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MEMBERS of Cass City VFW Post 3644, including Cas Bartnik (left) and Earl Schember, turned out at the corner of Main and Seeger streets Monday at noon to offer their support for U.S. servicemen and women. The patriotic picket drew a chorus of horn blasts from passing motorists.

Enderle: tour a "dream trip"

Editor's note: The following is a "letter home" written by Laura Enderle, an Owen-Gage High School junior who began a year-long adventure last July as a Rotary Exchange student in Taubate, a city of about 245,000 people in Brazil. Enderle is the daughter of Ron and Arlene Jamieson of Cass City and Frank Enderle of Caro.

Due to length, this latest installment will be published in 2 parts. Part 2 will appear in the Chronicle's March 26 edition.

A tour of northeast Brazil is considered a "dream trip". A chance to visit some of the most beautiful and best-known beaches not only in Brazil, but also in the world. To tell you everything I did I would have to write a book, so let me just give you some highlights.

The trip started with a 9-hour bus ride to Belo Horizonte. The only thing we did there was wait for the other 81 exchange students

to arrive from all over Brazil and have a welcome conference to go over the rules and start our trip.

Our next stop was at Ouro Preto. This is one of the best known colonial cities in Brazil. Between 1700 and 1820, an incredible amount of gold, imperial topazes, emeralds, aquamarines and rubies were found here and made this city famous. At one time it was larger than New York City, and 80 percent of the world's gold was mined here by slaves.

There is a legend about one slave named Chico Rei. In the early 18th century he and his whole tribe were deported from Africa to work in Ouro Preto as miners. The legend goes that by hiding gold dust in his hair, he eventually accumulated enough gold to set himself and his whole tribe free and purchase a gold mine.

Also during this time period, all of the churches were built for specific groups of people. For example, there

was one church only for the black slaves, another built only for the wealthy, and one just for the poor white people.

They all have something in common, though; their harmonious design and decoration with real gold splashed everywhere. Another unique fact is all the statues inside the churches have real human hair.

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'Round-up' set April 24

Campbell & Deford Elementary Schools' 2003 Kindergarten Round-Up schedule has been announced.

The spring kindergarten registration, for parents only,

is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, at Campbell Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. If you have or know anyone who has a child that will be 5 years old by December 1, 2003, this meeting is important to you.

Deford Elementary School's kindergarten enrollment will be in the Deford Elementary gym,

Thursday, April 24, at 1 p.m.

Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate and immunization record to this meeting.

To obtain a certified birth certificate you need to contact the county clerk's office in the county your child was born in. It is very important to have this document.

Registration for the MSRP 4-Year-Old Program will take place at Rawson Memorial Library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City April 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Applications for the 4-year-old program will be available April 30 at the Campbell Elementary School office and Deford Elementary School office.

If you have any questions about this program you can call 872-2871.

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

the Month" for March.

She has been president of her class each year at Owen-Gage, as well as on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club. She has also served as a member of the Student Council each year and currently serves as Student Council Secretary. She has been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year.

Sparkes has participated in volleyball and the Drama Club. She also serves as president of the French Club.

Sparkes has received awards throughout high school such as the "Good Dawg Award" and "Focus" Student of the Month. She also was selected by the student body as the 2002 Homecoming Queen.

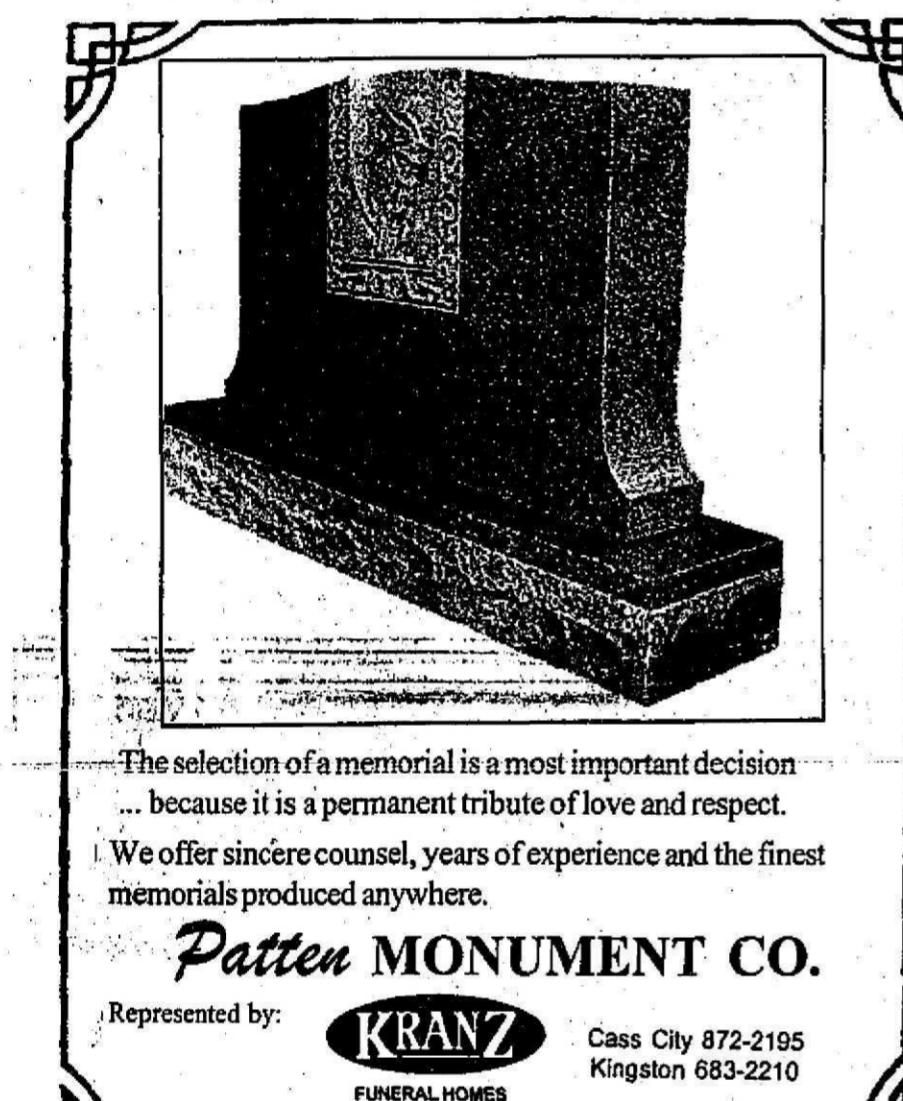
Sparkes is the daughter of John and Anna Sparkes of Owendale. Upon graduation she plans to attend Delta College.

Jennifer Sparkes

Jennifer Sparkes has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of

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Rheiner Willett Stahlbaum



This is the second part of an article written by our son, Mark Guinther, which expresses the view of many of us regarding the Iraq situation, war protesters and Bush-bashing.

Meg's Peg

Part 2

by Melva E. Guinther

therefore demanding a different response - than North Korea. And somehow, we can't imagine the Bush-protesters being assuaged if the President were to begin a similar military buildup in Asia.

Then there's the economic argument that we can't afford this war, which begs the question, "How much could we afford?"

Apparently, bean counters have carefully calculated a not-to-exceed figure that justifies the expense of avoiding a chemical or biological weapons attack in multiple schools, sports arenas or shopping malls across America. Strangely enough, we haven't heard them say what that break-even point is.

God forbid that we might offend otherwise law-abiding terrorists who will vent their rage against American interests in protest.

We certainly wouldn't want to make a good terrorist go bad.

A favorite sleight-of-hand tactic changes the topic from Iraq to North Korea, where we are not building up for an invasion despite Kim Jong Il's active nuclear program.

This is perhaps the most puzzling anti-administration strategy. Rather than applauding the President's calls for multinational diplomatic pressure against North Korea, dissenters seem to demand equal treatment for both regimes.

The fact that 12 years of sanctions and 17 UN resolutions have already been exhausted on diplomatic efforts toward Iraq make it obvious that Iraq is at a different stage

of the game.

The White Eagle Lodge No.

3046, an affiliate of the Polish National Alliance, a fraternal benefit society, will host its eighth annual Swieconka Sunday, April 13, at the Brentwood Restaurant in Caro.

The Swieconka, a traditional Polish family Easter dinner, will be held at the same location as last year.

The event will be in the banquet room of the restaurant,

which is located at 178 Park Dr. Doors will open at 1 p.m.

and dinner will be served at 2 p.m.

The 8-course dinner will be served with wine and will begin with opening prayers by Vicki Wolak.

After dinner, a presentation will be given by Don Samull, noted author, educator and lecturer. Samull will talk about Polish (American) culture, its customs, traditions and beliefs. There will be a brief presentation on the meaning of Swieconka.

The price of a ticket is \$10 per adult and \$6 for children 6 to 16. Children under 6 are free. There will be free door prizes.

This is a benefit for the promotion of the Arts and Humanities in the Thumb Area.

It is recommended you get your tickets in advance. For ticket information and reservations, call Vicki Wolak at (989) 683-2465.

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Monday - Spaghetti & meat

sauce, green beans, tossed

salad, garlic bread, fruit.

Tuesday - Salisbury steak,

mashed potatoes, zucchini &

tomatoes, French bread, cookie.

FriZieZ announce

winners

The animal rescue organization known as the Cass River Pet FriendZ recently

hosted 2 drawings.

The most recent drawing was for an opportunity to win 2 large doghouses. These houses were part of a project chosen by the 9-12 grade

classes at the Caro High School for "Make a Difference Day". The two winners are Kathleen Johnson of Caro and Cleo Hawken of Reese.

The other drawing was held in honor of Spay Day. The organization gave \$50 to be paid to the winner's veterinarian of choice to go towards the cost of spaying or neutering their pets. The winners for this drawing were Cheryl Hunter of Mayville and Carol Bush of Caro.

The Cass River Pet FriendZ depend on other concerned pet lovers to help support their work and have acquired their non-profit status. They rely solely on fundraisers and donations to help pay for food, medical care and prescriptions for sick animals, and the altering of pets before they are adopted back out into new homes. Monetary, tax-deductible donations, may be sent to: The Cass River Pet FriendZ, P.O. Box 513, Caro, MI 48723, or call 673-6375.

For more information about the organization, visit their website at

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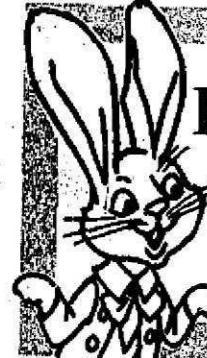
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It seems almost ludicrous now with the almost summer-like days we all enjoy. But it was just last week that I made a mental note to voice appreciation for plowing the village walking trail. I assumed it was plowed by the village Department of Public Works crew, but that probably isn't the case. I chatted with a couple of DPW workers and they said that as far as they knew it wasn't done by the village.

Not only did it keep the trail easy to walk in the snow, but it also makes the trail less waterlogged than it would normally become in the thaw we now all enjoy.

Kudos to the person or persons responsible.

Every so often stories are printed that feature moaning and groaning by businessmen tied to the tourist industry because of the impending war with Iraq.

I'm not saying that those are crocodile tears, but any slump in tourism Saturday in Boyne City was not easily seen. To get a reservation for our 14-member family required us to be at the restaurant before 6 p.m. There were people waiting in line and the scene was repeated at other restaurants in town. It's no wonder that the Great Wolf Lodge, north of Traverse City, opened Monday. It's a \$32 million dollar facility that features a 38,000 square feet indoor water park, one of the country's largest. Already it's reported that 10,000-room nights have been booked.

Mandatory seat belt use has saved an estimated 200 lives since 1999 when it became a primary enforcement law in March 2000. Nearly 1,250 serious injuries have been averted.

Michigan has one of the highest safety belt use rates, 82.9 percent in 2002. That's good, but not the best. California, Washington and Hawaii have reached 90 percent or higher. Look for an ever more intense effort this spring and summer, said Betty J. Mercer, division director of the Michigan office of higher safety planning.

