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Village wages to cost \$16,000 more

A 3.5 percent wage hike approved last week for Cass City Village employees will cost the village a combined \$15,930 more in 1992.

The Village Council approved the increase for each of 15 full-time employees. No significant changes were made in the workers' fringe benefit package.

Cass City's full-time staff consists of the village manager, bookkeeper and secre-

tary; 3 full-time police officers (including a sergeant and chief), 5 Department of Public Works employees (including superintendent) and 4 Wastewater Treatment Plant employees (including superintendent).

A breakdown of the 1991 and 1992 pay levels is outlined in a chart accompanying this story.

Wages for the full-time employees, all of whom are

at the maximum pay level based on years of service, are expected to total some \$471,076 in 1992.

The estimate doesn't take into account overtime. The figure also doesn't include the wages of part-time police officers and seasonal workers, such as pool and park employees.

The pay increase approved for 1992 is smaller than in recent years. Last year,

raises of 5.5 percent were granted to most of the village's full-time employees, and in 1990, a 4.5 percent hike was approved.

Earlier this month, the council vowed to hold the line on spending in 1992, and approved a reduced budget balanced without the aid of a property tax hike or increase in water/sewer fees.

OFFICE	1991		1992		W.W.T.	
	1991	1992	1991	1992		
Manager	44,099	45,642.47			35,015	36,240.53
Bookkeeper	22,277	23,056.70				
Secretary	22,277	23,056.70				
Superintendent						
	D.P.W.					
Superintendent	31,470	32,571.45			35,015	36,240.53
Regular Crew					29,869	30,918.65
1st. year	21,989	22,758.62				
2nd. year	23,199	24,010.97				
3rd. year	24,530	25,388.55				
4th. year	25,864	26,769.24				
5th. year	29,390	30,418.65				
POLICE						
Chief					35,015	36,240.53
Sergeant					29,869	30,918.65
Officers						
1st. year			23,198	24,009.93		
2nd. year			24,475	25,331.63		
3rd. year			25,879	26,784.77		
4th. year			27,287	28,242.05		
5th. year			29,390	30,418.65		



DONATIONS OF CASH, food, clothing, household goods and other items have been pouring in for the Bellanger family, which lost its home and belongings in a house fire early last week. Tom Meisner, owner of Gilligan's, is pictured above with some of the donations stored at his business in Cass City.



BUNCO SQUAD—Area residents (left to right) Eva Hoagg and Virginia and Clair Auslander helped found the Shabbona area Bunco Club and are still active in the group. The club, which has met regularly since 1937, boasts a regular membership of about 2 dozen people.

Bunco alive and well in Shabbona after 54 years

There's plenty of Bunco going on in the Shabbona area.

What's more, there's a club that specializes in the activity. The group was organized in the late 1930s and is still alive and well today, meeting at a different location most every other Saturday night this time of year.

Area residents checking their dictionary for the meaning of the word "bunco" might be a bit worried, or confused; by definition, it means "a swindle."

But in Shabbona, Bunco means nothing more than a longstanding tradition of

good, clean fun that a host of folks, many of them retired today, have been enjoying for years.

"It's just a clean game and we have a lot of fun. There's been a lot of members into it all these years," remarked Virginia Auslander, who along with her husband, Clair, and Eva Hoagg of Shabbona, are the only original club members still active in the group.

According to the trio, the club got its start in 1937. Hoagg recalled learning Bunco while living briefly in the Pontiac area.

"I think some of the gang down there showed us how

to play it, and we've had more fun over the years," she said.

Just what is Bunco? Well, it's a game involving dice and any number of players seated, typically, at 5 or 6 tables, one of which is called the head table.

Each table has 3 dice and, generally, 4 persons (2 teams) who take turns rolling the dice in an attempt to roll certain numbers, starting with one, then 2, then 3, etc. Players move from table to table after each round, adding up their scores in an attempt to reach 21 and win the game.

However, players can

emerge the victor more quickly; all they have to do is roll 3 of the number they're trying for while seated at the head table. When that happens, everybody knows about it.

COW BELL

"We've got an old cow bell from the farm, and when you ring the bell, the game's over at the head table," Hoagg explained.

"It's not as complicated as it sounds," she reassured.

Auslander agreed. "Anybody that's come and played has picked it up right away."

Please turn to back page.

From all over Thumb

Help pours in for fire victims

Residents from throughout the Thumb are continuing to lend a helping hand to a young Cass City family that lost its home and belongings in a house fire early last week.

People and organizations have donated food, clothing, general household items and toys, as well as called with offers of furniture and appliances over the past week, according to Tom Meisner, owner of Gilligan's, 6444 W. Main St., Cass City, which has served as a central

collection point.

Meisner said help has come from all over, including the Cass City area, Decker, Harbor Beach, Sandusky, Bad Axe, Kingston and Millington.

And the effort continued Monday night, with the Cass City Hardees Restaurant sponsoring a pancake supper to benefit the Bellangers.

It's estimated that more than \$1,200 in cash donations had been collected as of Monday afternoon. The

total includes a \$500 shopping spree at Kritzman's Clothing Store that was donated anonymously hours after the fire.

The money is badly needed, Meisner remarked, noting the Bellangers' biggest problem at this point is securing a place to stay.

The couple, who have 3 young children and are new to the area, had been renting the doublewide mobile home at 4303 Doerr Rd. that was leveled by fire Dec. 23. Afterwards, the family was

invited to stay at the home of a friend in town.

Meisner indicated that most of the donations he's received have been made by people who don't want any recognition. He recalled one gentleman who handed him an envelope with \$50 in it for the family, saying he would try to do more when he could.

"It's kind of overwhelming — the outpouring," Meisner commented. "It's really great to see it."

Kingston Camp must close

Boyerne cancels resignation

Long-time Koylton Township Supervisor Terry Boyerne withdrew his resignation Friday night.

The action prompted the township to cancel plans for a special meeting the next day, effectively crushing Pioneer Work and Learn Center officials' hopes of getting a special-use permit before being forced to close their doors Jan. 4 in compliance with a court order.

The rehabilitation program for male juvenile delinquents was ordered closed because its operation at Kingston Hills Camp violates township zoning laws.

Pioneer officials moved to avoid closure by trying to convince the township to change the zoning ordinance and issue a special-use permit.

The Township Board approved the ordinance amendment Dec. 9, despite the township Zoning Board's recommendation against the change. The special-use permit was taken up by the Zoning

Board during a public hearing conducted Dec. 19, but no recommendation was made and the session was continued to Jan. 14.

Pioneer officials had hoped that the Township Board would take matters into its own hands and approve the permit during the special meeting planned for Saturday, when the board

was expected to act on Boyerne's resignation.

Boyerne was unavailable for comment on his decision to continue as supervisor.

As it stands, the Township Board's next regular meeting is Jan. 13, and no other special meetings are planned, township Clerk James Borek said Monday. Jim Leggett, associate di-

rector of the Pioneer program, acknowledged the camp will probably be forced to close, at least temporarily.

"It's pretty obvious that if nothing happens... before the fourth of January, that we're going to be out of here," he said. "We're ready to go and we'll be gone prior. Please turn to back page."

Gifts for 1st baby

Again this year, as it has for over 25 years, the Cass City business community will shower the first baby born to folks who live in the area with gifts.

Over the years the first baby has arrived as early as seconds after the stroke of midnight Jan. 1, and not until 3 weeks into the new year.

Last year's first baby was Austin Louis Babich, son of Tim and Deb Babich of Deford, and he arrived on the scene Jan. 7.

Regardless of when he arrives, he will receive 12 gifts

from good-hearted merchants. He will be able to have not one, but 2 savings accounts, one at Chemical Bank Bay Area and the other at Thumb National Bank and Trust.

The proud parents will be able to pick up \$10 worth of baby food at Cass City IGA Foodliner and a \$10 gift certificate at Erla's Food Center. At Coach Light Pharmacy, \$10 will be credited towards any prescription.

A gift arrangement for the new mom and baby is waiting at Cass City Floral. \$10

gift certificates are ready to be picked up at Kritzmans, Inc. and Cass City ServiStar Hardware.

