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HELPING TO REPAIR the damage done to the Storytime display last week were 15 Cass City High School students, including (left to right) Brent Ruggles, Jodi LaRoche and Stacey Pease. Related picture page 12.

Vandals confessed

Volunteers repair wrecked Cass City Storytime display

Charges will be sought against a pair of Cass City students in connection with damage to the Storytime display at Cass City Recreational Park early last week.

An army of volunteers, including more than a dozen Cass City High School students, meanwhile, have since restored the display.

According to Cass City police, the vandals hit the park at about 5:30 p.m. Dec. 6, tearing apart various papier mache nursery rhyme figures, knocking over backgrounds and breaking off support posts. In all, 10 displays were damaged.

The next day, a high school student approached police with a tip that led to confessions from the suspects.

Police are seeking a warrant charging Jeremy Hel-

ton, 17, of Decker, with malicious destruction of property over \$100. The other suspect, a 15-year-old Cass City resident, will be petitioned into probate court.

According to reports, the youths told authorities they damaged the display "for fun, something to do."

Despite the destruction, area residents will be able to enjoy the lighted nursery rhyme figures, thanks to the efforts of volunteers who were on the scene early Wednesday morning, armed with tools, tape, wire, staples and paint.

The effort was spearheaded by Ken Jensen, who had attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting that morning.

"They said they were going

to pack it away because everything was so damaged. I walked away thinking, it's not going to be that way," he commented. "I felt, it's Christmas time. You can't let that stand."

Jensen, along with his son, Jeff, and grandson, Ken Roehl, were the first on the scene along with Frank Tordai.

Soon, students began to appear. "They just came down. They heard, I guess, we were going to do something," Jensen said.

He added teacher Karen Wallace sent down some students who had some experience with papier mache. Also helping out were a number of Dave Hoard's shop students.

The volunteers included Lisa Burns, Brent Ruggles,

Beth Bashur, Jessica Frederick, Jodi LaRoche, Stacey Pease, Nathan Hurley, Eric Hoard, Brent Morley, Matt Spencer, Matt Anthony, Kristy Messing, Jennifer Vandecar and Wendy Hurley.

"They did a terrific job. I can't say enough about these talented kids," Jensen remarked. "I'm here to tell you these are some great youngsters."

Chamber member Jeri Tordai said support for the project poured in from all areas after people learned of the vandalism.

"We've had a great number of calls—people wanting to help, do whatever they could do," she added. "And the business people have been real supportive."

Ready in spring

Self Serve Lumber details plan for Cass City opening

Self Serve Lumber Company officials have formally announced plans to transform the former Ouvry-Scott Chevrolet dealership building, 6957 E. Cass City Rd., into a complete home center.

Plans call for the business to open in March.

Purchase of the building was finalized last week after 14 months of negotiations. Muladore Real Estate in Saginaw was the selling agent and B.A. Calka Real Estate, Cass City, the listing agent.

The present buildings will be remodeled, according to William A. Schwannecke, president and CEO of Self Serve Lumber. "There's a lot of clean up to do, and we want to put an outside storage building up," he said.

The new store will employ about 5 people, including some part-time positions," Schwannecke said, adding the company plans to hire

locally. Self Serve Lumber Company is based in Saginaw and currently operates 12 home centers in Saginaw, Flint, Bay City, Caro, Bad Axe, Ithaca, St. Louis and Birch Run.

The company has been in business since 1933 and is family owned.

Self Serve's policy is one price to everyone, regardless of the store location, Schwannecke commented. "We try to treat everybody very fair. That's been our policy since day one," he said.

"Our trend, the last few years, has been to move into the smaller community and

offer them the same prices we offer the larger community."

The addition of the new business will fill a void left early this year when Cass City's only lumber yard, Croft-Clara Lumber/Siding World, 6141 Main St., was destroyed by fire.

Baby saved, drivers injured in 2-car crash

Quick action by Reese Police Chief Larry Eaton may have saved the life of a baby following a 2-vehicle collision about 3 miles northeast of Reese Friday morning.

Eaton, the first officer to arrive at the scene of the crash, found 7 1/2-month-old Gary Ordway still

strapped into his protective child-safety seat, which had been thrown from his mother's vehicle and landed upside down in a water-filled ditch.

The boy wasn't breathing, according to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, who reported Eaton began administering CPR and the

child began to breathe.

Deputies said Ordway is the son of Theresa A. Ordway, 21, of Reese, who was driving south on Quanicasee Road at about 9:40 a.m. when she failed to yield at the Gilford Road intersection and was struck by an eastbound car driven by

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Board fails to act on O-G contract offer

Hopes that a tentative agreement would be reached on a new teachers' contract in the Owen-Gage School District Monday night fizzled when the Board of Education failed to act on a proposal drafted by union negotiators.

The union drafted the proposal following a negotiation session Thursday in Cass City, according to Owen-Gage Education Association representative Sandy Parks, who expressed hope that the board would approve the proposed 2-year labor agreement during its monthly meeting Monday.

However, the board took no action after returning from an 80-minute execu-

tive session called to discuss contract negotiations.

The district's 21 teachers have been without a contract since their previous 2-year pact expired June 30, 1992.

Money is the major stumbling block in the talks, although some language issues are also being ironed out, Parks said.

RED INK

In other business, school Supt. Manuel Thies outlined a strategy to put an end to a lunch program deficit that has nagged the district for years.

Thies told the board he's checked with several neighboring districts and found

several common denominators, including closed campuses and not purchasing food from wholesalers, among those whose lunch programs consistently break even.

"I think we made a major mistake with the open campus for the upper grades, and not shopping around for a cheaper source of food, and one person buying food for both cafes," he added.

Thies said he plans to handle food purchases for both the elementary and high schools, and will shop around among area stores for the best bulk buys. And, he added, disposable cups and plates are out — the district has dishes and will begin using those.

The lunch program deficit — the result of several years worth of red ink — currently totals more than \$40,000. The board has previously "forgiven" the debt, but the district's auditors annually urge officials to come up with a better solution.

Thies acknowledged it will take time to fix the problem.

"It's (deficit) not going to disappear in one semester's time, but one way or another, it's going to disappear. We cannot afford to go further and further into debt" because of the lunch program.

CURRICULUM

Turning to other matters, the board approved 3 curriculum changes discussed last month.

High school Principal Joanne Hopper presented the proposals, noting they are the result of much discussion and input from parents, teachers and school

improvement committee members.

The first resolution requires all junior high students to take a reading course. The goal, she said, is to ensure students have achieved success in reading prior to entering high school.

The second resolution changes the guidelines regarding student retention in grades K-8.

Currently, students can fail 5 of 6 classes and still go on to the next grade because the grading isn't based on credits at the elementary and junior high levels, Hopper explained.

Under the motion approved Monday, students who fail 2 academic classes or a total of 3 academic and elective classes will be retained. A teacher or parent may also recommend retention based on criteria other than grades.

The final resolution, which applies to high school graduation requirements, reduces the number of electives from 8 to 7, and requires students to complete one unit (one year) of fine or performing arts, foreign language, vocational arts and/or practical arts, or a combination thereof.

The overall number of credits needed to graduate remains at 21, Hopper pointed out, adding most students already meet the new requirement.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also Monday, the board:

• Heard comments from district resident Joe Salcido, who voiced concern over the Please turn to back page.

Chinese tour Orbital plant

Fifteen representatives of the Peoples Republic of China, representing 8 different corporations, visited the Orbital Fluid Technology plant in Cass City Thursday.

After touring the Orbital plant in Cass City, the group met in the Detroit Edison community meeting room. Greeting the delegation was Kin Schlunki, chief executive officer of Orbital Engine Co. Limited, of Australia.

The group from China was led by Madam Gail, representing the government.

John Niebrzydowski, director of the Orbital plant in Cass City, said that the visit here followed an initial inspection of the parent company in Australia. The following day the Chinese delegation inspected the Orbital plant in Tecumseh, Mich.

Niebrzydowski also reported that the company in Cass City is now producing pre-production fuel injection systems. Pre-production, he explained, is the next step before manufacturing.

It means that we are producing them in substantial quantities, Niebrzydowski says, not just a few prototype samples.

We are producing for 3 companies, he added, but we are not allowed to reveal the names at this time.

Cut in taxes jeopardizes P.A. 116 farm tax break

The effect of Senate Bill 1 on the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act, commonly referred to as P.A. 116, is about as uncertain as how lawmakers, in the end, will replace millage as a funding source for schools.

"We just don't know until the Legislature comes up with a way to fund schools," said Rich Harlow, chief of the DNR's Farmland Preservation Unit.

Harlow made the comment to a packed house during Thumb Ag Day, held last Wednesday at the Colony House, Cass City. An estimated 900 to 1,000 farmers and others attended the annual event along with more than 100 exhibitors.

Harlow's talk was entitled, "The New Look at Farmland Preservation Act - P.A. 116."

He noted Senate Bill 1 eliminated school operating millage from the property tax, in effect slashing 65 percent or more of the tax burden. At the same time, the benefits received by a landowner under P.A. 116 depend on a formula that weighs the property tax assessed against his land.

Under the act, a landowner is entitled to claim a credit on his Michigan Income Tax the amount by which the property taxes on the farmland covered by the agreement exceed 7 percent of his household income.

For example, if a land-

owner has an income of \$20,000 and property taxes against the farm of \$2,000, he would subtract \$1,400 (7 percent of \$20,000) from the \$2,000 property tax for an income tax credit of \$600.

Harlow told the audience there are no provisions to terminate P.A. 116 contracts early because of the Legislature's action.

However, one audience member suggested, and Harlow agreed, there is an advantage to allow P.A. 116 contracts to run their course because under the act, landowners are required to repay the total amount of all tax benefits received during the last 7 years of their agreements.

The re-payment is assessed in the form of a lien payable at the time the land or any portion is sold or if the use of the land is changed.

Until legislators determine how they're going to replace the \$6.8 billion in property tax revenue eliminated over the summer, the future of P.A. 116 will remain a question mark, Harlow repeated.

But he pointed out farmers are still enrolling acres in the program. In fact, he said his office has received 400 applications in 1993, many of them filed in the second half of the year.

BACKGROUND

Much of Harlow's talk focused on general information about P.A. 116, and

answering farmers' questions.

He said the Farmland and Open Space Act was implemented in 1974 for 2 reasons, one of which was to address the disproportionate amount of taxes farmers were paying, in relation to income, compared to urban residents.

"The other reason (was) in order to preserve farmland

in Michigan," he added.

Aside from the income tax credit, the benefits of enrolling land include exemption from special assessment districts for sanitary sewers, water, lights, or non-farm drainage.

Farmers enroll in the program by filing an application with the local governing body. Harlow said land may

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RICH HARLOW, chief of the DNR's Farmland Preservation Unit, answered farmers' questions regarding P.A. 116 during Thumb Ag Day last week.

S.O.A.R. group airs meet

Steelworkers of America Retirees (SOAR) President Grace Nemeth welcomed 21 people to the group's Dec. 7 meeting at the VFW hall in Cass City.

The meeting was opened by the pledge to the flag.

A business meeting was held and there was discussion on a special fund to help the families of the 2 victims of brutal strikebreaking killed Sept. 7 while picketing at the National Standard plant in Columbiana, Ala. A donation was sent to the Cain & Fleming Memorial Fund.

Isabelle Wright was in charge of the program. She read a piece about a mouse and had everyone in stitches.

