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TOM LOUNSBURY, Cass City, makes a point during Thursday's meeting of the newly formed **United Sportsmen's Alliance** at the Cass City Gun Club. The group plans to address the Michigan Natural Resources Commission to voice its opposition to a mandatory **Quality Deer Management** proposal for the Thumb.

In Michigan, Thumb

Weapon permits soar in last half of 2001

Local gun boards in the upper Thumb issued a combined 548 concealed weapon permits during the last half of 2001 - nearly twice as many permits as were issued during the first half of the year.

The numbers followed statewide trends since a Michigan Supreme Court decision opened the door for a new law making it easier to obtain the permits.

The new law went into effect July 1 and requires county gun boards to issue concealed weapons permits to adults who do not have criminal backgrounds and are not mentally ill. Under the state's previous law, gun boards were directed to issue permits by majority vote only if "it appears that the applicant had good reason to fear for injury to his or her person or property, or has other proper reasons, and is a suitable person to be licensed."

Michigan residents, including those in Tuscola County, didn't hesitate to line up for permits after the new law was implemented.

Tuscola County Clerk Margie White-Cormier said the application numbers soared. "It's huge. We had 8, 10 a month. Then, for awhile there, we were looking at close to 100 applicants" a month, she added.

The Tuscola County Gun Board issued an average of just over 10 concealed weapon permits per month from January through June. From July to December, that figure jumped to an average of 75 permits a month.

The number of permits issued in Sanilac County more than doubled during the second half of 2001, while Huron County recorded fewer permits in the last half of the year, according to statistics provided by Katie Bower, departmental manager at the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center in Lansing (see accompanying chart).

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern, who serves on the county gun board along with

First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the Michigan State Police post in Caro, and county Prosecutor Mark Reene, wasn't surprised by the numbers. "I haven't seen a problem with it, but it takes a lot of our time," he said.

Although the law makes it easier for residents to obtain a permit, Kern noted the local gun board has denied a few applications since July 1.

"We're denying, I think, maybe 3 to 5 a month," he said, adding the biggest irritation has been individuals who fail to be up front with the board regarding past arrests and criminal history.

Lautner said the gun board has also had to work through some ambiguous language in the legislation. While the reasons for denying a permit

have narrowed, he said, the rules still allow the board to reject an application if there is clear and convincing evidence, based on fact, that the applicant represents a danger to himself or herself or others.

Outside of that, the biggest challenge has been a lack of patience on the part of some applicants, according to Kern.

"The fees went up - they're not happy with that, and the time constraints have been a problem for us," he said, noting that while turnaround time on fingerprints has improved, background checks and paperwork can't be completed immediately. "People need to be a little more understanding that these things take time."

Kern, who has supported

the new concealed weapons permit law, indicated he hasn't seen anything yet to change his beliefs.

Lautner also hasn't changed his mind - the idea of making it easier for individuals to carry concealed weapons remains a concern for him.

"I've still got some problems with it," he added. "It just gives me a little pause when you think of some of the disturbances we go to."

The new law increased the age limit to apply for a concealed weapon permit, from 18 to 21, and prohibits permit holders from having guns in schools, day care centers, establishments that serve alcohol, large arenas or stadiums, and college and university buildings.

Sportsmen's group takes aim at QDM proposal

The DNR survey that will determine support for the proposed mandatory **Quality Deer Management** (QDM) proposal for the Thumb is well underway, but a group of area sportsmen has no intention of seeing the plan approved without a fight.

The group's arsenal is basic: organization, dedication and a willingness to match QDM officials' efforts to lobby the Natural Resources Commission.

The newly formed **United Sportsmen's Alliance** has been meeting and planning its strategy since early December.

"We are not against QDM. They have the right to pursue their own beliefs," alliance member, Cass City resi-

dent and veteran outdoor columnist Tom Lounsbury said during a meeting at the Cass City Gun Club Thursday night. "What we are here for is to protect our hunter rights. Right now, our only goal is to defeat this proposal. We do support voluntary QDM. What we don't appreciate is someone trying to force upon us an arbitrary point restriction system."

The proposal, submitted by the Thumb Area Branch of QDM, would redefine a legal buck for anyone hunting in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. If approved, all bucks harvested would have to have a minimum of 4 points on at least one antler. Currently, hunters have the choice of taking

a first buck with spikes at least 3 inches long, and a second buck with a minimum of 4 points on at least one antler.

The experimental plan would be in effect for the next 5 years. The new rules would later be reexamined and could be made permanent.

The DNR survey now underway involves a total of 2,000 surveys - 1,000 sent to landowners and another 1,000 to hunters who have responded to surveys in the past. Each group must demonstrate a minimum of 66 percent support for the QDM proposal in order for the plan to go to the state's Natural Resources Commission, which has the final say.

During various informational sessions, QDM officials have said they want to improve the health of the Thumb deer herd by harvesting fewer young bucks and an adequate number of does. Their goals include reducing the buck-to-doe ratio and increasing the number of mature bucks.

Opponents question QDM's motives, saying the proposed practices amount to trophy management. Some question whether a mandatory QDM proposal will actually improve herd health in the Thumb. Most are vehemently opposed to what they see as a violation of their rights as sportsmen.

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Closing the books

Veteran library director ready to retire

Barb Hutchinson still marvels when she thinks back on the high school girl, with only a high school education, who landed the job as library director in Cass City. It was a simple love of books and people that prompted Hutchinson to apply for that \$2-per-hour position in April 1971, and it's been the same love that has kept her on the job for more than 30 years.

"People used to ask me how I learned to do this. I'd say the library didn't have anything and I didn't know anything, so we just grew up together," joked Hutchinson, who is now looking forward to retirement in the spring.

Hutchinson seemed destined to be a librarian from a very early age, when she enjoyed playing Authors, a card game that required knowledge of book titles and authors. "I've always had the knack and, of course, I love the library," she said.

So, when Reva Little announced her retirement as library director after more than 20 years, Hutchinson decided to apply for the job, submitting a letter of interest to the library board. "They called me up in about 20 minutes (after the interview) and said it didn't take very long to make up their minds."

Since then, Hutchinson has watched the library evolve

in ways that would have astounded any of her predecessors.

Among the changes has been space - Rawson Memorial Library has been expanded to 3 times the size of the original building over the past several years, including a \$650,000, 4,800-square-foot expansion completed 5 years ago.

"When I started it was just me, and the library board would help out when I was away," Hutchinson recalled. "Now we have 4 full-time (employees) besides myself, then we have a couple of part-time."

During the early years, the library was open just 20 hours a week and operated on a budget of less than \$10,000. "We're open 60 hours today, and our budget's in excess of \$250,000," she noted. "When I started, the only piece of equipment at the library was one manual typewriter."

A second manual typewriter was purchased later, and then came a big step up - an electric model. But those pale in comparison to what Rawson Memorial Library offers its patrons today. The library is equipped with nearly 20 computers, including 11 for the public, with 5 set aside

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BARB HUTCHINSON has seen many changes at **Rawson Memorial Library**, where she has served as director for more than 30 years. Hutchinson plans to retire in the spring.

Concealed weapon permits issued

	1999	2000	2001 Jan. 1-June 30	July 1-Dec.31
Statewide	18,740	20,227	12,636	24,841
Tuscola County	113	109	52	193
Huron County	218	185	130	117
Sanilac County	106	59	105	238

Source: Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Center, Lansing

Northwood Meadows, now open, boosts construction

As expected, Hills and Dales Health Care Corporation officials announced the opening of the Northwood Meadows Senior Living Community Friday.

The \$4.4 million assisted living-dementia care facility - the only one of its kind in the Thumb - significantly boosted new construction in Cass City for 2001. In fact, new construction topped \$3.4 million for the year, with more than \$3 million of that

tied into the Northwood project.

According to figures released by village officials Friday, new construction in Cass City totaled \$3,431,204 in 2001.

"The new facility brings between 30 and 35 jobs to the Thumb area"

Aside from the Northwood facility, 2 new homes, each valued at \$120,000, were constructed by Tom Herron/Herron Development. Residential additions accounted for another \$122,904, while commercial additions totaled \$12,800, including a \$12,000 entranceway project at Erla's Food Center.

There was no new commercial or industrial construction, or industrial additions during the year.

NORTHWOOD

The non-profit, 34,000-square-foot Northwood Meadows facility consists of 20 assisted living units - 12 studio and 8 one-bedroom apartments. There are another 20 private units in the dementia care section, which

"The new facility brings between 30 and 35 jobs to the Thumb area," said Susan Lautner, director of public relations at Hills and Dales General Hospital. "There are going to be special training programs for the new employees to meet the needs of assisted living and dementia residents to provide an excellent quality of life in a nurturing environment."

Northwood Meadows offers a myriad of support services, including meals. 24-hour professionally trained staff, assistance with personal care, laundry service, medication management, life enrichment activities, and an on-site barber-beauty shop. More information is available by contacting Lautner at (989) 872-5476 (ext. 334), or Cindy Joseph at (989) 872-8131.

New construction in Cass City

	2001
New residential	\$3,295,500
Residential additions	\$122,904
New commercial	0
Commercial additions	\$12,800
New industrial	0
Industrial additions	0
Total	\$3,431,204
Totals for past 5 years	
2000	\$833,853
1999	\$1,655,412
1998	\$2,259,865
1997	\$2,786,289
1996	\$2,645,041

Reading program on tap

Looking for an enjoyable indoor activity that the whole family can participate in this winter? Sign-up for Rawson Memorial Library's winter reading program "Chill Out and Read." This program encourages every member of the family to read as many books as possible during the 6 weeks between Jan. 14 and Feb. 22.

When enrolling, each family will receive a book bag, bookmarks and a reading log to keep track of books read. Winners will be announced at a make-your-own-sundae party set for 7

p.m., Feb. 27. Each family that returns a reading record will receive a prize and a participation certificate. Fun prizes will also be given for such things as: the youngest reader, oldest reader, smallest family, largest family and more.

A gift certificate for pizza and bowling at Charmont will be awarded to the family that reads the most books. Movie tickets for the Cass Theatre plus popcorn and drinks is the second place prize. Other prizes are a "Chill Out and Read" stuffed polar bear, gift certificates

for pizza and other items, free video rentals and, of course, books.

Complete rules for the program will be available at sign-up beginning Jan. 9. Every member of the family is encouraged to read this winter and win some nice prizes while enjoying good books. Come in and stock up on books at the library and then get together as a family to "Chill Out and Read."

Auxiliary announces blood drive Jan. 15

Misty and Becca, adopted sisters, were born with complex heart defects. Together, the girls have had 8 surgeries and 16 procedures performed to save their lives.

