



**FIRE FIGHTERS** spent more than 4 hours battling a grass fire that destroyed 3 to 4 older buildings used for storage at the Cas Bartnik residence, 3333 N. Cemetery Rd., Sunday afternoon. Damage is estimated at \$35,000.

## Grass fire damage \$35,000

Elkland Township fire fighters were kept busy last week and into the weekend with several fires, most of them involving scorched fields, including a blaze that resulted in an estimated \$35,000 damage Sunday afternoon.

Outdoor burning, dry conditions and wind were blamed for the fire at the Cas Bartnik residence, 3333 N. Cemetery Rd. The Cass City department was dispatched to the scene, just south of Kelly Road, just after 2 p.m. Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski reported a neighbor was burning trash and sparks ignited a grass fire.

"It jumped the driveway and started on Cas' side," he said. "When we got there it hadn't gotten to the buildings, but there was no stopping it."

Pawloski said the blaze leveled 3 or 4 older buildings Bartnik was using to store bicycles, lawnmowers, trimmers and other equipment. The roof of Bartnik's home also caught fire, but firemen quickly extinguished the flames and saved the structure.

"I've got to commend all the firemen that were there. They did a great job," said Pawloski, who noted one Cass City auxiliary fireman, Danielle Guilds, was treated for smoke inhalation, and 2 Gagetown fire fighters suffered minor heat exhaustion. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro are investigating the fire. Elkland Township firemen were also assisted at the scene by Cass City police, DNR personnel, a full assist from the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department, and

manpower and tankers from the Kingston and Caro fire departments.

LAST WEEK

*"I can't pound it into people's heads enough - when it's dry and windy, do not burn anything."*

-Fire Chief Ron Pawloski

Fire fighters remained at the scene for about 4 1/2 hours. During that time, a crew was sent to 653 Englehart Rd. to battle a small grass fire ignited when a resident was burning leaves.

In both cases, the fires could have been prevented, Pawloski said.

"I can't pound it into people's heads enough - when it's dry and windy, do not burn anything. Anything," he added. "We're not even issuing burning per-

The Elkland Township fire department was called to the Cass City Gun Club, 2676 N. Englehart Rd., Thursday morning after a breaker box caught fire.

"The breaker box was worn out and overloaded, and it popped a breaker," Pawloski said, adding the smoke and electrical damage will probably total about \$3,000.

The fire forced cancellation of a Girl Scout fundraising dinner.

Fire fighters were also dispatched to 2 cornfield fires, both involving 7 to 10 acres, Thursday afternoon.

A brush pile fire is blamed for the first blaze, located about 3 miles north of the village near Merchant and Cemetery roads. The DNR

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## Council okays tax hike to offset funding loss

A reduction in taxable value in Cass City and the loss of state revenue sharing funds prompted the Village Council to approve a tax increase of nearly a quarter mill during a regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The council also reviewed, but took no action on several budget amendments designed to reduce general fund spending this year.

Village Manager Frank Sheridan noted this year's spending plan was based on a projected taxable value in the village of \$53,552,253.

"The actual taxable value is \$53,217,346, a reduction of \$334,907 from our budget planning figures," he said. "This 2003 taxable value is a reduction of \$385,355 from the value in 2002 and a reduction of \$1,567,753 from fiscal year 2001."

The council approved a combined tax rate of 18.1646, an increase of .24 of a mill more than in 2002.

The total includes a reduction in millage dedicated to streets along with the elimination of a half-mill for debt service for bonds, now paid off, that funded construction of the wastewater treatment plant.

The 18.1646-mill levy includes 2 new millages. One will cover costs related to the July 4 Festival, marketing and strategic planning, the general fund share of the DDA coordinator, and economic development. The other will pay for the estimated \$6,790 the village spends annually on landfill testing and monitoring.

The bottom line for taxpayers is a slight increase in taxes. A resident with a home valued at \$100,000 will pay \$12 more this year compared to 2002, while a resident with a home valued at \$80,000 will pay \$9.60 more.

In spite of the increase, Sheridan said a reduction of some \$37,000 in real and personal property tax revenue along with state funding cuts totaling more than \$24,000 will require the council to reduce the village's general fund budget by some \$44,000.

He proposed a reduction of

\$11,500 in street funding as well as cuts in professional development expenses. Sheridan also recommended a significant reduction in the village's sidewalk repair program, from \$32,000 to \$12,000 this year, and he proposed putting off plans to resurface the basketball courts, a savings of \$8,000.

Even then, he noted, finances will remain tight. "If this plan works, we're going to take in \$135 more than we spend," he said.

Trustee Matt Prieskorn, who has pushed for maintenance of park facilities as well as the sidewalk program, voiced his displeasure to cuts in both areas and suggested the council take a different approach, at least in terms of sidewalks.

He suggested that the council adopt a policy enabling the village to establish special assessment districts to fund repairs to the worst sections of sidewalk. The districts would require residents to pay 50 percent or more of the cost, depending on what the council decides.

"If we're going to go with a sidewalk program, this is

what we've got to do," he said. Sheridan agreed, noting the village has run out of residents who have volunteered for sidewalk replacement.

Sheridan said the mower purchase will be made with funds from the village's motor vehicle fund, which is dedicated to such purchases.

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The council took no action, but agreed to review proposed language for the policy at a future meeting.

As for delaying maintenance of park facilities, Prieskorn said taking care of existing facilities should be a priority, especially when the service clubs that provided many of those facilities assumed the village would maintain them.

"We talk about this until we're blue in the face, and we just went out and bought a \$14,000 lawnmower," he added, referring to an equipment purchase earlier in the meeting.

Trustee Dawn Hollis agreed park maintenance projects are important, but acknowledged the growing burden of maintenance costs and said the village must live within its means. She suggested that future projects include some form of maintenance fund, such as that established when the village's playscape was constructed.

In other business Monday, the council:

• Approved spending \$9,851.39, including a trade-in allowance of \$4,000, for a John Deere commercial front loader.

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## School also wrestling with financial crunch

The budget crunch at the school and the desires of school boosters and parents have created some perplexing problems for the Cass City School Board.

Three major problems that the board wrestled with at its regular session Monday night at the high school are:

Will Deford School remain open next year?

Should the school spend \$25,000 towards building and equipping a new weight room?

What can be done to revive the music department at the school?

No definite answers to the problems were reached.

Kris Middaugh, who had a son moved to Campbell Elementary this school year when the third grade at Deford was closed, asked point

blank if Deford School was to close and her second child moved next year.

Supt. Ken Micklash said that he would appreciate having enough students to operate at Deford. However, he cautioned, a secretary said that the projected kindergarten enrollment was the lowest that she could remember. A decision will be reached when enrollments are finalized.

Ben Varney outlined his proposal for a 40x70-foot building equipped with weight-lifting equipment at an estimated cost of \$90,000.

Cass City Rotary has pledged \$10,000 if the school pays \$25,000. The Pinney Foundation has pledged \$20,000. The Cass City Lions and Gavel Club have proposals pending.

In one way, Micklash said, it's very attractive to have an addition that costs the school 25 cents for every dollar spent. But this is a very awkward time for the school, with funding cuts from the state and the reduction of pupils at the school.

There was discussion about putting new weight equipment and heart monitoring equipment in the balcony of the middle school gym.

After long discussion, the board decided to table the request until the May meeting and asked that a more detailed cost proposal be presented.

The cash crunch is also making it difficult to make changes requested in the school's music program. The students in the band and music department have fallen from around 80 to about 25. This year the 8th grade joined the high school band. That didn't work well and Micklash guaranteed that it wouldn't happen again.

Brian Mallory returned before the board to ask if anything had been done about the band since he addressed the board at a previous session. He was asked by Micklash to air the problems with the school principals and the superintendent at a committee meeting.

He agreed to the meeting, but added, I can tell you right now what's needed. That's to hire a band director. One person can't handle the middle school and the high school bands. It's not our band director that is at fault. One person can't handle both programs, he said.

Mallory agreed to attend a meeting with school officials. Trustee Dave Knight asked to be included and will also attend.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Joe and Kate VanAuken were recognized by the board for developing the Cass City Red Hawk Reference.

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### Stirrett, Howard

## O-G honor grads named

Owen-Gage School officials have announced this year's honors graduates, including Valedictorian Bridget K. Stirrett and Salutatorian Julie A. Howard.

Stirrett, daughter of Stu and Kathy Stirrett of Owendale and Phil Kreager of Bad Axe,



Bridget Stirrett



Julie Howard

achieved a 3.95 grade point average during her high school career.

She has been on the honor roll and a member of the junior/senior high school's 3.0 Club all through high school. She was inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior and currently serves as the organization's vice-president.

Stirrett served as class secretary in her freshman and sophomore years, Student Council vice president as a junior, and is currently Student Council president. She is also editor of the yearbook, a member of the school's newspaper staff, and a teacher's aide.

Stirrett has been a member of the Owen-Gage Band for 3 years and currently serves as band president. She has been a member of the Academic Quiz Bowl, a cheerleader, member of the drama club, a snowball representative, and has been honored as a "focus" student 3 times.

As a senior, she was named Senior Student of the Month in October and was a queen candidate for both the homecoming and snowball events.

After graduation, Stirrett plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a career in journalism.

She has received the President Scholarship from SVSU as well as a Michigan Merit Award.

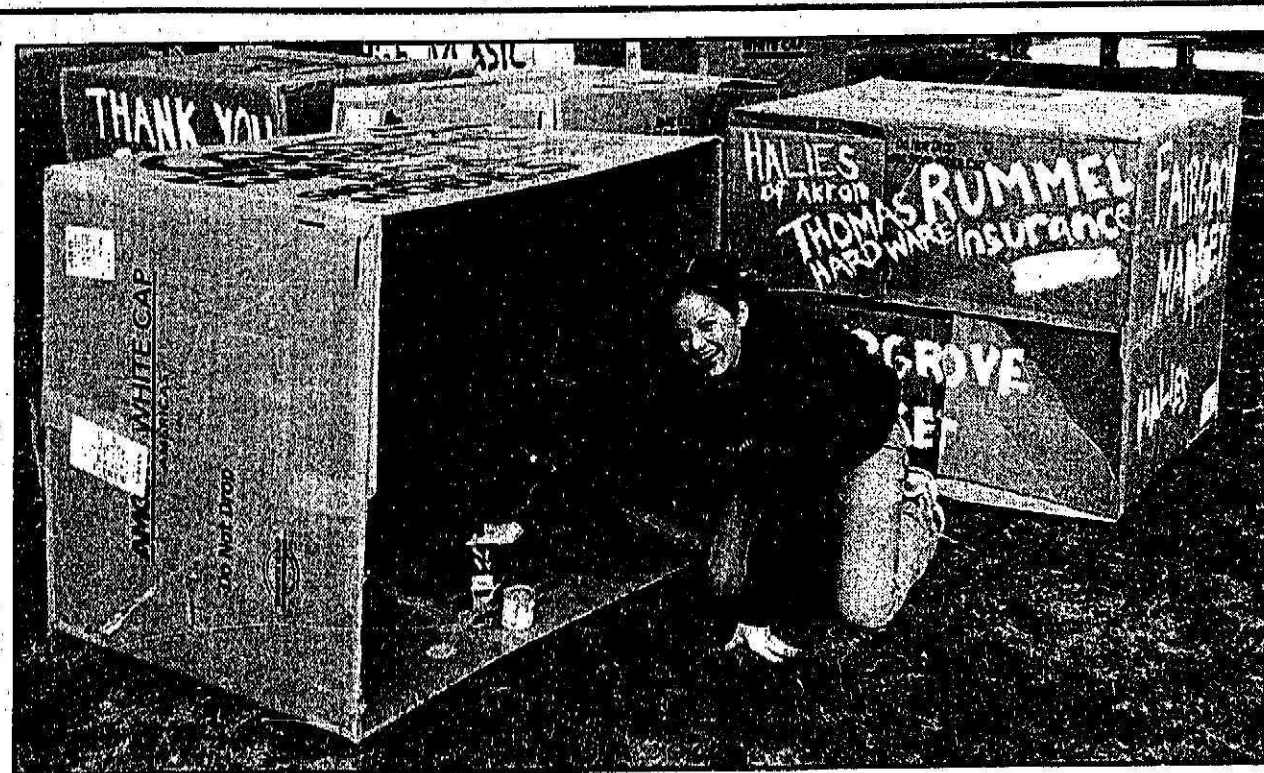
Howard, daughter of Randy and Pam Howard of Owendale, has earned a 3.91 grade point average.

She has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Club throughout her high school career, and became a member of the National Honor Society in her sophomore year. She is currently president of the NHS.

Howard served as class vice president in her junior year, currently serves as class representative to the Student Council, and is editor of the school newspaper. As a junior, she was chosen as a class representative for homecoming. She has been a member of the drama club, Academic Quiz Bowl and the Owen-Gage Band, currently serving as band secretary.

As a senior, Howard was named Senior Student of the Month in September, and was elected as a queen candidate for homecoming. She is also a teacher's aide.

Howard's future plans include attending Saginaw Valley State University. She has also received an SVSU Presidential Scholarship and a Michigan Merit Award.



## All boxed in....

CASS CITY HIGH School junior Allyson Bell paints her sleeping quarters on the front lawn of the Tuscola County Courthouse in preparation for the "Cardboard City Sleep Out" hosted by Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Friday night. An estimated 25 to 30 county high school students participated in the event, organized to raise awareness of homelessness and raise funds for homelessness prevention programs. The event raised roughly \$3,000.





CMU STUDENTS who displayed research projects in the rotunda of the State Capitol included geography major Edward Hartwick (center), pictured with state Sen. Alan Cropsey of DeWitt (left) and CMU faculty advisor David Patton. Hartwick studied how universities can improve their ability to market to students by using spatial and statistical data to create maps of student population distributions throughout the state.

## Hartwick participates in Capitol exhibition

Central Michigan University student Edward Hartwick of Cass City participated in the annual "Posters at the Capitol" research exhibition in Lansing April 2.

Hartwick, a senior majoring in geographic information science, presented research

on "Mapping Student Data." His project involved the creation of maps that show university student population distributions throughout the state.

A graduate of Cass City High School, he is the son of Janet Hartwick of Cass City

and Larry and Jeanne Hartwick of Kinde.

More than 25 projects by CMU students in industrial and engineering technology, computer science, biology, geography, chemistry, geology, physics, and earth science were exhibited in the Capitol Building rotunda.



Meg's Peg

Dreams

by Melva E. Gunther

Most of the people I talk with have one or more recurring nightmares, especially regarding school days, regardless of how far removed those days may be. You can't find your class, your locker, or school bus, or you're due for a test in a class that you know absolutely nothing about, not even where it meets.

This leads me to believe that education, even for good students, is a stressful experience.

My husband recently purchased a well-written and enjoyable book called "Sharing the Journey." It's not a book about dreams, but author Lon L. Emerick, who is a speech therapist and for over 30 years was a professor at Moorhead State, Northern Arizona University and Northern Michigan University, describes one.

In his nightmare he's busily grading students against a deadline imposed by the powers that be in academia, when he comes across an unfamiliar sheet - Phonetics and Speech Science. Enrollment 27 students.

"How...what happened? I don't remember - oh my God! Here's a class assigned to me and I didn't meet it for the entire semester! Panic grips me as I tear through my grade book to find some reference to this ghost class. Are the students still languishing in the assigned room, cobwebs clinging to their idle pencils?"

"My tendency to catastrophize kicks in and my thoughts race ahead to a somber summons from the Dean's office. A plaintive wail escapes my lips.

"Then through the panic I hear my wife's soothing voice, 'It's okay. It's just a bad dream.'"

It may be some consolation to the student victims of nightmares to realize that their teachers also have them. My most recent nightmare has to do with education but with Christmas.

In my dream, I'm coming home from a trip when I suddenly realize that it's Thursday afternoon and Christmas is Friday. I haven't done my Christmas shopping and the stores are about to close!

Now if you traditionally do your shopping on Christmas Eve, you may wonder what's the big deal. But for one who starts at the 2002 after-

Christmas sales for Christmas 2003, it's a source of high anxiety!

Do you suppose that indicates a wrong emphasis regarding the holiday?

My grandmother, who was a tad superstitious, took dreams very seriously. She believed in such things as "Dream about the dead, hear about the living", which to her meant that if you dreamed about someone who had died, you were bound to get bad news about someone who hadn't - yet.

I don't put a whole lot of stock in dreams, but the recurring ones do get my attention.

A nightmare I used to have as a child involved falling from the Cass River bridge, which was a mile from our house and on the way to our country school. I'd be clinging by my little fingernails, screaming for help and my mother always said, "Just wait till I get my shoes on."

I couldn't hold on long enough and always awoke as I plunged toward the river.

A Freudian psychologist would have a field day with that one, wouldn't he?

## 4-H camp applications available

Applications for 4-H camp are available for the 2003 Tri-County 4-H Camp.

Youth from Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties are encouraged to attend and do not need to be 4-H members. The camp will be held at Sleeper State Park July 7-9 for youth ages 8-11, and July 9-11 for youth ages 11-14. Living quarters include rustic cabins with bunks, restrooms, and dining hall. A trained staff, including a nurse, qualified cooks, camp director, waterfront director, and volunteer adult and teen counselors oversee operations at the camp.

The 4-H camp offers a golden opportunity for 4-H'ers and youth of the 3-county area to share experiences in camping.