There was an exchange of gifts and bingo was played. Door prizes went to Eunice Englehart and Charles Ashmore, and the 50-50 winners were Vera King and Norma Hudson.

A potluck meal was served. The next meeting will be Jan. 4.

10-cent dividend at Walbro

The board of directors of Walbro Corporation has declared a fourth quarter dividend of 10 cents per share, payable Jan. 31 to stockholders of record Dec. 31.

The dividend will be paid on approximately 8,550,000 shares outstanding.

David McNaughton has returned home after successful quadruple bypass surgery in Saginaw.

Fifteen members of Mrs. Marion McClorey's family went to her home Sunday, Dec. 5, to help celebrate her 83rd birthday. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Jalal Khoury spent Sunday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. Pati Timmons was a Monday night supper guest.

Cantata set at Lutheran church Sunday

Special worship services are slated for December at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The adult and junior choirs will present a Christmas Cantata entitled, "Were You There," Sunday, Dec. 19, at 9:30 a.m. The cantata features well-known Christmas carols as well as newer Christmas anthems.

The children's Christmas program is set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

A candlelight service will be held Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. and the Christmas Day service is at 9:30 a.m. There will be a New Year's Eve service at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31.

Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

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The Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary held a quilt drawing Dec. 2. Eunice Englehart won the quilt, and Peggy Chard, a teddy bear.

The Ambassador Class of the Baptist Church held their Christmas party Friday night at the home of their instructor, Stan Guinther, with 28 members attending.

Hills and Dales General Hospital

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, DEC. 13, WERE:

Michael Adams, Wallace Czekai, Cass City; Eleanor Lesoski, Joshua Sorenson, Gagetown; Margery Peterson, Deford; William Smith, Elkton.

Tim and Susan Wooster of Flint came Sunday to attend the band concert of her nephew, Jason Damm, and the Christmas program at Salem United Methodist Church, which Jason and his brother, Ethan, participated in.

Marriage licenses

Edward Ernest Marshall, Reese, and Amy Jo Bublitz, Fairgrove.

Justin Jae Boyl and Alischia Ann Warren, both of Kingston.

Allan Matthew Kevitz, Millington, and Janice May Foskett, Clio.

Thomas Michael Wilson and Robin Mary Bressette, both of Birch Run.



Mr. and Mrs. David Burnette

Caren Britt, David Burnette wed Oct. 16

Caren Michelle Britt and David Louis Burnette, both of Cass City, were married Saturday, Oct. 16, at Caro United Methodist Church. Pastor James Tuttle of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Flint officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of William and Judy Britt, Cass City, and the groom is the son of Dave and Theresa Burnette, Cass City.

Nancy Reim of Caro was organist.

The soloists were Brenda Parrish, Cass City, who sang "This is the Day" and "Go There With You," and Becky Rule, Cass City, who sang "Christ in Me, Christ in You." Both are friends of the bride and groom.

Reader was Rachel Rodriguez of Whitehall.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin accented with alencon lace, seed pearls and sequins with a Victorian neckline, long tapered sleeves, and a 2-tier peplum with a candy box bow. The cathedral-length train was accented with cut out lace motifs and schiffle lace trim. Her headpiece held an elbow-length veil accented by silk flowers and seed pearls. It was designed and fashioned by the bride. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses, alstromeria, and purple statice accents.

Catherine Walther, Cass City, sister of the bride, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Christine Boote of Houghton Lake and Cori Britt of Cass City, sisters of the bride, Pamela Nieboer of

Kent, Ohio, and Kathy LaPonsie of Cass City, friends of the bride.

They wore tea-length purple dresses featuring white lace with a peplum gracing the back waist. The flower girl was Alyssa Nicol, Cass City, niece of the groom.

Don Burnette, of Cass City, brother of the groom, was best man.

Groomsmen were Martin Boote of Houghton Lake, brother-in-law of the bride, Jim Nicol, brother-in-law of the groom, and Michael Rule, friend of the groom, both of Cass City, and Richard Duggan of Philadelphia, Pa., friend of the groom.

Ushers were Daniel LaPonsie, Centerline, brother-in-law of the groom, and Aaron LaPonsie, Cass City, friend of the groom.

The junior groomsman was Steven Walther, Cass City, nephew of the bride.

Ring bearer was Zach McIntosh, Davisburg, cousin of the bride.

After the ceremony, a dinner reception and dance were held at the Caro United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The bride is a December graduate of GM Engineering and Management Institute of Flint.

The groom is employed at Walbro Automotive Corporation in Ligonier, Ind., after graduating from GM Engineering & Management Institute in June of 1993.

After a 5-day honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple is residing in Goshen, Ind.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thomas

Enderle, Thomas married in Ohio

Marcy Denise Enderle and Mark Douglas Thomas were wed Oct. 9 in Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg, Ohio. Pastor Robert Wietelmann officiated for the daughter of Pat and Tony Enderle of Owendale and the son of Colleen Thomas of Centerville and Eddie Thomas of Kettering, Ohio.

Music selections included "Cherish the Treasure," "He Who Began a Good Work in You," "Time For Joy," and "The Lord's Prayer," all sung by Jim Hokenson of Maybee, Mich. A special song, "Welcome to the Family," was sung by the bride's family, to the groom.

Julie Warack of Owendale was matron of honor and Cindy Enderle of Philadelphia, Pa., Stacy Enderle of Mt. Pleasant, Tiffany Reinhardt of Grand Rapids, and

Donna Thomas of Plainfield, Vt., were bridesmaids. Kimberly Vargo of Bay City was flower girl.

The bride wore a straight, strapless gown with a detachable cape and train that was designed and created by her sister, Julie Warack. The bridesmaids wore emerald green taffeta, floor-length, strapless gowns with matching button-down jackets.

Best man was Craig Thomas of Kettering, Ohio. Nester Fernandez of Springboro, Ohio, Bill Glazener of Greeley, Colo., Jim Belcher of Centerville, Ohio, and Craig Enderle of Owendale were groomsmen.

A reception was held at the DC Ranch in Perrysburg. After a honeymoon in Key West, Fla., the couple are living in Springboro, Ohio.



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Falk

Mulrath and Falk wed in Mt. Pleasant

Dawn Mulrath and Scott Falk were married Aug. 28, at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant. The 4 p.m. ceremony was conducted by Mike Biddenbender.

Parents of the bride are John Jr. and Lois Mulrath, Cass City, and the groom's parents are Jim and Linda Falk, Alpena.

Maid of honor was Cindy Burdick of Grand Rapids, and groomsmen was Laine Falk of Alpena.

A reception for 150 people was held at the American Legion Hall in Rosebush.

The bride is employed in accounting at Alma Tool and the groom is a buyer at CME. They live in Weidman.

Meg's Peg Christmas quiz by Melva E. Guinther. Includes a small illustration of a peg on a board.

Most readers have heard the biblical Christmas story year after year from the time they were babies. This quiz will test how well you remember some of the pertinent facts.

- 1. Who issued the decree that all the Roman world should be taxed?
2. When was that taxing first instituted?
3. Who informed Mary that she had been chosen to give birth to the Messiah?
4. What relative did Mary visit early in her pregnancy?
5. Who was that relative's spouse?
6. To whom was Mary engaged?
7. Where was Jesus born?
8. To whom did the angel announce the birth?
9. What did the host of angels say?
10. What was the "sign" to the shepherds?
11. To whom did the wise men go, looking for the Messiah?
12. Where did they find Jesus?
13. What was King Herod's reaction when he realized he'd been outwitted by the wise men?
14. Where was the baby, Jesus, taken to escape Herod?
15. Who arrived at the manger first, the shepherds or the wise men?
16. What Old Testament prophet foretold the virgin birth?
17. What were the shepherds doing when they heard the good news?
18. How many wise men were there?
19. What gifts did they take?
20. What was Joseph's first reaction upon learning that Mary was pregnant?
21. What made him change his mind?
22. What was Joseph's father's name?
23. Who said to Mary,

"Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb?
24. Where did Mary and Joseph live before Jesus' birth?
25. Where did they present Jesus to the Lord?"

Answers: 1-Caesar Augustus, 2-When Cyrus was king of Persia, 3-Bethlehem, 4-Elizabeth, 5-Zacharias, 6-Joseph, 7-Bethlehem, 8-Shepherds, 9-Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men of good will, 10-Yeshu, 11-To the manger, 12-King Herod, 13-A house, 14-He was born, 15-The wise men, 16-Egypt, 17-Keeping watch over their flocks, 18-Norah, 19-Gold, frankincense and myrrh, 20-He was minded to put her number given, 21-Cold, 22-Jerusalem, 23-Elizabeth, 24-Nazareth, 25-Jerusalem.

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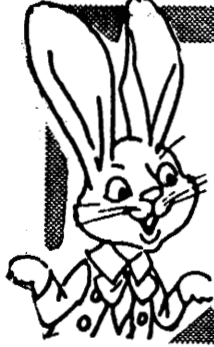
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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

It was the name that drew me into the restaurant in East Lansing. TGIFriday (thank goodness it's Friday). Will the restaurant chain be as good as its name?

Judging by the display of ice cream sundaes that greet you walking in, its specialty is not really breakfast. There was a small buffet available. We tried eggs and sausage. It was good, the price acceptable, about \$6 for 2.

The day we were there the place was full of Cooties (more about that coming). We had a much too long delay, about 20 minutes or so to get our order.

A big plus was the waiter. He did everything possible to relieve the tedium of waiting, explaining that the restaurant didn't know about the Cooties and it delayed everything. Worth returning to? Yes, during the dinner hour to see just what TGIFriday is all about.

Now about the Cooties. It's an organization composed of Veteran of Foreign Wars members who go around to cheer up and help veterans in hospitals or home bound in any way possible.

The group was holding a convention. We were given a card by a member seeking the post of supreme commander, but left it at the table, so what Cooties stands for I can't say, but it seems typical of the delegates that crowded the restaurant. Sincere in effort, but able to laugh at themselves, too.

In the early days the card game, bridge, was called whist. Two "boards" that held the cards were brought into the Chronicle last week by Fred Auten. The boards have been in the family for at least 68 years and probably longer.

As far as I could tell, they are the same as those used today in the Cass City weekly duplicate bridge competition.

You need to have been around for awhile now to remember when former editor Mike Eliasohn was a familiar figure riding his bike around town and countryside.

Things haven't changed much now that he works in St. Joseph. He writes that he logged 1,432.9 miles this year.

That nine-tenths of a mile figure is typical of Mike, who was always accurate to the last detail.

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CELLULARONE'S GENERAL MANAGER Ben Varney presented Susan Woern, volunteer services manager, Department of Social Services, with a \$500 check from CellularONE and food contributed by individuals in the CellularONE sponsored food drive in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. The money and food will be divided among the 3 counties and distributed to families and individuals in need of a little extra assistance during the holiday season.

\$100,000

Gagetown resident big "Cash 5" winner

A 59-year-old man from Gagetown said he "couldn't believe it" when he realized he had just won the \$100,000 "Cash 5" top prize in Friday night's (Dec. 3) drawing.

The winner, who requested anonymity, is a general maintenance employee for General Cable Company in Cass City. He said he realized he was a \$100,000 "Cash 5" winner when he called a Lottery retailer to get the winning numbers. "I'm the happiest man in Gagetown today!" said the winner when he went to Michigan Lottery headquarters in Lansing to claim his prize. "I was dumbfounded - I couldn't believe it. I called my wife and she couldn't believe it either, she was so excited."