Misty, 11, has received more than 40 units of blood components; and Becca, who is 6 years old, has received more than 100. Today, Misty and Becca are able to laugh, learn and play, thanks to many caring strangers who gave blood, the "Gift of Life."

Your next local opportunity to help save lives will be Jan. 15. The American Red Cross will be taking blood donations at the V.F.W. in Cass City from 1 to 6:45 p.m. This blood drive is sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary.



As you might suspect, this diary came from a friend who has fled Michigan for more temperate climes.

Sept. 5 - Moved to our new home in Michigan. It is so beautiful here. The hills are so picturesque. Can hardly wait to see them with snow covering them. This is God's country. I love it here!

Oct. 14 - Michigan is the most beautiful place on earth. The leaves are turning all different colors - you should see the beautiful shades of red and orange and yellow! Went for a ride through some beautiful rolling hills and spotted some deer. They are so graceful. Certainly they are the most peaceful animals on earth. This must be paradise. I love it here!

Nov. 3 - Deer season will start soon. I can't imagine anyone wanting to kill such an elegant creature, the very symbol of peace and tranquility. Hope it will snow soon. I love it here!

Dec. 2 - It snowed last night! Woke up to find everything blanketed in white, just like a postcard. We went outside and cleaned the snow off the steps and shoveled the drive-

way. We had a snowball fight (I won) and when the snowplow came by, we had to shovel the driveway again. What a beautiful place, Mother Nature in perfect harmony. I love Michigan!

Dec. 12 - More snow last night. I love it. The snowplow did his trick again (that rascal) and pushed the snow back in the driveway, but we bundled up and had a good time clearing it. We made a snowman. A winter wonderland!

Dec. 19 - More snow last night. Couldn't get out of the driveway to get to work on time! I'm exhausted from shoveling. That darn snowplow!

Dec. 22 - More of that white crap fell last night. I've got blisters on my hands from shoveling. I think the snowplow man hides around the corner and waits till I'm done shoveling the driveway, the jerk! And you should see our heating bills!

Dec. 25 - "White Christmas" my busted butt! More friggin snow! If I ever get my hands on that guy who drives the snowplow, I swear I'll break his nose. Don't know why they don't use more salt on the roads to melt this ice!

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year! The weatherman was wrong again! We got 2 feet of the white stuff this time. At this rate it won't melt before the 4th of July! The snowplow got stuck up the road, and the jerk had the audacity to come to the door and ask to borrow my shovel. After I told him I've broken 6 shovels already, shoveling all the snow he pushes into the driveway, I broke my last one over his head!

Jan. 8 - Finally got out of the house today. Went to the store to get food and on the way back, a deer ran in front of the car and I hit the darn thing. Did about \$3000 worth of damage to the car. Those beasts ought to be killed! Wish the hunters had killed them all last November.

March 22 - Took the car to the garage in town. Would you believe the thing is rotting out from all that darn salt they keep dumping all over the road? Car looks like a piece of crap!

April 10 - Moved back to Florida. I can't imagine why anyone in their right mind would ever want to live in that forsaken state of Michigan!!!

Klimek completes training



Air Force Airman Autumn S. Klimek has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

Klimek is the daughter of Walter Klimek of Silverwood and Hope Dawson of Kingston.

She is a 2001 graduate of Kingston High School.

Historical society to meet

The Watrousville/Caro Area Historical Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Juniata Township Hall, 1971 S. Ringle Rd. Watrousville. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

The program for the evening will be presented by Shirley Forshee. She has requested that each person bring humorous, preferably old, readings or poems.

The program will follow the installation of the society's new officers. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

New books at the library

Germes, Biological Weapons and America's Secret War by Judith Miller, Stephen Engelberg and William Broad (non-fiction): This book seeks to uncover the truth about biological weapons and shows why bio-warfare and bio-terrorism are fast becoming our worst national nightmare. Among the startling revelations are: How the CIA secretly built and tested germ bombs, alarming officials who felt the work violated the treaty banning biological weapons; how the Pentagon embarked on a secret effort to make a superbug; details about the Soviet Union's massive hidden program to produce biological weapons, including new charges that germs were tested on humans; plans by the U.S. military in the 1960s to attack Cuba with germ weapons. Germs shows why advances in biology and the spread of germ weapons' expertise could make germs the weapon of the 21st century.

The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio, by Terry Ryan (non-fiction): This is the story of Evelyn Ryan, an enterprising woman who kept poverty at bay with wit, poetry and perfect prose during the contest era of the 1950s and 1960s. By entering contests wherever she found them, Evelyn Ryan was able to win every appliance her family ever owned, not to mention cars, TV sets, bicycles, watches, a jukebox and even trips to New York, Dallas and Switzerland. Evelyn was able to turn every financial challenge into an opportunity for fun and profit. She was a talented lady who knew how to use her gifts to help her family triumph over poverty.

Man and Wife by Andrew Klavan: Cal Bradley is a respected man in his New England home town. He is a father, churchgoer and talented psychiatrist who runs his own clinic. He and his wife Marie are truly in love and have a wonderful life. Then one night a 19-year-old boy named Peter Blue goes on a rampage, sets fire to a local church and brandishes a stolen gun in the face of the town's police chief - a man who doesn't take kindly to that type of treatment. Blue is sent to Cal for treatment. This turns into a nightmare for the doctor because somehow Blue's extraordinary inner life is bizarrely linked to Cal's reality and to Marie Bradley's hidden past.

Go-Getters to host chili supper Jan. 17

Area residents can escape the winter chill by attending an all-you-can-eat chili supper slated for Thursday, Jan. 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Caro United Methodist Church.

The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for kids 12 and under (free for children 3 and under).

All proceeds will go toward

future events sponsored by the Tuscola County Senior Go-Getters, a non-profit organization that provides activities for senior citizens in several area counties, including Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola.

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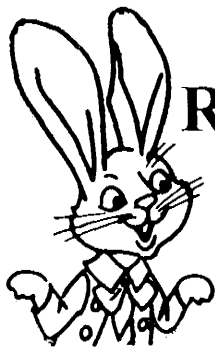
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Because a couple of guys recommended Red Knapp's American Restaurant we visited it Sunday. It's located on M-24 in downtown Oxford.

Its menu is high on chili, hamburger and pizza type foods, not much, at least last Sunday, on dinners with special dishes.

We arrived at about one p.m. and the place was perhaps half full. My order was a cup of chili, \$2.85, and a Caesar salad, \$5.95. Her choice was a Caribbean salad, \$7.25, and hot tea, \$1.50.

The chili was hot, the kind where after about 3 spoonfuls you need a drink of water. The salads, we both agreed, were ordinary.

The best part of the meal, for me, was the hot rolls. They come with a coating of a spice. Just right for me, not at all good for Esther.

Considering the cost, my rating on the one-10 scale is a 5. Esther's is 4.5.

Michigan History magazine in its November-December issue concentrated on the Upper Peninsula. It reveals that 13 of the 35 presidents of the United States have visited the U.P. Theodore Roosevelt, who was the champion of the nation's Federal park system, stayed the longest and John Kennedy the shortest.

George H. W. Bush made the most trips of any of the 13. The list includes Herbert Hoover, William Howard Taft, Harry S. Truman, Richard Nixon and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Time flits by. It was only yesterday that Ron Nurnberger, one of Cass City's most successful basketball coaches in the 1970s, resigned to become principal at Mason County Eastern High School. He now is the superintendent there.

But not for much longer. He has announced plans for retirement later this year.

Scientists improving plants

Like the human body's immune system, plants also have built-in protective mechanisms.

U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers are working to manipulate that inter-

nal system in plants - triggered by special proteins - to increase protection. Plants that are better able to defend themselves require fewer fungicides and insecticides - a benefit to growers and the environment.

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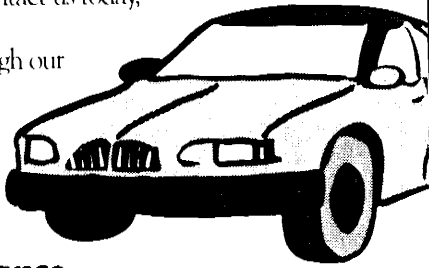
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Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

School Information

The following outlines a few items of general information about Tuscola county Schools for the 2001/2002 school year.

School	Number of Pupils	Valuation of All Properties	Per Pupil State Funding
Akron Fairgrove	451	\$ 84,497,644	\$6,300
Caro	2,248	205,249,743	6,300
Cass City	1,597	172,779,530	6,300
Kingston	736	59,136,647	6,300
Mayville	1,158	109,778,031	6,300
Millington	1,762	157,277,829	6,300
Reese	1,104	131,509,636	6,300
Unionville/Sebewaing	930	144,229,143	6,300
Vassar	1,986	158,353,163	6,300

The following outlines Cass City School's valuation of all properties, by the portions of 13 townships, which make up the Cass City Public School District.

Township	Total Value of Property in Cass City District
Almer	\$ 793,588
Columbia	3,968,099
Elkland	77,212,269
Elffington	3,724,640
Elmwood	15,245,781
Kingston	4,973,536
Novesta	23,798,066
Wells	1,845,873
Grant	6,789,157
Sheridan	198,179
Evergreen	18,223,227
Greenleaf	15,939,925
Lamotte	67,160

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

Cass City High to host financial aid workshop

Cass City High School will host a financial aid workshop Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. All college bound students and their parents are

encouraged to attend.

Topics to be covered will include the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, a requirement

for any student who wishes to be considered for any form of state or federal financial aid.

Gena Harken, admissions advisor and financial consultant from Davenport University, will go through the process step by step. FAFSA forms, which are due by Feb. 21 to be considered for maximum financial aid, will be provided.

At 7:45 p.m., a representative of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran will present tax information regarding Hope Credit, Life Time Learning Credit, Education IRAs, borrowing from an IRA, deductible interest programs and other new tax laws.

Everyone is welcome to attend. More information is available by contacting Wayne Dillon, high school counselor, at (989) 872-2148.

phy donated by Jenny Kappen of Cass City and a ribbon for participating in the show. Paul DeLong's father, Robert DeLong, was on hand to present the award to each child.

Residents in Huron County are starting a similar program and would like to hear from anyone interested in working with special needs children. Additional information is available by contacting Jackie Gracey at (989) 658-8639.

The Haire Net



It took 2 decades for the girl athletes at Thumb schools to achieve the recognition that they have achieved today.

That all came about, of course, because of the equal opportunity laws that put girls' athletic opportunities on an equal footing with those enjoyed by the boys.

The first girls' events showed the lack of opportunity prior to the ruling. There has been a quantum leap in skills since those first basketball games were played.

It couldn't have been any other way when it started with athletes on the floor who never played before. Today the basics of the hoop game starts in the lower grades and progresses through the system.

