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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP fire fighters used the Jaws of Life to extricate Teri A. Berger, 23, of Bad Axe, from her car after Berger lost control of the vehicle and was struck broadside by a garbage truck in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township Thursday morning. Berger was southbound on Bad Axe Road, a half-mile north of Spencer Road, when she entered the path of the northbound truck, driven by Nicholas S. Schmidt, 24, Ubly. Berger was transported to Huron Medical Center for treatment of her injuries. Schmidt was not injured, Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported.

\$283,700 for "incubator kitchen"

Huron to receive funding

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently approved Rural Business Enterprise grants totaling \$567,400 to start value-added innovation centers in Huron and Oceana counties.

Two grants worth \$283,700 each were awarded to Michigan Integrated Food and

Farming Systems (MIFFS) to establish one "incubator kitchen" in each of the counties.

The centers will help entrepreneurs develop new consumer products from Michigan crops and livestock, and provide assistance on how to manufacture and market the

products. Part of the funding will be used to research what resources each commercial kitchen should provide to best serve its respective region, according to the Michigan office of USDA Rural Development.

The Huron County center also received a \$40,000

grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, said MIFFS Executive Director Tom Guthrie.

The grants will help fund feasibility studies to determine the size and scope of each center, according to Guthrie.

"We hope to have the feasibility studies done in 6 months and then be able to put pots and pans somewhere," he said, noting each county has options for center locations under consideration.

The incubator kitchens are part of an overall strategy to assist value-added product development in Michigan by the Partnership for Product Agriculture, a broad coalition that includes MIFFS, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and others, including Michigan State University and USDA.

"The partnership's goal is to help farmers improve their Please turn to back page.

Hal Hooks on the job as new Ubly school chief

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hal Hooks believes that if it takes a village to raise a child, it also takes a community to educate a child.

Involving parents and other residents is a big part of Hooks' approach to education, and as the new superintendent of Ubly Community Schools, he hopes to build on what he sees is already a solid base of community support.

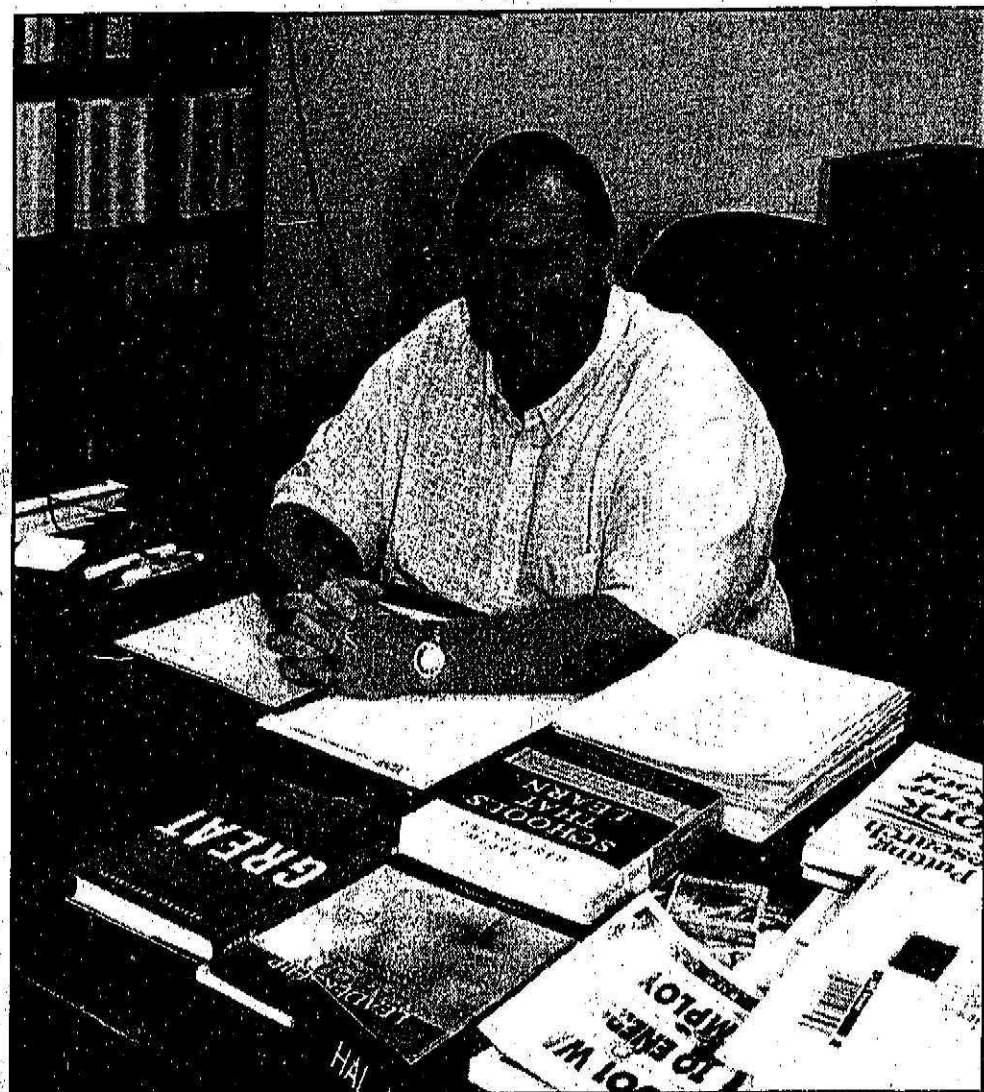
Hooks took over the helm of the school district in July, filling a vacancy left by the retirement of David Landeryou, who served at Ubly for nearly 30 years.

"I was a finalist in 3 districts. I really felt that Ubly was the place I wanted to be," he said. "This is a town with the small town flavor. Everything here is just very positive."

Hooks indicated the decision to accept his new job wasn't a difficult one.

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HAL HOOKS is the new superintendent of the Ubly Community Schools. Hooks has 32 years in education, including 18 1/2 years as an elementary school teacher.

Saturday and Sunday

Organizers expect big 'family days' turnout

The Friends of the Octagon Barn have watched their Fall Family Days celebration grow from a one-day event attended by a few hundred visitors, to a monster 2-day festival that draws thousands.

Last year's event drew an estimated 7,000 people and netted about \$35,000 in revenue.

Organizers are expecting more of the same when residents from across Michigan travel to the unique 8-sided barn located 1 1/2 miles east and one mile north of Gageton on Richie Road.

The 8th annual Fall Family Days is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$2 for those 13 and over, and \$1 for those 6 to 12.

Bob Hirn, co-chairman of the festival, recalled the festival's start.

"The first year we probably entertained 350 visitors on a rainy Saturday, and everything we did was crowded into half of the barn," he said. "Now, we're in our fourth year of a 2-day show, (and) we're using, acreage-wise, probably 16 acres for exhibits and vendors and parking."

Hirn acknowledged the festival's popularity has really grown, with last year's attendance and net receipts breaking every record.

"That just blew the doors off the year before or anything before. Of course, the weather was on our side," he said, noting the weekend was warm, but stayed dry.

"We had just a super turnout. So, we are prepared for that type of return visit this year. We think we're going to have another record response."

Those who make the trek will find plenty to see and do.

"With the theme of small grains this year, we will center our field demonstrations on equipment designed to harvest and process small grains and will invite visitors to follow the grain harvesting and threshing series of demonstrations," Hirn said. "This will include the demonstration of a cradle scythe, reaper, grain binder, pull-type combines, grain flail,

threshing machine, stationary bailer, fanning mill and gristmill.

"We will again have the sorghum press and evaporator going, making sorghum syrup," Hirn continued. "New this year will be a circular saw mill. This piece of equipment has been donated to the barn and in time will be permanently set up."

Returning events this year will include horse-drawn wagon rides, barrel train rides, ladies craft workshops, children's activities, a working shingle mill, entertainment by the Eastern Michigan Music Makers, and tractor and old engine displays. "Soap making, broom making and the process of making buggy wheels will be firsts for this event," Hirn noted. "Also new this year will be a hands-on rope-splicing workshop."

"We are excited about these new demonstrations, because they fit with our goal of having information that depicts rural life in the early 1900s."

Hirn said the Sampsons will

be back this year with their farm animals, "but they are not making any promises about a birthing this year. Our own 'Ruby' the pot bellied pig, born at last year's event, will be back to celebrate her first birthday."

In addition, Jennifer Szubielak will again be demonstrating hand sheep shearing.

"The flea market has also been expanding, taking over most of the north field. All exhibitors and demonstrations of rural life have been moved to the south field. All parking will be in the field directly across the road from the barn," said Hirn, who noted Chuck Dorsch has again offered his fields for parking.

As a safety precaution, organizers have worked out an agreement with the road commission to close Richie Road to through traffic during the festival.

Visitors will also find an expanded food concession this year, with the main food tent offering more variety as well as evening hours. On

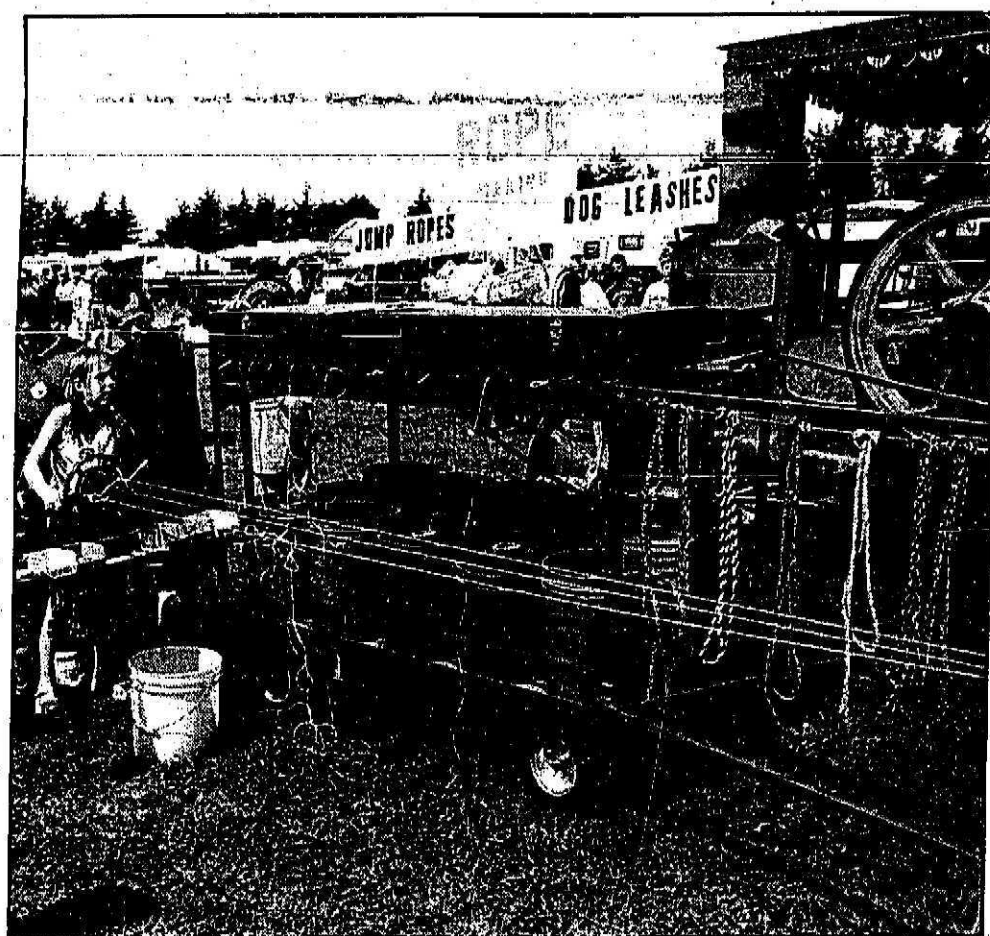
both Friday and Saturday there will be fish sandwiches and French fries available from 4 to 7 p.m. Also on tap is the popular pancake breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

"We'll continue to have the variety of treats, including home made ice cream, hog kettle popcorn, cotton candy, bean soup, apple cider and the made-as-you-wait delicious fried cakes," Hirn said.

Proceeds from the festival go back into restoration of the barn and farmhouse. The improvements, now totaling more than \$100,000, have been expanded to include the garage, which now sets on a new foundation.

The work will continue, according to Hirn, who along with his fellow volunteers will spend most of this week setting up tents and equipment in preparation for the 2003 festival.

"We have people that are members who drive from the west side of the state to help Please turn to back page.



SEVEN-YEAR-old Danielle Gerber of Caro makes her own rope, the old fashioned way, during the 2002 Fall Family Days festival at the Octagon Barn near Gageton.

Wild ride

Cass City's Prieskorn: ride-along like an episode of "Cops"

Watching an episode of the television show "Cops" will never be the same for Cass City businessman Matt Prieskorn.

Prieskorn had always wanted to accompany police officers on a "ride-along" experience, and after winning the opportunity by forking over \$125 at a Cass City Rotary Club St. Patrick's Day silent auction, he recently got his chance.

And he got every penny's worth.

Prieskorn's ride with troopers on a special traffic detail in Flint ended in a brief high-speed chase that ended when the cruiser he was riding in slammed into the back of a suspected gunman's car. The cruiser was totaled, but officers on the scene arrested 2 Flint men suspected of shooting a 23-year-old man, also from Flint.

"It was awesome. That's

what I was hoping it would be," Prieskorn said of the experience.

"It was quite a night. He managed to hit the jackpot as far as that (excitement) goes," agreed First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the Michigan State Police Post in Caro. "I think he got his money's worth."

Lautner, a member of the Cass City Rotary Club, arranged the ride-along in which Prieskorn was paired with Caro post Trooper Mike Foley and Flint post Trooper Brad Ross.

Lautner explained that troopers from posts around the 3rd District, including the Caro post, volunteer to work on a special enforcement project in Flint in cooperation with Flint police. It's a great opportunity, he said, for troopers in more rural areas to experience working in the city.

"Our guys have really enjoyed it. It's been an eye-opening experience for our younger officers," he added.

It was also a great experience for Prieskorn, a Cass City Village Council trustee. Prieskorn said he suited up in a bulletproof vest and began his ride at about 10 p.m. "It was pretty mellow at first, but things started to pick up," he said. "You weren't bored once they started patrolling. It was one stop after another - always something going on."

Prieskorn said the troopers were focused on crimes involving crack cocaine and/or guns, and struck gold about 4 hours into the ride - 2:30 a.m. - when an alert went over the radio instructing troopers to be on the lookout for a white car involved in a drive-by shooting.

Two other troopers spotted

the suspects' vehicle minutes later, and Prieskorn found himself in the middle

of the action as Foley and Ross gave chase as well.

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Student writers pen new columns

This week the Cass City Chronicle is debuting 2 new student columns, which will appear each week on page 10.

The columns are being written by Kristi Fluegge, a senior at Cass City High School, and Laura Enderle, a senior at Owen-Gage Junior-Senior High School.

The Chronicle has published columns by Cass City students in recent years, but this will be the first year an Owen-Gage student has contributed on a weekly basis. Both student columnists will be covering a wide range of school-related topics, including activities, clubs, current events and special happenings, all from the students' perspective. We hope our readers will enjoy their contributions during the 2003-04 school year.

Tom Montgomery
Editor



5 generations

FIVE GENERATIONS are represented above by (clockwise from top) Dorothy Tuckey Mantey, Pamela Mantey Johnson, Evelyn Tuckey, Alyss Paige and Andrew Johnson.

32 attend family reunion

Thirty-two people attended the 62nd Hendrick-Downing reunion Aug. 23, at the home of Luis and Lila Arroyo. A potluck dinner was enjoyed. After the business meeting there was an auction and a hayride, after which ice cream cones were served. The oldest attendee was Ruth Fischer of Cass City, the youngest was 2-year-old Brendan Fox of Davison. Travelling the farthest distance was DuWayne Aker of Chula Vista, Calif. Others attending came from Lapeer, Vassar, Bay City, Auburn Hills and Davison. Next year's reunion will be on Aug. 26 at Luis and Lila Arroyo's.

"Covenant Players" to appear

The Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Road, will host the Christian drama group, "Covenant Players", at worship services Sunday. Covenant Players has toured for more than 38 years and performed over one million times in 82 different countries. The actors challenge believers to take a closer look at themselves and their faith with contemporary thought-provoking skits. The group will be sharing several acts with the congregation beginning at 9:30 a.m. They will also share three acts during the 10:45 a.m. adult service as well as share in Novesta's teen worship. Their final act will be shared at 1:30 p.m. after Novesta's Fall Kick-off Tailgate Potluck Party. The public is welcome to attend these services and be the guests of Novesta's Tailgate Potluck. For more information, call 872-3658.

Miller earns scholarship

Incoming freshman Steven A. Miller, Marlette, has been awarded a \$5,500 Calvin Presidential Scholarship at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Miller, a graduate of Deford Christian Academy, is the son of Glen and Diane Miller.



Ah, football season has begun! I don't know how much significance that has in your life, but it means planning around several hours of TV per week in our household. We have a couple female friends that are actually as interested in the game as their male counterparts, but they are exceptions to the rule. Most of us are happy to pursue our own interests while the guys are glued to the tube. I don't know that we're from different planets, but there are definitely characteristics that separate the average male from the average female. Some wise guy came up with a few besides spectator sports:

*** BATHROOMS:** A man has 5 items in his bathroom: a toothbrush, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel from the Holiday Inn. The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify most of these items.

*** ARGUMENTS:** A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

*** CATS:** Women love cats. Men say they love cats, but when women aren't looking, men kick cats.

*** FUTURE:** A woman worries about the future until she gets married. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

*** SUCCESS:** A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

*** MARRIAGE:** A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, and she does.

*** DRESSING UP:** A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the garbage, answer the phone, read a book and get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

*** NATURALNESS:** Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

*** OFFSPRING:** A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments, romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

Grief support meetings set in Marlette, Pigeon

The loss of a loved one can sometimes be the tie that binds people together. Comfort and caring can be found by joining with others also experiencing grief through 2 support group meetings offered by United Hospice Service this fall. As an ongoing service, these support group meetings are free and open to everyone in the Thumb area. They are not only for hospice families and caregivers, but also for anyone struggling after the loss of a loved one. Even a loss that happened some time ago might have left unresolved issues and feelings, which can be shared at these sessions. Guided by volunteers, trained in grief-related issues and having gone through losses of their own in the past, these groups emphasize mutual respect and confidentiality. The group meetings are held once a week for 6 weeks at 2 convenient locations to better accommodate participants' busy schedules. One group will meet in Marlette on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Sept. 4 through Oct. 9 at the United Hospice Service office, 2770 Main St., which is located directly behind the hospital. Another group will be meeting in Pigeon on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 3 through Nov. 7, at the Scheurer Hospital classroom at 170 North Caseville Rd. in Pigeon. If you are interested in more information about this group, or would like to register to participate, call United Hospice Service at 800-635-7490 (ext. 4134).

