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TUSCOLA COUNTY'S 9-1-1 emergency telephone system, along with identical systems in Huron and Sanilac counties, will be fully functional beginning March 23. Above, dispatchers Sandra Rabideau and Deputy Roger Zelmer answer calls and monitor radio traffic in the Tuscola County Central Dispatch center.

Ultra modern 9-1-1 system swings into action Mar. 23

Calling for help in an emergency is about to become a lot easier in the Thumb. As easy as dialing 9-1-1.

Emergency 9-1-1 phone service will be fully functional in Tuscola County, as well as Huron and Sanilac counties, beginning March 23, law enforcement officials announced last week. "Definitely there will be lives saved with this system. It has been proven across the nation," said Tuscola County Undersheriff and E-9-1-1 Coordinator James Fyvie.

Along with the announcement came a word of caution. Although telephone stickers and flyers announcing the start-up date will be distributed by municipalities, libraries and schools the week of March 15, Sheriff Tom Kern emphasized the system won't be fully functional until March 23.

Prior to that date, it may be possible to dial 9-1-1 and reach Tuscola County Central Dispatch as officials test the system, Kern said, but "the 9-1-1 call may work one minute and not the next. Citizens should not rely on 9-1-1 until the March 23 date."

Once 9-1-1 service is on-line county-wide, residents will have access to the most advanced system available, Fyvie said.

Suggestions needed for 1993 citizen of the year

The highlight of the annual dinner-dance meeting of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, this year slated Feb. 20 at Colony House, is the naming of the Citizen of the Year.

The selection committee is about ready to consider candidates for the honor this year and invites anyone to submit the name of anyone they consider worthy of consideration.

The names can be submitted by calling the Chamber office at 872-3434 or writing to the Chamber.

This year the dance will feature "Tunes by Clint & Company" and tickets for both the dance and the banquet are \$12.50 each.

ENHANCED 9-1-1

The upper Thumb counties will be utilizing an "enhanced" 9-1-1 service. What that means, Fyvie explained, is when a 9-1-1 call comes through, the name and address of the caller will immediately appear on a computer screen in front of a dispatcher.

The computer, which notes whether the call is from a pay, residential or business phone, also tells the dispatcher which police agency, ambulance or fire department to send. Other information, such as whether a fire department has a rescue unit and/or Jaws of Life, also is provided instantly.

"It's just super," remarked Fyvie, who pointed out anyone who can dial 9-1-1 will get assistance, even if they can't respond to a dispatcher.

In the case of a heart attack victim who dials 9-1-1 and then passes out, for example, the dispatcher would attempt to call back and

then, if there's no response, immediately send a patrol car to that address.

A big plus is the time that will be saved in processing calls, Fyvie said, adding 9-1-1 eliminates the need to ask for a name and address, as well as the time it takes to search for an address on a map in order to determine which emergency unit to send.

Now, the dispatcher needs only check to make sure the emergency is at the location where the call is made, Fyvie noted.

Eventually, the system will provide even more detail. For example, the computer could inform the dispatcher that a disabled person may be sleeping in the northwest corner bedroom of a residence, or that hazardous chemicals are used and stored at a particular farm.

SERVICE COST

County residents will see a small increase in their phone bills as a result of the new system.

The 9-1-1 service charge has been set at 36 cents per month per phone, which includes a set-up fee of 15 cents per month for the first 5 years. After that, the fee will be 21 cents per month.

Residents could be asked to pay more in the future.

Fyvie said the county Board of Commissioners has the authority to assess a charge of up to 4 percent of the basic single access residential phone line bill for 9-1-1 operational expenses. An additional 16 percent can be assessed with voter approval.

No assessment has been approved at this time, but Fyvie said it's a real possibility.

"We suspect the commissioners will have to seriously look at it," he added. "We physically need 2 additional dispatchers. We need to maintain 2 dispatchers 24 hours a day, and we're not doing that right now."

Currently, the sheriff's department has 2 dispatch-

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Long-range program

School hires architect for school repair plan

The Cass City school board Monday okayed the first step in a long range plan to keep Cass City school buildings in good repair and avoid the need for new construction.

The board authorized the hiring of the architect firm of Toshach, Sobczak, Spence and Forsythe of Saginaw to help with the plan for updating the buildings with special emphasis on the Middle School.

The firm will be used on an as needed basis at a charge of \$59 per hour. The plan is to

ask the voters to fund the repairs by voting a tax of a mill or less to establish a fund for the work.

We can do it, Supt. Ken Micklash explained, and not ask for any tax increase because a bond issue millage will have expired.

With this plan, Micklash is confident that the district can get by for the next 25 years or so without the need for a new building.

RECOGNIZED

It's School Board Recogni-

tion Month and the board members received plaques for serving from Micklash, who thanked the board for its service. Each board member also received a "Red Hawk" cushion from Sarah Keller, representing the students as president of the student council.

OTHER BUSINESS

•Joe Guza demonstrated new computers used in math classes at the high school and showed how results can be projected easily.

•Policy revisions suggested last month were adopted. They included a raise in tuition for regular students taking adult education from \$40 to \$50 per credit and making it mandatory to hold the school prom and banquet within the district. This year's prom will be at Colony House. Another change will be at graduation, when a student will present the opening and closing ceremonies.

•The school is going to buy

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Postal complaints? New Cass City postmaster wants to hear them

Gary Drabek says he takes one day at a time and enjoys each one. It's an outlook on life that carries over into his job.

"I just love what I do. It's amazing how many good people you meet," remarked the 25-year postal service employee, who began his duties as Cass City's new postmaster last Wednesday.

Drabek, 49, has spent much of his postal career in West Branch, where he started out as part-time clerk and part-time city carrier in 1967. Over the years, he's handled just about every job there is in a small post office, from working the window to shoveling snow.

In 1981, he was named superintendent of postal operations.

Over the past 3 years, he has also served temporarily in Houghton Lake, Freeland and Roscommon as the officer in charge.

Drabek said his move to Cass City resulted, in part, from organizational changes within the postal service.

"There's a large change-over taking place right now," he noted, adding his previous position was among those eliminated as part of a program to downsize middle management.

Drabek, who enjoys walk-

ing and bowling, said he's happy to be in Cass City, and pointed out he's no stranger to the Thumb. He's made weekly trips to the area since purchasing property near Bad Axe in 1971.

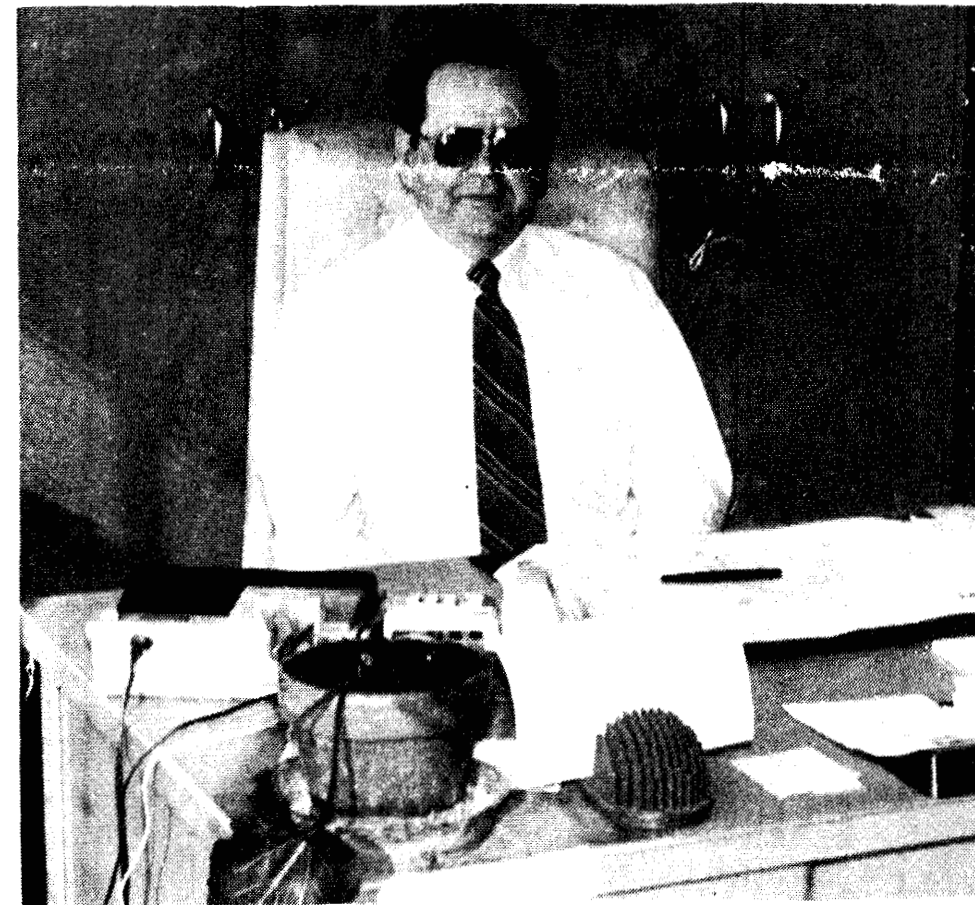
As for his new job, the personable postal service

veteran said he feels it's important to follow through when there's a problem with the local mail service.

"I always tell people, if you have a problem, call us and we'll take care of it before it gets serious," he said. "(But) you have to know

before you can correct it." Drabek welcomes calls and said he'll do whatever he can to maintain good mail service.

"I feel very fortunate," he commented after his first full day on the job. "It's going to be great, I believe."



25-YEAR POSTAL Service veteran Gary Drabek started his duties as Cass City's new postmaster last week.

Varied 1992 results

Passing MEAP tests now important for students

The Cass City School Board reviewed the results of this year's Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) tests and the progress made by students towards an endorsed graduation diploma Monday night at the High School. The tests have taken on a new significance.

When MEAP tests were first given in public schools, there was no incentive to pass other than personal pride. That all changed for this year's junior class and all the classes that follow.

That's because starting with this year's 11th grade, nearly every student must meet state requirements on the test given in math, reading and science to earn an endorsed diploma. Special education students are tested separately.

There has been progress, but there are still many students who have yet to pass

all 3 tests.

Just how much the student needs to learn to qualify for the endorsed diploma is vague. A score of 300 is needed. Guidance Counselor Jerry Cleland says the number is an arbitrary standard devised by the group in Iowa City that will grade the tests. It's not based entirely on the number of questions answered correctly and the score needed to get the endorsed diploma is not as high as that required to pass the MEAP tests. What the specific requirements were, he was unable to say. Principal Russ Bieffer explained that each question is given a number value and when added must be 300 or more. It changes each year.

Tests are given twice a year starting with the 10th grade. The subjects of the test not passed the first time are presented again. That means that this year's juniors will

have 4 testing opportunities and the sophomores, 6 opportunities to meet the state mandate.

TENTH GRADE

In the 10th grade, 85 students were tested. Fifty-two passed both math and reading tests, 58 passed the math portion and 70, the reading portion of the test.

In the 11th grade, 63 students have completed all requirements for an endorsed diploma, passing math, reading and science.

The class did well in science, with 91 out of 100 qualifying. Retesting of 22 juniors in math resulted in 8 passing scores, and 4 juniors retested in reading produced 2 more passing scores.

The results of the MEAP test and compared to last year's result appears in this issue.

1992-93 M.E.A.P. Results

Math - This is the second year of the new math testing procedure. This test emphasizes conceptual understanding and problem solving as well as questions on mental arithmetic and estimation. The scores on the charts below represent the percentage of students who achieved highest category scores.

State averages for 1992 not yet available.

| | Basic Skills (Old Test) | Basic Skills (Old Test) | New Test | New Test | State Ave. |
|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Grade | 1992 | 1991 | 1992 | 1991 | 1991 |
| 4 | 88.9 | 86.6 | 49.6 | 38.7 | 36.3 |
| 7 | 76.3 | 82.9 | 32.6 | 42.9 | 32.0 |
| 10 | N/A | 89.9 | 34.1 | 28.3 | 18.7 |

Reading - The reading test measures how well students understand what they read and whether they can use the information to make decisions. There are two objectives:

1. To score 300 or higher on a recreational reading sample.
2. To score 300 or higher on an instructional reading sample.

Students must achieve both objectives to achieve a highest category score.

| Grade | 1992 | 1991 | 1991 | State Average |
|-------|------|------|------|---------------|
| 4 | 47.9 | 38.7 | 34.7 | |
| 7 | 32.6 | 37.1 | 29.9 | |
| 10 | 46.0 | 47.5 | 38.7 | |

| Grade | 1992 | 1991 | 1991 | State Average |
|-------|------|------|------|---------------|
| 5 | 76.3 | 82.3 | 69.4 | |
| 8 | 60.6 | 69.4 | 53.5 | |
| 11 | 59.0 | 51.6 | 40.3 | |

Enrichment classes offered at school

This winter can be a little brighter with Cass City Community Education Enrichment Classes.

Offered are a wide variety of dance and exercise classes from beginning western dancing, intermediate or advanced, and ballroom dancing. Karate continues to be popular and low impact aerobics and the new and popular step aerobics is offered through Fitness Factory. Intermediate clogging is available to anyone who has previously taken beginning clogging. Men's early morning conditioning is offered at the high school.