With the increase in skills came a corresponding interest by the community. The girls today are attracting more than just the moms, pops and boyfriends of the players.

It would be great if the recent ruling that mandates all sports by girls and boys be played in the same season would work as well.

It will take some doing if the decision is not overturned by appeal and the switch is in effect for the 2003-4 season.

It's fun to speculate what might happen. It may well be that the time will come when the traditional Tuesday and Friday basketball games will feature a double header with the varsity boys and girls playing. I suppose that if that happens schools will have to be very careful to have the teams alternate playing first and second. Otherwise it could be back to court.

That could work well and I'd expect that eventually games like this would draw more spectators than the current system. The trouble is that the system short changes the junior varsity squads which now have the chance to play in front of crowds that come to see the varsity teams play.

What happens when it becomes tournament time, I'll

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The back forty

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by Roger Pond

There's nothing like a good basketball game to create some excitement in a small town. When the team is winning, everyone is a master of roundball strategy, and when we're losing, it's only a matter of time until the same folks who have been asking how many fowls a player is allowed will begin calling out defenses from the stands.

I used to give my kids advice after the games, but they were smart enough not to take any of it. I shudder to think what might happen to kids who tried to do everything their father suggested.

Besides, the game of basketball has changed so much I'm not sure I understand it anymore. We didn't have all of these terms like "power forward" and "point guard" when I was a kid.

In those days, power forward was the first gear on the team bus, and a point guard was the short kid who never made more than one foul shot.

Every time I hear someone giving players advice from the stands I think back to my first game in sixth grade. Even though all of us kids had been shooting baskets since we could stand up, we weren't well-versed in the game.

The coach grabbed 5 kids off the bench and made 2 of us guards, 2 forwards, and one became a center. That's the only way we played in those days: Two guards, 2 forwards, and a center.

Our center was a big kid named Jim, who had moved in from Arizona. Jim's family moved a lot and he lost a grade or 2 in the process. That's one of the reasons he was so big.

Jim couldn't shoot much and couldn't dribble a lick, but he could rebound, so in he went. Our team had one play: The forwards and center went after the defensive rebound, tipped it to a guard waiting at the foul line, and the guard took off down the middle of the floor - while a forward and the other guard ran down the sidelines.

If we didn't get a shot on the fast-break, we might as well give the ball back to the other team and let them shoot it again. Otherwise we just threw the ball up there

and hoped for the best.

But our play usually worked, and in this first game we were up by 8 points at halftime. Eight points is a blowout for sixth graders, so the coach put in the second string.

All of us stars were sitting there on the bench when Jim said, "Well, I guess I got a 'C'," and you could tell he was kind of proud of it.

"What do you mean you got a 'C'?" I asked.

"They gave me a 'C'" for

dribbling and shooting and stuff," he said.

"They don't grade you in basketball," Stanley said. "What gives you the idea you got a 'C'?"

"You can go up there and look at the book, if you don't believe me," Jim shot back. "They've got a 'C' beside my name."

"That's not a grade, you dope," Stanley said.

"That means you're the center. How do you suppose I got an 'F' and Roger got a 'G'?"

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Letters to the editor

QDM's impact on kids wrong

Let's take a trip 5 years into the future. The year is 2007. My kids and I enjoy all types of game to hunt. Of course, as with so many other hunters, the awesome whitetail has always fascinated us, or it used to. You see, in the late winter or early spring of 2002, a proposal was passed with the support of (Quality Deer Management) or referred to as the QDM. A proposal that a buck deer must have a minimum of at least 4 or more points on one side. To help with the lack of bucks that are being taken, a hunter may be allowed to shoot more does with permits of course. I believe 2 does for one buck is the ratio that they want to achieve.

First of all, what does 4 or more points on one side have to do with quality of the deer herd. More points means bigger racks, "Bigger Trophies". Quality deer are healthy deer (bucks, does and fawns.) Let's talk about what one doe really means. On the average, twins are born. So one doe plus the fawns from the spring, plus the fawns she is carrying. One deer just turned into 5. Well, 3 for sure.

Now let's talk about the 6 month-old fawns, or yearlings as they are called. Now they have a long cold winter ahead of them. They also will have to deal with predators, starvation, vehicles, and many other things. Some will make it, others will not. Please do not take this wrong, does have to be harvested to help keep the deer herd balanced. I believe that a balanced deer herd thrives. I have harvested does and also bucks, you have to, in order to keep a balance. If there are too many does taken, it will upset the balance greatly.

Well, let's continue with my, or our, trip into the future. It's been 5 years and now we have a problem, or a few problems. For one thing, hunter numbers have decreased dramatically, or at least for deer hunting. You see, when this proposal passed, if a hunter shoots a buck with less than 4 points on one side or the other, the hunter will receive a \$1,000.00 fine, a \$1,000.00 restitution fee, 5 days in jail, and also will lose the right to hunt for 3 years.

A hunter sees a deer, it's a buck, no doubt it's a buck. The hunter can tell this by the good size rack that the buck is sporting. The hunter takes careful aim, shoots and the buck is hit, and hit good. The buck travels but a short distance before it enters its final sleep. The hunter is pleased, and very happy about their harvest. They wait a few minutes, then proceed to where the buck expired. But as the hunter approaches the buck, he or she can't believe it. The buck is only a 6-pointer, with 3 points on each side. The proposal says it must have at least 4 or more points on one side or the other. So now we have an honest and an ethical hunter with an illegal deer. An honest mistake. This could and probably will happen, even with supporters of the proposal. Now what does the hunter do? Do they turn themselves in and become a criminal? A violator? Do they leave the buck? How about if it is your wife, kids, dad, mom, or your friends, do you turn them in? A question that I do not want to ever have to ask myself.

How will this impact our youth? They are also subjected to all the laws and penalties that we all are. I still get excited when deer come in. Can you imagine how most young hunters feel when deer come in to their

stand?

I want to give you another example. I will use my kids to do this. We are out hunting, as we have been for the last week or so. I didn't know that Katie had just shot a buck, or Clyde Jr. had just shot a mature doe. They both made good hits with their bows that we made together and practiced with. They came to my stand to let me know that they had each hit a deer. They were very excited. Clyde Jr. said that he shot his deer first, so we decided to track his first. We found her less than 100 yards away. It is his first deer and is this 14-year-old ever excited. Chattering a hundred miles an hour. Hand shakes, pictures, and slaps on the back of congratulations take place. And what a proud dad I am, and mom will be too. Mom doesn't hunt, but she enjoys eating venison. She has seen the time, effort, and the enjoyment each year that they put into hunting and preparation for the hunt. And a trophy his first deer is, at least to us it is. It does not matter that it's a doe. What does matter is that he hunted hard, made good decisions and a good shot. Well, it's tagged and field dressed. Katie's stand is on the way to the truck. We stopped there to track and retrieve her deer. "The buck had a huge rack" Katie said, that's why she came over to my stand shortly after she made her shot. Katie had made a good hit and the buck didn't go far. We had gone only about 50 yards or so when we could see the buck. Still about 30 yards away, we could see the rack. We approached and saw that he had expired. Then she went up to check out her buck, she was so excited. Then she got real quiet and turned to look at us, she had tears in her eyes, but they were not tears of joy. She started crying and said, "Dad I'm really sorry, I'm so sorry." I asked her what was wrong. She said, "Dad, he is only a 6-pointer, 3 points on each side. "I told her to recount the points, because from where I was it looked bigger than a 6-pointer. So she did, but there were still only 6 points, 3 on each side. She then asked me, "what do we do now Dad? How will this affect me or us?" I told

her that I loved her and we need to think about what would be the right thing to do. She is 16, an outstanding student, involved in sports, school activities, goes to church, and is an all-

around good kid. She wanted to know how or if we could pay the fine and restitution, and how the 5 days in jail would affect her. I told her that I wasn't for sure but we would deal with it the best we could, and I again told her that I loved her very much. I then told her that it was an honest mistake and that I could have made the same mistake. But it did little to bring back her smile or wonderful spirit that she usually has.

Her life could be changed forever with an honest mistake. One that only happened because this proposal passed. I hope that this never happens, but the odds are that it will happen. It may happen to a young hunter or even an adult hunter. But it doesn't matter the age, an honest mistake is still a mistake. To avoid taking a chance on this, we will probably hunt small game animals like fox, coyotes, rabbit, game birds, to name a few. But what happens when more hunters do this? How far can these animal numbers be decreased? Will it come to a point where these fine animals cannot be hunted? I sure hope not, but it may. But I will do more small game hunting with my kids before I see them get a criminal record for an honest mistake.

I urge you to check into this issue. Check out the QDM, but also take the time to check out the United Sportsmen's Alliance (USA). They also want quality hunting, which I believe already exists. They do not want this proposal to pass, nor do I. If this proposal passes, I believe that deer hunter numbers will gradually decrease to a fairly low number. I also believe that eventually loss of revenue will be seen, from the lack of licenses purchased, deer hunting products, and from the lack of hunters hunting in our communities. You see, if this proposal passes, and if you shot a deer with less than 4 points on one side or the other, you would receive a \$1,000.00 fine, pay a \$1,000.00 restitution, 5 days in jail, and a loss of hunting rights for 3 years. Now a hunter would have a criminal record for an honest mistake. I believe without a doubt that this is wrong.

Thank you for taking your time to take this trip with me into our future. This is my vision, my opinion. Some may agree, or some will disagree, and that's fine. We all have the right to our opin-

ions. Please take the time to check into this issue, but please check both sides of this issue. This way you can have your own honest opinion. Thank you again for your time and understanding.

Clyde D. Rhodes Sr.

Committee appreciates support

On behalf of the Cass City Indoor Pool Committee we wish to extend sincere gratitude to the many who supported the committee's fund raising efforts. This would include the many residents of Cass City and surrounding area, Cass City alumni, area businesses, donating foundations (Pinney, Gerstacker, and the anonymous foundation), school children, school board members, community organizations, Rawson Library, KLIK Club, area newspapers, and the many others who contributed in non-monetary ways.

Although our effort did not reach the goal, we did raise 72% of the funding needed (\$423,500), this in spite of the turbulent times, and other factors.

We are in the process of returning monies donated and acknowledging those who made financial pledges. Again, thank you to anyone who helped in this community effort.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Scollon
Cass City Pool Committee

Several appear in court

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

•Troy A. Fletcher, 19, Sebewang, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 90 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to attempted larceny in a building Jan. 1-Feb. 2 in Almer Township.

He was also ordered to complete his high school education and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,180 plus \$500 in attorneys fees.

•Debbie A. Bennett, 35, Caro, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 90 days in jail (45 days deferred), with work release and worksite privileges, for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 22 in Caro.

Bennett was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,660.

