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Host of prizes for first baby

Again this year, the first baby born in the New Year in the area serviced by the paper will receive a host of prizes from generous Cass City merchants.

There will be \$10 gift certificates from Kritzmans', Inc., Cass City ServiStar Hardware and Erla's Food Center.

The Cass City office of the Thumb National Bank and Trust Company and the Chemical Bank Bay Area will each start the lucky first arrival with a \$10 savings account.

IGA Foodliner in Cass City will give \$10 worth of baby food or other merchandise. Cass City Floral will have a gift arrangement ready for the new arrival and the mother. Decorated cakes will be available from Sutter's Bakery and Sommers' Bakery so that the family can celebrate in style.

Old Wood Drug offers \$10 in merchandise from the baby department or for a prescription and a free jar of Benson Bottom Paint. Coach Light Pharmacy will keep the baby healthy with \$10 towards any prescription. The family will see a picture of their new arrival in one of the issues of The Chronicle that will come from a free year's subscrip-

Bid accepted

A low bus bid from Hoekstra Truck Equipment Co. of Troy was accepted by the Cass City School Board for a new diesel bus. The cost after a trade-in of a used bus was \$34,187. The new bus has a Thomas body, the first in the Cass City fleet. Five bids were received

from various vendors.



INSTALLING AND repairing phone equipment has been Dick Hendrick's full-time job for the past 36 years, but his full-time love has been the Cass Theatre, where he'll be spending a lot more time following his retirement from GTE.

Hendrick "retires" to first love; operating theatre

Repairing and installing phone equipment has been Dick Hendrick's full-time job for more than 36 years. It's been an interesting and satisfying career, but the Cass City man's full-time love has always been the theatre business. Nearly anyone who has ever visited Hendrick's Cass Theatre would agree he takes a great deal of pride in offering a quality, affordable evening of entertainment.

Don't expect that to change. Hendrick plans to devote his full energies to the Cass following his recent retirement from GTE.

Although he's looking forward to retirement, Hen- recalled how the change drick has fond memories of his work as a phone service technician, and he credits the job with enabling him to keep the theatre going since purchasing the business 31 years ago.

"The years have flown by and I've loved every minute on of the day, as well as of it," he said. "I'm really going to miss the people.' Over the years, Hendrick

has seen sweeping changes in telephone technology. When he started in the

business in 1957, phone service in the area was predominantly what was known Hendrick recalled. "They as common battery.

"This was when people just lifted the receiver and got an operator. You didn't even have a dial on your phone you just picked up the receiver and the operator came converted from step (meon," he explained.

had a farmers' line. They all

had crank phones east of M- installed in outlying areas. 53," Hendrick continued. The system was privately owned by the farmers, but depended on phone company service.

"Everything was iron wire But there are more changes then. The farmers took turns coming, according to Henkeeping the lines going, keeping the lines up," he added. "It's a wonder it ever worked."

DIAL PHONES

The area went to dial phones in the 1960s, and Cass City residents were among the first to receive the "new" technology.

Hendrick chuckled as he wasn't welcomed by many people, particularly in many small towns.

"People liked the operator. They felt the personal touch was gone," he said, adding operators took messages and served up all the goings assisting customers.

"They knew more than the newspaper did. They knew everything that was going

"When we went to dial, the major (push) was to get everyone on private lines,' cut from 10-party lines to 8party lines when we went to dial. Then we went to 4party lines.'

In the years that followed, the GTE center in Cass City chanical) equipment to "Out in the country, they computers, and substations utilizing fiber optics were

"Now, everything here is digital. In fact, Cass City has one of the most up-todate offices around," he

drick, who predicted cables will be replaced by signals beamed to satellites within the next decade. "It's going to be just a matter of putting an antenna or a tiny dish on the house," he said.

THEATRE

Turning to the future, Hendrick is looking forward to many more good years of running the Cass Theatre.

He started out in the business at the age of 14, when he showed films in area towns and ran free, outdoor movies, courtesy of local merchants, at the corner of M-81 and M-53. He later

Please turn to page 5.

Village boosts wages 3% for employees

The Cass City Village Council adopted a 1994 budget totalling some \$1.73 million following a brief public hearing last week.

No public comment was offered during the hearing. The spending plan includes 3 percent wage increases for the village's 15 full-time employees, all of whom are at the maximum pay level based on at least 5 years of

The 3-percent hike will cost the village an additional \$15,215.

The new budget, reviewed during the council's November monthly meeting, represents an increase of about \$95,000, or 5.8 percent, over

Estimated actual expenditures for the current budget year are estimated at \$1,639,850, and revenues are expected to total \$1,646,850, leaving a yearend fund balance of \$646,000.

Village officials plan to use about \$108,000 of the surplus to balance the 1994

The spending plan assumes a modest 2 percent increase in real and personal property

On the expenditure side,

planned in 5 of 6 funds that make up the 1994 budget. Included is the General Fund, set at \$865,950, up \$25,275 over 1993.

The other funds are: Major Streets - \$109,100, up \$20,050 compared to 1993; Local Streets - \$208,600, down \$31,200; Industrial Park — \$67,050, up \$50,725; Sewer Fund -\$346,550, up \$14,500; and Water Fund - \$136,800, up \$15,350.

The combined funds include construction and capital outlay projects totaling

\$308,000. Of the total, more than \$130 will go for street construction and paving.

Other major expenses in the coming year include purchase of a new street sweeper (\$67,000), a new patrol car (\$18,000), and a changeover in the village's computer system (\$15,000). Another \$42,400 will be spent on replacement of water mains, hydrants and valves, while equipment purchases and maintenance at the wastewater treatment plant will cost \$24,700.

Village President L.E. Althaver pointed out it's uncertain how the 1994 budget will shape up until

spending increases are the Legislature completes work on school finance reform.

Of particular concern is a plan that would eliminate state shared revenue, allowing municipalities to recover only a portion of what they currently receive in state reimbursements.

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Manager	47,243	48,660
Bookkeeper	24,100	25,064
Secretary	24,100	25,064
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	D.P.W	
Superintendent	33,717	34,736
Regular Crew	•	·
1st. year	24,856	25,605
2nd. year	26,229	27,019
3rd. year	27,726	28,558
4th. year	29,245	30,118
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New village ordinance cracks down on loiterers

Loitering is prohibited at local business, commercial and industrial establishments after business hours under a new ordinance approved by the Cass City Village Council last week.

The council also adopted an amendment to a related ordinance during its final session of 1993.

The new ordinance focuses on privately owned businesses within the village.

Violations include standing or sitting in doorways, doorsteps and entrance ways of storefronts, sitting or leaning against windows or doors of buildings or other projecting parts of buildings, or leaning against windows or doors of buildings for any purpose not connected with attending busi-

ness within that building. The ordinance also prohib-

its loitering in business Chamber of Commerce condriveways and parking ar-

Violations of the ordinance are punishable by a fine of no more than \$100 and costs of prosecution or by a jail term of up to 90 days, or both.

In a related matter, the council approved an amendment to an ordinance pertaining to disorderly per-

The main thrust of the amendment, Trustee Les Karr explained, is a section that prohibits individuals from "unreasonably obstructing the free and uninterrupted passage of the public along any street, sidewalk or into or out of any business, commercial or industrial establishment."

Both the loitering ordinance and amendment are in direct response to Cass City

cerns regarding students congregating in front of businesses.

The problem appears to have been lessened in recent weeks, thanks to increased efforts to enforce the village's curfew ordinance.

Village President L.E. Althaver commented the new ordinance and amendment specifically define loitering and are designed to enhance police officers' ability to curb problems.

PARK PRIORITIES

In other business during the Dec. 21 monthly meeting, council members approved a village Planning Commission recommendation reapportioning goals in the village's 5-year recreation plan.

The recommendation states the purchase of additional park property is the number one priority, followed by a river development, including a nature trail, canoe launch, fishing pier and rustic camping.

Althaver said officials are looking into applying for a state grant that would be used to help purchase property bordering the east boundary of the village park. In addition, a grant may be sought to partially fund development of a river park near the wastewater treatment plant.

Trustee Matt Prieskorn noted the Pinney Foundation has asked village officials to outline future recreation projects for possible funding.

Althaver pointed out that Please turn to back page.

29 questions asked

Survey shows school satisfaction

Although the primary interest in the survey taken by the Cass City Parent-Teacher Association was the reaction to building a new Middle School building or renovation of the one currently in use, that important question was just one of 29 questions asked of per-

sons contacted. The survey, according to Supt. Ken Micklash, was as objective as the PTA could make it. The PTA volunteers took the voting lists and counted every 15 or so names to select one to be surveyed and then repeated the process through the whole list. The vast majority of correspondents (138 out

of 161) have lived in the district over 10 years. Some of the questions of

interest and the responses to them were:

"In the past 3 years have Cass City Public Schools been getting better in the quality of education, getting worse or staying about the same?"

Evidently for the majority the conception is that the school is getting better. 67 said getting better, 46 said about the same and 7 said that the school was worse. 36 had no opinion.

For the persons who felt the school was improving, a variation of the theme that the teachers are trying harder with more enthusiasm and that new teaching concepts and technological advances were helping was heard again and again.

For the minority who felt the school was worse the concern was discipline and the lack of basic learning skills. Too many kids graduate and can't make change, said one.

Several questions dealt with public information and how the school is perceived.

"Does the school do an excellent, good, fair or poor job of keeping people informed?"

38 said that the school was doing an excellent job; 72 said it was good and 31 said it was fair. Just 5 felt it was poor and 8 had no opin-

"Do you feel welcome at school?"

The school comes out with high marks in this regard. 139 said, yes, 3 said no, and 10 had no opinion.

Respondents were asked to "grade the school on the A-B-C-D-E scale."

Most felt that the school was doing a good job. 17 graded it A while 92 marked it with a B. 31 said that it was fair with a C grade. Three gave it a D and only one, a failing E mark,

while 17 had no opinion. Respondents were also asked to rate "how the school manages its money". 42 said excellent; 61 said

good, 27 fair; 5 poor, and 14, no opinion.

While there is a split right down the middle on whether a new school should be built or the present building renovated, there appears to be solid evidence to say that most folks are happy with the way school operates today.

Judging by the com-ments there is also an underlining desire from many who feel the school is doing a good job now to see that it becomes better in the future.

Floyd J. Heron Jr. named "Accountant of the Year"

Floyd J. Heron Jr., owner Board of Directors. of Heron Accounting and Tax Services, Kingston, has been named "Accountant of the Year" for 1993 by the Mid-Michigan Chapter 7 of the Independent Accountants Association of Michi-

Chapter 7 covers a 13county area in east central Michigan.