Others are:

- * Lots of basket and painting on fabric classes along with all kinds of rag making projects.
- * Beginning woodcarving and beginning pen and ink and art are free for all, plus lone star quilt wallhanging and log cabin quilt. Beginning computers and investment planning are also offered.
- * Children's gymnastics is continuing on Saturdays. Call 872-4151 for registration information Monday through Thursday from 1:00-9:00 p.m. There is a fee for these classes.

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Academic track to begin Jan. 26

Cass City Middle School starts the academic track season this month. Jan. 26 is the first day of practice for anyone in 6th, 7th or 8th grade.

This year's league is composed of 4 areas schools: Cass City, Lakers, Bad Axe and USA. The schedule for the meets is: March 2, Cass City at USA; March 9, Lakers at Cass City; March 16, Bad Axe at Cass City; March 23, all star testing at Lakers; March 26, all star performance at Lakers; April 6, all area at Bridgeport/Spaulding Schools.

Academic track coordinator, R.B. Partlo, has teamed up with performing arts coordinator, Mindy Nash, and 6th grade coordinator, Geraldine Tibbitts, along with the coaches to plan a successful and rewarding season.

186 attend VFW banquet

Cass City VFW Post 3644 and Auxiliary hosted the 10th District Voice of Democracy Banquet Jan. 9 with 186 in attendance.

Twenty-four students, sponsored by various VFW Posts and Auxiliaries, were honored for their participation in the Voice of Democracy essay contest. Winners were announced and will advance to competition at the state level where scholarships will be the reward for winners' efforts.

The program was planned by District 10 Voice of Democracy chairmen, Shirley Feirer and Ron Amend. Amend served as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion.

19 attend ladies aid meeting

Eighteen ladies and Pastor Allen Fruendt were present when the Ladies Aid of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church met Jan. 4. Sean Zawilinski read an opening devotion entitled "Coats Off to the Future."

Officers elected in October began terms at this meeting. They are Donna Schuette, president; Sue Baker, vice-president; Connie Britt, secretary; Lois Moslander, treasurer, and Deb Ruggles and Mary Wheeler, Christian Growth Committee.

An ESP (Effective Society Planning) meeting was set for Jan. 19 at 6:30. One of the purposes for this meeting is to prepare a mission statement for the ladies aid.

Ruth Balzer led a Bible study entitled "God as Planner."

Refreshments were served by hostesses Ann Fruendt, Sean Zawilinski and Bridget Miller.

Clean a closet!

by Melva E. Guinther

This is the time of year when depression is likely to set in. The hustle and bustle of the holidays is over. We've caught our breath, and now there's not much to look forward to in Michigan but 3 more months of cold, short, gray days.

It's too cold, or wet, or slippery, to get outside in the fresh air much and we just don't have the energy to exercise.

To add to the let-down feeling, a lot of us have been sick with the flu or whatever the bug is that's been making the rounds.

All too often we turn to food for a lift, which is a mistake, of course. Food only makes us fatter and more sluggish, which leads to more depression.

Trust me. I know whereof I speak.

Last week I made a batch of chocolate chip cookies on a miserable afternoon. The recipe makes about 8 dozen. Do you know how long it takes 2 people to eat that many cookies? Three days, in weather like we've been having.

Here's a far better suggestion for dealing with depression. Clean a closet.

Now wait. Hear me out. Pick a seldom used closet. If it's anything like ours, there are things in there that you haven't seen for years. They could be quite entertaining.

Actually, I didn't set out to clean the closet. I was simply putting away the boxes for next year's Christmas presents.

(Isn't it great that recycling boxes and bows is now ecologically correct and not just cheap?)

Anyway, while making a place in the closet for the boxes, I discovered the high school graduation pictures that I'd looked high and low for before our class reunion in '91. Naturally, I had to look at each one of them to see if I remembered everybody.

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Cass City Personal Items

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Gary and Ginger Perry announce the birth of a son, Eric Scott. He was born Jan. 10 at Huron Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins a sister, Rebecca Lin. Grandparents are Jim and Geri Perry of Cass City, Rick Elrod of Gladwin and Peggy Miller of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Ralph and Marion Perry of Cass City. Betty Rostrom of Caro and Marla Miller of Detroit.

Guests at an early birthday dinner for Gaylord LaPeer were Lynwood LaPeer, Patti Timmons, Brent Fritz, Debbie Timmons, Wayne Curry and Ruth Timmons.

Patti Timmons was a Saturday lunch guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer.

Mrs. Marjorie Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer.

Name Iseler to Hillsdale dean's list

Krista Iseler, daughter of the Dale Iselers of Cass City, is one of the students recognized at Hillsdale College for academic excellence during the first semester of the 1992-1993 school year with publication of its dean's list.

The dean's list, published each semester, consists of all students who attain grade-point averages of 3.4 or better out of a possible 4.0 points. With Hillsdale's full-time student enrollment at 1026, a total of 283 students were listed, which represents 28 percent of the student body.

Marriage licenses

Kevin Shane Carter and Theresa Lynn Cummings, both of Caro.

Roy Charel Jobson and Kathy Dean Beson, both of Akron.

Jerry Lee Snider and Karen Jean Campbell, both of Caro.

Hills and Dales General Hospital

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, JAN. 18, WERE:

Lowella Palmer, Bertha Shagana, Mary Humpal, Bruce Holcomb, Brandon Montgomery, Donna Schultz and Alexander Hiatt, all of Cass City.

Beef is wholesome

A recently completed study by Colorado State University confirms that the United States has the most wholesome supply of beef in the world. Samples from 5 beef processing plants found chemical residues were well below government tolerance levels.

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Jennifer Knowlton honored by D.A.R.

Jennifer Knowlton, daughter of Joyce McPhail and Charles McPhail of Cass City, was honored by the Piety Hill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Birmingham, as a Good Citizen winner for 1992.



Jennifer Knowlton

This program was created by a resolution of the congress in 1934 to encourage good citizenship ideals. These qualities are leadership, dependability, service, patriotism and a high academic level of achievement.

Trust fund week set Jan. 24-30

Governor John Engler has declared Jan. 24-30 as Children's Trust Fund Week.

The Children's Trust Fund is a child abuse and neglect prevention program made up of 76 locally designated councils throughout the state.

Locally the Tuscola Child Abuse and Neglect Council sponsors the Babylonian Encounter, Step-Parenting Program and Training for Area Professionals.

PSA, The New Prostate Test

Cancer of the prostate is one of the most common cancers in men - one in eleven men will eventually develop it. Every man over 40 should have an annual rectal exam. A new blood test, called PSA, is also available and is gaining popularity for screening for prostate cancer.

The PSA test, prostate specific antigen, is a measurement of a protein that is made only by the prostate. When the level is high, we know that something is going on with the prostate. Unfortunately, it does not tell us specifically what is wrong. While it is frequently elevated in prostate cancer, it is also elevated in benign enlargement of the prostate or infections.


Because it is not disease specific, it is not overly useful as a screening test for prostate cancer. Instead, it is most useful in conjunction with the old-fashioned rectal exam and the new ultrasound studies of the prostate. The PSA may be useful, however, in screening high risk categories of men. It is also useful in following known cases of cancer. If the PSA is increasing, the tumor is very likely enlarging. If it drops to zero after a prostatectomy, it is a favorable sign that the tumor may be cured.

Typically the test is used when a lump is felt on the prostate. If the test is below 20 (normal is up to 4), it is not likely that a tumor has spread beyond the prostate or to the bones. This indicates a favorable prognosis.

The test is useful, but an exam will pick up some cancers that would not be found by the blood test alone; there is still no substitute for the old-fashioned exam.

Tuesday, January 26, 1993, Hills and Dales General Hospital will be offering FREE Prostate Screening during morning and evening hours. The screening will include both the PSA blood test and the digital rectal exam by a physician. Please call the hospital today at 872-2121 to set up your appointment.

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"If It Fitz...."

Hypocritical opportunity

By Jim Fitzgerald



When I was a little boy playing cowboys and Indians, I never dreamed that someday I might live practically next door to an Indian reservation.

You could probably shoot an arrow from my high-rise window and hit the property that two generously self-serving developers recently donated to the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewas so that the red man might move

into Detroit's popular Greektown and prosper, just like the white man.

It's an affirmative-action program that goes beyond the politically correct re-naming of the "redskins," "savages" and "scalpers" who used to attack John Wayne's circled wagons. Today — unforgivably late — they are respectfully called "Native Americans" or "American Indians," at least in public. But what's in a name if the game is the same?

Native Americans still suffer from discrimination, are still stereotyped as drunken loafers, and still have a tough time making a decent living off the land the white man took from them.

Our federal government makes a faint, bumbling effort at alleviating this unfair situation by allowing native Americans to do a couple of things the rest of us can't do, such as fish in certain waters with nets, rather than hook and line, and gamble in certain locations with real money, rather than wampum.

**JOBS, JOBS, JOBS....
HONESTLY**

Opa! That's where Greek-town steps forward to do its part in making up for past discrimination against Native Americans. Ted Gatzaros and Jim Papas, who already own a couple of restaurants and a hotel in the neighborhood, have invited the Chippewas to extend their treaty gambling rights from the Upper Peninsula to the corner of East Lafayette and Beaubien in downtown Detroit.

The announced plan, if the feds say OK, is to build a \$40-million casino strictly for gambling, with the profits shared by the tribe and the developers. Gatzaros and Papas say 4,200 people

would be employed full-time in the casino, which will not include a bar, restaurant, theater or hotel. Think about that for a minute.

A block east, in the huge 22-story Blue Cross & Blue Shield headquarters building, there are around 3,500 workers packed into countless offices to help run the state's largest insurance company. And it's supposed to take 700 more people than that just to run mechanical, card and dice games?

Oh, well. It wouldn't be the first time unrealistic promises were used to sell a dubious project. Maybe many of those promised casino employees will be the same people who were supposed to ride the People Mover every day but haven't shown up yet.

**IT'S OK, AS LONG
AS THE STATE WINS**

Don't get me wrong. For one reason, I've always favored casino gambling in Detroit. That reason is my great distaste for holier-than-thou hypocrisy.

State government opposes casino gambling because supposedly it would cause ordinary citizens to lose their grocery and rent money betting against impossible odds. This is the same government running a lottery that, through gag-a-maggot advertising, lures ordinary citizens to line up in supermarkets to bet against much more impossible odds.

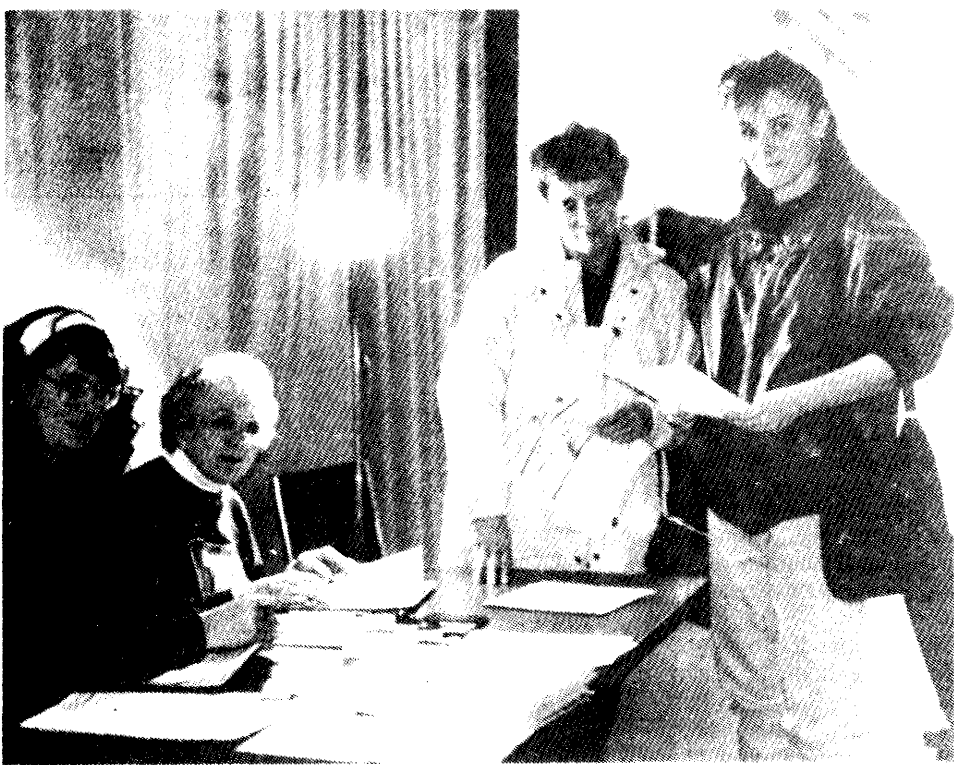
This is the same state government that allows ordinary citizens to gamble on horse races that often smell of fixing and cruelty to animals. But that's OK, just as long as the state gets to drag the pot.

Other opposition to the horror of slot machines comes from horse track owners who aren't afraid of the horror, they're afraid of the competition for bettors' dollars. Also, many preachers preach against casino gambling while at the same time operating bingo games.

Hypocrisy drives many of the anti-casino people. So the irony will be delightful if a government program established to help Native Americans is used by non-Native Americans to make a buck in Detroit.

So let the Chippewas bring equal-opportunity gambling to town. It won't "save the city" by a long shot. It also won't create enough new crime to be noticed amid the old crime already there.