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Luis and Lila Arroyo had as a guest for a week, DuWayne Aker of Chula Vista, Calif. Lila and DuWayne had never met before. They had been corresponding via the Internet for 3 years. They are great great-grandchildren of Joel Thomas Hendrick, great-grandchildren of James Parker Hendrick, son of Joel, who were early settlers in Ellington Township, Cass City, and grandchildren of James' sons, Egbert and Adelbert Hendrick.

Ministry to begin Oct. 1

A new men's ministry will begin at the Evangelical Free Church of Cass City, Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. The study will examine life's purpose based upon Rick Warren's best seller The Purpose Driven Life. For more information, or to join the study, call 872-5060.

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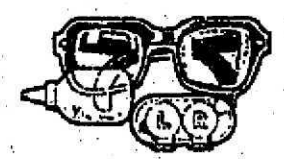
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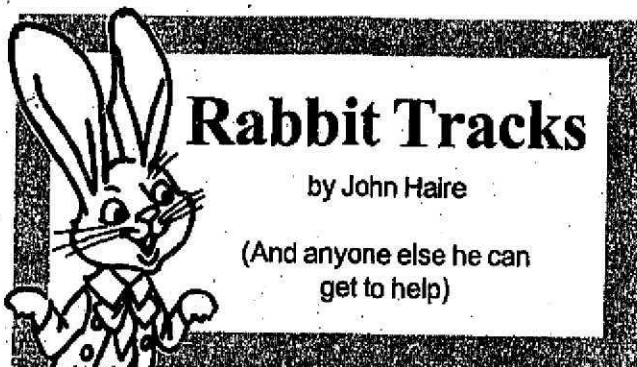
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Whoops! In this trivia last week I declared that Mardell Ware was 91 and that the figure was no misprint, but it was. Mardell is not 91, she is 94 and I am thinking about telling whomever is boss then to have her write her own story when she hits the century mark.

It must be in the genes. This week a pair of high school students became school columnists for the Chronicle. Taking over at Cass City High School is Kristi Fluegge. A new column from Owendale-Gagetown High School also starts this week. It is written by Laura Enderle.

It is strictly by coincidence that Laura and Kristi are cousins.

Despite the traffic jams on I-75 reported by the media, in our annual trek to Boyne City we found less people than normal. There were plenty of empty tables at restaurants that we found jammed on Labor Day weekends, most often with waiting lists.

While there was plenty of room at restaurants, the general store that includes a small bakery at Walloon Lake still produces the finest cinnamon buns anywhere. They are big and luscious and the frosting is separate so you can take as much or as little as you like.

They are fresh and are baked at about 8 a.m. They have to be fresh and warm because even in non-holiday weekends you are taking a big chance on missing out if you arrive after 9:30 a.m. They are worth the 6-mile jaunt from Boyne City to get some for breakfast.

They sell for 85 cents each. Give them a 10 on the one-10 scale.

Hills and Dales now offers "Swing-Beds"

Hills and Dales General Hospital will be offering a new service to inpatients called "Swing-Beds."

Swing-beds serve as an interim solution between acute care and home care. Who is

eligible for a swing-bed? A patient who has been hospitalized for at least 3 days within the past 30 days for the same condition.

For example, a patient who is weak after prolonged hospitalization and needs time and assistance to build strength and endurance. Such conditions that may warrant a length in stay may be a stroke, heart attack, joint replacement or a neuromuscular illness.

Dr. Richard Hall of Cass City felt that this aspect would be a benefit to his patients.

"They wouldn't have to be transferred out of the hospital to a skilled nursing facility away from the community. The patient would be able to continue their stay in the hospital and receive the nursing care as required for their diagnoses. The swing-bed addition and support for the family in care of the patient will give greater flexibility," he said.

Swing-beds also prevent the patient from having to relocate for their rehabilitation services. Patients can continue to have their primary physician in charge of their care. Patients will benefit from a more holistic approach to their care and the continuity of care will be maintained throughout the

course of their medical episode.

In order to provide this new service, Hills and Dales General Hospital has recently been designated as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH).

Dee McKrow, President and CEO stated, "In order to be eligible for CAH, Hills and Dales had to have fewer than 50 hospital beds and the hospital be located in a rural area. Often in rural areas, there is a scarcity of skilled nursing facilities. The swing-bed concept allows the hospital to use 10 of its beds interchangeably as either a hospital or a skilled nursing facility. This offers Hills and Dales options in adaptability in meeting the fluctuating demands for acute and long-term care. Hills and Dales will also receive an increase in reimbursement for Medicare patients thus improving the financial future of the hospital."

Hills and Dales General Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the College of American Pathology and the American College of Radiologist. In addition, Hills and Dales is also a member of the National Rural Health Association and the Community Health Accreditation Program.

Huron County bean tour slated

The Michigan Bean Commission and MSU Extension-Huron County will host a Huron County Dry Bean Tour today (Wednesday), at the Bernard Puvalowski Farm at 12 noon.

The plot is located at 2720 South Parisville Rd., Ruth, one-half mile south of Helena Rd. Everyone interested in dry bean production is invited to attend.

The plot tour will begin with a luncheon at noon. Following the meal, Greg Varner will tour the plot discussing the different varieties of dry beans. There are 66 different varieties of beans planted in the plot. Joe Cramer from Star of the West Milling Company will give a market report.

The Michigan Bean Commission will be accepting nominations for a bean commissioner for eastern Huron County. Dry bean growers who live east of M-53 will be eligible to be nominated for a position on the Michigan Bean Commission.

For more information, contact Jim Mantey, MSU Extension agricultural agent, at (989) 269-9949.

Blood Drive on tap

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive Sept. 22 in the buildings of the Juniata Baptist Church.

The public is invited to come to the church, which is located at 5656 Washburn Rd., between 1 and 6:45 p.m. on that Monday to donate blood.

For more information, call the church office at (989) 823-7848.

The Haire Net



A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. That ancient bromide came immediately to mind when I read about the dispute between the Cass City VFW and the village.

Call it a mural or call it a sign it's still a patriotic message that is approved by a solid majority. That includes Frank Sheridan.

All this started in the summer when Sheridan told the VFW they needed a sign permit and has escalated from there.

Now the issue has deteriorated to where objectivity is lost in a stubborn battle of pride. Both sides take a rigid stance and to heck with what might reasonably be done to settle the issue.

Sheridan is dead set on following the village code requirements to the letter. In his defense, trying to enforce the codes on a selective basis would make them all ineffective and open to dispute in our courts.

Sheridan is quoted in a story in the Chronicle as saying, "money is not the issue (for the post). It's the principle - it's our building and you can't tell us what to do." The fact is that the village does have the right and the duty to enforce the ordinances that have been established.

On the other hand, there's no law that says the VFW has to be the one that pays the cost of going through the court of appeals, estimated at \$200 to \$225.

The village could find a way, I'm sure, to forgive that cost. It's almost a lead pipe cinch that a variance would be granted, regardless of how many members of the board

are veterans. The sign (mural) has overwhelming public approval and acceptance. Getting a variance would preserve zoning regulations that are a necessity. The members of the VFW, the village manager and the village council all have the best interest of the community at heart.

A little give and take between both sides would quickly settle the issue. The coveted sign (mural) would be intact and so would the power of the village to enforce ordinances passed for the benefit of all.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I guess I'll never be an artistic person. I have little patience with the abstract and simply can't understand anything that doesn't look like something.

This may be true of most men who grew up on a farm. There were just so many old pieces of equipment and unusual things lying around when we were kids, that we suspect everything has a purpose if we can only find out what it is.

So I look at a metal sculpture and instead of seeing the broad, sweeping curves and graceful symmetry, I see the sharp edges and comment, "I'll bet that thing came off an old corn-chopper."

It's just that sort of attitude that causes problems when artists are commissioned to design pieces for public buildings on college campuses. What might have been an artistic triumph if placed in the college of art, looks like the rear end of a manure spreader when you put it near the dairy science building.

That's just what happened at Washington State University back in the '70s. The university had a huge metal sculpture placed next to the animal science building, and once the shock subsided, everyone began to guess what it was.

Each time I visited that campus, I would look at this monstrosity and try to make something out of it. The piece had several sections of 12- to 15-foot lengths, and each was suspended at various angles to the ground.

After the sculpture was in place for a few months, the head of the animal science department became so curious that he offered a six-pack of beer for the person who could come up with the best name for it.

The winner was a professor who dubbed the piece "Hog Troughs in a Hurricane." And he was right! That's exactly what it looks like.

Probably the most intriguing art pieces for me are the natural arrangements of dried plants and flowers. Each time I look at a dried arrangement, I find myself identifying the plants it contains; and pretty soon I'm calculating the nutritive value of this mixture if fed to a sheep.

The first dried arrangement my wife put together was a

beautiful combination of curly dock and timothy, arranged in a big moonshine jug. While these plants were attractive enough, I have seen too many of them encased in baling wire to understand why you would put them in a jug.

These bouquets always remind me of that wet spot in the hay field - where the weeds were so bad we didn't even bother to cut it. To this day, I have trouble walking

past a dried arrangement without giving it a kick to see if a quail might fly out.

Such decorations have become big business, however, and there are farms with whole fields planted specifically for this market. They tell me the main concern in growing decorative plants is not climate or soil fertility. The biggest problem is keeping an eye on Grandpa to be sure he doesn't spray the weeds before you can get them off to market.

The Weather

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Thursday	79	70	.14"
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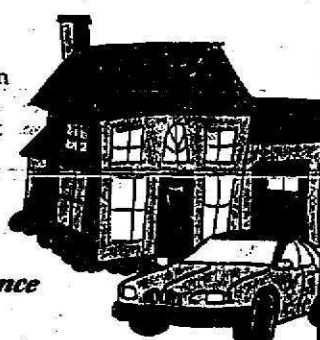


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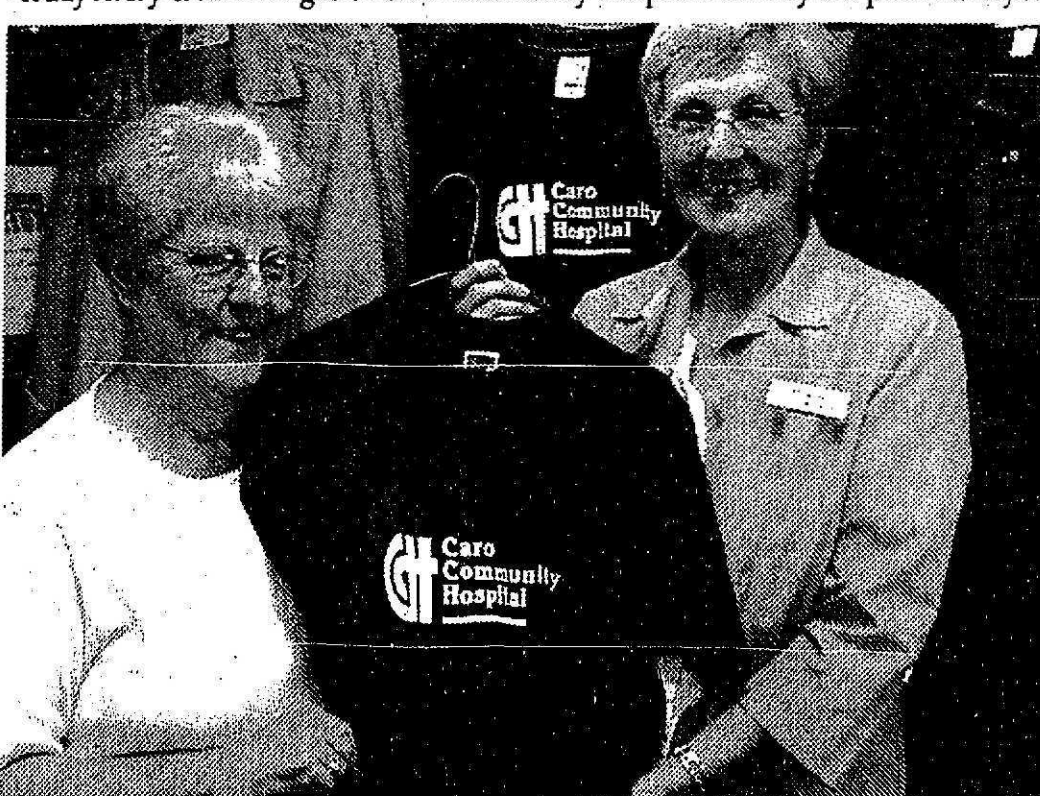
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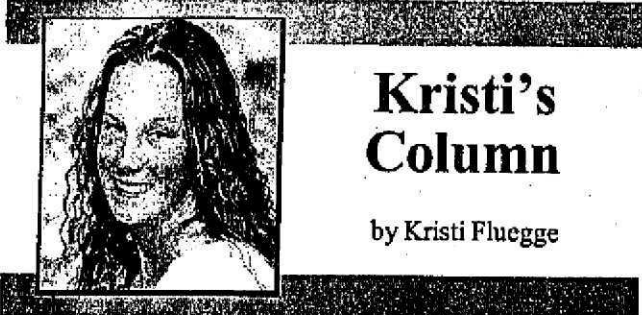
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Kristi's Column

by Kristi Fluegge

As a new school year begins, many changes take place along with a new writer for this article. Being the first article I thought I would tell you a little bit about myself. My name is Kristi Fluegge and I am a senior at Cass City High School. Over the years at school I have become a very active and involved student in sports, student council and NHS. Now there are a few more people I would like to introduce that are new to our schools. However, in interviewing some of these new students I also realized how much everything really does change from being the care-free first grader to the anxious senior.

Walking down the hallways full with art projects and laughter, I met Sandra and Theodosia Irelan and Kayla and Sarah Zmierski. Both pairs of sisters were new to our Campbell Elementary this year. They reminded me of what it was like to be in the first, second and forth grades again.

When I asked Sandra and Theodosia what they liked the most about their new school they had quite a bit to say. They both like to play games, color, go for recess and eat lunch. Talking with Kayla she said, "I just love to swing, I swing forever!" Her sister Sarah said, "I like lunch, because I really like to eat!" All four of these new students at Campbell, a few of the twenty-nine newly enrolled students, are loving school and have a long road ahead before coloring turns into Chemistry. But as a senior looking back, they will feel they sped along on this seemingly endless journey.

Going back to our new middle school I slightly remembered the classrooms where good grades started to become important and the

gym where the sports played were merely for fun. Something I didn't remember were all the new faces in the halls. Krista Guinther, who came to our middle school this year, is in fifth grade. She still enjoys art class, the library and even the bus ride. With Kimberly Williams, a sixth grader, I began to see a change. I was a bit surprised when she told me, "I love to dissect animals, but Computers isn't that much fun because the teacher makes us sit up really straight!" I also really saw a change in the seventh and eighth graders, Chantell Toner and Ben Farkas. No more did they discuss recess and swinging. They told me how they didn't like Social Studies or did like Science. However, Ben's reason for liking Science class was still, "because I like to blow up things!" Talking to all these new students I saw the transition of their favorite things change from swinging to Science. Along with these changes were three breaks a day to one break before lunch.

Walking through the familiar hallways of Chemistry, Trigonometry, Calculus, and, of course, College Prep classes, the atmosphere was somewhat different. The gym of our high school holds three-hour practices and sports are not always about having a good time. Christina and Amber Williams, sisters who transferred from Owen-Gage, both admit that high school life is a step up. Justin Owen, another new student to our eleventh grade, agrees with them about how nervous they all were entering our school. Maybe some of the excitement seems to be lost, but I feel it has just changed. Instead of getting excited about recess, students here are excited about football games, forensics, or student council.

Leaving for lunch and work experience are two privileges only offered to Juniors and Seniors.

Throughout every school year there are numerous activities one can be involved in. Looking back I believe the best thing to do is enjoy each one for all it's worth. You'll never guess what the next year may bring or leave behind.

Finally, as a new writer for this column, I would like to ask anyone who has any comments, suggestions, or questions concerning Cass City schools to please feel free to E-mail me at kristi.fluegge10@hotmail.com. If at all possible, I will attempt to respond in a future article in the Red Hawk Talks.

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I feel the present and past councils and management of the Village have done an excellent job at keeping our millage rates at a minimum.

Joyce A. Bemus
Clerk/Treasurer
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charge to the taxpayer. I dislike taxes probably more than those wailing about the \$40 promotional tax. I'll tell you this: Cass City is a jewel. Village services are excellent. Our roads are first rate. Have you driven down M-81 through Caro lately? Village government pinches their pennies and watches expenditures, and I strongly support their efforts.

I'll pay the \$40 and consider it a real bargain for what we have in Cass City. God bless Cass City!

Ray Donaldson,
Cass City

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YEAR	MILLAGE	PLUS/MINUS
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2002	17.9246	-1.9949
2001	19.9195	1.4570
2000	18.4625	0.0000
1999	18.4625	0.0000
1998	18.4625	0.0000
1997	18.4625	-0.0375
1996	18.5000	0.0000
1995	18.5000	2.3397
1994	16.1603	-0.1590
1993	16.3193	-0.1452
1992	16.4645	0.0349
1991	16.4296	0.0000
1990	16.4296	0.0458
1989	16.3838	-0.1162
1988	16.5000	1.4755
1987	15.0245	-0.2478
1986	15.2723	-0.2926
1985	15.5649	0.4419
1984	15.1230	-0.0837
1983	15.2067	0.0000
1982	15.2067	-0.6871
1981	15.8938	-0.6062
1980	16.5000	1.0000
1979	15.5000	

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2002	17.9246	56,600	1,014.53	46,208	828.26	186.27
2001	19.9195	55,100	1,097.56	44,776	891.92	205.65
2000	18.4625	46,800	864.05	37,865	699.08	164.96
1999	18.4625	44,200	816.04	37,159	686.05	129.99
1998	18.4625	40,900	755.12	36,574	675.25	79.87
1997	18.4625	38,100	703.42	35,613	657.51	45.92
1996	18.5000	35,700	660.45	34,643	640.90	19.55
1995	18.5000	33,755	624.47	33,700	623.45	1.02
PERCENTAGE INCREASE PER YEAR ON AVG						
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Mural beautiful tribute to vets

Dear Sir,
I recently returned "home" to Cass City to attend my

class reunion. I made it a point to drive by the VFW building to see the

mural. What a beautiful tribute to our veterans.

I come from a military family. My father, 3 brothers, sister and husband have all proudly served their country in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the peacetime Army. The sight of "Old Glory" never fails to tug at my

heartstrings. Long may she wave "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

To veterans everywhere, I say "Thank you and God bless."

Sincerely,
Martha E. (Martinez)
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would work.