Heron started his practice in 1964 and originally joined I.A.A.M. in 1965. He has been an Enrolled Agent since 1966 and currently holds the office of treasurer in the Enrolled Agents Association.

An active member of his community, Heron is married and has 7 children and 10 grandchildren.

He is a member of the Kingston Village Council, serving as chairman of the finance and police committees, and assisting the chair of the street committee. He also serves as the village's representative on the Tuscola Area Airport Authority

ANDREA

FREDERICK

The Hills and Dales

General Hospital Em-

ployee of the Year is

Andrea Frederick.

Andrea has been an

employee at the hos-

She works in the

Laboratory as a Phle-

botomist. She is

make a difference.

pital for over 3 years.

Heron is chairperson of the administrative board of the Kingston United Methodist Church. A Lions Club member since 1956, he was honored as "Lion of the Year" in 1992.

Blood bank set at hospital

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Bank at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, Jan. 4 from 1 to 6:45 p.m.

Take this opportunity to give a gift that saves lives. Your blood donation will be used to help those in your community and throughout the Thumb.

No appointment is necessary. Please call Helen Jezewski, blood bank chairman, at 872-2746 for more information.

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for her on-going dedication, kindness, and

friendliness throughout the year! Andrea's •

many special deeds to employees, patients,

and many others do not go unnoticed. Hills .

& Dales General Hospital would like to thank

Andrea for going that extra mile to really .

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Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office - 872-2010

Dale and Mary Damm, and

Wes and Nancy Frederick of

Caro were Christmas Day

guests of Tim and Susan

Mrs. Karen Woodward,

Courtney and Christopher

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Nanney

entertained for Christmas,

Shirley Veiclie, Sandy Murry

of Mt. Clemens, Lori Hunter,

Helen and Robert Murry and

Dorothy and Richard

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord

LaPeer spent Christmas

morning at Debbie, Patti and

Ruth Timmons and enjoyed

Christmas Eve dinner

guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Gaylord LaPeer were Debbie

and Patti Timmons, Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood

LaPeer, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold

LaPeer and Mr. and Mrs.

Gaylord LaPeer spent

Christmas Day together.

Hills and Dales

General Hospital

PATIENTS LISTED MON-

Scott Kelley, Stella

Hennessey, Bernard Wutzke,

Marriage licenses

Donald Lee Bradford and

James Arthur Breckels Jr.

Scott Alan Roberts and

Larry Merrill Anderson

and Georgenia Camiel

Janssens, both of Cass City.

Millington, and Dawn Marie

Sprague, Otisville.

Jeffery Arthur Stenger,

Daniel John McQuown,

Princeton, N.J., and Lynne

Ann Burmeister, Clifford.

Dina Marie Marr, both of

and Kathleen Sue Johns-

Chapman, both of Caro.

Doris Ann Comstock, both

DAY, DEC. 27, WERE:

Cass City.

of Caro.

Mayville.

Curry and Brent Fritz.

breakfast with them.

Maxson from Beaverton.

and Kenny of Standish.

Wooster in Flint.

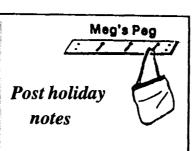
A Christmas get together was enjoyed by the Holik family. There were 55 in attendance, with several coming from other states, including Hawaii, Indiana and Florida. Everyone met at the Charmont the day after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer were Christmas night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Markham and Lynette and Belinda LaPeer of Alpena.

Jack and Irene Doerr and Dick and Norma Szarapski spent Christmas Eve with Jim and Marilyn Young.

The Michael Doerr family from Sebewaing spent Christmas Day with Jack and Irene Doerr and James Doerr and family from Caro spent Dec. 26 with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marchand and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Speer of Waterford came Monday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Jack



by Melva E. Guinther

Sigh..... Phew!

> Thank goodness it's over! Are these the sounds replacing the Hallelujah Chorus. Silver Bells and chestnuts roasting on an open fire this week?

If so, there's no better time to determine that it won't be like that next Christmas. At least we can make a noble effort.

How about a New Year's resolution to get some sense of control over the holiday

Unfortunately, we tend to forget from one year to the next, what caused the stress that turned us into nervous wrecks and grinches.

Probably the biggest culprit is over-commitment, the unrealistic expectation that we can somehow squeeze into 3 short weeks in December everything we want to do, have to do and others expect us to do.

Some years are worse than others.

(One year when our kids

were small we were so busy, with a myriad of worthwhile activities, that although we somehow managed to get the Christmas tree up, we just didn't have time to decorate

While the memories of this year are clear in our minds, we should write ourselves a note and tape it to the October calendar. Set self-imposed deadlines for shopping, wrapping, baking and decorating.

We should remind ourselves that it's not likely that we will ever be able to attend every party, program and concert during December. Therefore, activities should be discussed, prioritized, and marked on the calendar as

It's often the little things, too many little things, that bush us over the edge. And we might lighten the holiday load considerably by eliminating one or 2 of them.

early as possible.

How dire would the consequences be if you didn't send Christmas cards or failed to make your special fruit cake one year?

Traditions are great, but there's a lot to be said for

If family members rebel at the thought of breaking tradition, have a family council to discuss sharing responsibility for them.

At the risk of alienating male readers, it's usually women who suffer Christmas burnout. They typically do the Christmas cards, most of the shopping, wrapping, baking and decorating, in addition to entertaining and regular household chores.

The laundry still piles up, the floors need cleaning and the kids have to be fed, cared for, and chauffeured, Christmas or no Christmas.

Besides soliciting help from other family members, shopping for presents throughout the year instead of after Thanksgiving will free up some time during the holidays.

Wrapping gifts at leisure, a few at a time, is much more fun than frantically flinging paper around a huge pile of presents on Christmas Eve.

Christmas cards can be addressed early and sent out whenever you choose.

Most holiday cookies can be made in advance and fro-

It may be only a pipe dream, but wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to relax and really enjoy the holidays for a change?

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Jack and Irene Doerr and family were Christmas afternoon guests of Chris and Barb Graft.

Project Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodward entertained their **FETCH** family Christmas Day. Present were Mr. and Mrs. successful Dan Gibbard, Tory and Wes, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Woodward and Dallas, and

Project FETCH - Feed Everyone This Christmas Holiday - was deemed a success this year by Cass City High School students, who reportedly collected "a great deal of food" Dec. 13 and 14.

The food donations were taken to the Cass City Food Closet, located in the basement of the First Baptist Church.

The students credit the success of this year's campaign to community support as well as assistance from the National Honor Society, Ed and Sandra Nizzola (for use of their truck and trailer), and Carol LaPonsie and the First Baptist Church.

Non-toxic pesticide

A wild species of tobacco has been found that yields a natural pesticide that is nontoxic to the environment. Unfortunately, the wild tobacco is difficult to grow, so scientists are looking at other tobacco plants for the natural compounds.

MIGRAINE HEADACHES?

WHAT ARE

Migraines have a bad reputation. It has gotten to the point' that anyone with a severe headache calls it a migraine. Actually, the severity of a migraine headache can vary dramatically--some people with migraines have no pain at all, just visual symptoms or numbness.

The cause of migraines appears to be due to the spasm and then dilation of blood vessels in the brain, probably compounded by the release of chemicals. There is a... hereditary tendency towards migraines.

Migraines can vary considerably, at times making it difficult to separate them from the much more common in tension headaches. The diagnosis is made by the history of symptoms, not by tests, so it is important to relay all your symptoms accurately to your doctor.

Many people have a prodrome of symptoms--warning signs before the headache actually begins. This is helpfulbecause it helps confirm the diagnosis and also allows at the person to use medicines that will prevent or at least lessen the headache.

These symptoms commonly involve the eyes and include zigzag lines, flashing lights, blind spots and even loss of vision. If the involved arteries are in a different part of the brain, numbness and stroke-like symptoms may occur.

Migraines tend to occur with an infrequent regularity, They may occur once a year or a couple times a week. They seldom occur more often than that, although they can lead. to tension headaches, which can occur daily. Sorting outwhich are migraines and which are tension headaches can' be difficult, but is worthwhile so the right treatment can be

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NOTICE

Elkland Township

Senior Citizens

If you desire help in completing your homestead property tax

If you understand the forms and do not need help filling it out

it is not necessary to have it completed at the township office.

credit forms we will be at the fire hall (township office).

NOTICE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENLEAF AND THE TOWNSHIP OF EVERGREEN, SANILAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Greenleaf and the Township of Evergreen on Tuesday, February 8, 1994.

Electors who wish to vote in the Special Election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 10, 1994. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the county clerk's office or the city or village clerk's office.

Electors who wish to register with the county or township clerk are advised to call ahead for office hours.

The purpose of the Special Election is as follows:

GRANT OF FRANCHISE TO SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN GAS COMPANY

Shall the franchise granted by the above-named municipalities to Southeastern Michigan Gas Company, to install and maintain in the public streets, highways and alleys, in the above-named municipalities for a period of 30 years, all necessary pipes, mains and apparatus for the transmission and distribution of gas for all purposes to and through the above-named municipalities be

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confirmed?

Arthur Severance Township of Evergreen Clerk 6331 Severance Road Decker, MI 48426 (517 872-3530

Clare Brown Township of Greenleaf Clerk 4323 Cumber Road Ubly, MI 48475 (517) 658-8658

SATURDAY January 8

9 a.m. to noon

Please bring itemized total of your 1993 income including interest, dividends and Social Security. Also bring health/ accident insurance premiums paid and your tax bills.

Norma Wallace Clerk



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

The Cafe Edward at 5010 Bay City Rd., Midland, advertises itself as having "hearty bistro fare at moderate

Be warned. The prices are moderate if you happen to be a nember of the Dow family or equivalent. For ordinary ncome folks the prices are at least expensive, if not very expensive.

You get something for your money. The service is great. Eating off linen tablecloths in a relaxing atmosphere adds to the pleasure of the meal. We had stuffed quail and prime rib. The salad was excellent and the bread pudding with a delightful raspberry sauce first rate.

All the food was good. The kicker of course is that the 2 meals with one bottle of beer costs \$50, including the tip. Mark Cafe Edward as a place to go on for a very special occasion.

Altruism is not dead. Did you catch the TV show where a group of senior citizens was asked if they would approve a tax on social security if necessary to reduce the national

About 70 percent indicated that they would by raising their hands. While applauding the numbers I observed the results with more than a shade of cynicism.

Would the vote be the same if the ballot were for real and the TV cameras were not grinding?

Now that the deer season is officially over (muzzleloading season ended Dec. 19), the bad news is that the firearm deer kill was about 15 percent less than last year. The good news is that the firearm season was the safest

The owners and staff of Sommers' Bakery and Restaurant wish a Happy New Year to all! We will be closed Jan. 1 thru Jan. 4.