Camp activities feature swimming, arts and crafts, and various sports, as well as a campfire. Campers will learn citizenship, meet new people, swap ideas, and have a fun and educational experience at camp.

The sessions are very similar but designed with age specific youth activities. The cost is \$35 per session.

For information, or a camp application, call the Sanilac County MSU Extension office at (810) 648-2515.

## It's a girl!



Kalee Joy Gray

Andrew and Kimberly Gray of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Kalee Joy Gray.

Kalee was born March 16, 2003 at Covenant Medical Center, Saginaw. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Jeff and Donna Castle of Harbor Beach and her paternal grandparents are Phil and Linda Gray of Cass City.

## Cass City Social Item

Ms. Aliceson Robinson Boston visited her grandfather Thomas Kolar last week. She is a graduate student at Harvard Business School. This summer she will intern at The Lincoln Center for the Arts in New York City.

## Senior Menu

Senior Dining Center Sponsored by HDC 6106 Beechwood Drive Cass City, MI 48726 Call Lois Remsing before 8:45 a.m. on the day you wish to come, 872-5089. This is a non smoking dining center. Please bring your own table service.

MAY 2-5-6

Friday - Agency is closed for annual meeting.

Monday - Pork chops in mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fruit.

Tuesday - Meatloaf, AuGratin potatoes, peas, bread, cookie.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, April 30

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 10 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Thursday, May 1

Friends of the Library meet, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Friday, May 2

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

### Monday, May 5

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. TOPS meets at the Detroit Edison building. Weigh in is from 6-6:30 p.m. Meeting is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If you have a little weight to lose come join us.

## Student selected

Twenty-three Alma College students - 19 juniors and four seniors - have been selected for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society. They were announced April 3 at Alma's 2003 Honors Convocation.

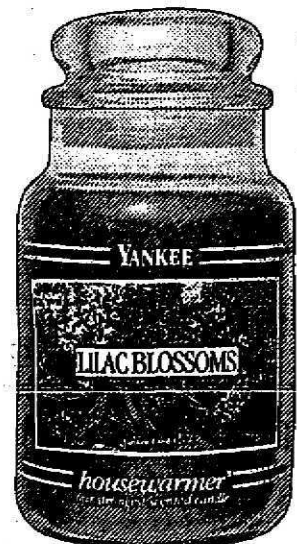
Among the new members is junior Ethan Dereszynski, a

Kingston High School graduate and the son of Gerald and Deborah Dereszynski. He is majoring in computer science.

To qualify for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, students must be juniors or seniors in the top third of their class and participate in a wide variety of campus activities.

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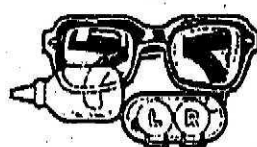
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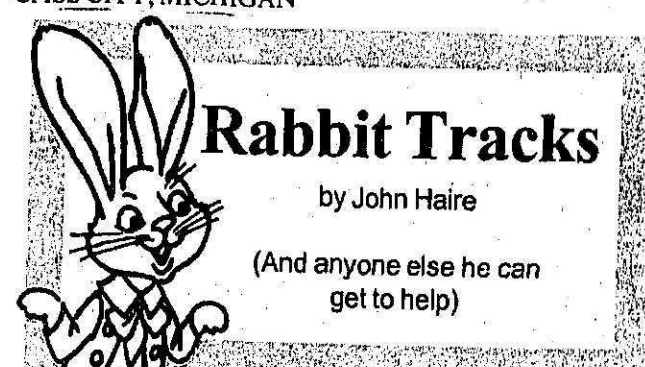
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Kudos to Larry Robinson for making life easy for reporters. He was in charge of Saturday's Gavel Club track meet Saturday.

The wealth of information in the story about the meet in this issue was provided by Robinson immediately after the event. It was great, but not surprising. Robinson always could be depended on all though the years that he coached at Cass City High School before he retired.

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Each time that the village cleans water lines a notice is published in the Chronicle warning residents that the water could stain clothes. It's an appreciated service. Something like it would have helped concerning yard work. Last week a reprint of a portion of the ordinance that, among other things, prohibits placing leaves in the gutter of the streets in the spring was printed.

The reason is that in the spring there are fewer leaves and the village doesn't want to hook up the necessary equipment to do the job. It is done in the fall free of charge.

Now there are leaves in the street that are not being picked up. It's not a new regulation, but for better public relations it may have been advantageous to handle it differently.

Instead of publishing the ordinance after most of the leaves have been raked, it would have been better to remind property owners before the work started.

To dispose of leaves now, a barrel marked with an X or a large paper sack can be used to hold leaves for pick up.

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Amazing!

We ran into Jane Hittler at McDonald's and she introduced me to a grandchild. She was born in China and never spoke English until coming to this country. She may be about 8 years old. I'm not sure about that, but I am sure that she speaks English like a native, without an accent.

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Cass City's service clubs will be busy next Tuesday giving the downtown a good cleaning. Starting at around 5:30 p.m., they especially will target behind Main Street Stores. Give a club member a pat on the back when you see one to let them know their efforts are appreciated.

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# Huron hospital, union reach pact agreement

Huron Medical Center and SEIU Local 79 reached a tentative agreement on a new contract last week after 17 months of negotiations, averting a strike planned for Wednesday, April 23.

An official contract ratification vote is scheduled for this week and will be taken to the medical center's board thereafter.

SEIU Local 79, the largest health care union in the state, represents 118 service and maintenance workers at Huron Medical Center.

The tentative agreement covers 4 years and provides for wage increases and retroactive pay. The agreement also includes the health and other benefit package offered to all other employees

and management at the hospital.

"The last thing caregivers want to do is strike, and so reaching an agreement is the best thing that could have happened," said SEIU Local 79 President Willie Hampton.

"This contract has been a long time in coming, and a year and a half of retroactive pay will be most welcome to the workers and their families," he added. "Workers are glad to be looking toward the future and focusing on the most important business of providing top quality care to the Thumb."

"We are very pleased to reach an agreement before the strike deadline," said Larry Davis, Huron Medical Center president and CEO.

"SEIU Local 79 and the medical center share a very long history, and with this contract agreement nothing stands in the way of us working together to offer the best working environment as well as providing the best possible care for the communities we serve, which includes Huron County and northern Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

## U-W distributions total some \$60,000

United Way of Tuscola County officials recently announced the distribution of \$60,000 to various groups following the 2002 fundraising campaign.

"Although this amount is somewhat less than our campaign goal, it represents an increase of more than \$10,000 over last year's allocations," said Ray Bates, United Way Board president.

Non-profit organizations receiving funding in 2003 are:

American Association of University Women Literacy Program, the American Red Cross-East Shoreline Chapter, Caro Baseball Federation, Cass City Girls Softball, Cass City Boys Little and Pony League, Foster Grandparent Program, Friends of the Octagon Barn, Innerlink Youth Runaway Program, Cardinal Center, Kingston Community Schools, Lake Huron Area Boy Scouts, Lakeshore Legal Aid, Mitten Bay Girl Scouts, Rawson Memorial Library, Reese Little League, the Fowler Center, Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, Thumb Area Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Thumb Compassionate Friends, Children's Special Health Services, Tuscola County Health Department, Tuscola County Homeless Coalition, Tuscola Place for Peace, Unity District Library,

and the Vassar Historical Society.

"Although the official fundraising campaign is in the fall each year, additional donations are always welcome," Bates said, adding contributions can be mailed to the United Way of Tuscola County, P.O. Box 51, Cass City, MI 48726.

The United Way is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, licensed by the state to solicit charitable funds. All donations are tax deductible.

## The Haire Net



Our esteemed columnist Melva Guinther, who writes "Meg's Peg", took off on athletics saying "...overemphasis on jocks in high school and even before has always bothered me."

Every kid should play and be taught how to lose gracefully, but they should have fun while learning all of this, she pontificates. Now there's an oxymoron if I ever heard one.

It's sure that Melva has lots of readers who wholeheartedly agree with her, especially those who have never tasted the thrill of victory or the dregs of losing.

Good sportsmanship is emphasized these days and well it should be because every player at every level, high school, college or professional, have been losers.

There's nothing new to Melva's stance that every kid on the team should play, so they would not feel inferior. There's a place for that. It's called physical education.

The fact is that life is a series of challenges, winners or losers. Two weeks ago this paper listed the valedictorians at Cass City High School. The winners in the scholastic battles among the students.

Should Cass City follow the lead of the schools that don't select valedictorians, so that no graduate would feel inferior?

Melva goes on to say, "Too often, during a kid's most formative years, he is led to believe that if he's not an athlete, he's not worth much." Athletics today are just one activity, and kids are admired by the students just as much for making the scholastic team or winning a part in the school play.

There is a sports emphasis that I would change if I could. That's practicing and playing games during the summer months. But that's impossible, unless the school tosses competitive sports with other schools. It would be nice to have it like it once was in days long gone by, where fall sports were played in the fall, winter sports in the winter and spring sports in the spring.

Summer was for vacations or jobs and the coaches and the kids had the time off. You can't have that and become what the school and the community at large demands, a winning, or at least a very competitive, team.

Like it or not, high school sports binds a small community together and if it takes year-around effort with the best players playing, so be it.



## The back forty

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by Roger Pond

I got a chuckle from a news story about security in rural courthouses. I don't know what causes it, but something in my personality makes me laugh about serious matters.

The news report says small town courthouses now have signs instructing visitors to leave weapons outside courthouses. Most counties have banned all weapons from the courthouse, and security buzzers have been installed in many government offices.

I know employee safety is a growing concern for public and private employers, but old memories of courthouse happenings continue to challenge my solemn demeanor.

I was lucky. All of my years of government servitude were spent in county extension offices. These are located at the far end of the courthouse, down in the basement, or in some god-forsaken annex several blocks away.

Extension agents have it made when it comes to security. If anyone gets really mad at the county agent, he's pretty well cooled off by the time he can find the office.

We didn't see a lot of riff-raff or people off the street, either. They simply couldn't find us.

My desk was quite a distance from the sheriff's office, but that was never a concern. I figured if someone thought I killed her houseplants the sheriff probably wasn't going to protect me anyway.

Nobody had security buzzers when I worked in the courthouse, and I can see the wisdom in that line of thinking. The news article I mentioned earlier says a maintenance official has fixed two bullet holes in one county courthouse during the past six years.

Both of these plaster wounds were caused by accidental discharges of firearms by sheriff's deputies. I don't know about you, but I would think twice before pushing an emergency buzzer hooked-up to one of those guys.

The main thing I remember about courthouse security was the way we treated trustees from the jail. The custodian was the jailer, also, and he was pretty good at finding chores for the inmates. One of the choice jobs for

the jail trustees was skinning deer that had been killed on the road. Centerline venison was a staple on the jail menu in those days, and someone had to skin it out and cut it up.

Many times I have trudged down to the courthouse basement looking for the custodian, and there would be a deer carcass hanging from the ceiling and a couple of inmates whacking away with their butcher knives.

One day I was upstairs at the front desk in the sheriff's office, when two of the jail trustees came trundling through. They were wearing those orange prisoner

jumpsuits and pushing a cart filled with butcher knives, whetstones, and saws.

"We can't get the cart down the stairs, so Bill said to use the elevator," they told the deputy at the front desk. Then the trustees proceeded out the door and down the main hallway of the courthouse.

The deputy watched as the men in orange pushed their cart full of knives and saws down the public hallway and waited for the elevator to the basement. Then she turned around and said to me, "You know there's something about that picture that just doesn't look quite right."

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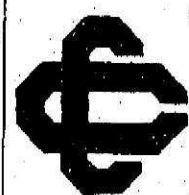
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## Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

I wish to provide answers to a few questions that have been commonly asked recently.

QUESTION 1 - Will the school have to make up any days this year? When will the last day of school be?

ANSWER - At this point, we will not be making up any inclement weather days. So, our last day of school for students is still scheduled to be a half-day on Monday, June 9th.

QUESTION 2 - Do we have a school calendar for next year?

ANSWER - Yes, the entire calendar is set for the 2003-2004 school year. The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, August 26th. We are not allowed to have school on the Friday before Labor Day, so there will be no school on Friday, August 29th and Monday, September 1st. The remainder of our school calendar will be printed with our opening school information later this summer.

QUESTION 3 - We read and hear about major financial problems a lot of schools are having. What is happening with the Cass City Schools?

ANSWER - We too, are experiencing similar types of financial problems that other Michigan schools are because per student funding is not expected to increase next year. Fortunately we are expected to see the same per student funding that we received this year, but as we all know, costs continue to rise. Because we made reductions in our staff last year, we are not affected as severely as many other schools, but with no increase in funding and the possibility of a small student decline, it will be necessary for our school to make reductions. Our past practice has been to adjust staff through the attrition process; that is make personnel adjustments when people leave the district. This will be our intended approach again this year. That is why you do not hear talk, in our district, about layoffs. Additionally, we will be reducing costs in the areas of: transportation (not buying a bus next year), capital outlay and expenditures and other areas which are deemed appropriate. Our overall objective is to keep our district financially sound while providing the very best educational opportunities for our students that we possibly can.

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

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## Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant

## Branch office in Caro to close

Last Friday, April 25, 2003, there was a "Cardboard City Sleepout." This was held on the courthouse lawn in Caro.

The reason for the "Cardboard City Sleepout" was to raise money for the homeless in Tuscola County.

The check-in for the event was from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The students who participated had to bring their own sleeping bag and flashlight. Most of the cardboard boxes were supplied and already set up for the students. They also had the opportunity to bring one luxury item of their choice. This could be a pillow or food, but only one thing. During the night, there were events for the sleepers to participate in. The winners of the games were awarded food. This event concluded at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The Future Youth Involvement (FYI) Organization sponsored the event. The organization gives grants to youth who need it. If any organization would like a grant from FYI they have to send them forms and ask for what they would like. When

the FYI raises money for a cause, they will give a portion of the money earned or all of it, depending on the situation.

There are 21 student representatives in our county. Allyson Bell is Cass City's representative. She has been involved with FYI since her freshman year of high school. Some other projects that she has been involved in besides the "Cardboard City Sleepout" are Big Brother's/Big Sister's Bowl-A-Thon, and Christmas in July. Right now Cass City is looking for a new representative who is a freshman or sophomore that will be able to take over Allyson's job when she graduates next year.

There were many people that helped make this event a success. Besides the members from FYI, many National Honor Society members from area schools helped as well. Sarah Hobbs, a National Honor Society member said, "Although it seems a bit superficial, the 'Cardboard City Sleepout' was a very productive way of making people aware of the homelessness around this area." Each student that participated received a pledge sheet and had to raise a minimum of \$20 in pledges. They could get these pledges from community members or businesses. All the students who participated in this event were volunteers.

There was a survey called the "Point-In-Time" survey that was conducted on January 24, 2003. This survey reported that there were 12 single homeless adults, 2 families with children who were homeless, 4 single adults and 3 families with children who were enrolled in a transitional housing program as a result of being homeless, and 7 single adults and 3 families with children who were at-risk of becoming homeless due to fragile housing status (impending eviction/foreclosure) or doubled-up status (living with other family members).

The money that was raised will be going to the homeless in Tuscola County. I think that the "Cardboard City Sleepout" was a great way to let the public know what is happening in and around our area. I'm glad that many students were willing to give up some of their time and volunteer at this event. This is a problem that is real and that some people face every day.

The Caro Secretary of State branch office located at 130 Millwood St., Caro, will be closed Monday, May 12, through Friday, May 16, for remodeling.

The branch office will close at the end of the business day Friday, May 9, and will re-open promptly at 9 a.m. Monday, May 19.

Residents wishing to transact business Monday, May 12, through Friday, May 16, are encouraged to visit one of the following nearby branch offices: Vassar, 117 S. Main (989) 823-2668; Bay City, 1007 N. Euclid Ave. (989) 667-0558; or Sandusky, 277 E. Sanilac (810) 648-4553.

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Motorists who need to renew license plates can avoid a trip to a branch office by renewing by mail, or if eligible, touch-tone telephone or Internet. Easy to follow renewal instructions are enclosed with the renewal notice.

The Secretary of State regrets this inconvenience, but expects the office renovation will result in improved service at the Caro branch office.

## Bus trip tickets on sale

Tickets are available at Rawson Memorial Library for the Antique Bus Trip sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The trip to Flushing and Rankin is slated for May 13. The bus will leave from the parking lot behind the Cass City Municipal Building at 7:45 a.m. and return at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Antique dealer, Gail Smith, will lead the tour, which will include 2 antique malls and other antique and specialty shops. Cost is \$20. Lunch is on your own.

For more information, or to reserve your ticket, call the library at 872-2856. Only 18 tickets are left, so get yours now.

# Letters to the editor

## Letter left his feathers ruffled

Dear Editor,

As a subscriber to the Chronicle, every week I like to browse through the paper to catch up on the local news and events. One of my favorite things to read is the Letters to the Editor section.

After reading a letter from Mr. Bob Papovich certainly made me stop and think. I have to admit though that after putting a lot of thought into what was presented to me, the end result left my feathers a little ruffled. While, for the most part, I believe that government interference into personal lives is wrong, it can be justified when it is needed to protect the well being of others. Those who enforce these policies are not "gun-toting government thugs."

An example was given by Mr. Papovich about a man whose yard art was deemed a junkyard by those around him. If something like this affected the well being of others, especially their health, should something have been done? You bet something should be done.