The family can have a double celebration if it desires, with a decorated cake from Sutter's Bakery at one and a decorated cake from Sommers' Bakery at the other.

Finally, the family can keep a record of the event and others that follow in a free photo album from Huron Research Products, Inc. and then read all about it with a free one-year subscription to the Chronicle.

Engaged



**Rhonda McIntosh
Michael Truemmer**

Two area churches have announced special musical cert and sing-along music programs to be held Sunday evening.

The Cass City Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will host "Captive Free," a group of 6 young adults who are touring the Great Lakes region at 7 p.m.

It is a national team formed and sponsored by Lutheran Youth Encounter.

There is no admission charge for either event.

**Mr. and Mrs. Floyd
John M. and Mrs. Mrs.
McIntosh announce the en-
gagement of their daugh-
ter, Rhonda, to Michael
Truemmer, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Lyle Truemmer.**

A Sept. 5 wedding is being planned.

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**2 area churches slate
special musical programs**

**29 attend Christmas
party at meal site**

Mr. and Mrs. Russ and Mrs. Russ hosted a Christmas dinner at their home Friday evening. Among the guests attending were Sheldon Marland with her sister, Hannah Peterson.

Mrs. Ella Cumpfer returned home Friday after spending the week in Midland with her sister, Hannah Peterson.

Dan and Mary McCloy celebrated birthdays for Gladys Bliss and Phyllis Cox. Also, happy birthday was sung to Gladys Bliss.

Nineteen seniors attended the noon birthday meal Dec. 27.

Celebrating birthdays were Gladys Bliss and Phyllis Cox. Hilda and Phyllis Cox also, happy birthday was sung to Gladys Bliss.

A dessert table was decorated with various decorations.



**Happy
returns
Meg's Peg**
by Melva E. Gunther

It's the season to try to ripping off the item in the first place.

The appearance of the package is important, too. Make sure that it's obvious idea where they were purchased. Hopefully, you say, "Take heart. Writing in Management Digest, which is published by Engincoed Lubricants, Elaine Bester how to take things back.

She's been dubbed the "Master Returner" and claims she's had about a 95 percent success rate by following a few simple procedures.

Tanenbaum says you must begin by doing a little detective work. Leave the salad Shooter at home and see if you can spot a duplicate in the store. If so, note the price. Telephoning the store to see the supervisor. If the salesperson refuses to accept or exchange the item, Don't fidget or look nervous.

If the supervisor asks you to see the supervisor, if you can't get anywhere with the supervisor, ask to speak with a vice-president. Tanenbaum says that top executives are more concerned with maintaining positive relationships with customers.

Be willing to accept a store credit for the return if their policy doesn't allow return credit for the return of the item. Surely you will be able to find something you can use from the store some time. It's wise, however, to use the credit as soon as possible. Unfortunately, a lot of stores are going out of business these days and you could get stuck.

Be sure to thank the person who accepts your returned gift. You might get another Salad Shooter for your birthday, you know.

Even a pro runner will strike out occasionally. In some instances, Tanenbaum recommends creativity.

She suggests that you could use an unreturnable second receipt for mail or keys or third work as a planter, and small change, a bucket to catch water from a dripping faucet, a hat for a Half-lower costume, a basket-ball holder, a pet's dish or a salad bowl.

Unfortunately, she didn't give any ideas for an extra Salad Shooter.

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**Sunday meals planned
for area senior citizens**

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HDC senior dining centers about HDC's "Dining Senior Style" program, you can get more information for more information.

In Tuscola County, the HDC senior dining centers are located in Caro, Cass City, Farbridge, Kingson, Mayville, Millington and Vassar. In addition to the centers listed above.

**AVOID
DECONGESTANT
SPRAYS**

Nasal congestion is commonly caused by allergies as well as colds, irritants and many other illnesses. Most non-prescription medicines such as antihistamines and decongestants work well for these symptoms and can be used on a long term basis, but the nasal spray decongestants are good for only very short term treatment — less than a week.

If a person keeps using the spray for longer he will develop a rebound effect where he will get opening of a nasal passages for a while, only to be followed by a more intense congestion again. The person will end up using the spray more and more frequently with poorer results. Eventually he will have to use it constantly to breathe through the nose at all.

Not only does the spray lose its effect, it may cause side effects such as overstimulation of the heart, especially during exercise.

When a person develops this rebound effect, the best evaluation by your doctor to check for allergies, polyps, side effects of medicines and many other causes of nasal congestion. Many of these causes can be treated specifically and effectively.

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Cass City Personal Items

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Sandy and Andy Weller returned to their home in Dayton, Ohio, Saturday afternoon, Christmas with her parents, Stan and Melva Gunther. Mark and Shelley Gunther returned to Concord, Calif., Monday.

Thursday dinner guests of Fred and Linda Leeson were Cass and Jean Pasieczny of Wilmet.

Mrs. Beverly Phillips of Grand Rapids was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Montgomery and family.

Christmas Day guests of Fred and Linda Leeson family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huron as guests of their Christmas Day in Port Huron as guests of their Christmas Day in Port Huron, all of Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hanby of Grand Haven and daughters, Kris and Sherry, spent a few days with his mother, Lillian Hanby.

Doreen, Aaron, Christi, Lesli and John Asher of Fort Myers, Fla., arrived Friday to spend the holidays with friends, relatives and their parents, Pete and Pearl Ven-Asher.

Christmas guests of Oma and Alden and Joann Arthur, Janet and Beth Severance Friday evening were Beth Phillips of New Hudson, Dean Severance of North Carolina, Tim and Roxann Severance of Texas, Randy, Deb, Sean and Brad Severance, Dan, Sally and Brent Cooper, Scott Hartel and Clair and Virginia Auslander.

John Haire and Clarke Haire spent Christmas Eve with B.J. Haire, husband and Roger Salo Day with Lynn Haire, husband and family, and Christmas with Lynn Haire, husband and family.

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**SCOUTS
state
dinner**

The Caro Knights of Columbus Hall will be the site of the 1992 Annual Thumb District Dinner for the Boy Scouts of America.

The event is scheduled for Jan. 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the hall, located at 903 Ryan Road.

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"If It Fitz..."

Delays, delays

By Jim Fitzgerald



The only time my wife and I get excited about professional football is when Sunday's televised game runs long and delays the 7 p.m. start of our favorite program, "60 Minutes." On one typical Sunday, at about 7:30, Dallas was leading Green Bay, 42-14, there was one second to play, and Green Bay called time-out.

"You can never tell what way a football will bounce," I said. "Football is a game of emotions. It doesn't matter how much time is left if momentum is on your side. During this time-out, the quarterback will call the next 47 plays. That cleverly eliminates the need for huddles. The time saved by not huddling can be used for sideline passes that stop the clock, and onside kickoffs that don't start the clock until the ball is touched by John Madden."

The game ended 15 minutes later. She threw a fit. Green Bay didn't rally to win. "They weren't beat, they just ran out of time," I explained. That was several years ago, when it seemed certain that football and network strategies had devised every means possible to delay "60 Minutes" until 48 hours after the blowing of the two-minute warning whistle, except on the West Coast when the game often didn't end until Thursday because Madden is afraid to fly and takes the bus.

The Weather

Table with 4 columns: Day, High, Low, Precip. Tuesday: 38, 19, 0; Wednesday: 35, 22, 0; Thursday: 42, 33, 0; Friday: 39, 18, 0; Saturday: 36, 28, .02; Sunday: 34, 30, .17; Monday: 30, 22, 0.

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Play was stopped while officials reviewed a videotaped replay of the alleged TD, to make sure it really happened. For the sake of authenticity, I think the officials went home to watch the tape on their own TV sets in their own dens. Eventually the touchdown was disallowed and the ball was put on the 1-inch line, from where San Francisco scored again, naturally. It was finally time for "60 Minutes." Except... The clock, with only a few seconds left to tick, was again stopped while officials reviewed the videotaped replay. It was another splendid opportunity to wait eagerly for news of completely no consequence. As it was our first experience with the taped replay review, I was surprised my wife wasn't yelling about it. But then I noticed she'd disappeared. She left behind a note saying: "I'm taking the bus to the West Coast but expect to be back home in time to see '60 Minutes' in its entirety."