But it will give more people an equal opportunity to be hypocritical.



GAGETOWN RESIDENTS Sharon (far right) and Mavis Parker were 2 of 63 people who donated blood Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Red Cross blood bank held in the basement of Hills and Dales Hospital. Seated are Hospital Auxiliary volunteers Valerie Ussery (far left) and Theda Seeger.

63 donate blood Jan. 12

Sixty-three people donated blood at the Red Cross blood bank Jan. 12 at Hills and Dales General Hospital. It was sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary.

First time donors were

Crystal Gloss, Lisa McIlvanna, Shirley Ann Pankowski and Helen Ramsey.

Pins were given to one-gallon donor, Caren Chapell; 2-gallon donors, Cindy

Bader and Kelley Stevens, and 3-gallon donor, Nell Maharg.

There are 3 blood banks a year at Hills and Dales and one at Cass City High School.

Feb. 10 in Flint

Set free diabetic clinic

The Michigan Masons, in conjunction with the endocrinology department of the Children's Hospital of Michigan, will sponsor a state-wide series of free clinics for children with diabetes.

These all-day clinics are an opportunity for patients and parents to meet with a diabetes team consisting of an endocrinologist, nurse clinician and dietitian. The most up-to-date methods of diabetes management will be discussed, including adjusting insulin doses according to daily fluctuations in blood sugars, nutrition, and exercise.

A social worker will also be available to assist families with the emotional and financial stresses of having a diabetic child.

The Masons of the Tyler Masonic Lodge No. 317 encourage families in the Cass City area with children and adolescents who have diabetes requiring insulin to attend the Feb. 10 clinic at the Flint Osteopathic Hospital, Flint.

Children are seen by appointment only. Appointments can be made by contacting the master of the Masonic Lodge, who can also assist with transportation to and from Cass City to

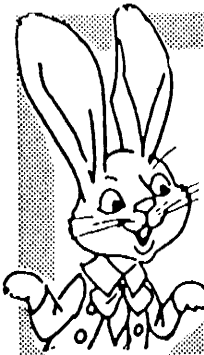
Flint.

More information is available by contacting W.M. Daniel Gyomory, Tyler Lodge 317, 6772 Pine St., Cass City, at 872-2013.

Register for winter classes

Cass City Community Education is currently registering students for the winter semester.

Call the Cass City Community Education office at 872-4151 to set up an appointment.



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Mayville Middle School has adopted a peer helping group, "Natural Helpers", Kristina Swartzendruber, Youth at Risk coordinator, announced last week. The students helping students plan was first adopted in Tuscola County at Cass City Schools.

It's likely to spread rapidly, judging by the success of the program in Cass City.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's department recently completed work on a computer program allowing reporters to review dispatch log entries via a computer terminal. It replaces the paper logs.

Members of the news media will be given "passwords" to review entries via a computer in the former dispatch room.

Christmas deserves a real Christmas tree. That's the way I have always looked at it. Never figured to be in the market for a bogus tree. But all things change.

Next year or the year after that, when it will no longer be possible to have them picked up and hauled away to a landfill, limits the options.

If it won't be easy to remove trees after use, an artificial tree suddenly acquires a new luster.

Oh, well, anything to help the environment.

On the way north on a mini-vacation last week, the itinerary put us in Cadillac at about time for the evening meal. Ordinarily the route we travel when Traverse City is the destination doesn't take us through the downtown. Always looking for a "new" restaurant, we cruised the main business section and stopped at "Hermann's European Cafe".

What we found was an upscale restaurant featuring the cooking of Hermann Suhs, who, according to scads of articles that adorned the walls, including reviews by both Detroit dailies, is a world-class chef.

The waiters (mostly men) were dressed in German-type clothing and several German dishes were offered. If I did it again I would try one of these.

We had linguini moralo that featured true moral mushrooms, plus an order of clam chowder, and a special chicken dish with a raspberry sauce.

It was good, but it should have been. Price for 2 with tip, \$35.

Would I go back? Yes, but it would need to be a special occasion to cough up that kind of money.

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Most of us sighed with relief when election day came and the votes were counted, figuring that for awhile at least we would be spared any more political haranguing.

Wrong. The beat goes on. Just last week a University of Michigan professor and a former Detroit school board member announced a campaign to secure 205,166 petition signatures by summer to put an issue on the November 1994 ballot. The petition would require the state to spend \$1.6 million more next year for public education.

It would require the state to pay half the cost of public education at a cost of \$1.6 billion more in 6 years.

The plan also calls for a limit of 30 mills for school operation from each district with the state making up the difference for districts that are raising more than that amount.

The sponsors say that the drive is to goad the legislature into action to come up with a meaningful education finance reform.

It's hard to believe that the drive would be menacing to the politicians. It's possible to get the required signatures. You can get people to sign most anything. Getting the majority to vote for it seems farfetched.

The plan is to have 200 local school districts or PTAs circulate the petitions.

The hope here is that Cass City is not one of them.

The state average millage for operation is 34 mills. Cass City pays 30.9. Detroit pays 40 mills. Cass City spends \$2,975 per student on education. Most other Thumb schools have similar costs well below the state average.

Under the plan the state would reimburse the districts for the amounts that the operating millage would be reduced. The more the millage is cut the greater the payment by the state.

The kicker in this plan is that the sponsors say that it includes no new taxes. Where have you heard that before? It doesn't take a genius to figure out that if the state's cost goes up \$1.6 billion it has to come from somewhere.

It doesn't take a genius to know that it will come from you and me.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that under the plan all of the careful economic planning, with an eye on cost, practiced in local districts will go down the drain. We will be helping subsidize less efficient districts.

It's tiresome to keep reading about educational reform, but it will get worse before it gets better.

Gov. Engler is crafting his own plan for educational reform coupled with property tax relief.

Nothing changes much, does it? The beat goes on.

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Down Memory Lane

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5 YEARS AGO

Robert "Bob" Stickle retired as Cass City Intermediate School principal after a 37-year career in education, all but 5 years of it in the Cass City School system. The promise of a continuing problem and expense to manage and remove asbestos from Cass City schools highlighted the regular meeting of the Cass City School Board Monday night. Estimated cost for this work is from \$3,000 to

\$5,000. Removal of asbestos in all classrooms and halls was done last summer but areas not frequented by students must be contained. Eleven classmates of Jason Damm attended a birthday party for him at his home Wednesday. Jason was 6 years old.

Anton Peters of Cass City participated in a 13-day travel seminar in Central America last summer. The trip, coordinated by the Center for Global Education, Augsburg College, Minn., included several stops in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

About 50 relatives and friends attended a surprise open house for the 80th birthday of Pete Rienstra Sunday.

10 YEARS AGO

Irma and Robert Chisholm retired Friday from General Cable, where she had worked 20 1/2 years and her husband for 17. For the past 7 years, they had worked together, on the 3-11 shift.

Sharon Wells, a 1981 graduate of Cass City High School, has been selected as a

member of the 1982-83 Grand Rapids Baptist College women's basketball team. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wells of Cass City.

Frank's Service held its grand opening Thursday, Friday and Saturday at its new location on Cemetery Rd.

The fire that destroyed the West Street home of Albert and Tammie Palazzola Jan. 7 was started by his pickup truck. The cause of the fire was discovered by Detective Larry Walker of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, who was at the scene Monday and Wednesday of last week, and an investigator from the state police fire marshal's office.

Christine Buehrly of Cass City was one of 31 women installed Saturday into the Zeta Rho chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at Northwood Institute.

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City lost one of its most prominent citizens Tuesday when Glen "Scotty" McCullough, 56, died at Hills and Dales Hospital after a lingering illness. He was the owner of the Mac & Scotty Drug Store.

The season's heaviest snow fall struck the community Sunday, closing businesses and schools Monday.

Two men from Plymouth narrowly escaped death Monday while waiting for a tow truck to remove them from a snowbank on M-53. When a wrecker from Bartnik Service reached the area about 9 a.m., the driver, Cass Bartnik, found Glen Elvis unconscious and Mr. Lotter groggy. They were taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital for treatment.

Ken Hyatt, Cass City High School senior, was accepted Saturday at Mt. Clemens for the National Association of Rudimental Drummers. Only 3 or 4 students in Michigan belong and the entire membership in the nation is just 3,344.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Loomis of Cass City were delegates to a 3-day conference for young farm couples in Lansing recently.

Wolfrum graduates from CMU

Genevieve R. Wolfrum, daughter of Donald and Rose LaPeer of Deford and the late Gerald Wolfrum, recently graduated from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.



Genevieve R. Wolfrum

Wolfrum earned a bachelor of applied arts degree with an emphasis in individual and family studies. She minored in public health.

Wolfrum served on the executive board of Eta Sigma Gamma, a health science honorary. She also worked as volunteer for the the Women's Aid Service as a crisis counselor, P.A.H.L.S. (Peer Advocates for Healthy Lifestyles), juvenile tutor/mentor, and as an aid for the developmentally disabled.

A 1987 Cass City High School graduate, Wolfrum currently is residing in Mt. Pleasant.

15 attend SOAR meet

Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR) met Jan. 5, with 15 members in attendance.

A meal was served. The Recreation Committee for the next 3 months is composed of Helen Bartle, Isabelle Wright and Eunice Englehart.

The 50-50 drawing went to Howard Hallock and Wona Hallock.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 2.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson

Phone 658-2347

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson received word of the death of her cousin, Margaret Decker Bybee, who died at her home in Lapeer Tuesday, Jan. 12. Margaret was the daughter of Ella and Peter Decker. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Muir Funeral Home on M-24.

Jean Tandy of New Hampshire spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meske, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh, Mrs. Opal Duffy and Mrs. Joe Ruth met at Coral Gables Restaurant, Bad Axe, Friday, Jan. 8, where Mrs. Tandy hosted a dinner for Hal Conkey's 94th birthday and Mrs. Bryce Hagen's birthday.

Bob Karg of Canton was a Sunday forenoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Edanna Sweeney and David were Monday evening guests of Reva Silver.

A.J. Batic, Jason Jackson and Ray Depcinski were Friday afternoon guests of Don Jackson. Cody Tyrrell spent Saturday with Kathryn Tyrrell. Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLaughlin and Mr. and Mrs. John Walker went to the Eagle Dancer restaurant in Gagetown for Navajo and Hopi tacos Friday evening and later went to the McLaughlin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tom were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland came home Saturday after spending 10 days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sturgil and David at Fayetteville, N.C.

Matt and Roxann Particka of Tipton, Melvin and Charlotte Particka left Friday to spend the weekend with Dr. Melanie and Dr. William Goodell and daughter Laura in Lincolnshire, Ill. Saturday, they went sightseeing and had dinner at Carson's Barbecue Rib and returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

David Sweeney was a Wednesday evening guest of Bill Sweeney.

Brenda Tyrrell of Midland was a Thursday supper guest of Kathryn Tyrrell.

GREENLEAF EXTENSION

Eleven members and one guest attended the Greenleaf Extension luncheon at Char-mont Thursday and the meeting at the home of Jean Clarke. Velma Cleland gave the lesson on environment.

The next meeting will be at the home of Charlotte LaPeer in February.

Around 30 guests attended a pink and blue shower for Katha Chockley at the Shabbona RLDS Church hosted by Peggy Rushlo, Naida Rushlo, Diann Wilder and Judy Doerr Sunday. Games were played and prizes given. The door prize was won by Sara Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena visited Bertha Shagena at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hagen and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen attended the Michigan Cattleman's meeting and trade show at Michigan State University Kellogg Center at East Lansing Saturday, Jan. 9.

Mrs. Evans Gibbard and Kim spent Wednesday in Bay City.

Reva Silver was a Thursday afternoon guest of Beverly Rockefeller.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glaza.

Mrs. David Hacker was a Monday guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Jackson were Wednesday afternoon guests of Don Jackson.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker were Agnes Kanaski and friend, Jeff Hallock, Janice and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell at Utica.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Krohn, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Frantz and daughter Kelly, Mike Moorman and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hagen in honor of Jim Hagen's birthday, for pizza, birthday cake and ice cream. Mrs. Kevin Robinson visited Mrs. Ray Michalski.

Brenda Richardson of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richardson were Sunday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Glaza and Tiffany and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Glaza were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Ray Depcinski and Don Jackson spent Thursday in Bay City.

Mrs. Peter VanToll was a Friday guest of Edanna Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly were Tuesday afternoon and Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. George King and Jim.

Steve Hosner of Warren Robbins, Ga., called on Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland Thursday evening.

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Bulldogs now 2-2

Garza leads O-G scoring in losses

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs evened their North Central Thumb League record at 2-2 Friday when North Huron trounced the 'Dogs on their own floor, 83-39.

Coach Brian Wright's cagers were outscored 23-3 in the opening stanza as Trent Rice, who collected 15 points on the evening, poured in 4 field goals that included one from behind the 3 point line.

The Warriors increased their lead in the 2nd frame behind a tenacious defense that held the losers to only 5 field goals before the intermission.

Meanwhile, the winners' balanced offensive attack erased all doubt of the game's outcome as the hosts

led by 28 at the break, 40-12.

Owen-Gage played better in the game's final half - especially senior Joe Garza, who scored 8 of his team high 14 points in the 3rd period - but it was too little too late.

