

Many hands make a dream come true



IT ALL STARTED with a beat-up 1994 Eagle Talon and one area resident's idea. In the end, the man and several others, all of whom wish to remain anonymous, made a dream come true for 16-year-old Alison Emmert, who is battling cancer. After obtaining the car, the first resident decided the vehicle, with a little work, would be ideal for Emmert. So, he called an area business for a bump and paint estimate, and the service was offered free of charge. From there the effort snowballed - a mechanic donated his services; a car cleaning business offered to clean the auto at half price (\$100) and another individual paid the rest; a woman donated 4 new tires; and a local florist donated flowers and bows to decorate the gift, which was presented to Alison (above) March 17. A dinner will be held April 7 to benefit Emmert and Ryan Storm, another Cass City youth battling cancer. See related story.

Focus of season-long series

Littles continue farming tradition

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of agriculture-related stories the Chronicle will be publishing over the next few months. The series is part of a new

Adopt-a-Farm program sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau, which links members of the media with farming operations. The goal is to give readers a close up look at "life on the farm" through news stories that

track the ups and downs of agriculture through the eyes of a single, local farm family.

The Dave Little family has agreed to partner with the Chronicle. Over the next several weeks, that partnership will focus on a variety of topics ranging from how the family decides what to plant, to farm safety and technology issues, to the harvest.

Like many other farmers in the Thumb, Keith and Dave Little felt the effects of last summer's drought at their Cass City area farm.

The father and son, who work together in a partnership, harvested very few acres of dry beans - just 15 out of about 140 acres they planted. "We had some soybeans and corn we didn't even harvest. There just wasn't anything there," Dave, a fourth generation farmer, recalled.

Still, the Littles have kept their perspective. "Our disaster was nothing compared to (the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks). We've got another year to start again," Keith said. "There's always next year on the farm."

The Littles farm in northern Novesta Township at 5178 Kelly Rd. It's a tradition dating back more than 100 years to Keith's grandfather, William, who bought acreage south of where the family's Michigan Centennial farm stands today.

Keith and his brother, Harold, eventually farmed in a partnership with their father. Later, Keith and his sons, Dave and Dean, farmed together. Dean left the partnership a year ago, but the remaining son and father are still going strong. Together, the Littles farm

1,300 acres, growing 400 to 450 acres each of corn and soybeans along with some dry beans and wheat. They also have 80 head of beef cattle and a farrow-to-finish hog operation that turns out 1,000 to 1,200 hogs a year.

"I usually plant and he harvests," Dave said. "He does the spraying and the harvesting. I do the planting and the cultivating."

Dave's wife, Donna, works as a paraprofessional at Cass City Middle School, while the couple's son, Matthew, 17, works on the farm through the high school's co-op program. "He'll fix equipment, he likes to feed the pigs, and he does some field work," Dave said.

The Littles attribute the success of their operation to a number of factors.

"We have been (diversified) over the years. That's one thing that's been a benefit to us, I think," Keith said. "Usually, it seems like one of the items we grow - there's a decent price on, though the last few years have been a question."

"I think efficiency is pretty important on the farm. You can't afford to be buying new equipment all the time," he added. "If you aren't already established, it's almost impossible between the equipment costs and land costs."

"Timing is a lot of it, like here where we are - on high ground - it's lighter ground so we can get out a lot quicker, and the earlier, the better," Dave said.

Having about 450 of their acres irrigated also makes a big difference, especially in dry years, Keith added.

Both father and son agreed farming is more than a way of life for them, it's the way they enjoy making a living.

Council eyes tax break for Walbro equipment

Cass City officials laid the groundwork Monday to allow Walbro Engine Management Corp., 6242 Garfield Ave., to request a tax abatement on an estimated \$1 million worth of new and replacement manufacturing equipment.

The Village Council established district boundaries for a new Industrial Development District covering 2 parcels at the Cass City plant.

The next step will be a public hearing, which was scheduled for Monday, April 15, at 6 p.m. If the district is approved, Walbro officials could then seek an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate. The certificate would provide the company with a tax abatement of 50 percent for up to 12 years on the additional equipment.

Council members, including Trustee Steve Wright, indicated they are in favor of such a tax abatement, which has been granted to a number of other local companies, including Walbro, over the years. However, Wright also expressed some concern regarding the village's options if a company that is granted an abatement leaves the area before the abatement period expires.

If that were to happen, Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bemus explained, the village could recoup tax savings the company enjoyed through the Industrial Facility Exemption program.

STORMSEWER

Turning to other matters, the council spent an hour discussing storm sewer options at the village's existing and vacant industrial park property.

Leading the discussion was engineer Ron Hansen, Spicer Group, who prepared a preliminary study focusing on draining options for the 65 acres of land earmarked for new industrial park use, as well as possible solutions to flooding problems in the existing industrial park (water standing at Garfield Avenue and Doerr Road).

Hansen outlined 4 options ranging in cost from \$277,000 to \$661,000. In each case, storm water would be diverted to a detention pond and, eventually, the Center B Drain.

Hansen recommended that village officials consider an option that would drain the 65 acres west of Doerr Road at a cost of about \$294,000. He noted the option would not solve standing water problems in the existing industrial park, but it would enable the village to complete infrastructure improvements vital to attracting new businesses.

He said the village could begin planning now to tackle the standing water problem in the future.

Hansen cautioned his study is only preliminary. The project, he explained would involve several important steps, including obtaining easements and permits, engineering work, and an agreement with the drain commission.

Financing will also be criti-

cal. Towards that end, Village Manager Frank Sheridan told the council he will be submitting a Notice of Intent to request Community Development Block Grants, including \$417,873 for the storm drain project and related road and water main improvements. If approved, the village would have to spend another \$150,000 on the project.

Sheridan also plans to request \$220,248 (with a local match of \$130,752) to solve the standing water problems in the existing industrial park, and up to \$15,000 (10 percent local match) for streetscape and downtown improvements.

In other business Monday, the council:

•Rescheduled the council's Please turn to page 5.

Cass City senior headed for U.S. Naval Academy

While his classmates are looking forward to some time off, summer jobs and relaxation after graduation, Noah Gould is facing the greatest physical and mental challenges of his life.

And what's more, he can't wait.

Gould, a Cass City High School senior, has been accepted as a midshipman in the Class of 2006 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He is scheduled to be sworn in June 28.

Gould and his parents, the Rev. Todd and Tara Gould, have been anxiously awaiting a phone call regarding the 18-year-old's application for weeks. That call finally came from Congressman Jim Barcia's office on a recent Thursday afternoon, and Todd didn't hesitate to call his son at school.

"I was just flipping out with the good news," Noah said of his reaction. "That phone call meant a lot."

The road to acceptance into the Naval Academy has been a long one, but Gould's parents have supported him every step of the way.

"Being a marine myself, I thought, why not see if he can make the best," Todd

Gould said.

The process began 2 years ago and involved filling out a book-length application and securing a congressional nomination. Although Barcia approved the nomination, Gould actually interviewed with U.S. Senator Carl Levin's staff. During the interview, the Cass City teen made it very clear how important faith in God has been for him, and that he couldn't think of a more important personal characteristic in his own life.

"I always thought that the academy was just a dream, something I wanted to achieve but was out of grasp," he said. "It was only because of God that I got in because all things are possible through him."

The Goulds said they believe there must have been some communication between Levin and Barcia, who made Gould the 5th Congressional District's priority nomination.

"At a time when America's military is engaged in a conflict so vital to our future, it is particularly gratifying to find such a high-caliber individual eager to serve his country as a commissioned

officer," Barcia said in making the nomination.

"Noah has already in his young life exhibited the leadership traits that will serve him and our country well. He has excelled in school and his community. He has set the standard for others and it bodes well for the future that such a fine young man will be trained to lead the way."

The Goulds also credit many other individuals who took the time to write out personal recommendations for Noah, another step in the application process along with a complete evaluation of each candidate's academic test scores, class rank, extracurricular activities, athletics, school involvement, leadership potential and community involvement.

Gould passed the test with high academic achievement - after being home schooled in grades 2-8, he went on to excel at Cass City High School, where he has already earned 19 college credits through the dual enrollment program. He also boasts a host of extracurricular activities in his resume, including

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Benefit set for Emmert and Storm

Area residents are invited to a community fundraiser to benefit local youths Alison Emmert, a sophomore at Cass City High School, and Cass City eighth grade student Ryan Storm, who are both battling cancer.

The fundraiser, a roast beef dinner and desserts, is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 7, in the Cass City High School cafeteria. Takeouts will be available.

Tickets — \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for kids under 12 — may be purchased at Thumb National Bank, Chemical Bank, Schneeberger's, Cass City High School and Cass City Middle School.

Checks should be made payable to Cass City High School Storm-Emmert Fundraiser.



CASS CITY High School senior Noah Gould is gearing up for one of the biggest challenges of his life following his acceptance into the Class of 2006 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.



FATHER AND son Keith and Dave Little farm 1,300 acres and raise hogs and cattle on their farm in northern Novesta Township. It's a tradition dating back more than 100 years.

Holbrook Area News

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Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Mrs. Archie Rumpitz, Mrs. Dean Adams, Mrs. Bob Jackson, Mrs. Mike Rumpitz and Jolene of Uby; Mrs. Rich Bukowski, Mrs. Dan Bukowski and daughter of Lake Orion; Mrs. John Mergl, Amy Mergl, Mrs. Kevin Hope of Oakland; Jeni Golomb of Boston were among sixty relatives and friends who attended a wedding shower on Sunday, for Virginia Vanky and Darrell Grifka hosted by the groom's mother, Mrs. Jerry Grifka and sister-in-law, Mrs. David Grifka.

Allen Farrelly went to the Smigelski Funeral Home in Minden City Tuesday evening to pay respects to John Gillis of Minden City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Black of Sandusky, Wilfred Depcinski and Alice and Allen Depcinski went to the Harry Melberg Funeral Home at Romeo Friday to pay re-

spects to Cecelia Wolschlag.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Eugene Cleland in Bad Axe Wednesday. Other visitors were Karen Friebe, Alexander and Matt of Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schember, Jim Lewis, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's for breakfast Friday morning.

10 members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill again next week.

Barb Salowitz and son Tim, Hank and Ruth Osentoski, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Ross, Allen Farrelly and Bob Sutton attended a St. Patrick Day party at Gillis Bar in Minden City where Barney Schubering played.

Linda O'Henley and Alice Depcinski met Jane Learman

of Rochester Hills at Lakeside Mall where they went shopping Saturday.

Bernard Morley of Florida, Lyle Rochefort and Allen Farrelly and Jack Kennedy met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday morning for breakfast.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka flew home Friday from Florida where they were picked up by Greg and Michelle Reid and Ethan on Saturday and attended a birthday party for 2-year-old Ethan Reid at their home in Clinton Township. Other guests were Matt Particka of Tipton and Ted and Kim Particka of Madison Heights.

On Sunday, they all attended the 90th birthday party for Alex Particka at Lamont Township Hall.

Jim Foster of Caseville, Doris Western, Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at the Huron County Medical Facility at Bad Axe.

