days celebration included: (l-r) Paul Lopez, Burton Pawlowski, Nat Benitez, and Tino Benitez, Jr. In the background is U.S. Representative Jim Barcia who made the special presentation.



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Down Memory Lane

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5 YEARS AGO

After a trial period in which violators were warned to limit parking to 2 hours, the Cass City Village Council approved a resolution to install parking limit signs, thus enabling local police officers to enforce the ordinance revised by village officials in June.

If things go as planned, workers will start work at the site for the new Cass City Middle School this week. Bids for the work were opened and the low bidders for the project selected.

Michael Bolton, 18, of Cass City, returned home Aug. 12 from a 2-month stay in New South Wales, Australia, as a Rotary exchange student.

A pre-open house showcasing the restoration of the former Kingston Depot highlighted this year's Kingston Days celebration.

Officials said some 5,000 people visited the octagon barn at the third Annual Octagon Barn Festival Saturday in Gagetown. Those who toured the barn and farmhouse donated about \$1,100 at the site.

10 YEARS AGO

The 1991-92 school year will get underway Monday

for teachers and Tuesday for students in the Cass City school system. An estimated 1,622 students, 72 teachers and 42 support staff personnel are expected to be welcomed back for the new year.

A new tuition financed pre-school for 4-year-olds was authorized Monday night by the Cass City School Board to tie in with the state-funded pre-school program for at-risk students.

Mrs. Rick Taylor, co-owner of Bigelow Hardware, has designed a Red Hawk flag that will be flown by downtown merchants in front of their stores on Fridays during the football season. The flags are being sewn by Mrs. Taylor and she is presently constructing 30 of them.

Mary and Janice Winter, Dick and Nancy deBeaubien and Bob and Smitty Benkelman hosted a surprise birthday party for Mary Lou McIntyre for her 93rd birthday. Around 90 persons attended the party held at Colony House Thursday evening.

Jim McLoskey of Caro has been selected as a Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America regional winner. He will accept a special hero medallion at the Chesebrough-Pond's National Hero Awards gala Oct. 28 at New York City's

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

25 YEARS AGO

Nationwide CB radio boom rocks Cass City. Local experts estimate at least one third of Cass City's 2,000 persons own or are licensed to operate a citizen's band radio.

Plans for Cass City's multimillion dollar wastewater treatment plant expansion should begin unfolding next month, according to Village Supt. Lou LaPonsie.

Angel Pena, Joy Root and Jill Root organized a Carnival for Dystrophy last weekend. About 75 area children attended the carnival, held at Miss Pena's home on Doerr Road. \$100 was raised toward the fight against muscular dystrophy.

Vandals cost Merchant Farm Supply of 4454 Doerr Rd., about \$1,200 last Thursday when Cass City Police believe juveniles opened a valve on a tank car of liquid nitrogen fertilizer sometime during the night letting the contents run out on the ground.

Children playing with matches were blamed for a fire that caused about \$4,000 damage to a storage building at the Edward Baker residence on Main St., early Monday evening.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City lost one of its greatest civic boosters Tuesday when popular Cameron "Buzz" Wallace died at Hills and Dales General Hospital after an illness of 4 days. He was a vice-president of the Cass City State Bank where he served for 45 years.

Joseph Hawley, 21, of Deford, was killed Sunday when he was struck down while walking south of Bach on the Bay Port Road with his brother to get assistance after his car had stalled.

Frank Fort, 45, Cass City businessman and widely-known Michigan sportsman, died Tuesday at Cass City Hospital. For a number of years he ran Fort's Confectionary Store in Cass City.

Clarence "Bud" Schneeberger announced his plans for the former H.O. Paul building on Main Street that he recently purchased from the Pinney State Bank. The front of the building will be used to care for our expanded service needs and additional display space, Schneeberger said. The back of the building will continue to be leased to United Parcel Service.

Motorists urged to be careful as school opens

As the 2001-2002 school year begins, AAA Michigan reminds motorists to remember the "ABCs" of auto safety in its School's Open - Drive Carefully campaign.

"A great burden is on the motorist to take extra precaution when driving in areas with school-age children," says Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. Some of these kids have very little experience in dealing with traffic situations.

Since 1988, 237 school-age pedestrians have died in school bus-related crashes. Half of those were between the ages of 5 and 7, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Last year, 105 children under age 16 lost their lives in traffic accidents in Michigan, and 11,257 were injured.