The winner said he plans to use his new found winnings to pay bills and buy a new car.

A regular Lottery player

for the past 21 years, he purchased his winning "easy pick" ticket at Kelly's Market in Gagetown.



Just when the board of the Chamber of Commerce was set to give up in despair and forget about trying to spread a little joy during the holiday season, a group headed by the Ken Jensens and students at Cass City High School refused to let it die.

It's reported elsewhere in the paper how the group rolled up their collective sleeves and patched up the Storytime display at the park.

It's especially frustrating for all of us with a stake in the community to see the wanton destruction of the display.

It comes just after we went through a Halloween remarkable for its tranquility and absence of malicious mischief. The warm glow that left went wafing away with last week's vandalism.

There's always the danger of reading more into the most recent episode than it deserves.

The record shows that incidents of vandalism without purpose and with no financial gain aren't isolated, recent phenomena.

When the first set of trees was planted on Main Street, many had to be replaced because they were broken or twisted to the ground.

At the park the Cass City Rotary exercise trail hewed through the woods was decimated before the first year of use was over. It was repaired and ruined again. There is no trail today.

Forty years ago at Halloween a group of farm

implements taken from a dealer here at the time was placed without lights across M-81.

And so it goes.

While it's easy to demonstrate that no era is without its share of thoughtless vandals, if you listen to what's happening the trend towards violence and a lack of respect for authority is increasing.

A report circulating around town by a person with a pipeline to the school is that a student was found with a gun. Knowing the source we feel that it probably is true.

It probably doesn't surprise you, does it, that a gun was found on a student? It shouldn't. It's been repeated time after time in the cities. What happens in the urban areas-the dress styles, the hair styles, the life styles-will spread to the rural areas and small towns like water running towards the sea. Inevitable.

The school has been forced to have 2 adults monitor the halls during athletic events for the first time and school dances have experienced trouble.

It's a manifestation of the lack of respect for all authority that has increased over the years.

Having said that, it is pleasing to note that we have a community relatively safe from violent crimes and one safe to live in with just a modest amount of care. It will take extra vigilance to keep it this way.

"If It Fitz...."

Mother of all ironies

By Jim Fitzgerald



A PURELY PERSONAL MATTER

I most usually say it when the baseball game is on TV or radio and the Detroit Tigers have a runner on third with no one out: "If they don't score that runner, I'm jumping out the window."

But sometimes I use it for football. Just last Sunday, while listening to the Lions game, I said if our quarterback threw one more stupid interception, I was jumping out the window.

And my smarty wife thought it was necessary to remind me that I'd fall only 4 feet instead of 26 stories.

For the past 18 baseball seasons, I've lived on the 26th floor. But now I live on the first floor.

"I haven't forgotten that we moved," I explained. "It's just that I don't care as much about football as baseball."

Ironically, for as long as I've known her, my wife has had this strong feeling about window screens. She claims everybody rational always has screens to keep the bugs and snakes out. But on TV sitcoms and dramas, characters are continually climbing in and out of unscreened windows.

"Look at that, no screens," she always says. "That's not true to life; I'm not going to watch this stupid show."

She rejects my explanation that TV windows are left screenless to speed the plot along. If TV crooks, cops and dim-witted locked-out-or-in husbands had to stop and remove a screen every time they went through a window, viewers would get bored with all the tedious unlatching. Juliet didn't look down on Romeo from a screen porch.

NEEDING A HELPING HAND

The irony is that there were screens on our openable 26th-floor windows, to keep

cagles out, and when the Tigers failed to score a cinch run, my distress, plus my natural mechanical disability, rendered me incapable of mastering the technology required to remove a screen. So I would ask my wife if I ever got enough guts to follow through on my Tigers-induced threat, would she take out the screen for me?

For many years, she said yes, she'd be glad to. But then came Dr. Jack Kevorkian, plus a knuckle-headed state Legislature, and she said no, because it would be assisted suicide and she might go to jail.

"The river is only a few blocks away, so if the Tigers don't score, why don't you walk over and jump in. The walk would do you good," she said.

You might think there's nothing funny about suicide, assisted or otherwise, so I shouldn't joke about it. Right. There's nothing sadder than a person firmly convicted he or she would be better off dead. But sometimes, usually thanks to lawyers, it's impossible not to laugh at the Kevorkian crusade.

For instance, attorney Geoffrey Fieger was angry because jailers searched his cowboy boots for TV producers before allowing him to visit Kevorkian's cell. Fieger claimed Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols "is determined that Dr. Kevorkian die in anonymity."

Sure, there's a real danger of that happening. If, despite the most showboating lawyers and client in the history of farce, Sheriff Nichols manages to obscure Dr. Kevorkian, I have a suggestion: For the good of all humanity, Nichols should be assigned to help a tormented world forget Madonna, Michael Jackson, Joey Buttafuoco and the designated hitter rule.

And how about one of the lawyers on the other side, Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson, who has so intrepidly hounded Kevorkian for helping people do what they badly want to do? You have to chuckle at the Mother of all Ironies, which occurred when Thompson was discussing the chance of Kevorkian starving himself to death in jail.

"Well, that's up to him," Thompson said.

Yes. Like it or not, it's up to each of us. The prosecutor inadvertently stated the best reason the man he locked up shouldn't be locked up.

If I want to go out the window because the Tigers didn't score from third, it's up to me. And if my wife doesn't want to remove the screen for me, she shouldn't have to. She's not a professional screen-remover anyway.

Got a message for Fitz? Call 222-8755 anytime.

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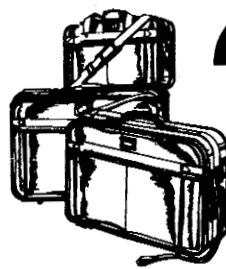
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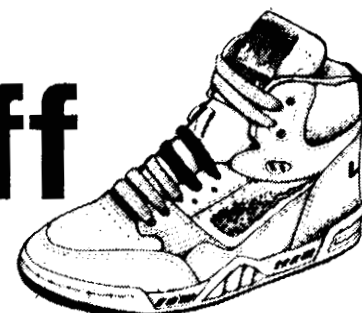


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Area centennial farm

Bell still tolls at Rockefeller's

Yet the bell doth toll, even after 200 years. Visitors to Beverly Bird Rockefeller's Centennial farm on Bay City-Forestville Road, northeast of Cass City, will find that to be an appropriate description of a unique display in the front yard, featuring a bell estimated to be 200 years old.

According to Rockefeller, the senior John Bird bought the family farm land in 1856, homesteading and erecting buildings for his family.

In the late 1800s, she said, her great-grandfather, John Bird, took a team of horses, a wagon, blankets and enough food and supplies to last for a 4- or 5-day trip. He traveled to a foundry in Northville, located in southern Michigan, to purchase the bell.

He camped at night by the roadside along the way, Rockefeller said, noting traveling was pretty rough with just sand roads.

When the Bird School District 2 was built in March 1902, John Bird had the bell mounted on top of the school house, which was located just down and across the road from the family centennial farm, Rockefeller said. She added the county register of deeds office confirmed the date.

Rockefeller's cousin, Iris

Bird McEachern, now deceased, purchased the bell in 1957 at an auction when the school was disbanded.

For many years the bell was mounted in cement beside a building behind her home. Before her death, she had asked Rockefeller if she'd like to have the bell to keep it in the family and on the family farm.

"Since I'm living on the old

homestead, this summer I had it mounted to proudly display it in honor of my family heritage," Rockefeller commented.

She said several people have asked to take pictures and ring the bell.

"Every day when I go to the mailbox or to pick up my newspaper, I ring it, so the bell still tolls."

Local student's design earns honorable mention

A balloon design created by Scott Sheppard, a third grader at Campbell Elementary School, was chosen for honorable mention in the 1993 Michigan Thanksgiving Float and Balloon Design Contest.

Scott, 9, is the son of Richard and Sandy Sheppard, Cass City.

the 1993 Detroit Thanksgiving Parade.

Scott's balloon design, titled "Rumpelstiltskin," was among 40 state-wide that were given honorable mention.

Cass City third grade art students participated in the contest this year. Mrs. Judy Hoelzle is the elementary art teacher.



Scott Sheppard

This year's contest was made possible by the Skillman Foundation, a private grant-making foundation that awarded a Culture and Arts grant to the parade company specifically for this program.

From 7,000 entries, judges selected 2 first place winners whose ideas were built as a float and a balloon for



BEVERLY BIRD Rockefeller stands next to the estimated 200-year-old bell displayed in the front yard of her Bay City-Forestville Road home. The bell honors the area resident's family heritage.

Your neighbor says

Brady bill step in right direction

Is the Brady bill that demands a 5-day waiting period and a background investigation a good law? Your neighbor Gene Otulakowski thinks it is.

In fact, he said, it's a step in the right direction, but it doesn't go far enough.

There should be an even longer period so that the investigation can be more thorough, he feels. It's still way too easy to get a hand gun in this country in comparison to other countries, Otulakowski believes.

We have no need for a gun that shoots 10 or more shots without reloading, he adds.

While he is in favor of gun control, he doesn't favor making owners buy a license. That's just a revenue, political thing, he explained.

Otulakowski moved back to Cass City in 1974 from the Detroit area. He retired from the UniRoyal plant in 1980 and since that time has worked part-time for smaller manufacturing plants.

He and his wife, Veda, have 7 children, 2 sons and 5 daughters none of whom are still at home.



Hicks, Parrott to join honors band

A pair of Cass City High School juniors have been named to represent their school in the 1994 Tri-County Honors Band.

They are Brian Hicks, a percussionist, and Lindi Parrott, who plays the flute.

Tuscola and Sanilac counties. The group's purpose is to give outstanding young musicians an opportunity to participate in a more challenging experience than they usually receive in their home schools.

Students are selected by a committee of directors from taped auditions.

This year's concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Crosswell-Lexington High School. The guest conductor will be Gary Lewis from the University of Michigan.

Being chosen for the honors band is quite an achievement and honor, said Mindy Nash, Cass City band director.

She explained the Tri-County Honors Band consists of the top high school band students in Huron,

Safety

Area health departments offer child car seat rentals

The Associated Health Departments of Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties recently received 20 child care seats from the Office of Highway Safety Planning, Department of State Police. Since Huron and Tuscola Counties had already received some seats from the Sebawaing Sparkettes and the Caro Jaycettes, each county health department will now be able to offer a child car safety seat rental program.

Motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death to children over 6 months of age in the U.S. They are also the number one cause of crippling injuries sustained by children. In the Tri-County area, traffic accident reports indicate that there were 173 children injured as passengers in motor vehicle crashes in 1991. The National Safety Council estimates that the correct use of child restraints reduces the likelihood of fatal injury for children under age one by 69%, and is 67% effective in reducing the need for hospitalization. Of the 624 children under age 5 who were killed in the U.S. in 1990, 70% were unrestrained.

Michigan law requires that all children under 16 must be properly restrained regardless where they are seated in the car. A child under one year of age, must be in a child car seat in either the front or rear seat. A child between

one year and 4 years of age must be restrained in a child car seat in the front seat, and in a child car seat or safety belt in the rear seat. A child between 4 years of age and 16 must be in a safety belt

whether in the front or rear seat of the vehicle. Youth over 16 must be in a safety belt in the front seat of a vehicle.