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Fog blamed in collision

Heavy fog was a contributing factor in a 2-vehicle accident that left 2 motorists injured east of Cass City early Monday morning.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported the crash occurred at about 5 a.m. on Cass City Road just west of M-53.

An eastbound pickup truck

driven by Robert E. Collier Jr., 46, of Fairgrove, struck an eastbound semi-tractor trailer from behind, according to deputies, who said Collier could not see the semi in the fog.

Collier was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital for treatment of serious injuries. The driver of the

semi, Johnny R. Baumeister, 45, of Sandusky, suffered minor injuries. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, according to reports.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by the Cass City Police Department and the Elkland Township Fire Department.

Final Quiz Bowl event on tap

The Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League is holding its final event of the season on Wednesday, Mar. 19 at Marquette High School. The event starts at 4 p.m. and runs until 7:30 p.m.

Students from 13 area high schools, along with their coaches, will compete for top

K. Bell named to dean's list

Kaylee Bell was included on the College of Science dean's list at Wayne State University for the fall 2002 term.

Bell is the daughter of Harvey Bell of Deford and Marilyn Schwartz of Southfield. She is a 2001 graduate of Cass City High School.

Bell is enrolled in a pre-veterinary program and has been accepted into Michigan State University for the fall of 2003. She has applied to the school of veterinary medicine.

honors in several areas.

The first event at 4 p.m. is the Tournament of Champions in which students compete individually for trophies in the areas of math, science, social studies, and language arts. Grade-level trophies for the top freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors will also be awarded.

The culminating activity of the Winter 2003 season will be the League Championship Tournament in which 8 teams will vie for top honors. Teams that qualified in a preliminary tournament held March 12 at the Sanilac Career Center come from Harbor Beach, Sandusky, North

Huron, Bad Axe and Brown City.

Teams will also receive their trophies for the regular league season that ended on March 6.

The Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League held fourteen meets from January through March that involved 29 Thumb area teams, including Cass City, along with over one hundred and fifty students. This is the second year in which the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League has been formed. Many area quiz bowl teams will also take part in State Games to be held on the campus of Michigan State University April 11-12.

The
Haire
Net



Overheard in the barbershop last week was a resident who lamented the cost of modern medical care.

He has a litany of complaints, including arthritis, that keep him from working. His wife also requires expensive medication.

We had our senior years all planned out, he said, including retirement in Florida in the winter. That's out the window with the health problems. I'm getting by with samples from my doctor for the arthritis pain. Without them I don't know what I would do. The pills cost about \$10 each, he said.

The other side of that coin is that most, if not all, of the medication the family is taking probably wasn't available 10 years ago and his most recent remedy is practically brand new.

On the same day last week a story appeared in the Detroit News outlining the terrible cost of medical malpractice insurance.

Michigan has a cap of \$250,000 for pain and suffering in addition to payment for treatment and lost wages that has no ceiling.

Now health providers are studying a system that would take the issues out of the courtroom to a committee to decide malpractice cases.

Transferring decisions away from public scrutiny may not be in the best public interest.

Think about the committee that was in charge of reviewing legislative salaries in Michigan. It was a method to shield politicians from citizens' outrage over increases in salaries. It didn't work well.

With most advances comes an increase in costs. A car I once owned was a joy to drive. Partially due to built-in load levelers that balanced the weight in the car. They are built in the struts of the car and one of them busted.

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Back in prehistoric times replacing a strut wasn't such a big deal, perhaps \$100 total? But with the load levelers built in, the part alone costs over \$500.

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Many residents cannot pay for the cost of health care today and will be in even more dire straits in the years ahead as health care costs continue to skyrocket. Up at 10 percent pace the last 2 years, with doctors leaving the profession because of the cost of malpractice insurance.

It doesn't seem right that hard-working Americans have medical costs so burdensome that their planned lifestyles go up in smoke.

It doesn't seem right, but that's the way it is.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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The debate over Medicare

funding shows how far we've

progressed in the field of

medicine. We've gone from

the days when we hoped the

doc could cure what ails us,

to the present: When we ex-

pect good health regardless

of what it costs.

This isn't the doctors' fault,

of course. Doctors are as dedi-

cated as ever; but our expecta-

tions for health care have

surely changed over the

years.

pose is causing it?"

The Doc would say, "It's

your lungs."

He wouldn't ask

how much you smoke or

suggest you donate your left-

over organs to science.

The modern doctor on the

other hand, encourages ex-

ercise and healthy living.

He suggests you take up jogging

or get out on the road

to do some walking.

That might work for some people, but it won't work for farmers and folks who have lived in the country all their lives. If you jog down the road in the country, the neighbors stop to offer you a ride.

Then, you'll spend the rest of the day trying to convince them you aren't running away from home.

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| Tuesday | 37 | 14 | 0 |
| Wednesday | 28 | 19 | .03" |
| Thursday | 29 | 7 | 0 |
| Friday | 42 | 17 | 0 |
| Saturday | 60 | 22 | 0 |
| Sunday | 64 | 32 | 0 |
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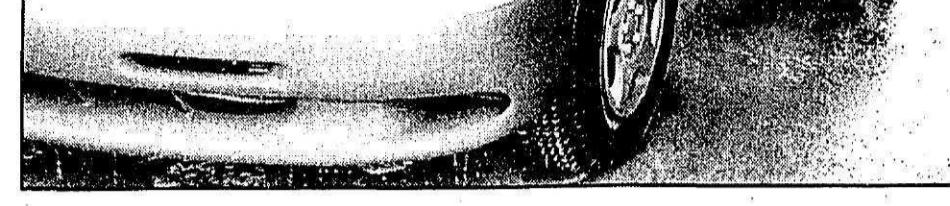
Cass City High School is one of the schools in the Thumb that has a Quiz Bowl Team.

Quiz Bowl is a team game where four students from one school compete against four students from another school. Various trivia questions are asked that could cover any range of topics, but mostly falling into categories of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, or Current Events. An electronic buzzer system, similar to that used on the TV show, Jeopardy, is used to determine which individual buzzed in first.

In Quiz Bowl there are three rounds of questions. The first round is "Tossup." This is where team members answer individually. The second round is "Bonus." This is where teams collaborate for five seconds to come up with an answer. The third round is "Lightning." This is where the teams collaborate for one minute on a set of questions in a particular category.

Jim Green, an Algebra, Chemistry and Physics teacher at Cass City High School is the coach of the Cass City team. He said, "I'm proud of how the team hung in there and qualified for 'States' in our last meet."

Practices for Quiz Bowl began in January. Practices were every Wednesday until the meets began.



The season is mostly just two months, January and February. However, this year the season is still going on because "States" and "Individuals" aren't until later on in the year.

Spring cleaning

THUMB AREA car washes were getting a workout over the weekend as temperatures climbed into the mid-to-upper 60s. Above, Frank Hawley and his wife, Karen, of Deford, stopped in at Thumb Auto Wash in Cass City Sunday afternoon to rinse the road salt off their van.

Rural school history set for release

A 176-page history of 45 rural schools of the Cass City area has been compiled under the auspices of the Cass City Area Historical Society. The title of the book is "The Way It Was Volume 2, The Country Schools of the Cass City Area".

All of these schools at one time sent graduates to Cass City High School. The committee members researched old records, interviewed former rural school students, and collected old pictures and drawings of these schools and their students. Many committee members taught in these schools and some attended them.

Many of the schools, with a few exceptions, no longer exist, except in pictures or in the memories of their students.

The history will be available for sale in May this year for \$15 a copy.

A total of 1,500 copies will be printed and will be for sale at a number of times and places, such as class reunions, the Cass City Fourth of July celebration, and the Cass City town-wide open house on May 31.

Some village stores, as well as the Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City, will also sell these histories.

There are eleven students involved in Quiz Bowl. This is enough to make up A, B and C teams. The students involved are Dara Iwankovitsch, Amanda Frederick, Bryan Hill, Jesse Rader, Cory Brooks, Heidi Cheng, Samantha Cummings, Chancy Balk, Scott DuQuesnay, Ashley Puterbaugh and Donna Bushong.

Dara Iwankovitsch said, "Participating in Quiz Bowl is a very rewarding experience. It is a lot harder than many people think. The pressure put on you by the time limits doesn't make it any easier." Amanda Frederick said, "Quiz Bowl is so great. It is the personification of intellectual fun. We laugh together and think together. It is a great balance of work and play."

This year, the Cass City Quiz Bowl Team qualified for state competition for the sixth time in seven years. The team won the Tuscola County Tournament. Some teams that were involved in the tournament are Cass City, Caro, Reese, USA, Kingston and Mayville. The Quiz Bowl members finished 4th in the Thumb Area League South Division and finished 2nd to Caro in the Tuscola County League.

Good Luck to Quiz Bowl members at "Individuals" and "States."

The world is on the verge of eliminating one of the most dreaded diseases of the 20th century - poliomyelitis. During the first half of the 20th century, polio crippled over a half million people every year. Even today, children in developing countries continue to fall victim to the disease. But by 2005, thanks in large part to Rotary International and to the 1.2 million Rotary volunteers worldwide, the disease will be all but a memory. The Cass City Rotary has donated over \$5,000 during the past several years.

Before celebrating this public health milestone, the spread of the polio virus must be interrupted in Africa and Asia, the poorest and most populous regions of the world, and surveillance must continue for several years to be sure the virus is completely wiped out.

This is no easy task. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that over \$1 billion is needed from donors through 2005 to eradicate polio, of which approximately \$600 million has already been pledged. The current estimated fund-

ing shortfall is \$400 million. Much of the needed assistance will come from Rotary International or from Rotary's advocacy work with national governments and the private sector.

Through its PolioPlus program, Rotary's contributions to the global eradication effort will reach nearly a half billion US dollars by 2005. In addition, millions of dollars of 'in-kind' and personal contributions have been made by and through local Rotary clubs and districts for polio eradication activities.

Of even greater significance has been the large volunteer army mobilized by Rotary International. As a result, a highly motivated and trained volunteer base of 10 million, many of them Rotarians, offer their time and expertise to fight polio by providing support at clinics, transporting vaccine, contributing medical supplies, or mobilizing their communities for immunization or polio eradication activities. More than one million Rotarians worldwide have contributed toward the success of the polio eradication effort to date, demon-

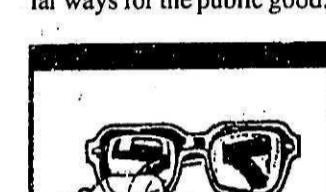
strating the extraordinary impact civil society can have on a global public health initiative.

The PolioPlus program represents the largest private-sector support of a global health initiative. The initiative was recognized by Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi Annan as a model for public/private partnerships in the 21st century.

Once eradicated, polio will join smallpox as one of only two disease ever eliminated. The annual global savings from polio eradication will be at least \$1.5 billion. This amount is the estimated cost of routine immunization alone, and does not include the cost of treatment and rehabilitation of polio victims, nor the immeasurable price paid in human suffering by polio victims and their families.

In addition to the cost savings, an important legacy will remain in the form of improved laboratory networks, enhanced diplomatic relations, and a vast volunteer operation. And, Rotary will continue serving as a leader in humanitarian pro-

grams, with the hope that its success will inspire other private entities to work in similar ways for the public good.