•Terrance H. Baker, 61, Millington, was sentenced to 6 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to one count of third degree criminal sexual conduct and 3 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between the summer of 2000 and September 2001.

•Alicia A. Grimshaw, 25, Deford, pleaded guilty to forgery of a \$53 check drawn on Community Bank Sept. 7-15 in Caro, and to writing a no account check totaling \$36.63 Oct. 29-30, 2000, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Michael L. Pabis, 19, Burt, pleaded guilty to third degree home invasion April 7 in Arhela Township and absconding or forfeiting bond May 11 in Caro.

The plea was taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued bond at a combined \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•John D. Davis, 41, Fairgrove, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 9 in Fairgrove Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$7,500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Joseph E. Michels, 26, Essexville, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving with a suspended or restricted license, subsequent offense, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle Nov. 29 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Stacy J. Wright, 27, Gagetown, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, resisting and obstructing a police officer and driving with suspended or revoked license, subsequent offense, Nov. 29 in Dayton Township.

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.

•Ricky R. Dickinson Jr., 22, Flint, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property valued at \$1,000-\$20,000 Jan. 6, 2001, in Watertown Township, and attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct Feb.

27-28 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$32,500, and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Dustin E. Nowicki, 19, Davison, pleaded no contest to second degree criminal sexual conduct Oct. 30-31, 1999, in Tuscola Township, June 1999-August 2000 in Tuscola Township, and the summer of 1999 in Vassar Township, and probation violation.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$55,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•David A. McComb, 18, Caro, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of attempted breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny June 9 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$13,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kevin D. Goodrich, 41, Mayville, pleaded no contest to third degree child abuse May 4 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Gregory R. Geltz, 39, Clinton Township, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving with a suspended or revoked license, subsequent offense, Dec. 3 in Elmwood Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond

was continued at \$30,000.

•Angela C. Yost, 19, North Branch, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property valued at \$1,000-\$20,000-attempted accessory after the fact, May 11-15 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Christopher M. Martinez, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of attempted breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny June 9 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Richard C. Brown, 41, Vassar, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving with suspended or revoked license June 12, 1995, in Vassar.

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Beauty All Around Us

Isn't it funny how some people can see beauty everywhere? They find it in the people around them, in the skies above, and anywhere and everywhere they turn their gaze. Then there are others who seemingly refuse to see beauty anywhere, whether in the splendor of nature or in the artistic creations of humankind. Most of us fall somewhere between these two extremes, catching occasional glimpses of beauty in nature and in works of art. Why is this the case, that some are able to see it and others not? Perhaps it is because they have cultivated a frame of mind that is sensitive to beauty, because beauty is important to them.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson put it, "Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we will find it not." The raging oceans, the starry heavens and all of nature are things of sublime beauty, but we must cultivate our hearts and our minds to appreciate them. Each day we should try to see the beauty and goodness in all of God's creation.

To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are corrupted.

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Father, daughter visit Ground Zero

After watching televised coverage of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Russ Carmichael knew he wanted

to join thousands of other Americans in what has become a pilgrimage to New York to see the destruction

for themselves. The Cass City resident made that desire a reality during the Christmas break.



PERSONAL ITEMS, photos, ribbons and flowers make up memorials that surround Ground Zero in New York.

"I watched it (attacks) on television. It was like watching a movie," said Carmichael, a native Bostonian who has made frequent trips to New York to visit family and friends. "Somewhere along the line, I said I've got to go down there. I had to make it real.

"This is an unbelievable thing. A lot of people, still, aren't realizing what's happened here - how the world has changed."

Carmichael made plans to drive to New York during a trip to Maryland, where he planned to take his daughter, Annjea, a Cass City High School junior, for a visit to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. "It was a trip to Annapolis for her and a trip to New York for me. And, historically, I did want her to visit the site," he said.

The Carmichaels arrived near Ground Zero to find a maze of barricades, buildings draped with enormous tarp-like coverings, and thousands of personal items ar-

ranged in stacks 3 feet high in memory of the many victims.

"I'm used to the New York skyline with these massive buildings," the retired minister said. "It's like the heart is ripped out, like a cavity.

"They have memorial walls all the way around the whole site. It was like going to a sanctuary, no question about it," he recalled. "They have everything barricaded off. There were thousands of people, and they have a platform where they were only letting family members in.

"Police and fire personnel are every place. I mean, it's probably one of the securest places you could visit.

"The fires, they say, are out, but it's still smoldering," Carmichael continued, referring to the site where the twin World Trade Center towers collapsed. "You could still smell the burning. The taste of death is in your mouth."

"It was a lot different than what I expected because it was so quiet. And then, when you smell it, it's nasty," Annjea, 16, agreed. "It made it more real. Afterward, it sticks in your mind."

The quiet also stuck out in her father's mind, having been familiar with the noise typical of New York streets. Ground Zero, he said, was unlike a construction site. "It wasn't that kind of atmosphere. It was almost as if they were excavating a site for archaeologists. They were respectful in their cleaning up."

"There was a point when we could get very close, but we weren't allowed to take any pictures."

The Carmichaels managed to shoot some videotape by standing on makeshift platforms. However, police officers were quick to ask them to step down.

"They were really nice, though, when they asked you to get down," Carmichael noted. "It was all very delicate the way they handled you, very respect-

ful."

In fact, Carmichael struck up a conversation with one New York police officer who was at the scene with a cadaver dog named "Attila". "He was really nice. He started explaining (the dog's role), and then everybody started coming around," he said.

Carmichael added that the size of the crowds - he described it as New Year's Eve bumper-to-bumper traffic - was a bit surprising. "I was also surprised, for New York, how well-mannered everybody was. The people were absolutely wonderful."

Looking back, Carmichael said he's glad he made the trip, although the whole experience took an emotional toll. "It was actually a draining day (in New York) because it was so emotionally draining," he added.

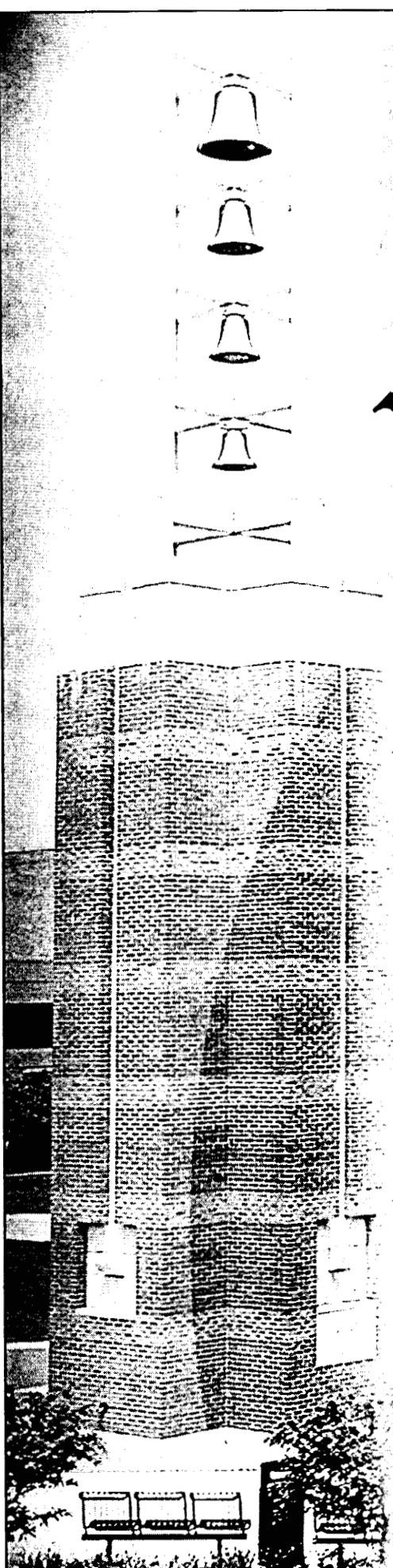
"There was a part of me that had to recognize the reality of what happened, but there's really no relating to it," he said. "These are 2,900 people who are dead."



ANNJEA Tanton-Carmichael stands next to a stand displaying the photos of Annapolis students who were among the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.




A NEW YORK Police Department canine handler and his dog, "Attila" take time out to talk with the Carmichaels and others near the site where workers are still cleaning up the destruction left by the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center towers.



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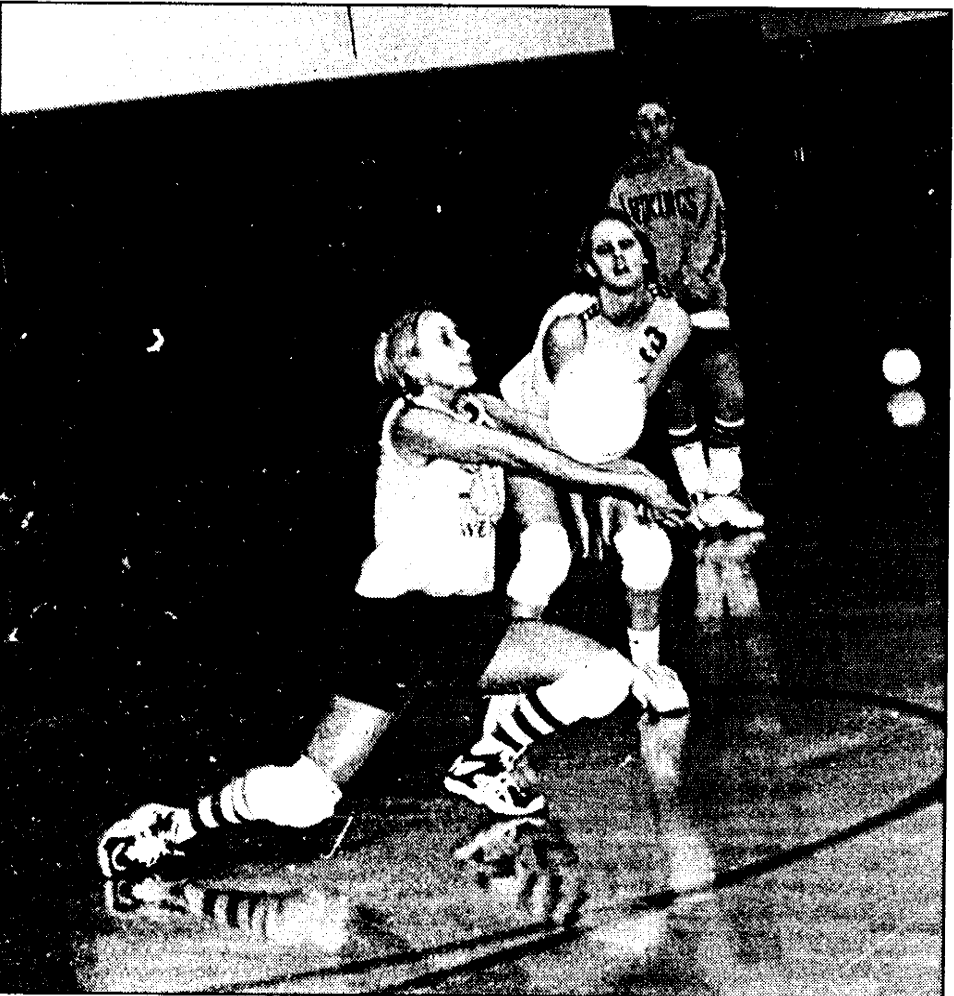
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RED HAWK LINDSEY Hendrick returns a serve during Saturday's Bad Axe Invitational as teammate Sara Homakie awaits a possible pass. Cass City bowed from the 20-team event during a hard fought quarterfinal match-up against Ubly.