Kathy Chockley, Christopher and Amy of Algonac were Saturday afternoon guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were Sunday dinner guests of Thelma Jackson. Other afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maurer of Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bezemek, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Talaski and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the brunch at St. Joseph Church Hall at Argyle on Sunday.

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

Mark and Deloris Farrelly and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Farrelly and Allen Farrelly attended a St. Patrick's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farrelly at Grosse Pointe on Saturday.

Students recently inducted

Sixty-four Saginaw Valley State University students were recently inducted as new members of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

The new members include Susan K. O'Hara of Cass City, Robert H. Dean and Jeri Dittman Koper, both of Caro, and Sandra M. Rutkowski of Uby.

The SVSU chapter is one of more than 300 at 4-year colleges and universities across the country.

Students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or better and are ranked in the top 10 percent of their major field of study are recommended by faculty members from various departments. The criteria for recognition includes "intellectual capacity, breadth of general knowledge, ability to communicate, intellectual curiosity, classroom contribution and creativity."



Meg's Peg

Be prepared

by Melva E. Guinther



Like most grandparents whose grandchildren live far away, we look forward to their visits with great anticipation. Of course, our grandchildren, Drew, Spencer and Gretchen, are extremely well-behaved. (This opinion may be tempered by the fact that they live in California and don't come to Grandma's all that often.)

I used to silently chide grandparents who said, "We're glad to see them come and glad to see them go." But after reading these "21 Things to Remember when the Grandkids Visit", (forwarded to us by our grandchildren's mother), I think I can see where they're coming from.

o you put in a swimming pool, you still can't walk on water. Pool filters do not like Jell-o.

16. VCRs do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.
17. Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
18. Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
19. You probably do not want to know what that odor is.
20. Always look in the oven before you turn it on. Plastic toys do not like ovens.
21. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make cats dizzy. Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.

In addition to having well-behaved grandchildren, I'm thankful that we don't have a water bed, swimming pool, dog leash or a cat.

Nominations sought in Sanilac Co.

The Sanilac County Policemen-Firemen's Field Day Awards Dinner will be held Saturday, May 25, at the Crosswell American Legion Hall.

Residents are welcome to nominate a candidate for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, EMT of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Nominations should be sent to Sheriff Virgil Strickler, 65 North Elk St., Sandusky, MI 48471. All nominations must be received by Monday, April 15.

Service scheduled for Good Friday

A community Good Friday service will be held at Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Road, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The service will include congregational singing, special music and a message by Chuck Emmert entitled, "He Did Not Die in Vain."

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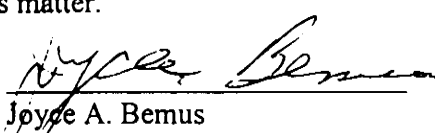
A public hearing will be held at the Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, on April 15, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. concerning the Establishment of an Industrial Development District on property owned by TI Group Automotive Systems Co. described as follows:

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PARCEL II – 035-033-000-2500-00
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The owner of the property within the proposed district and any other resident or taxpayer from the Village shall have the right to appear and be heard or give testimony concerning this matter.

Date: March 27, 2002


Joyce A. Bemus
Village Clerk

Campbell students on honor roll

Campbell Elementary School announces the fourth marking period honor roll.

Zachary Abell, Ashlee Arthur, Josiah Battel, Lindsey Bliss, Brittany Carr, Mason Doerr, Kevven Dorland, Abby Ellis, Jalen Ferris, Zachary Fisher, Keegan Hagen, Lindsay Jamieson, Amanda Kaake, Logan Kausch, Eli Kelley, Andy Knight, Jordan Kus, Kent LaFave, Paige Lester, Jennifer Manwell, TJ Marker, Paul Martin, Emily Martin*, Dylan Murphy, Tyler Nicholas, Brittany Nicol, Elise Nicol, Dillon Peruski, Kyle Pine, LaShae Radack, Alesha Reed, Eric Reif, Jarrett Ross, Paul Rubey, Kelsey Rudy, Rochelle Rushlow, Jenna Sattelberg, Nicholas Shantz, Angie Simpson*, David Steely, Stephanie Steely, Ashleigh Stoeckle, Samantha Swiderski, Sara Venema, Brandon Weaver*, Kyle Weidman, Amanda Woodruff, Jordan Yax and Megan Zawilinski.

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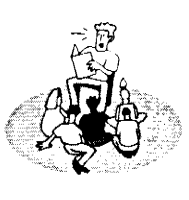
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Here's a little tidbit gleaned at the Michigan high school basketball finals Saturday. The tournament is held at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. It's about 2 blocks from the Kellogg Center. The class B finals start at 8 p.m.

It's a given that most players only dream about making it to the big show where a win makes them the state champion. Waiting for the final game figures to be stressed-filled for the players. Nail biting time for most kids.

In the bar in the basement of Kellogg's, fans were sitting around eating and drinking between games. Next to our table was a group of kids drinking pop and stuffing with trail mix. Unbelievably relaxed.

It's now 7 p.m., an hour from game time, and the kids were still there. Finally at about 7:15 they left.

It was hard for me to believe, as we were told, that they were players on the Grand Rapids South Christian squad.

But they were and they played. Although their team was defeated, it's hard to argue with the results that the school has enjoyed.

Most teams never get to Breslin Center. When they do you can be sure that they take the game seriously.

It's not just around here that ladybugs have taken up residence. They aren't just at home in the Thumb or in the state.

They have them in Ohio, according to a newspaper clipping that Jack and Ruth Esau received from their daughter, Mary Beth, describing the invasion of the beneficial bug.

Perhaps she sent it because she knows that the Esau home, that's adjacent to bean fields, is a happy hunting ground for the insects, Ruth Esau writes.

Only in a small town would it happen. It's a shining example of how small towns differ from their larger city cousins.

A story with picture tells how Alison Emmert received a car free because of caring concern that her illness has generated. It didn't take a planned campaign to make it happen. It was the spontaneous reaction to help out a neighbor during testing times.

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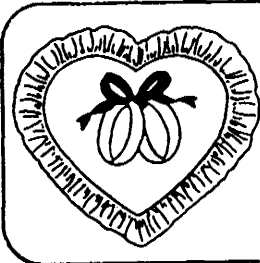
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Resurrection Ready?

In 1799, the armies of Napoleon swept over Europe. General Massena suddenly appeared on the heights above the town of Feldkirch with 18,000 men. It was Easter Day and the town council was hastily called together to decide what should be done.

After much frantic discussion, the old Dean of the church rose and said, "My brothers, it is Easter Day! We have been reckoning our own strength and that fails. Let us turn to God. Ring the bells and have services as usual, and leave the matter in God's hands." They agreed and from the church towers of Feldkirch rang out joyous peals in honor of the Resurrection as the streets filled with worshippers hastening to the house of God.

The French heard the sudden clanging of the bells with surprise and alarm. Concluding the Austrian army had arrived to relieve the place, Massena broke camp, gave the order to march, and before the bells had ceased ringing not a Frenchman was to be seen.

This illustration shows in a very practical way the power of Christ's resurrection. For once the townspeople of Feldkirch became "Resurrection Ready," they were freed from the fear of death. On the other hand, had the French army been "Resurrection Ready," and realized it was Easter Sunday, they would not have fled in fear. Likewise, to know Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection allows us to stand strong and removes the fear of death for all who believe! Romans 6:5-9 says:

5. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,
6. knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;
7. for he who has died is freed from sin.
8. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.
9. knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

As we look at the Power and the Purpose of Christ's resurrection, we find that if we will identify with the likeness of Christ's death, we will also be identified in the likeness of His resurrection. Or, as verses 6-8 testify, if we are willing to allow the old self to be crucified, i.e., the natural man (our sin nature), we have the promise from God that we shall also live with Christ in the glory of His resurrected state. Which state is that? The same state in which we see the Lord after He walked away from the grave. As you recall, He came out with the same body, but now it was "resurrection ready." Thomas put his hands in the nail prints and wounded side. He appeared as before because the disciples recognized who He was. After the resurrection, Jesus ate and drank and breathed and spoke and walked, and did all of those physical things He did before He died. But now He could also pass through walls, appear and disappear at will, and travel great distances in a moment. Though He was the same, He was now transformed and possessed a new body that triumphed over death and decay - a body fit for heaven! The fifth verse of our text assures us "...if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." The Bible promises that we too shall possess a magnificent, transformed body fit for heaven. Now that is resurrection power!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ not only guarantees the Christian eternal life, but its purpose is to make known to all the world that those who put faith in Him have been justified before God. This justification is seen not only here and now but will be witnessed for all eternity.

The resurrection of Christ is an historical fact. It is foundational to Christianity. Without it there is no faith and "we above all men are most miserable." All founders of all other religions are still in their graves, but Jesus Christ is alive and well at the right hand of God the Father. And because He lives we possess all things and have no fear of death!

Arthur Brisbane once pictured a crowd of grieving caterpillars carrying the corpse of a cocoon to its final resting place. The poor distressed caterpillars, clad in black, were weeping and grieving, but all the while the beautiful butterfly fluttered happily above the muck and mire of earth, forever freed from its earthly shell.

My friends, at this special season, have you identified with the crucified Christ, had your sins forgiven and made yourself "Resurrection Ready?"

Come and worship with the Evangelical Free Church this Resurrection Sunday. We are located at 6430 Chestnut Blvd. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. and Easter services at 11:00 a.m. You can contact us at (989) 872-5060.

God bless!
Pastor Todd R. Gould

TNU seeking charges in marijuana sales probe

Charges are being sought against several suspects in Huron, Saginaw and Bay counties in connection with a lengthy investigation involving undercover marijuana purchases in Huron County.

According to the Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU), undercover officers made purchases of marijuana beginning in December 2001 and culminating in February of this year with the arrest of several Huron County residents. After arresting the primary suspect, officers obtained information that led to 2 additional suspects, both Huron County residents.

Kindergarten round-up set April 18

The spring kindergarten registration for parents only is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Campbell Elementary School cafeteria.

School officials say this meeting is important for anyone who has a child that will be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2002.

Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate and immunization record to the meeting. To obtain a certified birth certificate, parents need to contact the county clerk's office in the county where their child was born.

Registration for the 4-year-old program will take place at Rawson Memorial Library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications for the program will be available April 26 in the Campbell Elementary office. Additional information is available by calling 872-2871.

Parents who are unable to attend the kindergarten round-up are asked to call the school (872-2158) for an appointment as soon as possible.

Blood drive slated

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a blood drive to be held Tuesday, April 2, at the Cass City VFW Hall. Residents can donate blood between 1 and 6:45 p.m.

In one evening, TNU seized about 3 pounds of marijuana from one suspect who they believe was largely responsible for delivering/supplying marijuana in Huron County over the past several years.

As a result of that investigation, TNU officers along with BAYANET (the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team) were able to purchase another 2 pounds of marijuana and a quantity of cocaine while working undercover in Bay City.