George Kosinski recorded game scoring honors with 16 tallies that included 12 just after the intermission. Jay Schwelder was the only other player to reach double digits, registering 10 for North Huron.

This Friday's game with Peck figures to provide the Bulldogs, who have lost the last 2 NCTL games prior to Tuesday's game at home with Port Hope, with another tough test.

Earlier in the week on

Tuesday, Owen-Gage traveled to North Branch and were soundly defeated by Wesleyan, 79-50.

The hosts got 18 of Dustin Jones' game high 29 tallies in the first half and raced to a 40-23 advantage at the halfway point.

North Branch added to its lead throughout the last half as Robbie Sommer collected 10 of his 14 markers in the latter half.

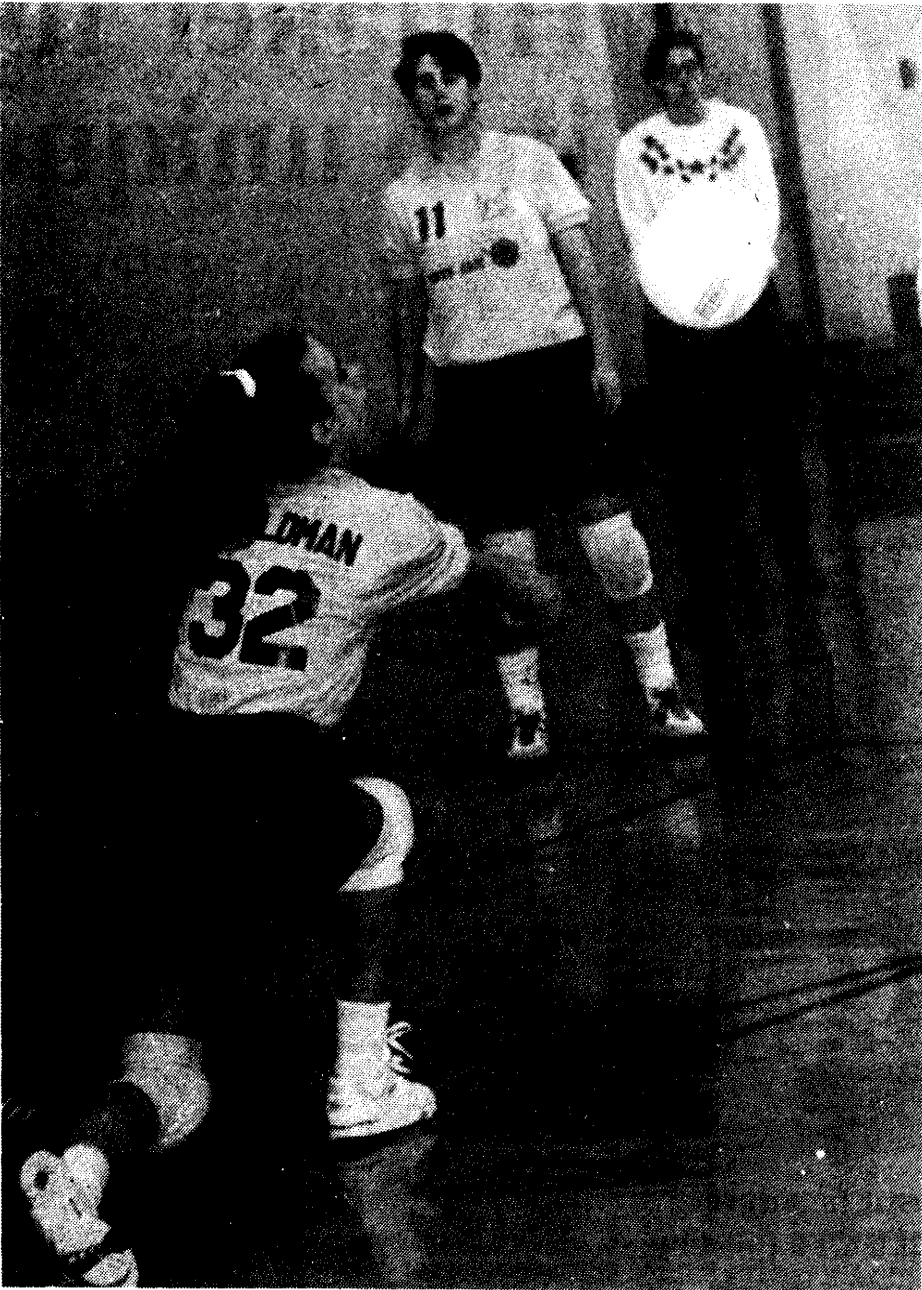
The losers' offense got a dozen points from Garza, while backcourt teammate Brent Fritz finished with 11.

NORTH HURON - T. Rile 5-1 (2-3) 15; G. Kosinski 7-0 (2-5) 16; J. Schwelder 3-0 (4-7) 10; B. Schumacher 1-0 (0-0) 2; S. Hulbert 0-0 (2-2) 2; S. Toner 1-0 (0-2) 2; J. Strachan 2-0 (3-5) 7; D. Gray 3-0 (2-6) 8; B. Kuhn 3-1 (0-0) 9; C. Surret 3-0 (0-1) 6; M. Upthegrove 2-0 (2-2) 6.

TOTALS: 30-2 (17-33) 83.

OWEN-GAGE - R. Radabaugh 1-0 (0-0) 2; E. Susalla 1-0 (0-0) 2; B. Fritz 2-0 (1-3) 5; J. Garza 6-0 (2-3) 14; M. Mandich 0-2 (1-3) 7; P. Fahrner 0-0 (1-2) 1; S. Story 1-0 (0-0) 2; G. Emmons 1-0 (0-0) 2; B. Metzger 0-0 (4-4) 4.

TOTALS: 12-2 (9-15) 39.



OWEN-GAGE'S ANGIE Wildman stretches for a Bad Axe spike in the Bulldogs' home win last Monday over the Blue Bay League foe. Watching is teammate Jill Susalla.



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3. Get a good grip. Make sure you have a firm grip and are able to support the load.
4. Let your leg muscles do the work. Squat down next to the object, make sure you have a good stance and use your legs to power you to a standing position. Contracting your abdominal muscles will also help stabilize your back.
5. Keep the load close to your body. This will allow you to keep your balance and minimize the strain on your lower back.
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NORTH BRANCH WESLEYAN - A. Norton 3-0 (0-0) 6; T. Meredith 3-3 (1-2) 16; D. Jones 11-1 (4-5) 29; J. Volz 0-1 (0-0) 3; R. Sommers 6-0 (2-5) 14; A. Ferrier 2-0 (0-0) 4; J. Aya 3-0 (1-1) 7.

TOTALS: 28-5 (8-14) 79.

OWEN-GAGE - R. Radabaugh 1-0 (0-0) 2; E. Susalla 2-0 (1-2) 5; B. Fritz 5-0 (1-2) 11; J. Garza 4-0 (4-4) 12; M. Mandich 1-2 (0-1) 8; G. Emmons 1-0 (3-4) 5; B. Metzger 1-1 (2-4) 7.

TOTALS: 15-3 (11-17) 50.

Jeffrey Kivesner completes course

Airman Jeffrey D. Kivesner has completed the tactical electrical and environmental systems specialist course at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill.

Students were taught the principles of operation and trouble shooting of strategic aircraft electro-environmental systems, subsystems, components, wiring and soldering. Also included were the principles of aircraft maintenance management systems and use of test equipment. Examples of tactical aircraft are the A-10, F-5, and F-15 fighter aircraft, and the EC-130 electronic surveillance aircraft.

Kivesner is the son of Donald R. Kivesner of 6985 Rossman Road, Kingston.

The airman is a 1991 graduate of Kingston High School.



ABOUT 60 YOUTHS ages 10 to 14 years took part in an annual free-throw contest held Friday at Cass City Middle School and sponsored by the Cass City-Gagetown Knights of Columbus, Council 8892. The winners were (front row, left to right) Ryan Downing, Justin Caraballo, Nathan Haag, Mandy Chappel, (back row, left) Lindsay Maharg, Peyton Daniel, Andrea Rea, Chad Diegel and Dave Murphy. The winners will now go on to district competition set for Feb. 6 at Reese High School.

Bulldogs dominate All Saints, Bad Axe last week

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs collected a pair of impressive non-league victories last week when they defeated both Bad Axe and Bay City All Saints.

Coach Judy Campbell's spikers will now host North Branch Wesleyan Thursday. The contest will serve as the final contest before the Bulldogs commence defending the North Central Thumb League crown Monday.

Thursday, Campbell's spikers traveled to Bay City and downed the Saints in straight games, 15-2, 15-8. "We only played 2 out of 3 (games) because of a conflict of gym times," stated Campbell.

The 'Dogs needed 4 games in their home opener Monday to conquer Bad Axe, where they stumbled 11-15 in the opener before winning 3 straight by scores of 15-7, 15-13, 15-8.

In both matches the Bulldogs were led by seniors Jill Susalla, Lori Ondrajka and Carli Salcido.

The trio combined for 38 points with Bad Axe, 20 of those tallies coming by way of ace serves.

With Bay City, Draschil recorded scoring honors with 9 points, while Salcido had a team high 8 attacks and 5 kills.

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Red Hawks regrouping

Hatchets surprise Cass City, 54-53

The Cass City Red Hawks are regrouping this week after losing to the Bad Axe Hatchets Friday for the second time this season, 54-53, in the third of a stretch of 5 games on the road. The Hawks lost both games with Bad Axe by a single point and the losses enable the surprising Hatchets to take over the Blue Bay League lead.

Cass City was to have played USA Tuesday and will meet Marlette Friday, and are heavily favored to win both games.

Right now, Coach Jeff Hartel says, Bad Axe is a better team, but, he said grimly, we have 2 more games with them and we have the talent to turn things around before the season ends. Our goal, he added, is a conference and district championship.

One of the areas that the team will be working on is getting a more balanced scoring to help Paul Ulfig. Ulfig scored 23 against the Hatchets, but no other player was in double figures.

Hartel says that there has been too much shooting from the perimeter. Against Bad Axe the Hawks took 18 shots from 3-point range and converted just 4 of them for 22 percent.

Both teams played well in the first quarter as Ulfig carried Cass City and Rod Walsh, with 3 baskets, paced the Hatchets. Bad Axe was ahead by a point going into the second quarter.

Ulfig was blanked in the period and no one else was able to pick up the slack. Brent Cubitt, who was deadly from 3-point range and from the foul line, paced the Hatchets with 7 of his team-high 20 points and the Hawks trailed at the intermission, 27-21.

It was Ulfig again in the third period and the rangy center rammed home 6 field goals and the Hawks finally went in front, 39-37, going into the final 8 minutes.

The teams tossed the lead back and forth until the final minutes. Cass City had the lead in the dying moments. Cubitt hit a 3-pointer and Cass City was fouled and missed the shot. Cubitt got to the line and made both shots and that was the ball game.

Cass City in the previous 2

games had made 9 of 12 and 13 of 14 free throws. Against Bad Axe they were one for 6, and that was decisive.

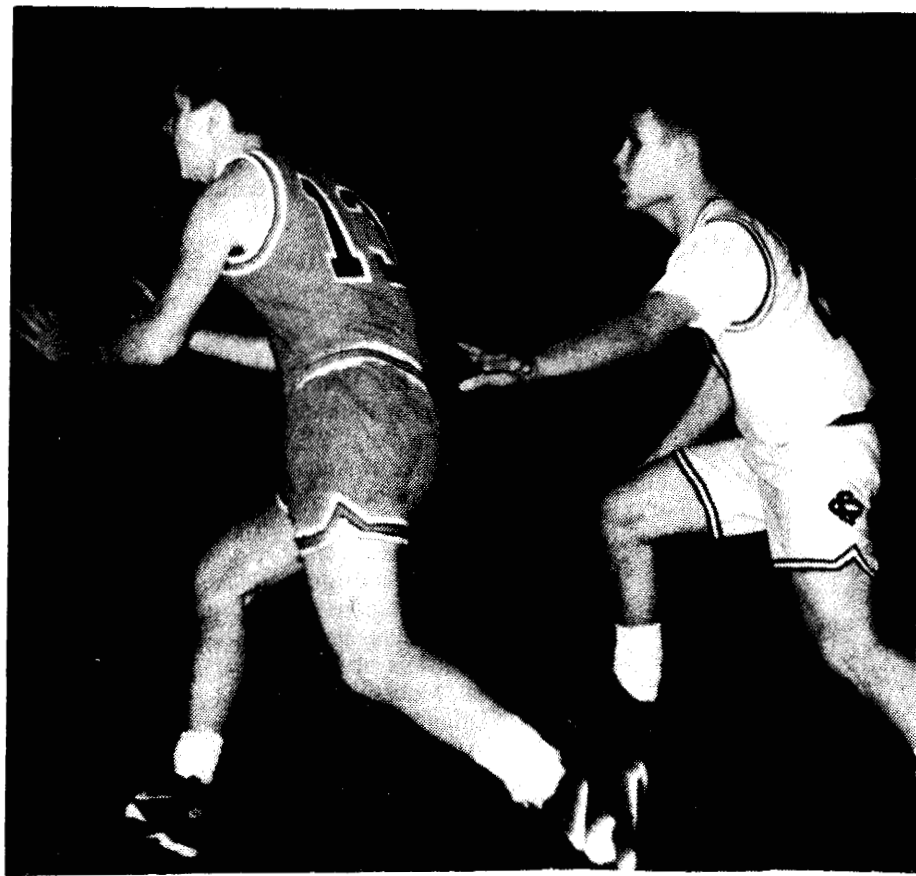
Cass City had a wide edge on the boards, 36-24, led by Ulfig with 12. The Hatchets hit 19 of 42 shots for 40 percent and Cass City converted 24 of 43 for 43 percent.