SOMMERS'

Bakery & Restaurant

MIKA'S CUSTOM MOLDINGS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

New Year's Eve

27th annual concert set

The 27th annual New Year's Eve Concert will get underway at 8 p.m. Friday in the Cass City High School auditorium.

The event, which annually draws some 1,000 residents, is a tradition that brings in the new year with a full evening of gospel music and fellowship. The concert is sponsored by the Cass City Layman's Club, an organization of area men dedicated to serving God as laymen. Heading up this year's featured gospel groups are "Michigan's Goodwill Ambassadors," the Flint-based Calvarymen Quartet, which appeared at the first Cass City New Year's Eve Concert and haven't missed a year since. Also scheduled to appear are "Forever Free" and "His Witness."

Cass City man injured in 2-vehicle accident

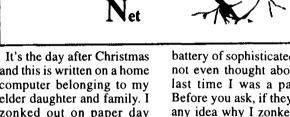
A Cass City man was hospitalized following a 2-vehicle accident in the village Friday afternoon.

Cass City police stated Scott C. Kelley, 54, 6632 Houghton St., was driving east on Houghton Street when he failed yield and was struck by a southbound vehicle on Oak Street. After impact, both cars spun around, and Kelley's vehicle struck a tree.

Kelley was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition. He was expected to be released Monday.

The driver of the other vehicle, Scott R. Healy, 18, also of Cass City, was not injured, according to reports, which indicated both drivers were wearing seat belts.

The Haire



and this is written on a home computer belonging to my elder daughter and family. I zonked out on paper day (Tuesday) and missed the rest of last week. These immortal words could probably have been delayed until next week (and no remarks about forever, please.)

In fact it would have made more sense if writing this column waited until Monday. It took about 15 minutes to get past the first paragraph because I struggled with an Apple and not a Tandy computer that is used at the office.

But after 5 days of hanging around doing nothing even getting nothing done is a relief. That wasn't the case when I entered the hospital on an emergency basis Tuesday for an overnight stay for the first time in 25 years.

In the 25 years there have been myriad changes at Hills and Dales, but many things have changed little if at all. A quarter century ago when I was rushed into emergency with what was later (much diagnosed as later) pericarditis, a virus condition in the heart lining, it took 3 days to confirm what an electrocardiogram indicated. Now they read an EKG over the phone in a

my room I submitted to a

battery of sophisticated tests not even thought about the last time I was a patient. Before you ask, if they have any idea why I zonked out, they didn't tell me.

But I digress. We are look-

ing at hospitals then and now. Standard procedure today includes that bottle for IV feeding. EKGs are at the bedside instead of in a room down the hall and there is other stuff changed I'm sure, although I don't have the faintest idea what they are. But there are other areas of hospital care that haven't changed at all. The staff still

comes around every 2 hours to check your vital signs. The light still pours into your room from outside and the chatter never really ceases. The care of the staff in the

cerned and as efficient as it could be in both hospital sojourns. Being confined to bed is still UGH! A bedpan, is a bedpan, is a bedpan. Period.

Above all there is one thing that hasn't changed at all. Not a particle. If you haven't guessed what it is, let me tell vou. How deliriously happy I

was to get the hell out of there, 25 years ago and to-

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be take to cover expenses. Refreshments will

be available during intermis-

Investigate larceny complaint

Cass City police recently investigated a complaint involving larceny from a motor vehicle.

Sherry Burns, 4223 Maple St., Cass City, reported her husband found their garage door open and an AM-FM stereo radio missing from the dash of 1985 Chevette parked inside. The radio is valued at \$150.

No other property was missing, according to reports, which state the theft occurred sometime Dec. 20

Also last week, police arrested a Deford man on a valid warrant issued by the 71-B District Court, Caro, for failure to appear in court.

Reports state police arrested Michael R. Kolacz, 22, after recognizing him at the Shell gas station Saturday night.

Chemical Bank announces 5% stock dividend

Gilbert A. Currie, chairman of Chemical Financial Corporation, announced recently the board of directors declared a 5 percent stock dividend. Shareholders of record Jan. 3, will receive one share of common stock for each 20 shares held as of the record date. The 5 percent Stock Dividend will be payable Jan. 21

The company indicated intent to establish the 1994. quarterly cash dividend at \$0.21 per share, on the increased number of shares outstanding. Currie stated that this level of cash dividend would have the effect of a 10.25 percent increase in cash dividends paid to shareholders during 1994.

The year of 1994 will mark the 20th consecutive year of annual increases in cash dividends paid to Chemical Financial Corporation shareholders.

Read Meg's Peg Page 2

Health I.Q.

Here are a few questions to judge your knowledge of fitness and health.

Answers are below.

- Weight loss should not exceed:
- A. 1000 calories per day B. 5 pounds per week
- C. 1000 calories per week
- D. One pound per week
- 2. How many teaspoons of sugar are in each 12-ounce can of Pepsi?

C. 6 A. 2

D. 10 B. 4

3. What kind of cholesterol protects you against heart disease?

A. LDL - low density lipoproteins B. HDL - high density lipoproteins

Being overweight is associated with:

A. Heart disease C. Diabetes

B. High blood pressure D. All of these

5. One pound of fat is equivalent to:

A. 500 calories C. 2500 calories B. 3500 calories D. 4000 calories

Answers: 1D, 2D, 3B, 4D, 5B

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M.A.R.C.

"If It Fitz...."

Holiday scare, **Christmas joy**

By Jim Fitzgerald



On the day before 3-yearold Adam suffered a highfever seizure and was rushed to the hospital, barely breathing, I took him and his two big sisters to Cheesy Chuck's. It was an early Christmas present. For me. their lives.

You don't have to tell me that Chuck E Cheese is the correct name for the chain of noisy establishments that feature games, rides, entertainment and pizza for kids and jumpy nerves for adults. Seven-year-old Tricia corrects me, sputtering magnificently, every time I imply that Chuck, her favorite clown, is cheesy. Her indignation is marvelous to behold, which, of course, is why I continue to malign Chuck in her presence.

You also don't have to tell me that grandpas are often not nearly as funny as they think they are.

I was momentarily encouraged the other day when Tricia said she'd "shared" one of my stories with her second-grade classmates and "when I was done talking, they all came up and patted me on the back." I was anxious to know which of my witty anecdotes earned Tricia such praise.

She said it was the one about me and Dave Coulier being on the same TV show together. When you say it real quick, it sounds like I appeared on ABC-TV's "Full House." When you say it real honest, it sounds like native Detroiter Dave and I appeared on a local talk show the same day, but in different segments, many years before he became a national sitcom star. We passed each other in a hall-Tricia said it real quick,

and her friends congratulated her for knowing someone who actually knew a real TV actor; it had nothing whatsoever to do with her grandpa being a funny col-

umnist. Now that's cheesy. Anyway, despite the riotous environment, I always enjoy going to Cheesy Chuck's because it reminds me that most youngsters are loved very much by the adults in

I mean, you read the papers and watch the news and you get the feeling that kids don't have a chance. A father beats his baby to death for crying. A mother prefers drugs to paying attention to her 11year-old son, and he's arrested for murder. A wealthy couple leave their kids home alone and fly south for a week. Social Service workers sometimes act like their job is protecting statistics that can't feel pain and despair, instead of children who can.

It makes me want to scream.

Or go to Cheesy Chuck's to see happy families celebrate fifth birthdays, to watch parents and grandparents laugh and act goofy with children and hug them. It helps me realize and appreciate that most adults are exactly like me, and would rather die than hurt a child. Our latest adventure at

Cheesy Chuck's was the usual success, even if Adam was the only kid in the place not content to merely roll around in the bin full of plastic balls. He had to throw the balls all over the place, so athletic Grandpa could fall down chasing them.

On the drive home, there was a hilarious argument over whether Adam, Tricia or Emily - or Grandpa! had let a pootzy (you can figure it out) and Adam couldn't stop laughing. I thought all that exertion might account for the slight fever his mother detected the minute we got home.

But no. The fever soared and in a few hours, for the second time in his three years, Adam was on an emergency room table and doctors and nurses were fighting to get him breathing again. When he finally

let out a terrible scream, it was the best sound I ever heard.

Adam's eyes were closed and he didn't appear to be conscious. But I nuzzled his ear and whispered anyway: 'Grandpa's here. Do you want to go back to Cheesy Chuck's?'

And Adam said, "Yeah." Oh, my.

Adam is now home and breathing normally again. Me too. Deck the halls!

I hope it was also a merry Christmas for you and the children in your life. Especially the children, and never forget it.

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Cass City Middle School honor roll

The Cass City Middle School honor roll for the second marking period has been announced.

5TH GRADE

All A's - Holli Cooper, Andy Dale, Michelle Derfiny, Randy Diebel, Josh Dillon, Craig Emmert, Zachary Glaspie, Katie Hacker, Manisha Raythatha, Adam Stoeckle.

B or Better - Kayla Bell,

Brown, Joles to attend ITT

David Brown of Snover and Jason Joles of Gagetown have been accepted at ITT Technical Institute in Troy.

Brown has enrolled in a 2year program in electronics engineering technology, which will prepare him for an entry level position in the electronics field.

Joles, meanwhile, will prepare for an entry level position in the drafting field through a 72-week program in computer-aided drafting technology.

ITT Technical Institute is one of a nationwide network of technical institutes operated by the Indianapolisbased ITT Education Services Inc.

Melissa Bliss, Jeremy Beckwith, Joel Brinkman, Becky Bulla, Jamie Bulla, Burgandy Burleson, Jody Champagne, Ryan Cooper, Amy DuQuesnay, Shawn Engler, Jamie Fluegge, Billy Gage, Brent Goslin, Margie Gray, Travis Hartwick, Chris Heckroth, Johanna Hoelzle, Stefanie Humpert, Anthony Ingrao, Heather James, Jeremy Klinkman, Laura Lam-

Mester, Andrew Nahernak, Laura O'Dell, Tammy Jodi Phillips, Amy Polega, Emily Rayl, Anand Raythatha, Kyle Ross, Sara Sabo, Tara Sabo, Christine Sheppard, Joshua Sherman, Ross Sherman, Adina Speirs, Sam Stewart, Stacy Sullins, Kimberly Vincent, Chris Vollmar, Brent Wallace, Derek Wells, Joanie Westfall, Gregg Wills, Kayla Wolschlager, Brad Ypma, Chris Ziehm.

6TH GRADE

All A's - Jason Damm, Nicole Doerr, Amber Dunn, Jesse Hillaker, Melissa Homakie, Jalal Khoury, Jenny Parsell, Bethany Ray, Brad Roche, Aaron Volz.

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B or Better - Ben Adams.