Norm Parker,
Cass City

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Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.
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Bulldog Beat

by Laura Enderle

Dear Readers,
My name is Laura Louise Enderle and I am a senior at Owendale-Gagetown High School. I would like to share a little bit about myself with you. My parents are Frank Enderle and Ronald and Arlene Jamieson. I have one

older sister who currently studies in California and 2 wonderful little stepisters who attend Caro Middle School. I enjoy doing many things such as exercising, playing the drums, writing and being around children. At school I am involved in band, National Honor Society, basketball, volleyball, softball and journalism. I am a representative for the Huron County Youth Advisory Council and I regularly attend Owendale United Methodist Church. Last year I spent my junior year of high school studying in the beautiful country of Brazil. Some of you may be familiar with my monthly letters. I had enjoyed writing home. Now the Cass City Chronicle has invited me back to write to you weekly of some of the happenings going on within my school district. As the weeks go by, I will do my best to inform you of the most enjoyable and interesting events.

The first week of school has now passed with an atmosphere filled with much excitement, as expected. With the excitement also came the normal confusion, even more so this year with a new class schedule and new administrator. Every day we have had more questions regarding the schedule and nobody is sure how to perfectly resolve them quite yet, but as the days went by many kinks were straightened out.

I feel the school needs to commend our school guidance counselor, Mrs. Nancy Ault, for her patience and understanding with the students. Every day and almost every hour her office was

filled with troubled students and she was ready with open ears to resolve the problems as best as possible. Not only did she need to tend to students, but she also had teachers and higher authority to answer to.

The ongoing question is when we will have class meetings since we have removed advisory from the schedule and now have 7 full hours of class. The latest solution is to cut back every class hour a few minutes on Fridays, so that no one class hour is targeted to lose class time. It is the same solution we used in the past to hold afternoon pep assemblies. The meetings will be arranged to be held in the morning so the junior and senior students who attend the Huron County Tech Center may participate, or in the afternoon for underclassmen only. It is still unknown when it will go into effect and if it will be weekly or biweekly. For now, all we can do is hope this will work and keep our ears open for the next announcement.

For most of us the first week of school went by pretty smoothly, but as always everyone looked forward to the 4-day weekend. It is good to ease into the new school year with a short week to get everyone back into a fairly normal routine again. Now this week we can hit the books hard without being too overwhelmed.

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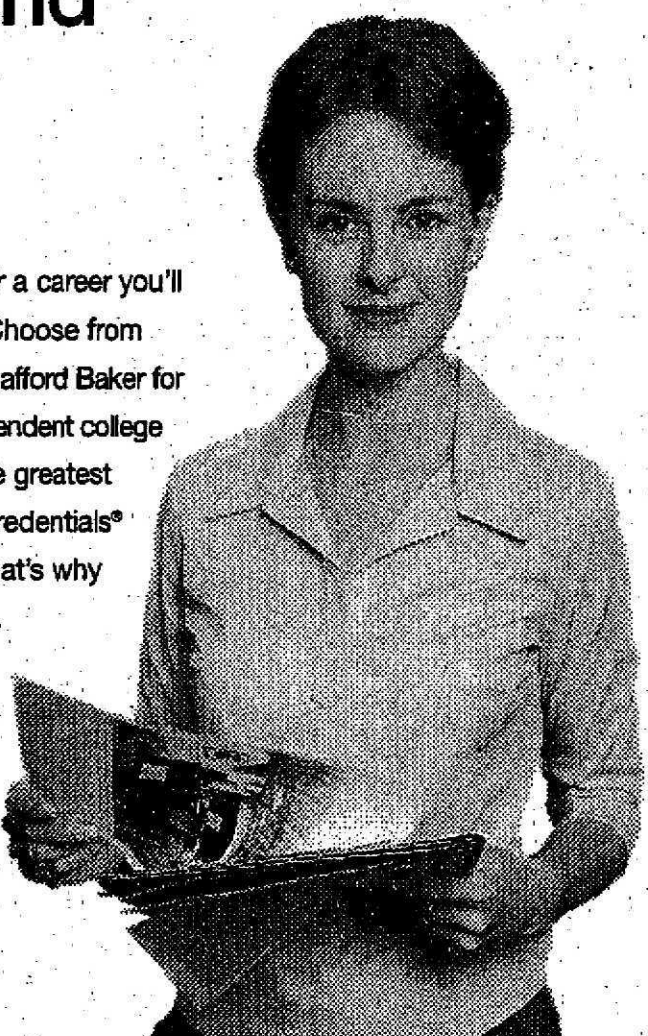
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Airman Patrick Johnson

Ubly graduate working to become a survival specialist

Editor's note: The following feature on Airman First Class Patrick A. Johnson was provided to the Chronicle by the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service. The story was written by John B. Dendy IV and the photos were taken by Gregory Kobashigawa.

When the son of an Ubly woman reports to class, he's not asked to bring a calculator, a protractor or Cliff Notes, and he doesn't have to worry about going through metal detectors to get to his classroom.

Instead, Air Force Airman First Class Patrick A. Johnson, the son of Patricia Stacer of Ubly, brings in knives, camouflage face paint and first aid kits. And the school lunch on any given day could include rab-

bit eyes, ants, worms, insect larvae or other creepy crawlies gathered in Mother Nature's all-you-can-eat buffet.

Johnson is working to become a survival specialist and instructor at the U.S. Air Force Survival School at Fairfield Air Force Base, Washington, and he doesn't care whether the students know geometry, proper English or what the Louisiana Purchase was - he just wants them to leave his school with the skills and knowledge they need to survive if they find themselves downed behind enemy lines or isolated in harsh conditions.

Students at the school are primarily Air Force aircrew members, but members of other services and airmen in other career fields also attend. The goal is the same

for all of them - learning to stay alive under the most difficult of circumstances.

"To become an instructor I have to be an expert in many subjects so I can teach the Air Force's aircrew members to survive in the worst of situations," said Johnson, a 2002 graduate of Ubly High School. "That's what I'm training to do now - learning what I need to know to effectively teach students at this school how to survive and return home with honor."

The school is home to 250 of the 350 survival instructors in the entire Air Force. The 366th Training Group that oversees the school also operates parachute and water survival training in Pensacola, Fla., and Arctic survival training in Alaska. Johnson said the school's work is crucial in this day and age - more than 170 service members have been rescued inside Afghanistan alone since 2001.

"Air Force aircrew members often fly into danger to protect this country," he said. "My mission, when I become

an instructor, will be to give the students the skills and the confidence - in both themselves and their Air Force - to do what they have to do if they ever have to bail out so they can return to their families and fly again."

After hands-on and classroom instruction on topics such as global survival skills, water survival, building shelters, crafting fires, survival medicine, land navigation skills, vectoring helicopters, recovery procedures, and combat evasion and survival skills, the students are put to the test in the elements.

After a few days with instructors in the woods, the students are left to their own designs with only the supplies and equipment they can carry on their backs - the same provisions they could expect if they were shot down behind enemy lines. Then they have to show off their new evasion skills by navigating through the woods, undetected, to a final checkpoint.

And even if the students are successful in remaining un-

detected, they're captured anyway, blindfolded, and taken off to what many consider the most difficult and definitely the most intense part of the entire school - resistance training.

The school staff locks down students in a compound to simulate being in an enemy prisoner of war camp. They are treated just about the way they would be if they were ever captured, with the goal being to show the students that they can survive in that type of environment.

"We push the students to their limits mentally and physically," Johnson said. "The training is intense, but we have to get them ready in case they ever have to do it with their lives actually on the line."

And while Johnson's version of school supplies and lunch fare are a tad unconventional, so are the students' graduation prizes - a degree in staying alive, and the knowledge that they can live off the land and resist the enemy's best if ever captured.



AIRMAN FIRST Class Patrick A. Johnson of Ubly is working to become a survival specialist and instructor at the U.S. Air Force Survival School, which trains aircrew members in survival, evasion, resistance and escape techniques.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson recently gave village council members a demonstration of the new lap top computers installed in 2 patrol cars. Village President L.E. Althaver and Trustee Dale McIntosh watched as Wilson accessed driver's license information. The computers also enable officers to complete reports in their patrol car.

Michigan Sugar Company officials emerged from a marathon 12-hour bargaining session Monday with some words of optimism, although no tentative agreement had been reached. Talks continued early this week as a lockout of some 250 employees entered its fourth week.

The Cass City Schools staff includes 3 new teachers this year. They are Sarah Satchell, fifth and sixth grade special education; Krista Connolly, ninth grade English; and Lisa Green, special education.

10 YEARS AGO

Ideas for enlarging or changing the recreational facilities in Cass City came thick and fast Tuesday night at a "town hall" meeting held at the Detroit Edison building. Village President Lambert Althaver fielded questions and suggestions that came from the estimated 50 persons attending. Discussion centered around 2 areas, the walking trail and the Cass City Recreational Park. The group was informed that a state grant for work at the shelter that extends part way over the Cass River was anticipated.

Organizers of the rejuvenated Kingston Days Summer Festival are calling the 3-day celebration, held over the weekend, a huge success. In fact, there's already some talk about planning next year's event. "It turned out real well," said festival chairman Phil Hardy. "We've already got another meeting set for Sept. 9."

The Knights of Columbus recently made a \$500 donation to the Cass City Schools for special education pro-

grams. Daryl Iwankovitch, chairman of the Knights' MR drive, presented the check to the special ed staff: JoAnn Bowman, Linda Guza, Julie Bitzer, Stacey McCreedy, Mary Anne Cross, Laura Schinnerer and Nesa Orth.

25 YEARS AGO

FALLEN BRIDGE - After standing for more than 60 years, the Dodge Road bridge over the Cass River fell last week under the weight of the wrecking ball. Midwest Bridge Co. of Williamston did the demolition and will build the new concrete bridge at a cost of \$249,073. The new bridge will be done some time this fall.

Thumb area governmental units are going to have to dig deeper into their pockets within the next year if they want to keep employees who up to now have been paid with federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funds. The proposed new law presently considered by Congress will give units a year to put present CETA employees on their regular payrolls or dismiss them.

Wilmot School - There wasn't much left at the Wilmot School prior to the fire last Wednesday and even less afterwards. The school, built in 1902 or 1903, was in the process of being demolished prior to the fire.

35 YEARS AGO

"Talk Of The Town" a ladies' apparel shop, opened this week in temporary quarters on Main Street in Cass City. The firm, which is shifting to Cass City from Elkton, features nationally advertised brands with the "accent on youth," Jim Hatch, owner, said this week.

How sweet it is! Cass City hailed Erla's 14-man softball team this week as the victors returned home as State Class C Softball champions following a weekend of intense competition against the best in Michigan. Cass City won the coveted toga and did it in convincing style: sweeping past the competition undefeated in four big games Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

"Holy Cop Cars!" Cass Cityans were confronted with a rather ominous lineup of State Police cars Friday morning on Main Street. There was no cause for alarm, however, as the troopers were in town for a routine vehicle inspection. Cars were halted, and the inspection team checked for such things as defective equipment, no proof of insurance and no operator's license. According to the Bad Axe post, 30 tickets were issued.

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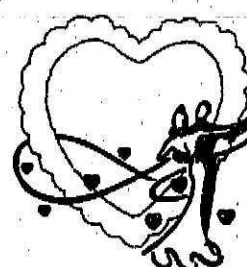
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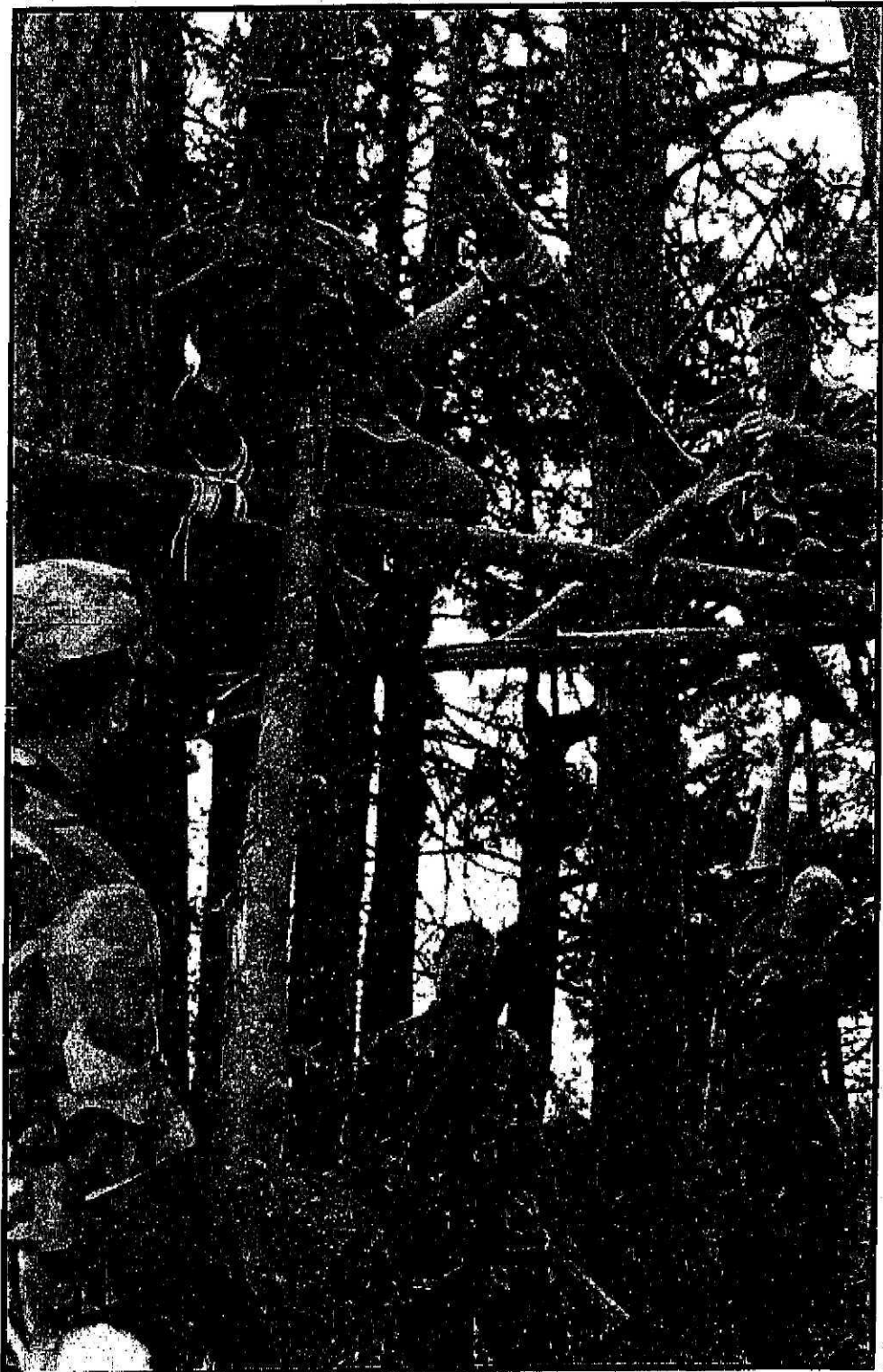
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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872-3422
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Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
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989-872-4055 (church)
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

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Late score lifts Owen-Gage past Arenac Eastern

Owen-Gage surrendered an early score Thursday night in its home opener against Arenac Eastern, but then held the visitors scoreless for the final 3 quarters to register a 12-8 non-conference victory.

The Bulldogs will now try to add their first North Central Thumb League victory

this Friday when they travel to meet North Huron. The Warriors are coming off a 50-0 slashing from Ubyly in the pre Labor Day outing.

Arenac Eastern's Brandon Klopff opened the scoring at the 3:28 mark of the first quarter and then added the 2-point conversion, which ended the scoring during the initial half.

Owen-Gage, who trailed most of the night, drew to within 8-6 on a Josh McLaren touchdown early in the 3rd quarter.

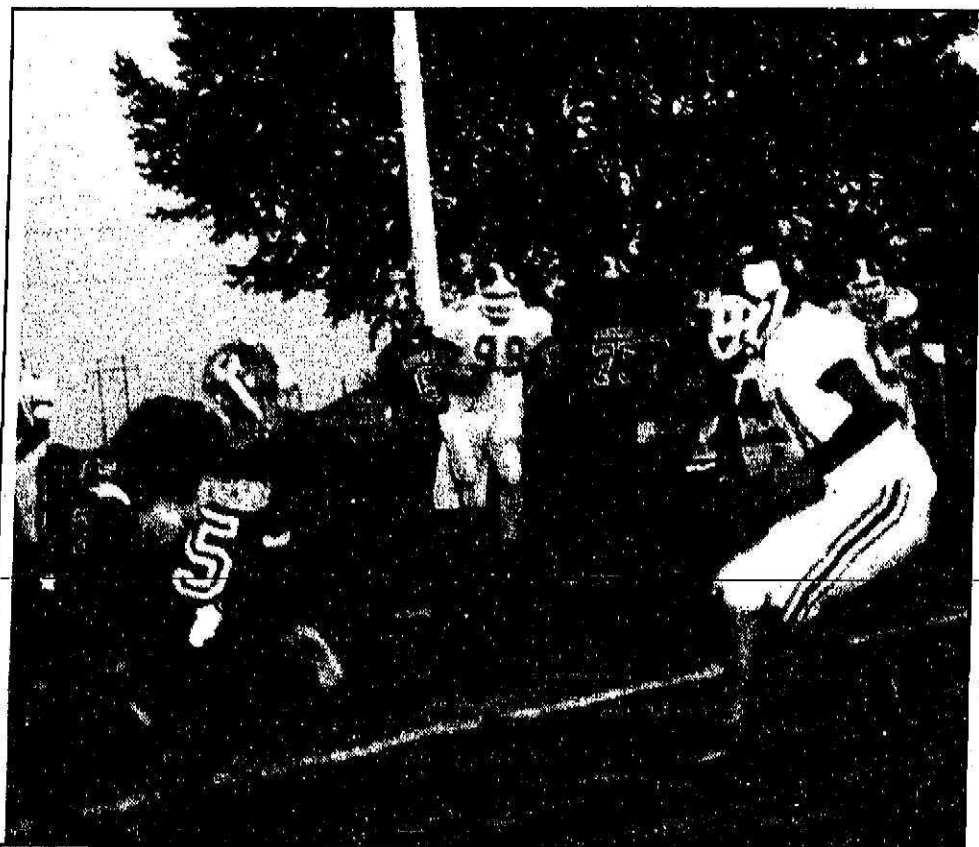
Neither team sustained much offense for the rest of the game, until Bulldog Sam Rogers provided the game winner with just less than 4 minutes remaining.

Rogers, who caught 3 passes for 31 yards, hauled in a 6-yard strike from quarterback Cody Howard for the game's final points and the Bulldog win.

The Bulldogs collected 12 first downs on the night, but only managed 110 yards of total offense. Aaron Faist led the Bulldog running attack with 41 yards, followed by McLaren with 25 yards. Owen-Gage committed just 6 penalties on the night.

Defensively, Rogers led the Bulldogs with 9 tackles, while Faist added 5 stops and a fumble recovery. Also with 5 tackles were Levi Adams and Howard.