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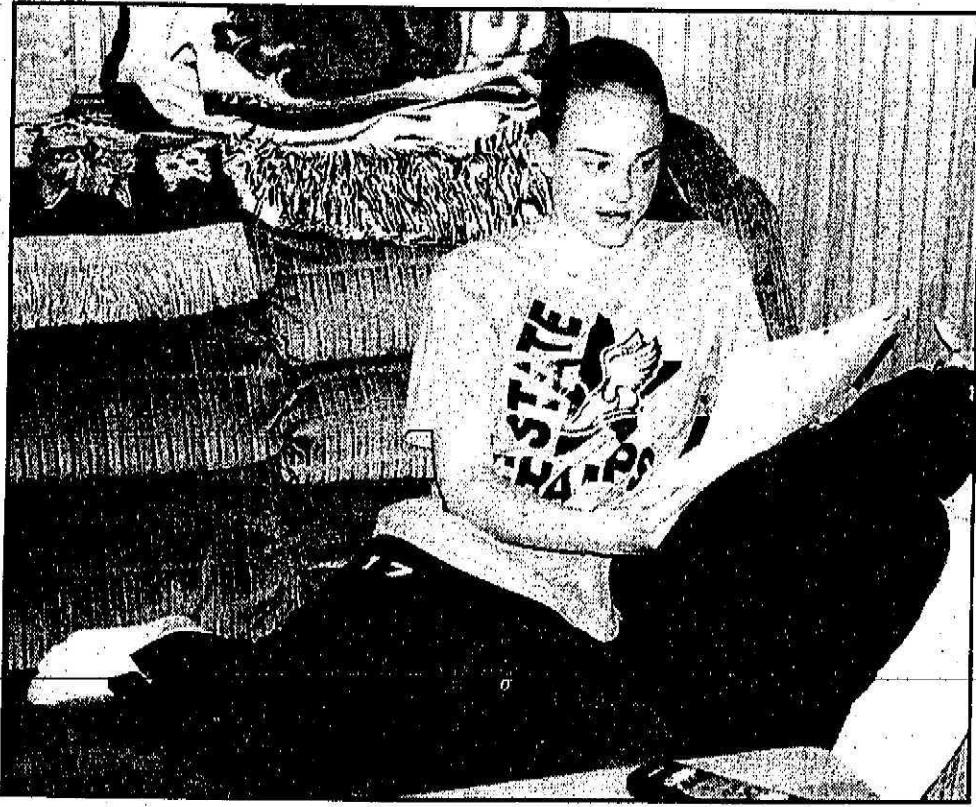
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CASS CITY High School senior Annjea Tanton relaxes at home while looking over paperwork announcing her selection to receive a Coast Guard appointment to the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) in Rhode Island.

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Owen-Gage 'round-up' scheduled

The Owen-Gage Schools preschool and kindergarten round-up will be held Wednesday, April 2, from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Gagetown Elementary School.

Parents will have an opportunity to fill out all paperwork and talk to the teacher about the classroom schedule and daily agenda. A nurse and principal will be on hand to answer any questions.

Students will be introduced to their classroom along with some fun activities. They will also have time to ride a school bus.

More information is available by calling the school at (989) 665-9921.

Annjea Tanton knows what it takes to be a winner - self-discipline, confidence, hard work.

The Cass City High School senior is an honor student and standout track and cross country athlete whose credits include playing a key role in Cass City's Class C state championship in girls' track in 2001.

Tanton's accomplishments haven't gone unnoticed. In fact, the 18-year-old was recently selected to receive a Coast Guard appointment to the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) in Rhode Island.

NAPS is a challenging 10-month program designed to prepare young men and women for the academic, physical and military rigors of the Coast Guard Academy.

The program emphasizes instruction in English, math, science and computer technology, as well as developing leadership skills, discipline, integrity and teamwork. Students also have the opportunity to compete in athletics against other prep schools and junior colleges without losing their college eligibility.

If she accepts, Tanton would be on full scholarship at NAPS, with full medical and dental benefits, plus a monthly allowance of about \$730. Successfully completing the program would also guarantee her an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy.

Tanton said she has considered going directly to the academy, where she has been selected as an alternate and placed on a waiting list. She was among 5,000 applicants for appointments. The field of applicants was later narrowed to 400, and only 100 will ultimately receive a full appointment.

"I'm going to go visit the Coast Guard Academy (in New London, Conn.) during spring break. I'll know in a couple of weeks if I'm in the academy or not," said Tanton, who is leaning towards attending NAPS.

"Actually, I might just be considering going to the prep school first. It gives you another year to prepare physically," she added. "I think they would break you in more easily."

She said she began considering a military career after her father, Russ Carmichael, mentioned the academies as a possibility. "It just sounded interesting, I guess. I think because the kids have to be so disciplined, not only mentally but also physically," she added.

Tanton, who plans to pursue a career in engineering, has also received a nomination from U.S. Congressman Jim Barcia, for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. However, she prefers the Coast Guard.

"I think they have a lot more respect in the Coast Guard," she said. "It's also about 33 percent women, and the Naval Academy is only 15 percent women."

Tanton has been researching what she'll be up against as a NAPS student and, later, as a Coast Guard cadet. "It (NAPS) is a really prestigious college. It's going to be tough. They've got a tough schedule to keep up with," she said. "But I've never really been afraid of, like, discipline issues."

Tanton's proven record of self-discipline in many areas is one of the reasons she received an appointment to NAPS.

Aside from maintaining an excellent academic record - she has a grade point average of 3.95 - she has been

taking college courses since her junior year through Cass City High School's dual enrollment program. She figures she will have earned 18 credits by the time she graduates in the spring.

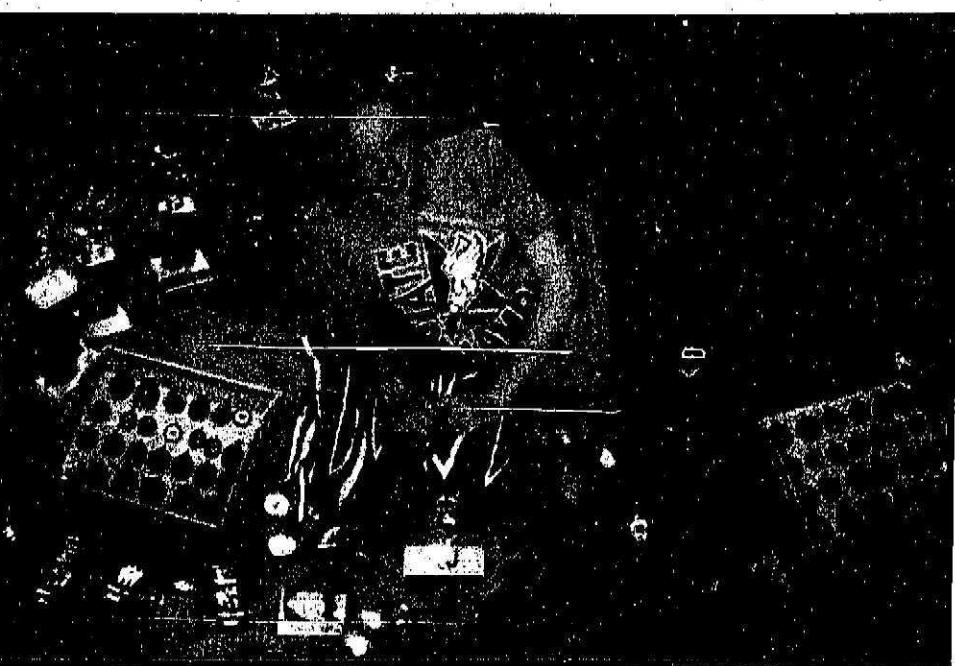
"The track coach called me, probably because we were the state champs my sophomore year," she noted. "They were definitely interested in my running."

Although she's excited about her future, Tanton confided it won't be easy to leave her family in Michigan. "I'm going to have a hard time," she said. "I'll probably be

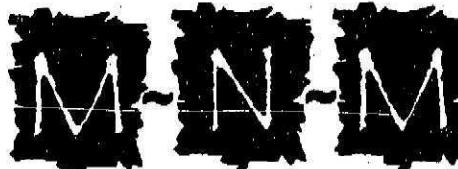
calling home a lot."

Still, she's confident she's up to the challenges of military life.

"Between athletics and school, I think I'm going to have the discipline to get through it," she said. "I just think it's a great thing to get a lot out of. It's not for tons of people, but it just seems to fit me."



TANTON HAS put many hours of hard work and training into distance running at Cass City High School. Now, she's looking forward to graduation and a career with the U.S. Coast Guard.



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6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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& Children's Activities 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: David Edwards

Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
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872-3422
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy Woodworth, a married woman (original mortgagors), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgaged, dated October 23, 2001 and recorded on December 6, 2001 in Liber 851 on Page 592 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 2002, which was recorded on November 26, 2002 in Liber 904 on Page 472, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETEEN-FOURTHOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND 17/100 dollars (\$94,355.17), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 2003.

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

Commencing at the East corner of Section 9, T11N, R9E; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes West, 990.63 feet along the East and West quarter line of said Section 9; thence North 0 degrees 34 minutes 38 seconds East, 660.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes East, 165.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 34 minutes 38 seconds West, 660.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, being part of the Northeast quarter. Also commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 9, T11N, R9E; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes West, 1155.63 feet along the East and West quarter line of said Section 9 to the point of beginning; running thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes West 165.0 feet along the East and West quarter line of said Section 9; thence North 0 degrees 34 minutes 38 seconds East, 660.0 feet along the East 1/8 line of said Section 9; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes East, 165.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 34 minutes 38 seconds West, 660.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, excepting the South 400.0 feet thereof, being a part of the NE quarter.

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

Dated: March 19, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elwyn Milton Neuville and Cecilia Jean Neuville, husband and wife, to Greater Acceptance Mortgage Corporation, mortgaged, dated March 9, 2000 and recorded March 30, 2000 in Liber 797, Page 920, and re-recorded 4/12/02 in Liber 873, Page 1176, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Firstar Bank, N.A., as Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2000-NCA by assignment dated April 13, 2000 and recorded on February 28, 2002 in Liber 867, Page 935, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Six and 35/100 Dollars (\$55,796.35), including interest at the rate of 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that 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 24, 2003.

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

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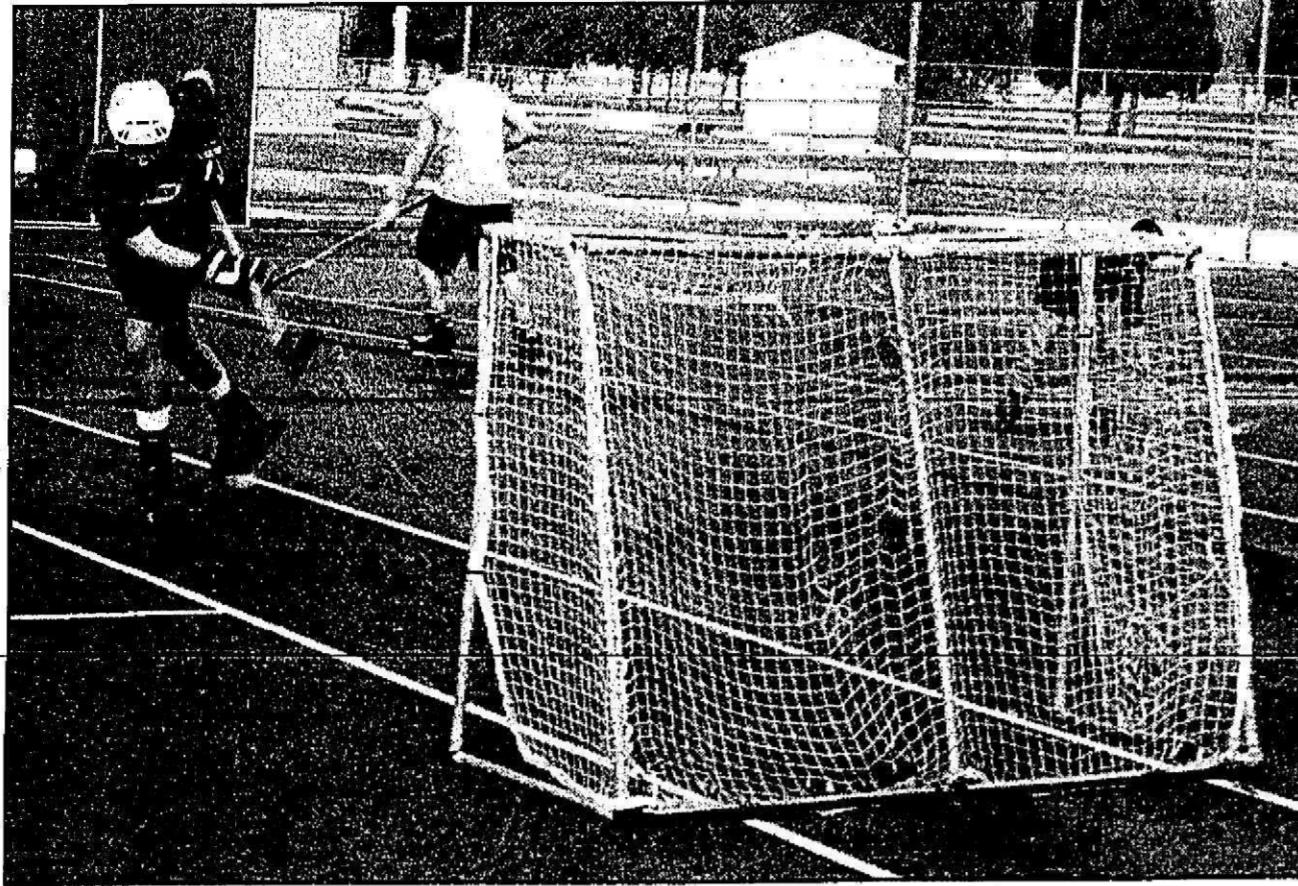
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Dated: March 19, 2003