Doug Ball, Vicky Benjamin,

Fred Birkam, Amanda

Board, Nathan Brown, Keith

Caverly, Carey Chard, Kyle

Daniel, Brad Deering, Tay-

lor Diegel, Brian Doran,

Becky Dore, Nathan Fritz,

Kara Gaymer, Renee Jones,

Laura Kundinger, Mandy

LaPeer, Tara McNeil, Shan-

non Morden, Joel Nicol,

Julie O'Berski, Susan

O'Hara, Amber Phillips,

Isaac Ponder, Jason Reese,

Matt Ross, Scott Ruggles,

Brad Russell, Kevin Schott,

Jon Sherman, Sarah Spen-

cer, Adam Stoeckle, Marissa

Sweeney, Shelly Ulfig, John

Vandecar, Jeremy Walther,

Jason Wright, Heath

8TH GRADE

All A's Ryan Bennett,

Emily Hopper, Ryan

B or Better - Tammy Acker,

Tom Beardon, Jennifer

Beckwith, Josh Brinkman,

Lori Brown, Stephanie

Cartwright, Stacy Ceranski,

Christina Doerr, Sarah Dore,

Jamie Englehart, Julie Erla,

Jennifer Eyer, Jonathan

Fobear, Tom Fulcher, Maria

Garety, Cara Graichen, Andy Green, Tara Guernsey,

Jennifer Haynes, Cyrus

Healy, Serena Healy, Shawn

Henn, Kristy Hicks, Rachel Hoard, Eber Hollinshead,

Coleen

Hutchinson, Janis Mastie.

Zawilinski.

Burleson,

Langmaid. Others are Nick Matt, Ryan McIntosh, Jessica Meeker, Others are Atalie Marshall, Justin Miller, Trent Erin McMahan, Jessica Milligan, Lindsey Mills, Scott Moore, Kim Morrish, Melissa Myers, Melanie Osantowski, Shentelle Nizzola, Cari O'Hara, Pasanski, Carol Phetteplace, Leann Otulakowski, Brooke Ouvry, Stephanie Pierce, Megan Romstad, Sarah Rutkowski, Travis Schneeberger, Symonds, David Sutter, Tracy Talaski, Bridget Vandermark, Bryce VanVliet, Andrea Walch, Gordon Wills, Katie Wood.

7TH GRADE

All A's - Aaron Barrigar, Mandy Chappel, Shelly Crow. Jim Dale, Ryan Downing, Nathan Haag, David Hobbs, Rose Hoelzle, Danielle Laming, Kara Mellendorf, Amanda Morrish, Becky Oesch, Paul Powell, Amy Venema, Eric

Ann Horton, Drew Kelly, Aaron Kundinger. Others are - Cheryl Laming, Becky Lowe, Lindsay Maharg, Nathan Matt, Matt Miller, Tim Micklash, Jason Mohr, Charles Myers, Jason O'Dell, Laura Osantowski, Andrea Rea, Amber Rienstra, Marie Russell, Michelle Scott, Leah Shagene, Ryan Smith, Suzanne Smolarkiewicz, Nathan Weippert, Adam

ORDINANCE NUMBER 136

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IT TO BE A TRESPASS FOR PERSONS TO GO UPON AND LOITER AND REMAIN UPON BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL PREMISES DURING CLOSE OF BUSINESS HOURS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDAINS:

Section 1. This ordinance shall apply to all premises in the Village of Cass City on which are located business, commercial or industrial establishments.

Section 2. It shall be a trespass and unlawful for any person, during the close of business hours, to go upon and loiter and remain upon vacant portions, including driveways and parking areas of any privately owned business, commercial or industrial establishments within the Village of Cass City, for any purpose not connected with attending to business in the establishment on said premises.

Section 3. Vacant portions shall include doorways, entrance ways and indented or bay areas of any store front.

Section 4. It shall be a trespass and unlawful for any person, during close of business hours, to loiter and remain upon or against any business, commercial or industrial building within the Village of Cass City, including standing or sitting in doorways or doorsteps, sitting or leaning against windows or doors of buildings, or other projecting parts of buildings, or leaning against windows or doors of buildings for any purpose not connected with attending to business within said building.

Section 5. Any owner may post a notice in or on a business, commercial or industrial building visible from outside of said building stating the business hours of establishment and that such notice is posted pursuant to this ordinance. Any acts prohibited by this ordinance committed not within the posted business hours shall be a violation of this ordinance.

Section 6. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

Section 7. Conflicts: All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 8. Penalty: Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 and costs of prosecution or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 9. This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after its adoption.

Enacted by the Village Council of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan this 21st. day of December , 1993.

Lambert E. Althaver, Village President

On roll call - vote was: Yeas 6

Holbrook Area News

Mrs.Thelma Jackson Phone 658-2347

Mr. and Mrs. L.T. (Spud) Keyser and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clevenger of Clio and Lisa Dhemel of Unionville were Thursday guests of Mr.

and Mrs. Hiram Keyser. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sweeney of Lansing, Mrs. Mike Maurer and Mrs. Earl Schenk were Sunday forenoon guests of Edanna Sweeney and David. Darlene Terrassi and Julie were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer were Sunday after-

noon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming. Mr. and Mrs. Don

McKnight of Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bartle and Tom were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Farrelly.

Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn spent the weekend in Redford.

Wednesday forenoon Ken Osentoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind were Monday afternoon guests of Reva Silver. Art Ertman and Mr. and

Mrs. Allen Farrelly were Monday evening guests of Sophie Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard were Tuesday forenoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey of Caseville and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meske at Port Hope and later all went to Harbor Beach for dinner.

Reva Silver was a Friday

afternoon guest of Edanna Sweeney and an evening Beverly of guest Rockefeller. Bob Cleland of Waterford,

Carol Laming and Mrs. Alex Cleland were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland attended the Shabbona RLDS Church Christmas program and potluck supper Friday evening.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford spent from Wednesday till Saturday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming and was a Friday evening

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ken

Osentoski.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grifka were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold LaPeer.

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ORDINANCE NO. 135

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91 PERTAINING TO DISORDERLY PERSONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Village of Cass City Ordains:

Section 1. Section 1 - Definitions - is amended by adding the following:

- (i) A person who knowingly loiters in any place within the Village of Cass City where marijuana or paraphernalia used or adapted for use with marijuana are used, sold, dispensed, furnished, given away, or stored, or otherwise illegally kept.
- (j) A person who throws any object from any moving vehicle or toward any person or moving vehicle if he knows or should know that damage to person or property, or alarm, which may forcibly produce damage to personal property, is likely to result.
- (k) A person whose ability to walk, talk, or see is significantly impaired by use of any controlled substance, as defined by Public Act 368 of 1978, as amended, provided, however, that this subsection shall not be construed to apply to a person whose faculties have been impaired by medication prescribed by a physician and taken as directed.
- (1) A person who remains in any public or private place after its regular closing hours after being told to leave by one authorized to give such an order.
- (m) A person who unreasonably obstructs the free and uninterrupted passage of the public along any street or sidewalk or into or out of any business, commercial, or industrial establishment.

Section 2. Unauthorized Persons on School Property. Any person found to be creating a disturbance in any private public or parochial school or on the surrounding school grounds, or on fields or recreational areas or other grounds lawfully used for school activities while such activities are in progress, shall leave immediately when so directed by the principal or by any other person designated by the principal.

No person shall enter and remain in any public, private or parochial school building during regular or special session or other authorized activities of such schools, who is not a regular enrolled student, teacher, authorized volunteer or other school district employee, unless he shall have first and immediately proceeded to the administrative offices and identified himself to the principal or the principal's designee.

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter and remain in any public, private or parochial school, or on surrounding school grounds within 250 feet of the school building, after being requested to leave by the principal or his designee.

Section 3. Severance Clause. The provisions of this amendatory ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after its adoption.

Enacted by the Village Council of the Village of Cass City, Cass City, Michigan, on this 21stday of December, 1993.

On roll call, vote was: Yeas 6 Nays 0

Hendrick "retires" to -first love

worked at the Cass, eventually purchasing the theatre, which comfortably seats

"We've always loved the theatre business," he said of Shimself and wife Elaine, who helps out and handles the bookkeeping.

"I always called it my expensive hobby," he added, chuckling. "One week chuckling. you'll make some bucks, and the next you say, 'I don't know how I'm going to pay the light bill'."

Hendrick recently invested some \$15,000 in the theatre, purchasing state-of-the-art projection equipment and a new sound system.

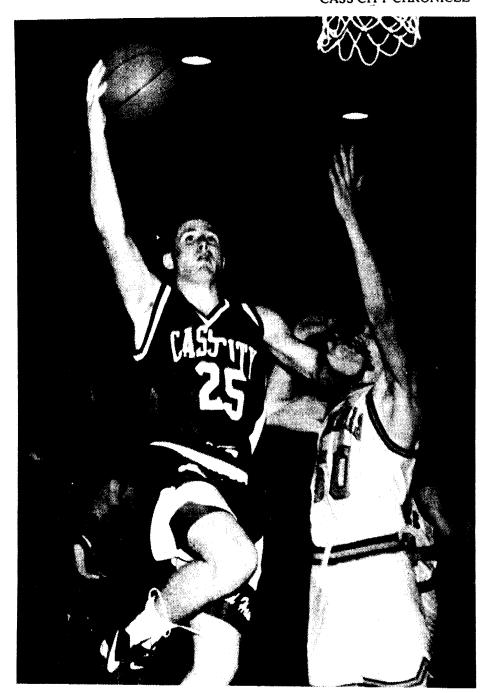
But that, alone, isn't what keeps customers coming back, he said.

"We base our business on quiet and clean, and I think he people in the Thumb area now that," he said, noting he prices—\$3 for teens and adults (\$2 on bargain nights), \$1.50 for children - haven't changed in

Hendrick isn't planning any big changes in the theatre operation, although he has decided to open on Wednesday nights on a regular basis. Wednesdays will offer free seconds on popcorn, and a double punch on patrons' "movie goer cards," he said.

If Hendrick's enthusiasm is any indication, area residents will be able to enjoy a small town theatre experience for years to come.

"I think the reason I stayed with the phone company so long, and the reason I love the theatre business is I love to visit with people," he said. "I like to be around people."



JOHN PHILLIPS DRIVES for a hoop against Harbor Beach as Dustin Miller contests the shot.

Zap fowl for better health

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed rules that will permit processors to irradiate poultry in order to control bacteria that can cause foodborne illness. Scientists say that small doses of radiation would safely and effectively control harmful bacteria such as salmonella and listeria.

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School's out for the week and the students are busy making the most of the time off.