CASS CITY - R. Bouck 1-1 (0-0) 5; J. Gibson 2-1 (0-3) 7; R. Lloyd 3-1 (0-0) 9; G. LeValley 2-0 (0-0) 4; P. Ulfig 11-0 (1-3) 23; P. Murphy 0-1 (0-0) 3; M. Evans 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS: 20-4 (1-6) 53.

BAD AXE - B. Cubitt 2-4 (4-4) 20; J. Leonard 0-1 (1-2) 4; M. Brining 5-0 (5-6) 15; R. Walsh 5-1 (0-1) 13; B. Paul 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS: 13-6 (10-13) 54.



CASS CITY PRESSED for much of the game with Uby. Pressing Uby's Todd Glaza in his backcourt is John Gibson.

But Cass City prevails 59-37

Bearcats offer stiff challenge

The game was billed as a match between the 2 premier teams in the area this

year and the game lived up to the advance billing.

The Cass City Red

Hawks defeated the Uby Bearcats last Tuesday, 59-37, in a game that was much closer than the final score indicated.

Although Cass City led all the way after the opening moments of the game, the Bearcats remained on the heels of the Hawks for all but the last few minutes of the game.

The Hawks were ahead 41-35 at the 5:05 mark and both teams missed shots in the next 2 minutes and the lead was still 41-35 with 3:13 left.

Coach Jeff Hartel put Cass City in a semi-ball-control offense and 2 big plays sealed the fate of the losers. Richard Lloyd hit a jumper from the side and as Uby was bringing the ball down the floor Ron Bouck picked the pocket of the Bearcat guard and went for an easy layup.

After that Cass City just controlled the ball shooting nothing but sure shots or foul shots.

The ball control together with missed shots by Uby were decisive as the Bearcats scored just 3 points in the critical last quarter.

Paul Ulfig carried the scoring load in the low scoring first half. He scored 9 of Cass City's 22 points in the first 2 periods. Meanwhile, the Hawk defense was playing some of its best of the year.

Richard Lloyd was cited by coach Jeff Hartel for his defense of big, burly Eric Bezemek. He shut out the star Bearcat center in the first half and limited him to 3 points while he was in the game. Bezemek ended the night with 8 points.

Cass City used a zone press and then dropped back into a man-to-man and it was effective. Uby used a zone defense nearly all night. The Bearcats had Hawk fans

squirming in their seat in the third period. The Bearcats beat the Hawk press for a couple of easy buckets, the only defensive lapses of the evening for Cass City and closed to within a point and had the ball.

The Hawks rallied to run back in front at the end of the third quarter, 39-34.

Hartel was pleased with the team's floor game with only 13 turnovers compared to 17 by Uby. From the free throw line the Hawks were again magnificent, hitting 13 of 14 for 93 percent. Uby hit just 4 of 10 for 40 percent.

The coach would like to see more balanced scoring. Ulfig led the team again with 17 points and no other player was in double figures. Jason Ruthig was high for Uby with 10 points. Uby out-rebounded Cass City 29-26, but shot just 30 percent from the floor (15 of 30) while Cass City hit 46 percent (19 of 41).

JUNIOR VARSITY

The Cass City junior varsity scored a comparatively easy decision over the Uby JV, 71-50.

CASS CITY - S. Muska 0-0 (1-2) 1; M. Sherman 0-0 (2-2) 2; R. Bouck 2-0 (2-2)

STANDINGS

BLUE BAY LEAGUE

| | W | L | W | L |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|
| Bad Axe | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Cass City | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| EPBP | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Marlette | 1 | 4 | 2 | 8 |

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB LEAGUE

| | W | L | W | L |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Peck | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| North Huron | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Kingston | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Akron-Fairgrove | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Owen-Gage | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Port Hope | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| CPS | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Caseville | 0 | 5 | 0 | 8 |

Recreation League

MERCHANTS BASKETBALL

DIVISION A

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Pat Curtis | 6-0 |
| Dave Hall | 6-1 |
| Rolling Hills | 4-3 |
| Hemans Elevator | 2-5 |
| JPS | 1-5 |
| Ken Cards | 1-7 |

DIVISION B

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Charmont | 6-0 |
| Brentwood | 4-3 |
| Auto Brite | 3-3 |
| Charmont Motel | 3-3 |
| Nicol Ex | 2-4 |
| Chappel's | 1-6 |

Jan. 11 - Rolling Hills defeated Hemans Elevator. Dave Hall defeated Ken Cards.

Jan. 13 - Postponed.

Jan. 9 - Charmont won a 6-

team tournament with 4 straight wins. The 6 teams in the tournament were: Charmont, Brentwood, Nicol Ex, Chappel's, JPS, and Hooters from Caseville.

The results: Charmont 70, JPS 62; Charmont 66, Hooters 58; Charmont 112, Chappel's 70; Charmont 72, JPS 64.

Biosoap kills whiteflies

Crop scientists have found that an environmentally safe biosoap made from extracts of a tobacco plant could be efficient in killing whiteflies, a pest that damages melons and lettuce. The biosoap kills an immature whitefly by weakening the waxy protective coating on its body covering, causing it to dry out.

Hoppe, Davis, Vargo place in weekend tourney

Saturday Cass City Coach Don Markel's grapplers traveled to compete in the Lake Fenton Invitational.

"It's a very tough invitational," said Markel.

The Hawks finished 7th in the 9-school match. The final team standings and their scores were:

Hartland-148
Flat Rock-133
Lake Fenton-128
Swartz Creek-112
Leslie-83
Fenton-77
Cass City-69
Linden-56
Flint Central-28 1/2

Only 3 of the Red Hawks placed in the meet.

Bob Davis, 112 pounds, earned a 2nd place finish by pinning 2 Class A opponents before being defeated by Jason Hultberg of Hartland (Class A) 5-2 in the finals.

Domonick Vargo, 145 pounds, also earned a 2nd place medal. He pinned Flat Rock's Brandon Mathews before being defeated by Hartland's Brian Morrison in the finals, 13-3.

Matt Hoppe captured first place in the 125-pound weight class. Hoppe pinned 2 opponents on his way to the finish. In the championship match he defeated Flint Central's George Freeman, 17-2. With the 3 wins, Hoppe extended his season record to 17-0 (13 of those victories were pins).

The Hawks' next contest is a rare home match, scheduled for Wednesday with Mayville and Capac.

Several on GLJC honors lists

The Officer of the Registrar at Great Lakes Junior College has released the names of the 1992 fall term students who made the President's and Dean's Lists. To make the President's List students must post a 4.0 grade point average and the Dean's List requires a 3.5 grade point average. Students on either list must be carrying a minimum of 6 credit hours.

Named to the President's List were Joyce Polega, Cass City, Donna Bosley and Janice Smith, both of Uby; Linda Draper-Sadler, Decker, and Teresa Boots, Kingston.

Named to the Dean's List were Cheryl Zawilinski, Kay Franzel, Jurgen Roth, Melinda Sams, Nancy Keller, Becky Gomez, Sharon Prater and Melinda Prater, all of Cass City; Sheryl Shaw, Decker; Christine Field, Lyndon Crane and Daniel Duncan, all of Deford; Tammy Patrick, Pamela Furlong, Daniel Baugher, Mary Mallory and Julie Melton, all of Kingston.

Snowmobile safari set

"Survivors" ride for cancer

Betty Pattullo and Joanne Putnam "cancer survivors" are riding in the 3rd Annual "Pattullo's 1500 Mile Plus Snowmobile Safari" to raise money for the American

Cancer Society.

The group, which consists of people from all over the Thumb, is hoping to raise over \$7,000 for cancer research, public education and

patient service programs of the American Cancer Society. The group will leave Feb. 5 from West Branch and ride to the bridge the first day. The trip will last 10 days and will cover over 1500 miles.

George and Betty Pattullo, of Pattullo and Sons Sports, Inc., of Caro, are the event organizers. Betty is a breast cancer survivor of 9 years.

"All of the riders agreed that cancer is a disease that has touched us all in some way," Pattullo said.

The riders will raise money through donations and pledges. A pledge of one-cent per mile would be a \$15.00 contribution. Anyone wishing to contribute or wanting additional information can contact George Pattullo at (517) 673-6130 in Tuscola County or Eugene Putnam at (517) 635-7045 in Sanilac County. You may also call the American Cancer Society in Lapeer at (313) 664-2202.

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Education, not gun control is the answer

A 16-year-old youth took his own life in a game of Russian roulette recently, sparking again agitation for more stringent gun control.

Dave Wineman of Sebawaing is not one of them. He feels the problem is not with the guns, but with the lack of education.

Wineman, who has a .357 pistol and also is a trap shooter, feels that there should be no restriction on the guns allowed in private possession, including the so-called attack weapons.

Asked if he were an expert at trap shooting, he laughed and said, no, I'm horrible at it.

Wineman lives in Sebawaing but works all over the Thumb. When interviewed, he was at Rawson Memorial Library. He has been self-employed since 1983 and was doing his thing at the library, integrating the computer system.

Wineman is a self-taught computer expert. He learned while attending college where he worked on mainframes. After a brief stint with the family business, he launched his own business.

Wineman and his wife, Denise, have 2 children, 5 and 2 years old.



Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, Jan. 21

The 49th Annual Tuscola Soil Conservation District meeting, 7 p.m., Caro High School cafeteria.

The Association for Children for Enforcement of Support, 7:30 p.m., Sandusky Civic Center.

HDC Surplus Commodity Distribution

Cass City Village Park, Cass City, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

HDC Warehouse, 165 Butler, Caro, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Ivan Middleton Hall, Fairgrounds, Vassar - 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Deckerville Community Center, 3415 Main, Deckerville, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Marlette Township Fire hall, Marlette, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Y.M.C.A. Thumb Dance Club, 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m., Sandusky Maple Valley School.

Helen Ann's Dance Band, 7:30 p.m., Sandusky Civic Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Cass City Village Council, 7 p.m., Municipal Building.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome! Last week's winners, Toby Weaver and Mary Rabideau.

Herbicide Update, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Brentwood, Caro. Dr. Jim Kells, M.S.U. specialist.

Terrence O'Connor on WMU dean's list

Terrence Patrick O'Connor, Snover, was one of a total of 1,713 students included on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 1992-93 academic year at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

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Restless Legs Syndrome is common during the last few months of pregnancy and leaves shortly after delivery. It affects persons with kidney failure when body wastes build up in tissues. Low iron is rarely responsible. Excessive caffeine might be a factor.

Some physicians think that an imbalance of certain chemicals in the nervous system may be at fault. There is no consistent, effective treatment. However, hot water bottles, ice packs, support stockings and muscle conditioning have been known to help.

Medications have been tried including sedatives, sleeping pills, and blood vessel dilating agents. More recently, Valium has been used with some success.

For the vast majority of those affected, this disorder is more of a nuisance than a disease. Nevertheless, since no single treatment works for everyone, consult your physician for advice.

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Obituaries

Bernice Katnik
Mrs. Bernice Katnik, 96, of Gagetown, died Monday, Jan. 18, at Tendercare, Cass City, after a lengthy illness. She was born Aug. 31, 1986, in Lancot, Poland, the daughter of Felix and Anna (Predell) Janicki. Miss Janicki came to the United States when she was a young woman. She married Walter Zegota in 1917, in Detroit. He died in 1960. In 1970, she married Joseph Katnik in Gagetown, where they made their home. Mr. Katnik died in 1975. Mrs. Katnik was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church of Gagetown. She is survived by one son, Walter Zegota, and wife Betty of Sand Point; one daughter, Mrs. Bernice Haun, and husband Charles of Detroit, and 10 grandchildren. One daughter, Wanda Klimecki, died Aug. 8, 1990, and one sister, Stella, preceded her in death. A memorial service will be held at St. Agatha Catholic Church at a later date. Arrangements were made by Little's Funeral Home, Cass City.