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A HALF-DOZEN youths enjoyed a game of hockey on the tennis courts at Cass City Recreational Park under sunny skies and warm temperatures Sunday. Above, Nick Bader, 15, of Cass City, takes a shot at the net.

Gardener volunteers sought

If you have a strong interest in gardening and enjoy helping others, you are invited to apply to become a Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener volunteer.

Huron County MSU Extension is accepting registrations for Master Gardener volunteer training, which will begin April 2 and continue every Wednesday through June 11. Class hours are 6:30 to 10 p.m.

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Some of the current Master Gardener volunteer projects are teaching a Junior Master Gardener Volunteer program, planting and maintaining the MSU Extension demonstration garden at the Huron Community fairgrounds, answering gardening questions from the public at the MSU Extension office, participating in Garden Walk 2003, judging flower and vegetable projects at the county fair, organizing a Perennial Plant Sale for May 17, and, of course, training the next class of Master Gardener volunteers.

Class size is limited to 20. The enrollment fee covers the cost of training materials, speakers and facilities.

The complete Michigan Master Gardener Volunteer Training Manual and Supplement provided to each trainee is over 900 pages.

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Extension at (989) 269-9949. Deadline for registration is March 2.



Boy Scouts to honor Eagle Scouts, Althaver

The Lake Huron Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, which covers 19 counties in northeastern Michigan, will be honoring its Eagle Scout class of 2002 at a special "Court of Honor" Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m., at the Saginaw Valley State University Performing Arts Center (in the Groening Commons of Curtiss Hall).

Each year the class is named for a volunteer who has dedicated their life to serving youth through Scouting and other community organizations. Class honoree for the 2002 class is Lambert E.

In all, 105 Eagle Scouts will be formally recognized for attaining the highest award in scouting.

Althaver of Cass City. He is a Distinguished Eagle Scout and has been an active scouting volunteer for more than 50 years.

The public is welcome to attend. RSVP requested at (517) 695-5593 or (517) 662-4464.

Circuit court proceedings

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

•Travis A. Conner, 25, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon Nov. 23, 2001, in Denmark Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was canceled and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Dennis M. Powell, 50, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon Nov. 21 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Kenneth J. Ellis, 38, Clio, was sentenced to one year and 6 months to 4 years in prison for his convictions on charges of witness bribing Aug. 22 in Caro, assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a controlled substance June 13, and absconding or forfeiting bond Sept. 30 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Daniel L. Maxson II, 18, Kingston, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon Feb. 5 in Wells Township.

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

•Jeffrey P. Osantowski, 22, Frankenmuth, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building Jan. 3 in Denmark Township, and to 2 counts of forgery involving checks for \$255 and \$120, both drawn on National City Bank between Nov. 21 and Dec. 16 in Denmark Township.

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

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He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$840 plus restitution of \$2,583.

•Jerry L. League, 36, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence for his conviction

on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon Oct. 15 in Vassar.

He was placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay \$660 in costs and fines and restitution totaling \$955.

•Robert J. Spencer, 62, Clio, pleaded no contest to 4 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years July 1, 2001, in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Shawn C. Warden, 32, Kingston, stood mute to charges of cutting/tapping telephone lines and domestic violence Nov. 18 in Koyton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$240 in court costs and fines plus restitution totaling \$7,995.

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These scholarships are awarded annually to several of Huron County's outstanding incoming freshmen students from the Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is in honor of Tony Rapes, a long-time Extension agricultural agent in Huron County, with the first scholarships being awarded in 1981.

These scholarships are awarded to Huron County students with high moral character, initiative, and high scholastic achievement; who have made outstanding achievements in FFA or 4-H work; who have been accepted as students at an educational institution; and who plan to major in agriculture or a related field.

The primary source of funding for these scholarships has been the Huron County Dairy Promotion Committee.

For further information, contact MSU Extension - Huron County at (989) 269-9949.

HDC luncheon set

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will host its annual Walk For Warmth Campaign in 2002 were \$100,573.75 (through end of fiscal year, Sept. 30).

Human Development Commission (HDC) is one of 1,000 Community Action Agency members of the National Community Action Partnership. The agency is dedicated to "Helping People and Changing Lives". HDC offers nearly 70 programs and services for individuals and communities, helping them to secure the resources necessary for self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

Tickets are \$5 per person, which includes a chicken or tuna salad sandwich, relish tray, tomato soup or homemade chicken noodle soup, a beverage, chips and dessert. Reservations are not required but encouraged.

There will be a live auction directly following lunch, and there will be many items to bid on.

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THE CASS CITY junior varsity volleyball team members included: (front l-r) Luann Laming, Krista Homakie, Bethany Langlois, Sarah Zawilinski (middle l-r) Jessica Chappel, Danielle Dohn, Traci Woodward, Jenna Hoffman, (back l-r) Jamie Pratt, Coach Sally Pergande, Tasha Bryant, Tara Sherman.



THE CASS CITY freshman volleyball team members included: (front l-r) Lisa Santhany, Andrea Erla, (middle l-r) Klyn Puterbaugh, Amy Martin, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Alisha Vowell, (back l-r) Amber Weiss, Renee Czekai, Lauren Brzuchowski, Lindsay Jensen, Jenny Brinkman, Coach Amy Cuthrell.

Cass City Bowling Leagues

| Merchants As of March 12 | JEBCo | 32 | Charlie's Angels | 14 |
|---|--|---|--|----|
| Muffler Man | Dairy Queen Braz-Caro | 31 | All Season Video | 10 |
| Charmont Motel | Wickes Lumber | 30.5 | Gagetown Cutting Corners | 9 |
| Charmont | Schmaltz Construction | 29 | Ghost Team | 2 |
| Lee Morgan Painting | Kelly & Co. | 26.5 | Individual High Games: P. | |
| Locust Hill Farms | Martin Electric | 26 | Bauer 223; B. Doran 210- | |
| Trisch Septic | Cass Tavern | 22.5 | 167-157; D. Williams 199; | |
| R&H Body Shop | Osentoski Farm Equip. | 22 | C. Wallace 197-184-180; J. | |
| Stafon's | Marlette Oil & Gas | 20 | Krol 192-160; C. Davidson | |
| Patrick's Flooring | Marlette RV | 10 | 178-154-153; L. Riddle 177- | |
| Individual High Games & Series: M. Lutz 238-246-268 (752); M. Jackson 247-249 (702); M. Gettel 224-226-247 (697); D. Ortan 223-256 (688); T. Pattengill 211-235 (650); S. Nauka 218-233 (634); J. Krol 210-225 (627); J. Finkbiener 276 (626); C. Gruzwalski 244 (619); C. Anthes 232 (619); R. Byrnes 238 (615); R. Salcido 212 (612); B. Long 226 (609); M. Zawilski 233 (593); S. Summers 221 (575); R. Payne 225; R. Witherspoon 213. Team High Game & Series: Charmont, 1,190 actual (3,465 actual). | E. Schmaltz 258-211 (653); B. Biegel 229-210 (627); R. Root 224-210 (617); D. Miller 214 (606); O. Beecher 234 (599); R. Doerr 210 (581); D. Beecher 258 (581); J. Mis 225; D. Hyatt 222; K. Pichla 217; J. Churchill 213. | 168; J. Morell 175; C. Brown 170-154; N. Wallace 167-158; J. Bemus 166-159-157; M. Gray 165; A. Skrent 163-154; E. Romain 163-160; V. Humes 160; N. Ellis 157; M. Sieradzki 155-154; R. Diaz 154; P. Hellwig 154; J. Dickinson 151. | | |
| Thursday Nite Trio As of March 13 | Team High Game & Series: Mycogen Seeds, 691 (2012). Merchant League As of March 13. | Individual High Series: C. Wallace 561; P. Bauer 535; B. Doran 534; J. Krol 501; L. Riddle 493; C. Davidson 485; J. Bemus 482; J. Morell 481; D. Williams 475; E. Romain 471. | Split Conversions: D. Bang 5-6-10; C. Davidson 3-7; A. Skrent 6-7-10; P. Bauer 5-6-10. | |
| Mycogen Seeds 35.5 | The Chiropractors 21 | | Special Awards: B. Doran 500 series (140 avg. or less). | |
| FBI Gals | Thump Octagon Barn 18 | | Team High Game & Series: The Chiropractors, 678 (1949). | |
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Hartel, Howard earn all-conference honors

Greater Thumb West Conference volleyball co-cham-

pions Cass City and Bad Axe ruled the league's all-confer-

ence teams selected by the 7 school member coaches.

For the Red Hawks, Amy Howard, Becky Hartel and Krystee Dorland are returning picks, while Mallory Powell earned her first dream team recognition.

Howard and senior Hartel, both 2nd team choices last year, join Hatchets Amy Sutherland, Shelly Guigar and Terri Walker as 2003 first team selections.

Howard, a junior, was the Hawks' go to player around the net, while Hartel showed improvement all season long, playing her best ball of the season at tournament time.

Rounding out the first team choices were: USA's Ashley Winter, Valley Lutheran's Stephenie Minda, and Laker's Heather Kunisch.

Cass City's Dorland, an honorable mention choice last year, was selected to the GTW's all-conference 2nd team, while Powell received honorable mention recognition. Both players are juniors and will return next season for the Hawks.

Hopps, Julie Glawiak, Jessica Covieo-Bay, City All Saints; Jessica Beckman, Marisa Hecht, Janelle Bierlein, Amber Geiermann-Reese; and Julie Swartzendruber, Becky Dubbs and Kelly Fritz-Lakers. Receiving honorable mention votes are: Jessica Strasel-Valley Lutheran; Alyssa Singer-USA.



Amy Howard



Becky Hartel



Krystee Dorland



Mallory Powell

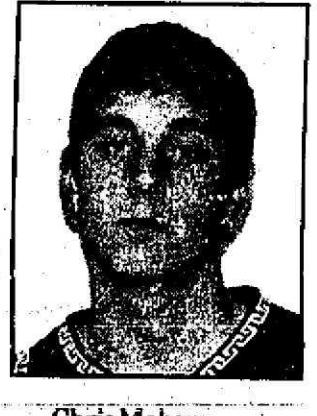
Maharg on GTW dream team

Cass City's seniors Chris Maharg, Matt Stoutenburg and junior Jake Brinkman were honored as choices to the Greater Thumb West Conference all-conference cage teams.