Among them is Aaron Hewitt, 18, a senior at Cass City High School. While he is enjoying the time off, he still has a busy schedule. That's because he is a member of the Cass City High School varsity basketball

There is practice everyday, he says, and Thursday and Friday the team travels to River Rouge and then to Windsor for scrimmages.

Whatever time is left, Hewitt grinned, I plan to spend sleeping in and hanging out with my girl friend, Peyten Daniel. Also on the agenda is a lot of Nintendo games play-

Hewitt is the son of Amor West of Cass City.

Harbor Beach falls

Unbeaten Hawks return to action at Deckerville

The Cass City Red Hawks return to the hardwood Tuesday at Deckerville where they will reign as strong favorites to extend their unbeaten string into the new year in a Blue Bay Conference game.

The Hawks concluded the pre-holiday season last Tuesday with a convincing win over the visiting Harbor Beach Pirates, 69-56.

One of the highlights of the game was the outside shooting of Paul Murphy who demonstrated in the game what he has shown in practice, a deadly eye from 3-point range. The 6-3 senior hit 4 threes to give coach Jeff Hartel what he has been missing in the early games.

The outside shooting by

the guards has steadily im- lapse. Using balanced scorproved in the last 2 games. ing Cass City scored 12 What we need really to work on, Hartel said this

week, is our full court and overall defense. It's not as intermission Cass City led good as it should be yet, he 49-20.

in control all the way. Jason Morgan and Murphy got the team off to a fast start in the opening period. Murphy collected a pair of treys to go with a 2-pointer

The offense bogged down in the second period, City had 2 others in double

points, but still extended the lead. The Beachers were held to 7 points and at the

That lead held for the The Hawks took control remainder of the game as the of the game early and were 2 teams traded baskets in the final 2 periods.

Cass City lost the battle of the boards for the first time this year as the Pirates collected 31, Cass City 30. The Hawks were better from and Morgan hit 3 from the the charity circle with 18 for field and Cass City barged in 26, 69.2 percent, while the front, 21-13 at the end of the Pirates were 7 of 13 for 54 percent.

Besides Murphy, Cass but Harbor Beach was un- figures. Morgan with 13 able to take advantage of the points and Paul Ulfig with

10. Dustin Miller led Harbor Beach with 19.

CASS CITY - Muska 1-0 (0-0) 2; Storm 1-1 (2-2) 7; Sherman 2-0 (2-2) 6; Phillips 1-0 (2-2) 4; Murphy 3-4 (4-4) 22; Morgan 4-0 (5-6) 13; Ulfig 4-0 (2-9) 10. TOTALS - 18-5 (18-26) 69.

HARBOR BEACH -Buzby 1-1 (1-2) 6; Hinren 0-2 (3-5) 9; Kubik 0-0 (2-2) 2; Berozak 0-0 (1-0) 2; O'Neil 0-0 (0-1) 0; Wehner 1-0 (0-0) 2; Booms 3-0 (0-1) 6; Trudeau 1-2 (0-0) 8; Miller 9-0 (1-1) 19; Rayl 1-0 (0-0)

TOTALS - 17-5 (13-7) 56.

More small town funds available in 1994

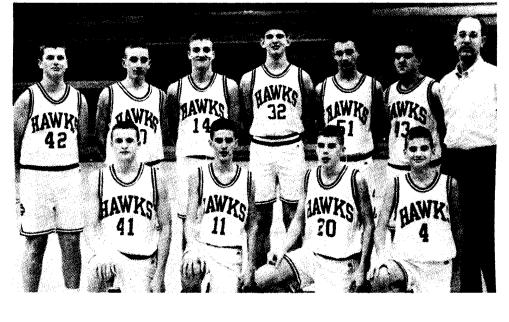
There will be more federal funds available to improve Michigan's smaller communities next year than ever before, perhaps as much as \$42 million.

The money is distributed under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in place since 1982 and is used for low income housing and public works such as sewers, waterlines and roads, often directed toward economic development projects.

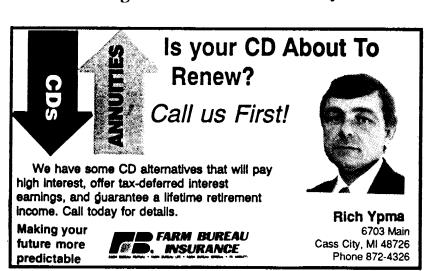
In the next month with public hearings in Lansing, Marquette and Gaylord, public comments from communities on the 1994 program and allocation of the

The public hearings are intended for the local government officials, consultants involved with the funding programs and the general public.

It is expected that funding for economic development projects and public infrastructure such as sewers and roads, will receive about equal program support in 1994, instead of the emphasis on economic development in past years.



THE HAWK FRESHAMN basketball squad, front row, from left: Chad Diegel, Jason Nicol, Scott Wallace, Dave Murphy. Back row: Sam Hobbs, Josh Little, Alan White, Kurt Iwankovitsch, Matt Oesch, Matt Klinkman, Coach Lloyd state officials will be taking Schinnerer. Missing are Matt Birkam and Ray Meredith.





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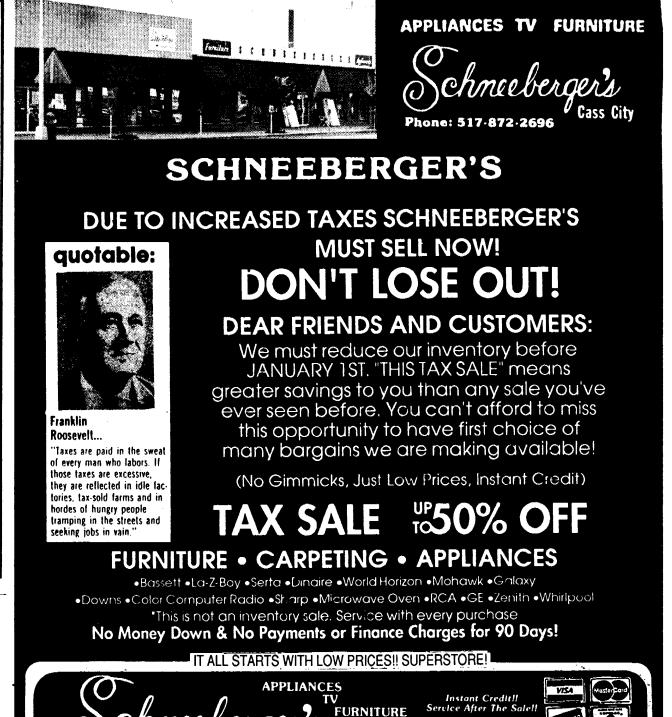
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as much as 84 percent in the Thumb. Elkland Township 1993 was a good (bad) year in area

1993, not unlike any other year, was a roller coaster ride of sorts.

Area residents experienced the best and worst of times. The only constant seemed to

be change. The bad included rumors of gang problems in Cass City. and there was much to report in the area of drug and criminal activity, all signs that problems associated with "life in the city" continue to encroach on rural areas, chipping away at the comfort and safety that goes with living in a small town.

The year was especially difficult for the countless family members who lost loved ones to traffic crashes and other accidents.

But there was also much to cheer about.

Thumb area drug units and police agencies won some major battles in the war

against drugs. The local employment picture is stable, and while there are empty storefronts on Main Street, there are also new businesses moving in. There were many signs that generosity and compassion are alive and well in the community, which easily topped an \$18,000 United Way goal, and rallied around an area couple facing financial disaster due to a work injury

1993 also offered many challenges, perhaps the most publicized of which was created when the state Legislature adopted a bill eliminating the property tax as a source of school funding.

Those events were among the news that shaped 1993 in the Cass City area. The following are the top stories of the year as selected by the Chronicle news staff.

GANG RUMORS

small group of students, wearing similar clothing and loitering in front of various storefronts in town in recent months, raised concerns among residents and business owners.

Their appearance, along with reports of a handful of students intimidating their added fuel to rumors of gang

Much of the talk was just that - talk, and village officials moved quickly to curb the loitering problem.

However, there were some disturbing incidents this year involving youth in the Thumb.

Cass City police reported confiscating an increasing number of homemade clubs and other weapons from vehicles driven by teens; a Cass City Middle School student threatened another student with a small pocket knife during a scuffle at the school; a Caro student was caught with a firearm, and a similar incident occurred in the Laker School District.

The incidents — all new experiences for area school officials — are still extremely rare, police and court officials say.

But they serve as a frightening reminder of changes in society, raising fears that the youth violence seen in distant cities could become tomorrow's local headlines.

BREAK-INS

t was never referred to as a crime wave, but stories describing break-ins in the Thumb seemed to pop up with unnerving regularity in

In February, thieves broke into the Owen-Gage, Akron-Fairgrove and USA high schools. Their take was minimal, but damage to the schools, including smashed doors, walls and a safe break-in, totaled thousands of dollars.

There were also several home burglaries in the Cass City area. Taken were everything from a safe to cash, guns, televisions and VCRs.

This fall, thieves apparently looking for narcotics took what they wanted after breaking into the pharmacy at Hills and Dales General Hospital, and Old Wood Drug Inc., both in Cass City.

Investigators nabbed suspects in many of the crimes, but as each year passes, residents become more and more convinced that the era of leaving doors unlocked has passed.

FARMING

humb area farmers may differ on their opinions of 1993, but nearly all of

it was a big improvement on

the previous 12 months. And, it was a far better year than that experienced by farmers in Iowa and its neighboring states, which suffered devastating flood-

After suffering significant losses due to a cold and wet summer in 1992, Michigan farmers were offered a bit of hope at the beginning of this year with news of disaster aid based on crop quality rather than production — a key issue especially for corn farmers whose crop wasn't worth harvesting.

However, in the end, the assistance proved to be less than advertised, with recipients considered lucky if the aid covered 10 percent of their losses.

Still, the weather in 1993 was vastly improved over 1992. And despite a somewhat delayed harvest, extension officials reported a good dry bean crop. Respectable yields and quality were also seen in soybeans, sugar beets and corn.

DRUG WAR

■ humb area drug enforcement teams scored some huge victories in the drug war this year.

Perhaps the biggest investigation was one conducted by the Thumb Narcotics Unit in northern Sanilac County that netted more than 500 grams of nearly pure cocaine — the largest amount ever seized in the Thumb — valued at some \$204,000.

Authorities, who said the cocaine was headed for Bad Axe and Cass City, also seized the Tyre Bar and ar-

them would probably agree rested the owner in a September raid.

That operation was followed by another in Sanilac County in November, when a Sanilac Drug Task Force investigation resulted in arrests and seizure of an ounce of the methamphetamine "crank" — traced to a supplier in Los Angeles — a half pound of marijuana and 5 firearms.

The success of the operations was due to cooperation among a host of local police agencies.