These rental programs are designed to ensure that no

child in our area should have to be without a proper safety seat. A seat, either infant or toddler, may be rented for \$1.00 per month plus a \$6.00 deposit. The deposit will be refunded at the time that the seat is returned to the Health Department in good condition. The rental agreement requires the rental fee of \$1.00 per month to be paid for at least 6 months at a time. The rental may be extended for an additional 6 months or more intervals. If the rental is originally for an infant seat, the seat may be traded in for a toddler seat at any time that the child outgrows the infant seat.

For further information, call the Tuscola County Health Department at 673-8114.



DISPLAYING THE CHILD car restraints that can be rented are Nancy Mill, RN, who works with the maternal/infant support group, and Betty Colling, who works with the board of health.

Law ensures state funding will follow mental health patients

Governor Engler has signed into law a bill that ensures state funding will follow mental health patients transferred to another county, announced Senator Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City).

Sponsored by Gougeon, Senate Bill 659, now Public Act 253-1993, goes into effect immediately.

"State funding will now follow the patient like it should," Gougeon said. "It is only fair that counties accepting patients from around the state should receive full payment promptly. I'm glad to see the government bureaucratic red tape is cleared up."

P.A. 253 allows the transfer of funding from one county to another. The bill specifically addresses the needs of the 2,500 to 3,000 people placed in counties other than their home county for specific mental health service needs.

"The law will resolve the

payment problem for more than 19 mental health facilities in Arenac, Bay, Midland and Tuscola counties," Gougeon said.

Prior to this legislation, counties receiving transfers had to bill the original county for 10 percent of the cost of the mental health services. In most cases, the receiving county had to pay this bill because of lack of payment from the originating county. When a patient transfer is made now, the Department of Mental Health will transfer 100 percent of the cost of the patient services when agreed upon by both county programs, resulting in timely payment from the state.

"It's an excellent bill that addresses a problem that has been created over the past 10-15 years," said Paul Tarr, legislative liaison for the Department of Mental Health.

Cpl. Sweeney promoted

Marine Cpl. Matthew E. Sweeney, son of Clare F. and Jake E. Sweeney of Ubyly, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Combat Service Support Detachment 21, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. The 1991 graduate of Ubyly High School joined the Marine Corps in August 1991.

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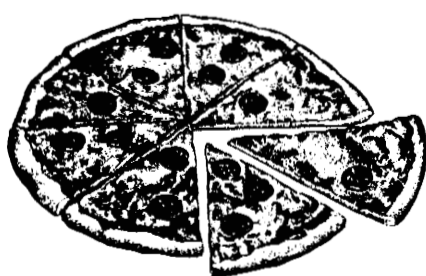


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Budget Hearing will be held on December 21, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. for all interested citizens of the Village of Cass City. The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 1994.

PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1994

REVENUES	
General Fund	841,300
Major Street Fund	109,100
Local Street Fund	208,600
Appropriation from Ind. Park Fund	00
Sewer Fund	346,550
Water Fund	120,300
Appropriation from Gen. Fund Balance	108,200
Total Revenues	1,734,050

EXPENDITURES	
General Fund	865,950
Major Street Fund	109,100
Local Street Fund	208,600
Industrial Park Fund	67,050
Sewer Fund	346,550
Water Fund	136,800
Total Expenditures	1,734,050

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 6737 Church Street, Cass City, Michigan for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Municipal Building, 6737 Church Street, Cass City, Michigan from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the government office before the meeting.

Joyce A. LaRoche
Village Clerk

Bulldogs edge visiting Caseville, lose at Au Gres in season opener



ALL SMILES IS Owen-Gage's 1993 Snowball queen Sarah Davidson (far left), who accepts congratulations from members of the court, along with last year's queen Tanya Muntz (far right), during half time of Friday's cage contest with Caseville.

Coach Brian Wright's Owen-Gage charges started their North Central Thumb League campaign on a positive note Friday, edging visiting Caseville, 53-47. The victory trailed a season opening loss to northern foe Au Gres Tuesday, when the Bulldogs were no match for the Wolverines, of the North Star League, losing 88-40.

Owen-Gage (1-1) will try to enter the Christmas break at 2-0 in conference play Friday when they travel to Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

Sophomore Austin Brinkman turned in a solid performance in his first outing on his home floor in a varsity uniform, and led the winners with 15 tallies.

Brinkman and teammate Mike Tkacz combined for the Bulldogs' first 13 points and gave the hosts a 3 point margin heading into the 2nd stanza.

That's when the hosts tightened their defense and used a 16-7 run to gain their biggest lead of the night at

29-17. Phil Fahrner paced the spurt with 5 markers but more importantly, established himself on the glass, which enabled the Bulldogs to get 5 players involved in the offense. Fahrner ended the night with 9 points and a team high 11 rebounds.

The Eagles' offense got untracked after the break and stole 4 points from the 'Dogs' advantage during the initial frame of the 2nd half as Ryan Lackie and Kevin Gettel started to heat up from the perimeter.

The pair continued their antics in the game's final period, but couldn't offset a balanced attack by the hosts, who lost 2 starters on fouls during the frame.

Gettel led all scorers with 16 points, while teammate Lackie tossed in a baker's dozen in vain. Eagle Tyler Williams chipped in 10 points.

Besides Brinkman, the winners had Tkacz in double

digits with 14 points that included back-to-back treys in the first half.

OWEN-GAGE - Brinkman 6-0 (3-7) 15; Susalla 1-0 (0-0) 2; Radabaugh 2-1 (1-3) 8; Fahrner 4-0 (1-3) 9; Tkacz 4-0 (0-0) 14; Damm 2-0 (1-2) 5.

TOTALS - 19-3 (6-16) 53.

CASEVILLE - Williams 3-1 (1-2) 10; Lackie 3-2 (1-4) 13; Powell 3-0 (0-0) 6; Gettel 5-0 (6-8) 16; Jensen 1-0 (0-1) 2.

TOTALS - 15-3 (8-15) 47.

AU GRES

The Wolverines scored all the points they would need in the first half Tuesday and claimed an 88-40 victory in the season opener for both

schools. Au Gres scored 28 first period points, added 27 more in the 2nd period and coasted to the lopsided win.

Tom Fox scored 11 of his 13 markers in the first period, while teammate Ken McFarlane scored 9 of his 13 tallies in the frame to lead the winners in the early going.

Mike Kennealy totaled 9 of his team high 15 points in the 2nd period to help give the Wolverines a 55-18 lead at the intermission.

Neither Kennealy or Fox would see the court during the final frame, which the hosts entered leading 68-30.

What little offensive the Bulldogs displayed was provided by Austin Brinkman, who scored in each period in his varsity debut and fin-

ished the lone Bulldog in double digits, with 11.

The winners sank 5 treys on the night, but more consequential were their 27 steals on the evening.

OWEN-GAGE - Brinkman 4-0 (3-5) 11; Susalla 2-0 (2-4) 6; Radabaugh 4-0 (0-1) 8; Fahrner 2-0 (0-0) 4; Tkacz 2-0 (0-0) 4; Damm 3-0 (1-2) 7.

TOTALS - 17-0 (6-12) 40.

AU GRES - Kennedy 4-0 (7-8) 15; Brad Kauffman 3-0 (0-0) 6; Spies 1-1 (0-0) 5; Dittenbir 1-1 (0-0) 5; Dewald 3-0 (0-0) 6; Nate Kauffman 1-0 (4-4) 6; Jones 1-1 (0-0) 5; Fox 2-0 (2-2) 6; McFarlane 4-1 (2-2) 13; McKinley 1-0 (3-3) 5; Marquette 1-0 (1-2) 3; Fox 5-1 (0-0) 13.

TOTALS - 27-5 (19-21) 88.



SURPRISE! CASEVILLE'S Ryan Lackie looks startled by a pass from teammate Jeremy Jensen during Friday's NCTL outing. Defending the play is Bulldog Mark Damm. Owen-Gage won its home opener, 53-47.

Cut out the fat Healthy menus for the holidays

'Tis the season for ... over-indulgence? This year, you can avoid stuffing yourself and your family with extra fat and calories without sacrificing the flavor and appetite-pleasing qualities of the holiday foods you love. With some slight modifications, you can enjoy holiday food and not have to resolve

to lose the extra weight by January.

If, after reviewing this guide, you find that you have a special holiday recipe that cannot be modified, go ahead and enjoy it! Save on fat and calories by taking a smaller portion, cutting back on other foods or using up calories by going for long walks.

HORS D'OEUVRES AND APPETIZERS

* For dips, use low-fat or nonfat yogurt, buttermilk, blended cottage cheese and/or part-skim ricotta cheese instead of regular sour cream or mayonnaise.

* Serve low-fat dips with raw fruits or vegetables in place of chips.

* Make a low-fat cream cheese substitute. Line a strainer with cheesecloth. Drain low-fat yogurt in the strainer in the refrigerator. Season with herbs, spices, chives, etc.

SOUPS, GRAVIES AND SAUCES

* Substitute evaporated skim milk for whole milk or cream in chowders and cream soups.

* Chill soups, gravies and stews and skim off hardened fat before reheating.

* To thicken sauces and gravies without adding fat, mix cornstarch or flour with a small amount of cold liquid. Slowly stir this mixture into the liquid you want to thicken and bring it back to a boil.

MAIN DISHES

* Cut back or eliminate the added fat in casseroles and main dishes.

* Use a non-stick pan or cooking spray to brown meat or saute onions and garlic.

* Substitute lower fat cuts of meat, such as beef round, sirloin, chuck or loin; pork tenderloin, leg (fresh) or

shoulder (arm or picnic).

* In bean and meat casseroles, increase the beans and decrease the meat.

* Limit a serving of lean meat to 3 to 4 ounces (about the size of a deck of playing cards).

* Use lower fat cheeses, such as part-skim ricotta or mozzarella or low-fat process cheeses.

* Baste meat with broth, tomato juice, wine or fruit juice rather than fatty drippings.

VEGETABLES AND SALAD

* Season vegetables with lemon juice or herbs and spices rather than with sauces, butter or margarine.

* Make your own salad dressing and decrease the oil. Try 1/3 oil to 2/3 vinegar. Try herb-flavored vinegars.

BREADS AND GRAINS

* Make rice and pasta without added oil, margarine or butter.

* When baking, you can reduce the fat in most recipes by 1/4 to 1/3. This works best in quick breads, muffins and cookies. For example, if a recipe calls for 6 tablespoons of margarine, you can safely reduce it to 4.

* Some yeast bread recipes, such as French bread and English muffins, can be made without any fat.

DESSERTS

* Make pudding with skim milk instead of whole milk.

* Instead of using whipped topping, whip evaporated skim milk.

* Try hot or cold fruit compotes. Cook fruits and/or berries in a little water. Flavor them with cinnamon and cook until tender, but still a little crisp. The fruit will taste sweeter if eaten warm.

* For each ounce of baking chocolate called for in a recipe, use 3 tablespoons cocoa and a scant tablespoon of vegetable oil.

BE CAREFUL

If you cut too much fat from some recipes, you will have a disaster. The minimum amount of fat for certain baked goods is:

* Muffins, biscuits and quick breads - 1 to 2 tablespoons of fat per cup of flour.

* Cakes and soft drop cookies - 2 tablespoons of fat per cup of flour.

* Pie crust - 4 tablespoons of margarine per cup of flour.

If you lower the fat too much in rolled cookies, you may end up with a dough that is difficult to roll out. Switch to soft drop cookies if you want to cut back on fat.

For more information on healthful eating, contact Barbara Neuman, extension home economist, at MSU Extension - Huron County, 104 County Building, Bad Axe, Mich. 48413.