The Bulldog defense came away with a total of 5 fumble recoveries, including a pair by Luke Quinn.



SANDUSKY'S Tim Sheldon picked up short yardage on this pass reception during Thursday's gridiron opener against Cass City. The Hawks staged a late rally, but suffered a 48-22 defeat.

Soccer team posts win over North Branch, lose to Eagles and Pirates

The Hawks played 3 games last week.

Cass City traveled to North Branch and posted a 4-1 win against a team almost as young as the Hawks. Sean

McFarland had 2 goals and 2 assists, Leon Sullins had a goal, Jake Howard got his first goal of the season and Brent Cooper and Eric Reed both had an assist. Hanby had 20 saves and Klco had 6 in relief. The defense was again led by Gavin Mills and Ross Forrest. Brandon Miller got his first playing time and did well, as did Ray Ellis. The game was played in extremely hot, humid conditions and everyone got plenty of playing time.

Caseville came to Cass City Tuesday, winning 3-1 against a Hawk team that was still tired from the night before. Weather conditions were still hot and humid and the Hawks started slowly as a result.

Caseville scored first, but Galen Kuebli evened it at one on the first shot of his varsity career. Caseville scored again just before the half and despite heavy pressure from Eric Reed and Leon Sullins in the second half, made it stand up, until a late goal iced the game. The heat and humidity slowed everyone down and made for a ragged game.

On Thursday, the Hawks

faced Harbor Beach for the second time in less than a week and had their poorest outing of the year, losing 5-1. The defense was slow to react and the offense couldn't develop any type of consistency against the senior-loaded Pirates. The Hawks could generate only two shots on goal, with Cooper getting the lone score late in the game. Hanby made several excellent saves and Sam Howard had a save coming from midfield to back up the keeper. This was the only thing that kept the game as close as it was. Late in the game, with several Hawks playing out of position, the intensity improved and hopefully it will carry over to the next game. Again, everyone got plenty of playing time, which should help as the season progresses.

Inconsistency is the biggest problem at this point, but things should improve as the freshmen get more experience and the older players get more game time.

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Hawk come back bid falls short at Sandusky

It would be nice to have a football schedule that doesn't place the Cass City Red Hawks in the hole before the first ball is snapped. It's true that Cass City no longer has to open the season against Caro, which annually got the Hawks off on the wrong foot.

But this year's schedule brings no relief. The Hawks opened with Sandusky last week and were topped, 48-22, and this week they play Ubyly, a runaway, 50-0, winner last week over North Huron. Both of these winning teams will be fighting for the Greater Thumb East crown.

Despite the opening game setback, there were some bright spots for Cass City fans. One was that the Hawks battled back after trailing, 20-0, early in the third quarter to score 22 points and close the gap to 26-22 at the end of the third quarter.

In its first possession of the game the Hawks ripped off 3 first downs before losing the

ball and the Redskins then mounted a drive to score its first touchdown of the game.

The winners added another marker in the second period to lead, 12-0, at the half. Cass City attempted an inside kick to open the third quarter. It failed and Sandusky took advantage of it to move ahead 20-0.

Coach Scott Cuthrell said he was proud of the way the team battled back. Helped by a pair of penalties, the Hawks moved down the field for a first on the 3-yard line from where Cody Halasz scored. Bryce Stine ran for the extra points.

The Hawks added their second touchdown of the period on a 15-yard scamper by Jake Brinkman. Sandusky countered that touchdown with one of their own and then converted the extra points to go in front, 26-12.

The Hawks got that one back in quick order as Brinkman took the kickoff and dashed 80 yards to

paydirt and the Hawks were very much in the game, trailing by just 4 points, 26-22, going into the last quarter.

Sandusky dashed the hopes of Hawk fans with a pair of touchdowns and 2 extra points early in the fourth quarter and then added another marker to end the scoring.

Cuthrell was proud of the effort of his charges, but said that the team has to eliminate its mistakes. Our players, he said, have worked hard all year and have become a good team.

Halasz led the offense with 116 yards in 22 carries. He also led the defense with 16 tackles. Stine was credited with 9 tackles. Brinkman carried 9 times for 79 yards in addition to his 80-yard TD jaunt. Nick Stoutenburg completed 4 of 11 passes for 62 yards. Frank Gutz led Sandusky with 158 yards.

The score of the junior varsity game was Cass City, 41, Sandusky, 18.



THE RED HAWK VARSITY Pom & Cheer girls are (front, l-r) Nicole Froede, Lauren Brzuchowski; (middle, l-r) Caitie Barnes, Ashley Wilmoth, Sarah Childs, Brandi Talaski; (back, l-r) Ashley Teller, Rachel Biebel and Jessica Bellew.



THE CASS CITY Junior High Pom & Cheer girls include (front, l-r) Kelli Lautner, Jennica Richards, Brooke Mika; (second, l-r) Amanda Langenburg, Megan VanVliet, Danielle Delamarter; (third, l-r) Becca Doerr, Danielle Johnson, Cassie Simpson; (back, l-r) Samantha Currier, Caitlyn Rickett and Marissa Summersett.

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This week's match ups			
September 5 North Branch at Birch Run Millington at Bridgeport Caro at Frankenmuth Garber at Vassar USA at Bad Axe Valley Lutheran at BCAS Reese at Lakers Cass City at Ubyly Sandusky at Brown City Mayville at Deckerville Marlette at Harbor Beach CPS at Akron-Fairgrove Peck at Dryden Owen-Gage at North Huron Kingston at Memphis	Birch Run Millington Caro Vassar USA Valley Lutheran Reese Ubyly Sandusky Deckerville Harbor Beach Akron-Fairgrove Peck Owen-Gage Kingston	North Branch Millington Frankenmuth Garber USA Valley Lutheran Lakers Ubyly Sandusky Deckerville Harbor Beach Akron-Fairgrove Peck Owen-Gage Kingston	North Branch Millington Frankenmuth Garber USA Valley Lutheran Lakers Ubyly Sandusky Deckerville Harbor Beach Akron-Fairgrove Peck North Huron Kingston
Last week's results	7-5	10-2	9-3
Season's results	7-5 (58%)	10-2 (83%)	9-3 (75%)
			11-1 (92%)

Hawk cagers win pressure cooker in season opener with Marlette

Marlette and Cass City were off to a flying start last week in the opening game of the basketball season. Cass City survived the pressure cooker to post a 51-32 win.

Estimates of the heat in the gym ranged upwards from 90 degrees and fans were hustling outside between games and at halftime to gain a little relief.

One enterprising spectator brought a floor fan and stuck it in the corner and it had about as much effect as the change a firefly makes in the night.

Despite the conditions the girls played well without an appreciable slowdown on offense or defense.

Cass City took the lead in the first half and held it for the non-league win.

In the last 4 1/2 minutes of the first quarter Cass City went in front to stay. Marlette was on top, 5-4, when the Hawks scored 8 unanswered points on the way to a 16-9 lead at the end of the period. In the spurt, Ashley Hendrick netted a basket and 2 free throws. Tara Sherman and Amy Howard each added a hoop.

Aided by a pair of 3-point plays, the Hawks stretched the lead to 30-19 at the half. The treys were by Sarah Hobbs and Hendrick. Hobbs hit from outside and Hendrick scored and was fouled.

Cass City moved in front, 40-26, at the end of the third quarter and coasted in for the win with an 11-6 advantage in the final period.

Hendrick led all scorers with 16 points. Jessica McRobbie led the Red Raiders with 12. Hendrick grabbed 14 rebounds and Howard added 7 for the Hawks.

The Hawks stay on the road for the next 2 games. Thursday the Hawks will be severely tested by Harbor Beach and Tuesday plays at Sandusky. All are non-league games.

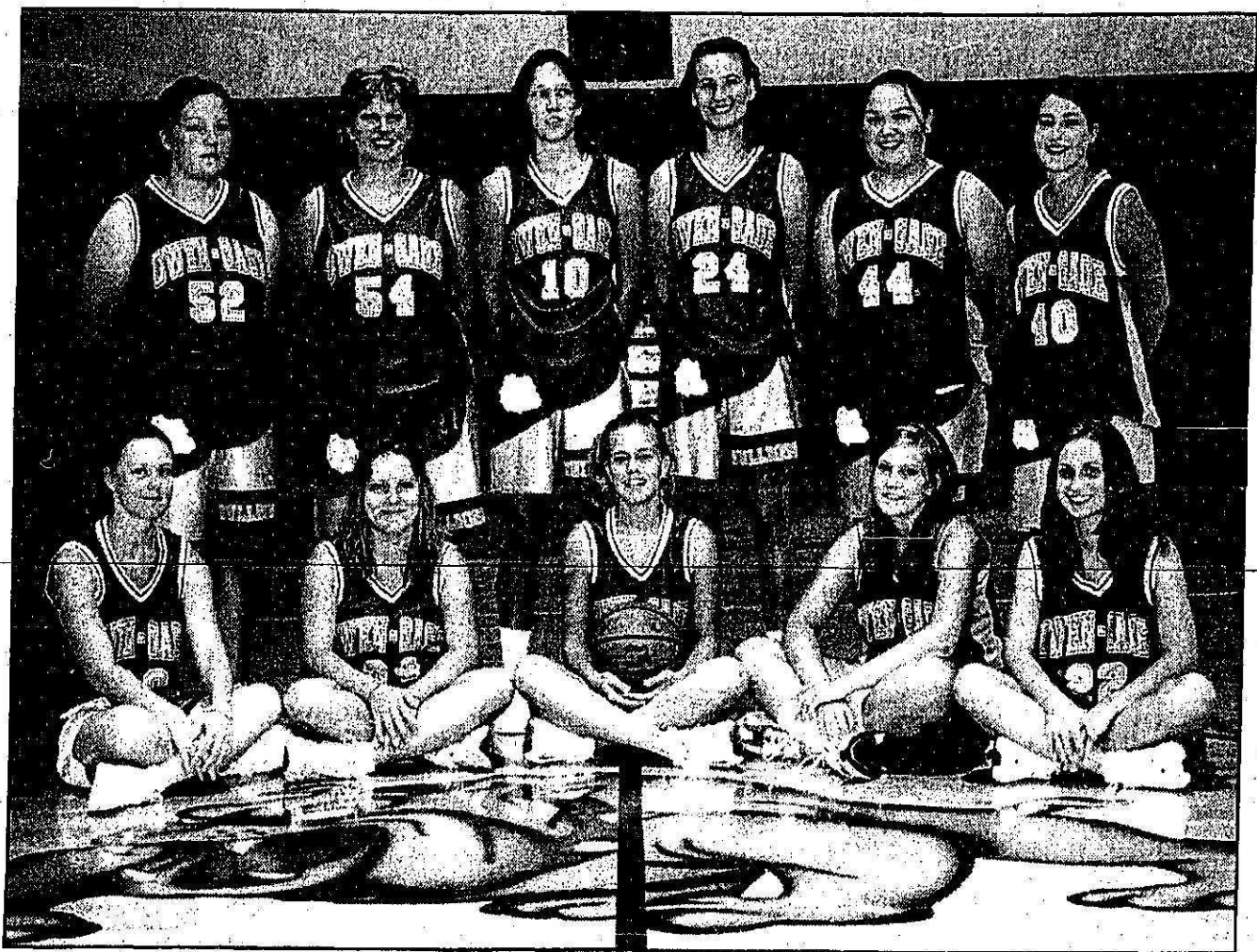
CASS CITY - C. Rabideau 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hobbs 0-2 (3-4) 9; D. Rabideau 1-0 (1-2) 3; Sherman 3-0 (0-0) 6; Dorland 1-0 (0-3) 2; Howard 1-0 (0-2) 2; Hendrick 5-0 (6-8) 16; Brinkman 3-0 (1-1) 7; Powell 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hartwick 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 17-2 (11-20) 51.

MARLETTE - Bloor 2-1 (3-5) 10; Lipka 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kitchen 2-0 (0-0) 4; McRobbie 4-0 (4-6) 12; Spinks 1-0 (2-2) 4.

TOTALS - 10-1 (9-16) 32.

JV - Cass City, 47, Marlette, 20.



Bulldogs fall to host Ubly

Philp leads all scorers with 16 points

The big 3 weren't enough Wednesday night for the Owendale-Gagetown cagers as host Ubly defeated the Bulldogs, 48-44, in the season opener for both schools.

Kayla Zaleski, Katie Swiastyn and Stephanie Dorsch combined for 38 points for the visitors, but couldn't contain Bearcat Erica Philp in the final half.

Leading 23-18 at the intermission, Philp turned back a determined Bulldog squad with 10 of her game-high 16 markers over the final 2 periods.

The hosts built a 13-8 advantage in the early going as K. Lackowski tossed in 3 field goals, including one from behind the 3-point arc, in the initial stanza.

Unable to establish an inside presence, Owen-Gage hung close throughout the opening half, thanks in part to the outside shooting of Swiastyn who netted 10 of her 13 points prior to the intermission.

Bulldogs Zaleski and Dorsch took over the scoring load in the 3rd period where each player posted 6 points. However, a balanced attack from the Bearcats, which saw 5 different players enter the scorebook, led to a 37-30 advantage entering the final 8 minutes.

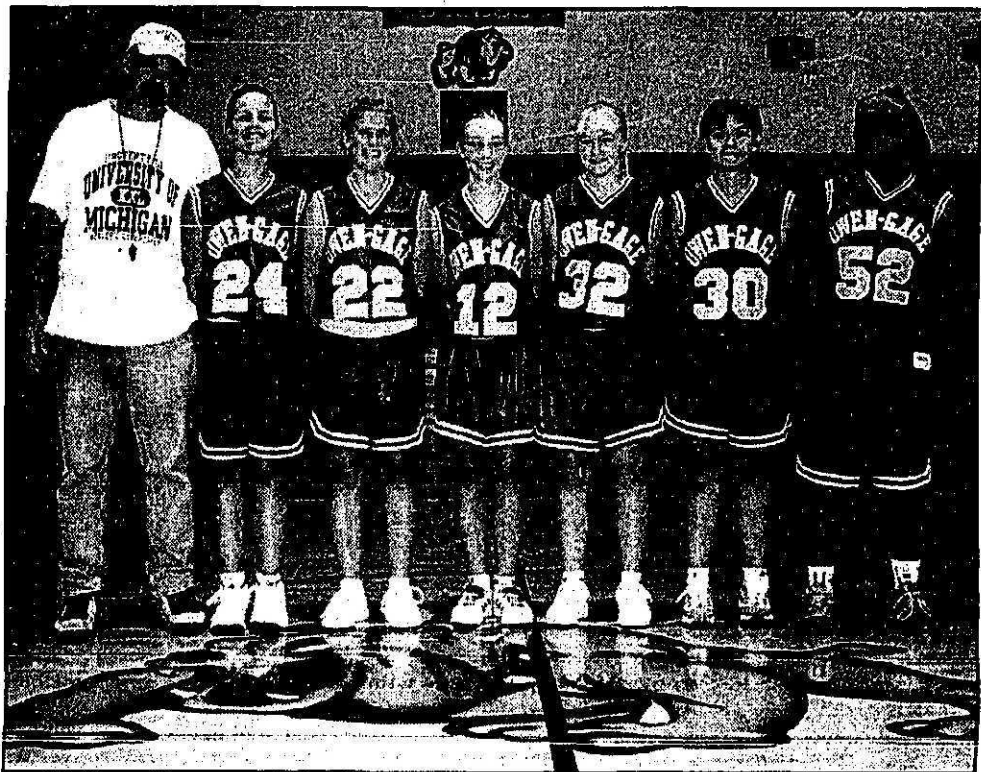
Owen-Gage outscored their hosts 14-11 to the buzzer, but it would prove too little too late for Coach Dave Fritz's Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs will begin defense of its North Central Thumb League crown this week with a pair of home tilts against Caseville and Kingston.

Owen-Gage High School Girls' Basketball			
Aug. 27	Ubly	6:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 2	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 4	Kingston	6:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 11	Memphis	6:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 16	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 18	Peck	6:00 p.m.	H
Sept. 23	North Huron	6:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 25	C.P.S.	6:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 30	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 2	Dryden	6:00 p.m.	H
Oct. 7	USA	6:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 9	Caseville	6:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 14	Kingston	6:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 21	Memphis	6:00 p.m.	H
Oct. 23	Port Hope	6:00 p.m.	A
Oct. 28	North Huron	6:00 p.m.	H
Oct. 30	Peck	6:00 p.m.	A
Nov. 4	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00 p.m.	H
Nov. 6	C.P.S.	6:00 p.m.	H
Nov. 13	Dryden	6:00 p.m.	A
Nov. 17-22	Districts	TBA	TBA

DEFENDING NCTL CHAMPS

THE OWEN-GAGE Bulldogs Girls' Varsity Basketball team members include (front, l-r) Michelle Brown, Laura Enderle, Katie Swiastyn, Randi Glaza, Candi Rhodes; (back, l-r) Kayla Kady, Stephanie Dorsch, Kayla Zaleski, Wendy Errer, Mary McKee and Amanda Wise.



THE GIRLS' JV BULLDOGS Basketball team members are (l-r) Coach Brian Wright, Bethany Kovach, Mindy Errer, Becky Schmidt, Heather Collon, Amber Pillsbury and Lamia Varner. Missing: April Nowaczyk

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Cass City Golf League Final Standings As of Aug. 17			
Flight #1 (scratch)			
Craig Helwig	219	Dick Wallace	199
Mark Swanson	218	Jon Zdrojewski	198
Scott Richards	187	Dan Hittler	192
Ray Fox	184	Dave Oehring	180
Jim Peyerle	180	Roy Tuckey	179
Brad Goslin	173	Rich Perkins	178
John Maharg	164	Tom Herron	173
Dieter Roth	162	Kevin Bliss	167
Bill Kritzman	160	Don Corrigan	165
Ken Zdrojewski	154	Don Erla	165
Rich Tate	147	Pat Curtis	164
Don Warner	145	Ed Knight	148
Terry Wiseman	142	Jim Mastie	130
Don Ouvry	142	Paul Adams	128
Fred Leeson	140	Duane Henn	122
Mike Lowe	123	Scott Cuthrell	89
Flight #2 (scratch)			
Brian Reinhardt	187	Mike Hawrylo	253
Daryl Iwankovitsch	185	Asa Apley	193
Dave Weiler	179	Dan Curtis	184
Clark Erla	179	Tom Lis	184
Mike Ware	176	Charley Tunis	177
Jim Fox	174	Doug Lautner	174
Russ Biefer	173	Orvil Beecher	172
Corey Ulfing	173	Terry Hendrick	152
Jim Hobbs	172	Jeff Krol	148
Dave Hoard	168	Anton Peters	147
Ernie Bellew	164	Bruce LeValley	145
Craig Bellew	163	Bob Stickle	131
Gary Robinson	160	Bob Montgomery	115
Jack Hool	145	Tavis Osentoski	99
Jim Apley	144	Flight #4 (all scratch)	
Dan Mosher	63	Mike Hawrylo	253
Flight #3 (all scratch)			
Flight #5 (handicap)			
Wednesday Two Man Golf League Final Standings As of Aug. 28 Early Division			
Maharg/Pasieczny			
Zdrojewski/Leeson			
Wallace/Warner			
Stickle/Iwankovitsch			
Herron/Tuckey			
Kritzman/Burns			
Berwick/Greenlee			
Craig/Knight			
Jones/Marshall			
Henn/Peters			
Burns/Hutchinson			
Bliss/Baker			
Strickland/Glaspie			
Dillon/Retherford			
Late Division			
Williamson/Rieman			
Ypma/deBeaubien			
C. Bliss/K. Bliss			
Hillaker/Murphy			
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THE JV RED HAWK Girls' Basketball team members include (front, l-r) Lindsay Jensen, Kalen Trischler, Jenna Timko; (back, l-r) Renee Czekai, Aimee Hennessey, Sara Meeker, Emily Schinnerer, Ashleigh Rabideau and Coach Mark Havens.