In Tuscola, Huron and Lapeer counties, a Multi-County Grand Jury seated in the spring was credited with making a significant dent in Thumb drug trafficking as well as solving a 1992 murder in Huron County.

In its first 6 months of operation, the grand jury heard testimony from 150 witnesses, indicted 54 suspects and was involved in the forfeiture of 2 bars, a home and a pair of vehicles.

SCHOOL FUNDING

T he bottom dropped out of school funding in July, when the state Legislature eliminated the property tax as funding source for K-12 education. The move, which slashed a whopping \$6.8 million in taxes, stunned Michigan residents in light of news that there was no plan in place to replace those dollars.

In the 5 months that followed, lawmakers debated and quarreled as local school and government officials waited and wondered how the new funding formula would affect local

In an unheard of 26-hour session that ended at noon Christmas Eve, the Legislature approved a massive bill package, but the state's electors will decide what final shape school taxes will take.

Voters will be asked March 15 to approve a 2-cent sales. Passage would mean a 50cent cigarette tax hike, a new 2-percent tax on real estate and a 6-mill levy on homes. The income tax rate would drop from 4.6 to 4.4 percent, and future assessment increases would be capped at 5

percent or inflation. If voters reject the measure, the income tax rate would increase to 6 percent. The cigarette tax would go up by 15 cents and the real estate tax would be one percent. Homestead operating millage would be 12 mills, and the Single Business Tax rate would climb by .4 of a

The landmark legislation is designed to create greater equity in funding among the state's school districts, and improve the quality of edu-

School funding reform aside, local residents continued to support their schools in 1993 with approval of millage renewals, although Cass City voters said "no" to an additional mill. Owen-Gage voters approved a 2mill tax on roof repairs.

SCHOOL FACE LIFTS

n with the new...

That seems to be the theme among Thumb area school districts this year as voters approve bond issues to pay for newer, more spacious facilities.

Sandusky, Ubly, Bad Axe,

ing or adding to school facilities that have become too cramped or obsolete. Cass City Schools is also involved in the debate over future building needs, and have looked at various proposals over the past several weeks. The school board has studied plans for renovations at the middle school that would cost an estimated \$3.2 mil-

North Branch and USA are

among the districts that have

or are in the process of build-

million for a new facility. The project would include an addition composed of a new gym, lockers bleachers, toilet facilities, storage areas and 4 new classrooms at Campbell Elementary School, as well as extensive remodeling of the middle school building.

lion, compared to \$6 to \$8

The debate will continue into 1994 as school officials, with the help of public input, formulate a final proposal for voters' review.

BIG ASSESSMENTS

ouble takes were the order of the day when Thumb residents opened their property assessment notices early this year.

For many, shock was the reaction when they realized rumors of double digit assessment increases, following a statewide freeze in property values in 1992, had become reality.

In Tuscola County, the average residential land increase was 6.17 percent and the average agricultural land increase, 9.4 percent. In Sanilac County the average residential hike was a whopping 19.1 percent and the average agricultural increase, 8.8 percent. The average residential and agricultural increases were 14.8 percent and 11.5 percent, respectively, in Huron

With assessment hikes of

Thumb, Elkland Township land owners counted themselves among the fortunate. Locally, residential land assessments went up only 3.4 percent and agricultural

assessments, 1.5 percent. SPORTS SEASON 🐉

t was a better than average year for athletics at Cast City High School. The teams won league titles in sports. The girls capped banner year with a share of the Blue Bay League hoop title with a gaudy 19-1 record. The boys also celebrated a basketball league

In addition to the hoop titles the boys and the girls reigned supreme in the spring with Blue Bay titles in both baseball and softball.

On the down side, the football team and the golf team both experienced losing years.



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YOUTHS AND WEAPONS can be a deadly combination, a fact many urban school officials can attest to. Thumb schools haven't experienced serious violence problems, but there were signs of trouble in 1993, including incidents in which teens were caught with various weapons.

Ernest A. Teichman, Jr.

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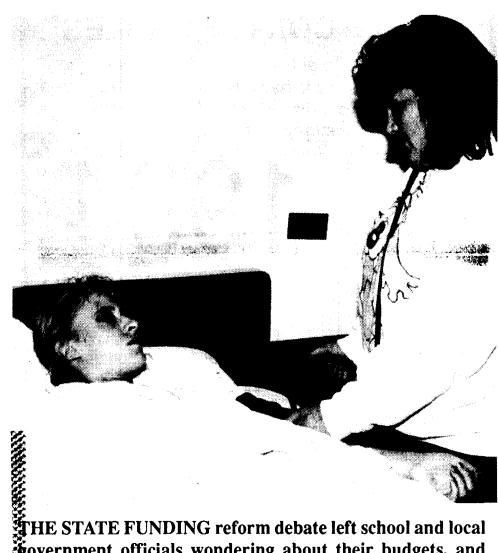
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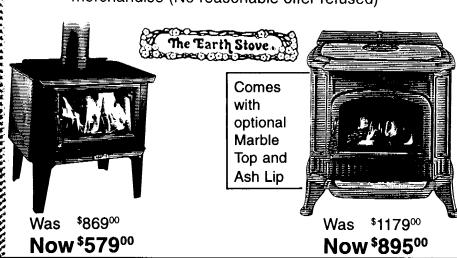
DRUG TASK FORCE teams in the Thumb posted some huge victories in the war against drugs in 1993, including seizure of more than 500 grams of near pure cocaine headed for Cass City and Bad Axe.



THE STATE FUNDING reform debate left school and local government officials wondering about their budgets, and socational education students, including those in a nursing program (above), wondering if the skill center will be closed.

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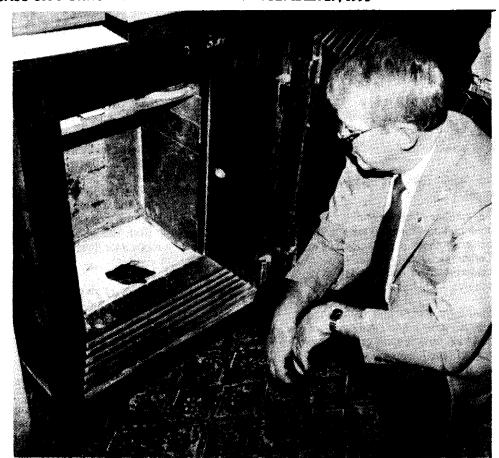
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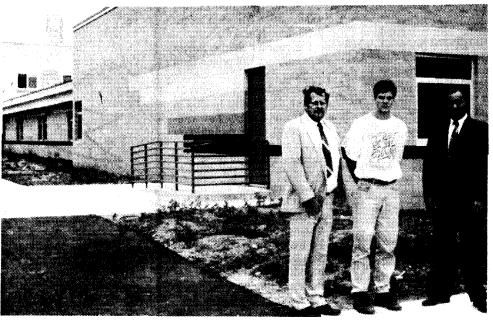
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THIEVES WERE busy in 1993, hitting several homes and a number of school districts, including Owen-Gage (above), where they broke into a safe in search of cash.



SCHOOL FACE LIFTS have been the order of the day for many area school districts, including Ubly, where a new addition was dedicated this year. Cass City School officials are in the process of investigating major improvements.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve Sing at Cass City High School sponsored by Cass City Laymen's Club, 8 p.m. Featured will be The Calvarymen, Forever Free and His Witness.

Saturday, January 1, 1994
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday, January 3

Novesta Township Board, 7:30 p.m., township hall.

Tuesday, January 4

Red Cross Blood Bank, 1 - 6:45 p.m., Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Wednesday, January 5

PHONE

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

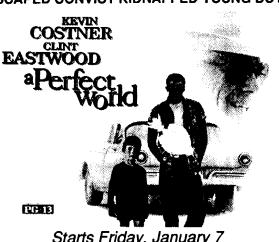


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"ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES"

1993 record breaking year for FOC office

Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn last week announced a record breaking performance by the office of the Tuscola County Friend of the Court.

The Friend of the Court has collected in excess of \$1 million in 1993 from parents whose children receive ADC benefits.

These monies represent child support and/or hospital confinement costs for the birth of children born to recipients of public assistance. The funds are paid over to the state of Michigan as reimbursement for public assistance received.

Tuscola County will receive about \$130,000 as an incentive award and may receive an additional bonus based upon cost effective performance.

According to a recent calculation by the Office of Child Support, the Tuscola County Friend of the Court collects \$14.31 in child support for every one dollar in operational expense.

Total collections for 1993 are projected to be in excess of \$6.9 million. This figure represents an increase of nearly \$1.5 million compared to 1992.

The Friend of the Court is Mary Lou Burns, who was appointed by Joslyn in January 1992.

There are currently over 5,000 open pending files in the Tuscola County Friend of the Court. The duties of that office include enforcing the orders of the court concerning child support, visitation and custody and making findings of fact and recommendations concerning petitions for modifications of those orders.



Seek grand jury extension

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Cass City teachers will apparently begin the new year without a new contract, according to officials representing both sides of the negotiating table, who have met for the 15th time since talks began in early May.

Ila Hunt won the grand prize, a television, in a free drawing held by People's Choice Market to celebrate their grand opening in Cass City.

A third incident of vandalism at the Board Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge dealership in Cass City occurred recently. In all, 5 vehicles have been scratched with a sharp object causing more than \$1,000 in damage.

Despite a green holiday, Mother Nature made her presence known in the Thumb Monday night with a snow-ice-rain storm that contributed to a host of minor car accidents.

Penny Terbush is still in critical condition 10 days after she was injured in a car accident.

10 YEARS AGO

Willis Campbell, who devoted 43 years of his life to the Cass City schools as teacher, principal and superintendent, died Monday in a Stuart, Fla., nursing home after a lengthy illness. He

Fire destroyed the home of Gracy and Billie Irwin and their 6 children on Phillips Road Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Walbro Corp. employees who have been with the firm for 25 years received their choice of a watch, bond or other gift. They are Bill Ewald, Mary Christie, Dick Wallace and Eva Knoblet.

Bonnie Spencer, a 1964 Cass City High School graduate, works for Audiotone, a hearing aid manufacturer in Phoenix, Ariz., and played a key role in development of a new type of hearing aid billed as the "most significant advancement to date in the history of amplification devices for the hearing impaired." She is the daughter of Lynn and Marian Spencer of Ubly.

25 YEARS AGO

Dennis Longuski's luck is changing. The 19-year-old Longuski, still recovering from a truck-tractor accident, was the winner in the Lions Club snowmobile drawing held Friday at the high school.