"The opening of school is a very hectic time for everyone," says Miller. "Children are excited to be going back to school and to their friends. Parents are trying to get to work and get their children to school on time. Often, they're distracted and may not be focused on basic traffic safety practices."

For example, AAA's recent survey of 20 elementary schools in lower Michigan shows that safety belt compliance for drivers and passengers at school drop off and pick up points is sadly lacking.

"While the overall safety belt compliance rate in our state hovers at about 80 percent, compliance by drivers and young passengers in a school setting was only 63 percent," says Miller. "When we looked at the safety belt compliance by young passengers alone, the percentage dropped to a dismal 56 percent. Since most serious crashes take place within a few miles of home, this is a real cause for concern, which we will discuss with schools, parents and children as part of our School's Open campaign this year."

In the campaign, AAA also emphasizes that driving carefully begins even before you leave your driveway.

"The key is to expect the unexpected," says Miller. "There could be kids walking or biking to school right behind you as you back out of your driveway. When driving in school zones, near playgrounds, or in neighborhoods where children play, expect a child to dart out into the roadway. That way,

you'll never be taken by surprise and you will be able to stop in time."

During the campaign, the Auto Club is encouraging drivers to remember that children are not small adults. It could be more difficult for a child to judge traffic situations because their peripheral vision is one-third narrower than an adult's. Children may also make the mistake of assuming that if they can see a car, the driver can see them - often motorists have a difficult time seeing children because of their small stature.

To help protect children, AAA urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

- Slow down in or near school and residential areas.
- Drive with your headlights on - even during the day - so children and other drivers can see you.
- Look for clues such as School Safety Patrols, bicycles, and playgrounds that indicate children could be in the area.
- Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.
- Practice extra caution in bad weather.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students.

"Remember, back to school means back to basic driver safety," concludes Miller. "School's open, drive carefully."

Road work scheduled on I-75

The Michigan Department of Transportation is improving I-75 between Salzburg Road and Wilder Road, Bay City, this year and next. MDOT will reconstruct and widen southbound I-75 from 2 lanes to 4. Northbound I-75 will be widened from 3 lanes to 4. In addition, ramps connecting I-75 and US-10 will be improved, along with 6 bridges in the area.

During the busy summer travel months, all lanes in peak directions will remain open on weekends and holidays.

Shoulders will be widened on southbound I-75 starting Saturday, Aug. 11. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained via a traffic shift. Work on the northbound lanes will begin Sunday, Aug. 12, for shoulder widening and median barrier placement. Northbound I-75 traffic will be reduced to 2 lanes from the current 3.

Obituaries

Irene Bader

Irene H. Bader, 93, of Snover, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001, in Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

She was born Feb. 1, 1908, at home in Evergreen Township, Sanilac County, to Daniel and Ethel (Bond) McNaughton. She married Lloyd L. Bader June 16, 1931, in Cass City. He died March 21, 1997.

She was a member of the Shabbona United Methodist Church and Shabbona Extension.

She is survived by her children, Robert (Shirley) Bader of Decker, Marjorie (Arthur) Carster of Cass City, Helen (Newell) Hubbard of Kingston, Donna (Gerald) Auten of Cass City, Dale (Sandra) Bader of Cass City, Wanda (Ronald) Parrott of Troy, and Audrey Halas of Royal Oak; 25 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Burns of Cass City; brother, Elwyn (Mary) McNaughton of Cass City, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Belva McIntosh and Hazel Stoutenburg.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 17, at Shabbona United Methodist Church, Shabbona, with the Rev. Ellen Burns officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Shabbona United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

John Reagh

John A. Reagh, a former resident of Saginaw, died Thursday, Aug. 9, at his home in Santa Rosa, Calif.

He was born in Cass City, the son of Alice and Ira Reagh.

He graduated from Cass City High School. He then attended Central Michigan University and later graduated from Michigan State University. He was a B-17 pilot in the 8th Air Force and flew 35 bombing missions. After returning to the United States, he served as an Army Air Force instructor.

While living in Saginaw, he owned and operated Central Office Equipment Company from 1958 until he moved to California in 1989. He was a member of First Congregational Church and Riverside Kiwanis.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; children, Molly Jones of Mill Valley, Calif., Susan Karakasevic of St. Helena, Calif., and John W. Reagh of Cape Town, South Africa; 4 grandchildren; a son-in-law, Miles Karakasevic; a daughter-in-law, Julia Reagh; a sister, Marian McIntyre of North Muskegon; cousins, Ruth Esau of Cass City and Harry Reagh of Bay City, and several nieces and nephews.