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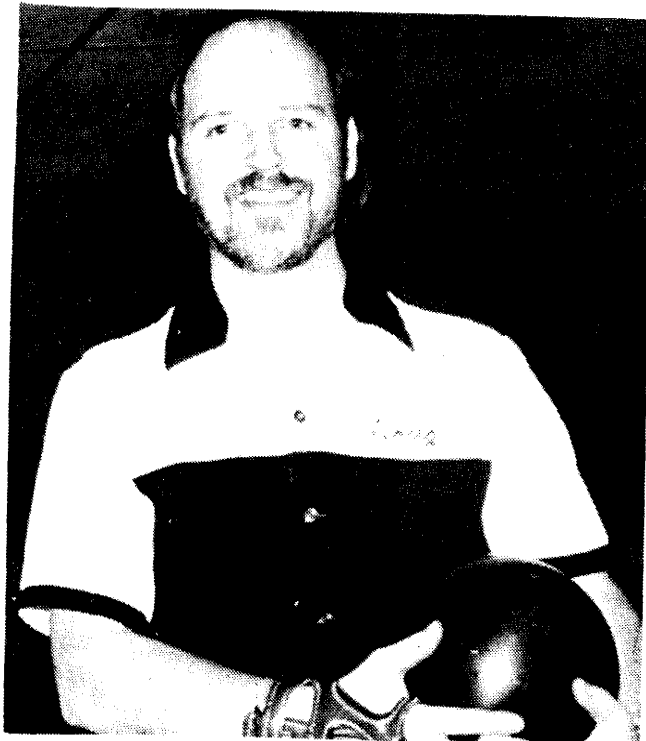
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KEVIN STORM scored his first points as a member of the Cass City Red Hawk varsity in the first half against Memphis Tuesday.

Hawks meet Memphis test, Sandusky next in new gym

The Cass City Red Hawks staged a last half rally to open the season on a bright note Tuesday with a 59-50 victory over a stubborn Memphis Yellowjacket team on the Hawks' home floor.

The visitors forged in front early and never trailed in the first half. Using a full court press that created 2 quick turnovers and a pair of baskets, the Yellowjackets went in front 9-4 at the 3:49 mark in the first period.

After that the teams traded baskets until the half and Cass City trailed 28-23 at the intermission. Paul Ulfig sat out the second period with 2 fouls.

He came back at the start of the second half and led a rally that netted 6 unanswered points, and Cass City led for the first time in the game, 29-28.

Memphis refused to fold under the pressure and the score was tied at 35-all with 2:15 left in the third quarter.

Although Cass City never trailed the rest of the way, the Yellowjackets were in the game until the final minute and a half.

With 1:52 left, the Hawk lead was 3 points, 51-48. The score remained that way until just under a minute was left and Memphis was forced to foul.

The Cass City shooting percentage from the foul circle that had been dismal to that point, averaging only 50 percent, came to life. Mike Sherman converted 5 of 6, Paul Murphy, 2 of 2, and Scott Iwankovitch, one of 2. The crunch time shooting salted away the victory.

The Hawks' front court paced the team to the win. Ulfig led all scorers with 23 points and added 9 boards. Two juniors playing their first varsity game turned in sparkling performances. Jason Morgan picked off 12 boards and scored 10 points. Scott Iwankovitch had 8 rebounds and a blocked shot.

Memphis was paced by Brad Gudme with 10 points, 9 assists and he also played a strong defensive game. Jason Turner netted 17 points.

Cass City shot 46 percent from the field and Memphis, 30 percent. However, the Yellowjackets hit 4 of 18 from 3-point range and Cass City was 0 for 5.

AT SANDUSKY

The Hawks play at Sandusky Friday, in the Redskins' spanking new gym, and Tuesday will play the final home game before the holidays against Harbor Beach. Both games count in

the Blue Bay League race. The Tuesday game was unusual in that there was no Friday game played last week. Among the spectators at the game was Laker coach, Bill McLellan. The Lakers and the Hawks are predicted to be fighting for

the title.

JV WINS

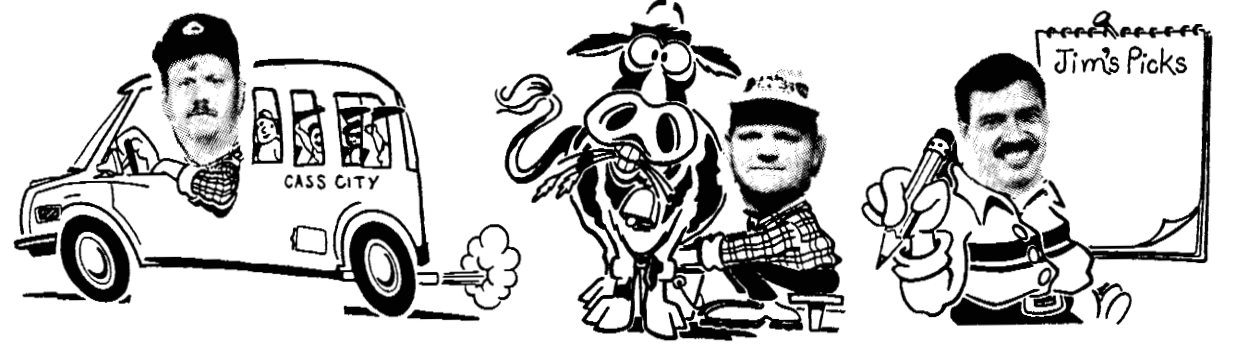
The varsity wasn't the only team that was forced to come from behind against Memphis. Trailing at the half, the JV forged in front in

the third period and went on

to win easily, 66-51.

CASS CITY - Sherman 1-0 (6-10) 8; Storm 2-0 (2-2) 6; Phillips 2-0 (0-0) 4; Murphy 1-0 (3-4) 5; Morgan 5-0 (0-0) 10; Ulfig 10-0 (3-6) 23; Iwankovitch 1-0 (1-3) 3. **TOTALS** - 22-0 (15-25) 59.

MEMPHIS - Jeffery 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gudme 2-1 (3-3) 10; Facione 1-0 (1-2) 3; Puckett 2-1 (0-0) 5; Jakubiak 2-0 (1-2) 5; Sniesak 2-0 (2-2) 6; Turner 5-2 (1-2) 17. **TOTALS** - 15-4 (8-11) 50.



3 upstarts challenge paper's pros in hoop prediction derby

Ah, those amateurs. They will have the gall, the effrontery, to feel that they can challenge 3 professionals in picking the winners from among the hoop teams in the Thumb.

Of course, they are young, and feel the world is their oyster. Little do they know

that the only pearls available will go to the professionals who really know a thing or 2 about the teams.

Gary Robinson says he intends to milk more winners out this winter than any worn out hacks. Doug Hyatt points out that he will steer a steady course on his way to

the top. He's sure that he will have a bus load of winners. Jim Hillaker is ready with a carbide-tipped pencil ready to point out the weekly winners.

Among the 3 upstarts, Hyatt, at least, should know better. After all, didn't he get soundly trounced this fall by editor Tom

Montgomery during the football season? Of course he did.

Sure, he did manage to luck out over one of the Haires, but then anyone can have an off year.

Now it's on to the round ball and believe it, we are ready. Let the carnage begin.

Six Swift Sports Seers

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Choir sings at Trinity UMW meeting

The Trinity United Methodist Women met for a potluck buffet Dec. 6.

The Jordan College Choir, under the direction of Jan Moore, presented a program of Christmas music.

Verna Dobbs installed the officers for 1994.

Helen Baker led the remembrance service for Virginia Hartwick, Bertha Shagena and Helen McGrath.

The 1994 bazaar will be held Nov. 12.

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Apley-Swanson defeated Baker-Bliss 21-1.

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Morgan-Dillon scored 17 this week.

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Cass City musicians shine

Twenty-two Cass City Middle School students participated in the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association District III Solo and Ensemble Festival, held Dec. 4 at North Branch Ruth Fox Middle School.

Participating students from all area schools were judged on their performance of musical events ranging

from solos to duets and trios. Among the Cass City musicians, 12 received a first division rating, indicating a superior performance.

They are Leah Shagene and Becky Lowe (flute, clarinet duet); Becky Lowe (clarinet solo); Leah Shagene (flute solo); Becky Lowe and Jonathan Fobear (clarinet duet); Andrea Rea and Leah Shagene (flute duet); Adam Wiles (tuba solo); Brenda Duquesnay (flute solo); Amanda Morrish (flute solo); Mandy Chappel (French horn solo); Amanda Board and Nicolette Zawilinski (cornet duet); Stacey Ceranski and Laura Truemmer (flute, clarinet duet), and Jessica Apel and Ryan Downing (alto saxophone duet).

Receiving a second division rating, indicating an

excellent performance, were:

Luke Frederick (euphonium solo); Brenda Duquesnay and Sarah Ponder (flute duet); Sarah Ponder (flute solo); Stacey Ceranski (flute solo); Jonathan Fobear (clarinet solo); Tom Fulcher (French horn solo); Tom Fulcher and Mandy Chappel (French horn duet); Jessica Apel (saxophone solo); Amber Rienstra (trumpet solo); Amanda Board (cornet solo); Amanda Osborn (snare drum solo), and Becky Oesch, Kara Gaymer and Shannon Morden (clarinet trio).

In addition, Shannon Morden received a third division rating, indicating a good performance, for her bass clarinet solo.

Letters to the editor

Storytime vandals don't know, care

Mr. Editor,

I was so mad when I read about the destruction in the park. The fairy tale characters were the results of a dream Lloyd Vyse had. Lloyd and Carl Schell and committee put so much work into making (from

scratch) those characters.

It was not an overnight project, it took years because we kept adding and repairing characters. Lloyd would get the biggest smile when he saw the expression on a child's face. He would say, "Look at their eyes."

The people that destroyed the display don't know or don't care what's involved in making papier mache.

Why did you do it - when you are caught, you can remake them. Put your energy into constructing something instead of tearing it apart. If anyone reading this has information about this, please contact the authorities.

Credit goes to local volunteers

This past week a shadow was cast over our town with the damaging of the Storybook Display. But due to some very special people, we will be able to enjoy it this year after all.

The following individuals helped with hard work and special efforts: Ken Jensen, Frank Tordai, Dave Hoard and his shop class, Karen Wallace and her art class. Several other persons phoned in to contribute in any way they could.

Others who helped were Dick Teno, Jim Bolton and their volunteer workers who set up the Saturday before.

It's people like these and all the other caring citizens of Cass City that will help to keep our city from being spoiled like so many others.

Sincerely,
Cass City Chamber of Commerce
John Maharg
Jeri Tordai

Thanks for 12 years of good service

Dear Sir,

I am sending \$10.00 for a greeting in the Chronicle. If it costs more, please send a bill.

You all have a merry Xmas & happy new year and thank you for the good service I have had in the past 12 years.

Happy holidays to all my friends in Cass City. Sure miss you all.

Bob Bookey
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE:
There is no charge for letters. Check was destroyed.

Retirees celebrate

Christmas

Twenty-one Cass City Retired Persons attended the annual Christmas party Dec. 9 in the meeting room of Hills and Dales Hospital. The table was decorated with poinsettias and tinsel.