Cass City spikers bow in quarterfinals at Bad Axe

The Red Hawk volleyball team, fresh off a strong showing at the Bad Axe Invitational, will open its Greater Thumb West schedule Thursday in Saginaw against Valley Lutheran.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers should have little trouble with the Chargers if they can maintain the level of play they displayed Saturday in Bad Axe.

The Hawks compiled an impressive 6-2 mark in pool play, defeating Deckerville (15-3, 15-6), Port Hope (15-0, 15-5), and Flint Kearsley (15-9, 15-10), while bowing to eventual champions North Branch (11-15, 4-15).

"We are getting close," commented Howard of where she would like to see her program develop. "We are just one back court player short."

The Hawks' pool play mark advanced them into a quarterfinal match-up with Greater Thumb East foe Ubly. The bracket play contest went 3 games with the Bearcats claiming the rubber game, 15-11. Cass City claimed the opening game in the quarterfinals, 15-6, but the Bearcats evened the match with a 15-10 victory in game 2.

"The final game was rally scoring," explained Howard. Adding, "You are awarded points for every opponent's mistakes, regardless if you are serving or not."

Junior Becky Hartel and senior Sara Homakie led Cass City at the service line with 29 and 28 tallies, respectively. The pair combined for 19 ace serves, with Homakie recording a team high 10.

Four Lady Hawks reached double digits in attacks on the afternoon with sophomore Amy Howard leading the way with 24. Homakie added 19 winners, while Hartel and Lindsey Hendrick were credited with 18 and 10, respectively.

Krystee Dorland played well on the back row for the Hawks, as she recorded a team high 49 digs to complement 30 good receptions. Cass City also had Homakie and Rochelle Dohn each with 29 digs.

The Hawk offense had Howard with 45 assists and Hartel with 33, while defensively Howard recorded a team high 11 blocks, 2 better than Homakie who chipped in with 9 blocks.

"These are a great bunch of girls," says Howard. "They all work hard and get along well."

CARO

The Hawks traveled to Caro last Wednesday and were defeated in 5 games. Cass City started the night strong with wins of 15-8 and 15-6, but the Tigers rallied with wins of 16-14, 15-8 and 15-8.

"I knew Caro would be a good match," said Caro. "Their junior varsity programs have been pretty strong the last few years."

The visitors had Homakie with a dozen kills, while Hendrick and Hartel split 14 winners. Also helping the Hawk offense was Hendrick with a team best 20 service points, including 4 aces and the setting of Hartel and Howard who recorded 78 and 48 sets respectively.

Leading the Hawk defensively at Caro were Homakie and Dorland who split 30 digs, Howard had a team high 6 blocks.

Owen-Gage struggles at Hatchet Invite Saturday

Coach Sheila Pawlak's first tournament as leader of the Owen-Gage volleyball team saw the Bulldogs compile a disappointing 2-6 mark Saturday at the 20-team Bad Axe Invitational.

The defending North Central Thumb League champions, Owen-Gage's only wins of the afternoon came against league foe Akron-Fairgrove 15-10 and 15-3.

"We played our best games against our pool's best teams and our worst games against the weaker teams," stated Pawlak.

The Bulldogs suffered losses to Sterling Heights (15-2, 15-9), Cros-Lex (15-1, 15-11), and Mayville (15-12, 15-11).

Earlier in the week, on Thursday, the Bulldogs traveled to North Huron and defeated the Warriors in straight games. Owen-Gage recorded wins of 15-5, 15-7, and 15-13.

The opening NCTL contest for both schools had Bulldogs Amy Pawelski and Kelly Zaleski with 12 points each.

Hawk grapplers earn pair of easy victories

The Cass City Red Hawks rolled to a pair of easy decisions in a meet Thursday and then struggled at the annual Yale Invitational Saturday.

The Thursday meet, held in Brown City, pitted the Hawks against Sandusky and Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

Despite losing 3 weight classes by forfeit, Cass City defeated Sandusky, 48-18, with all of the Redskin points coming by the forfeits. Cass City defeated Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 48-36. Both games were against teams in the Greater Thumb Conference and the wins got the Hawks off to a 2-0 league start.

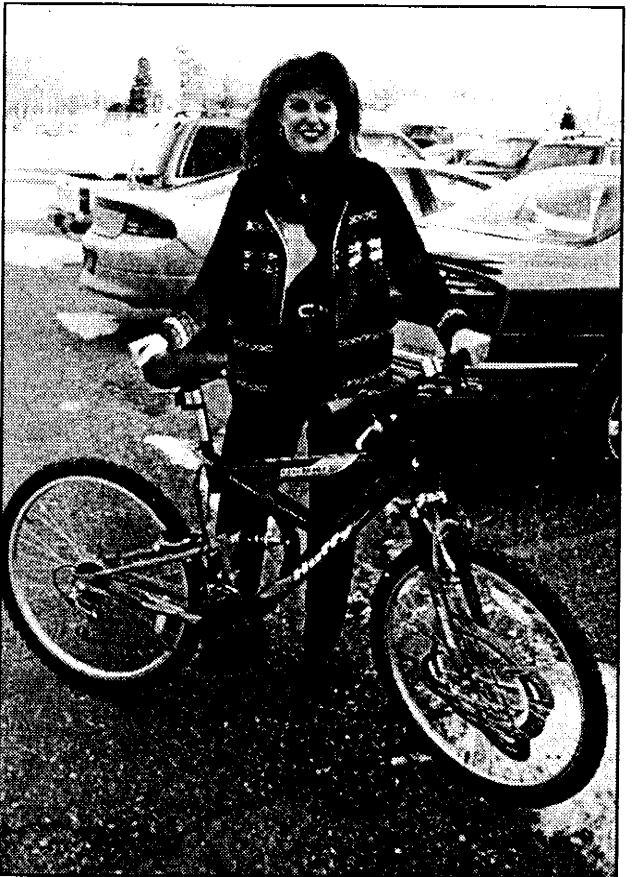
Lakeview B team, 19, Yale B team, 11.
Four Red Hawks placed. Spencer, 125 pounds; Dorland, 160 pounds; and Jensen, 189 pounds, finished third. Moore was fourth at 119 pounds.

Gymnasts compete in Traverse City

Cass City High School-Deckerville gymnastic team competed in the Northern Gymnastic Invitational at Traverse City Central Saturday.

The team scored 116.4 points, just 1.6 points away from another regional qualifying score. Cass City's Chelsea Zimba finished 10th on the vault with a score of 8.5.

Hawk individual regional qualifying scores were:
Vault - Elise Pasant, 7.8; Randee McGregor, 8.4; Zimba, 8.5.
Board - McGregor, 7.3; Pasant, 7.5; Ashley Ouvry, 7.8.
Floor - McGregor, 8.25.



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OWEN-GAGE'S ASHLEY Adams (left) and Kelly Zaleski converge on a shot Saturday at the Bad Axe Invitational. The Bulldogs finished the day with a 2-6 record in pool play.

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ALTHOUGH ROB HAVENS didn't score, he was active on defense grabbing rebounds. Coach Aaron Fernald says that Cass City will need to play strong defense to be able to compete in the Greater Thumb West.

Ulfig shining at Alma College

Shelly Ulfig of Alma College was named to the all-tournament team following the Clarke College Holiday Tournament, held Dec. 28-30 at Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Ulfig, a junior center from Cass City, scored 43 points and pulled down 37 rebounds in Alma's 3 games at the tournament. She scored 16 points and had 14 rebounds in Alma's 65-49 win over Mount Mercy College on Dec. 28. In a 62-50 loss to Millikin University in the semifinals on Dec. 29, Ulfig scored 16 points and tied her career high with 16 rebounds. She scored 11 points

and had 7 rebounds in an 88-68 win over Clarke in the third place game on Dec. 30.

Through games of Jan. 2, Ulfig is leading the Scots in scoring and rebounding. She is averaging 13.1 points and 9.8 rebounds per game.



Shelly Ulfig

In the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) statistics, Ulfig is the top rebounder and is eighth in scoring for all games.

More Ulfig

Cass City graduate Shelly Ulfig, the Lady Hawks career points leader, has continued her success on the basketball courts at Alma College.

The junior center scored 16 points, pulled down a career high 17 rebounds and recorded a team-high 5 assists, to lead Alma College to a recent 66-52 win over Saint Mary's in an MIAA basketball contest at Cappaert Gymnasium.

Storm leads Hawks past Valley Lutheran in GTW league opener

The Cass City Red Hawks opened defense of their Greater Thumb West title last week with a close decision at Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 49-45. The Hawks' second league game is at Lakers Friday and the results of games this season indicate that it rates to be a toss-up. The Hawks were also slated to

meet Marlette Tuesday and what figured to be another close game.

At Valley Lutheran the Hawks rushed off to a 15-3 lead in the first quarter led by Jeff Storm who cashed a pair of short range jumpers from 10 feet and added a rebound and a pair of charity tosses. The Chargers were

stone cold in the quarter and failed to score from the field.

Both Charger coach Arik Smith and Hawk coach Aaron Fernald agreed that the first quarter lead was the key to the Cass City victory.

Before it was over, Cass City needed every one of those first quarter points to chalk up the win.

The Chargers went on a 10-0 run in the opening minutes of the last period paced by Ryan Wood, who cashed a pair of 3-pointers. When Josh Meekes converted a dunk, Valley Lutheran went ahead for the first time in the game, 44-43, and the crowd went wild.

But the Charger lead was short lived as Storm hit a bucket and 2 free throws to put Cass City back in front 47-44 with 2:34 left to play.

The Chargers moved to within a point with 54.6 seconds left and had the ball. A costly turnover forced Valley Lutheran to foul and Storm converted a pair of free throws with 4.5 seconds left to post the win.

In the second quarter, the Chargers made a mini-run and moved to within 4 points, but that rally faded as Chris Maharg hit a pair of treys to keep the Hawks ahead, 31-21.