Do we enjoy neighbors who play music so loud the whole block can hear or people who do not mow their grass, which allows for unwanted critters such as fleas to invade our yards and get onto our pets? In most cases, absolutely not! Next-door neighbors like these are in most cases as wanted as a federal penitentiary across the street from our child's school.

The one thing that really caused me to want to write my own response was the point made that there are those who are "Real-Americans" and all others who aren't are "Socialist-Americans," who are better recognized as "gun-toting thugs." So what does being a Real-American really mean, and does being a Socialist-American make us a threat to others?

The concept of being a "Real-American," like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. I have the deepest respect for all soldiers who fight to keep the U.S. a nation free from tyranny. They

give us all the opportunity to be real Americans, for without them, there would be no such nation under a flag of fifty stars and thirteen stripes and yes, maybe even under God as well.

To me, being a Real-American is about voting in elections, writing to your congressman and, in general, taking place in all democratic opportunities that are provided to us. While I may be the last person on Earth that should be asked to support gun control, the way that many people can interpret and twist the second amendment absolutely blows my mind. The amendment was to ensure the "states" the right to have their own militias, to which citizens could be involved with. I do not believe that this gives us the right to own a gun in order to blast anyone who steps into our yard and tells us we should mow our lawns or clean up our yards as a common courtesy to those around us.

Amazingly enough, this is how many people interpret

the second amendment. Don't get me wrong, I own a couple guns myself, but for this reason I believe government workers who have the job to enforce ordinances should be armed, but only for their own protection against these Americans and not as a method for the actual enforcement.

Something else about that letter made me really stop and think. In his letter, Mr. Papovich said something about Socialist-Americans being descendants of King George. My question is, since when was King George a socialist? Sure he may have been a tyrant, but by no means was he a socialist. The term "socialism" seems to me, to have been twisted around to accommodate the definition of a form of government.

Socialism was proposed by Karl Marx, who was a sociologist, and to my knowledge was not a government official. Marx, introduced his idea, mostly in the form of an economic plan, in an attempt to one day eliminate the social class system.

It is also my belief that he never was or planned on becoming a "tyrant." "Socialism" started as an economic plan whose opposite was capitalism, not democracy because democracy is a system of government.

A key element of socialism is that the government is a tool for equally distributing resources to its people. Equal distribution results in the disappearance of social classes, which, of course, does also include those within the governmental system. There are no rich and no poor. Everyone is equal. This is a concept that some of us Americans have taken for granted because we have access to resources we need. To me, the idea of no persecution and discrimination based on social class is a wonderful idea. Marx had a good thing going until some people took his ideas a little bit too literally and turned them into a form of government.

This brings me to another good point. Wasn't equality a primary reason for settlers to come to America? To escape from the persecution of an "oppressive government?" And hasn't equality for all people been also promised through the constitution? Yes there have been many forms of oppressive government throughout history, however, yet none of

them have ever been coined as "socialists." How about we get back to common sense here, it is leaders who make governments oppressive, not economic plans.

America could benefit from a few socialistic ideas. For example, our neighbors to the north, Canada, along with a few other non-socialist nations, have implemented a system of national health care to everyone, so that no one person can be denied the health care that they need.

Mr. Papovich asked us to ask ourselves if we could think of any aspect of our society that is not being or attempted to be controlled by some branch of the government. I would like to reverse that question and have you ask yourself, how has some government control of certain businesses benefited me as an American? I can think of one great example where such is true. Every day it seems that I hear Americans complain about the prices of gasoline. Think about this, if the government did not require automakers to build cars with a minimum gas mileage, wouldn't our gas buying problems be that much worse? Obviously, a car that gets five miles to the gallon is not very efficient and would cause us to spend even more money on gasoline.

Government also regulates most businesses from becoming illegal monopolies who could charge us unreal prices for necessary goods and services.

So what am I? Am I a Real-American or just a threat to society because I think a few socialistic ideas and government regulations could benefit our nation?

Being a Real-American cannot be inherited. It is yet another freedom provided to us by a government and enforced by our brave soldiers who also, of course, are "gun-toters" but certainly not communists or thugs by any means.

Also, I would like to extend my thanks to all those serving in the military, whether they are on the front lines or not, I greatly appreciate your services.

Stephen A. Yax, Marquette (formerly of Cass City) Real-American, who believes a few socialistic ideas and some government intervention could benefit us all greatly.

## Weight room not only problem

Letter to the Editor:

Having read in the "Rabbit Tracks" column of the 3/23/03 edition of the Cass City Chronicle that Mr. Ben Varney of Cass City, "Believes that the weight room now available is inadequate." He believes that is the reason that Cass City athletes fade against other teams, especially in football. He may in fact be right that the weight room is inadequate for conditioning of athletes, but that's just part of the problem.

As a parent of several elite athletes, trainer, coach, and an individual that has been involved in athletic training for over 40 years, I take issue with the weight room being the sole problem. In fact, strength building by improper weight training, done too early, in a child's growth can lead to serious medical problems. I know through experience, and this fact is validated by many studies.

National studies show that the problem we are having with our athletes is due to the removal of mandatory physical education classes in the primary grades. It is clear that due to the fact, our children are not getting involved in some form of organized athletic games until middle school; studies are finding that our children lack coordination, agility, strength and timing. Our children are more sedentary today.

They have great hand-eye coordination, this due to the use of computers and playing computer games. But they can't run, are gaining weight at an uncontrollable rate because they sit and ride wherever they go.

A total program needs to be developed from grades one through 12 with a foundation in running, or walking, long distance for the development of stamina if we want to produce good athletes. If one has no endurance, it matters little how strong they are for any athletic endeavor.

Carmichael Training System has evidence, stamina is key, as demonstrated by Lance Armstrong's continuing dominance in the Tour de France. Chris Carmichael, coach and trainer of Lance, has continually validated stamina is key by producing continuous winners in many fields of athletic competition. Spending \$25,000 in a limited focus area "to guarantee good teams as these athletes enter high school competition" is letting our school board off the hook. It is also a very large mistaken notion.

Developing a good athlete takes a plan from the time they are very young. They need to develop coordination, agility, and enjoy athletic games. For a super athlete, genetics enters the picture; but here I'm talking about our average children. This development needs to begin very early in a child's life. Then by the beginning of the sixth grade I believe this is the time to start formal developmental training for both strength and stamina, with far less focus on strength and more focus on stamina in their beginning years.

As an example, my daughter Annja Tanton-Carmichael started her training in multiple sports at the fourth grade level. Her older siblings all excelled in some form of organized sports. It was clear early in her development that Annja had the desire to become a Scholar-Warrior type individual.

She had expressed the desire to try boxing or a martial art form, these areas being more my interest than hers. I detracted her and requested that she first do one thing; and that was run to develop stamina. All boxers have to run, whether they like it or not. To be pounded in the ring for 3 minutes takes a lot of running on the road. I have never understood why football coaches, except for a few, never put this together. A boxer pounds and gets pounded with not very much protection but gloves and a cup. This punishment can go on for as long as 36 minutes,

with a one-minute rest between each round.

Football players are asked to pound and get pounded, wearing a great deal of protection and given plenty of rest in between plays. Yet the latter do little to no real roadwork. Year round conditioning by running and early introduction to sports activity will do the job that Mr. Varney hopes to guarantee.

Again, I say year round conditioning through cross training. If the parents of the Cass City School System insist on a concentrated physical educational development program from grades one through 12, this city will reap its reward in all sports activities.

Coaches need to get their head out of their little sports area and look at the overall development of the child versus all sports. To push one sport, as is done, over another is cheating our children and their athletic development.

I see champion runners that will never make it in the weight room. I also see football players that will be running in the back of the pack, at the end of the cross-country line. Yet, if they would participate in year round road training work, they will dominate front line center on a football team. I see boxers that will never have a chance because of no training and no ring. I fear they will end up with my friend Art Dorr in the Toughman contests. Fifty thousand dollars is a lot of money. I'd suggest that there may be a better way in helping our athletes develop.

In the Cass City School System, however, there needs to be a long-term coordinated program. There is no quick fix on this problem that is now nation wide in our schools.

Russ Carmichael, Cass City

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# "Father O'Dillon"

## Veteran Cass City counselor announces retirement

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Ask Wayne Dillon about his decision to retire in June after nearly 40 years in education, and he'll tell you he saw the signs.

"Signs" prompted him to make the painful decision to give up a decades long family-farming tradition about 2 1/2 years ago, and "signs" helped the veteran Cass City High School guidance counselor decide it was time to call it quits after more than 36 years in the local school district.

"I asked (former Cass City Supt.) Don (Crouse), when will I know when to retire," Dillon recently recalled. "He said, 'you'll know. There will be signs'."

Those signs, Dillon explained, included the Cass City Board of Education's decision in March to offer a

retirement incentive package — \$24,651 — to the first 6 teachers with 10 or more years of service in the district.

Perhaps more important is the fact that Dillon wants to pursue some other interests while he still has good health. He survived a bout with cancer 3 or 4 years ago and says he plans to earn his real estate license this summer.

Equally important have been changes in the nature of Dillon's job, especially since he took over the duties of former counselor Jerry Cleland about 5 years ago. At that time Dillon approached school officials with an idea of taking on additional duties, such as preparing college applications, in addition to counseling students and running one of the most successful co-op/work experience programs in the Thumb.

"It's list after list after list. I'm getting tired of lists - the paperwork," Dillon said, adding the work has gradually whittled down the time he has to spend with students, one-on-one.

### FATHER O'DILLON

Dillon is sure to be missed. Students affectionately refer to the personable counselor as "Father O'Dillon", a nickname he embraces as much as his Irish ancestry and a love for his hometown of Colwood.

"Of course, I was born and raised in Colwood, and I'm very proud of that," he said. "I've done the history of Colwood. It used to be called Dillonville. In 1953 there were 50-some Dillons living there."

Dillon attended the old one-room Remington School, which still stands but has been converted into a home. Later, he attended school at

St. Agatha's in Gagetown, then spent his last 4 years attending school in Cass City.

Throughout those years, farming was an integral part of life for Dillon, who recalled practicing his graduation speech (he was named president of his senior class in 1962) aboard a John Deere A farm tractor.

In fact, his love of the farm helped him choose Central Michigan University over Western Michigan University because the shorter distance would enable him to stay closer to home.

Dillon pursued a degree in teaching after his high school counselor suggested a career as a shop teacher. He graduated in 1966 and taught industrial ed at Coleman High School. He also married his wife, Sherry. A year later, Crouse hired both of them to teach in Cass City - Wayne as a junior high industrial ed and social studies instructor, and Sherry the second grade.

Wayne subsequently earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling, and after 4 years at the high school, began counseling part-time. Crouse later encouraged Dillon to serve as a full-time counselor, and asked him to develop a co-op program.

"I said, 'what's a co-op program,'" Dillon recalled, adding he was enthusiastic after Crouse explained the program would enable students to work part-time in jobs related to their career interests. "I said, 'I think that's a great concept - you learn so much on the job.'"

Dillon took the idea and ran with it, signing up 27 high school students to work in various jobs in the program's first year, 1972-73. He also spent hours developing contacts in the business community, visiting each one personally.

The program has since grown, peaking with 150 students participating in one year. This year Dillon has 115 juniors and seniors taking advantage of co-op/work experiences.

Dillon has kept a notebook throughout the years, filling in the names of every student - including his own sons, Jeff and Scott - who have been involved in the now 30-year-old program. He figures there have been 2,000 different students in all.

kids in my career," said Dillon, who is quick to point out that it's the students who have kept him in education.

"The kids, the kids," he said. "The kids are not one of the 'signs'. I want to make that clear," he added.

"I loved the freedom of being a counselor. It ended up I worked with all the kids and not just the boys (in shop classes). The girls bring a whole different perspective - I was scared with that at first," Dillon continued.

"I liked working with the 4-points (grade point average students) as much as the point-As, and I tried to treat every kid like a brother or sister."

Over the years, Dillon has become known for "the speech", one he has repeated countless times to students who have a difficult time getting on track with their education and career goals.

"God gives everybody a gift, and one day you'll realize what your gift is, and you'll use it. And when you find your niche, you'll get your act together," Dillon said. He added parents play a big role in helping students to succeed. "As long as you give your kids 2 things - roots, and you give them wings, and wings are the most difficult thing."

Dillon recalled giving his speech to one particular student. "I told him, 'when you think you have your act together, call me.'" About 10 years later, that student called Dillon from Australia, where he was running a U.S. Navy communications system. "He said, 'Mr. Dillon, you keep giving that speech.'"

### TRADITION ENDS

While Dillon continued to farm throughout much of his career in education, he made the decision to quit in 2000. "I had some signs farming," he said. "First of all, my equipment's old. It's paid for, but it's old. And, I found climbing up and down the tractor was not the pleasure it was when I was 40."

"I loved it, but didn't like fixing things all the time." At one time Dillon farmed 400 acres, but in recent years his acreage dwindled to about 120.

"I almost quit teaching in '82-83. I could have made twice or 3 times the money farming. It was the golden era of farming," he recalled. "My mother said, 'God never meant for farmers to be rich, and boy was she right.'"

That golden era ended, and for Dillon the tradition ended after a miserable 2000 crop. He recalled a beautiful bean crop that was pounded by rain. He replanted and was again hit by hard rain. "Then came the monsoon. The weeds came into the rows. Pretty soon they overtook the beans," he said.

"That (decision to stop farming) was probably more difficult for me than my decision to quit education," Dillon confided. "The Dillons have been farming since 1879 in Colwood - I was the last Dillon to farm."

Still, leaving education isn't easy, and Dillon has no plan to completely cut his ties with students. For example, he's considering substitute teaching, perhaps for an industrial class at the Tuscola Technology Center.

"I'll keep busy," said Dillon, who also plans to continue serving as the announcer for Cass City varsity football games.

"I've had some great co-workers. I've had some great superintendents who have given me a lot of freedom, believe me," Dillon added, noting he's enjoyed a great deal of support from the school board and community during his career.

"I just don't want to wait one year too long (to retire)," he said. "I love getting up and coming to work 99 percent of the time, and I don't want that to drop to 80 percent of the time."

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## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Yanowski



### 5 YEARS AGO

A pair of unnamed businesses are looking at moving into Cass City's Industrial Park, and village and local Economic Development Corporation officials have joined forces to encourage both companies. The Village Council, during a monthly meeting Monday night, approved a Cass City EDC offer to spend up to \$25,000 towards the extension of village utilities to the industrial park. In return, the village agreed to provide an estimated \$11,000 in in-kind labor and equipment for the project.

From swimming to softball leagues, area residents will pay more this year to use the facilities and programs available at Cass City Recreation Park. The Cass City Village Council Monday approved a new slate of village fees, most targeting recreational activities. Village Manager Jane Downing indicated the new fee structure is designed to help the village recoup some of the costs of maintaining the pool.

Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash, a finalist for 2 intermediate school district superintendent posts, has opted to remain in Cass City. After interviewing last week in Sanilac County, Micklash said he and the Sanilac ISD board mutually agreed that he would not pursue that position, and he has since withdrawn his name from the Mecosta-Osceola post. "I and my wife did some deep soul searching and we decided we don't want to leave Cass City at this time," Micklash said Monday. "We're just not ready to do that (move). We enjoy being here too much."

### 10 YEARS AGO

A request for a liquor license for Northwood Shores Restaurant and Golf Course sparked the regular monthly meeting of the village council last Tuesday, when a dozen interested residents crowded the usually deserted council chambers in the Cass City Municipal Building. Approval of the license was granted by a 5-0 vote after lengthy discussion. Village President Lambert Althaver opened the discussion by saying that the request had been reviewed by both the village attorney and the village's planning com-

sultants and that the serving of liquor at the restaurant was within the zoning codes for the area.

Jennifer Sweeney has been named Uby High School's Class of 1993 valedictorian. She has earned a 3.985 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Salutatorian has been earned by Matt Lamke. He carries a grade point average of 3.912.

Cass City Floral has come full circle with the opening of a greenhouse in the rear of the flower shop at the corner of Main and Leach Streets this weekend. Early in its history, the company operated a greenhouse under the ownership of George and Maxine Clara. It was abandoned and later torn down, although the company continued to prosper. The new greenhouse is 38 by 40 feet. George Clara says that he can't recall exactly how big the original facility was. It had 4 "houses" and was about 20 by 50 feet, he guessed.

### 25 YEARS AGO

To protest the lack of a contract, Cass City teachers picketed Monday in front of the high school, intermediate school and Campbell Elementary. The teachers picketed from 7:15 a.m. until time to report to their buildings for start of classes.

Construction of the addition and renovation at Hills and Dales General Hospital has been delayed again, which has hospital administrator Ken Jensen worried about ever increasing costs. Estimated cost of the project is now \$1,060,000 and Jensen says the cost of construction is going up every day. "We're watching the situation very closely," he said. Cause of the latest delay is at the state agency in Lansing, which must approve the completed construction plans before the hospital can advertise for bids.

Ray and Delores Garety are foster parents. They wouldn't have it any other way. But, they caution would-be foster parents, taking on such a responsibility isn't a bed of roses. In fact, the advantages aren't always obvious. "It's hard to explain the positive things, they're not tangible," said Garety. "There are feelings that are

impossible to put into words."

### 35 YEARS AGO

FFA Members Bruce McLeish, Ken Krueger and Dave Little work towards the completion of planting 2,150 trees around the perimeter of the Cass City landfill. Trees being planted include 350 Red Pine, 1,350 White Pine and 450 Australian Pine. The trees were purchased by the village from the Tuscola County Conservation Department and are being planted under the direction of Lyle Clarke, agricultural teacher.