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OVER 455 FARMER delegates were in Grand Rapids recently voting on policy direction of the Michigan Farm Bureau on a host of issues. Some 140 proposed policy resolutions dealing with state and national agricultural issues were debated and voted on during the 4-day event. Above, delegates of Tuscola County Farm Bureau represented their county members' views in the discussion.

For primary road bridges

Road Commission can't match federal funds in '92

Tuscola County Road Commission officials say they can't match federal funds for primary road bridges in 1992. That means only one of 2 bridge replacements slated for the coming year will be completed, according to County Highway Engineer Robert J. Wellington, who

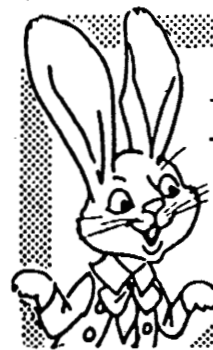
noted the road commission will hold public hearings on the projects Jan. 30. One of the bridges is located on Deckerville over White Creek, east of Plain Road, in Ellington Township. The deteriorated "camelback" bridge was built in 1936 and is 60 feet long and 21 feet wide.

The new bridge is designed with an estimated cost of \$231,000. The other bridge is on Bevens Road over Sucker Creek at East Dayton Road in Wells Township. The concrete on steel bridge, widened in 1967, is 35 feet long and 40 feet wide. Replacement is estimated at \$216,000.



Let's start the new year right with a few goodies for those that are in need. For Jeff Hartel, Don Markel and the rest of the Cass City High School coaches, a new league to replace the Blue Bay League. Having this kind of league and then forming special leagues for golf and wrestling with teams in the Thumb C League doesn't make much sense and is in a word, lousy. For Nelson Willy, the most ardent hunter we know, a continuation of the comeback of the pheasant population. 1991 was the best season in at least a decade.

spent training their Belgians last year. For Ron Nurnberger, who left Cass City after 17 years, as much success as principal at Mason County Eastern High School as he experienced as basketball coach here. For all the land owners in Novesta Township a successful producing oil well to make up for the numerous failures experienced there including one in 1991. For John Haire a special set of car keys that say remove me, remove me, every time the engine is turned off. For all of you a sincere wish for a very happy and prosperous new year.



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire (And anyone else he can get to help.)

Capt. Roger Reid, a bronze star winner in the Gulf War, described his duties with the ordnance department in the Middle East at the Cass City Rotary Club. Reid is a Cass City native, son of the Donald Reids, and a graduate of Cass City High School. He explained his duties in the war and stressed the outstanding support received from the folks at home. An illustration, he said, was the mail received. In his unit there were 5,500 men and they received about 5 semi-truck loads of mail EVERY DAY.

Area folks can view 38 pieces of art from the Alma College print competition at the Thumb Area Center for the Arts at 102 Joy Street, Caro, through Jan. 14. It's open 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the center, and daily except Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Indianfields Public Library.

We were told that one area family has thrown out all of its wine because of a fear of the new penalties awaiting the drunk driver. That may be a bit extreme, but be warned. The sentence could include a 15-year jail term. One of the best New Year's resolutions any of us could have is to not drink and drive.

Reminder: The Chronicle office will be closed Thursday, the day after New Year's. Regular schedules will be resumed Friday, which means the Chronicle will be open Friday and until 11 a.m. Saturday.



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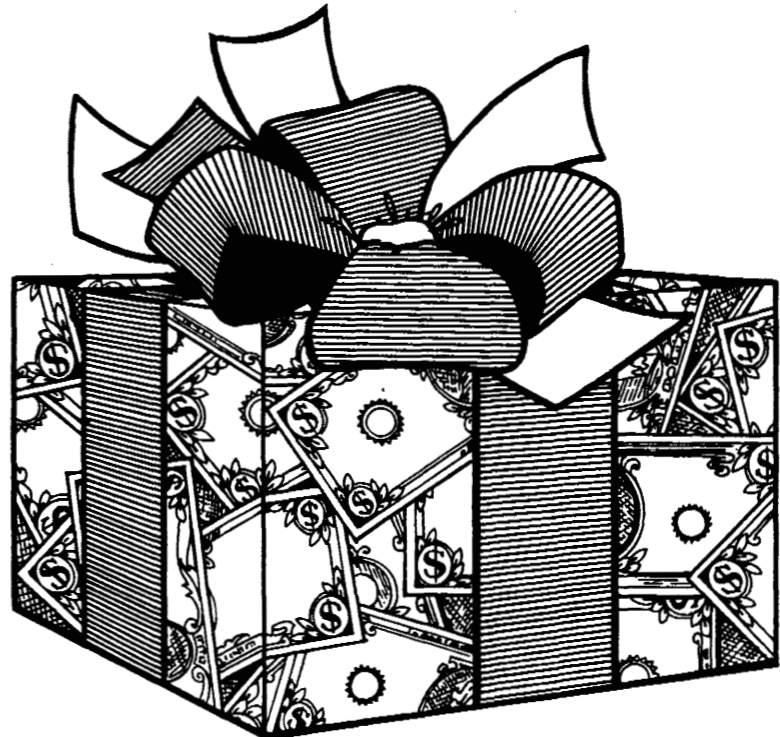
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Holbrook Area News

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Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena attended the funeral of a cousin, Mrs. Jim Lewis, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Bad Axe Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen last week were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sageman of Bad Axe, Mrs. Carl Sageman, Doris Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. Don Near and Reva Silver.

Beth Mulder and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Marty Chockley at Algonac.

David Sweeney was a Christmas Eve guest of Bill Sweeney.

Ray Depcinski, A.J. Batie and Al Wagner were guests of Don Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Michalski, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson, Tracy and Chris and Kevin Franzel were Christmas Eve supper guests of Mrs. Ray Michalski.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Powers of Highland and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Rees at Filion.

Darlene Terrassi and girls were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Giffard spent the weekend with Ruth Ann Regal of Plymouth and Saturday evening attended the Brencal Christmas party at Dearborn Inn and Sunday visited Mr. and Mrs. George Barber Sr. and family at Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hill, Adam and Andrea of Parisville, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Greg

Gordon, Brandy, Courtney and Erin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hofert and family of Lapeer, and Leanna Luckadoo of Bad Axe were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Glaza and daughter Linda of Colorado were Saturday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heilig and family and Mrs. Allan McCarty were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. McCarty and family.

Mrs. Mary Beardsley spent Christmas Day and overnight with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cole of Waterford.

Holiday weekend guests of Mrs. Mary Beardsley were David Beardsley, Elizabeth Shotwell of Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Jr. of Romeo, Mrs. Michelle Beardsley and children, Connie and Michael of Lapeer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wills and children, Nichole and Joe Jr. of Cadillac and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Price and children, Paul and Samantha of Spring Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Iseler and family of Port Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mark and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family, Wilfred Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Ervin were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rickett and family of Redford and

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haas of Maumee, Ohio, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Jeff. Other Christmas Day guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Doerr and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Gordon Farrelly of New Baltimore was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly. Other evening guests were Valerie Terwilliger and Rodney of Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung and family of Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. John Mergyl and family and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bukowski and family of Lake Orion, Mrs. David Grika, Mrs. Gerry Grika, Mrs. David Olshove and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpitz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena visited Beatrice Wheeler at Autumnwood Health Care Center in Deckerville Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meske at Port Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind and Reva Silver were Sunday guests of Edanna Sweeney and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Chockley, Jeff Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Jeff.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson, Tracy and Chris spent from Friday through Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Al Anthes at Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jelinak at Filion and were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Karg and Randall Knowles in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tom were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly. Other afternoon guests were Julie Koroleski and family and Carl Nicol of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Salowitz and Kelly of Mt. Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly, Heath and Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel, Marney and Lois Cardenas were among a group of around 20 who were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Samczyk at Pigeon.

A group of carolers from Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe, visited

Mrs. George Jackson and Don Monday evening.

Linda Glaza of Colorado spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Orville Glaza.

Reva Silver was a Christmas Day dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Silver in Bay City.