Popular toys this Christmas were "Tippy Toe Dolls", "Instant Insanity," and the hottest toy on the market, the "Hot Wheels" racing set. Merchants said they sold out of the "Hot Wheel Cars" early in the season and couldn't get any

Marsha Ball accompanied her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ferguson of Freeland, to Florida for the

NEW YEAR'S EVE

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holidays. They left Friday

A number of classes have been making things to take home to their parents for Christmas. Mrs. Smith's kindergarteners have made pictures with frames, Miss

Stauffer's fourth and fifth graders have made candles and Mrs. Gray's sixth graders trimmed bottles with macaroni.

35 YEARS AGO

The Gavel Club's Santa distributed nearly 1.000 boxes of candy to children who flocked to the Cass City Recreational Park Tuesday

Six-year-old Lynnea Rabideau underwent a tonsil operation in Pleasant Home Hospital Friday.

Raymond Hendrick, a senior at Michigan State University, was named to the dean's list this past term. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick.

At Erla Food Center: Dixie salad dressing, 39 cents a quart; U.S. No, 1 Michigan potatoes, 49 cents for a 15pound bag, and Jello pie fillings, 4 pkgs. 29 cents.

Playing at the Cass Theater Saturday and Sunday: 'Harry Black and the Tiger," starring Stewart Granger, Barbara Rush and

Grand Jury and the Thumb Narcotics Unit.

talized, died July 5 as a result of her injuries.

Reed outlined the arrests

the following day during a

press conference in which he

also outlined activities of the

grand jury during its first 6

months of existence, and

announced plans to request a

Both Huizar and Querter-

mous face preliminary ex-

6 month extension.

The investigation leading up to the 2 suspects being charged was handled by the Michigan State Police, the Multi-County Citizens'

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day in Tuscola County District Court.

Vassar pair indicted on 20 counts

Huizar faces 15 counts ranging from possession with intent to deliver marijuana to possession and delivery of cocaine (less than 50 grams) and conspiracy to deliver marijuana.

Quertermous, 31, is charged with 2 counts of conspiracy to deliver less than 50 grams of cocaine, 2 counts of delivery of less than 50 grams of cocaine, and one count of perjury offering false testimony to a grand jury. Huizar is unemployed and

Quertermous works at a Michigan Department of Corrections facility in Macomb County, according to Reed, who stated the charges against him have not been linked to his job.

The defendants were un-

FIRST BABY OF THE VEAR

able to post bond and remain lodged in the Tuscola County Jail. Bond was set at \$250,000 for Huizar and \$75,000 for Quertermous.

GRAND JURY

The 2 arrests are the latest stemming from what Reed described as a "very successful" first 6 months for the Multi-County Grand Jury, which has focused on drug trafficking in Tuscola, Huron and Lapeer counties. In all, the grand jury heard from some 150 witnesses and issued 54 indictments-30 involving individuals in Tuscola County. The investigations resulted in forfei-

ture proceedings against the Tyre Bar in Sanilac County and the Riverside Bar in Lapeer County, as well as a

home and 2 vehicles. The

grand jury also played a key

role in solving a 1992 murder in Huron County.

The grand jury's first 6month term expired Dec. 16. Reed indicated he's optimistic the petition for a 6month extension will be approved by the Michigan Court of Appeals shortly after the first of the new

If the extension is approved, the grand jury will continue with the same 17 jurors - 7 from Lapeer, 6 from Tuscola and 4 from Huron County. Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn would continue to serve as the presiding judge.

Secretive in nature, the grand jury is an effective tool in reaching higher level drug traffickers, Reed told reporters. The key, he added, is its ability to cross county lines.

Second suspect charged in murder

Following extradition, an Arizona man was arraigned Monday in Huron County on charges in connection with the beating death of a Kinde woman in April 1992.

A pair of Tuscola County

residents have been indicted

on a combined 20 counts ---

Multi-County Grand Jury.

19 drug related --- by the

John Huizar, 40, and Floyd

Quertermous, 31, both of

Vassar, were arrested Dec.

20, according to Tuscola

County Prosecutor James R.

Floyd E. Elliott, 20, remains lodged in the Huron County Jail without bond on charges of first degree murder and 2 counts of breaking and entering an occupied dwelling. His preliminary examination has been set for 8:30 a.m. Jan. 4.

The murder charge carries a mandatory life prison term without parole.

A second suspect, Leroy D. Boyer, 20, is also lodged in the Huron County Jail without bond. His preliminary exam started Dec. 22 and is set to continue Jan. 4 at 9

Both men are accused of breaking into the Helen Schaefer residence in Kinde during the early morning hours of April 26, 1992. Schaefer was discovered, bloodied and bruised, later the same day by a neighbor. About \$70 was missing from the home.

Schaefer, who was hospi-

Letters to the editor

Chronicle a letter from home

Mr. Editor, Want to write and tell you

how much I appreciate the Cass City Chronicle that was sent to me the last two years by my niece and her husband as a Christmas present, Harriet and Larry Peters. I call it each week, a letter from home, since I was born near Cass City and raised on a farm and lived there till I was 25. My folks always had it to read and it was great reading by the whole family.

I want to say some time back I was reading "Meg's Peg," which I always enjoy so much. She wrote an article about Alta Fay that brought tears to my eyes, as I knew Alta and all her family all my life. She was the greatest. At the time my mother was on her death bed in the home, Mrs. Fay was in the kitchen making bread for us and I was crying my heart out. She told me to try and not cry as I had a severe heart attack the year before and she was worried about me, so I did what she said. She was always there when someone needed her. Madelyn Heron Rawlings

Cass City outshone them all

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Stuart & Joan Merchant

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Women's High Game: D. Hayes 186. High Team Series & Game: D.J.'s 1939 and 696.

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Homesteaders Spaulding Builders 22 Gagetown Inn Charmont Motel 18 Cass City Sports C.R. Hunt 15 Charmont Miller Eggs 12 R.D. Garage 12 Cole Carbide

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CHARMONT LADIES

Charmont Elmwood What Knots 16 Board's Wild Johns Cable-ettes Thumb Nat'l Bank Deford Country Gro. LaFave Steel Live Wires Cass City Tire Pizza Villa

High Team Game: Board's

High Team Series: Live Wires 3036. High Series: S. Badder

512, D. Mathewson 531, B. Kilbourn 508, P. Corcoran 530, L. Comment 508, L. Shake 511, V. Patera 483. High Games: J. Nye 231, P. Corcoran 209, M. Moore 199, D. Mathewson 185, B. Kilbourn 198, L. Comment

186, M. Grifka 183, S. Badder 179, L. King 172, T. Mathewson 177, E. Romain 173, V. Patera 173, N. Davis 172, L. Shake 175.

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Soybean based ink

The Federal government is encouraging cooperation between government scientists who are discovering new uses for agricultural products, and those in industry who can commercialize the new products. One success story is inks with a

579, K. DeSimpelare 578 (219), R. Rabideau 574, T. Summers 559, P. Brown 557 (213), G. Riccardi 554 (214), S. Murphy 550, D. King 234, R. Pringle 222, R. Kerkau 215, P. Robinson 214, K. Repshinska 213, R. Lewis 211.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Dec. 23, 1993

Kilbourns

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High Team Game & Series: Deford Country Gro. 685 and 1800.

210 Games: K. Kilbourn 268-213, E. Schmaltz 257-255-218, R. Patera 211, D. Beecher 215-214-221, M. Spencer 217, Duane O'Dell 221, Doug O'Dell 256, R. Doerr 220-214, Dennis Hyatt 211.

575 Series: E. Schmaltz 730, K. Kilbourn 682, D. Beecher 650, M. Spencer 596, Duane O'Dell 616, Doug O'Dell 650, R. Doerr

624, Dennis Hyatt 603. **MERCHANETTE LEAGUE** Dec. 23, 1993

Rolling Hills Cass Tavern Allen Home Care Clean Up Crew Hills & Dales Crowley Chiropractic Cass City Sports Herron Builders Caro Chiropractic

Kingston State Bank Nel's Kitchen

High Actual Game & Series: Crowley Chiropractic 666 & 1878.

500 Series: Pat McIntosh 577, C. Wallace 552, P. Corcoran 543, C. Davidson 522. T. Mihacsi 519, J. Morell 514.

200 Games: Pat McIntosh 215, C. Wallace 212, H. Sontag 201.

Court of appeals upholds sentence

Appeals recently affirmed months imprisonment, to be Tuscola County Circuit served consecutive to a prior Court Judge Patrick R. sentence for uttering and Joslyn in the matter of publishing. He appealed his People vs. Dennis Lee sentence to the Michigan Butch.

attempted receiving or con-cealing of stolen property stated it found no basis for over \$100 and was sen- ordering a resentencing.

The Michigan Court of tenced by Joslyn to 20 to 30 Court of Appeals.

Butch pleaded guilty to The Court of Appeals, in

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Agnes Gruber

Mrs. Agnes Theresa Gruber, 69, of Cass City, died Monday, Dec. 20, at her residence, after a lengthy illness.

She was born Dec. 27, 1923, in Merrill, the daughter of Joseph and Theresa (Drewek) Wiatr, coming to Cass City when she was a small child.

Miss Wiatr married Joseph J. Gruber Jr. May 18, 1946, in Cass City, where they made their home.

She was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church of Cass City and their Women's Council; she was also a member of the DAV Auxiliary, Caro #50. She was a Member of the Year of the Michigan DAV Auxiliary and was involved for many years with the Girl Scouts of Cass City.

Mrs. Gruber is survived by her husband Joseph; 2 daughters, Mrs. Linda

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her in death. A wake service was held Wednesday at Little's Funeral Home, Cass City.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at St. Pancratius Catholic Church with Father Paul Bala, pastor, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Cemetery, Cass City.

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Arlene Herr

Mrs. Arlene Herr, 58, of Cass City died suddenly Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

She was born Dec. 5, 1935 in Cass City, the daughter of Joseph and Levina Dell (Ball) Frederick.

Miss Frederick was united in marriage to LeMarr Herr in 1954 in Cass City. Mrs. Herr returned to Cass City in 1979 from Southgate, Calif.

She is survived by her husband LeMarr of Linwood, Calif.; 3 sons, Lee Carlisle and wife Diane of Saginaw, Allen Herr and wife Patricia of Detroit and Stephen Herr of California; one daughter, Ms. Diane Herr of Cass City; 6 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Raymond Frederick of Bull Head City, Ariz., and A.D. Frederick of Deford, and 6 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at Little's Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. James Franklin, pastor of the Cass City Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Cemetery, Cass City.

Gordon Peters

Gordon Peters, 53, of Cass City, died Monday, Dec. 20, at Veterans Hospital, Saginaw, after an illness of several months.

He was born June 24, 1940, in Argyle Township, Sanilac County, the son of Virgel and Sophie (Konkel) Peters.