Margaret Strace

A memorial service will be held for Margaret Strace at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle, at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 2.

Jack Winchester

Jack Edmond Winchester, 53, of Elkton, died Monday, July 23, at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

He was born Oct. 3, 1947,

to John and Raymonde (Girard) Winchester in Caro.

He grew up in the Gagetown area and graduated from Owen-Gage High School in 1966. He moved to Elkton in December of 1972. He had been a truck driver most of his life, but was forced to retire for health reasons.

He was a member of the Victory in Christ Community Church, past member of the Elkton Jaycees, and coached Little League for a number of years.

Surviving are his son, Charles (Stacey) Winchester of Cass City; his daughter, Christina (Jason) Schultz of Gagetown; 2 grandchildren, and 2 brothers, Maurice (Judy) Winchester of Gagetown, and Daniel (Patricia) Winchester of Caro.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 25, at Victory in Christ Community Church, Bad Axe. The Rev. Stewart Justin, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in Gagetown. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Arrangements were made by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

First aid class set Sept. 5

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, will be offering a Red Cross Certified First Aid class Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., in the hospital's third floor solarium. There is a charge for the class.

The class will concentrate on how to recognize when professional assistance should be called and the appropriate action to take until professional help arrives. A Red Cross First Aid handbook may be purchased at the class.

This course has been approved by the state and meets the requirements for licensure of Day Care Providers.

Pre-registration and prepayment is required to attend class. To register for the class, please call Huron Memorial Hospital at 989-269-9521 before Monday, Sept. 3. Class size is limited.

Production up

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 489 million pounds of milk during July, unchanged from a year ago, according to the federal State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

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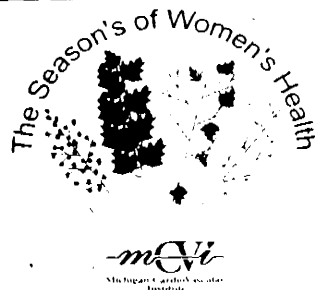
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on October 5, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan and are described as follows to-wit:

Part of Section 19, T11N, R8L, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 7, Evergreen Acres, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 4, Page 75, of Plats, Tuscola County Records, thence North 86 degrees 38' East, 650.45 feet, thence North 31 degrees 30' 30" West, 165.77 feet to Point of Beginning, thence continuing North 31 degrees 30' West, 125 feet, thence Southwesterly perpendicular to said line, 230 feet, thence South 31 degrees 30' 30" East, 125.00 feet, thence Northwesterly perpendicular to said line, 230 feet to Point of Beginning. Parcel ID: 020-019-000-1765-07.

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: August 13, 2001

Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.
Mortgage

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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 NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST 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 Mortgage

ATTORNEY FOR Assignee of Mortgage

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8-8-4

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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 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro at 10:00 a 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 1/4 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 East, 290.40 feet to the point of beginning. Right of way for Merit 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 d/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A. as trustee, Assignee of Mortgage

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by RICK A. HILL, and JULIAN HILL, husband and wife, of 3021 Harmon Lake Rd., Mayville, MI 48744, Michigan. Mortgages to CRIVE COURIER MORTGAGE ASSOCIATES, INC. Mortgage, 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 on 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 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 Exeter, 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, R10L, 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 Section 14, 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, 74.24 feet, thence South 07 degrees 48' 18" East, 91.99 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 MCL 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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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Scott R. Jingerfield, a single man (original mortgagor) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded on July 13, 1999 in Liber 776, on Page 996, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, A New Jersey Corporation. Assignee by an assignment dated April 25, 2000, which was recorded on July 7, 2000, in Liber 806, on Page 804. Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND NINETEEN AND 94/100 Dollars (\$60,019.94), 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 at 10:00 a clock a.m. on September 28, 2001.

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

Commencing at a point 10 Rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 27, Township 13 North, Range 7 East, thence West 18 Rods, thence North 4 Rods, thence East 10 Rods, thence South 6 feet, thence East 8 Rods, thence South 60 feet to beginning. Also commencing at a point 8 Rods North of said Southwest corner of said Section 27, thence West 8 Rods, thence North 2 Rods, thence East 8 Rods, thence South 2 Rods to place of beginning.