Maharg, a solid rebounder, was placed on the conference's dream team, along with USA guards Steve Cramer and Matt Kitchen, Greg Szczepanski-Bay City All Saints, John Meckes-Valley Lutheran and Brian

Kern-Reese complete the GTW's all-conference first team choices.

Brinkman, an honorable mention choice as a sophomore, was placed on the conference's 2nd team and was the only non-senior named to either of the league's first 2 dream teams. Also placed on the 2nd team were Bucky Rowe and Jon LePage-Lakers, Adam Gainforth and Josh Tietz-



Chris Maharg



Jake Brinkman



Matt Stoutenburg

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Obituaries

Philip Brack

Philip H. Brack, 88, of Altoona, Fla., died Saturday, March 8, 2003.

He was born in Big Rapids. He moved to Florida in 1980. Brack was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in WWII. He worked as an excavating contractor. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church - Eustis.

Brack is survived by a son: Thurston (Beverly) Brack of Stanwood; a niece, Sandra Lindsay of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Emely House of Ann Arbor; 5 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; a brother, John Brack; and a sister, Josephine Miller.

Arrangements were made by Stevenson Hamlin & Hibsh Funeral Home, Tavares, Fla.

Vera Ferguson

Vera M. (Hyde) Ferguson, 85, of Bradenton, Fla., died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla.

She was born in July 7, 1917 in Decker.

Ferguson moved to Pontiac over 30 years ago. She retired as secretary for General Motors. She was a member of Manatee River Christian Women's Club, United Methodist Women at Christ United Methodist Church and also volunteered at the church. She was also a member of Heather Hills Estates Ladies Tea & Heather Hills card and bingo group.

She is survived by Connie M. Thorpe of Fort Myers, Fla. and Kay F. Richards of Albu-

querque, N.M.; 5 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, at Griffith-Cline Funeral Home, Manasota Chapel, Fla., with Chaplain Ronald L. Gaudio officiating.

Burial was in the Mansion Memorial Park, Ellenton, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 21475, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33742.

Arrangements were made by Griffith-Cline Funeral Home, Manasota Chapel, Fla.

Larry Gaines

Laurence "Larry" G. Gaines, Sr., 53, of Owendale, died Tuesday, March 11, 2003 in Tendercare Nursing Facility.

He was born July 24, 1949 in Highland Park to Rayon and Emogene (Reese) Sullins.

He married Jacqueline Case Oct. 12, 1968 in Immaculate Conception Church, Detroit.

Gaines worked as a dockman for Earl C. Smith Trucking Company for 28 1/2 years. He volunteered for the Family Independence Agency doing medical and juvenile transporting and also for the Huron County and Tuscola County Sheriff's Departments transporting work details. He has lived in this area for 17 years.

Gaines is survived by his wife, Jackie; children: Denise (Frank) Falbo of East Pointe, Lisa Gaines of Sterling Heights, and Laurence (Nichole Brown) Gaines, Jr. of Bay City; grandchildren: Jacqueline and Vincente Falbo; mother, Emogene of Detroit; brothers: Ray (Lisa) Sullins of River Rouge and Dennis Sullins of Detroit; sisters: Barbara (Thurston) Hogston of Yale, Judy Gaines of Detroit, and Janet (Gene) Coffee of Lincoln Park; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers: Michael and John Sullins; a nephew, Mark Sullins; and his father, Rayon.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 15, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor F. Robert Tucker of Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church officiating.

Interment will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Merritt Otis

Merritt E. Otis, 89, of Jackson, formerly of Cass City, died March 8, 2003, under the care of his family and Hospice of Jackson and Oaklawn.

He was born Sept. 7, 1913 in Cass City, the son of Cyrus and Nettie (Grennell) Otis. Otis was a 44-year member of the local Carpenter's Council. He was a member of Trinity Wesleyan Church and also attended New Life Chapel.

Otis is survived by his wife, Florence; daughters: Karen (Harold) Wills of Cass City and Mary (David) Baker of Pleasant Lake; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; a step-son, David Elliott; step-daughters: Bette June

and Interment will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

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District accepting tree orders for 2003

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

The Saginaw Valley Patent Law Association recently announced the 1998 winners of the Inventor of the Year Award and the Fire of Genius Award. The winner of this year's Fire of Genius Award is Charles H. Tuckey, Cass City, a consultant to Walbro Corporation of Cass City.

Colorado blue spruce transplants and Norway spruce, white spruce and Colorado blue spruce transplants are available and will give residents a head start on a windbreak. Ninebark, silky dogwood and highbush cranberry are shrubs that flower in the summer and have a fruit in the fall.

Residents can complete their windbreak by planting one to 3 rows on the inside of their windbreak that will provide a hedgerow, food and cover for songbirds and wildlife.

To reforest a larger area, the following seedling trees are available: white pine, red pine, Austrian pine, Colorado blue spruce, Norway spruce and white spruce. Red oak, black walnut and sugar maple hardwoods are also available. Scotch pine, Colorado blue spruce and white spruce are excellent for Christmas trees.

The office personnel will assist in determining the amount of trees and shrubs needed and which species will do best on various soil types.

Landowners with less space to plant might consider a bird and butterfly packet or an environmental packet.

The Bird and Butterfly packet consists of Butterfly Bush, Rose of Sharon and Trumpet Vine totaling 10 items. The environmental packet consists of blue spruce, lilac, silver maple, green ash, red barberry, silky dogwood, catalpa, balsam fir, mountain ash and golden rain tree totaling 20 items. Tree protectors, planting bars and tree signs are also available.

Contact the conservation district at (989) 673-8174 (ext. 3) or visit the office at 1075 Cleaver Rd. in Caro to place an order.

Fire fighters from 6 departments braved bitter cold Sunday morning as they fought a blaze that gutted the Ray and Kim Smutek residence about 2 miles west of Shabbona. This marks the fourth time the family has lost nearly everything to a fire and the third time flames leveled this home.

About 2 dozen members of the Utility Workers Union of

American, Local 223, staged an informational picket last Wednesday in front of Detroit Edison's North Area Energy Center in Cass City. The workers, including Fred Mikolon of Gagetown, Roger Jagodzinski of Mayville and John Hanley of Caseville, have been without a contract since June.

Members of Cub Scout Pack 3594, Cass City, learned how the Chronicle is produced each week during a recent tour of the paper, guided by Chronicle Publisher Clarke Haire.

Located in front of the home that shows various construction innovations in the Detroit Edison North Area Energy Center, is the lighted welcome sign in the shape of a light bulb that greets customers as they enter the building.

25 YEARS AGO

Long suffering residents along Germania Road are going to have to suffer a while longer before it gets paved - until 1981 for some and maybe longer. Temporary relief will come this year for those in Greenleaf Township, where the road is in poorest condition, in that completion of sanding plus graveling is scheduled.

Work on Germania in preparation for paving from Snover Road to Bay City Forestville Road began about 3 1/2 years ago. Such projects normally take three years from first preparation until paving is completed.

Fire of undetermined origin late last Thursday destroyed the interior of an unoccupied home on M-81, about five miles west of Cass City. Elkland Township firemen were at the scene from about 11:30 p.m. until close to 4 a.m. Friday; then were called back about 6:15 a.m. for an hour when the fire rekindled above the front door. The owner of the old wood farmhouse, Sally Kelley of Caro, said the home had been vacant for six to eight months.

A check for \$1,248.53 was presented Tuesday afternoon to Dorothy Swartzmiller, director of nursing at Hills and Dales General Hospital, the proceeds from the auction

held Saturday by the Cass City Education Association in the high school cafeteria. The money will go into a fund for the hospital to purchase a hypothermia blanket system, used to raise the temperature in emergency situations of a person whose temperature is below normal or to reduce an above normal temperature.

35 YEARS AGO

A physical count of business concerns listed in the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book totaled 595 manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers in Tuscola County in January, 1968. W.S. Garrison, District Manager of the Detroit office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., announced that a similar count in January, 1967, had disclosed 562 businesses listed in the county.

The Tuscola County Farm Bureau is ready to celebrate its 50th anniversary with a birthday party March 23 in the Caro High School cafeteria. A history of the county organization, prepared by Mrs. Carpenter, will be presented in book form to those attending the anniversary celebration. The history shows the bureau was founded in October 1917 but due to a full Farm Bureau schedule, the directors decided to hold the affair at a later date.

Parents need to furnish love, understanding, and consistency to their children, Cass City's clergymen were told by Cass City's youth counselor at their meeting on Monday noon. Jerry Cleland also outlined the needs of youth and the role of the church in helping to meet those needs.

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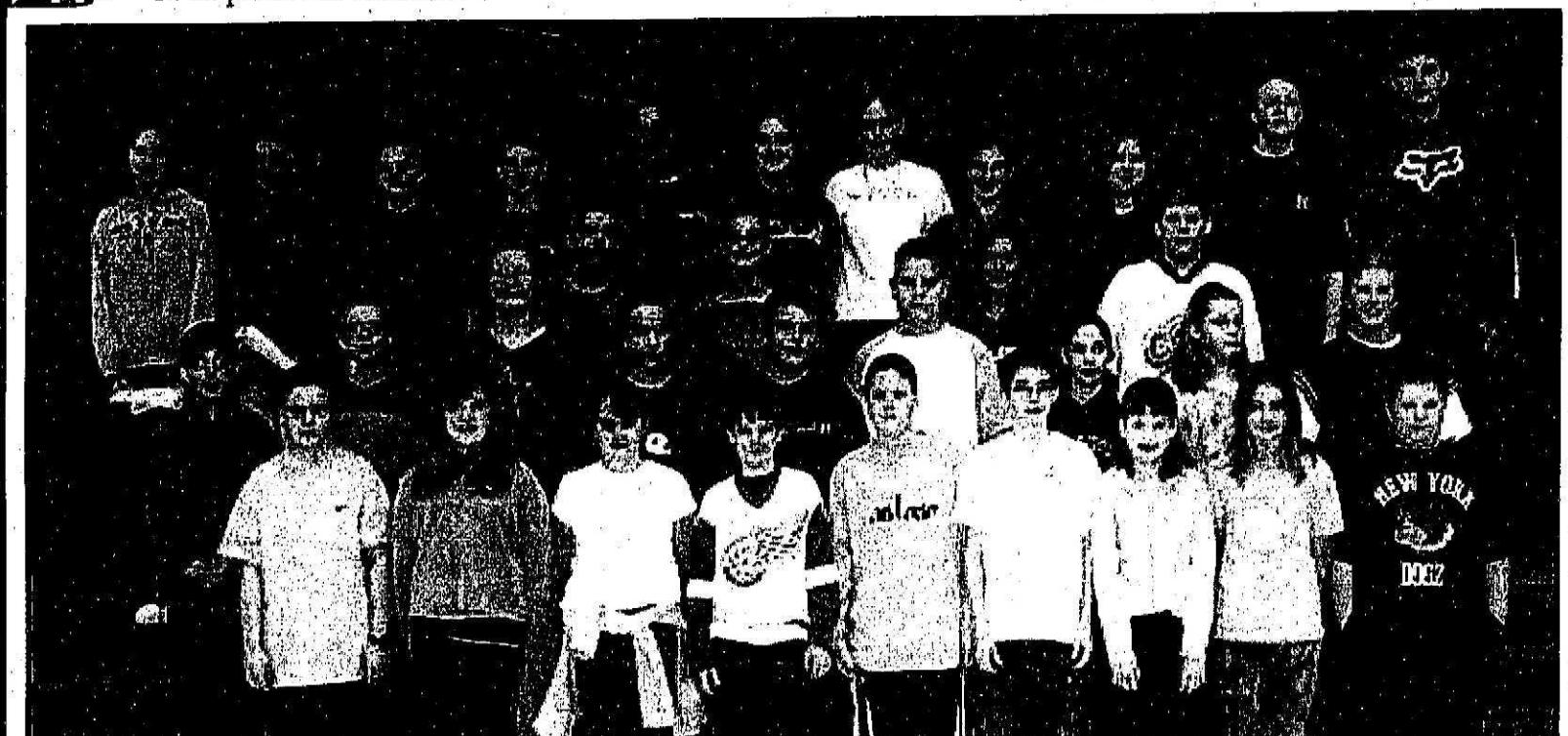
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2nd row: Evan Elliott, Michael Howard, Chelsea Israelson, Aleigh Kappen, Alex Magiera, Kevin Merchant, Brooke Mika, Rebecca Perry and Andrew Rohlfs.
3rd row: Isaiah Battel, Rebecca Doerr, Madeline Dooley and Shane McFarland.
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Legal Notices

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig C. Sovia and Christy L. Sovia, who is signing solely to waive her dower rights, husband and wife, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, mortgagor, dated December 23, 1999 and recorded December 30, 1999 in Liber 791, Page 948, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns, as nominee for "First Union National Bank, as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BC3, without recourse" as assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight and 30/100 Dollars (\$51,778.30), including interest at the rate of 11.45% 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 a 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 24, 2003.