We have to expect games like this, Fernald said, when the shots don't fall as they did in the last half. With the game schedule like it has been this season we haven't had enough time to do all the things on offense that we need to work on. Our defense will need to hold us up just as it did against Valley Lutheran.

Cass City was led by Storm with 21 points. Wood led all scorers with 23 points.

Caseville nips Bulldogs 49-45 in NCTL play

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs were upset by Caseville Friday in a North Central Thumb league battle, 49-45, in a game that was close all the way.

The loss was the second in 7 outings for Owen-Gage, but unfortunately both defeats were in league play. The Bulldogs were heavily favored to bounce back in Tuesday's game, but will need to be at their best to get a win when second-place Peck comes calling Friday.

The Bulldogs, behind some sharp shooting by Corbin Swiastyn with 2 hoops and Zach Fritz with a 3 and a 2-point hoop, were ahead 13-12 after one quarter. Dustin Toon scored 10 of the Eagle points in the quarter.

The teams continued to trade baskets in the second

quarter and were tied at 22-all at the intermission. Shawn Quinn scored all of Caseville's 10 points in the quarter.





The Eagles edged in front in the third quarter with 11 points, paced by trifectas by Quinn and Jon Graf while the Bulldog offense bogged down, netting just 8 points.

The teams battled to the

wire in the crucial last period, but Caseville converted foul shots to chalk up the decision. In the final quarter the Eagles went to the line 15 times and cashed in on 10 of them, just enough to win the decision.

Swiastyn led Owen-Gage with 16 points, Toon with 18 points and Quinn with 16 led Caseville's attack.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

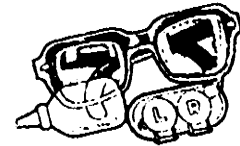
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BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
USA	2	0	6	0
Cass City	1	0	3	1
Laker	1	0	3	1
Bad Axe	1	0	1	3
Reese	0	1	3	2
Valley Lutheran	0	1	1	4
BCAS	0	1	1	5
Mayville	0	2	1	4

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Marlette	2	0	3	2
Ubyly	1	0	4	2
Cros-Lex	1	0	3	2
Brown City	1	0	2	4
Harbor Beach	0	1	3	1
Yale	0	1	3	2
Deckerville	0	1	2	2
Sandusky	0	2	1	5

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	3	0	5	0
North Huron	2	1	3	3
Peck	2	1	3	3
CPS	2	1	3	4
Caseville	2	2	2	4
Owen-Gage	1	2	5	2
A-Fairgrove	1	3	2	4
Port Hope	0	3	0	5



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Down Memory Lane

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5YEARSAGO

Miranda Catherine Spry came into the world Friday at 9:24 a.m., making her the Chronicle's first baby of the New Year. The daughter of Joan and Jeff Spry of Deford, she was born at Saginaw General Hospital and weighed in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces. As the first newborn, Miranda will be showered with gifts donated by local merchants.

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officials are beginning the legal process required to obtain the rights to thousands of dollars worth of farm equipment and other property seized from an Evergreen township farm in October, where police discovered what they called the largest, most professional marijuana growing/processing operation they've seen. The value of the property is estimated at \$30,000 to \$40,000.

The Cass City Red Hawks upset the Lakers Friday night, 56-55, in the first game of the year. It was the first time since February 1995 that the Hawks have defeated the Lakers.

The flu is striking the young and old alike this year. Mike Shutak, a physician's assistant at Hills and Dales General Hospital, said patient volume nearly doubled last week with people seeking relief from a combination of fever, cough, stuffiness, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department has created a new position to coordinate domestic violence prevention and victim advocate services in the county. Diane Santhany of Cass City has been hired to fill the post. For the past 3 years, she has served as coordinator of the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center.

10YEARSAGO

The first baby of the year is Pearl Lynn Blakely who was born at Hills and Dales General Hospital at 5:05 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3. Parents are Linda and Paul Blakely, of Caro. Pearl Lynn joins 2 brothers and 2 sisters at home.

Cass City police are continuing their investigation of a weekend burglary at the Quaker Maid Dairy store on Main Street. The incident marked the second time in as many months that the store has been hit by thieves. Taken were 40 cartons of cigarettes, a Super Nintendo game player, 7 Super Nintendo game tapes and 6 cases of beer. No dollar value of the items was available. Tuscola County Commis-

sioner Mary Lou Burns, Cass City, resigned last week with plans to accept the position of administrator of the Tuscola County Friend of the Court's office.

A new sign has been donated to the village in memory of a woman who could "turn the worst tragedy into something that was good." The sign is the result of a 6-month project embraced by the family of Lillian Otulakowski who was an area resident for over 50 years. She died March 30, 1990.

The staff at Hills and Dales General Hospital recently honored the hospital's director of support services, Isabel Wright, who is retiring after nearly 24 years of service. A retirement tea was held in her honor last Wednesday.

25YEARSAGO

Winter arrived in full force Monday as snow, buffeted by high winds snarled traffic and forced cancellation of schools and governmental meetings. Unofficially, Cass City received between 8 and 9 inches of snow.

Maynard McConkey, Cass City, a veteran of township and county politics, was elected Chairman of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at the board's organizational meeting Tuesday at the courthouse in Caro.

Dr. Arnold M. Eckhouse, orthopedic surgeon of Saginaw, will participate in the recently-expanded outpatient clinic being operated by Hills and Dales General Hospital. He will be here the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Mary Lou Betz of Clio, a former Cass City resident, is headed to the Inaugural Party for the next President of the United States — Jimmy Carter. Politics is nothing new for Betz. Besides working for Flint City Council she also worked in the office of the Flint City Manager. Betz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford of Shabbona Rd., Deford.

Mrs. Danny Gee, 26, of Cass City, is considering applying for membership in the Elkland Township Fire Department. Elkland Township Supervisor Edward Karr says no woman has yet applied for membership on the department and if she did now, there wouldn't be room on the main firefighting force.

35YEARSAGO

Richard Palms, administrator for 5 years at Hills and Dales General Hospital, this

week submitted his resignation so that he could accept a position with Gericare Development Corporation of Saginaw.

A little late in arriving but healthy and happy is Shelley Lynn Ellicott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ellicott of Owendale. The baby weighed in at 6 pounds, 8 ounces Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7:46 p.m. She is the second child in the family. The first is 3-year-old Lecann.

Mrs. Noel Frakes announced this week that she had sold the Eat Shop Restaurant to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haney of Cass City. The Frakes operated the restaurant since June 1956 when they purchased the business from B.A. Calka.

Meeting in Lansing Jan. 3, 4 and 5, nearly 100 young farmers, husbands and wives, from all parts of Michigan took a look at potential leadership roles within their farm organization in their own communities. Delegates attending from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Don Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. John Graham of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leix of Fostoria, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith Jr. of Unionville.

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Dec. 4	Caro	Home	5:00	
11	Brown City	Away	5:00	
14	Harbor Beach	Home	5:00	
Jan. 3	Valley Luth (F)	Away	6:00	
4	Valley Luth (V/JV)	Away	6:00	
8	Marlette	Away	5:00	
11	Lakers	Away	6:00	
15	Caseville (V/JV)	Home	6:00	
18	Bad Axe	Away	6:00	
22	Deckerville	Home	5:00	
25	USA	Away	6:00	
29	Reese	Home	5:00	
Feb. 1	BCAS	Away	5:00	
5	Mayville	Home	5:00	
8	Valley Lutheran	Home	5:00	
12	Lakers	Home	5:00	
15	Bad Axe	Home	5:00	
19	USA	Home	5:00	
22	Reese	Away	5:00	
26	BCAS	Home	5:00	
March 1	Mayville	Away	5:00	
4-9	District	TBA	TBA	
12-16	Regional	TBA	TBA	
19	Quarterfinal	TBA	TBA	
21	Semi-Final	Breslin	TBA	
23	State Final	Breslin	TBA	

WRESTLING 2001-2002				
Nov. 29	Caro/Sandusky	Home	6:00 p.m.	
Dec. 1	Cros-Lex Invite (V)	Away	10:00 a.m.	
8	Marlette Invite (JV/V)	Away	8:00 a.m.	
12	Lapeer East (Quad)	Away	6:00 p.m.	
15	Yale Invite (JV)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
20	Pinconning	Away	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 3	Sandusky/V. Lutheran @ Brown City	6:00 p.m.		
5	Yale Invite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
9	Lakers/Yale	Home	6:00 p.m.	
12	Cass City Invite (JV/V)	Home	10:00 a.m.	
16	Bad Axe/Mayville	@ Sandusky	6:00 p.m.	
19	Mayville Invite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.	
23	Cros-Lex/Brown City	Home	6:00 p.m.	
26	Imlay City Invite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.	
30	Marlette	Away	6:00 p.m.	
Feb. 2	Standish-Ster. Invite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
9	League Invite	@ Marlette	10:00 a.m.	

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**WRESTLING
January 9
Lakers/Yale
January 12
Cass City Invite**

**GYMNASICS
January 10
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VOLLEYBALL 2001-2002				
Dec. 17	Akron/Ubly V	@ Akron	6:00 p.m.	
17	JV	@ Ubly	6:00 p.m.	
20	Brown City/Mayville V	@ Home	6:00 p.m.	
20	JV @ Mayville		6:00 p.m.	
20	F	@ B. City	6:00 p.m.	
29	SVSU Invite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
Jan. 3	Caro	Away	6:00 p.m.	
4	Bad Axe Invite (JV/F)	Away	3:30 p.m.	
5	Bad Axe (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.	
10	Valley Lutheran	Away	6:30 p.m.	
12	Laker Invite (F)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
14	Brown City (JV/F)	Away	6:30 p.m.	
17	Lakers	Home	6:30 p.m.	
19	Cass City Invite (V)	Home	9:00 a.m.	
19	Laker Invite (JV)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
24	Bad Axe	Away	6:30 p.m.	
31	USA	Away	6:30 p.m.	
Feb. 2	Northwood Invite (V)	Away	TBA	
2	USA Invite (F)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
4	Sandusky	Home	6:30 p.m.	
7	Reese	Home	6:30 p.m.	
9	USA Invite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.	
9	Fenton Invite (JV)		TBA	
14	BCAS	Away	6:30 p.m.	
16	League Invite (F)	@ Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.	
16	League Invite (JV)	@ Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.	
21	Mayville	Home	6:30 p.m.	
23	Northwood Invite (JV)	Away	TBA	
23	League Invite (V)	@ USA	8:30 a.m.	
27	North Branch	Away	6:00 p.m.	
March 2	Districts	TBA	TBA	
9	Regionals	TBA	TBA	

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Dec. 5	Midland Dow	Away	6:00 p.m.	
15	Troy Athens Invite	Away	10:00 a.m.	
19	Cadillac/Hartland	Home	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 5	Traverse City Invite	Away	Noon	
10	Midland Dow/Vassar	Home	6:30 p.m.	
19	Hartland Invite	Away	TBA	
21	Midland	Home	6:30 p.m.	
26	Vassar Invite	Away	Noon	
Feb. 9	St. John Invite	Away	10:00 a.m.	
14	Vassar	Away	6:30 p.m.	
20	Midland	Away	6:30 p.m.	