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

Dated: August 15, 2001

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Krystyna Kollo, a single woman (original mortgagor) 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 mortgage 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 SIXTY-ONE 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, 4 rods, thence North 10 rods, thence East 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 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: August 1, 2001

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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 L. 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 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 21, 2001.

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

Lot 19 of Knollwood Acres No. 2, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 30-32, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: August 8, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 593-1304

Stallions 8-8-5

Gators 8-8-5

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ryan L. Roselles and Tammy Roselles, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Mayflower dba AmeriFirst Home Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated November 9, 1995, and recorded on November 14, 1995 in Liber 682, on Page 59, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, A Pennsylvania Corporation, Assignee to an assignment dated August 1, 1997, which was recorded on July 21, 1998, in Liber 745, on Page 427, Tuscola County Records and also by an assignment dated March 15, 2000 and recorded on May 2, 2000 in Liber 800 on Page 20, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 31/100 dollars (\$86,834.31), including interest at 9.000% per annum. Said mortgage modified by Loan Modification dated March 14, 2000 and recorded May 2, 2000 in Liber 800, Page 17, 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on October 5, 2001.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North 208.00 feet, thence East 418.00 feet, thence South 208.00 feet, thence West 418.00 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 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 22, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File # 200022291
VA Number 29-29-60604078
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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karen 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 Commercial 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 KOYILTON, 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 00 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 said line 457.40 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 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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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200121324

Stallions 8-8-5

MORTGAGE SALE:

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage made 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.

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Dated: Aug 8, 2001

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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 South line of said fractional Section 18, thence along said South line 88 degrees 40'45" East, 1133.58 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, 165.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said fractional section 18, thence continuing along said West line South 01 degree 52'01" West, 115.00 feet, thence South 88 degrees 07'59" East, 554.00 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 North 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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8-1-5

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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-FIVE AND 43/100 dollars (\$163,755.43), including interest at 9.375% 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 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 KOYILTON, 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 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.



THE THUMB'S wheat crop fared better than the corn, beans and sugar beets, which have roasted under drought conditions. Now, county and state officials are working to secure disaster assistance for the hardest hit counties. See story, page one.

In city of Sandusky

\$138,000 awarded for cleanup

A \$138,000 state loan will assist in the cleanup and redevelopment of a site in the city of Sandusky. Department of Environmental Quality Director Russell Harding announced last week.

The Sanilac County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will use the Revitalization Revolving Loan program funds for environmental investigation, building demolition, and any necessary interim response actions at the site.

The property previously was owned and operated by KBC, a subsidiary of ConAgra, as a shipping and receiving station for agricultural products. The proposed new use of the 3-acre site will be to house an assisted-living facility or a health service facility. The development will create between 25 and 50 jobs.

"Returning abandoned properties to productive use is a cornerstone of Governor John Engler's environmental and urban renewal strategy," Harding said. "We are pleased to work with Sanilac County and the city of Sandusky to effectively reuse this brownfield site."

Revitalization loans are provided by the DEQ to local units of government to conduct environmental investigations, interim response activities, and demolition at sites that are known or believed to be contaminated.

The loans are provided at an interest rate of 2.25 percent and are repaid over 15 years.

Test whole-plant corn moisture before chopping

The droughty summer weather might make cornfields look dry enough to harvest for silage, but looks can be deceiving.

Farmers should take time to test for whole-plant moisture levels before they begin chopping.

"The question comes up of when to harvest corn for silage that has gone through drought stress," says Herb Bucholtz, Michigan State University professor of dairy nutrition and animal science. "The answer is no different than when trying to harvest normal corn for silage."

Corn silage should be harvested when the whole-plant dry matter is between 30 and 35 percent. Dry matter content is important for the bacterial fermentation that takes place in the silage process. Bucholtz says 30 to 35 percent is ideal for this microbial activity.

"If it's drier than that, you will not get as good fermentation, material will not store as well, may spoil and you may get a decrease in the digestibility," he says.

Though a field full of curled-leaved stalks might look dry enough, the plants might still harbor moisture, so an accurate test is needed.

To test corn moisture levels, producers should select and chop 15 to 20 plants from various parts of the field. They should test those plants using either a Koster moisture tester or a scale and a microwave oven. Directions for proper testing procedures are available from any county MSU Extension office.

Once the moisture content begins decreasing, Bucholtz says that farmers should monitor the fields every few days to gauge the drying rate to predict when to harvest.