Officers made 2 arrests and obtained additional information that resulted in the execution of a search warrant in Saginaw County, where BAYANET seized more than

13 pounds of marijuana and 3 ounces of cocaine, about \$10,000 in cash and a quantity of firearms.

TNU officers reported that forfeiture proceedings have begun for the Saginaw County residence.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has since become the lead agency in the TNU/BAYANET investigation.

TNU is a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of local officers from Huron, Tuscola and Lapeer counties as well as officers from the Michigan State Police.

Citizens can provide information to TNU by calling 1-877-868-8477. Callers can remain anonymous.

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"Chatter from the Dugout", a column about baseball written by C. Phillip Francis of Dearborn Heights crossed my desk because it featured Leland Stanford "Larry" MacPhail.

First let me clue you in about MacPhail. He was nationally famous for his work in baseball and later in horse racing. He was the originator of night baseball in the majors and as an outstanding executive was elected to the baseball hall of fame in 1978.

The column also noted that he was born in Cass City. The author didn't say, probably didn't know, that he was born in the apartment above the Cass City State Bank (now Osentoski Realty).

He never returned to Cass City to live, but he did return and the effect of his visit lingers today.

Why he returned after achieving fame is a story never told until now. It was due to the efforts of M. B. Auten, president of Cass City State Bank.

Auten rated right along side of MacPhail as a promoter and salesman. While MacPhail promoted baseball, Auten promoted Cass City, "the greatest place to live in the world". He was convinced that most people would choose to live here if they had a chance.

Auten was involved in every Cass City betterment program that came along and one of his major achievements was fund raising for Hills and Dales General Hospital.

One of his coups was securing a \$25,000 grant from Kresge Foundation because he had an in with the foundation's decision maker, also a previous Cass City man.

He left no stone unturned or wallet ignored as he ramrodded the final stages of the successful drive to raise the half million dollars needed.

Auten and I took a trip to a small town on the western edge of the state where MacPhail had endowed a recreation complex and baseball field. If he helped there, why not in Cass City?

The upshot was that he per-

suaded MacPhail to come and visit Cass City. He made a speech here and, incidentally, formed a lasting relationship with Auten. Alas, it did not result in a donation for the hospital, one of the few times when Auten zeroed in that he failed.

As I said in the beginning, the effect of his visit still lingers. After MacPhail died in 1975, his wife was so impressed with Cass City that she moved here from the east. Subsequently she married Jim Bauer. Bauer was a mover and shaker in town. He served on the hospital board, the village council and is a member of the Cass City Rotary Club. He served on the board of directors of Walbro Corporation and gave financial support to the company in its early, shaky financial days. Now living in Saginaw, he never lost interest in Cass City and pledged a significant amount in the recent pool drive.

I doubt that Meredith Auten would be surprised by any of this. Smart as he was he never could understand why anyone would not want to live in Cass City.

Could it be that he was right?



The back forty

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by Roger Pond

The sport of fishing has certainly changed over the years. I can remember when a well-stocked tackle box contained a few Lazy Ikes and a package of rubber worms.

Today's well-heeled fisherman has more equipment than he can ever use and a complete wardrobe to go along with it. We've come a long way from the days when we fished with what we had and wore whatever we could find.

That's the way it was when my cousin, Dean, made his ill-fated fishing trip back in the 60s. Dean was just out of college and recently married. He didn't have a lot of money for fishing equipment or fancy clothes.

He found some rods and lures, but the only fishing shoes he could find were an old pair his dad bought many years before. The old shoes were comfortable enough, but they had one small flaw: They were bright, shiny orange.

"Who cares?" Dean thought. "We're just going fishing." So he and his buddy, Jim, loaded up the car and headed for Dale Hollow Reservoir.

To make a long story short, the two young fellows caught nothing in three days of hard fishing, while an old guy down the way returned to the dock each noon with a nice stringer of fish.

Finally, Dean couldn't stand it any longer. He laced up his shoes and walked over to talk with the old fisherman.

The old-timer wasn't very friendly, but Dean is pretty good at breaking the ice with strangers. "That's a nice stringer of fish you've got there," he said. "If a couple of guys like my buddy and I wanted to duplicate the good fishing you've been having, what would you suggest we use?"

The old guy stared at the ground a few seconds and said dryly, "If I was you, I think I'd just use them orange shoes."

This didn't improve the young men's trip, and they headed for home a couple of days later. Dean and his buddy were barely on the road before Dean needed a restroom.

"No problem," Jim said. "I need some gas, anyway. We'll stop at the next sta-

tion."

They finally found a gas station, and Dean ran for the restroom. He headed for the first stall he could find.

Dean was just thinking what a nice place this was, when he looked down and saw a blue skirt rustling in the stall beside him. "Oh, no! I'm in the wrong restroom," he thought.

He headed for the door at the first opportunity and ran

back to the car. "Have you paid for the gas yet?" he asked his buddy.

"Not yet," Jim said. "Why?" "Let's get out of here," Dean said. The two young men handed the attendant a ten dollar bill and jumped in their car.

As they pointed their car toward the freeway, a woman's voice rang out from inside the station. "AND HE WAS WEARING ORANGE SHOES!" she screamed.

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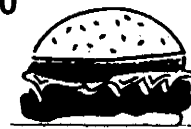
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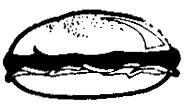
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Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant



Even though it looks like winter is still here, spring sports have started. JV and varsity softball and JV and varsity baseball are two of the spring sports that are offered at Cass City High School. With new coaches and short practices the teams are off to a good start.

Mandatory practices for each team started on March 11. The practices for baseball, and softball have been held each day in the gym after school. The teams have different times each day in the gym. The practices are only one hour and 20 minutes long.

The varsity softball team is coached by head coach Mr. Dave Hoard and assisted by Mr. Ken Martin. The team has 13 players this year. There are 6 seniors, 6 juniors, and 1 sophomore that was brought up to the varsity team. After only four practices, the team attended Saginaw Valley State University for a softball team camp. This helped the coaches learn what players can do in a game situation. This also helped the players get used to playing with each other. At practices the team works on game situations, hitting off pitchers, and practicing fielding. Captain Kayla Wentworth said, "I think that we will be pretty good this year. We just need to stay focused and keep our heads in the game. If we do this we should go far."

The JV softball team is coached by head coach Mr.

Josh Stern and assistant coach Ms. Robin Diaz. The team consists of 15 girls, 5 sophomores and 5 freshmen. Since they have only been able to practice inside, they have been working on infield, basic skills, and are getting ready to play outside. On Sunday, February 24, the JV team attended an All Skills Camp at Ferris State University. The sophomores are the leaders of the team. Kristi Fluegge, a sophomore on the team said, "I think this year will be a lot of fun. Our team has improved a lot from the first practice. Mr. Stern is doing a great job with us."

The varsity baseball team is coached by head coach Mr. Ryan Pritchett and assisted by Mr. Jim Turner. The team consists of 14 players. All of these players have been in the baseball program in years past. The team has three captains: Guthrie Laurie, Tyler Bader and Matt Ender. Guthrie said, "I'm very excited about the season. We've set team goals and plan to achieve them." Tyler said, "We're really excited about this year. We think that we're going to have a good year. We also are going to show people what we're capable of this season." Matt said, "I'm excited about our entire season. I think that we have a good chance at winning districts this year." Two important tournaments for the team are in Caro and Yale.

The JV baseball team is coached by head coach Mr. Ryan Walker and assisted by Mr. Tavis Osentoski. There are 16 guys on the team. Practices in the gym are different from the baseball diamonds, but the players try to make the best of it. Coach Walker said, "We're really excited and think we'll do well. We have a good mix of ninth and tenth grade guys with experience."

With all the practice and hard work, the teams are almost ready for their first game. If you would like to see any of these teams play, you can catch their games when they are home. The first game for the teams is on Tuesday, April 2, against Vassar. The varsity team plays home that night. The games at home are held on the fields behind the high school and start at 4:00. The first home JV game is Wednesday, April 3, against Akron-Fairgrove.

At FFA State Convention

Ubly FFA chapter earns honors

Members of the Ubly FFA chapter made their presence known at the 74th annual FFA State Convention, held recently at Michigan State University.

Topping the list of honors was the title of "State Winner" awarded to Ubly's FFA Demonstration Team in the leadership competitions.

"The competitions are designed to help students develop and sharpen skills that will help them have successful careers," explained Delores Smalley, Ubly FFA advisor. "Members must compete at district and regional competitions before competing at the state level. The Ubly team received a gold award at the district competitions and a first place gold award, enabling them to advance directly to the state finals."

Members of the demonstration team are Deanne Sweeney, daughter of Jerry and Barb Sweeney; Kelsey Smalley, daughter of Marv and Loretta Smalley; Erin Cleland, daughter of Doug and Joyce Cleland; and set-up person Jesse Walsh, son of Dave and Karen Walsh.

The team presented a demonstration entitled, "The Transformation of Soybeans to Soybean Oil and Meal."

In all, 8 teams competed and 2 teams were chosen to present their demonstration on the Wharton Center Stage at the final session.

Another Ubly FFA member earning the title of "State Winner" was Scott Smalley, whose title was awarded in

the Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency area.

Smalley, who has shown sheep and beef at the Huron Community Fair throughout his FFA membership, raised sheep, beef and poultry for his Diversified Livestock Program. His sheep herd has grown from 4 ewes to 24 ewes, 3 yearlings and 40 lambs. In the beef portion of his proficiency, Smalley started out with 8 calves and added to his herd each year.

Proficiency awards recognize members who excel in their Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs. Students from all over the state compete for the awards, which encourage members to develop specialized skills that will apply toward future careers.

Smalley, who was also awarded a gold award for his Beef Production Proficiency, will now advance to national competition. The son of Ron and Delores Smalley, he is a freshman at Michigan State University, pursuing a degree in agriscience education.

MORE HONORS

Ubly FFA chapter members were also honored in the following areas:

•Deanne Sweeney was one of 240 high school seniors to receive FFA State Degree and Scholarship Recognition, the highest degree possible at the state level. Students are evaluated on their FFA involvement, supervised agricultural experience



Deanne Sweeney

and academics.

Sweeney has been active in FFA for more than 4 years and has held the offices of sentinel and vice president. Currently the Ubly chapter president, she was a member of the winning 2002 State Demonstration Team.

Sweeney, daughter of Jerry and Barb Sweeney, plans to attend SVSU for 2 years then transfer to Michigan State University to pursue a degree in agribusiness management.

•Junior Danielle Creguer represented Ubly in the Prepared Public Speaking Competition by presenting a speech on loan deficiency payments that earned her a fourth gold award at the state level. She previously earned a gold award and first-place honors at the district and regional competitions, respectively.

She is the daughter of Pete and Jill Creguer.

•Freshman Andrew Maurer received a fourth place gold award in the Creed Speaking Competition, which recognizes members for their ability to present the FFA Creed



Andrew Maurer

from memory.

He is the son of Terry and Sheryl Maurer.

•Jesse Walsh and Danielle Creguer were among 278 students presented with the Outstanding Junior Award, which recognizes FFA involvement, Supervised Agricultural Experience Program activities and academics.