Proposed curb and gutter work on Oak Street from Seed Street to Third Street will be restudied because of the lack of petition signing by property owners south of Main to Third, it was decided Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the Village Council at the Municipal Building. John Haire, one of the property owners in the block south of Main that has not signed the petition, said that his concern was the three trees that would be cut under the present plans for curb. He suggested parallel parking. Parallel parking was frowned on because of the loss of parking space.

Sgt. Randy L. McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh McConnell, Mt. Clemens, formerly of Cass City, was wounded in the chest and chin during combat in Vietnam. He is recovering in the hospital at Cam Ranh Bay. Sgt. McConnell, a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division, has been wounded four times since arriving in Vietnam on Dec. 6, 1967. He has been awarded the Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, and will soon be awarded the Silver Star.

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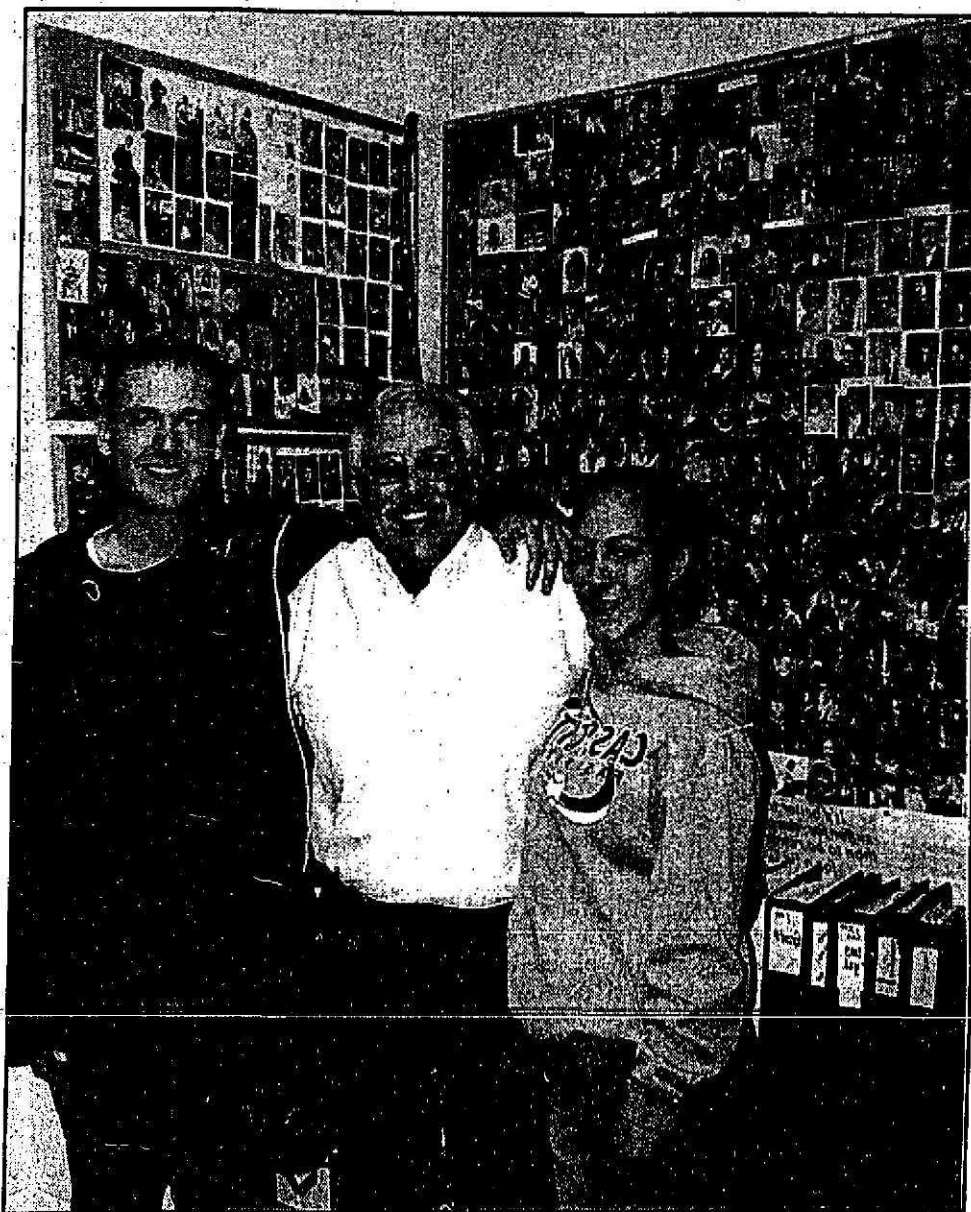
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## Hawks hold on for 2-1 victory

The Hawks returned from Easter break and scored a pair of goals early and then held on for a 2-1 decision over Sandusky Wednesday.

We played a strong game, coach Chuck Reed said. Sarah Hobbs scored from outside the 18-yard box on an assist from Ashley Timon. Amanda Sullins scored what proved to be the winning goal as she capped a good run with an unassisted score. Hobbs and Sullins had several other scoring opportunities as did Annjea Tanton and Jenna Timko. Timko continues to improve her offensive skills. Liza Volmering and Liz Hoyt also contributed to the offensive pressure.

Cyndi Henn played a strong game in net, allowing only a bad hop goal. She should continue to get better, Reed said, as the season progresses. Talisa Talaski, Erica Delamarter and Ally Bell had exceptionally good games, Reed pointed out.

The defense has keyed the team and the intensity of play this year will need to continue at a high level as league play starts.

Megan Cronk, back from an ankle injury, and Katie McIntosh share the other defensive slot and both play well when on the field.

Sandusky had 13 shots on goal and the Hawks, 12.



## EYE FEET COORDINATION

Red Hawk Talisa Talaski makes a play for host Cass City in soccer action Wednesday against Sandusky. The Hawks registered a 2-1 victory.



THE WINDY HILL PLAYERS are (front, l-r) Marilyn Green, Heather Weiler, Joan Merchant, Dan Dickinson, Dora Fobear, Janelle Dickinson and Director Dolly Misch; (back, l-r) Ron Kittle, Dave Weiler, Rev. George Ward, Bob Wood, Scott DeQuenay, Tom Proctor, Gil Schwaderer and Morris Powell.

## O-G loses rare NCTL defeat

It looked for a while as if the Owen-Gage Bulldogs were going to start another all-winning streak in the North Central Thumb League similar to the one that was posted last year as the team walked off with the title.

But last week was a bummer for the Bulldogs as the team bowed 3 times in 4 games.

The league loss to Memphis was particularly frustrating because Owen-Gage opened with a 5-run first inning only to see Memphis bounce back to win, 8-5.

Matt Gaeth started, pitched the distance and allowed 8 hits and 3 walks. The third inning was a turning point in the game. Memphis scored 4 runs and 3 were unearned.

Jeremy Kady led O-G with a home run, single and 2 RBIs.

In a reversal of the action in the first game, Owen-Gage came from behind to win the nightcap, 10-4. Memphis bounced out to a 2-1 lead in the first inning, but the Bulldogs pounded out 4 runs in the third and 3 more in the fourth inning to secure the win.

Adam Kain (1-1) got the win, giving up 11 hits, and helped his own cause with a home run. Kady collected a pair of doubles and Trace Lopez 2 singles.

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## Great week for Cass City baseball and softball teams

### Boys win pair of doubleheaders

So far, so good, but the big tests remain.

The Cass City Red Hawk baseball team won all 4 games last week, defeating the Lakers twice in the Greater Thumb Conference West and also took a twin bill from Harbor Beach.

This week the Hawks have a full slate. Monday they were scheduled to meet Marlette and Thursday a conference clash is slated at Bad Axe. Saturday a 4-team tourney is scheduled at Cass City. Included in the tourney will be Owen-Gage and Vassar.

Waiting in the wings May 15 and 19 are games with the GTW powerhouses, Reese and Bay City All Saints.

The Hawks played the 2 doubleheaders on successive days starting with Harbor Beach. Cass City took the opener 13-3 with Nick Stoutenburg picking up the win. Sopezyński took the loss. Matt Stoutenburg and Jake Brinkman had 2 hits each. Scott Thane drove in 3 runs.

In the second game Brandon Stec went the distance to get the win, 11-2. Chris Dillon and Craig Holmgren collected 3 hits each and Stec, Brinkman and Matt Stoutenburg chipped in 2 each.

Mazure took the loss and Martine and Polega banked out a pair of hits for the Pirates.

#### LAKER GAMES

Cass City exploded for 5 runs in the fifth inning to break open a tight game and went on from there to register a 10-5 decision. Chris Maharg got the win. In 6 innings he allowed one hit, struck out 7 and walked 6. Josh LePage was the loser. He went 4 1/3 innings, struck out 3, allowed 5 hits and walked 6.

Leading stickers for the Hawks included Matt Stoutenburg, one hit, 2 runs and 2 stolen bases and Brinkman, 2 hits, 2 runs and 3 stolen bases. Chris Dillon and Nick Turner each had 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Scott Thane drove in a pair with a hit. Jackson slammed a pair of

doubles and drove in a run for the Lakers.

The second game was not decided until the last inning. Going into the sixth the Lakers scored a run to tie the game at 4-4. Matt Stoutenburg lashed a game-winning hit in the bottom of the sixth to give Tyler Erla the victory. Erla was touched for 9 hits but walked only one. He struck out 9. Osenoski took the loss as he had control trouble, walking 5. He allowed 8 hits.

Brinkman and Nate Laming collected 2 hits each. Licht had 2 hits and an RBI for Lakers.

The Hawks' record this season is 8-2 and 3-0 in conference play.

## Girls take pair from Lakers

Most folks would believe that a coach with a team with a 10-1 record (3-0 in the Greater Thumb North League) would be on top of the world. But don't count Dave Hoard, coach of the Cass City Red Hawk softball team, in that group.

There's no doubt that he's pleased that his charges racked up twin bill victories over Harbor Beach and Lakers last week. What has him concerned is that his team isn't swinging the bat well. We haven't been able to really hammer the ball all year, he said.

He says that the easy wins over Harbor Beach are deceiving.

This year the Pirates do not have a pitcher who throws

hard, he pointed out. In the first game, a 7-1 victory, the Hawks had 12 hits, but most of them were not hard hits.

Becky Hartel didn't need a lot of support as she hurled a 3-hitter, walked 3, struck out 12 and allowed one unearned run.

Paula Fluegge led the Hawks with 3 hits and 2 runs batted in.

Hartel made short work of the Pirates in the second game and shut them out, 7-0, while allowing 3 hits and no runs. She faced just 24 batters as she received excellent defensive support from her teammates.

Despite the final score, it was a close game most of the way. At the end of the fifth Cass City was in front, 2-0. Aided by 4 walks and 3 hits, Cass City salted away the game with a pair of runs in the sixth and 3 more in the seventh.

Paula Fluegge and Luann

Laming had 2 hits each in Cass City's 10-hit attack.

#### LAKER GAMES

Hartel pitched her second straight shutout in the first game with Laker High as the Hawks posted an 8-0 victory in the Greater Thumb League North. The game was much closer than the final score indicates.

Cass City scored a run in the second and another in the fifth and it was 2-0 going into the final inning. Cass City then busted the game wide open, sending 12 girls to the plate and scoring 6

runs. Hartel allowed 2 hits and struck out 8 and didn't issue a walk. Stephanie Roestel allowed 8 hits and took the loss.

Dorland had 3 hits in 4 trips and batted in 2 runs for the Hawks.

The nightcap was a pitching duel between Hartel and Roestel. Lakers were in the lead, 2-1, before the Hawks staged a 2-run rally in the fifth for a 3-2 decision. Hartel allowed 4 hits and struck out 6. Roestel also allowed 4 hits, but walked 5.

Megan Toner collected 2 of the Hawks' 4 hits.



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By Dr. Robert Gabriel

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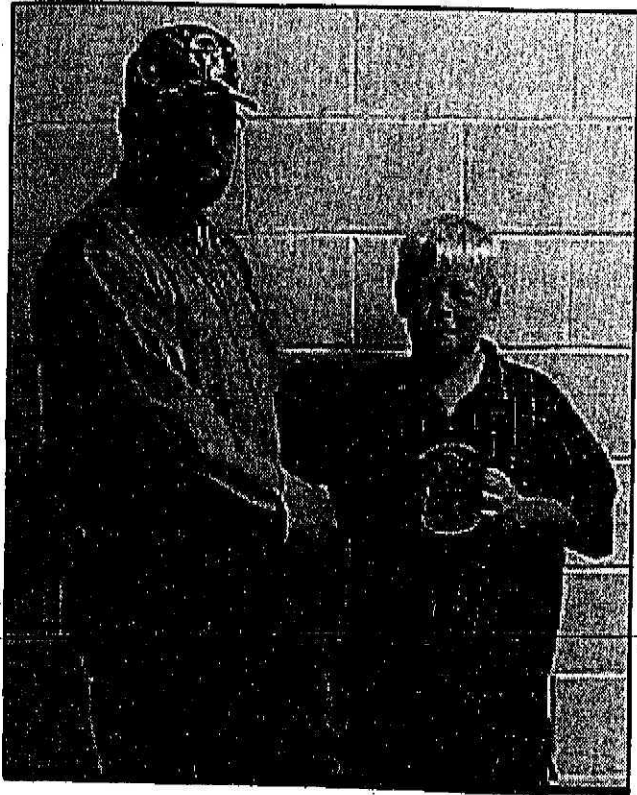
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**AARON MAGIERA**, a fourth grader at Campbell Elementary, recently won the Ubyl K of C Hall Free Throw Competition for the 9-year-old District Division. Presenting the award was Bob Romain, event coordinator.

## 3 relay wins help Hawk girls to win

Strength in the relays propelled the Cass City Red Hawk girls to a victory in a triangular meet Thursday at Marlette. The Hawks scored 76 points, Brown City, 57 points, and Marlette, 38 points.

Brown City dominated the boys' competition with 97 points, followed by Marlette with 40 and Cass City with 38 points.

The Hawk girls winning relay teams were: 3,200 (11:23.64), Carrie Hillaker, Erika Karavas, Liz Hoyt and Annjea Tanton; 400 relay (55.16), Kayla Morrish, Sarah Zawilinski, Tara Sherman and Lindsay Lowry; 1,600 relay (4:46.69), Karavas, Tara Whittaker, Amanda Sullins and Krista Homakie.

In addition to the relay wins, 6 other Hawk girls won races. Lowry, 110 hurdles and pole vault where she set a record with a 10-foot vault; Homakie in 400-run; Karavas in 800 run; Sullins, 200 run; Edwards in shot put.

Among the boys, Zach Toner won the 200 (24.61) and Dustin Bitzer the hurdles (17.36). Brown City won 10 of the 17 events including all of the relays.

## Opening day festivities set Saturday

Cass City Little League officials invite area residents to their first-ever opening day festivities Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Minor League and Little League diamonds.

The celebration will include a ceremonial first pitch, singing of the National Anthem and Fourth Inning Stretch, the announcing of all players, a 50/50 raffle, and used equipment sales consisting of bats, helmets, pants and jerseys. The concession stand will be open.

The event will involve all teams, with the following games scheduled: Yankees vs. Giants at 1:30 p.m. and Tigers vs. Dodgers at 3:30 p.m.

## Cass City third

# Yale repeats as Gavel relay champs

## Brother-sister act

For the fourth straight year the Yale Bulldogs walked off with the Gavel Club Jack and Jill relays and for the second straight year no new meet records were set.

A new school record was set by Lindsay Lowry with a vault of 10 feet in the pole vault.

The competition this year was closer than in many earlier meets. Yale won with 80 points followed by North Branch with 73. Cass City was third with 66.5. Others in order of finish were Bad Axe, 58.5; Marlette, 49; Millington, 39; Durand, 38.

Cass City won the distance medley and was second in 6 events. Yale captured 4 of the 15 events. The winning teams and Cass City's second place finishes accompany this story.

Besides the first and second place winners, other Cass City results were: Gavel, third; 4x600, third; 4x200, fourth; high jump, 4x100 and shot put, sixth. Discus, seventh.

## Six second place finishes propel Hawks

Cass City teams that finished second were: Long Jump, Stoutenburg, Stine, Lowry; Puterbaugh; Odd Mid. Distance, Babich, L. Hoyt, Sullins, Tanton; Shuttle Hurdles, Sherman, Mittlestat, Lowry, Bitzer; Sprint Medley, Zawilinski, Toner, Sherman, Stoutenburg; 4x200, Bitzer, Zawilinski, Morrish, Toner; Pole Vault, Lowry, Barnes, Mozdzen, Walthers.



**RED HAWK** thinclads Liz and Jessup Hoyt make a good exchange during Saturday's Gavel Club Relays. Cass City finished in third place with 66.5 points

The first place teams and their times.