"That rate of drydown on corn plants will differ from field to field, farm to farm and variety to variety," Bucholtz points out. "Producers have to monitor conditions for their individual farms — they can't even count on doing what their neighbors are doing."

And though farmers might be tempted to harvest corn higher off the ground than normal to lower nitrate levels, Bucholtz says that the normal 4- to 6-inch level should be maintained to avoid unnecessarily losing yield.

"Nitrates are potentially toxic to cattle," he says. "We recommend not feeding green chopped corn plants, grazing them or feeding unfermented corn silage or sorghum-Sudan. After the ensiled material has undergone 3 to 4 weeks of fermentation, the nitrate levels will be reduced."

Producers concerned about nitrate levels in their silage may submit samples for testing at the MSU Plant Diagnostic Laboratory.

After the silage sits in storage following fermentation, it needs to age. Bucholtz recommends letting it sit for 3 to 4 months, if possible, to enhance digestibility.

For more information about preharvest corn testing, contact your county MSU Extension office.

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Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, will be offering a 6-week series of childbirth classes. The classes will be held Wednesday evenings, at the Huron Area Tech Center, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., beginning Sept. 5.

These classes are for any expectant mother who is due before Dec. 2001.

Marlene Corl, R.N., will be teaching the class. There is a charge for the class. For more information, or to register, call Huron Memorial Hospital at 989-269-9521.

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - Thursday, Aug. 23, 8-2 3487 Pine St., Kingston. Lots of miscellaneous. 14-8-22-1

GROUP GARAGE SALE - Wednesday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. One mile east, one mile north, 4942 Schwegler Rd. 14-8-22-1

LARGE GARAGE SALE - Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 23-25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. TV, knickknacks, plates, chains, boat motors, tools, drill press, air hoses, tires and rims, 3 pHS electric power grinder, impact sockets, industrial water pumps, door and frame, hydraulic cylinders, torque multiplier, fishing poles and reels, fish finder, weight bench and weights, 10-speed men's bike, old round screen TV. Much more men's stuff at low prices. One mile east off M-53 on Bay City-Forestville Rd., then 1/4 mile north on Hadley Rd., 8558 Hadley Rd. 2nd house on east side of road. No early sales! 14-8-22-1

GARAGE SALE - One mile north of M-81 on Dodge Road, 1/4 east, Aug. 22-23, 9:00-5:00. Clothing and household items. 14-8-22-1

MOVING SALE - Aug. 23-24, 9:00-5:00. Aug. 25, 9-noon. 4646 Hunt St. Deer mirrors, wicker set, aquarium with stand, Craftsman riding lawn mower, lots of miscellaneous. 14-8-22-1

GARAGE SALE - Miscellaneous items. Friday, 9-5, Saturday, 9-noon. 6132 Severance Rd., 3/4 mile west of Cemetery. 14-8-22-1

GARAGE SALE - Friday, Aug. 24, 9-5 and Saturday, 9-noon. Small furniture items, crafts, miscellaneous. No children's clothing. 6235 Van Dyke, 1/2 mile south of M-81 and M-53. 14-8-22-1

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Karen Mozden, Clerk
5-8-22-1

Hunter Safety at Cass City Gun Club
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Thursday, Sept. 6, 6 to 7 p.m. registration
7 to 9:30 p.m. class
Friday, Sept. 7, 7 to 10 p.m. class
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New on the Market - Set in Huntsville Park, this mobile home has 2 bedrooms, 12'x60' set on a corner lot. \$8,500. MH796

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*Cass City Lot - 66'x132' L-430 *Elmwood Twp. 8 acres, 20% wooded. A-140 *Austin Twp. 3/10 acre parcels. A-352 *Washington Twp. 22 acres, woods, creeks and wildlife. A-360 *Greenleaf Twp. 37 acres, 50% wooded. A-361 *Elmwood Twp. 75 & 74 acres, farm land. A-388 *Elkland Twp. 78 acres, farm land. A-386 *Chandler Twp. 78 acres prime hunting land with creek. A-390

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Pool estimate climbs

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from a foundation. "...we still need \$325,000 plus interest," Prieskorn's husband, Gerald said.

Committee members expressed other concerns as well.

Although the initial plans called for public use of school locker room areas, the revised plans eliminated separate showers for the pool facility, prompting some members to question whether students and the public should share those facilities. The group agreed separate facilities would be preferable.

Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash suggested the board of education should decide the "bottom line" because of its obligation to protect students as well as serve the community.

Another question, Fox noted, is whether the anony-

mous donor would be willing to stick with the original pledge of \$500,000, even though the initial project cost has been reduced.

In the end, the committee agreed, success will depend largely on securing another sizable grant, which rests in part on local fundraising efforts.

"The better the fundraising, the better the chance of a foundation jumping in," Fox said. "Hopefully, we'll continue to build up a base that will (impress) a foundation."

Geraldine Prieskorn outlined plans to reach larger groups of people with the pool committee's request to get involved by donating whatever amount they can afford. "We've got to stress the importance of community-wide support," she said.

Towards that end, the committee learned the pool project now has its own

website thanks to the efforts of member Don Richards. The site will include fundraising updates and donor lists. The library and chamber have already agreed to provide links to the site, which can be accessed at www.rawson.lib.mi.us/casscityindoorpool/index.htm.

The goal of the indoor pool project is to provide a place for youth activity, create an alternative exercise option year round, promote the health and wellness of the community, and make it possible to offer classes such as lifeguard training, scuba diving, water aerobics and swimming classes. A community pool also raises property values.

The pool is guaranteed to be open to the community at least 30 percent of the time, so the community would be able to fully utilize the facility.



Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Dan Wyant (left) was among the officials in attendance at Monday's press conference at the Richard Starkey farm.

Meyer contacts ag officials

State Rep. Tom Meyer has contacted Michigan Department of Agriculture officials to ensure farm crops in Huron and Tuscola counties are among those on a planned statewide drought assessment tour.

"I met with Huron County farmers and they have a real concern with the lack of rain affecting crops this summer," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "We talked about disaster relief for the area, so I called the agriculture department and learned they are making tentative plans to tour the state looking at conditions at the end of August or beginning of September."

"Until the damage is assessed there isn't much we can do, but I want to make sure Thumb area farms are looked at."

Once the crop assessment tour areas are determined, county farm bureaus will help schedule the farms MDA Director Dan Wyant and Michigan Farm Bureau and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials will visit.

Work, learn in school program

Cass City High School students interested in participating in the school's cooperative-work experience program, as well as area employers considering hiring co-op students, are asked to contact Counselor Wayne Dillon at (989) 872-2148.

The program is open to juniors and seniors, who spend a portion of their school days working for a variety of employers.

Disaster

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the driest weather conditions in recent memory, creating significant crop loss," said MDA Director Dan Wyant. "MDA and the state are committed to working with local, state and federal partners and expediting the disaster declaration process so Michigan producers can have access to resources in these difficult times."

Once a disaster designation is made at the state level, the governor would have up to 60 days after that to forward the request to USDA.

Once that request has been made, disaster designation remains pending until county FSA offices collect harvest yield data and a state Emergency Board determines which counties meet criteria for assistance. For a county to receive disaster designation, at least one commodity within the county must show a production loss of at least 30 percent.

Producers in counties designated disaster areas would have up to 8 months from the declaration date to apply for loans up to 80 percent of their production losses, or a total of \$500,000 under the emergency loan program. The current loan interest rate is 3.75 percent.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, August 22

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. New players welcome, call John 872-2010.

Friday, August 24

God's Little Helpers are having a Goodie Sale during Kingston Days, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until all items are gone, at Memory Park and C & L Market, both located off M-46.

The Jacquelin E. Opperman Memorial Library will be hosting a bake sale during Kingston Days, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. at Kingston High School, 5790 State St., (M-46).

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

Monday, August 27

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Kingston Days fest set for Aug. 23-26

Fall may be fast approaching, but there's still plenty of summer festival fun on tap in the Thumb.

The annual Kingston Days celebration will get underway Thursday with the first of 4 days of activities for the entire family.

This year's festival will include the Kingston's Cutest Baby Contest results, which will be announced Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kingston Elementary School gym. The Little Miss Kingston Pageant follows at 7 p.m. The Jacquelin E. Opperman Memorial Library will also host a book and bake sale starting Thursday and continuing through Saturday.

Friday's events kick off with a chalk mural contest at 9 a.m. for kids in grades K-6. Individuals or teams are invited to participate. Guidelines and entry forms may be picked up at Independent Bank.