Walsh, son of Dave and Karen Walsh, has been active in many aspects of FFA and has received awards in demonstration, Poultry Improvement Project, land judging, ag skills, Chapter Star Farmer, Outstanding Freshman and chapter proficiencies. He was the set-up person for the winning 2002 State Demonstration

Team.

Creguer, daughter of Pete and Jill Creguer, has served as chapter treasurer for the past 3 years. She has also been active in a variety of FFA activities and has won awards in Greenhand Public Speaking, Demonstration Team, Prepared Public Speaking and Outstanding Sophomore.

The state FFA convention is designed to offer experiences which help members "Light the Fire" of inspira-

tion and success. The 3-day event is the largest annual student convention in the state, attracting some 2,500 students, advisors and sponsors this year per session.

The convention combines premier leadership, personal growth, and career success training in a unique education experience that includes presentations by motivational speakers, awards, leadership workshops and elections of the FFA State Officer Team.



UBLY'S Jesse Walsh and Danielle Creguer were among 278 students to earn the Outstanding Junior Award.

Smalley state officer

"The 2002-2003 State FFA Reporter is....Scott Smalley from Ubly."

Those are the words the FFA members heard when the ceremonial officers for the Michigan FFA were announced at the final session of the 74th Michigan FFA State Convention, held recently at Michigan State University.



Scott Smalley

"This was a very proud moment for the Ubly FFA," said Delores Smalley, Ubly FFA advisor. "This is the first time in 21 years that an Ubly FFA member has been elected to a State FFA Officer Team. It may be the first time in the history of the Ubly FFA that Ubly has had a member elected to a ceremonial office."

The State Officer Team consists of 6 ceremonial officers and 6 regional vice-presidents (one representing each region in the state of Michigan).

The state officer team represents the State FFA program throughout Michigan

and the United States. In the coming year, the state officer team will be doing business and industry tours, working with FFA members, making chapter visits, attending chapter, regional and state activities, representing the Michigan FFA Organization at the National FFA Convention, as well as representing Michigan at other state conventions.

The process of becoming a state officer includes a series of interviews and speeches, as well as a review of their FFA involvement. The candidates were interviewed at the regional level at the Bay Arenac Skills Center Feb. 14, when 8 members were interviewed to become the Region III officer candidates.

After being chosen one of the 3 Region III candidates, Smalley went on to the State FFA Officer interviews held at the Kellogg Center, located on the campus at Michigan State University, Feb. 23-25. The candidates went through extensive individual and group interviews, as well as giving a 2-minute speech.

Smalley, who will officially take over the duties as State Reporter July 1, 2002, has been a member of the Ubly FFA chapter since he was a freshman at Ubly High School. He has been very active in the FFA program, serving as Ubly chapter president for 4 years.

He was a member of the 1999-2000 Region III Officer Team as a representative and the 2000-2001 Region III Officer Team as vice-

president. He has attended numerous leadership conferences, including the Washington Leadership Conference.

Smalley was named the 2001 State Sheep Production Proficiency Winner. He received a gold rating in the Beef Production Proficiency Area, gold awards in the state Job Interview Competition, a gold State Degree, bronze award in the National Sheep Production Proficiency award area, and represented Michigan at the 2001 National Convention as an Agricultural Ambassador.

He was also named the 2002 State Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Winner. This enables Smalley's proficiency to compete at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY this October.

Smalley is also very involved in activities outside of the FFA. He is a member of the Huron County Junior Livestock Association Board and a Huron County 4-H Leader. He is a member of the Michigan State University Block and Bridle Club, treasurer of the MSU Ag Education Club, a member of the Michigan Sheep Breeders Association, and is employed at the State 4-H Office in the animal science program area at MSU.

Smalley is a freshman at Michigan State University majoring in agricultural education. He plans to become an agriscience teacher/FFA advisor and continue his livestock projects.



UBLY'S FFA Demonstration Team — Deanne Sweeney, Kelsey Smalley, Erin Cleland and Jesse Walsh — was named the "State Winner" at the 74th annual State FFA Convention, held recently on the campus of Michigan State University.

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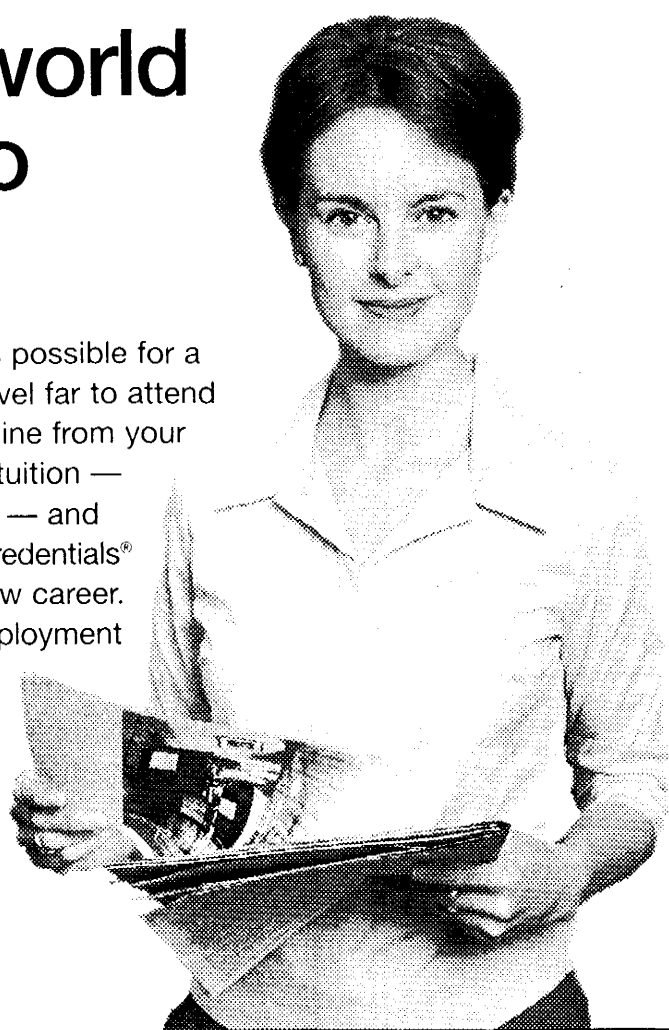
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Calendar of Events

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

- Thursday, March 28**
Senior Citizen Bingo, 1-4 p.m., VFW hall, Cass City.
- Friday, March 22**
Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 1**
Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Thumb Rose Society meeting, Bad Axe Intermediate School Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 2**
Blood drive, VFW hall, Cass City, 1-6:45 p.m.

Gould accepted

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track, jazz band, Quiz Bowl, Rotary Leadership Camp, Youth For Christ, church youth group, water safety instructor and blood drive volunteer.

Gould also cleared another hurdle - obtaining a vision waiver because of his need for slight vision correction. The waivers are approved for just 35 percent of new midshipmen.

Now, he faces perhaps the most challenging summer of his life, starting with Plebe Summer, a training program designed to turn civilians into midshipmen.

"Plebe Summer is no gentle easing into the military routine," the Naval Academy's website states. "Soon after entering the gate on Induction Day, you are put into uniform and taught how to salute by the first class midshipmen and officers who lead the Plebe indoctrination program."

"For the next 7 weeks, you start your days at dawn with an hour of rigorous exercise and end them long after sunset, wondering how you will make it through the next day. Forget television, leisure time or movies. You will have barely enough hours in the day to finish your assigned plebe tasks."

Gould will start the first of 4 years of training at the Naval Academy in the fall. The Navy will pay for all of his tuition, room and board, and medical and dental care. In exchange, Gould will have to devote the next 5 years of his life to active service, followed by 2 years in the reserves.

After graduating from the Naval Academy, he will be an officer, serving as an ensign in the U.S. Navy or, if he chooses, as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Marines.

"What I really want to do is become a fighter pilot or a Navy SEAL," Gould said, adding he's also considering a career in law enforcement or with the FBI or CIA. "The academy has so much to offer, it would probably be wise to wait" to make a final choice.

Regardless, he added, "I hope to be one of the best of the best at whatever I do, to be the elite."

Gould already possesses 2 ingredients - diligence and discipline - which are essential for success, according to his mother, Tara.

"If anybody deserves this it's Noah because he works so hard for every grade. This kid wanted it more than anything," she said. "And God knew - he knew the desire in Noah's heart."

School board expels 2

A bullet exploded in what police say is a one-in-a-million chance resulting in the expulsion of 2 ninth grade students at Cass City High School for the remainder of the school year.

The action was taken at a special meeting of the school board last Wednesday. The 2 students each had a .22 caliber bullet in their possession. Throwing them around the gym, one of the bullets ex-

ploded. No one was injured. The students will have home schooling for a couple of days a week, Supt. Ken Micklash said, in an attempt to salvage some of the school year for the students. They are expected to be re-admitted in the fall.

In the regular monthly meeting Monday night much of the time of a limited agenda was devoted to creating a school profile.

The object is to give a detailed summary of what the school offers while providing a well-rounded education for students.

The profile will outline the school's record in ACT, MEAP and other tests. It will also disclose other pertinent data such as school drop out rates and other similar criteria. I've always felt, trustee Dave Knight said, that there has been too much emphasis on MEAP results that often does not reveal a student's achievement.

Micklash will work on providing a profile with probably as many as 10 areas of study to be included in the profile. The profile can also be used, trustee Danny Haag said as a marketing tool for the school.

A new school of choice plan was adopted by the board. It

basically outlines the policies the school has been following. Cass City is a school of choice that allows students from within the Tuscola County School District and contiguous districts to attend.

However, the board has the power to establish annual class size guidelines when deciding when to admit students not living in the district. One change is that applications need to be received by the second Friday of each August. Once students are admitted they are guaranteed the right to remain at the school until graduation. Presently, applications for out-of-district students need to be renewed on a yearly basis.

The board also received a preliminary outline of a non-discrimination policy for the school. It was written with an eye towards meeting federal and state guidelines that are in compliance. It is expected to be reviewed at the May board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Six bids were received for the contract to mow the lawns at the schools. Low was M & B Service, Cass City, that bid \$255 on the

basis of 12 hours at \$17 per hour for mowing and 5.1 hours at \$10 per hour for trimming.

It was decided that if M & B found that their bid price was too low for the work and can't carry out the contract, the work will be switched to the next low bidder, Lapeer Services, with a bid \$405.

The July 4 Festival committee was granted the right to hold fireworks on school property at the same location that proved successful last year.

Election inspectors were appointed. They include chairperson Sue Allen Greenlee, Iva Hartwick, Pat Wells, Arlene Paladi and alternate Naomi Barnes.

Teachers were reviewed. Granted tenure was Lisa Green. Others included fourth year probation for Ryan Walker and Sterling Herrmann; third-year probation for Deb Peruski, Ryan Pritchett, Lisa Laventure, Tracey Jaworski, Barbara Graff Robin Beckrow and Robin Diaz; 2nd year probation for Susan Stoutenburg, Ronald McCollum, Christie Foerster, Doug Lull, Rebecca Walker, Josh Stern, Ashlie Chappel, Janelle Anderson, Lee Pavlichek and Kathy Wright.