**DISCUS-MARLETTE**  
363'10" (record 465'3")  
Shaw, Fisher, Bloor, Foster.

**POLE VAULT-YALE**  
38' (record 40'10")  
Porada, Lawson, Perrin, McDaniel.

**SPRINT MED.-NORTH BRANCH**  
2:15.12 (record 2:12.75)  
Hollenbaugh, Young, Brusie, Barrons.

**SHOT PUT-DURAND**  
140'8.5" (record 155.5)  
Fortino, Fournier, Nelson, Kent.

**SHUTTLE HURDLE-YALE**  
1:12.32 (record 1:07.58)  
Taylor, McDaniel, Kersten, Vinkier.

**4x600-NORTH BRANCH**  
7:12.46 (record 6:44)  
Willmut, Gyomery, Lamphere, Dudley.

**HIGH JUMP-YALE**  
20'10" (record 22'4")  
Longo, Ellis, Saylor, Edgerton.

**4x100-MILLINGTON**  
50.26 (record 49.36)  
Hoard, Morrow, Crane, Mersino.

**DISTANCE MED.-CASS CITY**  
13:34.63 (record 2:02.85)  
Sullins, L. Hoyt, J. Hoyt, Tanton.

**LONG JUMP-YALE**  
64'7 3/4" (record 68' 3 3/4")  
Kaston, Spiewack, Herrington, Super.

**ODD-MID. DISTANCE-MARLETTE**  
(record 9:34.67)  
Hunt, Armstrong, Smith, Distelrath

**4x200 DURAND**  
1:49.98 (record 1:41.74)  
Carlson, Ratza, Smith, Grant.

**4x300-NORTH BRANCH**  
2:52.80 (record 2:46.07)  
Brusie, Armstrong, Young, Hollenbaugh.

**EVEN MID DISTANCE-MARLETTE**  
9:17.36 (record 9:34.67)  
Rutherford, Smith, Bloor, Distelrath.

**GAVEL-NORTH BRANCH**  
2:40.83 (record 2:32.14)  
Brusie, Armstrong, Barrons, Hollenbaugh.

## Owen-Gage splits at A-F softball tourney

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs split a pair of games in the Akron-Fairgrove tourney Saturday.

The Bulldogs bowed to Caseville in the opener, 8-3. The Bulldogs were off to a fast start with a pair of runs in the first inning. Katie Swiastyn walked and scored on a hit by Kelly Zaleski who scored the second run. That was the end of the Bulldog run production until the final inning when another run was chased across the plate.

By that time it was much too late. Caseville took charge with 2 runs each in the second, third and fourth innings.

Kayla Zaleski took the loss allowing 5 hits, walking 3 and striking out 7. Kitchen took the win with a 2-hitter and 11 strikeouts. She walked 5.

Caseville outplayed us by far, coach Barb Adams said. With 8 errors and 11 struck outs we did not play to our potential.

The Bulldogs bounced back for an easy 11-5 decision in the second game. Kayla Zaleski pitched the first 3 innings to get the win. She allowed 5 hits, walked 3 and struck out 6. Katie Swiastyn pitched the final inning and allowed no hits or runs. Rice allowed 7 hits and walked 8 to take the loss.

Swiastyn chalked up a pair of singles and 2 RBIs. Michelle Brown doubled and had an RBI and Dorsch had a pair of singles and drove in a run. Amber Pillsbury singled. For North Huron, Rice doubled and Elliot singled.

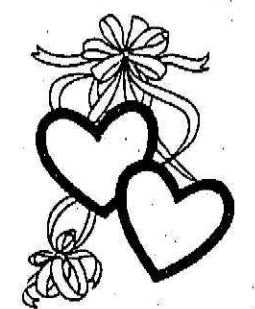
In contrast to the first game,

Adams said that the team played well together, kept their heads in the game and had only 3 errors.

For a young team, Adams said, North Huron played okay.

Owen-Gage is now 4-4 and 3-1 in the North Central Thumb North league.

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## Bulldogs lose 3 of 4, remain in title chase

Although the Owen-Gage softball team lost 3 of 4 games last week, the Bulldog girls are still very much in the North Central Thumb League race, as only one of the losses was in league play. It was the team's first loss in 4 league starts.

The Bulldogs split with Memphis, winning the opener, 2-1, behind the 2-hit pitching of Kayla Zaleski. She struck out 4 and walked 3. Rayan took the loss, allowing 6 hits. "The girls played a tough game with very good defense, coach Barb Adams said, but we should be hitting the ball better than we are."

Kayla Zaleski led the attack with a double and a single. Katie Swiastyn rapped 2 singles and Stephanie Dorsch singled to drive in a run.

The Bulldogs scored a run in each of the first 2 innings and Memphis chalked up its counter in the third.

In the nightcap both pitchers returned to the mound. This time Rayan's 5-hitter was enough for Memphis to post a 4-2 decision. She allowed 5 hits and walked one. Kayla Zaleski took the loss despite hurling a 2-hitter while walking 3.

The Bulldogs scored single runs in the 4th and 6th innings. In the fourth, Swiastyn doubled and came home on a single by Dorsch. Kelly Zaleski singled and scored on a single by Mary McKee.

We didn't play as well as we can, Adams said, too many errors and they are not hitting the ball the way I know they can.

Memphis is a good team, the coach said, and plays excellent defense.

## USA GAMES

The Bulldogs lost a doubleheader against the USA Patriots in non-league action. Adams said that the Patriots

play well together and have good bats.

Alegria pitched and won both games for the Patriots. In the opener the Patriots were in command when they scored a pair of runs in the third inning off of Kayla Zaleski and then broke open the game with a 6-run rally in the 4th inning with Kelly Zaleski on the mound in relief.

The Bulldogs collected 6 hits, all singles, by Swiastyn, Kelly and Kayla Zaleski, Dorsch, Meagen Mentor and Kayla Kady.

The Patriots scored in every inning but the second on their way to a 10-0 decision in the nightcap. Alegria pitched the first 4 innings, Bitzer the final 2 and the pair held the Bulldogs to 3 singles, one each by Swiastyn, Dorsch and Courtney Finkbeiner.

Kayla Zaleski walked 4 and allowed 8 hits to take the loss.

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## Obituaries

### Luther Hicks

Luther LaVearne Hicks, 58, of Harbor Beach, formerly of Texas, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at the Aleda Lutz VA Medical Center, Saginaw.

He was born May 13, 1944 in Grand Rapids, son of Reggie Hicks and the late Della (Silsby) Hicks.

He married Catherine Lillian Schwartz Nov. 24, 1990 in Uby.

Hicks attended the Grand Rapids public school. He was employed at Active Industries, worked as a chef in Grand Rapids, and as a nurse's aid for the last seven years in Michigan, Ohio and Texas. He served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine; his father, Reggie (Elaine) Hicks of Grand Rapids; a daughter, Samantha Jean Hicks of Tenn.; a son, Ronnie Dexter of Colo.; 6 grandchildren; 2 step-daughters: Tina (Michael) Siemen of Harbor Beach and Marlene (John) Whitenburg of Toledo, Ohio; a step-brother, James Hicks of Grand Rapids; 3 step-sisters: Jacki (Don) Remersma of Holland, Jeanne Brink of Holland and Julie Ash of Holland; and many nieces, nephews, brothers- and sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Della Silsby; a sister, Margarit Hicks; and

an infant step-daughter, Linda Muma.

Cremation took place at Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Uby.

### Edward Hopper

Edward B. Hopper, 77, of Gagetown, died Tuesday, April 22, 2003 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

He was born Nov. 13, 1925 in Franklin Lakes, N.Y. to Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hopper. He married Nellie M. Coyle March 30, 1965 in Detroit. Hopper worked at the Great Lakes Sugar Warehouse as a truck driver and warehouseman for 14 years. He was a member of the Teamster Union #337.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie; children: Margaret (Donald) Golden of Albion, Ind., and Jason Morgan of Saginaw; 5 step-children; 4 grandchildren; 14 step grandchildren; 26 step great-grandchildren; siblings: Lydie Winters of Midland Park, N.Y. and George Hopper of Saddle Brook, N.J.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his siblings: Ralph and Lester Hopper, and Bessie Bradford.

Memorial services were held Saturday, April 26, at Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Hopper's cremated remains will be buried at home in New York.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Saturday, April 26, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Grosse Pointe, with the Rev. James Rizer officiating.

Final Disposition was an anatomical donation at Wayne State University, Detroit.

### Ronald Pringle

Ronald C. Pringle, 54, of Deford, died Thursday, April 24, 2003 at Lapeer Regional Hospital, Lapeer.

He was born Sept. 23, 1948 in Cass City, son of Charles Grant and Marjorie (Wright) Pringle.

He married Roberta Ross, June 17, 1972 in Clifford.

Pringle graduated from Cass City High School in 1966. He owned and operated Pringle Trucking and drove truck for M&G Trucking and Rasmussen Transport.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta; son, Ryan James Pringle of Cass City; daughters: Robin (Donald) Graves of Mayville and Ronda Pringle of Deford; mother, Marjorie (Pringle) Gage of Deford; brother, Gary Pringle of Deford; sister, Kathy (Ed) Champagne of Owendale; 4 grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Grant Pringle.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 28, at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be given to the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

### Profit service

A memorial service will be held for Laura Barbara Profit at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Elkland Township Cemetery, 6897 E. Cass City Rd., Cass City.

Profit passed away Dec. 22, 2002, in Kalamazoo. She was the wife of Robert Profit who predeceased her in 1998.

She is survived by one daughter, Sally (Larry) Meyer of Kalamazoo; 3 sons: Robert Profit Jr. of Caro, Miles Profit of Lafayette, La., and Jeff Profit of Abilene, Texas; 2 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

### Lorna Karr

Lorna B. Karr, 90, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Monday, April 21, 2003 in Dearborn.

She was born Jan. 1, 1913 in Cass City.

She was a school teacher.

She is survived by a son, Jeffery (Judy) Karr; a daughter, Jacqueline (Jim) Chandler; 3 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters: June McRay, D.O. and Margaret Kelly; and brothers: Calvin and Bruce MacRae.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith Karr. Funeral services were held

## \$2 million in improvements since '93

# 150 attend airport open house

Tuscola Area Airport Authority officials hosted some 50 county government officials and another 100 residents during open houses held Friday and Saturday at the airport, located in Caro.

The open houses were organized to show appreciation for local governments support that has made it possible to complete nearly \$2 million worth of improve-

ments to the facility since the airport authority was formed and purchased the airport from the village of Caro for \$1 in 1993.

A chart detailing those improvements accompanies this story. Officials noted that local support has enabled the airport authority to leverage more than \$1.45 million in state and federal funding.

Officials said the airport continues to be a valuable asset to the area as an economic development tool, a transportation facility and a provider of essential services.

Those services include corporate transportation, delivery of goods, emergency service activities, business use by local companies, flight training, aircraft maintenance and repair, and recreational uses.

According to estimates, the airport contributes \$379,000 annually to the local economy plus \$990,000 in indirect and induced impacts for a total of more than \$1.369 million per year.

The authority board of directors consists of representatives of municipalities that have joined the authority over the years.

Members are: Bert Althaver, chairman, village of Cass City; Greg Biddinger, village of Cass City; Larry Finkbeiner, Ellington Township; Floyd Heron, village of Kingston; Mark Kozan, Indianfields Township; Doug Laurie, Elkland Township; Gary Parsell, Almer Township; Bob Reed, village of Caro; and Tom Striffler, village of Caro. The airport manager is Eric Engler.

Airport Improvement Projects			
Year	Project	Funding	Cost
1993	Master Plan	Local Sources	\$3,750
		State Grant	\$61,514
1994	Walk Road Realignment	MDOT Portion	\$11,000
	New Hangar Building	Bank Financing	\$236,000
1995	Runway 5/23 Rehab	Federal (Grant)	\$316,963
		State (Grant)	\$17,619
		Local Sources	\$17,619
1996	New Security Fence	State (Grant)	\$8,000
	New Fuel Tank	State (low interest loan)	\$20,000
		Local Sources	\$5,000
1998	Taxiway Improvements	Local Sources	\$5,000
		Private Donation	\$6,500
2001	State Land Purchase	Grant Land Value	\$71,000
	New Terminal Apron	Federal & State Grant	\$589,000
	Connecting Taxiway	Local Sources	\$31,000
	New Entrance Road		
	New Parking Lot		
2002	Runway extension & lighting	Federal & State Grant	\$320,710
	Administration Building	Local Sources	\$141,879
	Jet Fuel Tank		
	Tree Clearance		
		Federal - State Grants	\$1,454,807
		Local Sources	\$446,748
		Total	\$1,901,555

## Kingston pupils lend pets a hand

The arrival of spring brings the promise of new life and hope, and students at Kingston High School have responded to the needs of companion animals in Tuscola County.

"Through their diligent effort in a holiday fundraiser, they have shared funds to assist the Humane Society of Tuscola County offer a second chance at life to lost and abandoned pets in our community," said Judy Murphy, society president.

"Generally, with warmer temperatures, there is an influx of cast-off adult dogs and cats and litters of puppies and kittens," she noted. "Our volunteers work diligently to promote and support animal welfare through education, spay and neutering, and responsible pet ownership. Currently, we have 13 dogs in temporary foster care, awaiting placement of

new, loving homes."

Murphy said the board of directors was "greatly encouraged by a most generous contribution of \$800 to assist with our various programs from the Life Skills Class at Kingston High School."

She lauded Lynn Lehman, faculty advisor, and the following students: Heather Adamczyk, Sarah Adams, Amanda Arenamdvit, Samantha Blount, Jessica Champine, Eric Clouse, Crystal Cooper, Brent Dawson, Hilary Fox, Chad Giddings, Shelby Linton, Kristi Phillips, James Reavey, Jahmaul Spencer, Rebecca Troop and Fred Wilbur.

"We, along with their parents, take great pride in acknowledging their great effort and humane consideration for those in need," Murphy said.

## Hoyt earns award

Elizabeth J.L. Hoyt will be a freshman at Northwood this fall and is a recipient of the Freedom Scholarship for the 2003-2004 academic year. The Freedom Scholarship is \$5,000 per year with renewal options yearly if criteria are met.

The Freedom Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

Hoyt will graduate from Cass City High School this spring and will work toward a business degree at Northwood University. She is the daughter of Janet Hoyt of Cass City.

## Cass City Area Church Directory

### Angels Need Our Help

Life sometimes seems like a battle, both in the small affairs of daily life as well as in the bigger, more significant ones. In the battle of good over evil, it doesn't always seem like the good guys win. Maybe in the long run they do, but in the meantime, the good guys need all the help they can get. To make matters worse, the "bad guys" sometimes seem to have better marketing. Evil can look very attractive, while virtue and goodness look like the proverbial "homely stepchild" that nobody wants. We really do need to join the struggle and give the angels some help. Think of all the unresolved social evils in the world: hunger, poverty, war, illiteracy, and myriad forms of injustice. We should appeal to the "better angels of our nature" to help us in this struggle, as we should be ready and willing to help the angels as they fight the glorious fight. God wants and needs our help in this fight, and every good act that we do makes the world a better place. So put on God's armor now!

Then when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attack.  
Good News Bible Ephesians 6:12

**Cass City Church of Christ**  
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2604 or 872-5201  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study  
& Children's Activities 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepgen 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.,  
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

**Deford Community Church**  
1392 Kingston Rd., Deford, MI 48729  
989-872-4051 (parsonage)  
989-872-4055 (church)  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Contemporary & Traditional 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: David Mercer  
email: dcddca@tband.net  
website: defordcommunitychurch.org

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
Phone: 872-5060  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

**First Baptist Church**  
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989-872-3155  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Eric Holmgren

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Barrier Free  
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

**Gagetown United Methodist Church**  
Lincoln St., Gagetown, MI 48735  
989-878-4225  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor: John Heim

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
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**Novesta Church of Christ**  
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658 or 872-1195  
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Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5166  
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

**St. Agatha's Catholic Church**  
4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735  
665-9966  
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

**St. Pancratius Catholic Church**  
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3336  
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

**Shabbona United Methodist Church**  
4455 North Decker Rd.,  
Decker, MI 48426  
810-672-9929 (parsonage)  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Peter Marzawski, a single man, to United Companies Lending Corporation, Mortgage, dated December 22, 1998 and recorded in Liber 761, Page 303, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Custodian or Trustee under the applicable Custodial or Trust Agreement by assignment dated June 14, 1999 and recorded on July 19, 1999 in Liber 777, Page 382, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 33/100 Dollars (\$83,812.33), including interest at the rate of 11.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 9, 2003.