He married Miss Darlene Wright Jan. 8, 1966, in Cass City.

Mr. Peters, who served with the US Navy in Viet Nam, was a member of the American Legion Post #534, Kingston, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4099, Mayville.

He is survived by 2 sons, Joseph and wife Debbie of Shepherd, and James of St. Louis, MI; one daughter, Mrs. Vanessa Coffin and husband David, also of St. Louis; his mother, Mrs. Sophie Peters of Cass City; 2 grandchildren, 3 stepgrandchildren; 5 brothers, Ronald and wife Nancy, Dwaine, Larry and wife Harriet, all of Cass City, Roger and wife Judy of Allegan and Randy and wife Julie of Sherwood; 2 sisters, Mrs. Patricia Kelley and husband Howard of Glenville, and Mrs. Mary Lou Kerr of Essexville, and his fiance Ms. Dorothy Jenkins of Millington. His father Virgel, and a brother, LaV-

ern, preceded him in death. A Memorial Mass was conducted Monday, Dec. 27, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with Father Paul Bala, pastor,

officiating. Arrangements were handled by Little's Funeral Home, Cass City.

Mabel Powell

Mabel B. Powell, 92, of Rochester Hills, formerly of Kingston, died Thursday, Dec. 23, in Bortz Health Care Facility of Lake Orion. She was born Jan. 1, 1901 to John and May (Reid) McCall in Detroit. She marriedLewisL. Powell Sept. 5, 1918 in her father's home.

Mrs. Powell formerly served on the Human Development Commission in Caro. She was a former. member of the Cooperative Extension Club. She was a member of the Five Points Community Church in Auburn Hills and the Older Persons Center in Rochester. Along with her husband, Mabel farmed and raised ponies for many years. She

also enjoyed antiques. She is survived by 5 children: 2 daughters, Thelma L. Felice of Rochester Hills, and Doris E. (Billy) Jackson of Lewiston; 3 sons, Donald J. (Shirley) of Lum, E.J., and Gerald A. (Sue) of Kingston; 21 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Nina Gates of

Waterford. She was preceded in death by one brother, Howard McCall, two sisters, Gladys M. Brian and Jean Osborne, a son-in-law, George R. Felice Sr., and a daughterin-law, Marlene Powell.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 27, in Kranz Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Lynn Chappell of Kingston United Methodist Church officiating, Interment was in Goodland Township Cemetery, Imlay City.

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Kenneth Thomas

Kenneth E. Thomas, 73, of Kingston, died Dec. 6 in his home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1920 to Herman and Ruth (Andrews) Thomas in Shelby, Ohio.

He married Arnoldina VanderKaay April 18, 1942 in Royal Oak.

Mr. Thomas was a World War II Naval veteran. He was a tool and die salesman most of his life retiring from Masco Corporation, Punchcraft Division.

He is survived by 2 sons, Kenneth E. of Petaluma, Calif., and Arnold of Kingston; 3 daughters, Mary Ann Thomas and Margaret Thomas, both of Charlotte, N.C., and Jean (Mark) Moore of Clinton: 6 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Robert (Elsie), and William, both of Royal Oak, and one sister-

in-law, Sally Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Herman Thomas.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 9, in Kranz Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mark Moore officiating.

Interment was in Kingston Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tuscola County.

James Boileau

James F. Boileau, 47, of Morganton, N.C., died Sunday, Dec. 26, at his home following a long illness. He was born Dec. 9, 1946, the son of Ken and Loretta (Traver) Boileau of Caro.

Boileau entered the Navy soon after his graduation from Sault Ste. Marie High School. He took his naval training at Great Lakes Naval Academy. He retired as a chief petty officer after 23 years in the service.

Boileau served in Vietnam for 13 months. He received the Purple Heart, Silver Start and several other medals.

He is survived by a special friend, Lynn Myers of Morganton, N.C.; 4 children, Todd Boileau of Sault Ste. Marie, Christopher Boileau of Grand Rapids, Tracey Boileau of Sault Ste. Marie, and Jennifer Boileau of Grand Rapids; 2 grandsons, Trevor and Kyle Boileau, both of Sault Ste. Marie; his parents, Ken and Loretta Boileau of Kingston; one brother, Ronald Boileau of Morganton, N.C.; 2 uncles, Arden Boileau of Cheboygan and Elmer (Ersel) of Florida; 2 aunts, Zetta Osborne of Kingston and Agnes Sebree of Clinton, Iowa; and many nieces,

nephews and cousins. Funeral Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday at the Kranz Funeral Chapel in Kingston, with the Rev. Lyle Reynolds of Applegate Wesleyan Church, officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

today (Wednesday). Interment will be in Kingston Cemetery. Veterans services will be under the auspices of VFW Post 5317. Memorials may be made to the Morganton Hospice.

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IWANTTO say thanks to all my friends, neighbors and relatives who kept me in their prayers and for all their visits, cards, flowers and phone calls while I was in the hospital recuperating from my recent surgery. Also thanks for all the goodies that I have received since I got home. I've enjoyed them all. Special thanks to Rev. Jean Rencoutre for her visits and prayers and to the carolers from the Methodist Church who serenaded me sc sweetly. Phyllis Pelton. 13-12-29-1

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Milligan, daughter of Al and Kathy

Milligan. She is in the 12th grade.

Jenny is involved in varsity cheer-

leading. She was chosen for her

work in the high school office.

A settlement has been reached in a civil lawsuit involving the Cove Landfill in Huron County's Sheridan Township.

The settlement, which paves the way for reopening of the landfill, was announced last week by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and Department of Natural Resources Director Roland Harmes.

Under the settlement, the new owner, Mitech Services Inc., Bloomfield Hills, has agreed to investigate and remedy contamination at the landfill and conduct future operations in compliance

Jeep

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with strict standards to prevent future environmental contamination.

The consent judgement was filed in Huron County Circuit Court and is subject to approval by the court. Under the terms of the settlement, the new owner of

the landfill will: *Establish a \$100,000 fund to pay for an investigation to determine the nature, extent and impact of contamination found at the site.

*Establish a fund of \$300,000 to prepare and implement a remedial action plan to deal with contamina-

*Upgrade the active disposal site to prevent environmental contamination, including installation of a double liner and leak detection system.

*Establish a fund to provide for the perpetual care and monitoring of disposal operations.

*Reimburse the state \$11,271.83 for costs of surveillance and enforcement.

*Pay penalties of up to \$2,000 per day should there be delays in complying with the terms of the settlement.

The consent judgement will resolve litigation filed by Cove Landfill Inc. against the state when a license to operate was denied. As part of the settlement, the DNR has agreed to issue a license to operate on the condition that the construction of the landfill complies with specified standards, and the owner abides by the terms of the settlement.

Mitech Services Inc. officials said they plan to begin construction at the site in April, with plans to open the landfill in the summer.

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the proposed improvements are just that — proposals. There are no firm prices or cost estimates at this point, he said, adding, "We're a long ways from realizing real dollars, but this is a first

There will be a lot more discussion regarding specif-

The council directed the planning commission to hold a public hearing on the change in recreation priori-

LITTLE LEAD

Turning to other matters. the council received some good news regarding the first round of water testing for lead and copper in the village.

The tests stem from new, tougher EPA guidelines that increased the maximum allowed levels of lead and copper in drinking water.

In all, water samples were taken from 20 homes in Cass City, according to Karr, who reported the highest lead reading was 5 parts per billion, compared to the maximum 15 parts per billion set

the past several years, will probably be warmer and

Jeff Andresen, agricultural

meteorologist at Michigan

State University, says there

is a 65 to 70 percent chance

that this winter outlook will

Historically, the winter

forecast has been the most

reliable of the seasonal fore-

casts by the National

Weather Service Climate

The region in which the

CAS expects higher than normal precipitation covers

the extreme southwest (mid-

Arizona to eastern Texas) through the Great Lakes

Basin (western Wisconsin to

eastern New York). That

includes most of the area that

was severely flooded this

"For Michigan's growers,

this winter outlook is not so

bad except for those in the

areas of the heaviest summer

Where soils have gone into

winter wet or saturated, the

forecast could mean a delay

in spring planting, and that

may call for an alteration in

"Most farmers should plan

on a normal growing season

but where crops did not fully

mature or dry down this fall,

they may want to consider

switching to earlier maturing hybrids, particularly in corn," Andresen says.

Because of the extreme weather over the past several years, growers may be wise to make their cropping plans

according to probable degree accumulation and pre-

cipitation for their region.

historical weather records are contained in "Using Climatological Information for

Corn Hybrid Selection in

Michigan." It was produced

in 1992 by Andresen and

Oran Hesterman, MSU Ex-

tension agronomist. The in-

formation is available through the county MSU

The information is intended to help growers select the crop hybrids that are most likely to mature in their region before a killing frost

There is no accurate way to

forecast next year's growing

season, but Andresen does

not expect an abrupt transi-

tion from what has been the

pattern over the state the

Given the wet winter out-

look, growers who are on

saturated soils may be wise

to consider altering their cropping plans because of

the strong probability of

delayed planting, Andresen

The odds of a delayed planting season are greatest in the western Corn Belt,

where soil moisture remains

at least at field capacity - some at saturation - - going into the winter, when evapo-

ration is normally very low

"This sets the stage for a high risk of flooding next

spring. It's almost a fore-

gone conclusion there will

be renewed flooding to

or nil.

past few years.

Extension office.

Guidelines for making cropping plans according to

crop hybrid selection.

rainfall," Andresen says.

past summer.

Analysis Center (CAS).

wetter than normal.

be accurate.

Honest! Warm, wet

winter is forecast

by the EPA. The highest copper reading from the local samples was 360 parts per billion, compared with the maximum allowed level of 1,300 parts per billion, he added.

The tests, sent to a state lab, cost the village about \$17 per sample.

Also last week, the coun-

•Learned the DNR has recommended funding for Cass City's grant application to extend the village's walking trail. The application now goes to the state Legislature for final approval.

The grant totals \$20,600, including a \$7,500 local match budgeted by the council in 1994. If approved, the money will be used for railings and other safety measures across the bridge at the south end of the

 Changed its regular meeting date for the coming year from the last Tuesday of the month to the last Monday. The sessions begin at 7 p.m. and are held at the municipal building.

 Adopted a resolution confirming compliance with a new state law requiring that contracts of \$20,000 or more be awarded via sealed, competitive bids.

 Approved a motion to send a letter of thanks to Ken Jensen, Cass City students and other volunteers who restored the vandalized Storytime display.

•Recognized police Chief Gene Wilson and officers Craig Haynes and Tom Rye, who successfully completed a Delta College course entitled "Legal Review and Update — Law and Interrogations."

This winter, like those of some extent in the areas hardest hit this past summer," he says.

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