Early Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross and family of Arcadia, Mich., Mrs. Charlie Corbishley and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Karg and Randall Knowles.

Mrs. Jim McCartney of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Chockley of Algonac and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tom of Cass City were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly and Dan Franzel was a Tuesday guest.

Mrs. David Hacker was a Friday lunch guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Talaski Jr. of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family of Snover, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gedert and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Giffard and family were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Giffard.

Danny and Jeff Bukowski spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shagena of Sebewiang, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Armstead and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena were early Christmas supper guests of Bertha Shagena in Cass City Monday.

Clara Bond was a Tuesday lunch guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Balagh, Mrs. Walter Zawilinski and Mrs. Fritz VanErp were Friday guests of Edanna Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland attended the Shabbona RLDS Church services, where Mrs. DeLores Gardner provided the ministry with music, and a family night supper and Christmas party Friday evening.

Gary Wills of Port Austin was a Saturday afternoon guest of Reva Silver.

Art Booms of Helena was a Monday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Ervin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross of Arcadia, spent from Saturday through Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt. Other Saturday overnight guests were Randall Knowles, Charles Corbishley and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow.

Gordon Farrelly and friend Nancy of New Baltimore were Wednesday overnight and Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. David Dickens and family of Warren spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Walker. Other Christmas Day guests were Jeff Hallock, Janet and family, Kim Walker and John Boldan, and John Walker and son.

Gregory and Michael Moore spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Evans Giffard.

Nancy Spencer of Lansing spent a few days with Bill Spencer and visited Mrs. Jim Doerr Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hofert and family of Lapeer, Leanna Luckadoo of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson Jr. and Melissa Jackson were Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. George Jackson and Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind and Beverly Rockefeller were Monday guests of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family of Walled Lake, Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford, Stacy Cleland and friend Jeff of Waterford, Mrs. Herbert Hichens, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland

and Carol Laming.

Jack Meyers and son Nick of Freeland and Mrs. Earl Schenk were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schenk, Beth and John.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung and family of Sterling Heights, Mr. and Mrs. John Mergyl and family and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bukowski and family of Lake Orion, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kulish and family of Flushing, Mr. and Mrs. David Grika, Mr. and Mrs. David Olshove, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Grika and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpitz and family were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Joe Konkel was a Christmas Day dinner guest of Sue Kernerman in Bad Axe.

January is National Blood Donor Month

Area residents are urged to celebrate National Volunteer Blood Donor month by donating a pint of blood and giving the gift of life to hospitalized patients in the Wolverine Region.

In declaring January as "National Blood Donor Month, President George Bush said, "This is a special time for the American Red Cross to honor those individual blood donors who consistently give blood for patients in need."

Dr. Willys F. Mueller, Medical Director and Principal Officer for the Wolverine Blood Region, added, "It's also a time to encourage new donors to contribute to the community blood supply. After all, it is really up to all of us to see that blood is available when and where it is needed."

Due to the technique of

allowing some patients to donate their own blood and receive it back after surgery, people may feel it is no longer necessary to donate blood to the community supply. "In fact," according to Dr. Mueller, "the need for blood is constant with volunteer blood donors contributing nearly all blood used for patient care. If those who are eligible would donate on a regular basis, blood needs would be met and there would be no shortages."

Among donors being honored are those in the Wolverine Region, a 27-county wide area where more than 64,000 pints of blood are used every year. "We depend on blood more than we realize. Without blood from the community, many medical and surgical procedures would not be possible, and lives of cancer, cardiac and

organ transplant patients as well as seriously ill newborns would be lost," added Dr. Mueller.

To be a blood donor, a person must be 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

To make your appointment, contact the American Red Cross, in Flint, at 232-1401, or toll-free, 1-800-432-0083.

The longest speech on record in the U.S. Senate was given by Sen. Huey Long in 1935. The speech lasted 15 1/2 hours. It filled 100 pages in the Congressional Record, and cost the government \$5,000 to print.

FIRST BABY OF THE YEAR

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1992

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Police investigate vandalism

Police recently investigated a pair of complaints involving vandalism in Cass City.

Debbie Cosway, manager of the Hardees Restaurant, 6209 Main St., Cass City, reported 2 filter screens missing from the air intake system at the restaurant.

The report was filed Saturday morning with Det. Sgt. Larry Walker of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department.

One or more persons apparently climbed onto the roof, where the screens are located, according to reports, which state the individual or individuals had been drinking on the roof.

The other complaint was handled by Cass City police, who reported someone broke the left side passenger floor window of a vehicle belonging to Karen Wright, 6305 Lakeside Dr., Cass City.

Reports state the incident occurred sometime between 7 p.m. Dec. 22 and 1 p.m. Dec. 23.

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KELLY BARRIOS was the Chronicle's first baby of the new year in 1971. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barrios, North Branch, and granddaughter of John and Mary Adamczyk, Kingston, she was delivered by Dr. H.T. Donahue at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Today she's a dean's list student at U-M, where she is a junior. In July, she was crowned Miss Lapeer County and will be competing at the Miss Michigan Pageant in June.

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Damage set at \$35,000

Kingston family flees burning home Monday

A Kingston area family escaped injury after their house caught fire Monday morning, but the structure and contents sustained an estimated \$35,000 to \$40,000 in damage.

Kingston fire fighters were called to the 2-story, wood frame house, located 4 miles east and a half mile south of Kingston on Marton Road, at 6:24 a.m.

"There was fire in a bedroom and it was extending upstairs when we arrived,"

Fire Chief Robert Miller said. He added fire fighters were able to contain the blaze within the structure.

The residents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Meyer and their 2 children, were home when the fire ignited, but escaped without injury after being awakened by a smoke detector.

Miller said he's tentatively blaming the fire on a possibly defective chimney. A lot of the damage sus-

tained by the house was inflicted by fire fighters, who had to cut holes in floor, wall and ceiling areas to get at the blaze, according to the fire chief, who noted the structure also sustained a lot of smoke and water damage.

Kingston firemen cleared the scene at 9:09 a.m. They were assisted by the Elkland and Lamotte Township fire departments, which each contributed tankers and manpower.

Tough

New year brings new, stiffer penalties for drunken drivers

Michigan motorists arrested for drunk driving starting Jan. 1 will have their licenses destroyed, be issued a temporary permit and face stiffer prosecution and tougher penalties if convicted.

This will result from new laws designed to eliminate legal loopholes and quickly settle drunk driving cases. A coalition of legislators, police, prosecutors and traffic safety groups, including AAA Michigan, developed the tougher standards.

"We can now make significant progress in eliminating the needless loss of life and injuries resulting from crashes caused by intoxicated drivers," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Other states with similar laws have experienced a 9- to 13-percent decrease in alcohol-related crashes."

A police officer now can immediately confiscate and destroy the driver's license of any motorist who either fails or refuses to take a

breath test. Drivers will then be issued a temporary driving permit good through final court action. The new deadline for resolving drunk driving cases is 77 days.

"This time limit is extremely important because it eliminates legal delays that allowed people charged with driving under the influence to remain behind the wheel, sometimes for as long as 2 years," Basch said.

A minimum 6-month suspension is now mandated for a first conviction on charges of operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) or with an unlawful blood alcohol level (UBAL). No restricted license will be offered for the first 30 days of the suspension. A second offense within 7 years will result in driver license revocation.

Other changes:
* Up to a 15-year prison term if a driver kills someone in a crash and is convicted of OUIL or UBAL.

* A possible 5-year prison sentence for an OUIL or

UBAL conviction if an accident causes a serious injury.

* Penalties based on the person's driving record, including both in-state and out-of-state convictions. This prevents habitual offenders from being punished as first-time offenders.

* Juries able to learn if a person refused a chemical test. Currently, this information is not admissible in court.

* A \$500 instead of \$100 fine for a first offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license and up to \$1,000 for a subsequent offense.

* A fee increase from \$60 to \$125 to reinstate a driver's license. A portion of this revenue will help buy and maintain infrared breath-testing equipment to make enforcement and legal action more efficient.

In 1990, 738 people died in alcohol-related crashes in Michigan - 47 percent of the state's total traffic fatalities.