Said premises are located in the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, BLOCK 6 OF THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF TUSCOLA, SOUTH OF THE RIVER, TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN. ALSO A PIECE OF LAND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6; THENCE 60 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE TIVVY ESTATE; THENCE SOUTH TO SAGINAW STREET; THENCE EAST TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 10; STHEN SAID BLOCK 6; RUNNNG THENCE NORTH TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO A FRACTIONAL PIECE BETWEEN THE SOUTH SIDE OF BLOCK 6 AND A FORESAID AND THE SOUTHLINE OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, HAVING 24 FEET FRONT ON MAIN STREET AND EXTENDING 24 FEET WEST TO A POINT. ALSO, ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED AND BEING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN, KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PIECE OF LAND IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST AND BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 28 AT WHICH THE CENTERLINE OF THE OLD LAPEER ROAD 234 FEET, THENCE EAST TO INTERSECT WITH THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11 OF BLOCK 6; THENCE SOUTH ON THE WEST LINE OF BLOCK 6 TO THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 28 AND 33; THENCE WEST TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, VILLAGE OF TUSCOLA, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, MICHIGAN.

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 resumption with the borrower.

Dated: March 19, 2003

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns, as nominee for "First Union National Bank, as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BC3, without recourse", As Assignee

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven E. Yurco, a single person (original mortgagors) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagor, dated December 21, 1999 and recorded on January 11, 2000 in Liber 792 on Page 505 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 18, 2000, which was recorded on December 15, 2000 in Liber 817 on Page 614, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of the 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 24, 2003.

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 24, 2003.

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

LOTS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, AND 11, BLOCK 6 OF THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF TUSCOLA, SOUTH OF THE RIVER, TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN. ALSO A PIECE OF LAND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6; THENCE 60 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE TIVVY ESTATE; THENCE SOUTH TO SAGINAW STREET; THENCE EAST TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 10; STHEN SAID BLOCK 6; RUNNNG THENCE NORTH TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO A FRACTIONAL PIECE BETWEEN THE SOUTH SIDE OF BLOCK 6 AND A FORESAID AND THE SOUTHLINE OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, HAVING 24 FEET FRONT ON MAIN STREET AND EXTENDING 24 FEET WEST TO A POINT. ALSO, ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED AND BEING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN, KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PIECE OF LAND IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST AND BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 28 AT WHICH THE CENTERLINE OF THE OLD LAPEER ROAD 234 FEET, THENCE EAST TO INTERSECT WITH THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11 OF BLOCK 6; THENCE SOUTH ON THE WEST LINE OF BLOCK 6 TO THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 28 AND 33; THENCE WEST TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, VILLAGE OF TUSCOLA, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, MICHIGAN.

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 resumption with the borrower.

Dated: March 12, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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3-12-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James J. Smrecek and Susan E. Smrecek, husband and wife, to WMC Mortgage Corporation, mortgagor, dated February 13, 2002 and recorded February 27, 2002 in Liber 867, Page 469, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Bank One, National Association as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-B2 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven and 78/100 Dollars (\$105,347.78), including interest at the rate of 10.625% per annum.

PARCEL B: LOTS 1 THROUGH 4 AND 13 THROUGH 16, INCLUSIVE, AND PART OF LOTS 5 AND 12, BLOCK 6, THE ADJOINING PORTION OF THE VACATED EASTERLY HALF OF STATE STREET, AND THE ADJOINING SOUTHERLY PORTION OF VACATED SUPERIOR STREET, ALL IN THE RECORDED "PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF TUSCOLA, SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER" (ALSO KNOWN AS "E.W. PERRY ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF TUSCOLA"), AS RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 6, PAGE 417, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS, BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF PARCEL C OF A PREVIOUS SURVEY BY SPICER ENGINEERING COMPANY, DATED APRIL 7, 1981, WHICH IS LOCATED BY THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES FROM THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28: (1) DUE WEST 71.30 FEET (RECORDED AS 71.40 FEET) ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 28 AND (2) NORTH 05 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, 243.69 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE IN NORTH 05 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, 290.38 FEET; THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, 27.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD.

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 resumption with the borrower.

Dated: March 12, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roy E. Neutelton and Kellie Neutelton, husband and wife, to Liberty Lending Inc., Mortgagor, dated October 30, 1997 and recorded November 19, 1997 in Liber 724, Page 1024, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Southern Pacific Funding Corporation; Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as Trustee for Southern Pacific Secured Assets Corporation, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Pass-through Certificates, Series 1997-4 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six and 48/100 Dollars (\$39,486.48), including interest at the rate of 12.7% per annum.

The power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 2003.

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

Part of the Southeast corner of Section 24, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Junia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 24 which is South 01 degrees 06 minutes 34 seconds West 688 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section; thence continuing along said East line, South 01 degrees 06 minutes 34 seconds West 160 feet; thence parallel with the East and West quarter line of said Section, North 88 degrees 42 minutes 36 seconds West 540 feet to a traverse line along an open drainage ditch; thence along said traverse line North 47 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds West 271.52 feet to another traverse line along the Cass River; thence along said traverse line North 19 degrees 16 minutes 34 seconds East 50 feet; thence South 67 degrees 58 minutes 02 seconds East 189.92 feet; thence South 88 degrees 42 minutes 36 seconds East 550 feet to said East line of Section 24 and the place of beginning. Also, including that land bounded by traverse lines, the centerline of said open drain, the edge of the Cass River and the North and South property lines.

The power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 24, 2003.

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

Part of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 19, Township 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning in the South line of said Section 19, South 89 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds East, 561.00 feet along said Section line from the Southwest corner of said Section; thence from said place of beginning North 260.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds East, parallel with said South section line, 236.00 feet; thence South 260.00 feet to said South section line; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds West, 236.00 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Dated: February 26, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Team C

2-26-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David N. Austin and Colleen B. Austin, Husband and Wife (original mortgagors), to Standard Federal Bank, A Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagor, dated April 23, 1996 and recorded on May 9, 1996 in Liber 690 on Page 337 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due on the date of the sale of FIFTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 57/100 Dollars (\$50,735.57), including interest at 8.250% per annum.

The power of sale contained in the 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 17, 2003.

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven A. Griffith, a married man (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagor, dated December 18, 2001 and recorded on February 19, 2002 in Liber 865 on Page 854 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due on the date of the sale of THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 35/100 Dollars (\$36,849.35), including interest at 14.25% 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 27, 2003.

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

Lots 15 and 16, Block 27, Village of Vassar (new City) according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2, Page 93 of Deeds, Tuscola County Records; except any part of lots which may have been deeded for railroad use.

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

Dated: March 19, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Destiny, Inc., LTD, of 5556 Oak Road, Vassar, MI 48768, Mortgagor; to Citizens Bank, of 101 N. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607, Mortgagor, dated February 10, 1999 and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on February 12, 1999 in Liber 763 at Page 001-008, assigned to Dolan Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 31079, Flint, MI 48531, by Assignment dated January 27, 2003, recorded in the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on February 25, 2003 in Liber 917 at Page 540, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty Six and 97/100 Dollars (\$259,496.97), plus interest, from the date of this notice, until paid, at the rate of nine and 25/100 percent (9.25%) per year.

And no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof, or such action having been discontinued.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such cases 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 10, 2003.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF REESE AND TOWNSHIP OF DENMARK, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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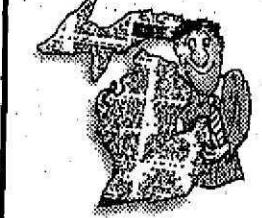
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In September 2002, United Hospice Service opened its Hospice Residence. This facility offers a home-like setting for terminally ill patients when the care required becomes too technical to be provided in the home, the caregiver is physically unable to provide the level of care needed or the family needs a break from their supportive role. All hospice care is not the same. As a patient you have a choice. For more information about this residence or the services provided by United Hospice Service, please call 800-635-7490.



Marlette Community Hospital's state certified Diabetes Education program will soon obtain national certification, which will allow reimbursement from most forms of insurances as well as Medicaid and Medicare.

Pictured left to right is the Marlette Community Hospital Diabetes Self-Management Education Team members: Dotty Korth, RN, BSN Certified Diabetic Education (seated); Pharmacist, Gary Austin; Resource Coordinator, Judy Mahaffy, RN; and Registered Dietician, Janet Langolf.

For more information about this program, please call Dotty Korth at 989-635-4348.



On March 1st over 65 Girl Scouts accompanied by 18 adults participated in a workshop to help them earn their "Highway to Health" badge. Each person was required to visit 4 stations that addressed, healthy activities, self-image, stress reduction, germs, proper hand-washing technique, personal hygiene, nutrition and dental care. This event was sponsored by the Continuous Learning Center of Marlette Community Hospital and included girl scouts from St. Clair, Sanilac, Tuscola, Lapeer and the Saginaw area.

Pictured is Resource Coordinator, Jeanette Yaroch, RN teaching the girls some basic exercise techniques.



Phase four of Marlette Community Hospital's expansion project includes doubling the size of current physical therapy department and will include a new in-ground therapy pool, which will provide aqua therapy to benefit patients of all ages.

Pictured left to right are staff members Jenny Long, Manager; Jaunita Widger, Nate Petrie, Sr. Director of Ancillary Services; and Cindy Liebler. Physical Therapy staff member Sally Smith is not pictured.



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Brown City Rotary aids United Hospice

On Feb 4th, 365 hungry friends and family braved the winter weather to support the 14th annual United Hospice Service Pancake Supper, sponsored by the Brown City Rotary Club. Once again the Harrington Inn in Brown City hosted the supper. The event was a huge success and raised \$2,500 to support an important service that assists families with terminally ill loved ones.

Funds from this year's event were directed to the hospice residence. The hospice residence is a 24-hour care, 6-bed facility, which opened Sept. 16, 2002. Each private room has access to a beautiful courtyard. Friends and family can visit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The facility has an inviting living room, full kitchen, family dining area and guest accommodations. A unique feature of the residence is a special bathing system that is the latest technology and offers the patient the utmost in comfort and care.

The pancake supper began 14 years ago when Rotary members Bud Welch and Larry Thiemkey decided it would be a great service to the families in our community to help raise funds for this unique program. According to Thiemkey, who has chaired the event since its start, "Several Rotary members and their families have needed hospice services in the past. It is important to the families of our community and neighboring areas to help support this wonderful program so that others can benefit from their special care."

With the help of the A.A.L. Branch 7359 AID Association for Lutherans, over \$36,500 has been raised to date.

Brown City Rotary, 23 members strong, has also helped many other organizations. Assistance has been given to the Brown City Little League, the Brown City Community Park, Brown City Firemen, a reading program at the school, programs to help young students advance and the granting of scholarships.