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

A parcel of land located in Section 18, Town 14 North, Range 10 East, Elmwood Township, Tuscola County, Michigan described as commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 18; running thence West 1270 feet to the point of beginning of this description; running thence South 220 feet; thence West 180 feet; thence North 220 feet; thence East 180 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 2, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Custodian or Trustee under the applicable Custodial or Trust Agreement, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000

File No. 199.0727

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank L. Gregory and Tracy L. Bitters, a single man and a single woman, to Homecomings Financial Network, mortgage, dated August 19, 2002 and recorded August 23, 2002 in Liber 891, Page 156, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve and 32/100 Dollars (\$141,912.32), including interest at the rate of 9.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2003.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33 including Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and part of Lot 8 of Block 7, Lots 1-4 and part of Lots 5 and 6, Block 8 of the plat of the Village of Tuscola, South Side of the river, recorded in Liber 6, Page 417, Tuscola County Records. Township 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at point that is east along the North section line 1785.54 feet from the Northwest corner of section 33; thence from said point of beginning continuing East along the North section line, 667.46 feet; thence South 14 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East, along the centerline of Barkley Road as recorded in Liber 441, Page 341, Tuscola County Records so called, 405.40 feet; thence South 82 degrees 48 minutes 42 seconds West, 740.75 feet; thence North 3 degrees 18 minutes 28 seconds West, 486.09 feet to the point of beginning. Except Lots 1, 2, 7 and the East 35 feet of Lot 8, Block 7, and a strip of land 25 feet wide adjoining the East side of Lots 1 and 2, Block 7 of the Plat of the Village of Tuscola, South Side of the river, recorded in Liber 1, Page 417, Tuscola County Records. Subject to State Street, turnpike to Flint Road (undeveloped), Barkley Road and Public Square, according to the Plat of the Village of Tuscola South side of the river recorded in Liber 6, Page 417, Tuscola County Records. Subject to those parts reserved for Barkley Road (71.79 feet wide and Grange Road, so called). Also, subject to any easements, restrictions and/or rights of way of record.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: April 9, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Homecomings Financial Network, As Mortgage  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000

File No. 207.0814

4-9-5

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Stephen A. Deneen and Stephanie L. Deneen, husband and wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, mortgage to Flagstar Bank, FSB, dated the 17th day of June, AD 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of July, AD 1999 in Liber 776 of Tuscola Records, on page 280, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$66,952.54 (Sixty six thousand Nine hundred fifty two dollars and fifty four cents), including interest there on at 7.37% (seven point three seven percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of May, A.D., 2003, at 10:00 o'clock, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Village of Millington, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, and described as follows to wit:

Situated in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 16, of the Village of Millington; thence West 12 Rods; thence South 4 Rods; thence East 12 Rods; thence North 4 Rods to the point of Beginning. Being part of Lot 4, Block 16 of the Village of Millington, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Page 41, Now being Page 42A, Tuscola County Records.

Tax ID: 041-500-116-0300-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with (948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 2, 2003

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.  
By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage  
Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820  
Troy, Michigan 48064  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David A. Sebert, a single man (original mortgagor), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgage, dated May 4, 1998 and recorded on May 8, 1998 in Liber 738 on Page 1068 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Assignee by an assignment dated August 17, 1998, which was recorded on March 12, 1999 in Liber 765 on Page 1160, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 13/100 DOLLARS (\$75,634.13), including interest at 8.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 8, 2003.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 100 feet West of the North 1/4 corner Section 33, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence West 100 feet; thence South 300 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence North 300 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 9, 2003

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4-9-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas P. Zuraw, a single man, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated June 22, 1999 and recorded July 29, 1999 in Liber 778, Page 117, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Long Beach Mortgage Company aka Ameriquest 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 Sixty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Four and 75/100 Dollars (\$69,854.75), including interest at the rate of 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2003.

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

Parcel 1: Commencing at a point on the South line of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, 363 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section; thence West along said South line 118 feet; thence North 165 feet parallel with the East line of said Section; thence East 118 feet parallel with said South line; thence South 165 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 4; thence North 69 degrees 14 minutes 33 seconds West, 401.02 feet along the South section line to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 69 degrees 14 minutes 33 seconds West, 2.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds West, 165.00 feet parallel with the East section line; thence South 69 degrees 14 minutes 33 seconds East, 2.00 feet, parallel with the South section line; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 06 seconds East, 165.00 feet to the South section line and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 30, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Long Beach Mortgage Company aka Ameriquest, As Assignee

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wendell J. Wildermuth, a married man, and Lisa Wildermuth, (original mortgagors), to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgage, dated October 17, 2000 and recorded on October 23, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 1276 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., as assignee by an assignment dated October 23, 2000, which was recorded on October 23, 2000 in Liber 813 on Page 1284, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-SEVENTHUNDRED-FOUR-HUNDRED-TWENTY-AND-29/100 DOLLARS (\$87,420.29), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 15, 2003.

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

A parcel of land located in the Northwest quarter of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 9 East described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East, along the North line of Section 29, a distance of 944.36 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said North line North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds East, 370.23 feet; thence leaving said North line South 01 degrees 40 minutes 35 seconds East, 661.63 feet; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said North line of Section 29, a distance of 288.23 feet; thence North 08 degrees 43 minutes 43 seconds West, 667.84 feet to the Point of Beginning, Tuscola County Records

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

Dated: April 16, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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Attorneys and Counselors  
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Team C

4-16-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian Assella, a single man (original mortgagor), to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgage, dated December 7, 2000 and recorded on January 30, 2001 in Liber 820 on Page 773 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND 25/100 DOLLARS (\$123,744.25), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 8, 2003.

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

Lots 7 and 8, Block 6 of Village of Caro, formerly the Village of Centerville, according to the plat thereof recorded in Tuscola County Records

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: April 9, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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File # 200311019

Team F

4-9-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Andrew J. Myers, Jr. and Rose M. Myers, husband and wife, of 10450 Lewis Road, Clio, Michigan 48820, Mortgages, to Oxford Bank, 60 South Washington, Oxford, Michigan 48371, Mortgage, dated the 21st day of September 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of November 2001 in Liber 849 of Tuscola County Records, on page 136, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Six and 25/100 Dollars (\$124,466.25), including interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the

mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2003.

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

The North 91 feet of the East 226 feet of the South 691 feet of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 31, T10N, R7E, subject to all easements, restrictions and governmental regulations, if any, of record, or that would apply to the premises.

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The redemption period shall be six (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 thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: April 2, 2003

OXFORD BANK, Mortgagee

Anissa C. Hady  
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4-9-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven A. Griffith, a married man, and Laurie Griffith, a married woman (original mortgagors), to First Preferred Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated December 18, 2001 and recorded on February 19, 2002 in Liber 865 on Page 854 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, as assignee by an assignment dated November 7, 2002, which was recorded on March 10, 2003 in Liber 919 on Page 872, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND 13/100 DOLLARS (\$131,987.13), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 29, 2003.

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

Part of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, described as beginning at a point on the North section line that is South 89 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds West, 1078.93 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds East, 435.60 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 45 seconds West, 435.60 feet; thence along said North section line, North 89 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds East, 200.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: April 30, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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File # 200231034

Team J

4-30-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian J. Hecke and Anita K. Hecke, husband and wife, as joint tenants (original mortgagors), to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgage, dated May 24, 2001 and recorded on June 20, 2001 in Liber 836 on Page 037 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, a National Banking Association formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-2, Assigned by an assignment dated March 14, 2003, which was recorded on April 3, 2003 in Liber 923 on Page 1069, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND EIGHTY-NINE AND 75/100 DOLLARS (\$160,089.75), including interest at 11.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 15, 2003.

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

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and the point of beginning; running thence South 0 degrees 26 minutes 58 seconds East, 1323.73 feet along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 31; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 17 seconds West, 384.14 feet along the North 1/8 line of said Section 31; thence North 16 degrees 40 minutes 49 seconds West 325.86 feet; thence North 18 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds West, 390.46 feet; thence North 02 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West, 640.99 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East, 616.13 feet along the North line of said Section 31, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Koylton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

Dated: April 16, 2003

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
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4-16-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Samuel L. Tallman and Sue Ann Tallman, husband and wife, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, mortgage, dated September 29, 2000 and recorded October 9, 2000 in Liber 812, Page 823, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Lasalle Bank, N.A. Itala Lasalle National Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated 10/1/00, Series 2000-3 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 Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three and 4/100 Dollars (\$60,393.04), including interest at the rate of 12.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2003.

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

Lot 5, Block 14 Charles Montague's Subdivision (Second Plat) as recorded in Liber 1, Page 88 of Plats, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: April 9, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for Lasalle Bank, N.A., Itala Lasalle National Bank, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated 10/1/00, Series 2000-3, As Assignee

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File No. 199.0925

4-9-5

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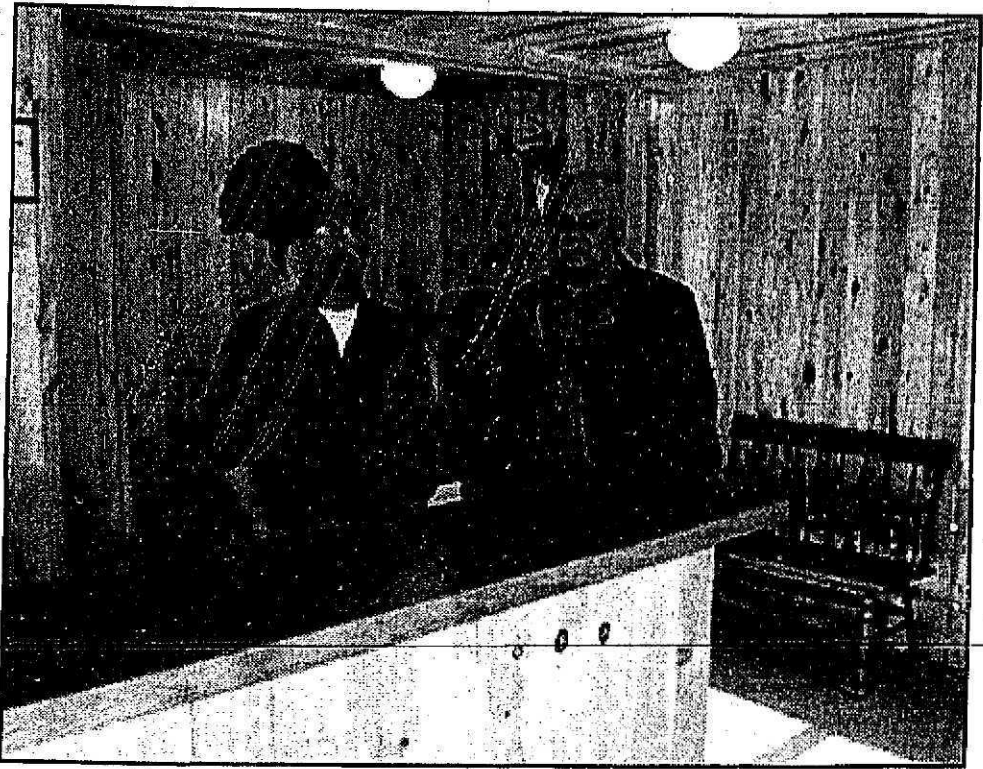
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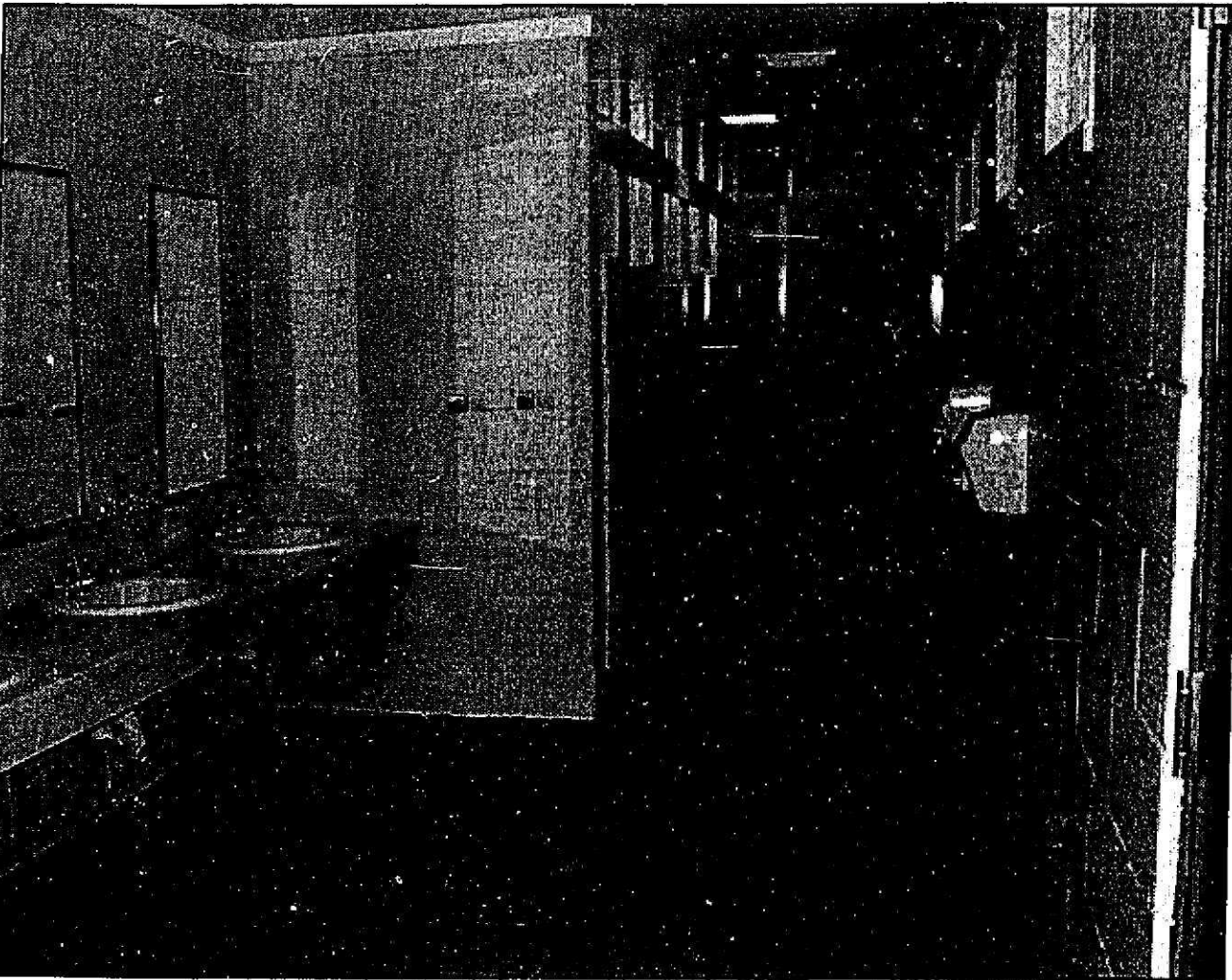
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**EVERGREEN PARK** Manager Ed Moshier (left) and Sanilac County Parks Board Chairman Jim Bowerman stand inside the new park office. Camping upgrades at the park, estimated at some \$900,000, are nearly complete and officials are gearing up for a grand celebration Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m.



**MOSHIER** stands inside the new bathhouse at Evergreen Park, where campers will now find dozens of modern campsites as well as a number of rustic sites this summer. The new and improved park officially opens for business Thursday.

## Evergreen grand opening Saturday Park improvements nearly complete

Sanilac County officials are gearing up for a celebration to showcase nearly a million dollars worth of upgrades to Evergreen Park.

Area residents are invited to a grand opening scheduled for Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the 30-acre recreational facility, located about 4 miles southeast of Cass City along M-53. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be served.

The improvements, which have transformed the park from a rustic camping area to a modern camping facility, are all but complete, according to park Manager Ed Moshier, who is confident Evergreen Park will become a very popular overnight stop once campers learn what the facility has to offer.

"I actually think it's going to go quite well. We've al-

ready taken quite a few reservations - I would say 125 to 150 so far," said Moshier, who previously served as maintenance supervisor at the county's Forester Park for 18 years.

Moshier noted park officials have not been able to advertise until now because they were awaiting their state park license, which was issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality about 2 weeks ago.

Evergreen Park boasts nearly 150 campsites in all. Over the past 18 months, contractors have developed 100 modern sites offering a combination of water, electricity and sewer. Another 43 sites are rustic.

In addition, workers constructed a bathhouse with showers and restroom facilities, an office and a residence for the park manager.

There's still some work to do, but Moshier said he's ready for business and ready to welcome campers whose overnight accommodations can range from tents to the largest RVs on the road.

"We're pretty much ready to open. There will be a lot of cosmetic work we've got to do over the next couple of weeks, but once it's done I think it's going to be a nice little park," he said.

"There's always going to be something to do over the next couple of years. We're going to have to get some playground equipment in and we're looking at some other things," he added, noting plans call for construction of a 30-foot by 40-foot shop/equipment storage building. And, we're looking at putting some cabins in in a year or 2."

Sanilac County Parks Board Chairman Jim Bowerman indicated he's pleased with the progress of the improvements, which were made possible by a Clean Michigan Initiative grant written by Marlette resident John Frazier in 1999. The state grant funding was

made available a year earlier when Michigan voters approved Proposal C. The measure authorized the state to issue general obligation bonds totaling up to \$675 million to finance programs targeting environmental and recreational projects, including those designed to reclaim and revitalize community waterfronts and enhance recreational opportunities.

Bowerman said the state grant awarded for the Evergreen Park project totaled \$521,000, or about 74 percent of the initial project cost. The county, he added, chipped in another \$183,000 in funds generated by a local parks millage.

Bowerman said construction of the 2-lagoon sewage system proved to be one of the costliest parts of the project. Each of the plastic-lined, 10-foot deep lagoons measures 200 feet by 100.

He noted construction of the residence, office and shop was not included in the grant, which resulted in a higher price tag. "The total project cost is probably go-

ing to be \$900,000 by the time we're complete," he said.

In spite of the improvements, the park continues to offer a great outdoors experience for campers, who will find deer, turkey and other wildlife as well as a large variety of tree species.

"This is more like nature camping. You have the woods and you have the river, and we have quite a few walking trails," Moshier said.

"If you took all the roads and the trails, it'd take at least an hour to walk them."

Moshier said the park will officially open Thursday and close Oct. 31. Nightly rates are: sites with no utilities, \$16; electric only, \$18; electric and water, \$20; full hook-up-30 amp, \$22; and full hook-up-50 amp, \$25.

More information is available by calling the park office at (989) 872-6600.