Marie Warrington
Marie A. Warrington, 78, of Cass City, died Jan. 17 at Tendercare Nursing Home following a lengthy illness. She was born Aug. 21, 1914, the daughter of Anna and Walter Gorselicka in Detroit. She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Roger (Margaret) Warrington of Kingston; 3 granddaughters, Rosemary DeBlois of Kissimmee, Fla., Melissa Warrington of Orlando, Fla., and Kathryn (Amean) Soussi-Tanani of Arlington, Va.; 3 grandsons, Stewart (Dorothy) Warrington of East Jordan, Roger (Lisa Smith) Warrington of Kingston and Anthony Valpendero of Florida, and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 2 daughters, Marie Warrington in 1965 and Rose Curtis in 1988. Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Lynn Chappell, Kingston United Methodist Church, officiating. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Melvin Peruski
Korean War veteran Melvin F. Peruski, 63, of Ubyly, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, at his home following a lengthy illness. He was born Nov. 9, 1929, in Ubyly, the son of the late Jacob and Ann (Zulka) Peruski. He married Gertrude Schwartz July 5, 1952, at St. Agatha's Catholic Church in Gagetown. Peruski was a graduate of the Country School. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed for 10 years at Ubyly Tractor Sales. He retired from Carmet Co. of Bad Axe in 1983 after 19 years of service. He was also a farmer. He was a lifelong parishioner of St. John's Catholic Church in Ubyly. Surviving are his wife, Gertrude; 2 sons, David and wife Kay of Bad Axe, and Darrel of Ubyly; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Colleen) Lackowski of Alvin, Texas; 4 grandsons; 2 brothers, Raymond and wife Marie of Ubyly, and Ernie of Lapeer, and one sister, Mrs. Wesley (Evelyn) Irons of Drayton Plains. Services were held Saturday at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church in Ubyly, with the Rev. Peter Gaspeny, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Helen Willis
Mrs. Helen Alberta Willis, 75, of Cass City, died suddenly Friday, Jan. 15, at Hills and Dales Hospital. She was born Feb. 10, 1917, in Sandusky, Mich., the daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Shaffbower) Burgess. Miss Burgess married Elton Willis April 20, 1935, in Deckerville. They made their home in the Cass City area. Mrs. Willis was a member of the Shabbona Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She is survived by her husband, Elton; 2 sons, Donald E. Willis and wife Constance and James Willis and wife Ruth Ann, all of Cass City; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Ann Mellendorf and husband Clare of Cass City; 7 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Agnes Welbanks of Deckerville. One brother, Frank, and 4 sisters, Gertrude, Stella, Leona and Alice, preceded her in death. Funeral services were conducted Monday at Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, with Timothy Willis of Kingston and Jeffrey Willis of Cass City, officiating. Interment was in Elkland Cemetery, Cass City.

Corn management meeting Thursday
Corn maturity rating systems and spring tillage options will be 2 of the major topics covered at the Tri-County Corn Management Meeting, set for Thursday at the Colony House near Cass City. Gary Brinkman, agronomist for Pioneer Hi-Bred Inc., will be the speaker at 10 a.m. He will review the maturity rating system and outline the various growth stages of the corn plant. Roger Swartzendruber, Huron County Extension agricultural agent, and Beth Doran, area extension livestock agent, will be discussing corn utilization concerns. Ration adjustments, storage concerns and other related issues will be reviewed. Dennis Stein, Tuscola County Extension director, will review on-farm corn storage considerations and outline procedures growers should follow in monitoring their stored grain. In addition, there will be a corn market report, discussion on corn fertilization practices, a review of herbicide-insecticide relationships and a review of on-

Cass City Bowling Leagues

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| ECUMENICAL CHURCH LEAGUE Jan. 2, 1993 | High Series & Games: M. Lutz 751 (279-277), P. McIntosh 714 (213-255-246), M. Weltin 646 (268), Doug O'Dell 620 (225-241), R. Rabideau 611 (248), K. Koch 611 (217-214), T. Comment 608 (213-234), L. Tracy 604 (227-214), R. Kerkau 578 (211), C. Bellew 236, E. Schwartz 218, R. Engelhardt 213, C. Kelley 210, S. Miller 210. High Team Series & Game: Phil's Clippers 2993 & 1021. | Alley Hoppers Charmont 5 Sutter's Bakery 5 | Cass City IGA Pioneer Seeds 10 1/2 Kilbourn Service 8 |
| SUNDAY NO ROLLERS Jan. 10 | High Team Game: Cablettes 1058. High Team Series: Cablettes 3019. High Series: P. Corcoran 554, E. Romain 550, V. Patera 534, L. Kilbourn 508, S. Bock 506, P. Zinnecker 474, D. Sweeney 495, M. Sieradzki 505. High Games: E. Romain 222, P. Corcoran 213, L. Kilbourn 198, S. Bock 188, D. Sweeney 194, M. Sieradzki 185, F. Witherspoon 173, V. Patera 189, M. Bellew 176, D. Mathewson 170, S. Lefler 171. | High Series & Games: J. Sullins 506. High Game: J. Sullins 202. High Team Series and Game: Stille's 1745 & 610. | High Series & Games: R. Kilbourn 677 (232-243), E. Schmalz 671 (249-227), K. Kilbourn 222, J. Lefler 214, K. Pickla 231, W. Laming 234, R. Rabideau 575, Duane O'Dell 671 (210-225-225), R. Root 577 (215). High Team Series: Northon Construction 1923. High Team Game: Gilligan's 695. |
| TUSCOLA GET TOGETHERS Jan. 11 | High Team Game: Cablettes 1058. High Team Series: Cablettes 3019. High Series: P. Corcoran 554, E. Romain 550, V. Patera 534, L. Kilbourn 508, S. Bock 506, P. Zinnecker 474, D. Sweeney 495, M. Sieradzki 505. High Games: E. Romain 222, P. Corcoran 213, L. Kilbourn 198, S. Bock 188, D. Sweeney 194, M. Sieradzki 185, F. Witherspoon 173, V. Patera 189, M. Bellew 176, D. Mathewson 170, S. Lefler 171. | MERCHANTS' "A" Jan. 13, 1993 | MERCHANTS' "B" Jan. 13, 1993 |
| CHARMONT LADIES | TUESDAY AFTERNOON LADIES' LEAGUE Jan. 12 | High Series & Games: M. Lutz 719 (256-238-228), M. Jackson 666 (236-224), J. Howard 657 (228-219-210), D. Orton 652 (249-211), W. Smith 643 (248), K. Beachy 619 (232), L. Summers 593 (224), L. Spiekerman 578 (224), G. Riccardi 577, G. Robinson 571, R. Kerkau 571, P. Robinson 567, J. Smithson 563, J. Storm 233, D. Englehart 213. | High Team Actual Series & Games: Caro Chiropractic 2362 & 828. 500 Series: S. DeLong 545, T. Mihaci 510, L. Leiterman 505. 200 Games: J. Krol 223, D. Wischmeyer 202. |
| CHARMONT | THURSDAY NITE TRIO Jan. 14 | High Series & Games: T. Comment 705 (278-258), M. Lutz 671 (234-228), R. Rabideau 556 (211), B. Dunn 552, S. Hammett 552, R. Kerkau 212, C. Russell 212. | SATURDAY SPINNERS SR. Jan. 16 |
| Men's High Series: Doug O'Dell 591. Men's High Game: Doug O'Dell 220, M. Weltin 211. Women's High Series: L. Erla 544. Women's High Game: L. Erla 237. High Team Series: Pizza Villa 2115. High Team Game: Pizza Villa 763. | Boys' High Series: C. Zawilinski 512. Boys' High Games: C. Zawilinski 208, A. Bradley 172. Girls' High Series: M. Jewett 441. Girls' High Games: M. Jewett 162, B. Meredith 154. | Board Chrysler Micro EDM Charmont Charmont Motel Gilligan's Hyatt, Inc. Mac Tools | Miller Eggs Strikers Terminators Mess Meisters Pin Busters Hot Babes Handicaps Studs Crushers Fiercesome Foursome Deford Country Gro. |

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The senior food-box packing occurs every Monday at the HDC Warehouse on Butler Street in Caro, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Those interested in this activity are welcome every week, of course, but are invited to work whatever hours they may have available.

The volunteer drivers for the "Independence for Life" van will be needed on an 8-hour to 20-hour per week basis. This van is new to HDC, courtesy of Michigan National Corporation, and will be used to transport seniors to special events and programs presented for them by HDC. Approximately 4 drivers will be needed for this program, and some qualifications are required.

To volunteer to drive HDC's "big rig", a person must have a current driver's license, proof of no-fault insurance, a safe driving record, and the ability to drive a 22-foot delivery truck. This truck will be on the road three (3) days per month, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., traveling from Caro to Bad Axe, Sandusky, Lapeer, and back again.

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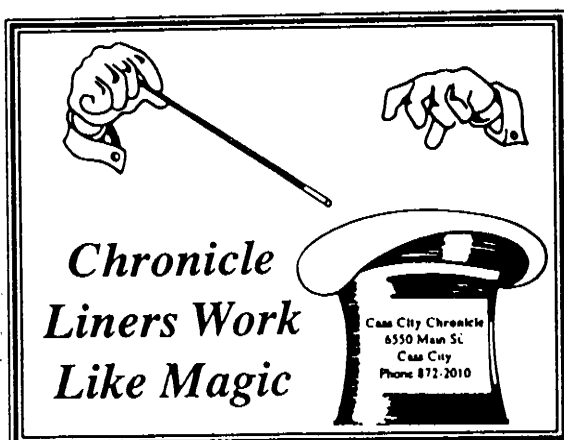
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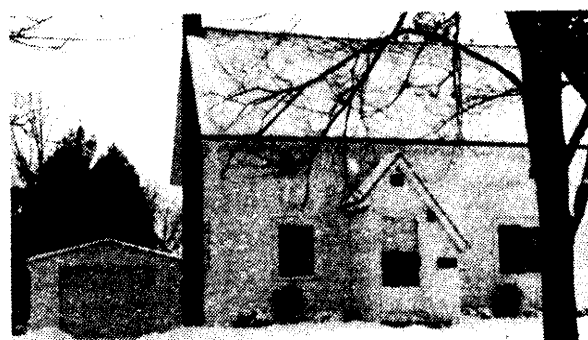
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SPECIAL THANKS to Dr. Jeung and the nurses staff at Hills and Dales Hospital for their wonderful care. To those who called, visited, cards and gifts. They were greatly appreciated and God bless each and everyone. Stephen Cybulski. 13-1-20-1

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WEST COAST visitor — Tammy Kohlschmidt (center), a professional dancer from Los Angeles, Calif., was in Cass City recently to conduct a pair of master dance classes for about 30 students of the Sally Doerr Dance Studio. Pictured above with Doerr (right) and ballet/lyrical jazz instructor Erin Beller, Kohlschmidt has appeared in a tribute to Whoopi Goldberg, a to-be-released movie, "Good Girls Don't," and a California Music Theatre production of "Wizard of Oz."

Arraign 6 in Tuscola County Circuit Court

Six people entered pleas Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

•Raymond W. Huble-Manning, 17, Caro, stood mute during his arraignment on a charge of breaking and entering an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny and 2 counts of malicious destruction of property.

A plea of innocent was entered on behalf of the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Bond was continued at a combined \$15,000 and he was granted school release privileges.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case.

According to court records, Huble-Manning allegedly broke into a house at 6255 Oak, Vassar, Dec. 6, and damaged a pickup truck belonging to Billy Woolwine Jr. and a mailbox belonging to Cynthia Drohn Oct. 23 in Vassar Township.

•Richard J. Salcido, 23, Gagetown, entered a plea of guilty to one count of malicious destruction of police property. Court records state he damaged a Michigan State Police patrol car hood ornament Nov. 21 in Cass City.

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

The Gagetown Fire Department

held its yearly election of Fire Officials, Jan. 11, 1993. The results were as follows:

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CHUCK WRIGHT
Assistant Chiefs
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PAUL LOPEZ
Captains
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•Ana M. Edenburn, 26, Clio, pleaded guilty during her arraignment on charges of common law fraud and filing a false police report.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Edenburn presented a false claim to Auto Owners Insurance Company in December 1991 in Arbel Township, according to court records, which indicate both charges are related to the defendant's part in staging a fictitious breaking and entering and larceny.

•Gerald L. Rich, 29, Caro, stood mute during his arraignment on a charge of probation violation. He allegedly destroyed property and caused physical damage to a home owned by Darlene Dailey Dec. 18, court records state.

A hearing was scheduled for Feb. 7. Bond was continued at \$5,000 for Rich, who was placed on 36 months probation following conviction on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle.

•Daniel L. Kennedy, 36, Garden City, pleaded guilty to writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks within 10 days and attempted larceny in a building.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was

continued at a combined \$20,000 and Kennedy was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. Sentencing is to be set.

The defendant wrote non-sufficient fund checks of \$24.71, \$66.53 and \$28.50 — all drawn on Credit Union One — in March in Caro and Almer Township, according to court records, which state he also was charged with attempting to steal a 30.06 rifle April 2 in Indianfields Township.

•Randy L. Snyder, 29, Caro, entered a plea of guilty to resisting and obstructing a police officer Aug. 7 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Cass City School

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14 computers for about \$1,400 each. The school gave teachers the right to buy one at the same price provided that they pay the sales tax plus the cost of the machines.

•Trustee Allan Hartwick was named as a delegate to the Tuscola County Intermediate School District budget meeting Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Police probe 4 area break-ins

Cass City police are investigating 4 recent break-ins in the area.

Ken Schott, Cass City, reported someone burglarized his parents' home at 4242 Woodland Ave. last Wednesday or Thursday.

Schott said he was checking the home when he discovered thieves had entered the residence and stolen several items. Missing are a 30-30 rifle, 2 VCRs and a number of coins.

Police found that all the rooms had been disturbed and several drawers had been left open in the bedrooms. A money glass bottle was found lying in a bedroom with the top off, according to reports, which state a basement window had been broken out on the east side of the residence.

Filing a similar complaint last week was Arnold Myszkier, who told police someone broke into a condominium owned by his neighbor, James M. Phillips, 4897 Northwood Circle, Cass City.