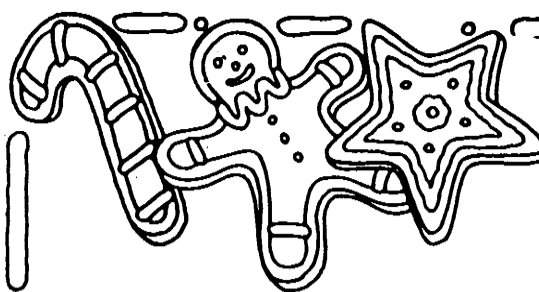
President Edna Simcox opened the meeting with the group singing "Jingle Bells" and reciting the pledge to the flag.

The secretary and treasurer gave reports. The group voted to give a donation to the Hospice Program.

Yvonne Burleson read "God's Christmas" and "My House is Clean for Christmas." Lillian Hanby read "Ten Commandments for Christmas."

After lunch there was a gift exchange. Deloris Fleming played Santa Claus. The group sang Christmas carols and told of some of the Christmas times of childhood they remember.

Christmas cards were signed for shut-ins. At the January meeting, New Year's resolutions will be shared.



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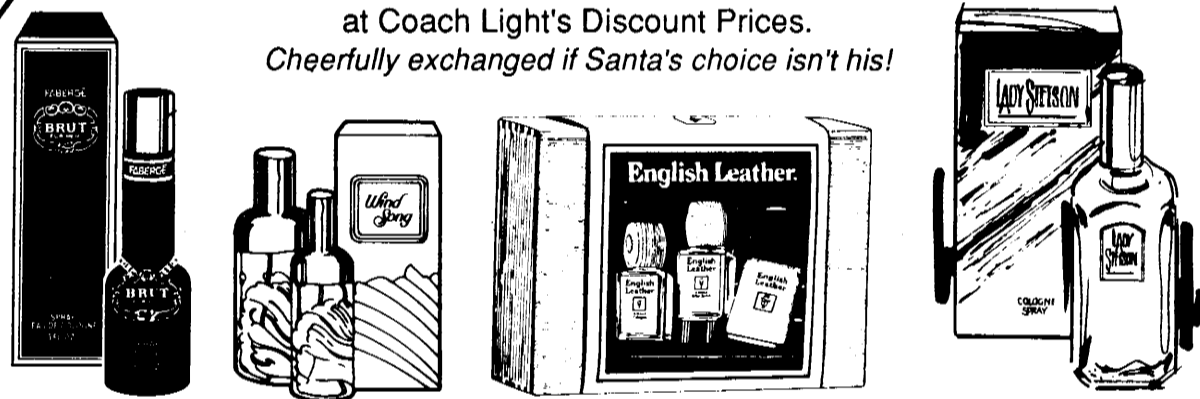
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Thanks for listening.
A committee member,
Shirley Karr



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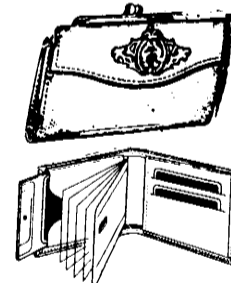
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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Cass City won't be considered for a second traffic light at the intersection of Doerr Road and Main Street, after the State Department of Transportation took a second survey recently and felt it wasn't needed.

Jeremy Stieler was the grand prize winner in a contest held by Hardee's. Stieler, of Marlette, won a 21-inch color TV for his guess that 2950 "Big Deluxe Burgers" would be served during the restaurant's grand opening. His guess was only 4 shy of the actual number of burgers served by the fast food chain.

The Cass City Red Hawks posted an easy win over the Bad Axe Hatchets Tuesday, 77-66. Paul Tuckey was high scorer with 27 points.

Former Cass City High School teacher, Harold Oatley, 79, of Allen Park, died Dec. 10 in Dearborn. He is survived by his wife, the former Marion Milligan, 3 sons and one daughter.

Animated papier mache beasts of all kinds are part of the "Kenya Wild Animal Circus", created by Cass City residents Lloyd Vyse and Carl Schell. The display is set up in front of Vyse's

home on Main Street, and is expected to again draw hundreds of visitors.

10 YEARS AGO

The employees of the Owendale-Gagetown School District will receive a paycheck this Christmas for the first time in about 6 years.

This is the third year Mrs. Hazel Seeley of Cass City has made outfits for dolls for the Salvation Army in Lansing, which will give the clothes and dolls to needy youngsters. Mrs. Seeley received a trophy last year from the Salvation Army for second place for the prettiest baby doll outfit.

Rodney Romain of Cub Scout Pack 594 of Cass City sold 75 buckets of popcorn, which was the most of any of 314 Cubs in the Thumb District. It won him and his father, Derek, a trip to Sunday's Lions' game at the Silverdome.

Reva Silver was honored Thursday on her retirement from Hills and Dales General Hospital, where she has been executive housekeeper for 23 years.

25 YEARS AGO

Keith McConkey of Cass City became the fifth person in the village to earn Scouting's highest award, the Silver Beaver Medal, awarded for his 40 years of volunteer service to scouting. McConkey joins C.R. Hunt, H.M. Bulen, Ray Fleener and Edward Baker, the only previous winners of the award in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frank left Friday and are on a week's trip to the Bahamas. Their 3 children are staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McClorey.

Maynard McConkey, 56, is the new Elkland Township supervisor, replacing Ed Golding Sr., who officially resigned Friday evening.

For the first time since Caro built its new high school, Cass City will host a district basketball tournament. Athletic Director Bob Stickle

announced that a 6-team Class C tournament will be held at the high school in March.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City Village Council has authorized \$7,500 for hiring a planning expert.

Cass City lost one of its prominent businessmen early Monday when Otto Prieskorn, 58, died in St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw, following a heart attack.

The Cass City Community Choir's annual Christmas concert is scheduled Dec. 18, under the direction of John Sommers.

Low bidders determined Tuesday afternoon for Cass City Community Hospital swelled the cost of the facility to \$75,000 over original estimates and left the hospital fund \$20,000 short of the amount needed to open. Total cost of building the hospital will be \$826,757.85.

Rinerd Knoblet took a load of livestock for local 4-H members to the show in Detroit and was there from Tuesday until Thursday of last week.

Willerton completes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit John E. Willerton, son of Jesse E. and Ruth A. Willerton of Snover, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

The 1993 graduate of Deckerville High School joined the Navy in October 1992.

3 plead, 1 withdraws plea in circuit court

Three people entered pleas and a fourth withdrew his plea last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

*Curtis R. Harju, 21, Cass City, entered a plea of guilty to probation violation — use of marijuana Nov. 4.

The plea was accepted by the court, which ordered the defendant to serve 60 days in the county jail. Work release privileges were approved and probation was reinstated.

*Michael T. Tewksbury, 21, Vassar, pleaded innocent during his arraignment

on a charge of larceny in a building. He is accused of stealing a purse Nov. 1 in Columbia Township, court records state.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case. Bond was continued at \$10,000.

*Randall E. Burgett, 35, Reese, was scheduled for sentencing, but instead withdrew his plea of no contest to a charge of second degree criminal sexual conduct Jan. 31 in Fremont Township, and requested to go to trial.

The request was considered and granted. Bond was continued at \$15,000.

*Jeffery M. Pomeroy, 24, Cass City, pleaded guilty to probation violation — failing to report to his supervising agent.

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

Seniors invited to see movies

Rawson Memorial Library will be showing movies for Senior Citizens Friday, Dec. 17, at 1:30 p.m. The movies are:

"Upper Mississippi - Mark Twain's River": The granddaddy of them all, the Mississippi begins as a stream in the backwoods of Minnesota and gains strength as it passes through America's breadbasket: Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, to St. Louis, Mo. This series, narrated by Jason Robards, will rejuvenate your pride in the multicultural environment that is North America. (55 min.)

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Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

2 recently charged in district court

The following people were recently arraigned on felony charges in Tuscola County District Court:

*Ryan N. Sholes, 17, Caro, faces a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile Nov. 27 in Vassar.

Bond in the case was set at \$5,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday.

*Raymond E. Staten, 54, Millington, was arraigned on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving with a suspended or revoked license, and operating a motor vehicle without a valid registration plate. Court records state the offenses allegedly took place Nov. 29 in Fremont Township.

Bond was set at \$200. A preliminary exam was scheduled for Friday morning.

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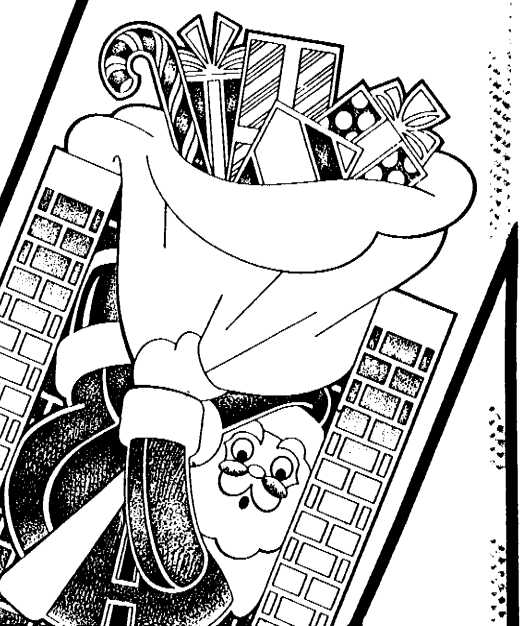
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KIDS COUNT project

'93 study: Michigan children are at risk

Findings from the 1993 KIDS COUNT in Michigan Data Book released Tuesday show that - - with the single exception of access to health care - - the situation of Michigan's children continues to deteriorate in other basic need areas as they progress from infancy to adulthood.

"Far too many of our children are not successfully reaching the important milestones in life which are critical to their development and to the well-being of the families they will - - in turn - - establish," said Frank T. Judge Jr., co-chair of the KIDS COUNT in Michigan advisory board and retired director of civic affairs, Ford Motor Company.

The KIDS COUNT in Michigan Data Book is the second annual profile of the economic, health and educational status of the children in Michigan.

Among the critical determinants of child well-being identified by the project is the degree of economic insecurity being experienced by half a million of the state's children. According to KIDS COUNT in Michigan, only 18 states report a higher rate of child poverty than Michigan. The project's findings show that nearly one in 5 children in Michigan grow up in poverty - - a rate 38 percent higher than a decade ago, with substantial growth - - mirroring Wayne County's - - in the poverty rate of young children in the state's 49 rural counties.

The KIDS COUNT findings also show that more than one child in 4 lives in a single-parent household and that these families are losing economic ground. The greatest decline in family income is occurring in single-parent families headed by fathers, according to the 1993 data book. Although the incomes of single-parent female-headed families are much lower than those of male-headed families, their average income as a percent of the income of 2-parent families slipped from 37 percent in 1980 to 31 percent in 1990; the average income of father-only families fell from 70 percent to 57 per-

cent of the income of 2-parent families.

Judge noted that, "a more complete picture of the status of the state's children - - beyond the key area of their economic security - - can be gained by comparing their experience to that of the other 5 Great Lakes states. On 10 key well-being indicators, Michigan ranks 5th or 6th among the 6 states, with the single exception of the share of all babies which are born to teenagers. In this area, Michigan has a respectable ranking of 3rd among our neighboring states."

In other areas indicating the well-being of Michigan's children in their teenage years, the report finds:

- The rate of violent deaths of young persons between 15 and 19 from homicides, suicides and accidents declined radically between 1986 and 1991, primarily due to a reduction in deaths from accidents;

- The rate of births to teenage mothers without a high school diploma has risen by 25 percent in the past 11 years, and

- More than 35,000 of the state's youngsters between 16 and 19 are not in school and not in the labor force.