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### Council okays tax hike

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• Reappointed Doug Lautner, Sherryl Seeley,

Walter Szostak and Tavis Osentoski to the planning commission; Bob Stickle to the zoning board of appeals; and Wilbur Smith to the library board.

### School

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Project. The project provided all of Cass City's third graders with new Webster dictionaries. The VanAukens visited each classroom for 30 minutes to talk with the students about their use. They hope that the project will be continued in the future.

Shelly Miller outlined tentative plans for a school store to sell clothing with a school logo on them. We just want to break even on this, she said, and use the clothing as another way to increase school spirit.

If the store opens, sales money will be handled through the school and any profits used to support student activities. A web site is planned.

"Because of doubts about the financial condition of the National School Fitness Foundation, the school board has put on hold any plans to join the program that calls for advance purchase of exercise equipment with full repayment over a period of time.

A contest among students will be held to find a slogan for the school district.

The resignations of Sherry Dillon, first grade teacher with 29 years of experience, and Wayne Dillon, guidance/vocational director, with 37 years in education, were accepted with regret.

### Fire damage

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and Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department assisted.

The second call came in at 4:30 p.m. after sparks from a trash barrel ignited a fire near the corner of McMillan and Huron Line roads. DNR officers assisted at the scene, Pawloski said.

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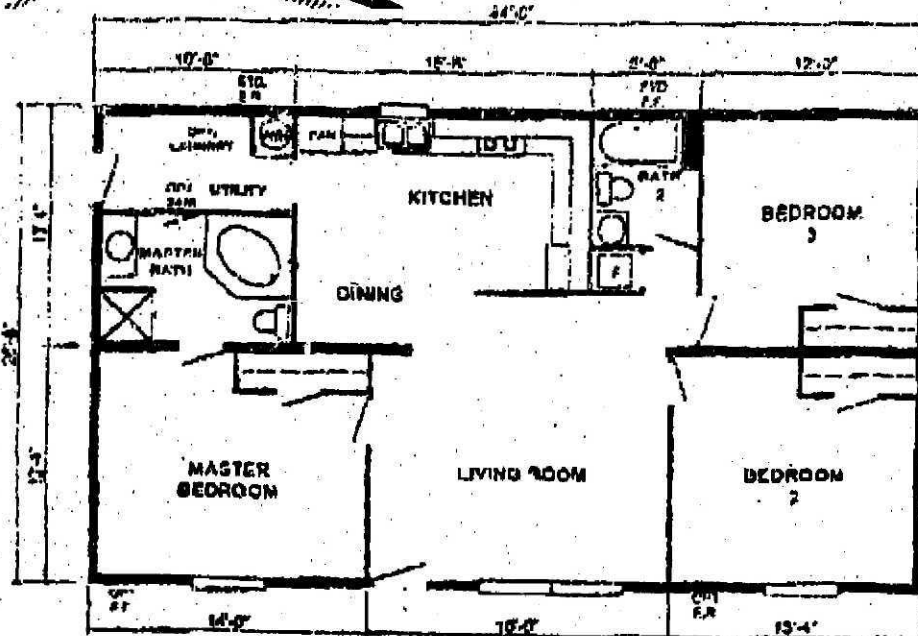
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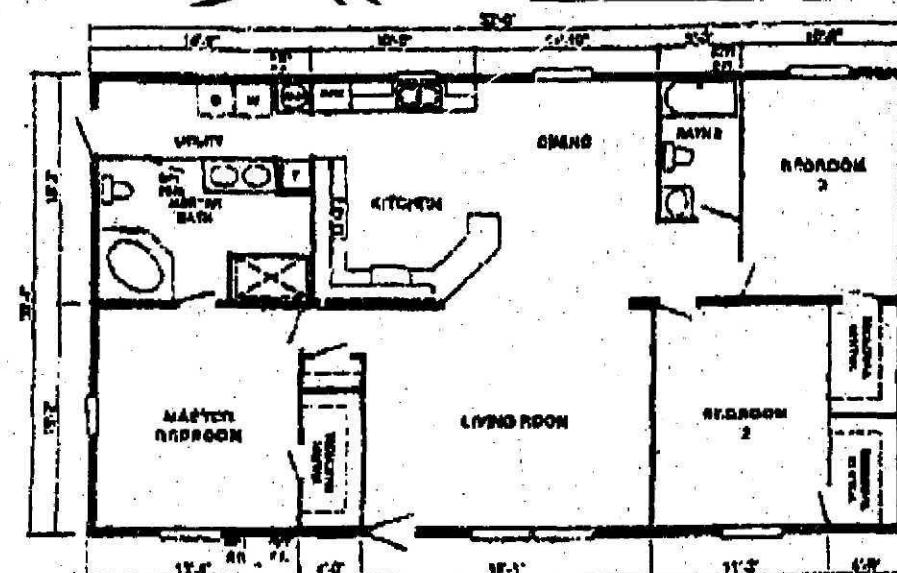


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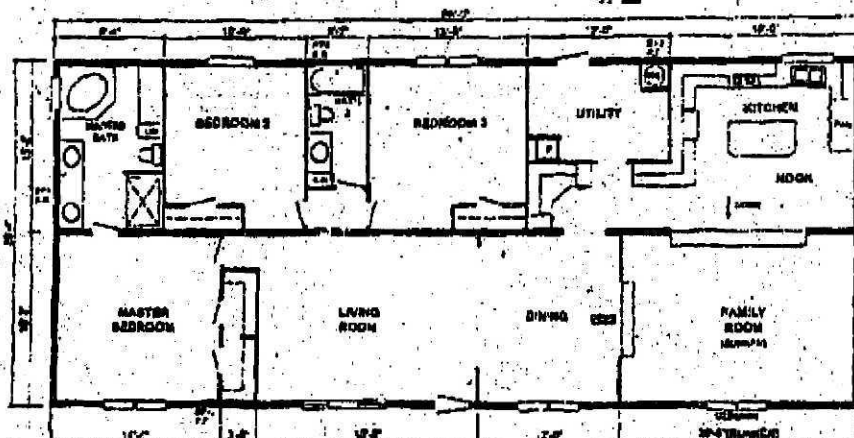


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"Although string trimmers are easier than bending down with grass shears, letting the lawn mower cut that grass is even easier," says Jeremy Powers, a writer for national home and how-to publications. "Meticulous gardeners may spend nearly as much time with a trimmer as they do with the mower."

A distinct edge that can be mowed over without ruining the edging or the mower blade is the easiest way to keep the lawn looking good without extra work. Plastic edging meets these criteria, but requires digging and trenching to install.

"Many plastic lawn edgings eventually work themselves out of the ground. Not only does this look terrible, but mowing over the loose edging becomes virtually im-

possible," Powers says. A variety of wood products also offer mower-friendly options for edging if they are installed properly. However, even redwood and cedar lumber will rot over time where there is ground contact unless treated with a preservative.

"Green-treated lumber can look too industrial for some people," Powers says. Brick or stone can ruin a mower blade or even the mower engine, so if it's used, make sure it is smooth on top and wide enough for the mower wheels to ride on. "If edging material won't allow you to run the mower over it, choose a product with a shape that minimizes trimming. Any edging with little nooks and crannies, like odd-shaped stones, will make the trimming job much more time-consuming," Powers says.

The base of trees is one of the most common yard areas trimmed with "weed whips." Together, string trimmers and mowers are responsible for most of the trees that die after planting because of damage to the bark. Unfortunately, there aren't many products for edging around individual trees, particularly younger trees that have the

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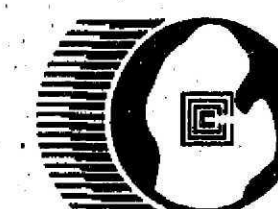
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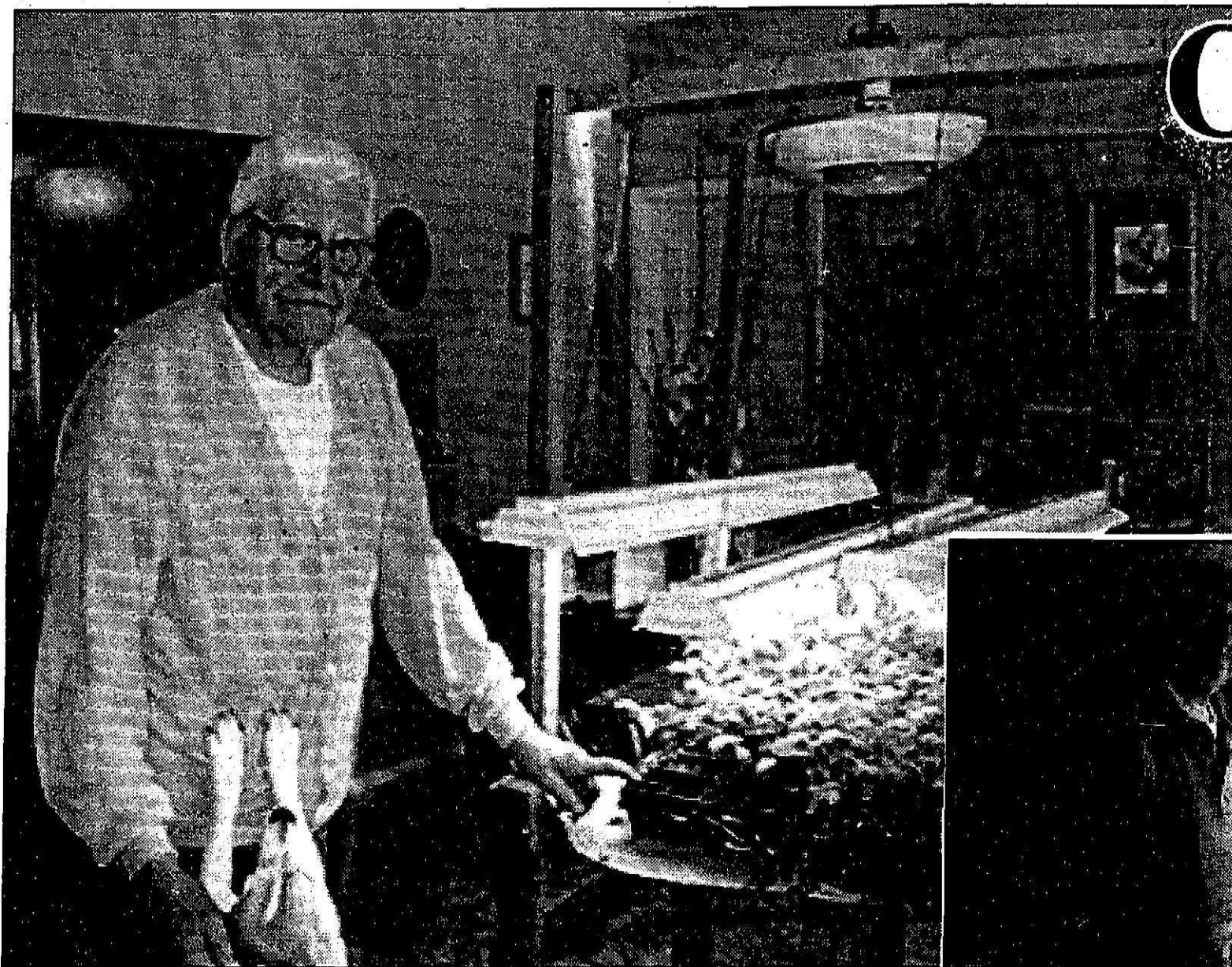
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That added touch of beauty is a gift from Nelson "Moose" Willy, 78, who almost weekly takes the flowers to the lucky recipients. In the basement of his home on West Street in Cass City he has some 1,600 bulbs.

These flowers just take a small part of the time he spends raising myriad garden produce in his organic garden.

Willy switched to organic gardening 8 years ago and is pleased with the results. Nothing is wasted, Willy maintains. Even the water is pure, gathered by buckets when it rains. He also has a compost pile and welcomes grass cuttings for it. But don't drop any cuttings off if you fertilize the lawn.

Abandoning commercial fertilizers and sprays has cut yields by as much as 30 percent, Willy observed, but he always has more than he can eat.

The way the veteran gardener has it planned, he has fresh produce all summer. I really have 3 gardens, he points out. Planted at 3 different times, they become ripe at different times guaranteeing produce until the end of the season.

He also plants different varieties that mature differently. Willy points to his tomatoes as an example. I have 5 different varieties, including one that can stand really cool weather. His garden produces 26 different vegetables.

He already has a token planting of one row of seeds containing string beans, peas, radishes, lettuce, carrots and rutabagas. Just to see how they make out, he confided, while noting that veggies do better when mixed with other plants rather than placed in a row by themselves.

While the first real

planting hadn't started last week, the prep work of developing the seeds into plants was well underway. Seeds are planted in soil boxes under carefully positioned 8-foot lights. Each plant receives a spoonful of manure from the farm of Fred Matthews, and several seeds are planted. When one group of seeds fails, one of the extra plants from the next plot is carefully transplanted.

The cost for producing a cornucopia of veggies and flowers is minimal. Willy estimates his total cost is \$115—\$50 for seed, \$50 for plowing and \$15 for organic insecticide.

That insecticide is placed around the roots of each plant and keeps the bugs out. The only way insects can get to the plants is to fly there. I didn't need to spray my potatoes, he said.

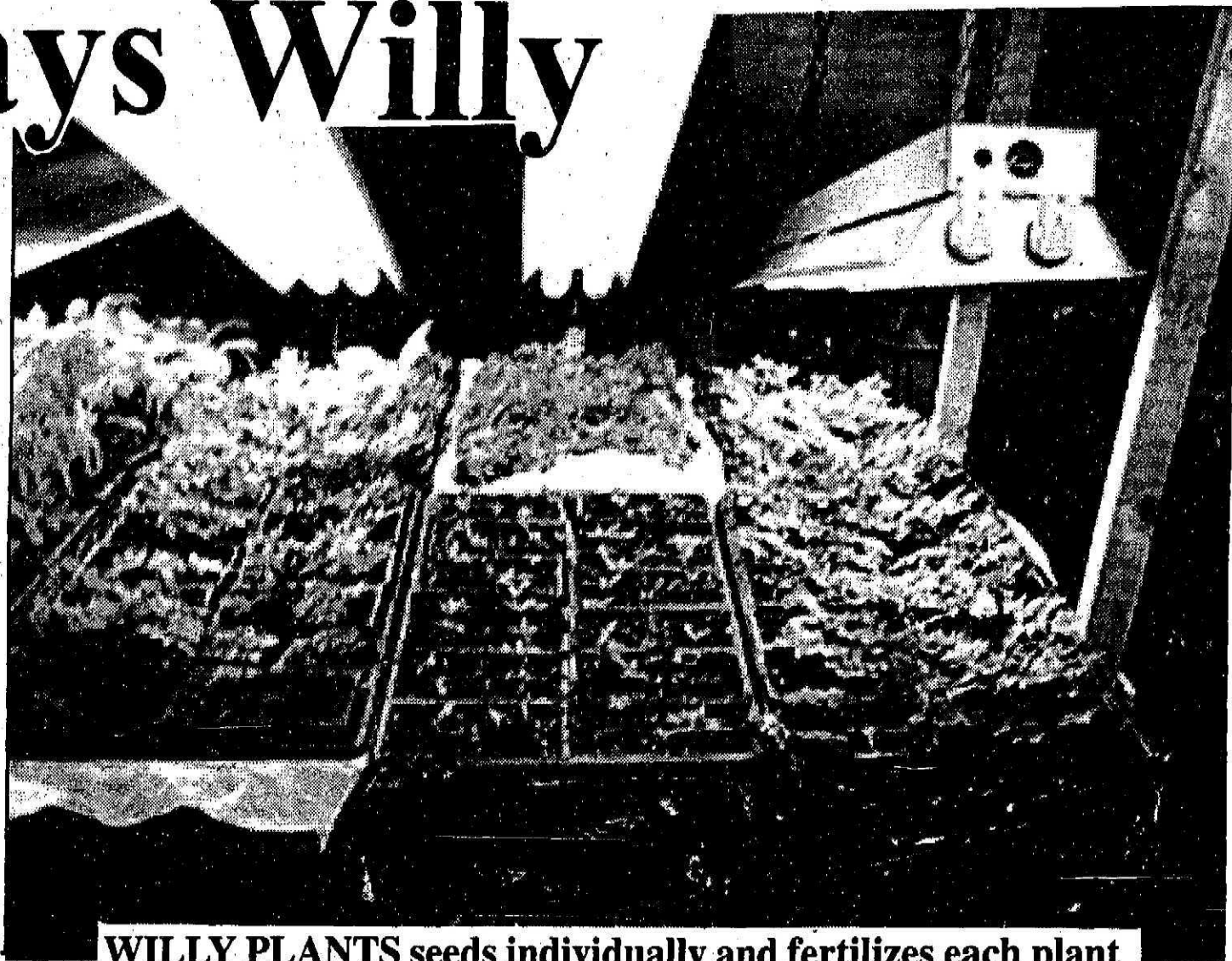
Willy comes by his interest in gardening naturally. He started to work in Hunt's Greenhouse in Cass City when he was a 13-year-old Cass City High School student.

It was the start of a long career in Cass City. He worked at the former Nestles' plant in Cass City until it closed. He worked for the village and later studied and became the superintendent of the water treatment plant and received a B certification. He retired in 1986. He is a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and served for several years as president.

Since he retired he has been able to spend more time with his garden. Now he spends an average of 2 hours a day, 6 days a week from the middle of March to the last of October.