Seed stock from 1991 growing season excellent

For the most part, the 1991 growing season produced certified seed stocks of excellent quality for next year's crops.

Dennis Greenman, manager of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, says that this year was one of the best he has seen for seed germination and freedom from disease.

Per acre soybean certified seed yield increased by 25 percent during 1991, and early test results show germination rates well above 90 percent and good seed quality.

MCIA laboratory tests on nearly 2,000 corn seed lots to date show excellent quality with germination rates consistently running between 92 and 98 percent, Greenman says. The seed supply should be ample.

Tests on dry edible beans show low incidence of bacterial blight and germination running from the mid- to high 90s. Seed yield per acre increased by 15 to more than 30 percent this year, providing ample stocks of certified

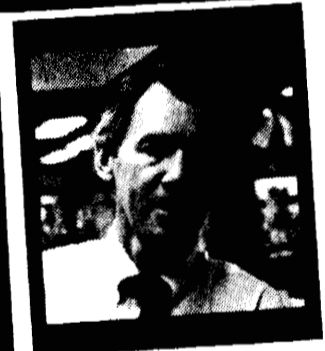
seed. Though the quality and germination are good, Greenman says stocks of certified seed potatoes are adequate for only about 34,000 of the approximately 40,000 acres planted for tablestock production each year in Michigan.

Compounding that shortage is the number of potato varieties grown for seed in the state.

"During the past few years, the amount of land used to grow potatoes for seed has shrunk to about 3,000 acres, from which 20 to 25 varieties of seed are produced," Greenman says. "That means if a grower is looking for a lot of seed of a particular variety, it will pay to shop early."

Because of the dry weather that occurred when oat and spring barley seed was mat-

uring, the test weight was much lower than normal. Germination is fairly good but certified seed supplies will be tight, Greenman says.

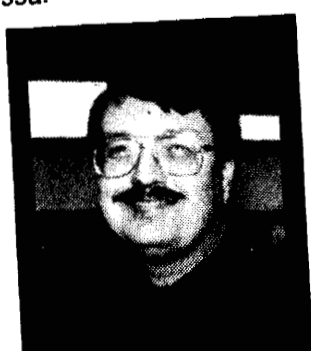


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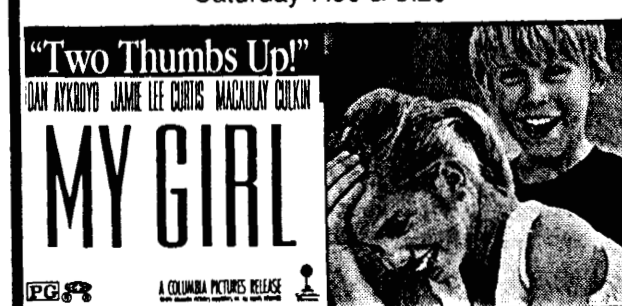
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Your neighbor says

I've stopped making New Year's resolutions

Traditionally, New Year's is the time for making resolutions. The time to start fresh, perhaps start that diet or quit smoking.

Those are big ones, and there are smaller ones too numerous to mention. The unfortunate part is that most of the resolutions are broken within days, sometimes within minutes, of when they were first resolved.

Sharon Hergenreder of Cass City said that she used to make resolutions every New Year's, but has stopped.

I just never kept them, so I've stopped making them, she explained.

If she were to make resolutions, chances are they would be at the family gathering at the home of Eugene Hergenreder Sr. of Kingston. It's the traditional place for the family to gather to celebrate the new year.

Sharon's husband, Eugene Hergenreder Jr., is employed in Vassar. The couple has one child, Brandon, 9 1/2 months old.

The couple did receive one early New Year's gift, 4 purebred Shih Tzu pups, a breed that they raise for sale.



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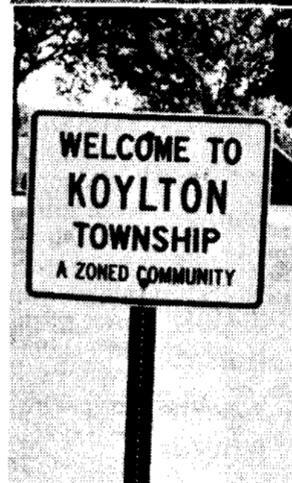
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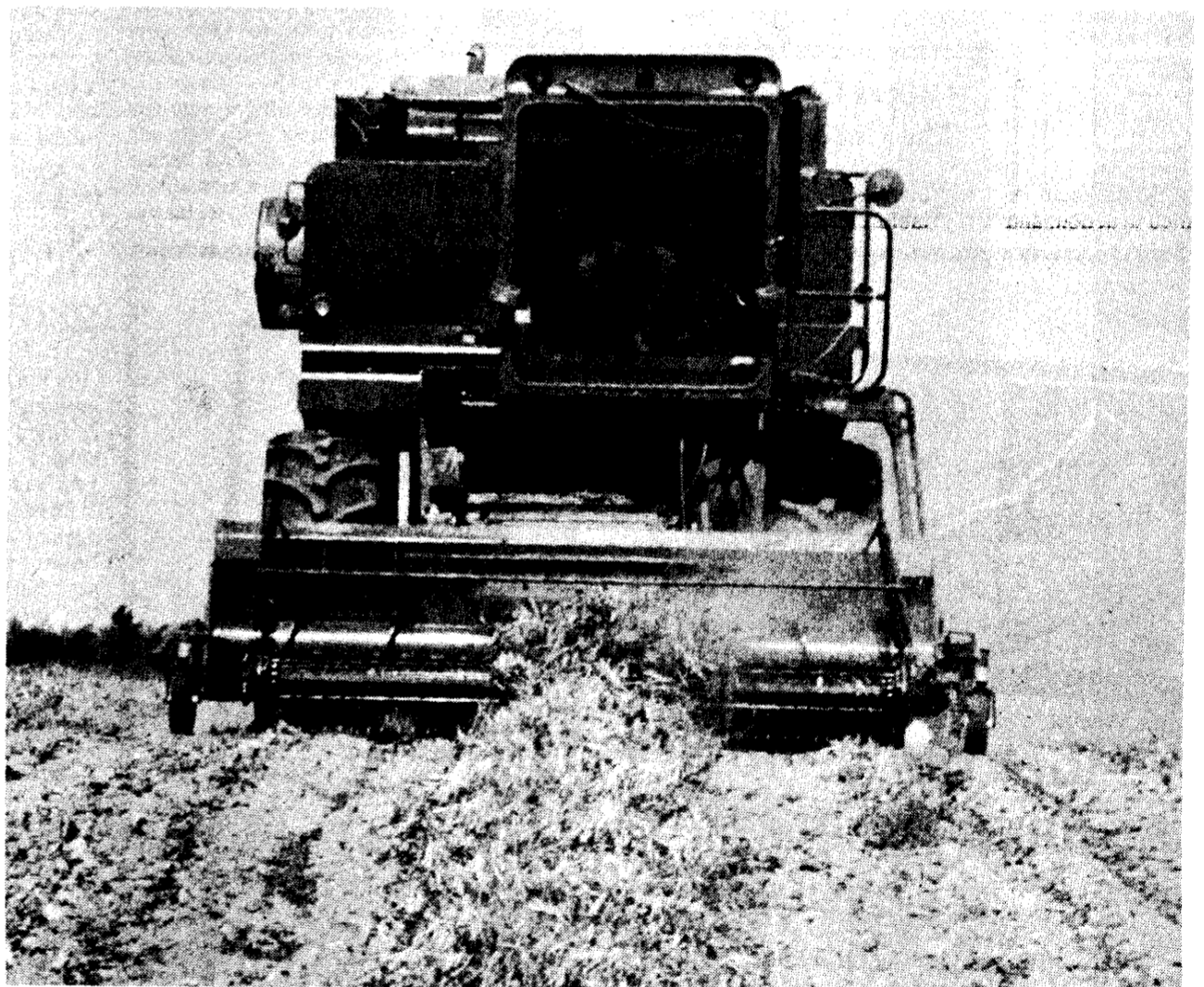
THE YEAR 1991 WAS marked by a number of special homecoming celebrations as servicemen and women returned to the community after serving in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Among the first to return home was Army Spec. Ed Hewitt, pictured above with his mother, Amor West.