Monthly tornado siren testing set

The bitter cold and biting winds that accompanied the first day of spring last week were hardly a reminder that warmer weather is just ahead.

But spring and summer will arrive, and with them will come the chance for severe weather. Which is why the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and Gov. John Engler have declared March 24-30 Severe Weather Awareness Week.

As part of the annual observance, all Tuscola County fire departments will be testing their tornado sirens Saturday, April 6, at 1 p.m.

The fire departments will continue to test their sirens on the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. during the

severe weather months, April through October.

All county fire departments use the same system to alert residents of tornadoes; a 2-minute blast indicates a tornado warning has been issued, and 3 short blasts signal the danger is over.

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

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Farm safety slated for May 18

A Progressive Farmer Safety Day Camp for children ages 4 to 7 is being planned for Saturday, May 18 at the Caro fairgrounds from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuscola County Farm Bureau, Tuscola MSU Extension Service and Tuscola County Farm Service Agency are conducting the event in conjunction with Progressive Farmer magazine.

According to Diane Foley, coordinator for the event, children often see farm and livestock operations as an exciting playground - providing endless hours of fun and adventure. But these facilities and the livestock and equipment on them also can set the stage for tragedy.

Each year, many children are killed or injured on America's farms. This summer, Foley said, farm safety day camps, such as this one, are being held in 35 states across the U.S. to teach rural children how to prevent injuries and reduce the risk of farm accidents. During the camps, children participate in interactive activities that reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Hands-on demonstrations teach participants lifesaving first aid techniques and reveal the hidden hazards of farm surroundings. Camp demonstrations focus on farm hazards associated with animals, fire, chemicals, bikes, firearms and more.

National and local sponsors of farm safety day camps hope participants will maintain a healthy respect for farm hazards throughout their lives, and that, ultimately, the number of deaths and injuries among rural children will decline.

The camp program allows community leaders to structure a camp that covers basic farm safety issues and first aid, as well as addressing specific local needs. Local farmers, manufacturers, and merchants donate their time and equipment to ensure that each camp is a fun and valuable learning experience.

Parents can register their children to participate in the camp by calling Tuscola County Farm Bureau at (989) 673-4155. Registrations must be received by May 1.

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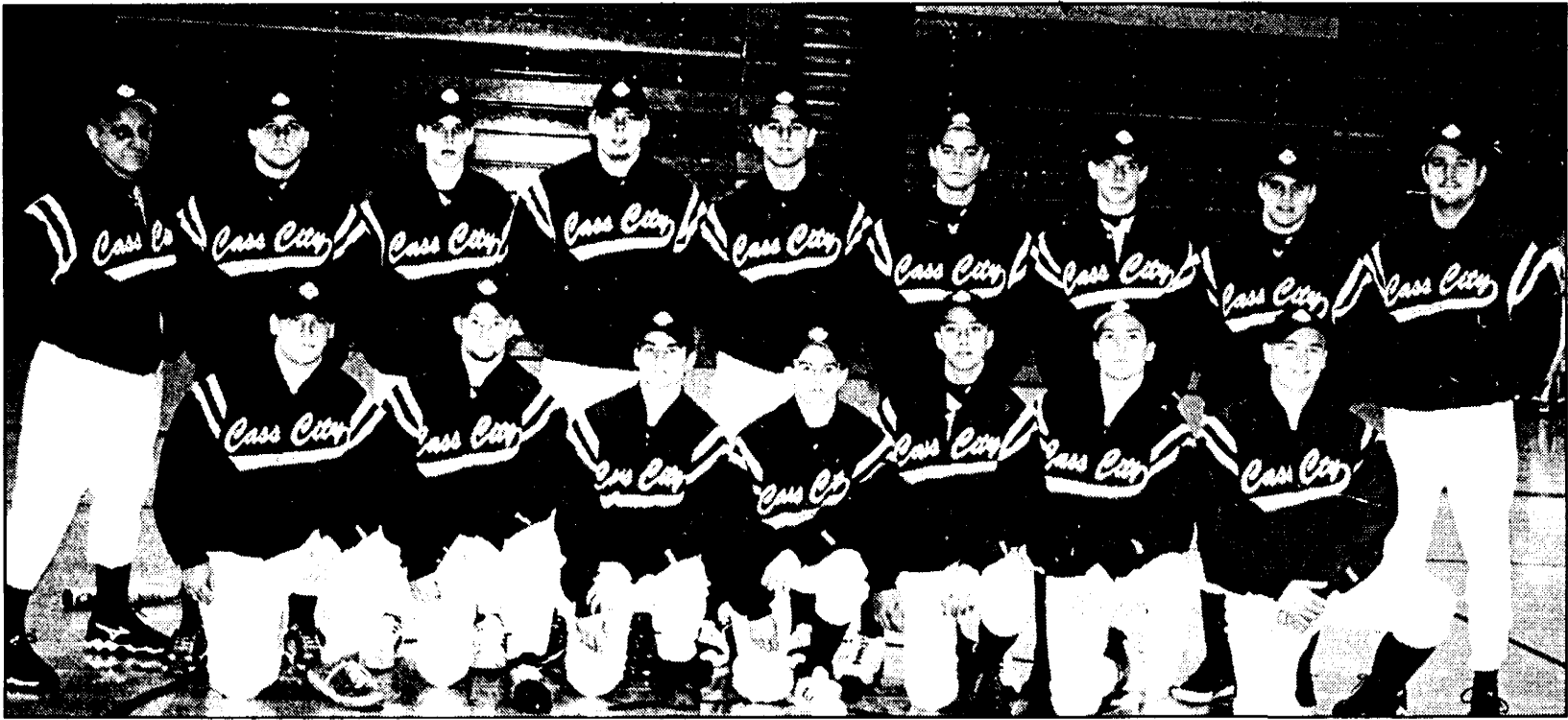
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THE RED HAWK BASEBALL team is looking to improve with a cadre of experienced players. In the front row, from left: David Mayer, Matt Stoutenburg, Chris Dillon, Steve Slosser, Tyler Bader, Jake Brinkman and Aaron Diegel. Back row: assistant coach Jim Turner, Nick Turner, Scott Thane, Bill Thane, Chris Maharg, Matt Ender, Guthry Laurie, Joe Lounsbury and coach Ryan Pritchett.

Coach Pritchett looks for improvement for Cass City on baseball diamonds in 2002

Starting his second year at the helm of the Cass City Red Hawk baseball team, coach Ryan Pritchett will seek to improve the Hawks' 7-29 record (1-9 in league) posted last season. The team should benefit from experience as 3 juniors and 2 sophomores on the varsity are entering their second year at the varsity level. In addition, 4 seniors will be team anchors. Pritchett says that co-captains Matt Ender, who catches or plays first base, Tyler Bader, infield and pitcher, and Guthry Laurie, centerfield and pitcher, provide great leadership. Ender was second team Greater

Thumb West all-conference last season. Bill Thane, pitcher and outfielder, is a senior who is expected to help the team win. Juniors starting their second varsity season include Nick Turner, a 2nd team all-conference player that can play all over the field, at first, in the outfield or pitching. Matt Stoutenburg plays shortstop and pitches and Chris Maharg is a catcher and pitcher. Two sophomores starting their second year on the varsity will see plenty of action. Chris Dillon plays in the infield and Jake Brinkman in the outfield. Three players up from the junior varsity should help. Aaron Diegel is a good defensive player

and a left-handed pitcher. Scott Thane's strength is on defense. Both are juniors. Steve Slosser, a senior, provides speed and defense. Despite the cadre of veterans there were significant losses via graduation. Zach Glaspie was second team all-conference and Nate Brinkman honorable mention all-conference. Eric Brown and Joel Brinkman were starters. Pritchett sees Reese as the team to beat in the conference, but points out that the league will be competitive from top to bottom. We need a couple of our pitchers to step up and take over, the coach says. The hitting should be greatly improved this season.

Cass City Red Hawks Varsity Softball - Baseball Schedule			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 2	Vassar	Home	4:00
April 3	Akron-Fairgrove	Away	4:00
April 5	Kingston (Varsity only)	Away	4:00
April 8	Marlette	Away	4:15
April 10	Caro	Home	4:00
April 11	Deckerville	Home	4:15
April 15	Harbor Beach	Away	4:15
April 17	North Branch	Home	4:15
April 18	Ubley	Home	4:15
April 22	Valley Lutheran	Away	4:15
April 25	Lakers	Home	4:15
April 29	Bad Axe	Away	4:15
May 2	USA	Away	4:15
May 6	Reese	Home	4:15
May 7	Whitemore-Prescott	Away	4:15
May 9	Sandusky	Away	4:15
May 13	BCAS	Away	4:15
May 15	Yale (Varsity SB only)	Home	4:15
May 16	Yale (JV SB only)	Away	4:15
May 20	Mayville	Home	4:15
May 23	Brown City	Home	4:15

JV GAMES ARE AT OPPOSITE SITES AS LISTED ABOVE

Middle School honor roll

Cass City Middle School announces the fourth marking period honor roll.

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6TH GRADE

Rodney Abbasso, David Acker*, Heather Baker, Matthew Bartnik, Isaiah Battel*, Lauren Bennett, Jessica Bessler, Christopher Binder, Kendra Bitzer, Amanda Bolton, Evan Bushong, Allen Bussard, Justin

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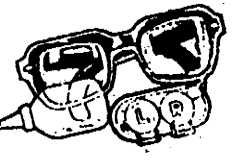
7TH GRADE

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8TH GRADE

Racheal Biebel, Jennifer Brinkman*, Donna Bushong, Samuel Ceckowski, Renee Czekai, Danielle Dickson, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Nicole Froede, Ashley Hendrick, Aimee Hennessey, Ivy Hiatt*, Matthew Koepf, Christopher Landrith, Bradley Langenburg*, Evan Laurie, Angella LePage, Katie McIntosh*, Steven S Meeker*, Philip Nahernak*, Nicholas Nanney, Brandon Otulakowski*, Jack Palmer, Ivan Peruski, Klyn Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed, Lindsey Speirs*, Jarod Stoutenburg*, Jeffrey Stoutenburg*, Brandi Talaski, Jenna Timko*, Shaun Thornton, Kalen Trischler, Heather Vatter, Amber Weiss and Jeffrey Wills.



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PITCHING IMPROVEMENT will be the key to a successful season for the Cass City Red Hawk softball team. Front row, from left: Alissa Pasant, Tessia Zawilinski, Elise Pasant, Erin Kanouse, Kayla Wentworth, Becky Hartel. Back row: coach Dave Hoard, Paula Fluegge, Danielle Guilds, Lindsey Hendrick, Courtney Green, Jennifer Tenbusch, Krystee Dorland and assistant coach Ken Martin.

Team is defensively sound

Red Hawks' success will center on pitching mound in tough GTW

The Cass City Red Hawk softball season may well center on what happens on the pitching mound. Coach Dave Hoard, starting his 22nd year, sees the team sound defensively. He would like to see the hitting improve as the season progresses.