No one can say that working as he does is health producing, but Willy is in relatively good health even though he has 2 new knees and is contemplating hip surgery.

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Before you enter the whirlwind experience of buying a home, consult Whitelaw's

checklist for oft-overlooked landscaping problems which may help you negotiate a better buying price, or cause you to pass up a house altogether.

### DRAINAGE

Improper drainage can lead to weakened foundations, loose facing materials, rotted supporting wall studs and base plates, structural damage from insects and poor growing conditions for landscape plants. In short, drainage is one of the most important landscaping concerns you should consider before purchasing a home.

\* Be particularly aware of

surrounding terrain which may cause rainwater runoff into your landscape.

\* Look for cracks on interior and exterior walls and along the foundation's perimeter for clues to drainage problems.

\* Check rain gutters for good drainage and adequate size to handle the rainfall in the area.

\* Be sure that solid surface areas like driveways, patios and walks are graded away from the house.

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(MS) — So you thought you would grow some of those old-fashioned roses that you loved in your grandmother's garden. Then you discovered that they bloom only once a year, hog all the space in the garden, attract every rose disease that's out there, and look like a pile of naked sticks except during that one week in June when they bloom.

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ideal for making those lovely full-figured bouquets that are so nostalgic and popular.

The Modern Antiques collection consists of modern shrubs and floribundas in colors that will thrill every old-fashioned rose aficionado. Countess Celeste™

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The Modern Antiques varieties of roses are available this spring at nurseries and garden centers nationwide.

## Home improvement

# Plan ahead before starting projects

(MS) - With spring right around the corner, it's time to think about cleaning, organizing and improving your home. Although getting organized can seem like an overwhelming chore you dread all winter, having the right tools and using a systematic approach will help you get started. Following are a few tips for getting your spring cleaning project underway and, most important, for keeping organized all year long.

\* Plan ahead: Devise a plan of action to tackle the important projects in your home. If you know what you need

to accomplish before you begin, the overall project will not seem so overwhelming.

\* Take one room at a time: According to Tupperware Consultant and Organization Expert Nellie O'Brien, you should start in the most cluttered area of the home first, and get the hardest job done right away.

"The kitchen always seems to be a big hassle for many people, but the right tools can help you gain a sense of order and control," says O'Brien. "Tupperware® Modular Mates® storage containers are the perfect system for cabinet organization.

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\* Use the kitchen as a model: Once you've got your

kitchen organized and in good working order, move on to the next room in your house. When you are free from clutter, you can spend some time doing fun things

\* Invest in quality storage and organization systems:

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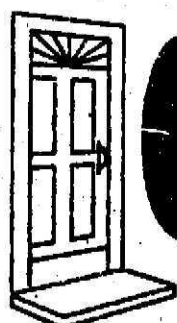


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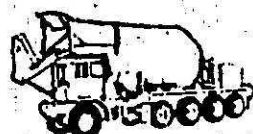
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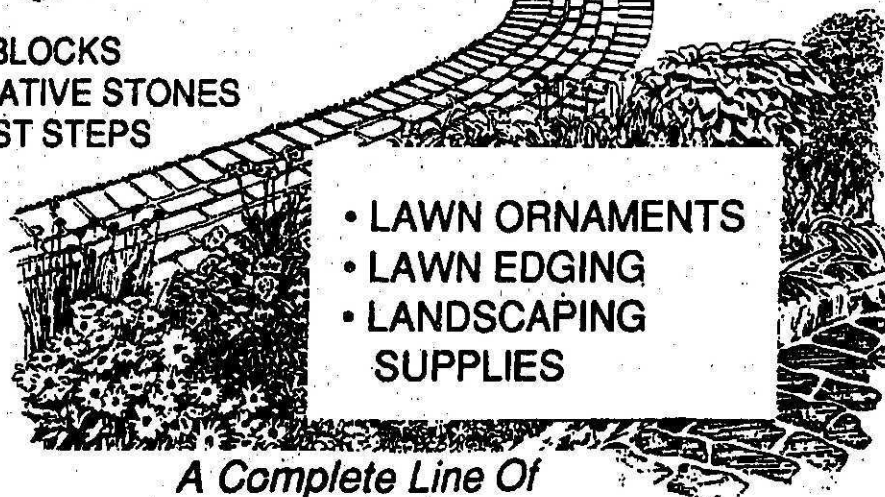


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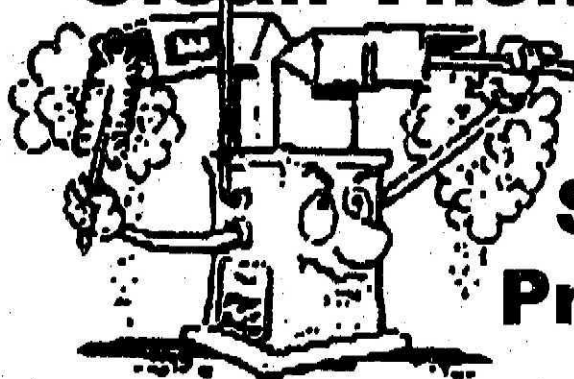
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## Watch for children

# Safety first in lawn care

(MS) — Each spring, as the flowers blossom and the grass begins to grow, millions of people follow the annual path to lawn and garden care. Friendly neighbors haul out their mowers, lawn tractors, edgers, tillers and chipper/shredders because they know this equipment provides the best and easiest route to beautifying the landscape. Unfortunately, some also haul out old, unsafe operating habits and this is where they unknowingly turn down a dangerous path toward the possibility of accidents, especially if children are in the work area.

One of the first and foremost safety precautions for parents is never to take children for rides on lawn & garden tractors and riding mowers. In fact, the tendency to give a child a ride on a lawn or garden tractor is a careless and dangerous practice that needs to be stopped. Bill Harley, Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) President and CEO says, "Riding mowers are designed to cut grass, and they come with many safety features which are provided for a single operator. They are absolutely not built for passengers."

Simply stated, never take children for rides on riding mowers. Bill

Harley agrees, "This type of coverage is unintentionally irresponsible because it sends the wrong message." Another very important message is to keep children away from the work area when using any kind of outdoor power equipment. Do not allow children to stand near (or walk behind) mowers, riding mowers, trimmers, edgers, chain saws, chipper/shredders and snow throwers. When using outdoor power equipment, keep children inside. If any child does enter the work area, turn off the machine immediately.

### MOM, DAD, CAN I HELP?

Young children often express an interest in helping mommy or daddy with chores. This is a normal part of their development. Make sure children understand the importance of safety precautions while helping out. Ask your kids to pick up debris to clear the area to make it safe for mowing. Emphasize the importance of this job by calling it "Safety Patrol," explaining that toys or rocks may be thrown hundreds of feet by a lawn mower and injure someone or they may damage the machine. Smaller children can make a game out of the number of sticks, toys, rocks and any other debris that might be on the lawn.

After completing the "Safety Patrol," parents should send children inside to watch from a window and make sure the job is done correctly. This removes your children from the work area while giving them an "important" job — keeping an eye on mom or dad.

### SAFETY SUMMARY

To once again highlight important safety recommendations, the OPEI offers the following advice:

- \* Always read the owner's manual before operating any equipment.

- \* Keep children away from the mowing area, preferably indoors.

- \* Be alert. If children enter the mowing area, turn off the mower.

- \* Before going into reverse, look behind and down for small children.

- \* NEVER take a child for a ride on a mower.

- \* Don't let children operate ANY outdoor power equipment.

For further information on safety and other related industry topics, visit the OPEI Web site at <http://opei.mow.org>.



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## To home buyer

# Landscape also important

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necessary soil erosion. Replacing a retaining wall can cost you tens of thousands of dollars, so check these items carefully:

- \* What type of materials are used in the retaining wall and how old are they? Creosote railroad ties last about 15 years; CCA-treated landscape timbers about 20 years. Masonry can last for centuries if properly installed, but missing mortar may mean the wall is structurally weak.
- \* Walls higher than 4 feet should be engineered by a professional. Are engineering drawings available and certified by an approving authority?

- \* Is there adequate drainage through the walls? Solid masonry requires "weep"

(drainage) holes equally spaced along the base of the wall.

Fences are the ideal tool for security and privacy. Some municipal codes require locking fences for homes with swimming pools. Here are some other questions to keep in mind:

- \* What is the general repair of the fence? Are posts, rails, pickets and hardware free of rot and rust? Are wood products made from rot-resistant timber?

- \* Is there a clear space between the bottom of the fence and the soil's surface? Wood fencing will wick moisture into the pickets if they come in contact with the soil and metal fencing may rust more quickly.

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- \* Full-sized, quality landscape trees should be no

closer than 15 feet to the foundation or concrete drives and walks. Fast-grow-

ing and shallow-rooted trees should be much further.

- \* Watch for messy fruit-, nut- or seed-producing trees close to driveways, walkways, pools, ponds and patios, or plants that can outgrow their locations.

### OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- \* Water — Pools, fountains, ponds and bird baths are attractive features for your landscape, but they may also require a lot of maintenance. Check these features carefully to decide whether you want the additional effort and expense.

- \* Lighting — Lighting can provide security and beauty, but some systems can cost a lot of money if repairs are needed.

- \* Unwanted landscape visitors — Some environments are conducive to unwanted visitors from nature. Your potential home could be visited by deer, raccoons, coyotes and other wildlife.

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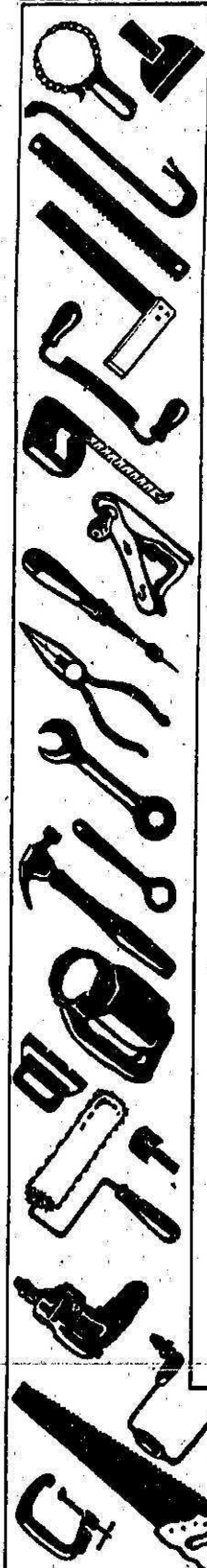
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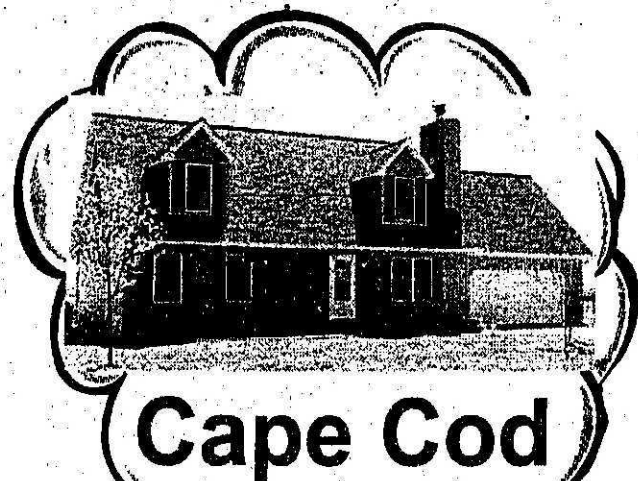
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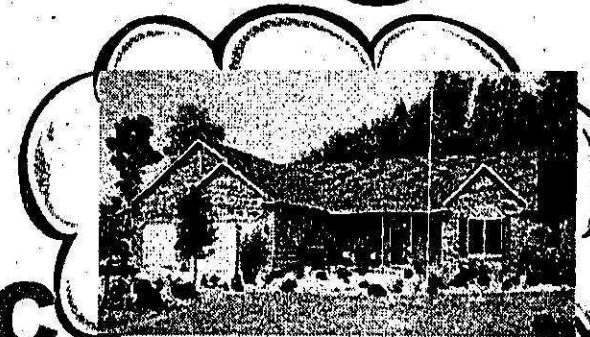
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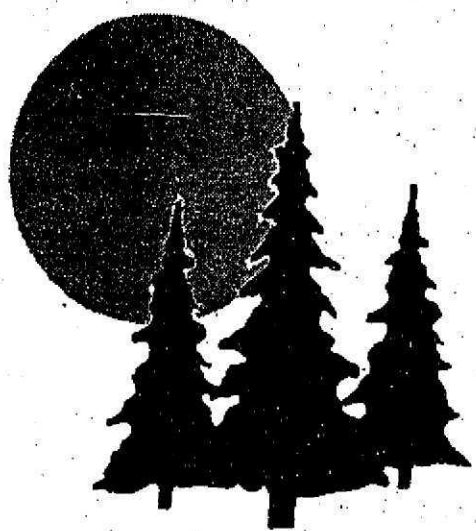
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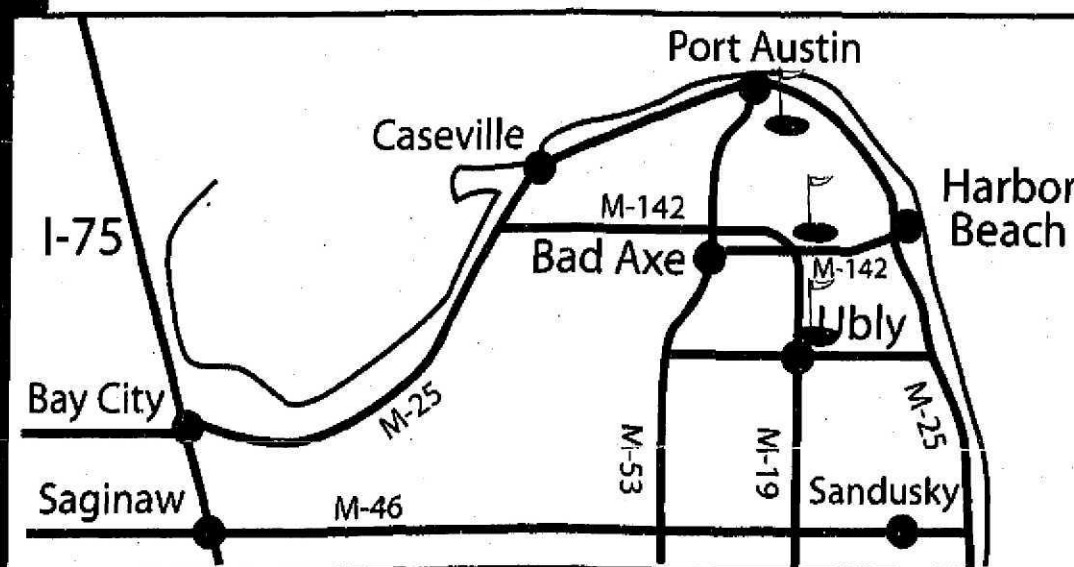
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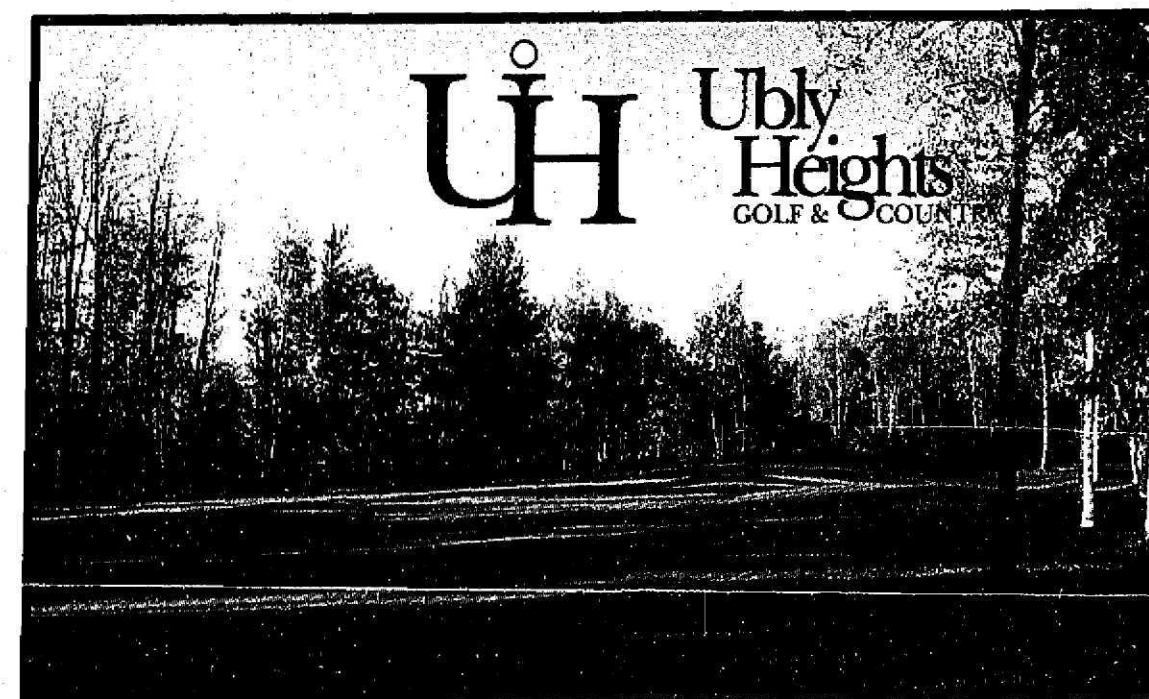
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