Obituaries

Harold Ballagh

Harold D. Ballagh, 80, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003 at Select Specialty, Saginaw.

He was born July 18, 1923 at home in Huron County to William J. and Mabel (Smith) Ballagh.

He married Fay O'Letta Wills Nov. 4, 1944 in Fay's parents' home in Bad Axe.

Ballagh graduated from Cass City High School in 1943. He farmed for a few years then spent 19 years with Bauer Candy Company. He worked for Cass City Public Schools as custodian supervisor, retiring after 15 years. Ballagh was a member of Fraser Presbyterian Church for over 50 years and currently served the church as an elder. He was also a member of Good Sams Trailer Club.

Ballagh is survived by his wife, Fay; five daughters: Judy (Jim) Brown of Cass City, Betty (Dale) Stieg of LeRoy, Linda (Rev. Robert) Bellinger of St. Petersburg, Fla., Ann (Mark) Swanson of Cass City and Karen (Jerry) Nicol of Cass City; 14 grandchildren; a brother, James (Stella) Ballagh of Uby; two sisters-in-law: Marge Ballagh of Palm Springs, Calif. and Lorraine Wills of Uby; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Earl (Virginia) Ballagh and Clare Ballagh; two sisters: Ella Mae (Gerald) Wagner and Beatrice (Lawrence) McDowell; and a brother-in-law, Gerald Wills.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 30, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. David Blackburn of Fraser Presbyterian Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fraser Presbyterian Church or the American Cancer Society.

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of Livingston, Texas, died Friday, Aug. 29, 2003 in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw.

He was born Nov. 24, 1930 in Cass City to Joe and Levina (Ball) Frederick.

He married Marion Palmateer June 6, 1953 in Cass City.

He served in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean War. He worked as an electrician several places in the U.S. and in Jordan. Frederick and his wife sold their home in Bay City 29 years ago and began traveling the U.S. They were members of the SKPescapes Travel Club. He is survived by his wife, Marion; two children: Rick Frederick of Las Vegas, Nev. and Sherry (Bennie) Nichols of Killeen, Texas; four grandchildren; a brother, A.D. (Maureen) Frederick of Bedford; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Arlene Herr.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor JT Mabe of Mizpah Missionary Church officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Mizpah Missionary Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Ray Periso

Ray Periso, 67, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003 in Tencerec Nursing Facility, Cass City.

He was born Feb. 24, 1936 at home in Sanilac County to William and Flora (Lintner) Periso.

Periso served in the U.S. Army. He worked in factories for a few years then began farming. Later, he was self-employed doing many jobs including mechanic and tree clearing.

Periso is survived by his six children: Sherry Lester of Caro, Ray Periso Jr. of Cass City, Fred Periso of Gagetown, Laura Miller of Caro, Lisa Fritz of Caro and Sara Periso of Vassar; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters: Clara (John) Bulla of Cass City and Eunice (Paul) Tankkeman of Richmond; a brother, Jodie Periso of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters: Eva Wise and Lula May; and five brothers: Ernest Periso, Fred Periso, John Periso, William Periso and Edward Periso.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 31, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Doug Bassett, Heartland Hospice Chaplain, officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

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2003 Varsity Football

Aug. 28	Sandusky 40, CC 22	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Uby	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	BCAS	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Valley Lutheran	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Lakers	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	USA	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Reese	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Bad Axe	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Freeland	7:30 p.m.

Cass City Red Hawks
2003 Girls' Basketball

Aug. 26	Marlette 32, CC 51	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	Harbor Beach	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Brown City	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 18	Uby	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	USA	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Mayville	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Reese	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Deckerville	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Saginaw Nouvel	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	USA	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	Reese	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	BCAS	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 17-23	Districts @ Bad Axe	TBA
Nov. 24-26	Regionals	TBA

Cass City Red Hawks 2003 Cross Country

Aug. 22	Bad Axe	9:30 a.m.	A
Aug. 27	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 3	USA Invite	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 6	Bad Axe Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 11	Chesaning Invite	4:30 p.m.	A
Sept. 18	Frankenmuth Invite	4:30 p.m.	A
Sept. 20	Akron-Fairgrove Invite	10:00 a.m.	A
Sept. 25	Mayville County Meet	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 27	Harbor Beach	9:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 4	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.	H
Oct. 11	Reese Invite	8:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 14	League Invite (Reese)		
Oct. 18	Caro Invite	11:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 25	Regionals		TBA

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CROSS COUNTRY
October 4
Cass City Invitational
GOLF
September 10
Cass City vs.
Valley Lutheran

Cass City Red Hawks
2003 Boys' Soccer

Aug. 23	USA Invite	8:30 a.m.
Aug. 25	North Branch 1, CC 4	4:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	Caseville 3, CC 1	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 28	Harbor Beach 5, CC 1	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 2	Caro	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Bad Axe Invite	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 9	Sandusky	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Marlette	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Valley Lutheran	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Lakeville	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Memphis	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	USA	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Bad Axe	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Lakers	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Valley Lutheran	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Lakers	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	USA	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Bad Axe	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 20-25	Districts	TBA

Cass City Red Hawks
2003 Golf

Aug. 14	Cass City Invite	9:00 a.m.	H
Aug. 27	9-Hole Tourney	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 3	BCAS	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 5	Brown City Invite	8:30 a.m.	A
Sept. 8	Deckerville	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 10	Valley Lutheran	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 15	Uby	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 17	USA	4:15 p.m.	A
Sept. 22	Lakers	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 24	Mayville	4:15 p.m.	H
Sept. 25	Frankenmuth	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 26	Harbor Beach	4:00 p.m.	A
Sept. 30	Bad Axe	4:15 p.m.	A
Oct. 3	Vassar Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Oct. 6	Sandusky	4:15 p.m.	H
Oct. 8	League Tourney @ Sandusky		TBA
Oct. 10	Regionals		TBA

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, September 4

Grief Support Group, 6-8 p.m., United Hospice Service Office, Angle Street, Marlette. For anyone who has recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Six consecutive weeks. For more information or to register, call 800-635-7490 (ext. 4134). There is no charge for this program.

The Tuscola County Faith-In-Action Volunteers will host an All-u-can-eat Pancake Supper, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Caro United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 670 Gilford Rd. \$5 for adult, \$2.50 for youth 12 and under. Proceeds go to the volunteer program, which provides services for the elderly, frail, and disabled in Tuscola County and future activities.

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

Senior Citizens' Luncheon, 12 noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, September 5

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

Saturday, September 6

Grand Opening for YA (Young Adult) Area, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Monday, September 8

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

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Sheriff: jail revenues down 48%

Revenue from housing prisoners in Tuscola County has declined dramatically since 2000, according to Sheriff Tom Kern, who cited a 2-year decline of nearly 50 percent.

Prisoner revenues dipped from \$458,984 in 2000 to \$237,331 last year, Kern said. County officials say the loss of revenue has impacted cuts in services county commissioners were forced to make in order to balance the 2003 budget.

Kern cited several factors that have contributed to falling prisoner revenues, including an increase in the number of county inmates housed in the jail.

"As more county inmates have to be housed in the jail, the ability to capitalize on revenue from (other) prisoner programs is diminished," he said. "This trend has resulted in major revenue reductions from Department of Corrections detainees, housing prisoners from other counties and the Diverted Felon Program."

Higher unemployment is another factor, according to Kern, who noted fewer prisoners are on work release, resulting in less revenue.

"Third, the state has made major changes in the rules for Diverted Felon payments to the county. It is now more difficult to collect for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL), third offenses," he said. "The state has changed the sentencing guidelines... from 365 days

to a range of 90 to 180 days, resulting in less revenue for the county."

In addition, the sheriff added, more defendants convicted on OUIL offenses are being sent to non-jail programs such as New Paths.

Jail overcrowding has also hurt, according to Kern.

"The jail overcrowding statute had to be invoked 3 times since 2000," he said. "This was recently done on Aug.

12. Under this program, if certain prisoners are not released early to ease overcrowding, they may have to be housed in other counties. This would add to county costs."

Kern explained revenue from housing prisoners is generated through several programs, including:

*Work Release - Inmates with jobs are released daily to go to work and then return to jail each night. Because they have a job, they pay \$40 a day for room and board.

*Camp Tuscola - The state pays the county \$40 per day for state prisoners housed in the county jail, although overcrowding has prevented the county from taking advantage of this program in recent years.

*Department of Corrections Detainees - These are parolees who are detained for violating terms of their parole. The state pays \$35 per day to house these inmates.

*Other County Prisoners - In previous years, when

space was available, prisoners from other counties were lodged in the county jail, generating \$40 per inmate.

*Diverted Felon Program - Inmates who would otherwise be state prisoners placed in the county jail instead. By statute, the state pays the county \$43.50 daily.

*Collection of payments - Former prisoners are charged for the time they were in jail.

*Day Reporting - These are

inmates who have been released early. They are required to report each day to the jail and, if they are employed, are required to pay \$20 per day to the county.

"Prisoner revenue will probably continue to decline because the jail has been at capacity with county prisoners, and the state has made it more difficult to qualify for Diverted Felon Program payments," Kern said.

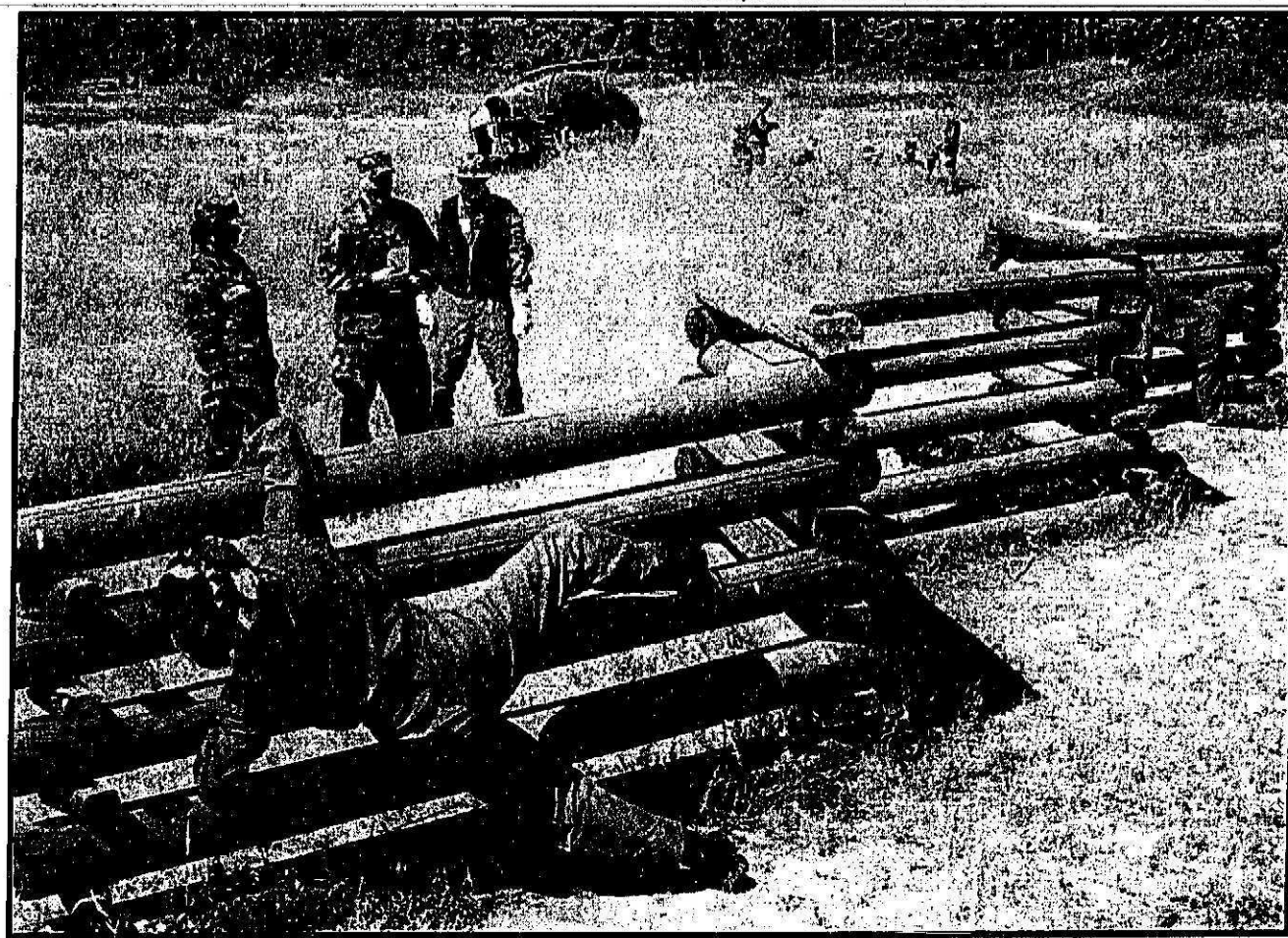
Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland said reduced prisoner revenues is among the reasons voters will be asked to approve additional funding during a special election set for Oct. 28.

If approved, "Proposal U" would enable the county to levy an extra 1.6163 mills annually. County officials say the money would be used to restore more than \$500,000 in cuts made in

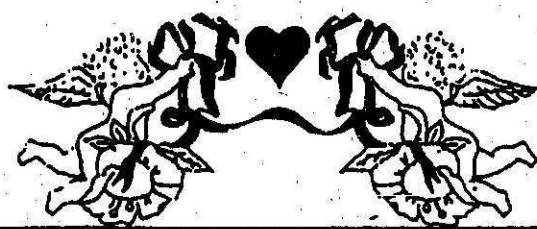
2003, provide modest amounts for the capital needs of the county, and offset a growing budget deficit.

The proposal would cost the owner of an \$80,000 home an additional \$64 in taxes a year.

More information about the proposal and a schedule of public informational meetings can be found by logging onto the county's website at www.tuscolacounty.org.



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Diabetes group to meet

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, will host an Adult Diabetes Support Group Thursday, Sept. 18. The group will meet beginning at noon and will be facilitated by Mary Messing, RN, and Denise Schmidt, registered dietitian.

This month the group will meet at a local restaurant to learn about "Sticking to a Meal Plan When Eating Out". Registration is necessary for this session and dinner will be at your own expense. Come and learn how to make healthy choices when dining out.

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ANDY DEPCINSKI, 18, Cass City, pictured above with his sister, Heather, recently won Grand Champion Market Beef honors at the Michigan State Fair. His steer weighed in at 1,288 pounds and was purchased by Kroger for \$36,000. Depcinski, a 2003 Ugly High School graduate and the son of Albert and Ann Depcinski, previously took Grand Champion Market Beef honors at the Huron County Fair in 1999 and 2000, while his brother, Steven, won the title in 2001. A long-time 4-H member, Depcinski currently is a freshman at Ferris State University.

Lexington to host Bach Festival Sept. 11-14

Musicians from across the country will assemble for the fourth annual Lexington Bach Festival, Sept. 11-14 in Lexington.

The festival will open Thursday, Sept. 11, with a recital for trumpet and organ in Trinity Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. Featured performers will be organist Thomas Brown of Chapel Hill, N.C. and trumpeter David Kuehn of Ann Arbor.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in Lexington's St. Denis Catholic Church, the Festival Orchestra will be joined by a wide array of vocalists and instrumentalists. Featured soloists will be flutists Carl Ellenberger from Mt. Gretna, Pa. and Nancy Dalley from New Jersey. They will be joined by violinist John Dalley, a member of the Guarneri String Quartet, in a performance of Bach's popular Brandenburg Concerto No. 4.

Other featured soloists Saturday will include harpist Joan Holland from Interlochen, Priscilla Peebles Porterfield, mezzo soprano, from Boone N.C.; Audrey Luna, soprano, from Cincinnati and David Kuehn, trumpeter.

For the first time in the festival's history, the repertoire will be expanded beyond the music of J.S. Bach. Classical, romantic, and 20th century compositions will be programmed throughout the festival. Saturday's concert will feature works by J.S. Bach, Alan Hovhaness, W.A. Mozart and Giovanni Battista Pergolesi.

Sunday's performance at 4 p.m. at St. Denis Catholic Church will showcase the Festival Orchestra and soloists in performances of works of J.S. Bach, Benjamin Britten, John Dowland, Leonard Bernstein, and Music Director and Conductor Don Th. Jaeger.

For concert information, contact Julia Kurtyka, festival administrator, at (313) 848-8888. For ticket information, contact weekends at 800-909-9335.

Wheat crop yields great

Michigan's winter wheat pulled through some risky growing conditions and may now bring growers near-record yields and increased profit.

"We're seeing a lot of good yields all across the state," said Rick Ward, associate professor and wheat breeder at Michigan State University. "That's surprising because we dodged the bullet of a late spring. Then, yields could easily have been knocked off by the later heat," said Ward.

Also surprising was no significant winter kill in spite of the open winter across most of Michigan.

"There's a lot of good news about this year's wheat crop," said Ward. "The great majority of the crop was put under (snow) cover without weather damage and quality is excellent."

Jim Howe, vice president of the Frankenmuth-based Star of the West Milling Company, agreed. "Most of us are delighted with the crop we saw. It fooled a lot of people," he said. "Things could have been disastrous as cold as the winter was. Some vomitoxin was there, but for the most part of the crop was clean. Most of the disease problems were on ground planted to wheat after corn was cut for silage. That's a common occurrence."

Yields this year will almost certainly be above average, said Bruce Sutherland, vice president of Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Inc., a grain broker based in Lansing.

"I'm told that yields exceeded expectations, and we're getting 80 to 100 bushels per acre in some parts of the state. That's a significant jump from last year, and that was a good year," Sutherland said.

According to the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service, yield estimates as of Aug. 1 were for 44.9 million bushels in the state, up from 32.8 million bushels last year but still below the record of 45.6 million bushels.