THE OPERATION OF Pioneer Work and Learn Center at Kingston Hills Camp continued to generate controversy in 1991, including a court battle that ended with the program being ordered to close because of zoning violations, heated debate among township officials and 3 recall efforts.



DR. S.H. RAYTHATHA moved to Cass City in 1991, opening what has quickly become a thriving family practice, and making it possible to re-open the obstetrics unit at Hills and Dales General Hospital.



A POOR SUGAR BEET crop and weak dry bean prices marred an otherwise respectable farming year overall in the Thumb.

In Sanilac County

Name top 10 dairy herds

Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association has released the November 1991 production information for Sanilac County DHIA members. The top ten herds, ranked on dollar value, are as follows:

Owner	Ave. no. cows	% in milk	Milk lbs.	Butterfat lbs.	Dollar % Value
Jim Kauffman Sandusky	41	91	25650	975	3.80 3057
D & K Frostic & Sons	51	86	25374	940	3.70 2994
Applegate Nancy & Dwight Bartle Brown City	48	88	23951	926	3.86 2865
Cumper Bros. Sandusky	65	87	23094	904	3.91 2776
O'Connor Bros. Minden City	118	89	23108	850	3.67 2720
Steve Osentoski Uby	39	90	22388	843	3.76 2664
Elwood Morell Decker	295	88	22641*	779	3.44 2604
Depcinski Farms Cass City	71	87	22044*	805	3.65 2584
Duane & Daryl Williamson Deckerville	149	86	22183	796	3.58 2582
Ed Franklin Brown City	78	90	21670	786	3.62 2540

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Top 10 stories

The best and worst of the year 1991

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the winter of despair..."

after the fighting ended in late February, they began their journeys home.

They returned home to celebrations and ceremonies of appreciation, and the knowledge that there was support at home throughout the crisis.

While they were gone, a local support group formed; area students adopted soldiers, writing letters and sending care packages; local churches held a day of prayer; and the chamber of commerce sponsored a day of support, contributing one percent of sales Feb. 7 to the troops.

WELFARE CUTS

While the war ended in victory, a battle of a different sort was being waged in Lansing, and the casualties came in the form of welfare recipients whose assistance was drastically and abruptly cut off or reduced.

The hardest hit were General Assistance recipients whom the state deemed physically capable of working—their benefits were cut off altogether. But other forms of aid, including Aid to Dependent Children and Medicaid, also were hit.

DSS officials described the cuts, implemented in an effort to balance the state's bulging budget deficit, as devastating to many Michigan residents, including those in the Thumb.

Although the effects may not have been evident to many, officials at area human service agencies say times are getting a lot tougher for some who are fighting to keep a roof over their head and food on their table.

One food closet official may have said it best: "We're hearing some horrendous stories. We're hearing the panic in voices more now."

EDISON

The local economy received a big boost when Detroit Edison officials announced plans to build a new office complex in Cass City.

The news, which followed weeks of rumor, stemmed from the company's decision to restructure and consolidate its upper Thumb regional offices and service centers, now located in Bad Axe, Caro and Sandusky. Edison has since purchased 18 acres in the village's industrial park, and construction is expected to be completed next year.

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ston Hills Camp, was ruled in violation of township zoning laws, a decision supported over the summer by the state Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

The camp was ordered closed twice in Tuscola County Circuit Court, the second time in October when a Jan. 4 deadline was set.

However, a battle has been waged between township officials, including a majority of Township Board members, who now want the program to remain in the township, and those who don't.

In the meantime, 3 recall efforts have been launched, and Pioneer officials have laid the groundwork for a new facility now under construction in Vassar.

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HIGHER TAXES

Closer to home, a number of area residents and especially business and industry were left shellshocked following completion of a reappraisal of all property in Elkland Township, conducted in accordance with state law.

Although some received reduced assessments, others experienced an increase in valuations, including a number of business owners who saw the value of their property soar.

Township officials felt the heat at a Truth in Taxation hearing, when 20 taxpayers protested a proposed 10.8 percent increase in taxes.

NEW PHYSICIAN

There was good news and bad news in the area of local health care.

Cass City lost a physician in early March, when Dr. Beatriz Martin closed her practice.

But after a lengthy and comprehensive search, Hills and Dales General Hospital officials announced the addition of a new doctor to Cass City who would not only set up a family practice, but also allow the hospital to re-open its obstetrics unit after more than 2 years.

Dr. S.H. Raythatha (Dr. Ray) opened his office July 15 and is taking care of a full load of patients.

Hospital officials also announced plans to establish an athletic and rehabilitation facility to serve Thumb residents and industry.

Site selection for the facility was derailed by zoning complications this summer, but officials indicated they would review their options and continue to pursue the project.

RECYCLING

Cass City became a pioneer of sorts in 1991 as the first upper Thumb community to implement mandatory curbside recycling.

Although costlier than conventional "waste management", the effort proved successful, with village resident participation growing from 25 percent in the first few weeks to as much as 60 to 70 percent today.

In the process, the community has reduced by more than 30 percent the amount of its waste going to

landfills, and earned a combined estimated \$1,500 from the sale of recyclables collected in the village.

Not bad, considering it was only a couple years ago that the word recycling basically meant taking part in an occasional newspaper drive.

AGRICULTURE

Stories on agriculture may not hog the front page spotlight week in and week out, but as anyone in the area knows: as farming goes, so goes the Thumb economy.

In 1991, Tuscola County farmers saw a mixed bag of weather and field conditions.

Many of the county's crops, including corn, soybeans, wheat and oats, were comparable to past years, and prices have remained fairly stable.

However, there were some exceptions, most notably sugar beets. Producers, including many in the Cass City area, experienced significant yield losses, and in some cases, as little as 50 percent of a crop was harvested.

The losses were due to record spring rains. In April, more than 6 inches of rain fell, compared to a 10-year average of 2.5 inches.

Also hurt were dry bean producers, who had an excellent year as far as yields are concerned, but faced prices that have dropped nearly 50 percent from a year ago.

Those factors marred what might have otherwise been seen as a great year for Thumb agriculture. Extension officials say 1991 was average to good, although for some farmers it was far worse.

ECONOMY

It was a mixed year for the Cass City business community. On the negative side the area lost 49 jobs when a plant at Gagetown closed its door. Business in general felt the effects of the recession and several stores closed.

Following a general trend the community said good-bye to parking meters after 25 years.

There were bright spots. Cass City's valuation increased due primarily to the condos built on the northwestern edge of the community.

Walbro Corporation announced that it was returning a carburetor manufacturing line to Cass City from Mexico. The company also reinstated its dividend after a year's absence.

SPORTS

The sports news was highlighted by the start of the Blue Bay League with just 4 teams where schools play twice as many games between each other as they had previously. Steps were taken to try and move into Thumb C League.

The only area championships were taken by girls' teams. In Cass City the girls won the district basketball crown and the pre-district and district softball championships.

HOME SAFE

The year began on an uncertain note for a surprisingly large number of servicemen and women from the area — more than 40 — as well as their families and friends, as the world watched operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm unfold in the Middle East.

The crisis kept nearly everyone close to a television or radio for the latest developments.

Thankfully, there were no reports of local men or women killed in action, and



RECYCLING HAS BECOME a household word in Cass City, which in 1991 became the first upper Thumb community to implement mandatory curbside recycling.

A decorative box containing a drawing of a typewriter with the text "Happy New Year from the CHRONICLE STAFF" and a list of names: John Haine, N. Asher, Melba E. Guenther, Janet Severance, Linda H. West, Mary Damon, Dale Damon, Larry R. Boyd, Marionne Denika, Lois Moslander, and Tom Montgomery.