The theft occurred sometime between Jan. 5 and Jan.

12.

Discovered missing were a .410 shotgun, .22 caliber rifle, a VCR valued at \$350, a television, a 35mm camera valued at \$300 and some old coins dating back to the 1800s. The coins, stored in proof sets sealed in plastic, are valued at \$300.

Reports state the thieves gained entrance into the residence by breaking a sliding glass door window.

Police are also investigating 2 other breaking and entering complaints.

The theft of some tools from a garage located on South Seeger Street, just outside the village limits, was reported Thursday. The owner's name and the value of the property were not available.

Terry Tuckey, Caseville, reported someone broke into a warehouse-garage structure at 6248 Pine St.

Nothing was found missing, but it appeared the individual(s) responsible were planning to return to steal some electrical wiring and other miscellaneous items that had been piled up near a door, police stated.

Crimestopper call recovers snowmobile

A tip called into the Crimestoppers hotline helped police recover a snowmobile stolen from a Cass City area residence last week.

The snowmobile, stolen last Wednesday, belongs to Brian Kelley, 4207 Doerr Rd., according to Cass City

Police Chief Gene Wilson, who stated he and Det. Ron Phillips of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department recovered the vehicle Friday just outside of Caro on Tomlinson Road.

Police have 2 suspects in the case, Wilson said.

9-1-1 system is ultra modern

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ers on duty 18 hours a day, but that arrangement is being maintained by pulling officers off road patrol. "We're robbing Peter to pay Paul," Fyvie said.

3-PLUS YEARS

The scheduled start-up of 9-1-1 service marks the culmination of more than 3 years of planning, discussion and legwork that began in 1989.

Establishing the emergency phone system has always been a goal shared by Kern and Fyvie, who were inquiring about how to get the system in Tuscola County when they learned from state Rep. Dick Allen that some state monies were available, but only for a short time due to state budget woes.

Following a meeting with the sheriff's departments and commissioners from all 3 upper Thumb counties, it was agreed to form a Tri-County 9-1-1 Committee. A tentative plan was drafted and public hearings held. With the help of Allen and former state Rep. Keith Muxlow, \$80,000 in state funding was approved for each county.

The group had to move quickly, Fyvie recalled. "We literally got our grant money within a week of when we would have lost it," he said.

The grant paid for the phone system, hardware and some of the software needed to make the system work in the dispatch center. The equipment was purchased from Pro-Tell, Lansing, Michigan Bell, meanwhile, was selected to coordinate phone services.

Fyvie said it took nearly a year to create a Master Street and Address Guide, which outlines the boundaries separating various emergency departments and the areas they serve.

Upcoming tests of the 9-1-1 service will insure the data collected is accurate and that the system is working properly and ready for March 23.

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Student of the Week

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Shivaugn Rayl

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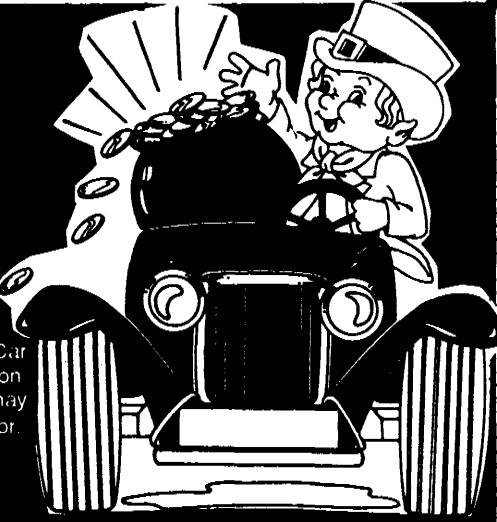
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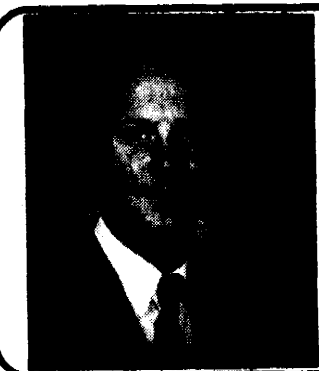
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At a church in Nashua, Iowa, the minister uses bells for a symbolic message after the wedding. "First, he asks the bride to ring the bell in the belfry. But it is too heavy and she can't pull the knotted rope hard enough to make a sound. Then, the minister asks the groom to come and help her. "When they have sounded the bell together, he tells them: Always remember the bell rope. You'll find married life much easier if you pull together."

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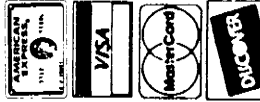
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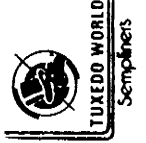
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Late marriages pose special problems

Preparing to move

One effect of marrying late is that each partner is likely to have been living independently. Marriage is therefore not merely a merger of 2 people; it's also the combination of 2 sets of household effects.

Moving 2 people into one home is far from an effortless endeavor. But you'll accomplish the feat more easily if you plan ahead, make lists — and learn how to pack and load a truck.

It's wise to start about 4 weeks ahead of time to organize the details of the move.

move. Even those hiring a mover should make an inventory of what they each have. The list can be used to plan what to get rid of, what new items are needed and finally to estimate the size of truck required to move belongings.

Those renting a truck should reserve it well in advance. During busy summer weekends, the period of demand amounts to not too long. At other times, a week or 2 is usually sufficient.

When making a reservation, it might cost about \$420 to rent a 15-foot van for a one-way move from New York to Boston, compared to about \$1,000 based on standard tariffs discounted at 50 percent for the same move via a van line.

On moving day, it's time to start loading the truck. Some tips: Load the truck one-quarter at a time, solid from floor to ceiling. The off each quarter with sturdy rope. Don't leave any open spaces since a tight fit keeps the load from shifting and protects goods from breakage. Fill in spaces with small boxes. Load the heaviest items, such as major appliances, first.

How to ease tension when families meet

The lifestyles of today's young couples often send them to new cities away from parents and friends.

The parents of the bride and the groom may be a continent away from each other, or they may be from backgrounds so diverse that the parents would never meet if their children weren't getting married.

The first meeting of parents can be tense, especially if the parents and couple have to discuss wedding details right away. The key to reducing tensions is bringing future in-laws together for mini-vacations, concerts, sporting events, or, according to John Touhey, social psychology assistant professor at Florida Atlantic University.

He offered a few tips to make everybody comfortable enough to link arms for the family photo at the wedding.

Smooth the path of parents who live far apart by sharing personal insights with each set — family photos, home movies and stories, high-lighting families' hobbies and personalities. That sets the stage for a comfortable meeting.

For the first meeting, find topics that both sets of parents can talk about, such as vacation destinations, books and authors, sports teams. Open the conversation with such a topic, not the wedding plans. Make that first meeting a non-planning one, only

cling supermarket boxes and bubble wrap from wedding presents.

Two to 4 weeks ahead of time, make an inventory and start to pack and label possessions: close and open charge and bank accounts; turn utilities on and off, and notify the old and new post offices of your new address.

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- On Bonaire, The Dive Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino offers scuba adventures deep in the Caribbean's turquoise waters. The honeymoon package includes a champagne dinner and a variable shower of gifts.
- The call of the wild: Rugged northwest Montana has always beckoned the wild at heart. Now the Blue Spruce Lodge in Trout Creek offers rustic pleasures such as fishing, boating and skiing to travelers with disabilities.
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The Blind Outdoor Leisure Development (BOLD) group teaches visually impaired skiers at Aspen, Snowmass, and Buttermilk. Aspen's handicapped skier's association offers free lessons and adaptive equipment to skiers with any type of mobility problem.

The National Sports Center for the Disabled, in Winter Park, also coaches skiers with disabilities.

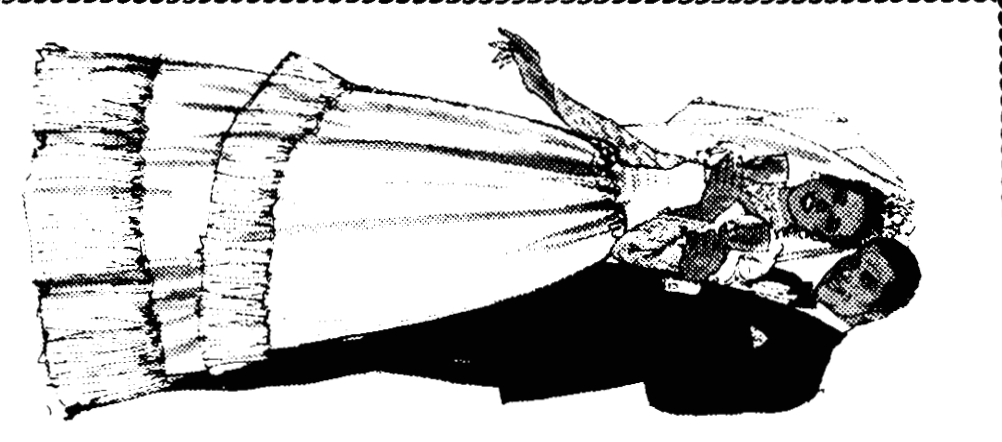
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According to the Bride's article, Cindy and Allen Newberry, who indulged in smoking lessons, breakfast in bed, evening strolls along the crashing Pacific, a helicopter tour, and a luau. "We've habited like crazy," recalls the appreciative groom. The hotel also offers a specially-equipped rental car for guests who use wheelchairs.

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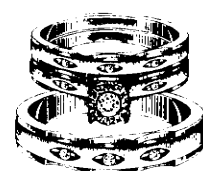
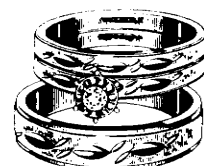


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For today's brides

Value and quality important

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The popularity of cultured pearl jewelry for brides is one example of a traditional favorite that is particularly suitable for the modern bride who is conscious of both elegant styling and long-lasting value.

According to a recent Bride's magazine survey, cultured pearl jewelry is the number one jewelry choice among brides. The radiance of cultured pearls offers a special accent to the wedding-day attire, and then continues to enhance the bride's wardrobe in the years to come.

Cultured pearls (which, like the natural pearl, are grown in live oysters) will maintain a long-lasting beauty and value. Imitation pearls, on the other hand, are made almost entirely of synthetic materials, and therefore have no intrinsic value.

The bride is assured that the cultured pearl jewelry she wears on her wedding day also will wear well during her lifetime — and it can be passed down to future generations. The key is to select the highest-quality cultured pearl jewelry that you can afford.

Always look for a bright, clear luster and a deep inner glow. Try to choose cultured pearls that are relatively free of surface blemishes (cracks, bumps or blisters), which can detract from the overall beauty and may shorten the life of the pearl.

Coordinating the style of the bride's accessories to the design of her gown, and matching pearl color and

skin tone also are important considerations. The following guidelines will help you make appropriate selections:

- Off-the-shoulder and scooped-neck gowns are best accentuated by one- to 3-strand princess or choker length cultured pearl necklaces.

- High- or closed-neck gowns are best highlighted by long strands of pearls, to create a smooth, slim silhouette.

- Light hair and fair complexions tend to look best in cultured pearls with a slight rose tint.

- Dark hair and skin tones are complemented by cul-

tured pearls in creamy, off-white shades.

Just as cultured pearls are perfect for adorning the bride on her wedding day — and in the years to come — cultured pearl jewelry is a wonderful keepsake for members of the bridal party. Cultured pearl pendants, bracelets or earrings are sure to delight bridesmaids, while cultured pearl tie tacks, cuff links or shirt studs are appropriate gifts for ushers.

Whatever the final selections, the radiance of cultured pearl jewelry reflects the special glow of the bride on her special day, and is sure to remain a valued — and valuable — part of her jewelry wardrobe.

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Brides-to-be: Join a new club — the Moodmatcher Lipstick Lovers Society — for valuable tips to avoid lipstick smears on guests and the groom at your wedding.

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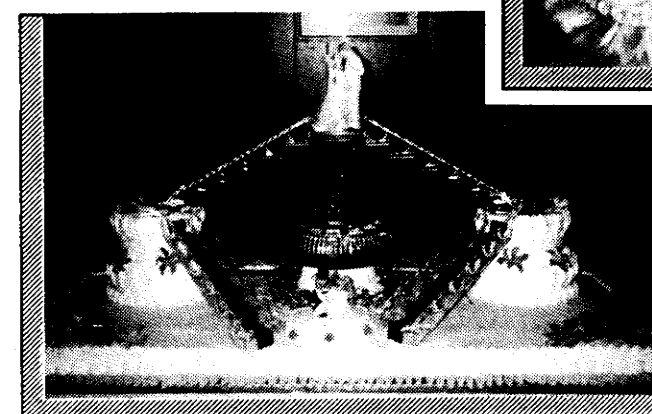
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Wedding music should be carefully planned

With wedding ceremonies as varied as they are these days, walking down the aisle to a different tune can be a most creative experience — within bounds.

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- If the wedding is in a religious setting, be sure to check with the clergy or music director to determine

what types of music are allowed.

- If a music adviser or wedding planner is not available, talk to friends involved in music, or music students at a local college.

- Resist the temptation to choose musical selections only because you like them; the music should not distract from the ceremony, no matter how beautiful or enter-

taining.