The state average this year is 68 bushels per acre, up slightly from last year's average yield of 67 bushels per acre. The record is 72 bushels per acre and was achieved in 2000.

Prices, as well, have been up so far this year.

"The Chicago Board of Trade on Aug. 18 quoted \$3.43 for both red and white wheat, and considering we quoted \$3.16 when harvest started, we're seeing prices appreciate because of good quality of United States wheat for export," Howe said.

"The European and Australian crops and the former Soviet Union all had weather problems that produced down yields and poor quality," he said. "It's unusual to have increased yields and a market rally like this."

Musicians sought in Sanilac

The Sanilac Community Symphonic band is inviting new members and veterans to the first rehearsal of the concert season, Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Sanilac Career Center. Rehearsal begins at 7 p.m.

Membership is open to all musicians, beginning or expert, from ninth graders to senior citizens.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John W. Thomas, sole owner, unmarried (original mortgagor), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 10, 1998 and recorded on August 24, 1998 in Liber 748 on Page 720 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to The Bank One National Association f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Series 1999-BC2, Assignee by an assignment dated November 28, 2001, which was recorded on February 12, 2002 in Liber 864 on Page 168, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FOUR AND 91/100 dollars (\$47,704.91), including interest at 9.990% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on September 11, 2003.

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

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, and the point of beginning running thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 11 seconds West, 208.00 feet along the South line of said Section 25; thence North 0 degrees 33 minutes 9 seconds East, 662.33 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 19 seconds East 208.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 09 seconds West 662.28 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 11 North, Range 10 East.

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

Dated: August 13, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Duane E. Webster, married to Sheri L. Webster (original mortgagors), to BNC Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2001 and recorded May 14, 2001 in Liber 831 on Page 981 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank One National Association, As Trustee for ARC 2001 - BC6 Trust, Assignee by an assignment dated May 18, 2001, which was recorded on September 23, 2002 in Liber 895 on Page 250, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND 04/100 dollars (\$236,592.04), including interest at 12.550% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2003.

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

The North 363 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, except railroad right-of-way and also except the East 5 acres of above described property, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: August 20, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Brent Hauger, an unmarried person (original mortgagor), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated January 6, 1999 and recorded on January 14, 1999 in Liber 760 on Page 808 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated October 1, 1999, which was recorded on December 9, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 57, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE

HUNDRED NINETY-THREE AND 32/100 dollars (\$81,993.32), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on September 11, 2003.

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

Lot 3 and the North half of Lot 4 of Blackmore and Tubbs Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 7, 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: August 13, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle R. Burch, a single woman (original mortgagor), to Bank One, N.A., fka First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 9, 1999 and recorded on July 28, 1999 in Liber 777 on Page 1430 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND THREE AND 13/100 dollars (\$12,003.13), including interest at 7.740% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on September 11, 2003.

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

Commencing at a point 21 Rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 8 East; thence West 11 Rods; thence South 6 1/2 Rods; thence East 11 Rods; thence North 6 1/2 Rods to the point of beginning, right of way for single road over the Easterly side thereof.

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: August 13, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ernest Craig Froman III and Janette Rena Froman, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2002 and recorded on February 27, 2002 in Liber 867 on Page 338 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 62/100 dollars (\$191,613.62), including interest at 10.100% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2003.

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

The West 21.96 acres of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, Town 11 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: August 20, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Aubert, AKA Bruce Alan Aubert, and Tammy Aubert, AKA Tammy Lynn Aubert, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 20, 1998 and recorded November 20, 1998 in Liber 756, Page 471, and modified by an agreement recorded 4/29/99 in Liber 769; Page 1306; Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank) by assignment dated November 20, 1998 and recorded on April 29, 1999 in Liber 769, Page 1309, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Two and 70/100 Dollars (\$67,892.70), 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, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 4, 2003.

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

A part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at a point 30 feet North of the Centerline of C & O Railroad on the North-South 1/4 line; thence West 400 feet; thence South to the North right-of-way line of said C & O Railroad; thence Southeast along said North right-of-way line of the C & O Railroad to the North-South 1/4 line; thence North along said North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

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: August 6, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), As Assignee

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(248) 457-1000

File No. 200.0205

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Bauer and Roxann S. Bauer, husband and wife, to Superior Bank FSB, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2001 and recorded February 22, 2001 in Liber 822, Page 301, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee of Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFC1 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand and 61/100 Dollars (\$123,000.61), including interest at the rate of 10.5% 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 October 3, 2003.

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

Lot 15 "Williamsburg Estates No. 2" as recorded in Liber 4, Pages 5 and 6 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: September 3, 2003

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association as Trustee of Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust Series 2002-AFC1, As Assignee

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Troy, MI 48007-5041
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File No. 231.3384

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Everett A. Cook, a married man (original mortgagor), to CitiFinancial Home Equity Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 27, 2000 and recorded on September 26, 2000 in Liber 811 on Page 787 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed

to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 83/100 dollars (\$73,364.83), including interest at 14.090% 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 October 2, 2003.

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

The South 314.79 feet of the East 339.79 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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: September 3, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lillie B. Swinton, a single woman (original mortgagor), to EquiCredit, Mortgagee, dated November 8, 2000 and recorded on November 20, 2000 in Liber 815 on Page 1425 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE AND 66/100 dollars (\$45,025.66), including interest at 12.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2003.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Northeast 1/4, which is North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said North line 450.00 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 27; thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said North line 210.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, perpendicular to said North line 415.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said North line 210.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, perpendicular to said North line 415.00 feet to the point of beginning, 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: August 20, 2003

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File # 200226065

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8-20-4

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Aid to Animals of Michigan, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, by Lydia M. Stack, President; Milton A. Stack, Treasurer; and Donna Bosink, General Manager, to AA Mortgage Corp., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 2002 and recorded on December 9, 2002 in Liber 906 on Pages 561-582, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Boulder Escrow, Inc., a Nevada Corporation, by an assignment dated December 4, 2002 and recorded on February 24, 2003 in Liber 917 on Pages 79-80, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-five thousand seven hundred forty-eight and 30/100 Dollars (\$35,748.30), including interest at 15% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of Courthouse, Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock on Thursday, October 2, 2003.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 13, Town 14 North, Range 10 East; thence running East 506.31 feet along the South line of said Section to a point where the Southern extension of the centerline of Walsh Road intersects said South line; thence North 11°59'12" East, along centerline of Walsh Road 976.74 feet; thence South 78°09'39" East, 416.54 feet; thence South 05°25'24" West, 235.45 feet; thence North 78°09'39" West, 262.85 feet; thence South

74°43'36" West, 129.72 feet to the centerline of County Ditch; thence South 29°19'58" East, 553.47 feet and South 16°29'17" East, 138.79 feet along the centerline of County Ditch to its intersection with South line of Section 13; thence West 493.53 feet along the South line to the point of beginning.

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The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 19, 2003

Boulder Escrow, Inc., a Nevada Corporation
By: Alan G. Greenberg, P 14326
5746 Williams Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48329
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Clyde Wakefield, Jr. and Judith K. Wakefield, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Hilton Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 20, 1998 and recorded on December 4, 1998 in Liber 757 on Page 861 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated November 20, 1998, which was recorded on December 4, 1998 in Liber 757 on Page 867, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY AND 38/100 dollars (\$58,990.38), including interest at 7.500% per annum and also by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded December 29, 1999 in Liber 791 on Page 591, Tuscola County Records.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on September 11, 2003.

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

The East 3 Acres of the West 8 Acres of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; except the West 98.00 feet thereof. Also, the East 12 feet of the South 150 feet of the West 98.00 feet of the East 2 Acres of the West 7 Acres of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: August 13, 2003

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8-13-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by EDWARD A. KIMBRUE, a married man, and ROBERT REGNIER, a single man to American Financial Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated April 3, 1996 and recorded on April 7, 1998 in Liber 734 on Page 684, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said Mortgagee by mesne assignment to STERLING BANK & TRUST by an assignment dated April 3, 1998 and recorded on March 3, 1999 in Liber 765 on Page 210, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND 05/100 Dollars (\$101,814.05), including interest at 8.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on October 23, 2003.

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

Lot 9, Block 12 of William E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 491 of Tuscola County Records.

Tax ID # 79-034-500-612-0900

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

Dated: August 28, 2003

STERLING BANK & TRUST
Assignee of Mortgagee

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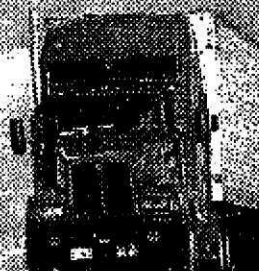
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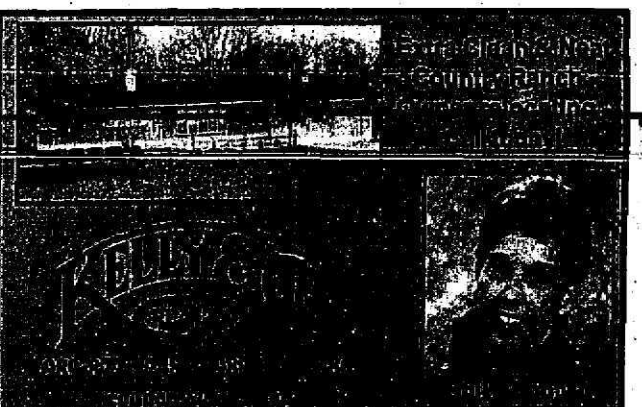
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Hooks new supt.

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Hooks added that Ubly has a fine education system in place. "MEAP scores are pretty strong here. The kids are great, the teachers are wonderful and the parents are very supportive."

Hooks is originally from Jacksonville, Fla., but he's spent most of his life in Michigan. He has 32 years in education.

"I started teaching in Mt. Clemens at an elementary school. I taught grades 3 through 6 over an 18 1/2-year period," said Hooks, who earned his bachelor's degree at Olivet College. He also has a Master of Arts Degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University, and an education specialist degree in instructional technology from

Wayne State University. Hooks' first job in administration was as elementary principal in Imlay City, a post he held for 5 years until he was appointed high school principal.

Two years later, he was hired as assistant superintendent in Clawson, where he has worked for the past 6 years. While there he was in charge of curriculum instruction and pupil services.

Hooks said working in an administrative capacity has given him the opportunity to "impact the lives positively of more children and teachers, and parents and the community."

Towards that end, he plans to enlist others outside the school to do the same.

"I literally want to open the doors to the community," he said, adding he wants to encourage residents to get involved by volunteering in a program of individualized tutoring of students under the supervision of teachers.

The goal is to provide a support network for teachers as well as for students who need some extra help and individual attention. "For most kids it's absolutely critical, especially if they're struggling," he noted.

Significant changes in family structure over the years has made that need even more critical, added Hooks, who recalled benefiting from the positive influence and examples set by his own father, a Navy pilot and World War II veteran whose decorations included the Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying medals. "Really, he was my mentor and the person who taught me the work ethic."

Hooks also recalled teachers and others who have had a positive influence on his life. "Everybody has somebody. That's why, in schools, community support is so important - people helping in any way they can."

Hooks said developing a 5- to 7-year strategic plan - a roadmap of sorts - for the school district is another one of his priorities, especially in light of the economy.

"We're actually in pretty good shape (financially). We have a healthy fund equity. But we have to be good stewards of that money," he added.

Student enrollment at Ubly has been relatively stable in recent years, according to Hooks, who said this year's graduation numbers and elementary enrollment indicate the district will probably lose some students over the next couple of years before the numbers rebound.

Asked about his greatest challenges on the job, the new superintendent said the impact of well-meaning federal and state laws is among them.

The premise behind many of these laws, such as the federal No Child Left Behind Act, is good, he said, "but sometimes they get so complex in the details, it's hard to do what you need to do for the kids. It's kind of a roadblock."

Still, Hooks is looking forward to meeting each challenge, and in the size of a school district he's very comfortable working in.

"I like small places. I like farming communities," he said. "There's no better place to raise children, in my opinion."



RON BURCK and grandson Tyler Konwinski, of Clinton Township, enjoy a working steam engine display during last year's Fall Family Days, which drew an estimated 7,000 visitors. This year's event is slated for Saturday and Sunday.

Huron to receive funding

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farm income, and the incubator kitchens are a key component in what we hope will be a network of one-stop shopping for value-added product development," said Bob Boehm.

"We envision the incubator kitchens to be a place where a farmer who has an idea for a new kind of salsa from a commodity, for instance, can test that idea and receive

help in actually bringing the product to market."

Transitioning farmers from being producers of raw commodities to producers of consumer-ready foods is essential in today's marketplace, according to an American Farm Bureau Federal survey that revealed the farm value of each dollar spent on food in the United States is about 19 cents, which is down significantly from 41 cents in 1950 and 31 cents as recently

as 1980.

"The farther the farmer moves along the food chain to the end product, the greater the earning potential," Boehm said.

And that bodes well for Michigan as a whole, said Guthrie. "The goal is greater economic activity in the food and agricultural sectors of Michigan."

Guthrie added that the suc-

cess of the centers ultimately will depend on the people and communities who use them. "Great things won't happen because MIFPS or the partnership is the recipient of a grant," he said. "Great things happen because people use them and make things happen."

Guthrie hopes to see additional incubators opened around the state in the future.

Organizers expect big turnout

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us set up," he said, adding the Friends of the Octagon Barn boasts a membership of just under 700 residents from across Michigan, including cities such as Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Flint and Traverse City.

"It's (Fall Family Days) gaining a lot of attention," Hirn said. "If it's not one of the largest fall festivals in the Thumb, it's right up there in the top 5."

Prieskorn: ride-along was wild

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"The chase only lasted 2 minutes - it was only a couple of miles," he recalled, adding the cruiser he was riding in rammed into the suspects' vehicle from behind on a dead-end road after the suspects ran into a guard rail.

The troopers jumped out of the cruiser and joined in pursuit of the suspects. Minutes later, Ross and another trooper returned with the handcuffed driver, while Foley and another trooper rounded up the passengers and the discarded gun.

The night ended on a very quiet note, according to Prieskorn, who said all of the excitement was followed by a trip back to the office for 2 hours of paperwork.

Still, the night was very memorable. "I'd do it again," he said. "It was fun."

Estrada finishes training



Charity L. Estrada

Air Force Airman First Class Charity L. Estrada has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the 6 weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

Estrada earned distinction as an honor graduate.

She is the daughter of Michael Gaszczynski of Cass City and Bonnie Marker of Unionville. The airman is a 1996 graduate of Cass City High School.

Join foundation, get free trees

Ten free white pine trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's "Trees for America" campaign.

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free White Pine Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Sept. 30.

State officials move offices

The state has consolidated its unemployment insurance services and has moved those services from its Bay City office.

"While jobless workers in the area will no longer be able to file their unemployment claims at our Bay City location," David Plawewski, deputy director for the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services and responsible for the Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation (BW&UC), said, "they can now apply by Internet, telephone or mail."

To file by telephone, callers can dial a special toll-free telephone number - 1-866-500-0017. The number is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Callers must, however, follow a call-in schedule based on the last 2 digits of their Social Security numbers when filing by phone.

Plawewski pointed out those calling from Michigan area codes 989, 231, 616, 269 and 906 can file an unemployment claim by telephone. He said the telephone claims system would be accessible statewide later this year. "Those with Internet access can apply online," he noted. "Our website www.michigan.gov/bwuc accepts applicants for jobless benefits weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m."

Internet users, however, must have filed a Michigan unemployment claim within the last 10 years in order to file online.

Unemployed workers who prefer can still apply for their unemployment benefits by mail, although the process is slower and there is less immediacy in learning if an application has been accepted.

"We will continue to accept mail applications for a while yet," Plawewski said. "The application forms are available at our website at www.michigan.gov/bwuc and at many Michigan Works! service centers." Michigan's unemployment program is consolidating its Bay City office as BW&UC

converts to telephone and Internet processes for accepting unemployment claims. As the telephone process expands statewide, the bureau will close its remaining local unemployment offices.

"The telephone-filed claims and Internet-filed claims processes will be major conveniences to our customers," Plawewski said. "They will save jobless workers the time and expense of traveling to an office and applying for unemployment benefits in person. In fact, we found that in some areas of the state it took jobless workers about six hours to file an unemployment claim at an office when you included time for their travel, waiting in our office, filling out the application and learning about their rights and responsibilities."

BW&UC's Bay City office has been providing limited unemployment insurance services since November, following the loss of almost 40 percent of the bureau's statewide staff to retirement.