"The adolescent years are becoming particularly perilous for children as the experimental behaviors of youth become more and more risky," Judge noted. "The KIDS COUNT findings indicate that an alarming number of the state's teenagers are engaging in behaviors which compromise their health and jeopardize their chances of making a successful transition to adulthood and the formulation of a new family."

The KIDS COUNT data also reflect several areas of improvement in Michigan, most notably in those areas which are affected by access to health care. The state has experienced a decline in the state's infant mortality and child death rates and an increase in the rate of teens receiving adequate prenatal care.

Judge said the major challenge to the public and private sectors raised by the

new report will be to create effective ways to guide more of Michigan's youngsters through the critical stages of their development which lead to successful adulthood.

"Economic development which produces jobs will have to accompany this effort, as will public attention to mass transportation needs," he noted.

"Ultimately, all children should have the opportunity to realize their full potential and to make their unique contribution to our society," Judge stated.

KIDS COUNT in Michigan is a collaborative project of the Michigan League for Human Services, Michigan's Children and Michigan State University. The project is funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, based in Greenwich, Conn., and the Detroit-based Skillman Foundation.



ARMED WITH TOOLS, tape, staples, wire and paint, volunteers rebuilt the Storytime papier mache figures and backgrounds at the park. Above, Ken Roehl and other students repair the Humpty Dumpty display.

In January

Free eye exams available

During January, uninsured, low income workers and their families who cannot afford eye care can look for help from a free eye exam program now in its fourth consecutive year in Michigan.

The program, called VISION USA, is part of a nationwide charitable effort undertaken by the American and Michigan Optometric Association.

Those wishing to apply for the program may do so in

one of 2 ways.

Telephone counselors will screen individuals for eligibility weekdays, Jan. 3-31, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. (CST). The toll-free telephone number to call is 1-800-766-4466. Individuals may also write for an application from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 6341. Applications must be returned by Jan. 25.

Those who meet the requirements for the program will be assigned to an available VISION USA optometrist in their community and notified by mail which doctor's office to call for an appointment. Comprehensive eye exams will be provided in March, coinciding with Save Your Vision Week/Month.

To qualify for a free eye exam, applicants must meet the following criteria. They must have a job or live in a household where at least one person is working full or part-time, not be covered by a health insurance plan (people covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private health insurance are not eligible even if their plans don't cover vision care), not have an eye exam during the past 12 months, have income falling below an established level based on household size and be unable to afford care. Eligibility thresholds may vary by state.

Nearly 8,000 American Optometric Association optometrists have participated in VISION USA during each of the first 3 years of the nationwide program and more than 115,000 children

and adults have received free eye care.

In Michigan last year, 390 association members donated free eye care to 966

persons.

Nine out of 10 people who received free eye examinations through the 1993 VISION USA program had eye health or vision problems.

An Update on the 1992 Indicators of Child and Family Well-Being

County	Children Receiving Food Stamps					Unemployment		
	1992		1991		Percent Change	1992		Percent Change
	Number	Rate (Percent)	Number	Rate (Percent)		Rate (Percent)	Rate (Percent)	
Michigan	519,347	21.2%	520,547	21.2%	0.0%	7.5%	8.8%	17.3%
Huron	1,697	18.1	1,697	18.1	0.0	9.9	11.5	16.2
Sanilac	2,085	18.5	2,093	18.5	0.2	10.5	11.9	13.3
Tuscola	2,784	17.6	2,696	17.0	-3.4	10.3	11.2	8.7

County	Children in Out-of-Home Care					Child Abuse/Neglect Victims				
	1990-1991		1991-1992		Percent Change	1991		1992		
	Number	Rate (Per 1,000)	Number	Rate (Per 1,000)		Number	Rate (Per 1,000)	Number	Rate (Per 1,000)	
Michigan	15,745	6.4	15,702	6.4	0.0%	26,366	10.7	25,931	10.5	-1.4%
Sanilac	23	2.0	17	1.5	-25.0	81	7.2	73	6.5	-10.2
Tuscola	82	5.2	94	5.9	13.5	142	9.0	99	6.3	-30.5
Huron	43	4.6	44	4.7	2.2	112	11.9	86	9.2	-22.9

County	High School Dropouts					Educational Expenditures Per Pupil			
	1990-1991		1991-1992		Percent Change	1989-1990		1991-1992	
	Number	Rate (Percent)	Number	Rate (Percent)		Range of Spending	Rate (Per 1,000)	Range of Spending	Rate (Per 1,000)
Michigan	24,718	6.0%	19,868	4.9%	-18.3%	2,651-8,539	2,815-9,040	2,695-5,914	3,059-6,731
Huron	31	1.6	7	0.4	-75.0	3,092-3,295	3,332-3,600	2,975-3,847	3,236-4,020
Sanilac	57	2.4	39	1.6	-33.3				
Tuscola	129	3.5	128	3.5	0.0				

County	Juvenile Arrests					Teen Violent Deaths				
	1991		1992		Percent Change	1988-1988		1991		
	Number	Rate (Per 1,000)	Number	Rate (Per 1,000)		Number	Rate (Per 100,000)	Number	Rate (Per 100,000)	
Huron	184	43.8	224	53.3	21.7	3.3	140.2	3	59.8	-57.3
Sanilac	111	21.7	179	34.9	60.8	4.3	150.9	6	97.7	-35.3
Tuscola	149	20.0	109	14.6	-27.0	3.7	81.7	5	54.7	-33.0

Obituaries

Rebecca Finley

Rebecca Susan Finley was born Tuesday, Dec. 7, in Lapeer Regional Hospital and died the same day.

She is survived by her parents, Greg and Lisa Finley; her grandparents, Cathy and Bill Martin of Kingston, Garfield Teddy of Falmouth, and Linda Peever of Kingston; her aunts and uncles, Tim (Janice) Finley, Pat Martin, Erin Martin, and Donald Peever, all of Kingston.

Rebecca's funeral service was held in the Kranz Funeral Home Chapel Friday, Dec. 9, and was officiated by the Rev. Dwight Shelton of the Good News Assembly of God Church of Marlette.

Burial was in East Dayton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Argyle.

He is survived by 2 sons, Jerome "Jerry" of Argyle, and Don (Marcel) of Ubyly; 2 daughters, Janice (Alvin) Pudelko of Sandusky, and Marjorie Cameron of Ocala, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 3 step-daughters, Marion Weatherhead, Phoenix, Ariz., Bonnie (Howard) Hill, Cass City, and Karen (Robert "Buck") Behr, Saginaw; one stepson, James (Deb) Kritzman, Lexington; 13 step-grandchildren; 7 step-great-grandchildren, and one brother, Francis (Emma) Vatter, Argyle.

He was preceded in death by one son, Harold Vatter, in February of this year.

Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Argyle, with Msgr. Francis Murray, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in St. Ignatius Cemetery, Freiburg.

Robert Vatter

Robert L. Vatter, 88, of Argyle, died Sunday, Dec. 12, in Mercy Hospital in Port Huron, after a short illness.

He was born April 5, 1905, in Argyle, the son of Ambrose and Josephine (Deachin) Vatter.

He married Margaret Rumpitz in 1927 in St. John's Catholic Church, Ubyly. She died in January, 1940. He married Zelda Kritzman in January, 1954. She died May 22, 1969.

Mr. Vatter was a graduate of Argyle Country School. He farmed all his life in Argyle Township, retiring in 1964. He was a lifelong

Zinger-Smigelski Funeral Home in Ubyly handled arrangements.

Cookbooks on holiday lists

Cooking seems to be enjoying a resurgence and this year cookbooks are on lots of people's holiday gift lists. Experts suggest buying a cookbook that lays out flat and is made of good quality paper that won't soak up spilled ingredients.



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Novesta voters will face road millage question

Novesta Township voters will be asked to approve a special millage request to fund road improvements. The measure was approved during a Dec. 6 monthly Township Board meeting. The request, to be placed on the statewide ballot in August, will be 2.5 mills for 5 years, according to township Clerk Kathy Newell. If approved, she said, the funding would be used "strictly for road work."

A mill in the township raises about \$15,000. Officials have tried to get a road millage passed in previous years, but without success.

A number of township roads are in desperate need of repair, according to Supervisor Maynard Stine, who last month commented officials haven't been able to make much progress with only general fund dollars available.

In other business last week, the board decided to make no changes in cemetery lot rates, but voted to increase the fee charged for opening and closing graves.

Township officials recently conducted a study on the cost of cemetery lots. Newell said the study was sparked by requests from former area residents asking to purchase graves at the local rate. She explained residents pay \$75 per lot, while non-residents are charged \$500.

Non-residents, including former residents, will continue to be charged \$500 per lot, Newell said.

In a related matter, the board approved a motion to increase the charge for opening and closing graves from \$200 to \$275.



VISITING THEIR HOMEMADE rain forest in Nesa Orth's classroom are Cass City Middle School students (standing, left to right) Emily Giddings, Gordy Wills, Michele Scott, Missy Barnes, Sara Spencer, (seated, left) Eber Hollinshead, Jason Ruppert, Bridgett Vandemark and Jeremy Partaka. Missing is Chris Dubay.

Cass City pupils create rain forest

Cass City Middle School students interested in visiting the Amazon area of South America need travel only as far as Nesa Orth's classroom.

There, students in grades 4 through 8 have created their own rain forest, complete with imitation native vegetation and wildlife.

The project is part of the students' studies of South America through a book entitled, "The Great Kapok Tree - A Tale of the Amazon Forest," by Lynne Cherry.

Aside from the rain forest, students have re-enacted the book in a 16-minute narrated video.

Orth explained the South America unit is one of several covered during the school year. The goal is to enable students to experience each of the world's continents through study and special projects.

The students will need to bundle up for their next "trip." Their destination? Antarctica.

Novesta church plans Christmas program

The adult choir and drama members of the Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will present a dramatic musical entitled, "He is Born Child Divine," Sunday during the 11 a.m. worship service.

The program seeks to depict what may have been some of the responses and reactions of Mary and Joseph and others at the time of Christ's birth. The conclusion is the same. The virgin gives birth to a son, who was to be called Immanuel, which means "God with us."

The public is invited to celebrate this wondrous message in song.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347

Elaine Lansing of Denver, Colo., who spent 10 days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer, and other relatives and friends left Saturday to return to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Corbishley, Charles and Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow of Bad Axe were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Reva Silver was a Saturday afternoon guest of Beverly Rockefeller.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz came to Sterling

Heights Wednesday and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung and family and came home Thursday after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Cindy in Anaheim, Calif. Saturday, Nov. 27, they attended the wedding of Donna Duke and John Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson, at the Church of Reflections at Knotts Berry Farm at Buena Park, Calif., at 4 o'clock. A reception followed at Angels and Vinci's Restaurant in Fullerton. Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson went to Las Vegas for a honeymoon trip.

They will reside at 129 N. Pritchard Ave. #5, Fullerton, Calif. 92633.

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

Larry and Arnold Glaza were Saturday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Glaza.

Justin and Matt Miller spent the weekend with Jack Miller at Byron.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were among a group of 18 who attended the Bad Axe Free Methodist annual Keen Christmas supper and party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Dumau at Pinnebog Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday in Ann Arbor.

Hall in Bad Axe.

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

Mrs. Virgil Champagne was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Jeri Rich of West Branch spent a few days last week with Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer took Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer and Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer to Charmont for lunch in honor of Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer's birthday.

Stanley Grifka was a Thursday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

GREENLEAF EXTENSION

Twelve members and 2 guests of the Greenleaf Extension group met at the home of Nancy Braun Thursday.