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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, MI, at 11:00 AM, on January 25, 2002.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing on the 1/4 line at a point 11 6 rods North of 1/4 state between Sections 25 and 36, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, Village of Mayville, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence at right angles running West 10 rods, to a point which shall be taken as the Place of Beginning, thence at right angles running North 5 rods, thence at right angles running West 10 rods, thence at right angles running South 5 rods, thence at right angles running East 10 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: December 19, 2001

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE: Assignee of Mortgage

ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgage

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chester Burke, a married man, joined by his wife and Carmen Burke, signing solely for the purpose of waiving her dower rights, (original mortgagors) to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, A New Jersey Corporation, Mortgage, dated September 19, 2000, and recorded on September 25, 2000 in Liber 811, on Page 339, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 93/100 dollars (\$63,519.93), including interest at 8.750% 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 February 8, 2002.

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

Parcel 1: Lots 152 of the Plat of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. Two, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 45-46 of Tuscola County Records.
Parcel 2: Lots 153 of the Plat of Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. Two, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 45-46 of 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: December 26, 2001

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick Lohorn, a married man and Michelle Lohorn, his wife (original mortgagors) to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc./a Norwest Mortgage Inc., D/b/a Directors Acceptance, Mortgage, dated August 31, 1999, and recorded on September 7, 1999 in Liber 781, on Page 476, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 33/100 dollars (\$81,331.33), including interest at 11.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 1, 2002.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 13, Block 4 of Morse's Addition to Village (now City) of Vassar, thence East 136.00 feet; thence South 50.00 feet; thence West 136.00 feet; thence North 50.00 feet to the place of beginning, city of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East.

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: December 19, 2001

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith E. Feeney a married person (original mortgagors) to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated November 9, 2000, and recorded on November 14, 2000 in Liber 815, on Page 833, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 72/100 dollars (\$104,351.72), including interest at 8.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 15, 2002.

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

Lot 15 of Davidson Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 10.

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: January 2, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ronald G. Vincent, Jr. and Pamela M. Vincent, husband and wife and Scott Kiehl, a single man, to Alternative Lending Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated June 8, 1996, and recorded June 27, 1996 in Liber 693, on Page 16, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage was assigned thru mesne assignments to Harris Trust & Savings Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling & Servicing Agreement dated 8/23/96 for Cityscape Home Equity Loan Trust 1996-3, by assignment dated June 25, 1996 and recorded July 9, 1996 in Liber 744, Page 604, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Eight and 45/100 Dollars (\$48,238.45), including interest at 12.70% 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, the front entrance of the courthouse in the village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Friday, February 8, 2002.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, thence East 11 Rods; thence South 14 1/2 Rods; thence West 11 Rods, except North to the point of beginning, thence South 95 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months 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: December 20, 2001

Harris Trust & Savings Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling & Servicing Agreement dated 8/23/96 for Cityscape Home Equity Loan Trust 1996-3, Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Polistico & Associates, P.C.
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Our File No: 100.5776

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MORTGAGE SALE:

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Phillip W. Little, a single man and Harold V. Little, a single man, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated November 8, 1999 and recorded November 15, 1999 in Liber 787, Page 1001, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, FKA, Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee, for the Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 1999-C, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1999-C, without recourse, by assignment dated November 12, 2001 and submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen and 16/100 Dollars (\$57,916.16) including interest at the rate of 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, 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 January 18, 2002.

The premises are situated in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Land Commencing 60 rods West of the Southeast corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 10 East; thence West 5 rods; thence North 7 rods; thence East 5 rods; thence South 7 rods to the Point of Beginning. Being part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 10 East.

Parcel 2: Commencing 7 rods North and 10 rods East of the North Quarter Stake of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 10 East; thence North 2 rods to P.M. Railroad; thence East 10 rods; thence South 1 rod; thence West 10 rods to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: December 19, 2001

ORLAND ASSOCIATES P.C.
Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, FKA, Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Trustee, for the Registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 1999-C, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1999-C, without recourse
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File No: 221.0317.

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony P. Dickinson, a single man (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated July 17, 1998, and recorded on July 20, 1998 in Liber 745, on Page 290, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 1999, which was recorded on November 15, 1999 in Liber 787, on Page 962, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FOUR-TEENTH THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT AND 32/100 dollars (\$14,668.32), including interest at 6.950% 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 to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 15, 2002.

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

Commencing at a point 933.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence East 200.00 feet, thence South 150.00 feet, thence West 200.00 feet, thence North 150.00 feet to point of beginning. Also described as proposed Lot 5 of Harry & Loretha's Addition.

Together with an easement for ingress and egress to and from said premises over and across an existing road in the east 66.60 feet of the West 266.00 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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: January 2, 2002

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File # 200118929

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by GERALD E. WELLS and KARI WELLS, husband and wife, of 3283 Kirk Road, Vassar, MI 48768, Michigan, Mortgagors, to TMS MORTGAGE, INC. D/B/A THE MONEY STORE, Mortgage, dated the 27th of November, 1995, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 4th day of December, 1995 in Liber 683 of Tuscola County Records, page 073,

said Mortgage having been assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1995, Series 1995-C, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One & 35/100 (\$92,871.35), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to foreclose said mortgage, and no suit or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 15 day of February, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 13.000% 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 Juniata, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, thence South 130.00 feet, thence East 330 feet, thence North 130.00 feet, thence West 330 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 12 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: 1/9/02

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE

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MORTGAGE SALE:

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher R. Keiter and Tanya L. Keiter, husband and wife, to Right Track Loan Center, mortgage, dated October 25, 1999 and recorded December 6, 1999 in Liber 789, Page 787, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by The Provident Bank, an Ohio Banking Corporation d/b/a PCFS Financial Services by assignment dated May 9, 2001 and recorded on June 20, 2001 in Liber 836, Page 168, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eight and 53/100 Dollars (\$123,686.53) including interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the 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 February 8, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, also being a part of Parcel Number 4 of a previously surveyed parcel of land and 53/100 Dollars (\$13,764.76) to 766 described as beginning at a point which is located from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 1 by the following 7 courses (#1) South 76 Degrees 02 Minutes 51 Seconds East along the South line of said Southwest 1/4, 1488.50 feet; (#2) North 12 Degrees 37 Minutes 40 Seconds East, 615.76 feet; (#3) North 13 Degrees 02 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 261.70 feet; (#4) North 28 Degrees 30 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 415.50 feet; (#5) North 44 Degrees 46 Minutes 16 Seconds East, 78.0 feet to the Southerly line of parcel Number 4; (#6) South 47 Degrees 52 Minutes 00 Seconds East, along said Southerly line, 197.69 feet; (#7) North 54 Degrees 34 Minutes 06 Seconds East, 10.24 feet to the point of beginning, thence South 47 Degrees 52 Minutes 00 Seconds East parallel with said Southerly line, 145.28 feet; thence North 54 Degrees 34 Minutes 06 Seconds East perpendicular to the Northerly line of said parcel 4158.87 feet to said Northerly line; thence North 35 Degrees 25 Minutes 54 Seconds West (previously recorded as North 35 Degrees 27 Minutes 00 Seconds West) along said Northerly line 141.87 feet; thence South 54 Degrees 34 Minutes 06 Seconds West perpendicular to said Northerly line, 190.16 feet to point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 26, 2001
ORLAND ASSOCIATES P.C.
Attorneys for The Provident Bank, an Ohio Banking Corporation d/b/a PCFS Financial Services.

As Assignee
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Troy, MI 48083
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File No: 210.0152

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Silverpine Investments Corporation (original mortgagors) to Liberty Capital, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated April 19, 2000, and recorded on April 27, 2000 in Liber 799, on Page 1153, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the HRSS, Incorporated, A Michigan Corporation. Assignee by an assignment dated April 19, 2000, which was recorded on November 1, 2001, in Liber 846, on Page 810, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-SEVENTHousand THIRTY-ONE AND 38/100 dollars (\$57,031.38), including interest at 22.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 25, 2002.

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

Lot 2, Block 1 of Campbell's Addition to the Village of Cass City, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, now being Page 58, EXCEPTING therefrom a parcel of land commencing at the Northwest corner of said Lot 2, running thence East 4 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence North 8 rods 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: December 12, 2001

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danny Sayles, a married man and Amy Sayles, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated November 12, 1999, and recorded on November 17, 1999 in Liber 787, on Page 1254, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the CitiMortgage, Inc., as successor by merger to Source One Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated November 12, 1999, which was recorded on November 17, 1999, in Liber 787, on Page 1263, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 59/100 dollars (\$124,513.59), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 8, 2002.

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

Exhibit A

Commencing at a point that is 1128.27 feet South 18 degrees 29' 30" East, along the Southwesterly margin of State Trunk Line (M-15) 68.00 feet South 71 degrees 31' 30" West, and 275.00 feet North 87 degrees 52' 30" West, parallel with the North line of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, from the intersection of the southwesterly right of way line of State Trunk Line (M-15) and the North line of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North 87 degrees 52' 30" West 200.00 feet; thence South 2 degrees 23' 30" West, 399.00 feet to the center of drainage ditch; thence Easterly along the center of the said ditch 205.00 feet; thence North 2 degrees 23' 30" East 392.00 feet to beginning, said property now being described as, part of the North-City Line (M-15) and the North line of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point which is South 87 degrees 51' 16" East, along the North line of said Section 9, 1008.85 feet to the centerline of State Highway M-15 and South 18 degrees 28' 30" East along said highway 1063.92 feet and North 83 degrees 36' 12" West along a monumented line (as per recorded survey Liber 565, Pages 157 to 158), 575.31 feet (recorded as 575.96 feet) from the Northwest corner of said Section 9; thence South 02 degrees 22' 46" West 399.13 feet (recorded as South 02 degrees 17' 25" West 399.00 feet) along a monumented line (as per recorded survey to the center line of a ditch; thence along said centerline North 71 degrees 06' 03" East 50.17 feet; thence continuing along said centerline South 83 degrees 47' 54" East 153.50 feet; thence North 02 degrees 22' 48" East parallel with and 200 feet East of said monumented line 392.00 feet, thence North 87 degrees 51' 48" West, 199.91 feet (recorded as North 87 degrees 52' 30" West, 200.00 feet) along a monumented line (as per said recorded survey Liber 515, page 1026) to the point of beginning.