Cass City Bowling

TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS Dec. 23, 1991	
Kermit's Krushers	24
Miller Eggs	24
Parkway Drive Thru	23
Spaulding Builders	20
C.R. Hunt	19
E.A. Calka	18
Charmont	18
Gria's Inc.	15
Cass City Sports	14
Kelley's Market	0
High Series & Games: M. Lutz 760 (279-257-224), J. McIntosh 668 (279), K. Kilbourn 700 (236-233-231), M. Weltin 672 (270), J. McIntosh 668 (279), E. Schultz 697 (225-219-213), D. Miller 662 (232-226), J. Smithson 634 (268), Doug O'Dell 631 (445-212), M. McKee 625 (44), T. Comment 598 (226-236), C. Comment 596 (227), M. Grifka 588 (215), R. Cox 588 (219), J. Zawilinski 237, T. Furness 214.	
High Team Series: Spaulding Builders 2946.	
High Team Game: Spaulding Builders 1090.	
CHARMONT LADIES	
Burnette's	16
Board Chrysler	15
Cable-ettes	15
Continental Rental	13
Cass City Tire	13
Live Wires	13

Thumb Nat'l Bank	13
Gilligan's	12
Pizza Villa	10
Truemmer Salvage	10
Charmont	7
ServiStar	7
High Team Game: Live	
Wires 1096	
High Team Series: Live	
Wires 3112.	
High Series: P. Corcoran 673, B. Howard 506, S. Badder 522, H. Peters 497, E. Romain 498, B. Kilbourn 480, V. Patera 473, L. King 481, F. Witherspoon 509, P. McIntosh 552, D. Sweeney 472.	
High Games: P. Corcoran 246-220-207, P. McIntosh 211, L. King 204, B. Howard 207, P. Zinnecker 201, L. Shake 189, D. Sweeney 194, F. Witherspoon 181, G. Suzor 184, S. Badder 189-185, E. Romain 174, M. Grifka 175, S. Humpert 185, H. Peters 179, B. Kilbourn 178, V. Patera 171, L. Kilbourn 177.	
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Dec. 27, 1991	
Cass City Oil & Gas	7
Look Out, We're Back	7
Should've Been	7
Town & Country	5
The Old Folks	5
The Family	0
Bee Gee's	0
The Kids	0

Men's High Series: R. Rabideau and J. Navarro 658.	
Men's High Games: J. Navarro 246, L. Gaszczyński 234, R. Rabideau 229, L. Tracy 215.	
Women's High Series: D. Smith 506.	
Women's High Game: M. Gyomory and D. Smith 200.	
High Team Series: Cass City Oil & Gas 2166.	
High Team Game: Cass City Oil & Gas 724.	
THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE Dec. 26, 1991	
HI Roth	8
Kingston Mini Mart	6
Team #006	5
Pin Pals	5
Sal's Country Clipper	4
AIDES	2
Deford Country Groc.	2
Bye	0
High Series: D. Mathewson 508.	
High Game: D. Smith 199.	
High Team Series: Sal's Country Clipper 1759.	
High Team Game: AIDES & Team #006 607.	

Wrestlers compete Saturday

Schools resume hoop wars Friday

After a break for the holidays, area sports teams swing back into action this weekend.

Cass City will entertain the Vassar Vulcans Friday and then swing back into Blue Bay League competition Tuesday at Bad Axe.

The Vulcans promise to be a rough test for Cass City and it will be the second game in a row that Cass City has faced strong teams. Just before the Christmas break the Hawks lost to the Lakers.

Coach Jeff Hartel has had his charges working out steadily during the holidays. One thing he will be seeking is a way to get a little more balanced scoring from his team.

The Cass City offense has been limited primarily to Paul Ulfig and Greg LeValley, with occasional help from Maurice Evans.

Noticeably absent is consistent scoring from the guard positions. To be a consistent winner, Cass City needs one of its 4 guards, Mark Irrer, Ron Bouck, John Gibson and Brad Gray, to step up and become a scoring threat.

If not, it won't be long

before the rest of the teams will devise defenses to stop LeValley and Ulfig while during the rest of the team to score enough to beat them.

Although you won't notice it in the scoring column, there has been improvement among the guards as they have kept control of the ball and cut down on turnovers. Irrer has been the leader in the ball control department.

OWEN-GAGE

Owen-Gage will be entering the new year at a holiday tournament at Caseville. The Bulldogs will meet Caseville Friday at 8 p.m. Other teams in the tourney are Port Hope and C-PS. The Bulldogs, with a 2-2 record, figure to be co-favorites with C-PS.

Coach Brian Wright says that he's been "pretty pleased" with the showing

of his 3 big men inside. Their rebounding has been good, he feels, but there is a need to work for more consistency and to stay with a good defense.

has probably been better than expected. The team owns a dual meet win over Sandusky and has wrestled well in tough invitational tournaments.



THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR VARSITY cheerleaders are, from left, front: Jenny Milligan and Becky Perkins. Second row: Denelle DeLong, Mindy Nizzola and Heather Zawilinski. Back row: Jenny Vandecar, Stephanie Mohr, Tara Board and Carrie Tuckey.

402,337 sign petitions

Many seek term limits

The Campaign to Limit Politicians' Terms filed 402,337 signatures with the Bureau of Elections asking voters whether they think terms for state and federal elected officials should be capped. To put the proposed constitutional amendment on the November 1992 ballot, the group must have 256,517 valid signatures certified by the Board of State Canvassers.

Elections officials said they will verify the total number of signatures and take a sample to determine how many are valid. Elections director Chris Thomas said if the group's estimate is correct, the generous cushion will make it easier to canvass.

The amendment would limit the following:

- state representatives to 2-year terms;
- state senators to 2-4-year terms;
- state executive branch officers (governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general) to 2-4-year terms;
- U.S. representatives to 2-year terms in a 12-year period; — and U.S. senators to 2-6-year terms in a 24-year period.

This amendment will give Michigan citizens the opportunity to take back control of their government," said Campaign Chair Glenn Steil, a Grand Rapids business person. "Thirty-one governors have term limits."

Steil argued limiting terms will increase voter choice, invigorate the electorate and improve public participation, replacing the "ruling class" with "citizen legislators."

Campaign Secretary Dominick Vincentini said the Royal Oak-based grassroots group has spent \$300,000 with two-thirds national organization support and one-third from state contributors, and will launch a campaign to convince voters to approve the proposal. The group used 1,000 petitioners, some paid and some volunteer, to collect signatures.

Calling it a historic first step to bring government back under control, Vincentini said over 70 percent of individuals polled want term limits, while 98 percent of incumbents are returned to office. By forcing 2 new people to run rather than one against an incumbent, voters will have more choices and no one will have a lifetime hold on an office, Vincentini said.

A \$3.5 trillion debt, over 20 years of deficit spending,

the S&L bailout, midnight pay raises, outrageously high property taxes and a wrecked economy are compelling reasons for term limits," Vincentini said, adding Michigan's representatives on the federal level, while having served in leadership positions, have only retrieved 24 cents for every \$1 Michigan sends to Washington, D.C.

Eighteen states currently have term limitation drives for the 1992 ballot. Colorado, Oklahoma and California passed term limitation amendments in 1990, and the California proposal was recently upheld in the state's Supreme Court.

Washington lost its state initiative last month but a new proposal being circulated there is modeled after

Michigan's.

Vincentini said a "fear campaign" similar to the one against Washington's proposal has not started but is expected in Michigan but the group will expose that tactic during its own campaign.

The group does not plan to encourage legislators to back their proposal because their support would "raise questions" but noted Governor John Engler has publicly supported term limits.

"The existing power structure is afraid of change and will try to stop it," Vincentini said, referring to political action committees among other groups from which he anticipates opposition.

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Down Memory Lane

FROM THE FILES OF THE CHRONICLE

5 YEARS AGO

Cass City lost one of its most respected and prominent citizens Thursday when W.E. Walpole, founder and chairman of the board at Walbro Corporation, died in Indianapolis, Ind. He was 81 years old.

Gifts galore awaited the birth of the area's first baby of 1987. Julie Christine Martin arrived at Hills and Dales General Hospital Jan. 2. The baby girl is the daughter of Terry and Kathy Martin of Caro.

Area residents affected by the closing of Cemetery Road bridge may be happy to learn that county officials are cautiously hoping to temporarily reopen the road this month for winter travel. The bridge has been out since August.

The Cass City Economic Development committee, in cooperation with the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring a contest with a \$100 gift certificate prize for the person creating the best new sign to be erected at the entrances of Cass City.