Many of these programs are financially supported by the annual auction sale at the Brown City Fire Hall. This event is held every year on the Saturday after Labor Day and the public is welcome to participate.

Rotary also reaches out to other countries with the Polio Plus project. Brown City

Rotary donates annually to the program that offers the vaccine to foreign countries in an effort to wipe out this disease.

More information about United Hospice Service is available by calling Rae Ann Kreiner, director, at 800-635-7490. Information about Brown City Rotary is available from Thiemkey at 810-346-2486. Brown City Rotary meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 at the Harrington Inn in Brown City.



ACCEPTING A CHECK for United Hospice Service is Rae Ann Kreiner and Dr. Ogboh, right. The check from Brown City Rotary was presented by Larry Thiemkey.

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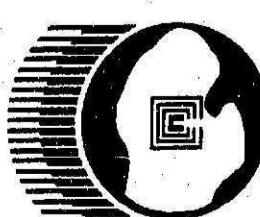
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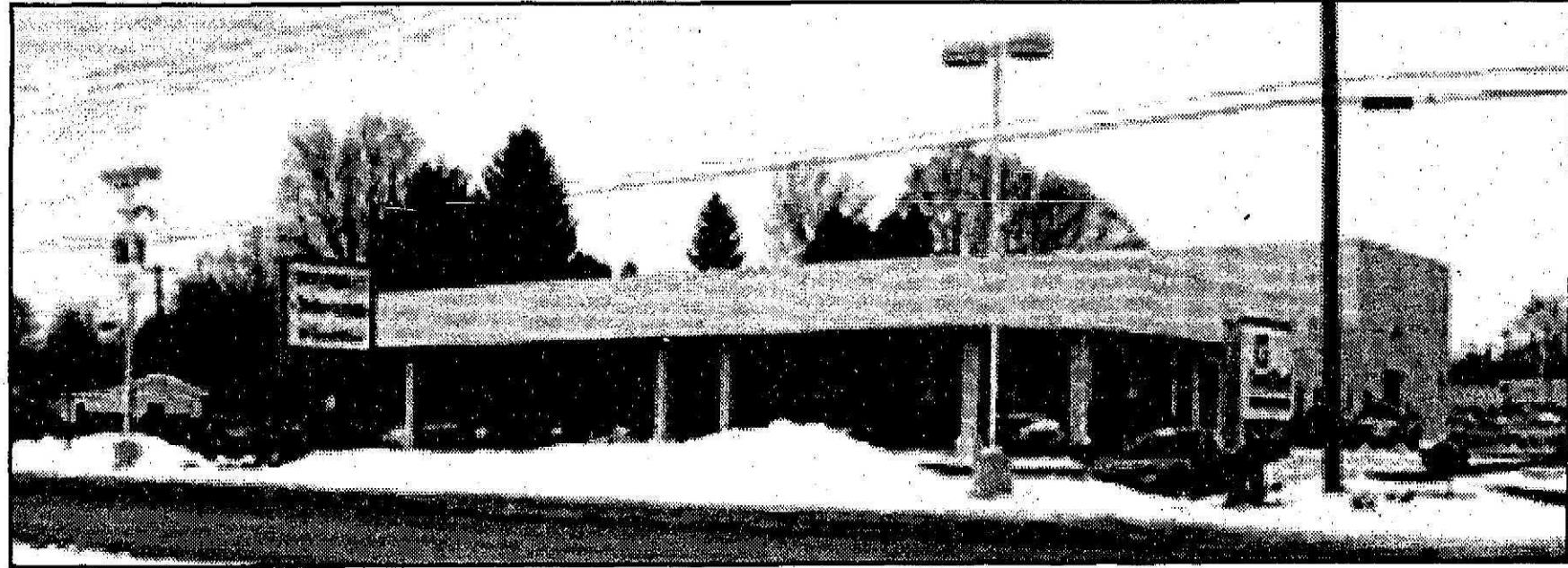
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PAT CURTIS has opened a new showroom on M-24 in Caro. Already announced have been significant changes in the Chrysler dealership in Cass City. Two adjacent buildings will be razed to make room for an expanded used car lot.

Five-star dealer

Pat Curtis expanding in Cass City, Caro

Curtis Chrysler of Cass City has again been recognized with 5-star dealer status for the third year in a row. It is the only dealer in the Thumb who can claim that.

Five Star Dealership status is achieved through customer satisfaction scores for both sales and service. It also requires that all employees stay constantly educated on product and service knowledge so that Curtis Chrysler can get it right the first time.

Renovation is the theme for both Pat Curtis Chevrolet in Caro and Curtis Chrysler in Cass City. Pat Curtis recently built a new state-of-the-art show room on M-24. The Pat Curtis Chevrolet service department stayed where it is but was modernized and more space has

been added.

Curtis Chrysler plans to knock down two buildings next to the dealership to make a lot for more cars. The lot will be landscaped and should make the block look much nicer.

Both the service and sales department in Cass City will be updated. So, along with the Five-Star service experience, customers will now experience a five-star environment when they come in.

The Pat Curtis Chevrolet and Curtis Chrysler bodyshop is better able to serve you with cutting edge technology. Since 1983, the Pat Curtis bodyshop has been steadily improving to become the premier bodyshop in the area.

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Pat Curtis Chevrolet and Curtis Chrysler have bulked up their used car selection recently. They are stocking more late model vehicles with lower miles. The idea is to stock reliable cars that the bank will finance for a longer term so more people can afford them. Be on the lookout for more used cars at both the Caro and Cass City locations.

Truck, car parts in stock

Cass City Tire stresses complete service

Cass City Tire and Auto Repair, Inc., the Marathon Service Center at the corner of Main and West Streets, offers complete auto repair under the new ownership of Dennis Ziembra, who will also be the company service manager.

Retained at the company will be former owner Art Randall and Mike Randall. You can turn to Cass City Tire for brakes, struts, tune-ups, air conditioning, engine diagnostics, exhaust and oil changes.

In addition, the company has a full line of tires and tubes with complete balancing. Cass City Tire offers on the farm tire service and is the only station in Cass City that has a full service island. Propane cylinder fills for that backyard barbecue are available.

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THE INDEPENDENT BANK STAFF - from left, Darla DeLuyck, manager Sonya Horne, Rosie Quinn, Jennifer Nutt and Lorina Dorland. Missing is Yvonne Becker and Sherry Kish.

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THE CHEMICAL BANK staff in Cass City.

Standing are, from left, Sherryl Seeley, Carolyn Westerby, Judy Hulbert, Ashley Little, Kim Vincent, Carol Wright and Orvil Beecher. Seated are Michele Pohlod, John Hilyard and Samantha Farver. Missing is Richard Ypma.

With groceries

Geiger: free service at Curves

Before Denise Geiger opened Curves for Women in Cass City last November, she was confident in the program that the franchise offered.

Confident because when she became a Curves member she enjoyed using the equipment, the instruction of-

fered and the results obtained.

In the program, this mother of 5 lost 30 pounds and increased her strength and overall health, while still maintaining a full work schedule.

It is suggested that women in the program participate for 30 min-

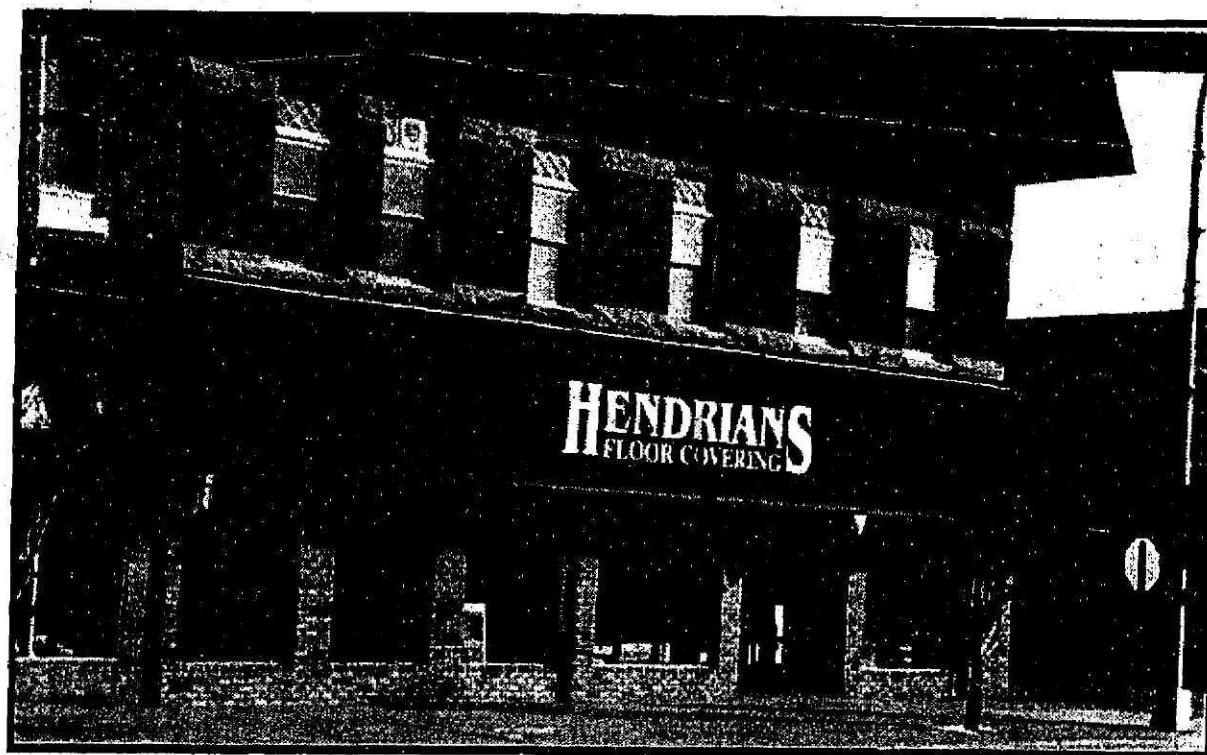
utes 3 times a week to receive the benefits of the program.

As a special incentive through Saturday, Mar. 22, Curves is offering a special free service fee, for a savings of \$149. Participants are asked to bring a bag on non-perishable foods and sign

up for a one-year membership.

The food gathered will be given to the Novesta Church of Christ.

Geiger now lives in Orion Township, but was originally from Ubly. Coming to Cass City is almost like returning home, she said.



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Hendrian just returned from a seminar in Las Vegas to learn about installing medallions in floors. We can install them in existing or new floors with a wide option of choices to meet the

customers' needs, he explained.

Hendrian's has also recently added wallpaper to its product line. It works in well, Hendrian says, with the custom line of furniture we offer. Now a customer can come in and pick the style furniture he desires, together with the design and color of the fabric to go with it and it will be made to order.

Let us assist you in designing your new room, Scott says.

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Big Tube Wireless now ready for expansion

BigTube Wireless, High Speed Internet that works, say the officers of a company called BigTube Wireless (www.bigtube.net) has erected a network of towers and installed access points all over the area and has expanded coverage from Cass City to Caro, the Tuscola County seat.

Richard S. Jones, CEO, and Kerry Penland, BigTube's chief technology officer, say farmers, townsfolk and lots of businesses within about a 100-square-mile rural area between the towns are signing to receive the service.