Block 15, Village of Tuscola, Southside of River, Tuscola County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 6, Page 417, Tuscola County Records, Except commencing at the Northwest corner of said Block 15; thence Easterly along South line of Lapeer Street, 90 feet; thence Southerly and parallel with Court Street to the North line of Ormes Road; thence Westerly along North line of Ormes Road to the West line of said Block 15; thence North to place of beginning, also Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and Lot 13, Except the North 16 feet thereof; Block 9, also Lots 4 and 5 in Block 14, all according to the Plat of the Village of Tuscola, Southside of River, Tuscola County, Michigan, Subject to easements and rights of way of record.

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: December 26, 2001

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Field crop update slated

The Field Crops IPM Update is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 28, at Uhly Heights Country Club.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn around 4 p.m. There is a fee for this program which covers lunch, the 2002 MSU Weed Control Guide for Field Crops (E-434) and other educational Extension bulletins.

This meeting is for farmers and agribusiness personnel to discuss the current and future trends in weed, insect,

nematode and disease management. The profit management in field crops is small when you consider the cost of production and commodity prices. It is important that both farmers and agribusiness professionals remain current on pesticides and their effectiveness and costs of various pesticide options.

The program will help you get early information on pest control options for 2002. MSU Extension Specialists will present up-to-date pest

management information at this meeting.

Pre-registration is due and payable to MSU Extension-Huron County by Jan. 23. If you have any questions, please call MSU Extension-Huron County at (989) 269-9949.

State offices to close

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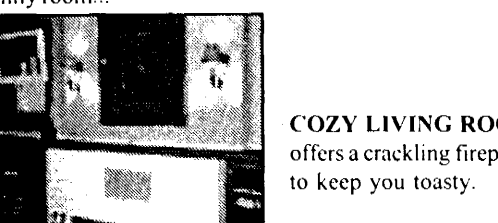
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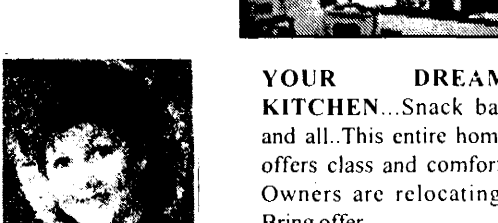
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LITTLE BY LITTLE, Old Man Winter is getting a foothold in the Thumb, which has escaped the heavy snowfalls seen in western and northern Michigan. Above, Pine Street resident Joe Steadman clears the sidewalk near his home.

Obituaries

Edwin J. Barnes

Edwin J. Barnes, 70, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

Barnes was a lifelong area resident of Decker. He was born Feb. 24, 1931, in Port Huron, son of the late James and Laura (Hill) Barnes. He married Joyce Kritzman July 9, 1955, in Cass City.

Barnes served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He worked for Buick Motors in Flint for 30 years until his retirement in 1984.

He is survived by his wife Joyce; sons Harold (Linda) Barnes and Douglas (Patty) Barnes of Snover; daughters Jacquelyn (Randy) Smith

and Edwina (Edward) Phetteplace of Decker; 17 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Verna Miller.

Cremation has taken place at the Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donation may be given to the memorial of your choice.

Harold Guinther

Harold Leo Guinther, 77, of Cass City, died in his home, Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002.

He was born Aug. 23, 1924, in Redford Township, to John and Marion (Brown) Guinther. He married Esther M. Eskilsen Nov. 21, 1946,

in Cass City.

Guinther served in the United States Army, serving 3 years in the Pacific Theatre during WWII. He worked for Reed and Patterson Meat Market, Wesley's Creamery, and then worked as a meat inspector for the USDA. He was a former Little League coach, a member of Cass City VFW Post #3644 and a volunteer fireman for 10 years.

Guinther served one term on the village council. He was a member of Cass City United Methodist Church and held several positions with the church, as well as singing in the choir.

Guinther is survived by his wife, Esther; children, Beverly (James) Terry of Fort Wayne, Ind., Christine (Ron) Weippert of Cass City, and Thomas (Kay) Guinther of Cass City; 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; brothers, Lyle Guinther of Caro, Stanley (Melva) Guinther of Cass City, Richard (Penny) Guinther of Cass City, and James (Joann) Guinther of Cass City; sisters, Irene (Jack) Doerr of Cass City, Norma (Richard) Szarapski of Cass City, and Marilyn (James) Young of Caro; sisters-in-law, Elfrida Guinther of Cass City, Sharon Guinther of Caro, Rose (Dennis) Hancock of Cass City, and Lynda Guinther of Tucson, Ariz.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers, John Jr., William, Roger, Lawrence, and Charles Guinther; and a sister, Evelyn Gruber.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with Dr. Philip Rice officiating. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Veteran services were under the direction of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette

or Cass City United Methodist Church.

Stella Hennessey

Stella Elizabeth Hennessey, 77, of Cass City, died Sunday, January 6, 2002 in her home. She was born September 18, 1924 in Decker, Michigan to William and Lena (Wentworth) Patch. She married Daniel Hennessey November 24, 1947 in Decker. He died August 30, 1992.

She loved nursing and worked as a nurse's aid at Morris Hospital and Provincial House for a combined nearly 20 years. She was a member of Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church, Colwood. She enjoyed playing pool and at one time played on leagues with her husband. She loved her kids and grandkids and spending time with them. She enjoyed baking.

She is survived by her children: William Hennessey of Cass City, Robert Hennessey of Northville, Benjamin Hennessey of Caro and Susan Parker of Caro; daughter-in-law: Debbie Hennessey of Bay City; 10 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter and a great-grandson; brother: William (Mildred) Patch of Harrison; sister-in-law: Dorothy Wentworth; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; sons: David M. and Robin Paul Hennessey; grandsons: Michael D. and Zachary Hennessey; and her brother, Bruce Wentworth.

Funeral services are at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 10, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Pat Robbins of Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church officiating. Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church.

Library director ready to retire

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specifically for Internet use. Hutchinson said the biggest change during her tenure has been automation, which along with keeping up with new technologies has proven to be the greatest challenge.

Rawson Memorial Library was among the first area libraries to implement an automated circulation system and on-line catalog in 1991-92. Access to the Internet was added a couple of years later.

"With the high speed Internet and new databases, people in the little town of Cass City can have information that wasn't even available in major libraries just a few years ago," she said, adding the library's website has opened the door for those who are inexperienced in using the Internet.

"The public computers at the library help even out the digital divide - they are available to people who don't have Internet at home." "Keeping all of the computers working and installing and learning the software requires expertise beyond what some of us grew up with, so there is a constant learning curve," said added. "I think the most significant event overall was the passage of three-quarters of a mill in August 1982 (in Elkland Township), and having Novesta and Elmwood Township join the district in the early 90s. That kind of gave us a base that you could count on," Hutchinson continued. "Then, of course, adding that first addition in '77 was significant in that the community room turned the library into a community center. That changed what the library was able to do."

The addition enabled the library to host children and adult programs, art shows and other special events. Among Hutchinson's fondest memories are the library's "Battle of the Books" competitions that drew some 200 kids each year throughout

the 1980s. "Those children are grown with children of their own, but will often reminisce about how much fun it was," she said.

"We still have active children's programs and the summers are very busy, but many kids have computerized encyclopedias at home and don't use the library for reports as extensively."

Still, residents young and old continue to pour into the library week in and week out. A survey conducted by the library last fall estimated the number of patron visits at nearly 60,000 annually.

Hutchinson and her staff make a point to get to know as many of those residents as they can, and more than one newcomer to the village has been pleasantly surprised to find how quickly they and the staff get to know each other on a first name basis.

Meeting and getting to know patrons has always been an integral part of the job for Hutchinson, who said she will miss the interaction, although she intends to continue her ties to the library through the Friends of the Library and helping out when she can.

"I just think it's time, in fairness to me and the library," she said of her decision to close the books on her career. "It reached a point where there are some other things I want to do - spending time traveling and visiting family with my husband of nearly 44 years. We have 5 children and 7 grandchildren, with another to arrive in the spring."

Hutchinson, an avid gardener, will also be able to look back on a very satisfying career.

"I guess the most rewarding thing is, you can really make a difference in people's lives," she said.

"It's been great. I have truly loved it," she said. "It's given me a wonderful opportunity, and I have a lot of pangs about leaving it because I know I'm going to miss it."

Sportsmen take aim at proposal

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"Our basic goal is to protect our right - our right to choose. That's what this issue is over," Lounsbury said during an interview Thursday morning. "They're (QDM) dictating an arbitrary form of hunting that suits them."

Among the biggest concerns voiced by Lounsbury and others during Thursday's meeting is the survey process itself.

For example, Lounsbury pointed out, QDM officials spent \$2,000 to fund the survey, and instead of getting a single Deer Management Unit (DMU), the survey is covering 3 DMUs (Tuscola County, Huron County and Sanilac County). "Instead of 6,000 (surveys) going out, they have 2,000 for the whole area," he said.

He and other alliance members are also concerned that money spent by the DNR to explain its stand on the proposals is coming out of the pockets of sportsmen

throughout the state through license fees.

Lounsbury also questioned the timing of QDM's public information meeting held last fall in Uby during the same time period as the state's special youth hunting season, and he criticized the survey form itself. The form, mailed out just prior to Christmas, listed the work numbers of 2 DNR officials, both of whom were on holiday vacation through Jan. 2, and the home numbers of 3 QDM members. "I found all of this very inappropriate," he said.

The key, alliance members agreed Thursday, is to focus on presenting their side to the Natural Resources Commission. Members discussed strategy, including plans for several individuals to address the commission this month.

"Shame on us if we're not looking out for our own interests," Lounsbury said. "The NRC is making decisions that affect sportsmen statewide, and QDM has al-

ways had people there, pushing their cause. So, the NRC hasn't heard both sides of the story."

"We have to let them know we're organized and we're against it. They have the power, no matter how this survey goes, to do it (approve the QDM plan) anyway, and there's nothing you can do about it."

Although attendance at Thursday's meeting topped 60 residents, the 3 previous meetings drew nearly 100 or more sportsmen and women. Over the past few weeks, the group has raised more than \$1,800 and obtained more than 1,400 petition signa-

tures.

"We're going to hand them over to Rep. Tom Meyer and he, in turn, is going to address the Natural Resources Commission," Lounsbury said. "And, we're going to be there to support him."

The NRC is scheduled to consider the proposed Thumb QDM proposal next month, with action on the plan expected sometime in March.

Members of the United Sportsmen's Alliance, meanwhile, plan to continue their efforts. The group's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Cass City Middle School.




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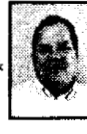
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