But in the tough Greater Thumb West competition you can't survive without good pitching. Expected to handle the bulk of the mound chores is a pair of juniors, Lindsey Hendrick and Becky Hartel. Hartel saw limited duty last season, while Hendrick was one of the 2 anchors on the staff last season.

She shared top billing with Deidre Deering on the mound. Deering is still recovering from a serious knee injury suf-

fered in the basketball season. Rather than risk further injury, she will set out the season to be ready for the basketball season in her senior year.

Besides losing Deering, the Hawks will be without a pair of seniors who paced the squad last season. Katie Hacker covered second base and was a good hitter. Manisha Raythatha anchored third base where she was an all-conference performer.

Last year the Hawks finished 13-23 (4-8 in the conference) and 4 veterans from that team will be counted on to improve on that record.

Kayla Wentworth is a 4-year veteran varsity catcher and a good hitter. She was second team all-conference and a member of the all-district

team. She is the team captain.

Danielle Guilds has 3 years on the varsity and is a proven hitter. Elise Pasant received honorable mention all conference. She plays shortstop and has a rifle arm. She is a 4-year varsity player.

Tessia Zawilinski patrols the outfield and has a strong arm and a good glove.

The squad has 7 seniors and 5 juniors. Krystee Dorland is the lone sophomore on the squad.

Hoard sees defending champion Reese, that has most of its players back, as the team to beat. After that it's anybody's guess. Cass City is predicted to be in the middle of the pack in the Greater Thumb West.

Sheriff Kern seeks citizen involvement

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern is inviting citizens to become associate members of the Michigan Sheriff's Association Educational Services.

Membership appeals will be going out in the mail soon. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$25, while businesses can show their support for a \$50 contribution. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal justice issues. Contributions are tax-deductible.

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," Kern said. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play."

Individuals not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information are encouraged to contact the Michigan Sheriff's Association Educational Services at 515 North Capital Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

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companies' choice

TI Automotive has received supply contracts for fuel storage-and-delivery systems and brake lines from 5 major auto manufacturers worth nearly \$500 million over the lifetime of the awards.

The contracts are from General Motors, Toyota, MG Rover, Peugeot and Nissan according to William J. Laule, TI Automotive's chief executive officer.

Peugeot has awarded TI Automotive a contract to supply rigid underbody brake lines, with production beginning in 2003 at TI plant in Naezelles, France.

General Motors has contracted TI Automotive for fuel tank systems for several truck and SUV models. The fully integrated tank assemblies will be produced in Ossian, IN beginning in 2004.

Nissan has chosen TI Automotive to provide complete fuel tank systems for several vehicles, starting in the 2005 model year.

Toyota has selected TI Automotive to provide mono-layer fluorinated filler pipes for vehicles produced in its


plant in Turkey, beginning in 2004.

MG Rover has chosen TI Automotive to supply rigid brake-lines for several future models. Production is scheduled to begin in 2004 at TI's manufacturing plant in Telford, England.

Laule commented that, as TI Automotive prepares to mark its first year as an independent automotive supplier, "We are proud that our people and resources continue to satisfy the rigorous and changing needs of the major automakers. These new contracts confirm that TI is providing superior products to our customers."

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All Season meets many needs

All Season Rental was purchased in June 2001 by Dwayne and Barb Peters and the name changed to All Season Sales and Rent-All. Since then, the company has expanded its sales and service in answer to customers' needs.

A full line of paintball supplies are now sold. Brand name 32 degrees paintballs are \$12.95 for 500 and \$49.95 for 2,000. A moving van is available for rent. The New Holland skidsteer with

attachments is available for bigger jobs.

All Season Sales and Rent-All has gardening, lawn equipment and carpet cleaners. We fill and revalve LP tanks for RVs and barbecues, the Peters point out.

The Peters suggest that now is the time to book one of

the packages for graduation. We can economically furnish a package with tent, chairs, tables and cooler that will fill the needs for the party honoring the graduate, they said.

A drop-off laundry service is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

with a coupon from a Coach Light Pharmacy bag.

The Laundromat has softened water and a children's play area. The Peters take pride in maintaining a very clean facility.

We would like to thank our customers, the Peters said, for their support and patronage.

Mothering Day slated

Huron County will host the 21st annual Christian Mothering Day, Saturday, April 6, at Laker High School, Pigeon.

The event, sponsored by Thumb Christian Outreach Ministries, is a day set aside for strengthening the home and is open to anyone who provides a caring, nurturing surrounding for children - mothers, fathers, grandpar-

ents, teachers, day care providers, neighbors, Godparents, babysitters, etc.

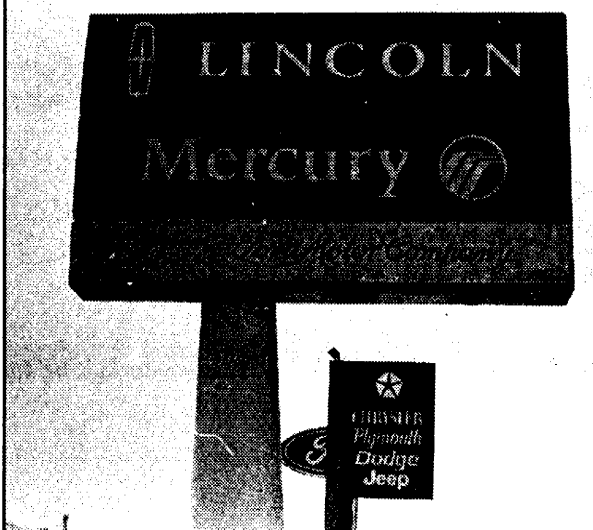
Registration is scheduled for 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. A continental breakfast will be provided, so participants are encouraged to arrive early.

Individual teaching sessions will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. following introductions and offering. Lunch will be at noon followed by one more teaching session at 1 p.m. and the keynote address at 2:30 p.m.

A children's ministry with

qualified caregivers for infants on up will be provided throughout the day. Scripture booklets will be made available and audiotapes will be available for purchase.

Hot lunch will be available in the cafeteria. Participants must prepay and register by April 3. More information and registration are available by calling Patty Schulze at (989) 453-2558 or Bernice Shupe at (989) 269-8443. Those registering after April 3 are asked to bring a sack lunch.



In last week's progress edition, Moore Motors featured the new signs awarded to the company by Ford Motor Co.

The picture of one of the signs slated to appear failed to reproduce. It was the Lincoln-Mercury sign pictured here.

The sign was given to Moore Motors for outstanding sales and service.

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Obituaries

Mary Jane Clink

Mary Jane Clink, 58, of Minden City, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at her residence under hospice care.

Clink was born on Feb. 16, 1944 in Port Huron to Robert Umbreit and the late Mary (Stacy) Umbreit. She married Hugh Clink June 14, 1975 at the Minden City Methodist Church.

She worked at Marwood Manor in Port Huron as a Charge CENA (Certified Evaluated Nurses Assistant) and was also employed at Autumnwood of Deckerville. She is survived by her husband, Hugh; a daughter, Kimberly Clink of Minden City; two sons: Jesse (Barbara) Clink of Minden City and Michael Clink of Forestville; 3 grandchildren; her father, Robert Umbreit of Minden City; two sisters: Beth Ann (Michael) Gaszczynski of Cass City and Tammy (Ronald) Cleland of Saline; two brothers: Ronnie Umbreit of Harbor Beach and Robert Umbreit of Saline.

She was preceded in death by her son, Hugh, and her mother, Mary Umbreit.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 23 at the Smigielski Funeral Home of Minden City. Chuck Emmert, pastor of Novesta Church of Christ in Cass City officiated.

James Gross

James Roath Gross, 89, of Port Austin, died Saturday, March 23, 2002 at Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe. He was born July 15, 1912 in Toledo, OH

to Robert Abbey and Helen Goldie (Roath) Gross. He married Catherine "Kate" E. Wallace Feb. 26, 1938 in Bowling Green, OH. She died July 13, 1996.

Gross graduated from the University of Toledo in 1933 with a BA in Business. He played football on the college team. He began work for Swift and Company of Chicago out of their Saginaw office as a salesman with a route through the Thumb. Gross bought the Gross & Meier Meat Market in 1941 with Fred Meier. He operated the store for 33 years. Gross was the last living charter member of the Cass City Gavel Club. He served 8 years on the Cass City School Board and the Cass City Village Council. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the former Cass City Hospital. He was a member of Cass City First Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder, Deacon, choir member and on the Pulpit committee. Gross served on the Cass City Development Group that was responsible for bringing Walbro to town.

He is survived by his children: Barbara (Dr. Kenneth S.) Kube of Bad Axe, Carolyn (Dennis) Hall of Cazenovia, NY, Virginia "Ginnie" (Donald) Bullock of Decker; 7 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Beva Wallace of Cass City; several nieces and nephews. His sister, Lucille Hardy, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 25 at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Pastor Larry VanSlambrook of Open Door Missionary Church.

Sandusky, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Cass City First Presbyterian Church Handicap Facilities Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Elfriede Koepf

Elfriede A. Schwara Koepf, 71, of Cass City, died March 21, 2002 at the home of Brian and Betsy McHugh. She was born Aug. 17, 1930 in Vienna, Austria to Heinrich and Maria M. (Rohsel) Schwara. She married Joseph C. Koepf Sept. 15, 1948 in Vienna, Austria. He preceded her in death on March 22, 2001.

Koepf was raised in Vienna, Austria where she received her B.A. in accounting. She was employed by General Cable in Cass City for 24 years. She was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church. She returned to Austria many times and maintained close relationships with all of her family there.

She is survived by her children: Helen (Al) Frank of Dearborn Heights, Clemens R. (Sally) Koepf of Cass City, Patricia (Les) Brown of Millington, Linda Whittaker of Cass City, Betsy (Brian) McHugh of Caro; 19 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Christine Schwara of Austria; brother, Werner (Karoline) Schwara of Austria; sister-in-law, Herta Schwara of Austria; brother-in-law, John (Barbara) Koepf of Cass City; sister-in-law, Lois Livingston of Caro; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Gerhardt Schwara.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 25 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Steve Filion officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Herbert Ludlow

Memorial services for Herbert J. Ludlow will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 20 at the First Baptist Church in Cass City.

Ben Meske

Ben C. Meske, 97, of Port Hope died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at his home following a short illness.

He was born in Port Hope Nov. 30, 1904, the son of the late Charles and Theresa (Kessel) Meske.

He and Helen Schoech were united in marriage in 1940 and she preceded him in death on April 19, 1962. Meske and Donelda McIntyre were married Oct. 24, 1964, in Fenton.

Meske was the owner and operator of Michigan Seeds and Supply in Louisville for many years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Beach, the Huron Verona Masonic Lodge F&AM of Bad Axe and was a member of the Port Hope Band for many years playing trombone and violin.