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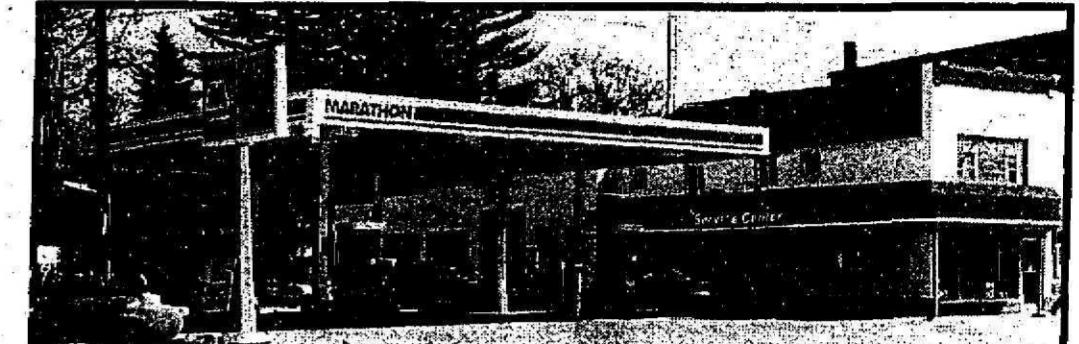
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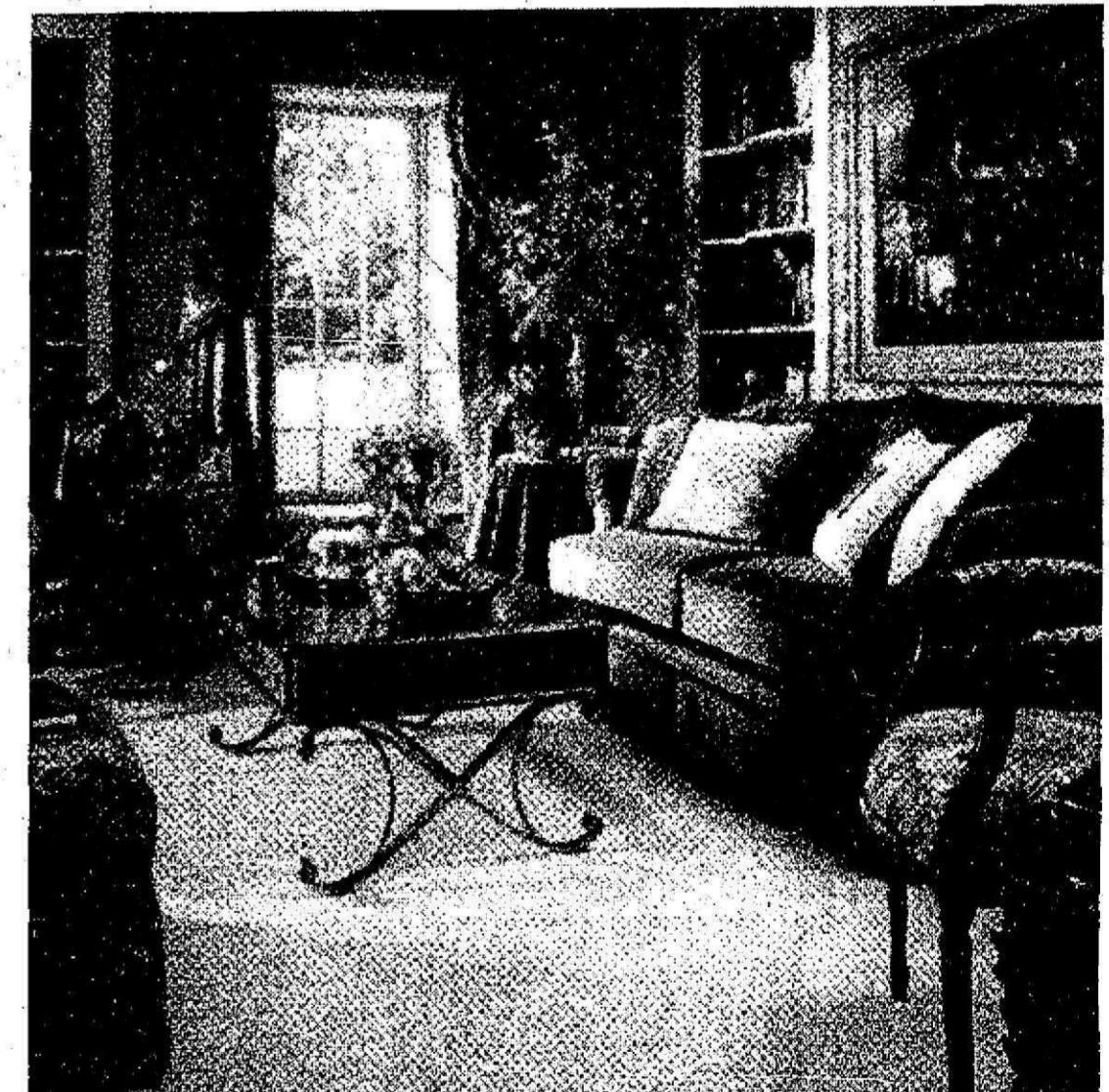
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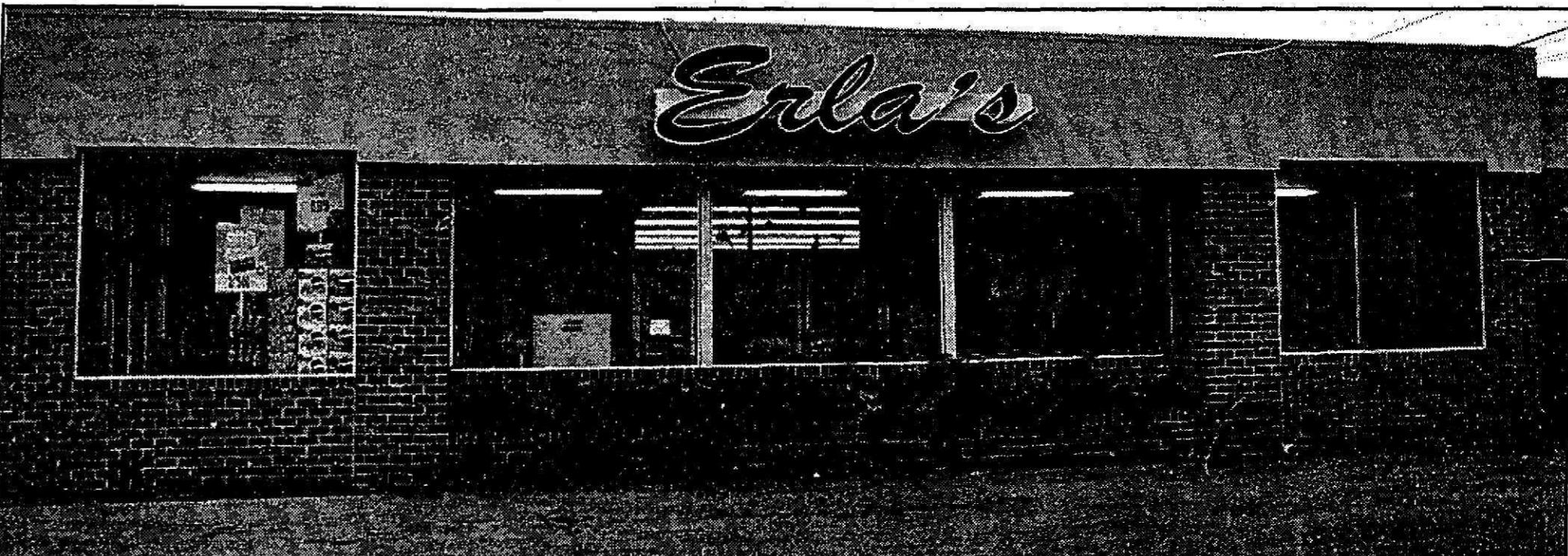


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Independent Bank offers products designed to make their customers' banking

convenient and easy. Along with EZ telephone banking, Independent Bank now offers EZ Internet banking. Both services are offered free of charge to customers. Independent Bank also offers EZ bill payment service, which is free for the first 60 days. There is a small monthly charge for EZ Bill Payment service after the first 60 days. So banking with Independent Bank is EZ. You can have access to your accounts 24 hours a day, 7

days a week.

If you prefer to do your banking face to face, the Cass City office has just extended their hours to make it even more convenient. Branch Manager Sonya Horne and her staff are available in the lobby from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and from 9 to noon on Saturday.

The Cass City drive-thru is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday,

from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. "The new hours have been a very popular change," commented Horne, "the customers have made several very positive comments and are taking full advantage of the extended hours as we have been very busy."

Independent Bank offers a variety of competitive products and services, but the most popular account is Totally Free Checking. Last year, Independent Bank East Michigan customers opened over 2,700 new checking accounts and each customer who opened a new checking account received a free gift. This program continues to be well received by consumers because of the variety of checking accounts that are offered. There are 7 different of checking accounts. "We recognize that each customer has different needs when it comes to checking accounts or other financial products, and our focus is to supply products and services that facilitate building a successful financial future for our customers and our community," stated Horne.



THE INDEPENDENT BANK STAFF—from left, Darla DeLuyck, manager Sonya Horne, Rosie Quinn, Jennifer Nutt and Lorna Dorland. Missing is Yvonne Becker and Sherry Kish.

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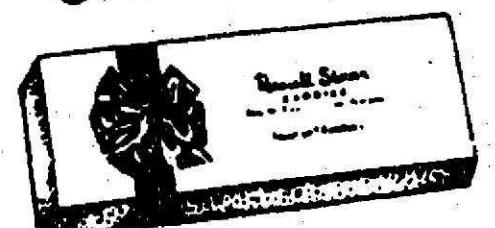


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Thumb Insurance Group

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Mark Wiese and Jim Ceranski, co-owners of Thumb Insurance Group, Inc. have seen many changes in the insurance industry and agency operation since buying the Harris-Hampshire Agency in 1987-88.

The Harris-Hampshire name was changed to Thumb Insurance Group, Inc., in 2000. The recent focus from the various insurance companies is based on agency automation, not only uploading policies directly with the insurance companies, but also having an agency automation system in the office.

Thumb Insurance Group, Inc. has always tried to keep up with these changes. The agency is currently using an automation system in the office and they upload and download as many of the insurance companies' policy information as possible. The end result is keeping up with the insurance companies

and their ever-changing method of doing business.

By doing this, the agency is becoming more efficient for their customers and the way that they do business with the insurance companies.

In January 2003, Thumb Insurance Group had the opportunity to purchase the Cass City location of the McVey Insurance Agency. This was a very important acquisition for Thumb Insurance Group. Through this purchase, Thumb Insurance Group will be offering a larger selection of insurance companies for their new and existing customers for all of their insurance needs.

Thumb Insurance Group has also added a specialist in life, health and investment needs. Mary Jo Richter has over 15



Thumb Insurance Group's expanding insurance business is conducted with the aid of the latest electronic equipment in this remodeled building.

years experience in these areas. Over all, our employees have over 100 years combined experience in the insurance business.

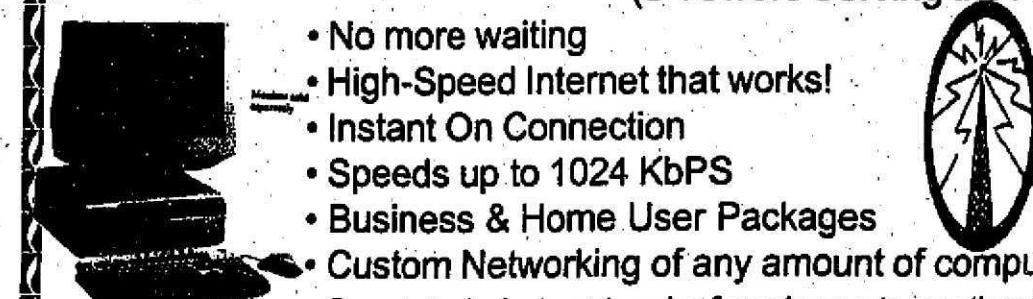
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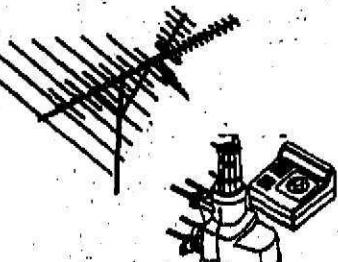
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