Long-time County Road Commission member and area native Grover Laurie this month began his 29th year with the commission, which recently elected him chairman of the board.

10 YEARS AGO

Village employees will receive an 8 percent pay increase this year, the Cass City Village Council voted Tuesday evening, Dec. 29.

After 20 years and 2 months of picking up Cass City's trash, Gary Stine has decided to sell his business to Gateway Sanitation Service of Almont.

Monday marked the end of the Department of Natural Resources forest fire service in the upper Thumb. In order to save \$333,000 as part of a \$5.5 million budget reduction, the DNR eliminated all 8 fire officer positions in approximately the lower half of the lower peninsula.

Ninety-four have applied for 3 village jobs. Hired for the department of public works to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Ed Anthes, was Gary Barnes of Cass City, who was one of 53 applicants. Fourteen persons applied for the policeman's job. Hired was Robert Moore of Kingston, who has been a part-time officer here for about 3 years. Twenty-seven applied for the secretary's job. Rhona Hillaker of Cass City was hired.

25 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Student Council sponsored charity

ball, held Thursday, Dec. 29, netted about \$60, small household appliances, toys and clothes, according to President Linda Calka.

There have been at least a dozen dolls, made in Poland and highly inflammable, turned in to the Tuscola County Sheriff's office since the discovery was announced by news media. The doll has a face made of nitro-cellulose, a cheap and easily ignited plastic. Its hair is especially inflammable.

Auten Motors have installed 2 front end machines in the former Bill Ebert building next to the Leonard Gas Station. Elmer Kehoe and Dick Sugden have many years' experience as mechanics and guarantee a reliable job on your car.

A walnut tree produced its first walnut after 11 years this season. A single nut was gathered... but in future years up to 200 nuts are expected to be produced. Walt Goodall has Cass City's only English walnut trees but doesn't expect it to be a very promising business and says it is only a hobby with him.

Two great films, "European Farming" and "Chet Huntley," will be presented at the Cass Theatre Saturday, Jan. 14, at 1:30 p.m., sponsored by Marshall Implement Co., Cass City. There will be free prizes and refreshments.

35 YEARS AGO

Anthony Repshinska, Gagetown village employee since 1922, was presented with a new television set recently after 34 years of service.

The first 1957 baby to be born in Cass City was an 8-pound, 11-ounce son to Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Fader of Unionville, at 12:15 a.m. Jan. 1 in Pleasant Home Hospital.

The Cass City High School graduating class of 1946 held its 10th reunion at the school gym Saturday evening. Miss JoAnn Bigelow was the toastmaster for the evening.

Mrs. Anita McDonald of Gagetown submitted a hint that was reprinted in the rotogravure section of a Detroit Sunday paper. The hint was published in the "Hint Hunt" feature of the paper and earned Mrs. McDonald a dollar. The hint was: "To thread a needle easily, push it through a sheet of white paper about an eighth-inch from the edge until just the eye is visible."

Little's Furniture Store is advertising dinette sets with large table and 6 high-padded seats and backs for \$89.95, reg. \$139.95.

Legislature approves home heating credit

In a unanimous vote, the Michigan State Legislature recently approved the home heating credit. A major provision of the bill is to extend eligibility to recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). Previously, AFDC recipients received a special heating allowance in lieu of the heating credit. The special heating allowance was discontinued this year, however, paving the way for them to apply at tax-filing time.

DSS director Dr. Gerald Miller said, "This legislation will allow our recipients

some additional money for their heating bills this year. It could mean as much as \$225.00 for a typical family of 3, but could be even more for people with high heating costs. The fact that the bill received unanimous approval is an indication of its importance to the people of Michigan."

Home heating credits are handled through the state income-tax process and must be applied for separately. The Department of Treasury will mail applications early in the new year to everyone who received the credit last year plus current AFDC recipients. The credit itself will be issued by Treasury in the form of a voucher to be used to purchase heating fuel.

DSS and the utility companies are planning outreach campaigns to alert potential beneficiaries of this new resource. About 465,000 persons are expected to benefit from the heating credit: 237,000 persons who received it last year plus about 225,000 AFDC recipients.

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Boyne back, camp must close

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Leggett said that although the move will be difficult, Pioneer officials and staff members have been actively planning for it and will work to ensure a smooth transition for the youths now in the program.

The youths and staff will soon move into a new home in Vassar, where construction of a new facility is expected to be completed within a month.

Those plans are set, but Pioneer officials remain interested in the Koylton Township site.

"We haven't changed our position on that," Leggett said.

"We certainly have enjoyed the site here," he continued, adding Pioneer has experienced success both in terms of its program and in staff recruitment.

Although the Pioneer program is expected to be shut down by Jan. 4, Koylton Township residents will be reminded of the bitter controversy surrounding the camp for some time to come.

Voters will decide Boyne's fate as township supervisor, and that of trustees Don Ashton and Douglas Kramer, in recall elections scheduled for Jan. 7 and Jan. 28, respectively.

In addition, a petition has been submitted to the township clerk requesting a referendum on the zoning ordinance amendment approved by the Township Board Dec. 9.

The amendment allows the operation of an unlimited number of "Licensed child care facilities or licensed camps which provide rehabilitation, education, vocational training and recreation to a maximum of 50 neglected, abused, abandoned or delinquent youths" in unspecified areas in Agricultural and Residential Districts in the township by special permit.

Seek ways to sell manure compost

Composting manure and then selling it commercially may be one way for livestock producers to reduce the amount of manure applied to agricultural land.

Composting manure involves the drying of the manure from nearly 10 percent dry matter to about 40 percent dry matter.

Research is being conducted at Michigan State University to determine how to process the composted manure, as well as possible markets for the products.

According to Howard Person, MSU Extension agricultural engineer working on this research, possible buyers of the product include gardeners, homeowners, landscapers, greenhouse operators, turfgrass businesses and even crop farmers.

"Another option that may be feasible is to add commercial fertilizer to the raw manure to make a complete fertilizer," says Person.

In order to market composted manure, researchers must address the concern that the high cost of drying the manure may be cost prohibitive.

Shabbona Bunco: no smoking, arguing

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And there have been plenty of players over the club's 55-year history. Although many of the names and faces have changed, the group has always boasted a regular, active membership of close to 2 dozen members.

Perhaps the reason is that Bunco night is a full evening of fellowship and fun, with prizes awarded and a pot-

luck meal shared afterwards. Members, who take turns as hosts, visit and often enjoy a game or 2 of Euchre. "We go early and we stay late," Auslander said. "We always start at 8:30 p.m., (and) it's always 11:30, 12 before we get home."

Hoagg was quick to dismiss any impression that the "fun" enjoyed by the mostly-retired group con-

sists of members sitting quietly at their tables. "Believe me," she remarked, "it gets pretty noisy, even if we are old."

Auslander commented that the group's enthusiasm is sometimes the target of some good natured ribbing.

PLOW SNOW

They (kids) always kid us that Bunco comes first.

They say we'd plow snow to get there," she said, smiling.

All kidding aside, that's what it takes sometimes, considering that the group only meets during the winter months. When spring arrives and farmers begin a new season, the dice are put away until cold weather returns.

Hoagg indicated she prefers it that way. "It wouldn't

be exciting if we played all summer," she said.

Looking back, Hoagg and Auslander suggested the club they helped found has remained active because of the fellowship enjoyed by those who participate. In the early years, they pointed out, an evening socializing and playing games was a common form of entertainment.

"I think back then there wasn't as much stuff going on as there is now," Auslander remarked, adding she and Clair always took their kids with them on Bunco nights.

"We didn't have the money to go (out) then, either," Hoagg added. "We were all in the same boat."

And while times have changed, certain Bunco

Club traditions haven't. In all the years the group has met, for example, there's never been any smoking.

"There's no arguments, no nothing. There are so many people that get into arguments, but not our game," Hoagg said.


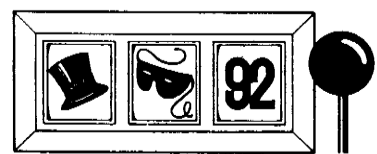
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