He is survived by his wife, Donelda of Port Hope; a son Alan (Darla) Pankow of Port Hope; step children: Mary Lou and Robert Harris of Gladwin and Betty and Bryce Hagen of Uby; 6 step-grandchildren; 6 step-great-grandchildren; a step-great-grandson, special care givers: Liz Booms, Sherry Kramer, Kim Umbreit, Geri Vigari and Debbie McIntyre.

Meske was preceded in death by three brothers: William, Hugo and Walter; six sisters: Emma Beck, Flora Hawkins, Agnes VanAkin, Caroline Ackerman, Annie Tice and Ella Meske.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 20, in the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Beach with the Rev. Theresa Cutler, pastor officiating. Burial was in the Rock Falls Cemetery. A Masonic memorial service was conducted Tuesday at Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach.

Jack Milligan

Jack Milligan, 73, of Decker, died Sunday, March 24, 2002 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. He was born March 25, 1928 in Cass City, the son of the late Frederick and Lela (Gimmel) Milligan. He married Margaret Leslie Jan. 19, 1952 in Shabbona.

Milligan was a lifelong area resident and farmer, a 1945 graduate of Cass City High School. He attended the Decker Methodist Church where he served as Trustee, and on the finance committee. He served on the school board for the Moshier Country School. He was also a 40-year member of the Bowling Association.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; three daughters: Sally (Dan) Arnold of Howell, Kathy Brauer of Grand Rapids, Sandy (Matt) Werner of Grand Rapids; three sisters: Gloria Hartwick of Cass City, Harriet (Harry) Hartwick of Deford, Mary Doerr of Mayville; and 5 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son-in-law, Robert Brauer, and a brother, Fred.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 27 at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with the Rev. Fred McDowell officiating.

Burial was in the Moshier Cemetery in Hemans.

Memorials may be made to the Decker Methodist Church or Marlette Hospital Seton Cancer Center.

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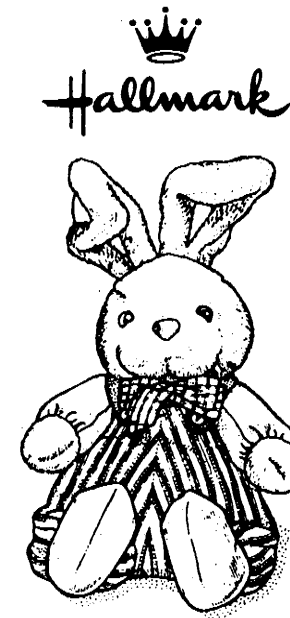


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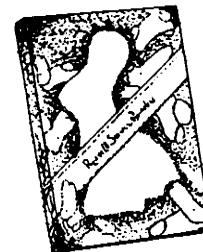
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5YEARSAGO

Elkland Township fire fighters along with a state fire marshal spent the better part of last Wednesday sifting through the charred remains of 2 Main Street buildings destroyed by fire the day before. Pawloski confirmed electrical problems were to blame for the fire. "The wiring was old. It just shorted out," he said last week, noting the fuse box was located at the rear of a second floor apartment above Sommers' Bakery and Restaurant.

Bids were accepted for the 2-room addition to the Campbell Elementary School building Monday night and the addition will be completed within the pre-bid estimate of \$200,000.

Rawson Memorial Library will reopen Monday at 9 a.m., library officials announced this week. The library was closed Jan. 25 in order to allow for completion of a \$650,000 renovation/expansion project.

10YEARSAGO

A generous buyer incentive plan offered by Walbro Corporation to its employees has been a big boost to area Chrysler and Ford dealers. Under the supplier program offered by both car companies, Walbro is offering \$1,000 to its employees towards the purchase of a 1991-92 Ford or Chrysler vehicle, Walbro Vice-President Forrest Walpole explained.

Cass City Middle School student Janell Papovich last week added a regional spelling bee victory to her long list of spelling accomplishments. And she did it with redundancy; by spelling the

word "redundancy", that is. The win qualifies Papovich to compete at the state level next month.

Voters in the Kingston School District will go to the polls Saturday in a special election requesting approval of a \$1.36 million bond issue for renovations and new construction at Kingston Elementary School. If approved, the project would add 4 new classrooms, laboratories and a new multipurpose room that would include a new kitchen and serve as a cafeteria, gymnasium and auditorium.

Owen-Gage School officials recently announced the district's top students of the Class of 1992. The valedictorian is Debbie M. Timmons, who has achieved a grade point average of 3.8145, and salutatorian is Angela R. Gruber, who ends her high school career with a 3.5238 grade point average.

25YEARSAGO

Late March winds and tinder-dry grass combined to keep Elkland Township firemen on the run Saturday and Sunday as they fought a total of six grass fires. Rain, which began falling late Sunday, largely eliminated the grass fire threat. A total of nine grass fires were reported throughout Tuscola County Sunday afternoon.

The Owen-Gage School Board decided to drop further legal action against the Grant Township Board for withholding district property taxes at a special board meeting held Monday night in Gagetown.

An era is coming to an end this week for Cass City pay telephone users. General

Telephone Co. announced that by the end of this week, it will cost 20 cents from most Thumb area coin telephones. Callers have been dropping dimes into coin telephones since 1954. Prior to that, a nickel did the trick. Company officials said the increase was necessary because of skyrocketing costs.

35YEARSAGO

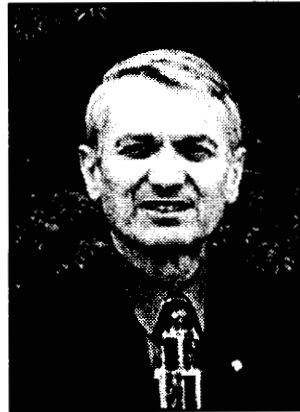
A rampaging Cass River rose to its highest level in 19 years Monday, inundating area roads and isolating some houses near the river. The river began its dramatic rise Sunday night and crested about 5:40 a.m. Tuesday morning, according to readings taken by Nelson Willy, disposal plant operator. At 5:40 a.m. Tuesday it reached its highest point of 15.40 feet and held at this point for several hours before starting to recede.

A new administrator for Hills and Dales General Hospital has been hired by the board of directors, it was announced this week, by hospital authorities. The new man is Charles F. Haythorn, 56, of Ferndale who will take over April 24. He will replace Richard Palm, who announced his resignation several months ago.

Because of the removal of farm personal property from the tax rolls this year, a change in the proposed assessed valuation for the village is on the docket. Taxes for the village of Cass City, which were to have been increased about 23 percent, will edge slightly higher than originally figured for the year, following action by the Cass City Village Council Tuesday evening.

Huron's Johnson stepping down

Robert Johnson, Huron County Extension director, will be retiring April 1. Johnson has worked for Michigan State University Extension in Huron County for the past 32 years.



Robert Johnson

Johnson moved to Huron County from Allegan County in 1970. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Michigan State University. After graduating from college, he served in the Peace Corps in Tanzania where he completed an assignment to map land resources in southeast Tanzania with another Peace Corps member. On returning to the states, Johnson accepted the 4-H Youth Agent position in Huron County.

In 1977, Johnson accepted the position of county Extension director and continued 4-H responsibilities. Johnson was the first MSU Extension agent to be a CED without an Agricultural Agent position.

Several honors have been given to Johnson throughout his career. In 1979, he received the National 4-H Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. In addition to holding several offices in the Michigan Association of Extension 4-H Youth Staff, Johnson was the president of the organization in 1985-86.

A highlight of Johnson's

career has been the responsibility of giving leadership to the Huron County 4-H Program through the efforts of hundreds of adults and youth.

Although the 4-H program has undergone many changes throughout the years it is just as popular in

Huron County today as when Johnson came. He appreciates the opportunity to have worked with the many outstanding volunteer adult and youth of Huron County and the many friendships he has gained.

As county Extension director, Johnson attributes his success and longevity to the

support and dedication of the numerous employees that he has worked with in the Huron MSU Extension Office throughout the years.

Johnson has given leadership in working with other community leaders in the establishment of the Thumb Area Bottomland Preserve in

1985. This included researching information regarding the resources in Lake Huron that lead to the designation of the preserve by the State of Michigan.

Johnson and his wife, Connie, plan to remain in Huron County. The couple has 4 daughters, Julie, Karen, Lisa and Deborah.

Tom Meyer seeking re-election

State Rep. Tom Meyer announced Thursday that he is seeking re-election to the 84th District House seat.



Tom Meyer

"We've made great strides for Michigan in education, environmental protection and safeguarding the people in the state," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "At the beginning of 2001 no one could have imagined the tragedy of Sept. 11 and the economic challenges we experienced."

"In the aftermath, Michigan residents and those throughout the nation have renewed the bonds we have with one another, and now we are rebounding, a bit more wary and a lot more focused on what matters. There remains plenty of work to accomplish, and I look forward to continuing those efforts on behalf of the people in the Thumb area."

Meyer is running for his second of 3 possible terms in the House. He was first sent to Lansing in the 2000 election by residents of Huron and Tuscola counties.

He serves as vice chair of the House Education Committee and is a member of Agriculture, Tax Policy, Employment Relations, Training and Safety, House Television and Oversight, and Appropriations Subcommittees on K-12 Education committees.

Meyer has more than 41

years experience in the radio business, 39 years as a station manager in the Thumb area. He serves on the Davenport University Board of Trustees and is a member of the Huron County Michigan State University Extension Council. He has served as board president of Thumb Industries, treasurer of the

Huron County Republican Party Executive Committee, is past treasurer for his church and served as president of the Elkton Rotary Club.

He and Dorothy, his wife of 38 years, are longtime volunteers with Michigan Special Olympics. They have 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren.

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Diabetes classes set in April

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The classes, dates and times are:

*Basics of Diabetes Self-Management, April 4, 2 to 4 p.m.

*Meal Planning with Diabetes Made Easy, April 11, 2 to 4 p.m.

*Self-Care and Goal Setting, April 18, 2 to 4 p.m.

*Foot Screening, April 25, 2 to 4 p.m. (by appointment only - individual consultation with Gary Baughman, DPM, podiatrist. Space is limited. Call 1-800-323-6614 to make an appointment).

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond P. Fifield and Tonya Fifield (original mortgagors) to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage dated December 22, 1998, and recorded on December 28, 1998 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Fidelity Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Bank. Assignee by an assignment dated August 2, 2000, which was recorded on September 8, 2000, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO AND 59/100 dollars (\$96,862.59), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on April 19, 2002.

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

Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 34, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes East 1117.80 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning. Running thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds West, 208.71 feet, thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes East, 208.71 feet, thence North 89 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East, 208.71 feet, thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes West, 208.71 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southeast 1/4 section 34, Town 10 North, Range 9 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: March 6, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Little Rose Lester (original mortgagors) to WMC Mortgage Corp., Mortgage, dated September 10, 1999 and recorded on September 22, 1999 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank One, N.A. /k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of September 30, 1999. Series 1999-A, without recourse, Assignee by an assignment dated December 19, 2001, which was recorded on February 1, 2002, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND 55/100 dollars (\$22,628.55), including interest at 10.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on April 12, 2002.