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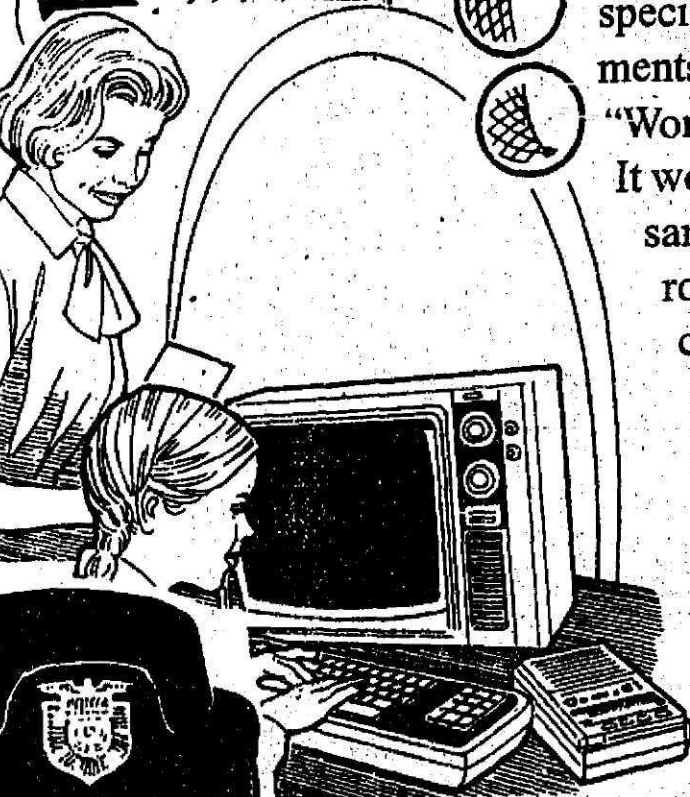
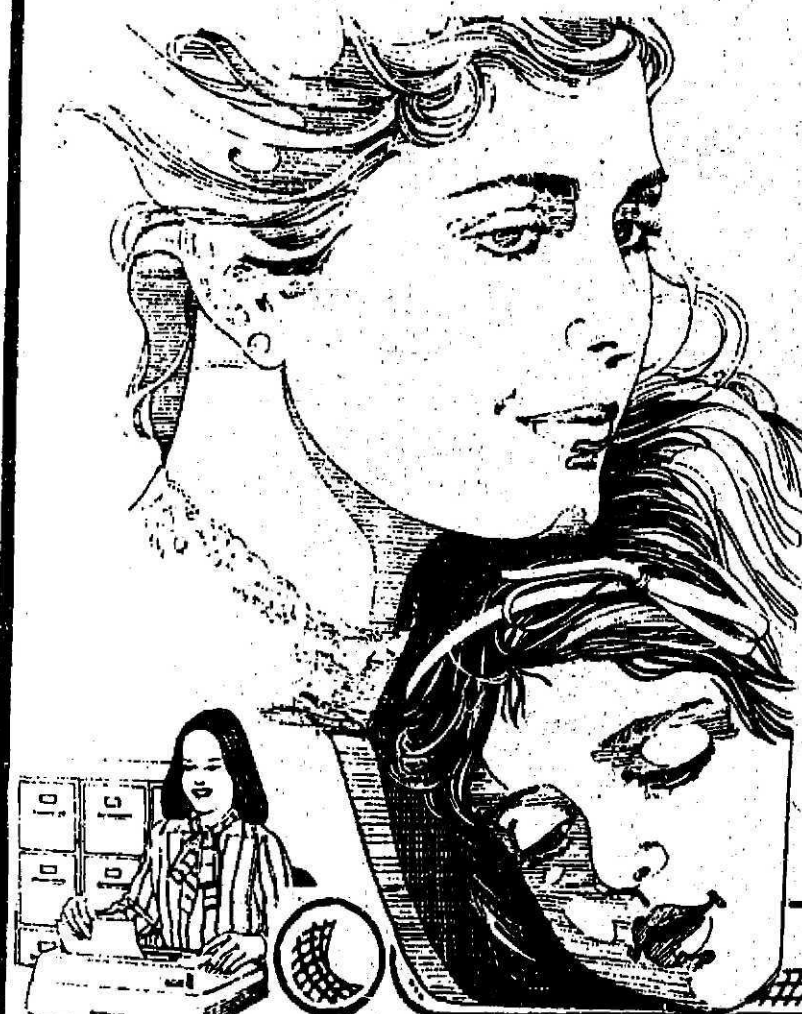
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In October 1983 the Chronicle ran a special section devoted to the achievements of area women that asked "Women-How do they do it all?" It wouldn't be out of line to use the same slogan in 2003, except that the roles of women in business and in community civic support today dwarfs the considerable roles they played just 20 years ago. You'll find stories devoted to a few of the activities of busy women in leadership roles in Cass City. Without half trying we know that you could come up with the names of

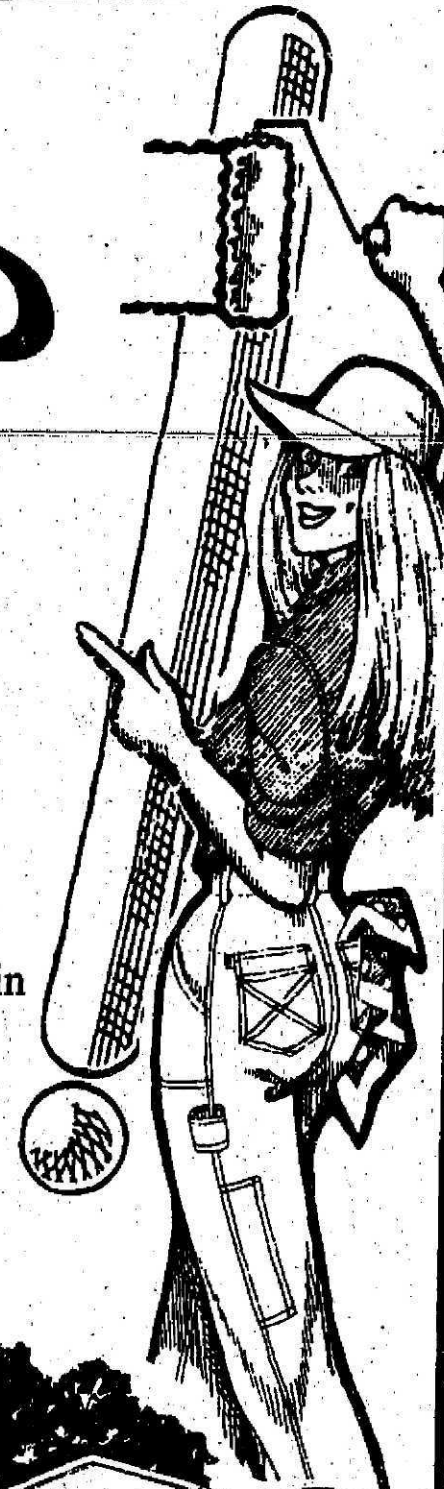
others equally suited for recognition in this section.

There are more women in leadership roles this year than there were last year, many of them doing double duty at home and on the job.

Because there are so many doing so much, women just doing the job are not overlooked, but not singled out.

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More women now are funeral directors

It is only natural that women become more prevalent in funeral service. Women are largely seen as caregivers. Rachael Kluz of Kranz Funeral Home is among the growing trend of new funeral directors who are female. Debra Kranz is one of few women funeral home owners.

Often funeral home ownership is multi-generational, handed down from father to son or father to daughter. Kluz and Kranz are both first generation funeral directors. Often female funeral directors are "re-careering". Both Kluz and Kranz had been in other professional directions before deciding to become funeral directors. In 1970, five percent of the mortuary school graduates were women. In 2002, that number was 51 percent

(from American Board of Funeral Service Education). The image of a funeral director being a white male will not be the reality in the future. As they retire, they will be replaced by women. The current workforce being trained is primarily women and minorities.

Planning a funeral does not have to be a burden, but is a necessary first step into the new life without the deceased person being part of it. Mourning is a good thing. Yes, it's very difficult and it hurts, but it needs to be done. It should be difficult to plan a funeral for someone who was a meaningful part of your life, but each step of that planning helps diminish the grief. The death has to be acknowledged before you can go on with your life. That's why it is im-

portant to see the body in the casket. Structure and ceremony are important. The person who dies is important.

The death of a spouse, or other family member, presents many things to be taken care of at the same time. When funeral arrangements are made, the women are the most active picking out the casket, clothes, flowers, register book, etc. As far as expressing grief, women are "allowed" by society to cry openly. We talk with friends and share our pains. All these things are helpful in beginning the long trip down the road that is grief. They are all healthy. Grief is something you go through, not something you get over. You can postpone it, but it still comes.

Pre-planning is not always best. Taking away

your loved ones choices does not make grief easier. It can be very selfish. It is sometimes helpful to give information and some ideas to the funeral director about what you'd want for your funeral. But always give your family members permission for them to do what they need at the time of your death. They don't always know what that will be, until your death. Making all the choices for them ahead of time does not help their grief. Every step of this process, from death to burial, is important and helps in grief recovery. We do all of this for a reason. Women seem to understand this.

The following are suggestions to consider when you are faced with a death of a loved one,

or imminent death of a loved one:

* When selecting a funeral director, choose one who is licensed and has a good reputation in your community.

* Be informed. Don't be afraid to ask questions of the funeral director.

* Discuss all available financial options with your funeral director.

* Meet with your funeral director before the death, if possible, to begin organizing details and gathering information. Pre-planning doesn't necessarily mean pre-paying.

* Work with your funeral director to plan a meaningful funeral service. Get other family members and friends involved. This is a good start to a healthy grief recovery.

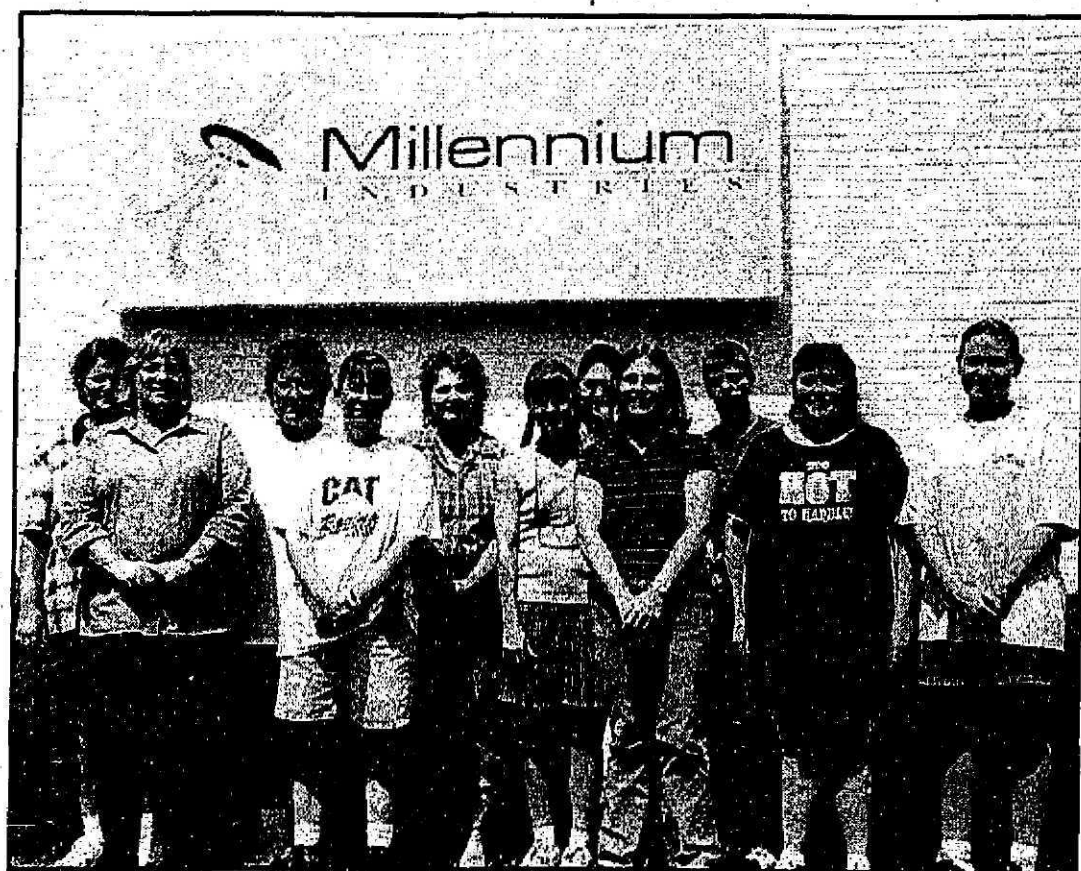


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Hartel - Warmbier celebrate over 20 years at company

Two women on the staff of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran, P.C. have played significant roles in the progress of the company.

Valerie Hartel has just completed her 20th year with the firm. Hartel is a 1981 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University and has been a Thumb-area resident her entire life. She joined the firm

shortly after her graduation and serves as an advisor to clients with problems related to computerized accounting systems and software. Valerie is also the audit manager for a number of governmental audit clients as well as several small businesses.

Hartel serves as president-elect of Cass City Rotary Club and is an assistant Girl Scout leader. She has served as treasurer for the Thumb Area Big Brothers-Big Sisters and Rotary for over 10 years.

Hartel is an active member of the Sacred Heart Parish of Caro. She is a member of the Michigan Association of CPAs, American Institute of CPAs and is an active volunteer for various charities and church-related activities.

Hartel feels that her clients are best served by building a professional working relationship with them, which in turn will provide the highest level of service.

She and her husband, Brad, and children Kayla and Allison currently reside in Caro. She enjoys many hobbies including gardening, camping, bike riding and walking.

MARGIE WARMBIER

Warmbier has been a member of the firm since 1982 and transferred to the Cass City office when it opened in 1983. Along with her many office duties, she also does payroll processing, bookkeeping and payroll tax returns.

She graduated from Cass City High School and has taken various classes at Delta College and Great Lakes College. She has been an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society, United Way and the Crisis Center. She lives in Cass City and enjoys gardening, camping and traveling.

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Krueger works to become Erla's manager

Starting at the bottom, Char Krueger now is the manager at Erla's Food Center and she did it in classic American style, she worked for it.

Her business career started immediately after graduation from Cass City High School in 1965, when she kept books at the Federated Store for Bernard Ross. Later, she worked for John McCormick in a restaurant and in his real estate office.

In 1967 she left the business community to start a family. She and her husband, Del, have 4 children.

While she was not in the business community, she was far from idle. I helped with all the fieldwork on our farm, she said.

She started her career at Erla's in 1977, working part time in what was then a full-service meat department. Her next step was working in produce and stocking the shelves. She became a cashier for 2 years and then joined the office staff.

During this time she continued her education, attending management and merchandizing classes and accounting classes at night or via correspondence.

Krueger worked in the office for several years and finally started managing in 1985.

Her duties include hiring, ordering, advertising and



Char Krueger

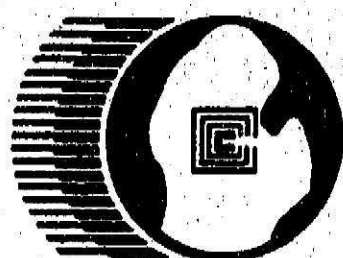
store promotions. In addition she is available to help in day-to-day activities.

Despite her busy schedule she is active in community affairs. Her project now is to secure a community center for Cass City.

There's grant money out there, she says, and I haven't given up, not by a long shot. We really need a center in Cass City.

We asked if retiring is an option. Retirement? I haven't even thought about it. I like my job and I like to work, she said firmly, before returning to the job to deal with vendors waiting to talk with her.

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Cass City Women's Club aids community

Over the years, women in the Cass City Women's Club have played significant roles in the community. The Charter night of the Cass City Business and Professional Women's Club was held at the New Gordon Hotel in Cass City Nov. 4, 1961.

The Cass City Club was sponsored by the Caro Club. The Charter was presented by State President, Helen Taylor. The officers were installed by District no. 5 Chairman,

Margaret Busch. Officers installed were Dorothy Muntz, president; Iva Hildinger, first vice president; Mickey Marshall, second vice president; Margaret Matuszak, recording secretary; Verna Mae MacRae, corresponding secretary; and Patricia Wagner, treasurer. At this time there were 25 charter members.

The objects for which the club was formed were 1) to elevate the standards for women in

business and in the profession, 2) to promote the interest of business and professional women, 3) to bring about a spirit of cooperation among business and professional women of the United States, and 4) to extend opportunities to business and professional women through education along lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities.

Mardell Ware recalls the activities and achievements of the

club:

In 1971, the first calendars were sold. We took this project from the Junior Women's Club. Our club sold birthday calendars until 2001. It was then taken over by the Rotary Club. This was a money making project and something we enjoyed. Business places put in ads and it gave an opportunity to get to know the people in our community. We were able to use the money for scholarships for high

school students and later to Baker College students.

The club now goes under the title of the Cass City Women's Club. We are no longer affiliated with the Federal and the State Business and Professional Women.

Some of our accomplishments over the years have been community calendar sales, honoring a Woman of the Year, scholarships, sponsoring a Girl Scout troop, participating in the 4th of July events and other

civic affairs.

At the present time there are 17 members. There are 3 charter members. They are Leota Anthes, Gerry Fischer and Sherryl Seeley. Present officers are Debra Kranz, president; Barbara Hutchinson, vice president; Linda Gaymer, secretary; and Sherryl Seeley, treasurer.

Meetings are held at the Charmont on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be Sept. 25. New members are welcome.