After a short business meeting, the group surprised Nancy with a pink and blue shower. A decorated ice cream cake centered the table when the potluck lunch was served. After the lunch, Christmas gifts were exchanged and Christmas songs were sung.

The next meeting will be at Charmont in January with Jean Clarke as hostess.

Mrs. Kevin Robinson was a Wednesday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Robinson in Cass City.

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

Mrs. Ken Osentoski and Mrs. Alex Cleland visited Phyllis Pelton at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe. Mrs. Pelton came home Wednesday.

Phyllis Pickler of Marlette and Jeri Rich of West Branch were Thursday lunch guests of Reva Silver.

Julie Tyrrell was a Saturday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Franzel and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer spent Wednesday in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were Wednesday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mrs. Kevin Robinson and Chris were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin O'Connor and sons at Minden City and Mrs. Ray Michalski.

Mrs. Fritz VanErp and Mrs. Martin Sweeney attended the wedding of Ann Holdwick and James Messing at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church at 2 o'clock Saturday. A reception followed at the K of C

Ladies Aid meets for annual potluck dinner

The Ladies Aid of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church met Dec. 6 for its annual Christmas potluck dinner.

During the meeting following the dinner, it was decided to plan a luncheon for January or February. Ruth Balzer asked for volunteers to help before and during the Lutheran Women's Missionary League conven-

tion in July 1994. A skit entitled, "It's Jesus' Birthday" was put on by Tina Hoard, Helen Avery, Jackie Guinther and Donna Schuette.

Gifts for secret friends were passed out and a cookie exchange was held.

Hostesses for the evening were Ada Hutchinson and Tina Hoard.

NOTICE

The Regular December meeting of the Cass City Planning Commission will be held December 20, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6737 Church Street, Cass City, Michigan.

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2 area residents due refunds, IRS officials announce

Leslie D. Brink, Cass City, and Kareem A. Cannon, Kingston, are among a group of Michigan taxpayers the Internal Revenue Service is trying to locate who are due refunds from their 1992 federal income tax returns.

John Hummel, IRS district director for Michigan, said 1,554 refund checks worth \$645,056 were returned by the Postal Service as undeliverable. The refund checks range in amounts from \$1.00 to \$13,111 and average \$415, Hummel said.

Internal Revenue Service

believes most of these taxpayers moved or changed their names during the year, and failed to notify the Postal Service or IRS.

When a refund is returned by the Postal Service, the IRS attempts to locate the taxpayer by follow-up mail, "but there are always some who cannot be found," Hummel said. Nevertheless, most taxpayers, about 3.5 million in Michigan, have received their refunds, he said.

If you are due a refund from your 1992 federal tax return and have not yet received it, contact IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Baby saved, drivers hurt in 2-car crash

Stephanie L. Baker, 29, of Cass City.

The impact of the crash sent both vehicles into a deep ditch, according to reports.

Mrs. Ordway was transported by FlightCare Helicopter and her son by ambulance to St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, where both remain listed in critical condition. Baker was also taken to St. Mary's by ambulance. A hospital spokesman said she was discharged Sunday.

Police were assisted at the scene by Vassar Area Ambulance Service, Fairgrove Ambulance and Reese-Blumfield Fire Rescue.

Higher prices

Prices for high quality wheat used in bread are being driven higher by the poor quality of spring wheat production. But don't expect much impact on bread prices, since the cost of wheat represents only a few pennies of the price tag for a loaf of bread.

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We all know a low-fat diet is important to good health. That means dietary fat should be kept at 20%-30% of your total calories. If you reduce your fat intake, you will also be reducing your calories. Fat has more than twice the calories by weight than carbohydrates or proteins. Here are some tips to help you reduce the fat in your diet:

- Select lean cuts of meat and trim off the excess fat. Broil, roast or bake meat, don't fry.
- Reduce "visible" fat such as the amount of butter, shortening or peanut butter added to foods.
- Cut down on consumption of gravies, sauces, and creamed foods. These are generally high in fat.
- Use low-fat or skim milk instead of whole milk. You'll still get the calcium you need.
- Try the new low-fat or fat-free yogurts, sour creams and cheeses.
- Limit consumption of egg yolks to 4 per week.

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Calendar of Events

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

Friday, December 17

Senior citizen movies at Rawson Memorial Library, 1:30 p.m. Movies this week are "Upper Mississippi - Mark Twain's River" and "Huntress".

Saturday, December 18

Santa Claus comes to Gagetown at 1:00 p.m. at the Gazebo. In case of rain he will be at the fire hall.

Sunday, December 19

Christmas cantata, 9:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Christmas cantata, 11:00 a.m. at Novesta Church of Christ.

"A Change of Heart" musical drama, 7 p.m. at Deford Community Church.

Monday, December 20

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Deford Elementary School.

Tuesday, December 21

Rescheduled Cass City Council meeting 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

Wednesday, December 22

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners John Haire and Bill Dupuis.

Tax cut jeopardizes P.A. 116 farm tax break

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be placed into a P.A. 116 agreement for a term ranging from 10 to 90 years, and each agreement may be extended.

Eligibility is based on the size of the farm; a farm must be 40 or more acres in size; 5 to 40 acres with a gross annual income of \$200 per cleared and tillable acres; or a designated specialty farm with a gross annual income of \$2 million or more. At least 51 percent of the land must be under active cultivation or fenced pasture.

Harlow said there are currently more than 50,000 P.A. 116 agreements representing 4.5 million acres, or about 44 percent of the agricultural land in Michigan. The percentage is higher in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties, where about 70 percent of the agricultural land has been enrolled in the program, he noted.

WITHDRAWN EARLY

According to Harlow, there are 5 circumstances in which land may be withdrawn early from P.A. 116.

They are: death of the agreement holder, disability of the agreement holder, economic nonviability of the operation, change in surrounding conditions that would prevent farming, and a change in use of the farmland.

In the first 2 cases, the agreement holder would be required to pay back the

previous 7 years worth of credits received, or a prorated amount if 7 years haven't elapsed, Harlow said, adding in the remaining 3 cases, the farmer would have to pay back all credits received with interest at 6 percent per annum compounded.

Harlow said P.A. 116 agreements may be split, provided state requirements are met. He pointed out this may be done only once during an agreement period and prior to the final year.

Audience members also

asked about the role buildings play on P.A. 116 land.

Harlow explained farm buildings such as barns and sheds are covered, as are rental homes provided the person occupying the home is employed on the farm. All other buildings should be excluded, or in the very least, the agreement holder should not accept credits related to those portions of the property, he said.

Harlow urged farmers with questions about the program to contact his office at 517-373-3328.

New books at the library

THE LOVERS by Morris West (fiction). We meet Bryan de Courcy Cavanaugh in a 40-year flashback, as a young Aussie ex-Navy man and recent law school graduate taking a year's working vacation before diving into law practice. Cavanaugh impresses Lou Molloy, captain of the Salamandra d'Oro, in his interview to join the crew of this pleasure-cruising vessel. Molloy, from Boston, is crude in comparison with the company he keeps - especially the powerful family of his betrothed principessa, Giulia Farnese - but his mastery of international finance and his enterprising ideas to generate money make him very attractive to his future in-laws. Cavanaugh at first admires the captain's power but soon comes to despise his manipulations and deceptions, especially after learning that Molloy is involved in some heavy-duty political issues involving the CIA and Vatican City. Cavanaugh's only abatement is the beautiful Giulia. When Molloy assigns him to protect his betrothed - while he concentrates on his political affairs and the critical health of his long-time male companion - Cavanaugh takes the principessa as his lover, knowing that it is he whom she loves. In present day Manhattan, Cavanaugh receives a request for his legal services from none other than Giulia, which forces him to "walk into a void, the dark backward of 40 lost years" and in the process to learn even more about his past.

PRONTO by Elmore Leonard (fiction). Harry Arno, Miami Beach senior-citizen bookie, is at the center of the careening action: the feds have set up a sting to make it look like Harry is skimming profits from his mobster boss (he really is skimming, but that's another story); the mobster wants to hit Harry, but the doofuses he gives the job to can't handle it; Harry, for his part, escapes to Rapallo, Italy, where he wants to retire because he has this thing about Pound. Then there's U.S. Marshall Raylan Givens, the Shane of South Beach, who chases Harry to Italy, falls in love with his girlfriend, and insists on believing that the world is a well-ordered place.

At Owen-Gage

Contract talks fizzle

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board's decision to cut off the school's financial support of junior high level sports.

The decision, prompted by financial woes and uncertainty surrounding school funding reform, has led to volunteer coaches for the lower grade level teams.

Salcido urged the board to reduce the salaries paid to varsity and junior varsity coaches in order to provide some funding for all coaching positions.

Board members indicated, however, that those salaries are tied into the teachers' contract, and it's unlikely that will change, at least this year.

•Learned Thies plans to begin legal proceedings to evict the renter of a district-owned house in Gagetown.

•Approved a policy in which individuals or organizations wishing to give scholarships to an Owen-Gage student must give the money to the school, which will then write a check to the student.

Thies noted such scholarships are presented to students during a special school assembly, and that there have been a couple of problems regarding students not receiving their awards.

•Adopted a resolution establishing the district as a Drug Free School Zone.

The action, approved under a state law enacted in 1988, provides for double

the usual penalty for drug offenders caught engaging in drug-related activity within 500 feet of school property.

•Hired Sheila Pollick and Jim Brinkman as the girls' junior varsity volleyball coach and boys' junior varsity basketball coach, respectively.

Some farmers in violation of law, says extension agent

Some farmers in our area are in violation of federal law. Many are not aware that the age of their employees and jobs they are expected to do can put the farmer in violation of The Hazardous Occupations Order for Youth Employment.

If a farmer is allowing/requiring a youth under 16 to perform any of the tasks that have been identified as hazardous, he is in violation of the federal order and can be fined or jailed. Perhaps of even greater concern are the consequences if that youth is injured. Since the farmer is in violation of federal law, his liability insurance will not cover any possible legal claims brought against the farmer as a result of the injury. If the farmer has Workers' Compensation Insurance, Michigan's law requires that the youth be paid double the compensation that is due for that injury. The insurance company will then come back against the

farmer to recover the extra cost that is incurred.

According to the Hazardous Occupations Order, a part of the Fair Labor Standards Act, youth under 16 may not perform tasks labeled as hazardous by the US Department of Labor, unless they are working for their own parents. This act covers not only employees, but anyone "helping out" on

the farm. The restrictions include (but are not limited to) operating tractors over 20 hp; any activity associated with the operation of harvesting machinery, processing or handling equipment; working on ladders over 20 feet in the air; or working in a yard, pen or stall with a bull, boar, stud horse, sow with suckling pigs or a cow with a new

born calf. Both the farmer who employs youth and youth should know what jobs are "off-limits". For a complete listing of what is considered dangerous for youth, ask for AEIS Bulletin #572 at your County Extension Office or call the Huron County Health Department, 1-800-833-8550, and ask for Geraldine R. Smith or Sandra Koglin.

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Cass City's Students of the Week are being recognized for their gracious volunteer efforts in repairing and setting up the Storytime display. They are front row, from left: Nathan Hurley, Jessica Frederick, Kristy

Messing, Jennifer Vandecar and Lisa Burns. Back row: Stacey Pease, Beth Bashur, Ken Roehl, Brent Morley and Brent Ruggles.

The Student of the Week is selected by the Cass City Student Council.

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