White Knight Monster Truck Rides will be available starting at 11 a.m., and officials will honor retired postal workers Linton Cooper, Robert Phillips and Beverly Teets at 5 p.m. The trio will be the mayor's guests at Beagio's.

Also scheduled Friday are helicopter rides by Adventure Helicopter at 6 p.m., the ever-popular burnouts from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and "D.J. at the tent" featuring Marty Wensel

from 9 p.m. to midnight at Memory Park.

Saturday's activities will include Kingston Car Show 2001 starting at 8 a.m., and the Thumb Area Draft Horse Association from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (competition from 2 to 4 p.m.). Also on tap at 10 a.m. are an antique tractor and equipment display, helicopter rides, the third annual candy drop at the park, and VFW bingo at Suzie Q's restaurant.

Visitors will find a host of activities at Memory Park, including a dunk tank sponsored by the Class of 2004 (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.), pony cart rides from (10 a.m. to noon), a nickel dig (10 a.m.), kids games (10:30 a.m.), inflatable entertainment, kids pedal pull (11 a.m.), and a magician/balloon bender (3 to 5 p.m. at the park tent).

Also planned is a tribute to veterans at the depot from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the annual parade is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., with line-up at the high school at noon (to register call Dave Lalko at 683-2684).

There will be plenty of great food, including sloppy joes, homemade pie and an ice cream social at the park, snowcones and a bake sale sponsored by the Class of 2003, and hotdogs and bratwurst served up by Kingston Fire and Rescue near the Kingston Mini-Mart.

The firemen's water ball contest gets underway at 3 p.m., there will be a Cow Plop Drop from 2 to 5 p.m. near the depot and a River Street Wagon Race at 3 p.m., and co-ed volleyball at the park at 5 p.m. (call Kim at 683-2330 to register).

A Saturday Night Street Dance from 8 to 11 p.m. in front of the U.S. Post Office will round out the day's fun. A VFW breakfast will kick off Sunday's event from 8 a.m. to noon. A community church service is slated for 11 a.m. at Memory Park, and a mini-tractor pull will begin at 2 p.m.

Community to honor veterans

Kingston veterans and the Kingston Depot Committee invite area residents to join in honoring past and present members of the armed forces.

The AMVETS and VFW members and friends are assembling a display to be set up in a tent near the depot.

There will be items from WWI, WWII, the Korean War and Vietnam War. Displays will consist of uniforms, pictures, keepsakes, some weaponry and more.

Veterans' benefits information will be available. Also, veterans will be present and would enjoy talking with visitors.

The Kingston Depot Committee will present a Civil War display, newspapers from the war years and more. There also will be lists of names and information about those who served during the Civil War, WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam War eras.

The names have been compiled from many sources and yet the work is still in progress. Additional veterans' names and information will be welcomed.

During the WWII years, the local newspaper, the Kingston Enterprise, printed let-

ters from area servicemen along with related news items on its front page. This WWII related material has been transcribed and is in notebook form for people to read.

The committee is also in the process of gathering military stories of area veterans. If you have stories or information to share, stop by the depot during Kingston Days or call 683-2255 with your information.

Future Kingston Depot Committee Goals are to: continue to gather stories of area veterans, collect family genealogies, gather Native American stories and other stories, continue to copy old documents and photos of the area, electronically save photos and stories, update the home and village business history signs, continue seeking donations for deck and other needs, and listen to your suggestions.

All donations towards these projects are greatly appreciated. When you contribute, make the check payable to the Village of Kingston, and mail to the Village of Kingston, 3655 Ross Street, Kingston, MI 48741. Specify that your gift is to be used for the Kingston Depot.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Cass City has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, August 27, 2001 beginning at 7 p.m. to be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan to consider approval of a Renaissance Zone application to be submitted to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

If approved at all levels of review, the Renaissance Zone designation would be given to the former General Cable-BICCGeneral building and property at 6285 Garfield Ave., Cass City, which would be a Renaissance Zone through December 2016, meaning that owners of property would pay virtually no State and local property taxes over a 15-yr. period. The parcel is approximately 8.5 acres.

The public is invited to attend this hearing. Questions may be directed to the Tuscola County EDC at 989-673-2849 or to the Cass City Municipal office at 989-872-2911.

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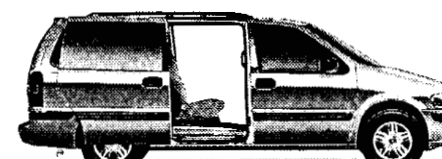
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