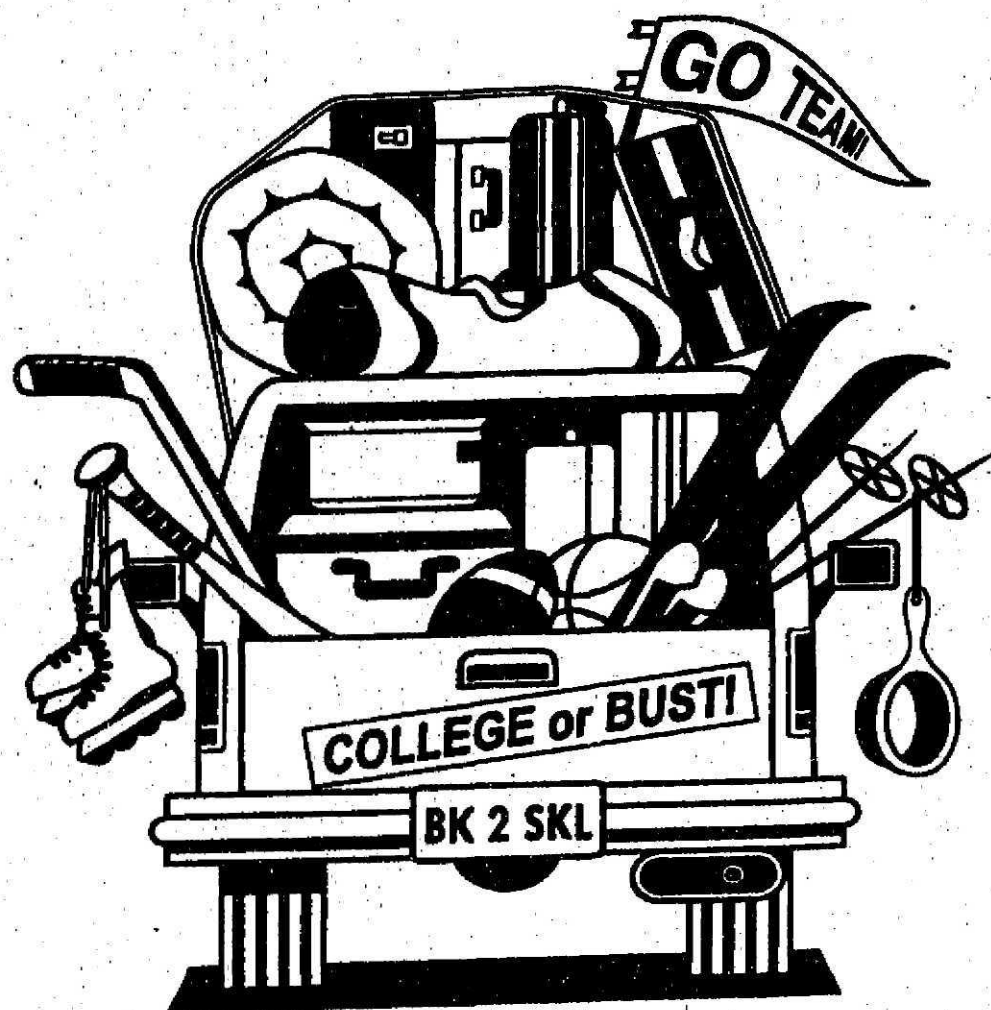
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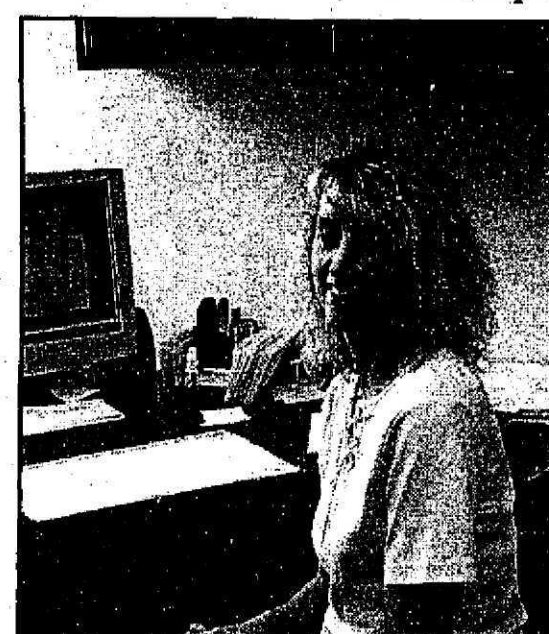
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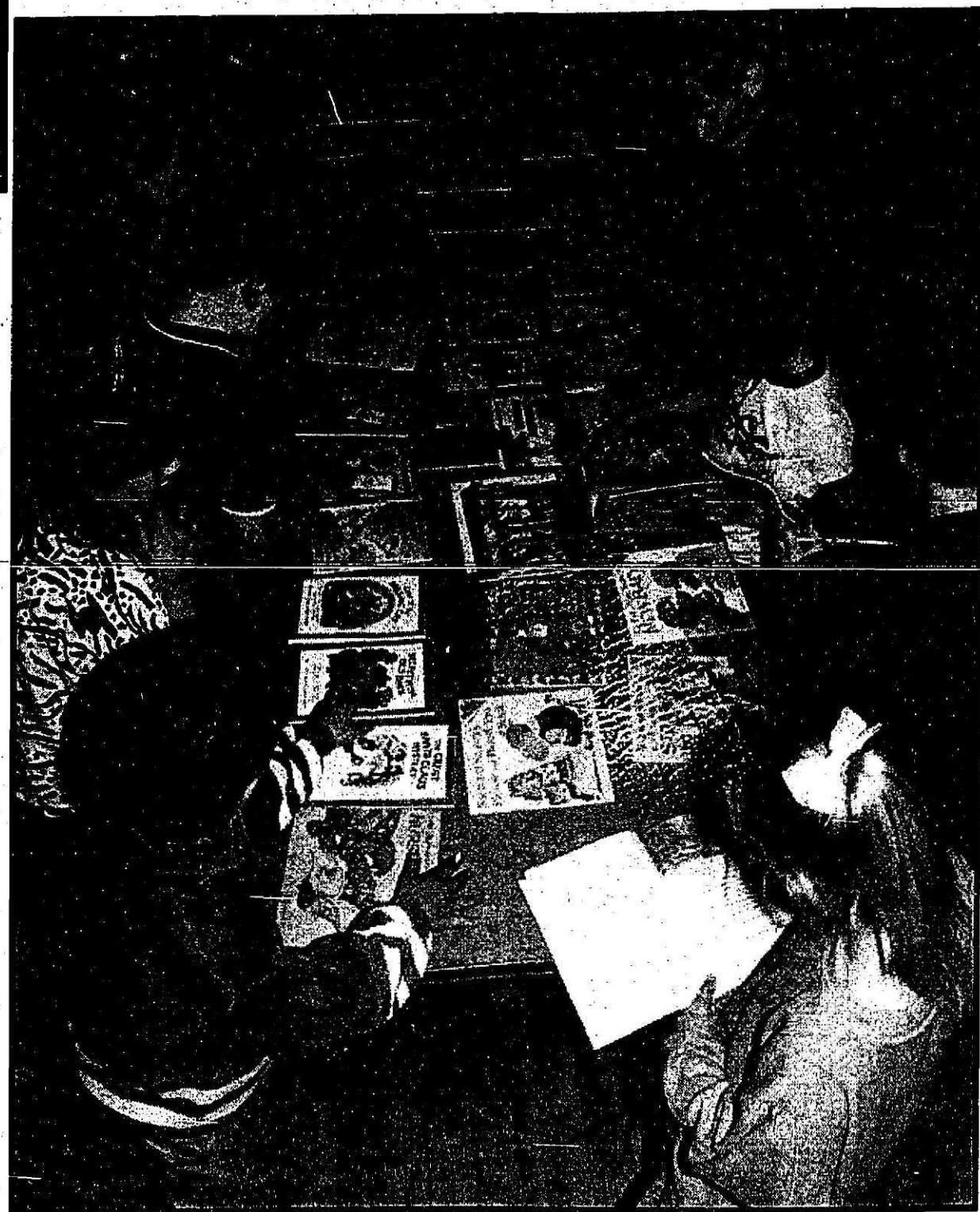


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Three popular AAUW programs

Top left: Annual paint-in is a popular event at July 4th Festival.

Top right: Flamingo Fling is lots of fun and a money-maker for the club.

Right: The RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program helps children read.

AAUW is 30 years old, going strong in Cass City

Since it was organized over 3 decades ago, the Cass City Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has launched programs that have touched the lives of many area women and is going full speed ahead today.

The club's emphasis has been to promote women and to emphasize education. Some of the projects have been continued for so many years that the club's role has been all but forgotten.

It was the AAUW that started the awards program honoring the outstanding senior woman athlete at Cass City High School and receiving the coveted trophy is still highly regarded by recipients today.

The 40-plus members of the club have continued several valued programs and this year have added 2 scholarship awards of \$500 each. The women are selected by committee and the scholarship can be renewed each year.

Money for the awards and for other programs comes from club dues of \$52 yearly and a pair of major fundraisers. The Flamingo Fling, featuring a silent auction, and the sale of wreaths at Christmas time.

One of the major achievements of the AAUW in Cass City is the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program. The club buys books for second and third graders and 3 times a year the AAUW don costumes designed to create interest among the kids.

Last year, the club purchased 700 books.

The club also sponsored 3 special performing arts programs during the last school year, one each for the high school, middle school and elementary school. That will change this year and the \$1,800 spent on last year's programs will be earmarked for youth projects regardless of what grades are involved.

One of the more recent programs that have proved to be effective and popular is the Women's Summit meeting. It's designed for mothers and daughters in the middle school and features a guest speaker.

Others in the long list of activities supported by the AAUW includes the paint-

in at the July 4 Festival and the Halloween Carnival, each designed to appeal to youth.

The decision to designate \$1,800 to youth projects was reached at a committee meeting Aug. 14. New officers of the club are Patty Spencer, president; Nancy Raythatha, vice-president programs; Linda Volz, vice-president membership; Jean Anthony, secretary, and Michelle Hill, treasurer.

We want to reach out to all women in the area, committee members say, and invite them to contact any club officer or member to find out more about the AAUW.

The club meets once a month, except in the summertime.

Pobanz still enthusiastic

Women play key roles at Hills and Dales

Traditionally, the majority of the staff at hospitals is women and the majority of the management is men.

That's not true at Hills

and Dales General Hospital, where the top management is female and 8 of the 11 directors are women.

Included are Dee

McKrow, administrator and chief executive officer; Jean Anthony, chief operating officer; and Dr. JoAnn Riggins, medical director.

Under McKrow's leadership the hospital has expanded and an extreme deficit situation remedied.

The hospital is now Cass City's largest business with a gross of some \$18 million. Steps are underway to eliminate a \$500,000 deficit (the first in several years) as Hills and Dales becomes a critical access hospital.

McKrow will be the first to say that the nursing staff and administration workers are the key to the hospital's success.

There is a cadre of nurses who have long tenure at the hospital. One of them is Paula Pobanz who has been on the staff for 15 years. She appears to be as enthusiastic today as she was at the beginning.

In the beginning, she and her husband, James Pobanz, decided that they would train to become licensed practical nurses. After that they talked again and decided to become registered nurses and were successful.

ful.

Over the years, Paula has worked in most divisions of the hospital. Today she is in charge of infection control and employee health.

She says that the major change in the hospital is

that it's harder for ill patients to gain admittance and are forced to be discharged while still not wholly cured.

Over the years, Pobanz has worked in all areas in the hospital including

the medical surgery floor and the emergency room. I fill in, she said, in all departments when needed.

How about retirement? No way, Pobanz says, I just love what I do.

Thumb National Bank employees busy in Cass City community

When it comes to service, the women employees at Cass City's Thumb National Bank know how to go the extra mile.

Notwithstanding, knowing their customers by name, a friendly hello, prompt and courteous service, the women are involved in a wide range of community functions.

Colleen Langenburg, Vice President and Mortgage Loan Officer, is a board member of the Cass City Rotary Club. Langenburg also serves as treasurer of the Cass City Athletic Boosters, as well as bookkeeper for the White Creek Club. She enjoys reading, coaching sports and cross-stitch.

Cindy Kruse, Vice President and Loan Officer, is active with the Huron County Relay for Life and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Kruse is also a member of the Youth For Christ Auction Committee and an Elkland Township trustee. She enjoys baking, farm work and vacationing with friends.

Michelle Hill, Financial Officer, is a member of the Cass City Rotary, Secretary of the United Way of Tuscola County and Treasurer of the Cass City American Association of University Women. In addition, Hill teaches Sunday School and is secretary of the Elkton United Methodist Church Leadership Council, where she is also a member. Her hobbies include playing piano, traveling and reading.

Jessica Nicol, Customer Service Representative, has been involved in Relay for Life, the American Red Cross and Adopt-A-Highway. Nicol is also pursuing a bachelor's degree at Grand Valley State University. She enjoys traveling and Nascar racing. Her hobbies include collecting dolls and angels.

Pam LaFave, Customer Service Representative, is married and has three children, ages 11, 15 and 18. She en-

joys boating, going to auctions and antiquing.

Joyce King, Assistant Cashier, is involved in fundraising for the American Cancer Society - Relay for Life. Her hobbies are flower gardening and counted cross stitch.

Kelli Hendrick, Customer Service Representative-Secretary, is married with three daughters, ages 9, 15 and 18. She is involved with many sporting events. Hendrick is currently the secretary-treasurer for the Cass City Girls' Summer Little League Program and coach for the T-Ball and Minor League Girls' Summer Little League Program. She is a member of the Cass City Athletics Booster Club and is involved with activities at Novesta Church of Christ and fundraisers for Youth For Christ. Hendrick participates in the annual Huron County Relay for Life and is involved in the Sanilac County 4-H Fair Livestock Program.

Mary Wheeler, Customer Service Representative, is a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church, a member of the choir and on the financial committee at the church, and is a lifetime member of the Good Sam Camping Club. Hobbies are reading, crossword puzzles, crocheting, collecting tins and baskets, boating, fishing and camping. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, theater (musicals), music, playing the piano and home improvement projects.

Charlotte Kritzman, Customer Service Representative, is active with the 4th of July Festival and many church activities including choir and Sunday School. She enjoys gardening.

Barb Irrer, Bookkeeping, enjoys spending time with her family and grandchildren. Her hobbies include cross stitch, stained glass and reading.

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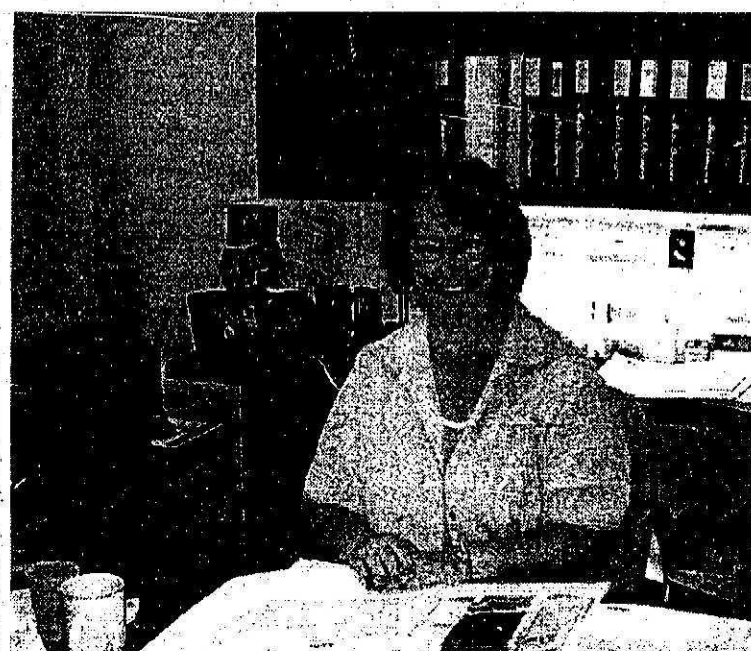
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• Christina Arebelo types all the car deals at Pat Curtis Chevrolet. She is also the person all the salespeople turn to when they have title work questions or inquiries involving the Secretary of State. Christina is currently working full-time and earning a degree in business management from Davenport University.

• Sheila Nicolas does the accounting for the sales department at Pat Curtis Chevrolet. She makes sure that the dealership receives all the rebate money it is entitled to from the manufacturer. Sheila is also the coordinator for dealer world, the network that the sales department uses to get all pricing and option information. She works full time and is married to Kevin Nicolas. They have two children, Olivia and Tyler.

• Penny Downing is the parts and service secretary. She has

the demanding job of handling all of the paperwork that goes along with the parts and service department. She makes sure all the technicians get billed out at the correct labor time. Penny is an integral part of making the service and parts department run smoothly. She is married to Eric Downing. They have a daughter, Amanda, and three grandchildren.

• Ann Knack is the business manager assistant. She handles training employees, computer system administration, payroll, and service and body shop receivables. Ann has the important job of keeping all of the computers functioning correctly in the dealership. She is married to Owen Knack. They a son, Jim, and two grandsons.

• Sherri Kastraba is the business manager. She sees every business transaction that goes on at the dealership. It is Sherri's job to make sure business runs smoothly and the books balance. She makes sure all the account-

ing information is accurate so that Pat Curtis can make the correct business decisions. Sherri is married to Charlie Kastraba. They have two children, Kelly and Kyle, and three grandchildren.

• Lana Ellis is a sales consultant at Pat Curtis Chevrolet. She has been working at the dealership for 16 years. Lana started out in the office, then the body shop. Six years ago she made the move to the sales force. Lana does a good job in sales and adds character to the sales force. She is married to Steve Ellis. They have two children, Courtney and Amanda.

• Glory Martinez is the receptionist at the dealership. She is the friendly voice you hear answering the phone when you call Pat Curtis Chevrolet. Glory also directs customers to a salesperson when they walk in the showroom. She graduated from USA High School in 2002 and works full-time at Pat Curtis Chevrolet.

• Tricia Curtis works part-time answering phones and filing at Pat Curtis Chevrolet. Tricia is currently a senior at Caro High School. She is on the varsity swim team and is a certified lifeguard.

• Heather Bishop works part-time answering phones and filing at Pat Curtis Chevrolet. She earned the honor of valedictorian from Caro High School this past year. Heather will be attending Concordia College this fall.

• Emily Mellendorf works part-time answering phones and filing at Pat Curtis Chevrolet. Emily is a 2003 graduate and will be attending Eastern Michigan University this fall.

• Ashley Roe works part-time answering phones and filing at Pat Curtis Chevrolet. Ashley is currently a senior at Caro High School.

• Tammy Morell is the office manager at Curtis Chrysler. She is in charge of daily office operations. Tammy also types all the

deals and makes sure that Chrysler reimburses the dealership for its incentives. She is married to Joe Morell and is the mother of two daughters, Brittany and Chelsea.

• Chrissy O'Neil is the parts and service writer at Curtis Chrysler. It is Chrissy's job to greet the customer and write up the repair order and then distribute the work to the technician. She also works in the parts department. Chrissy puts in parts orders and helps with warranty administration. She has worked at Curtis Chrysler since it was formed four years ago. Chrissy is married to Mike O'Neil.

• Sarah Dillon is the newest addition to the Curtis Chrysler staff. She is the car porter at the dealership. Sarah keeps the service department looking good and cleans all vehicle deliveries. She is a 2002 graduate and plans to become a dental hygienist. Sarah does a good job and is a welcome edition to the Curtis Chrysler team.

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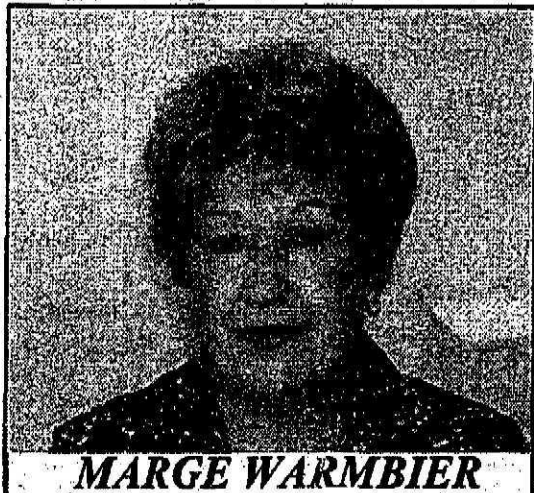


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Naturally, there have been a host of changes since she started. We had no computers, she recalled.

One of the major problems today, she said, is how hard it is to find a company to place a business in and to find the best possible insurance to benefit the customer.

Stacer said that when she started working in insurance she found it was a good profession and she kind of grew with it.

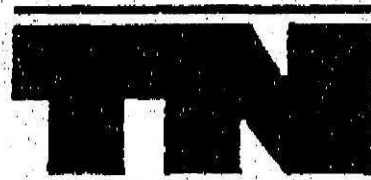
She and her husband, Richard, have 3 children, all out of school. Asked if she was looking forward to retirement, she chuckled, heavens, yes, after about 20 more years.

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Woman starts bank in Atlanta, Georgia

(NAPS)—February is National African-American History Month, an excellent time to celebrate America's rich cultural diversity by visiting the many national parks that celebrate the role of African Americans in U.S. history.

These sites are found all over the nation. For example, the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, still in development, includes scores of sites used during the era of slavery to help enslaved people escape oppression. Sites range from the Boston African American National Historic Site, which includes 15 pre-Civil War African-American historical structures, to sites in Ohio and across the south to Texas. Check the destination finder, Get Outdoors, on www.eparks.org, the Web site of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), for locations.

African-American parks commemorate historical events that shaped America. The Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail in Alabama reminds people of the struggle in the 1960s to ensure that all people enjoyed an equal right to vote. Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas; Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in Arkansas; and the Tuskegee Institute

National Historic Site in Alabama commemorate the struggle for equality in education endured by African Americans into the twentieth century.

Individual African Americans are celebrated at sites such as the Virginia birthplace of Booker T. Washington, founder of the Tuskegee Institute; the Richmond, Virginia, house of Maggie L. Walker, the African American who was one of the first women to found and head a bank; and the Atlanta, Georgia, house in which civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., was born and raised.

Commemorating African Americans in national parks is particularly appropriate because African Americans played a critical role in the birth of the National Park System. The Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalry (Colored) served as the first "park rangers" in places such as Yosemite before there was a Park Service, and Captain Charles Young, an African American, was appointed acting superintendent of Sequoia and General Grant (now Kings Canyon) National Park in May 1903.

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