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

Lots 369 and 370, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 3, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 21, 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 February 27, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David H. Hall and Cheryl A. Hall (original mortgagors) to Greenstone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, Mortgage, dated January 24, 2000, and recorded on February 10, 2000, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bank of America, N.A., Assignee by an assignment dated September 16, 2000, which was recorded on October 24, 2000, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 52/100 dollars (\$181,614.52), 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 May 3, 2002.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 11 North, Range 8 East described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Northeast 1/4 which is North 00 Degrees 22 Minutes 56 Seconds East, along said East line, 615.13 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 3, thence continuing North 00 Degrees 22 Minutes 56 Seconds East, along said East line, 614.72 feet to the South line of the North 40 acres of said Northeast 1/4, thence South 89 Degrees 52 Minutes 28 Seconds West along said South line, 2667.98 feet to the West line of said Northeast 1/4, thence South 00 Degrees 12 Minutes 57 Seconds West, along said West line, 615.94 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 50 Minutes 51 Seconds East, 2666.21 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elwyn J. Bradley and Katherine N. Bradley (original mortgagors) to AMRESCO Residential Mortgage Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgage, dated May 14, 1999, and recorded on May 21, 1999 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Assignee by an assignment dated January 8, 2002, which was recorded on February 7, 2002, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 02/100 dollars (\$72,919.02), including interest at 10.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2002.

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

Lots 24 and 25 of Block 5, Montage and Wilmot's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 49, now being Page 18A 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: March 20, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stanley F. Schmidt and Carol A. Schmidt (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated September 26, 1997, and recorded on October 6, 1997 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignment dated June 1, 1999, which was recorded on June 8, 2000, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 97/100 dollars (\$53,595.97), including interest at 7.950% 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 April 19, 2002.

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

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence South 573.71 feet along the East section line to the point of beginning. Running thence South 315.0 feet along the East Section line, thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds West 416.0 feet, thence North 315.0 feet, thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 20

seconds East 416.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of the Northeast quarter of section 35, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: March 6, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Courtney D. Bailey and Christopher D. Bailey, Wife and Husband (original mortgagors) to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgage, dated January 31, 2000 and recorded on February 1, 2000 in Liber 793, on Page 761, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND 55/100 dollars (\$136,896.55), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on April 12, 2002.

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

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

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

Dated: February 27, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David W. Duncan III and Alisa A. Duncan (original mortgagors) to Quicken Loans, Inc., Mortgage, dated February 29, 2000, and recorded on March 6, 2000 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated February 25, 2000, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHT AND 2/100 dollars (\$148,308.23), 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 May 3, 2002.

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

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, running thence East 440 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 990 feet, thence West 220 feet, thence North 990 feet; thence East 440 feet, thence South 1980 feet, thence West 220 feet to the point of beginning. Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeanette M. Smalley, a single woman, to Choice Mortgage Company, mortgage, dated January 26, 2000 and recorded February 8, 2000 in Liber 793, Page 1403, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), by assignment dated January 31, 2000 and recorded on February 8, 2000 in Liber 793, Page 1411, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Ninety-Eight and 29/100 Dollars (\$173,098.29) including interest at the rate of 9.125% 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, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 12, 2002.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 12 North, Range 7 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 30, which is North 50.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 30, thence continuing along said West line, North 238.00 Feet, thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds East, 174.47 feet; thence South 41 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds East, 318.10 Feet to the northerly right-of-way line of the Michigan Central Railroad, South 89 degrees 51 minutes 50 seconds West, 385.50 feet 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 mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower

Dated: March 6, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Thomas (original mortgagors) to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgage, dated July 10, 1998, and recorded on August 24, 1998 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank One National Association /k/a The First National Bank Of Chicago as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Series 1999-B, Assignee by an assignment dated November 28, 2001, which was recorded on February 12, 2002, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND 90/100 dollars (\$44,455.90), including interest at 9.900% 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 May 9, 2002.

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

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, and the point of beginning running thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 11 seconds West 208.0 feet along the South line of said Section 25, thence North 0 degrees 58 minutes 19 seconds East 208.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 33 minutes 09 seconds to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 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: March 27, 2002

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary D. Boyd and Cheryl S. Boyd (original mortgagors) to Advanced Innovative Mortgages, Inc. Mortgage, dated November 2, 1998, and recorded

on December 1, 1998 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Flagstar Bank, FSB, as assignee by an assignment dated November 6, 1998, which was recorded on December 1, 1998, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE AND 18/100 dollars (\$51,391.18) including interest at 6.625% 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 May 3, 2002.

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

Lot 10, of Cooper Subdivision, except the North 150 feet thereof, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2, Page 25, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 20, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Hawks 248-593-1300
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Hawks

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary L. Montgomery (original mortgagors) to Aames Funding Corporation d/b/a Aames Home Loan, Mortgage, dated June 29, 2001, and recorded on July 16, 2001 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. in Trust for the Benefit of the Holders of Aames Mortgage Trust 2001-3 Mortgage Pass through Certificates Series 2001-3 C/O Countrywide Home Loan SV-19, Assignee by an assignment dated July 2, 2001, which was recorded on January 23, 2002, in Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE AND 84/100 dollars (\$69,009.84), including interest at 14.000% 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 May 9, 2002.

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

The West 200 feet of the South 440 feet of the East 992.36 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, Juanita Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: March 27, 2002

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Mustangs-B 248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200215118

Mustangs-B

3-27-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donnie Huiraz, A Single Man, to Equifirst Corporation, mortgage, dated May 2, 2000 and recorded June 14, 2000 in Liber 803, Page 574, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Provident Consumer Financial Services by assignment dated February 22, 2002 and submitted to and recorded by Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two and 1/100 Dollars (\$82,432.01) including interest at the rate of 12.75% 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, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 3, 2002.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at the intersection of the West line of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East with the South line of West Saginaw Road (M-38); thence Easterly along said South line of West Saginaw Road 242.00 feet; thence Southerly at right angles to West Saginaw Road and along an existing wire fence to the North line of the C & O Railroad right of way, thence Westerly along said North Right-of-way line to the West

line of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence Northerly along the West line of said Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East to the place 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 mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: March 20, 2002

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Provident Consumer Financial Services
As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 457-1000
File No. 210.0373

3-20-5

Notice of ANNUAL MEETING

for
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MARCH 30
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Proposed 2002-2003 Budget
Proposed 2002-2003 Road Work
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Public attendance and participation is welcomed and appreciated.
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General Merchandise

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NOTICE - All lots in the Elkland Township Cemetery must be cleaned off by April 1st and remain clean until May 1st. This is in accordance with the rules - regulations and will be strictly enforced. Elkland Township Board. 5-3-20-3

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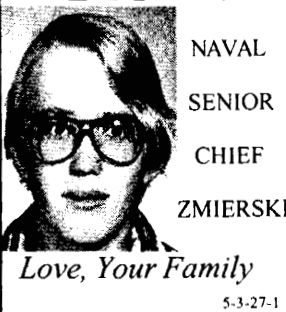
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East 1/2 of Northwest 1/4 and Northwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, Section 26, Town 15 North, Range 11 East

and commonly known as: 4359 McAlpin Road, Cass City, Michigan 48726.

The home and the farmland can be split as approval has been given for the land division and for the removal of the home from the PA116 program. Therefore, your offer can be on the entire 120-acre parcel which includes the house; just the farmland of approximately 116.5 acres; or just the home and surrounding approximately 3.5 acres. A survey has been completed on the home and can be viewed upon request. You will need to specify in your bid whether or not you want the approximately 3.5 acre parcel removed from the PA116 program. The house is a large sand brick two-story home with four (4) bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths, basement, and 40' x 80' shed. It is in the Cass City School District.

All offers must be in writing submitted to Michelle P. Biddinger, P.O. Box 122, Cass City, MI 48726, on or before April 6, 2002. All offers are subject to the following:

- Upon acceptance of an offer, the bidder will be required to tender a non-refundable deposit equal to five (5%) percent of the purchase price within two (2) business days after receiving notice of the sellers intent to accept the offer.
- The buyer accepts the premises in their present condition "AS IS" with all faults and without warranties or representations as to condition or state of repair.
- The seller reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
- Buyer will assume all property taxes billed on or after January 1, 2002.
- Buyer will be required to tender payment in full by certified check or bank money order at the time of closing.
- Closing shall be accomplished on or before April 15, 2002, at a location to be designated by Seller.
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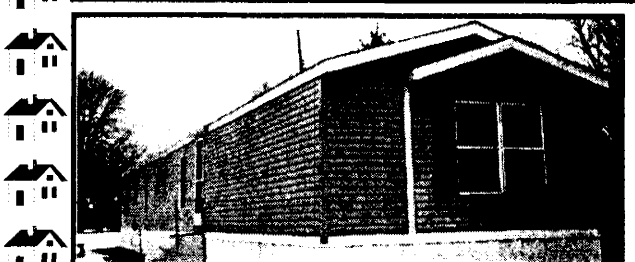
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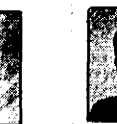
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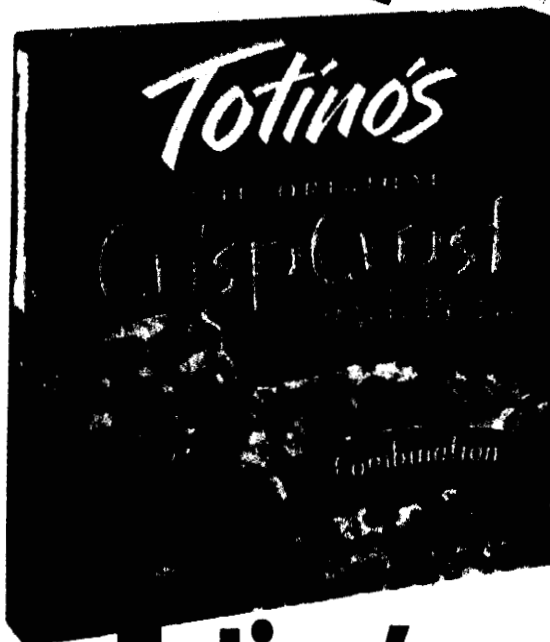


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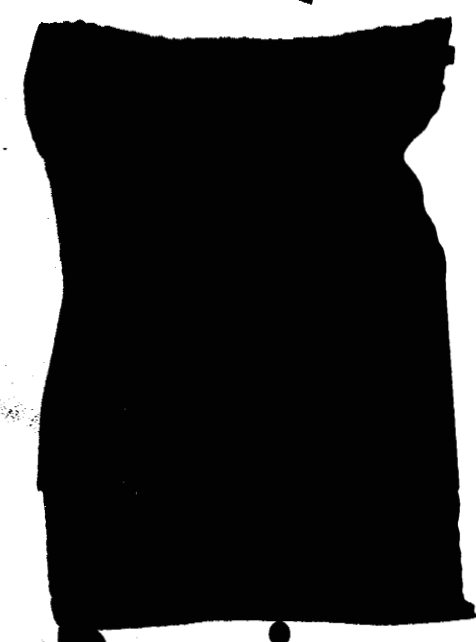
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