- If you choose a traditional wedding selection, like Wagner's "Bridal Chorus" or Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," consider a non-traditional grouping of instruments. Guitars, string ensembles or electronic instruments can offer a different approach.

- To personalize the ceremony, ask friends who can

sing or play musical instruments well to participate. (However, if family and friends aren't musical, paying for the performance is worthwhile.)

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Most photographers offer wedding package plans. Photo studios generally

have different packages at different price points. Each package specifies the number of hours during which the photographer will be at the wedding taking pictures

as well as the size of the wedding album and the number of prints included. The more costly packages may include portrait sittings taken at the studio.

The wedding couple may choose to make up their own package or to work with a photographer who charges a set fee for being at the wedding and then bills each picture separately. As a general rule, a preset package price will be more economical.

The couple should feel a rapport with photographer and know and like the photographer's style. Visit several photo studios before making a decision. Compare what each offers and insist on looking at finished albums at each studio.

Ask for and check references.

Count on signing a contract that spells out what you'll be getting and how much it will cost. Since the negatives remain with the photographer and you will have to

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When might a re-dedication ceremony be especially significant? Some people choose a special anniversary, like the fifth or 25th. Others mark a major event

such as the marriage of a child or birth of a child.

To plan such a ceremony: — First speak to your clergyman. He will help you work out your own service, complete with readings and music, at church. Or arrange for the ceremony to be within a party you'll have.

— Decide what vows to repeat. They could be marriage vows, with an inserted phrase like "renewing their promise in the presence of God," or completely rewritten vows.

— Plan a reception. It can be anything from a dinner

for just family to a large cocktail party. Carryout the theme by including some classic wedding touches such as champagne and a festive cake. Decorate the party area with photos from the wedding.

— Choose your outfits. The actual wedding dress might be worn again. Or shop for a dress with a new, more sophisticated look. A bridal salon can help.

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Being honest with a prospective mate about attitudes toward finances has an impact on whether a marriage succeeds. Although numerous surveys indicate that money disputes are common - they can even lead to divorce - few couples talk in advance about how they want to handle money. By the time the subject comes up, the relationship and/or family finances may already be in trouble.

What to do? Try to resolve pocketbook issues before you get married. "You should determine what your goals are so you can choose the best financial vehicle to

meet those goals," advises Bjorn K. Borgen, president of the Denver-based Founders family of no-load mutual funds.

A good way to get started is to review the past, Borgen suggests. Talk about how your families handled money. Chances are you picked up many of their attitudes. Who controlled the money? How did your parents behave toward one another and you when it came to money matters?

Then, Borgen says move the conversation to your own marriage. Do you want to pool your money or keep it separate? Which one of you will take charge of paying bills? Expect conflicts in your styles, but understand they can be resolved with understanding, compromise and communication.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Probably the best approach

to managing your money is to share in all financial matters from budgeting to investing. Not only is this the most equitable approach, it could be vital should one of you die or become incapacitated.

Decide how income will be shared, establish a household budget and determine how much income will go toward savings and investments. Also, establish a clear idea of what you want to save or invest for in order to choose the best financial vehicle to meet those goals. "If you're a young couple saving for a house and want to buy within a couple of years, invest conservatively to protect your principal," Borgen says. "Money for the long term, such as for a child's college tuition or your retirement, should be invested for growth of capital. Since you won't be needing that money for many years, you can afford to be more aggressive with it and ride out the market fluctuations which inevitably occur."

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While the traditional route is the simple elegance of black lettering on heavy white stock, there are no strict etiquette rules governing the style of the invitations.

In this era of individuality and creative expression, people should feel free to choose wedding invitations that reflect their personalities and the tone of the wedding - whether it be formal, fun, elegant or offbeat.

• The style of the invitation should match the style of the wedding; for example, a formal design of black ink on white or cream paper for a formal ceremony.

• The invitation can coordinate with the bride's color scheme, using colored ink and envelope liners such as teal, purple, pink, silver or blue.

• Invitations can also include excerpts from poems, songs and messages with religious significance.

• If the wedding is on or near a holiday, the invitation

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Clothing should suit individual

How to choose appropriate men's attire

The sartorial role of the bridegroom and his attendants is to complement the attire of the bride and her attendants, says Bill Blass.

The designer of women's couture and of men's suits and sportswear, Blass says it is most important that the men's attire should be appropriate for both the occasion and the women's dresses.

For a simple country wedding, a morning coat would seem exaggerated. For a city wedding, a navy blazer and white flannel pants would be a little too casual.

Choose clothing suited to your build, your age, the time of year and occasion and the circumstances of the wedding, he advises. And don't overdress, even though this may be the biggest day of your life.

To Blass, it is never appropriate for a man to look like the little figure on the top of the wedding cake. Instead, he suggests quiet, classic clothing for men. In winter, a tuxedo; in summer perhaps a white dinner jacket.

"You can't go out and rent a character for the day of the wedding. What is appropriate is what suits you," says Tom Fallon, an associate of Blass. "We see some tragic

Reception seating pointers

The experts at Bride's magazine offer the following tips regarding the tricky task of reception seating:

• When selecting a reception site, couples should ask how many tables are available, where they are positioned, and how many guests can fit at each.

• Buffet-style receptions do not require formal seat assignments, but if the reception features a served meal, a seating chart and place cards help things run smoothly.

• Guests' names should be written on both sides of place cards so those across the table can see and remember them once they've been introduced!

• The bridal party is often seated with the best man at the bride's right, maid of honor at groom's left, then the rest of the party at their sides, alternating men and women.

• Parents, clergy members and other close relatives usually comprise a family table. A modern-day etiquette note: Divorced parents should be seated separately, each hosting their own table.

mistakes when we pass a church and notice a groom in a powder-blue tuxedo with a ruffled shirt. You can see they are mortified because the clothes have nothing to do with their life."

Fashions for grooms and groomsmen don't change much over the years, and that's fine with Blass. On the other hand, not everyone takes quite the classic approach.

According to Ken Hall of After Six, manufacturers of dress clothes for men, grooms are becoming more adventurous in selecting

bridal attire. They are moving away from the traditional clothing of the past 4 years.

"There is a ground swell of interest in more free-wheeling design, such as jackets with much broader shoulders, jackets with nipped-in short waists and elongated, slightly wider lapels on jackets," he says.

Shiny, textured fabrics, especially in medium tones of gray and in black tone-on-tone fabrics, are popular. Gray is more often chosen than it was in the recent past and in some areas of the

country such as the Midwest, midnight blue dress clothes are also "in."

Even in traditional styles, unorthodox fabrics, such as herringbones, are being used for the suits. The fabrics were first found on European brands but now many American manufacturers are offering them, he says.

Other trends include the return of the low-cut, 3-button vest to match the jacket, and the growing popularity of double-breasted jackets.

Fabrics differ little from summer to winter; worsted wool is first choice.

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4 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Engage your minister, rabbi or priest. Discuss customs of his sanctuary. If your wedding is to be held in a hotel or club, make reservations.
- ☐ Start preparing your lists for the ceremony, the reception, announcements. Ask your fiancé to start his.
- ☐ Make your arrangements with the caterer.
- ☐ Make arrangements with musicians, florist, photographer.
- ☐ Order your invitations and announcements. Have envelopes delivered first.
- ☐ Shop for your wedding gown, veil and headpiece.
- ☐ Register in gift and department stores as to china, silver, glassware patterns.

3 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ With the aid of your family and your fiancé, select your attendants, and invite them to serve. Freely discuss with your bridesmaids the approximate cost of their gowns and accessories.

- ☐ Determine the cost of your trousseau. Include linens and clothes. \$_____.
- ☐ Begin the wonderful experience of hunting for your new house or apartment, with your fiancé.
- ☐ Discuss your honeymoon with your fiancé.
- ☐ Begin to plan for your new home.
- ☐ Re-check your invitation lists and ask your fiancé to do the same with his.
- ☐ Help your maid of honour and your bridesmaids select their gowns. By now, your mother and your fiancé's mother should decide on their gowns, bearing in mind that their attire should not only complement each others but yours too.

10 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Begin addressing and stamping your invitations and announcements. These should be hand addressed in dark ink only. Invitations should be mailed four weeks before the wedding.
- ☐ Remind your fiancé to purchase the wedding band. If you're having a double ring ceremony, purchase his.

- ☐ Shop for your going-away outfit.

6 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Have fittings for your wedding gown. Check your accessories. Inquire also about gowns and accessories for your attendants.
- ☐ Purchase luggage.
- ☐ Select gifts for your attendants.
- ☐ Check with your florist about the color scheme both for the ceremony and the reception.
- ☐ Remind your fiancé about his wardrobe requirements.
- ☐ With your musicians, decide on number of people to be hired, types of numbers to be played, the selection of the wedding march, etc.
- ☐ Firm up your sitting with the photographer.
- ☐ Decide on date and other details of the bridesmaids' luncheon, and remind your fiancé about reservations for the bachelor dinner, if any.

3 TO 4 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Send out wedding invitations.
- ☐ Check florist, photographer, and caterer for all final arrangements.
- ☐ Remind your fiancé to order your bridal bouquet, your going-away corsage, corsages for his mother and yours, and all necessary boutonnieres.
- ☐ If you intend to buy a gift for your future husband, now is the time to do it.
- ☐ Check bridal costumes for yourself and attendants, making sure all will be ready a week before the wedding.
- ☐ Another bridal fitting.
- ☐ Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests.
- ☐ As gifts come in, acknowledge them immediately.
- ☐ Order the bridal cake.
- ☐ Finish shopping.

2 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Before you give the caterer the final count, have your mother contact people who have not responded to your invitations.
- ☐ Give caterer the final count.
- ☐ Send notices and glossy photos of yourself to newspapers in your city and in the groom's if he is from out of town. Be sure to include date of your wedding.
- ☐ Check deliveries in your new home.
- ☐ Write thank you notes for gifts received.
- ☐ Have the final fitting of your gown.
- ☐ Make appointment with hairdresser for a day before the wedding.
- ☐ Check and re-check every item.

1 WEEK BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Invite close friends and relatives to see your trousseau and gifts.

- ☐ Review all duties with participants of the wedding party.
- ☐ Entertain your bridesmaids at a luncheon, tea or dinner.
- ☐ Keep writing thank-you notes.
- ☐ Arrange to spend the night before the wedding with your family.
- ☐ Have your portrait taken.

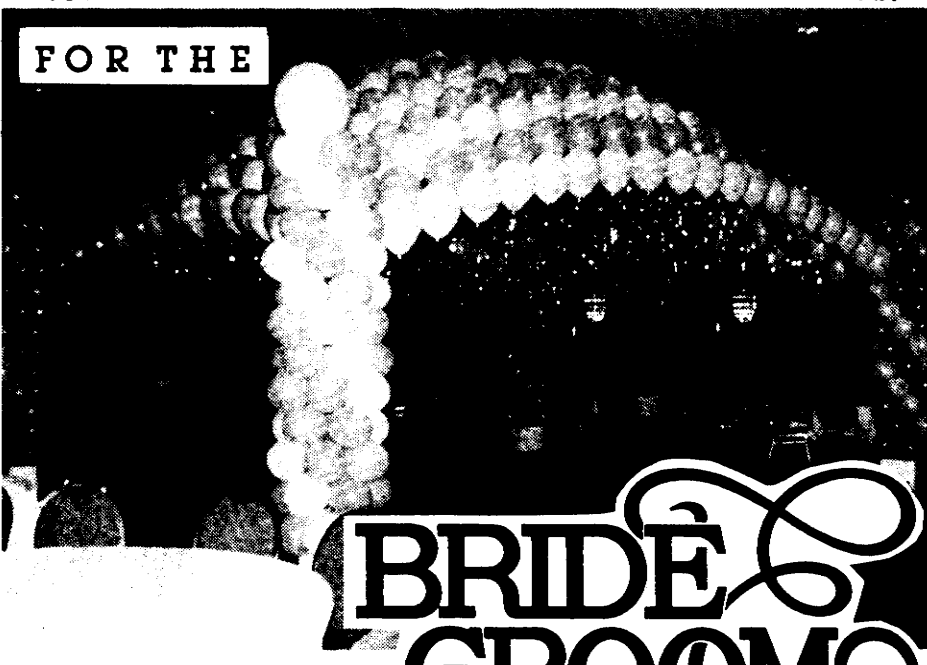
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- ☐ Indulge yourself on the Big Day, even to the extent of having your breakfast in bed!
- ☐ Do everything leisurely, allowing yourself plenty of time for the important details.
- ☐ One hour before the ceremony be completely dressed, except for veil and gloves.
- ☐ Rest and relax for at least a half hour beforehand.
- ☐ Now, go off to Your Man and live happily as One!

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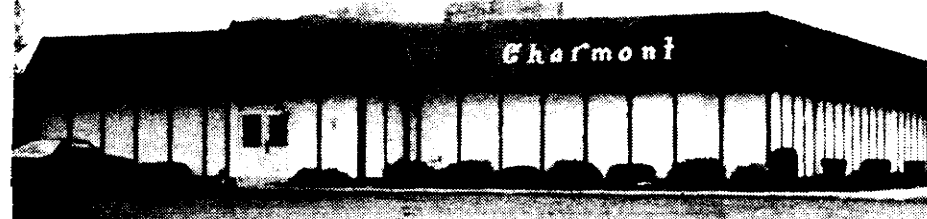
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