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County Undersheriff James Fyvie resigns

Tuscola County Undersheriff James Fyvie has resigned from his post to accept the job of central dispatch director in Clinton County.

Fyvie, of Vassar, submitted his resignation last week. His last day will be May 3, according to Sheriff Tom Kern, who has appointed Lt. James Giroux to serve temporarily as second in command.

"He's going to be hard to replace," Kern commented. "He was a very good administrator."

Fyvie is no stranger to central dispatch operations, having played a key role in improvements to Tuscola County's Central Dispatch system and implementation of the county's enhanced emergency 9-1-1 access system.

Fyvie joined the sheriff's department in 1977 and served for 10 years before resigning to establish and run the Vassar Area Ambulance Service.

He returned to the sheriff's department in January 1989 when Kern asked him to take on the role of undersheriff.

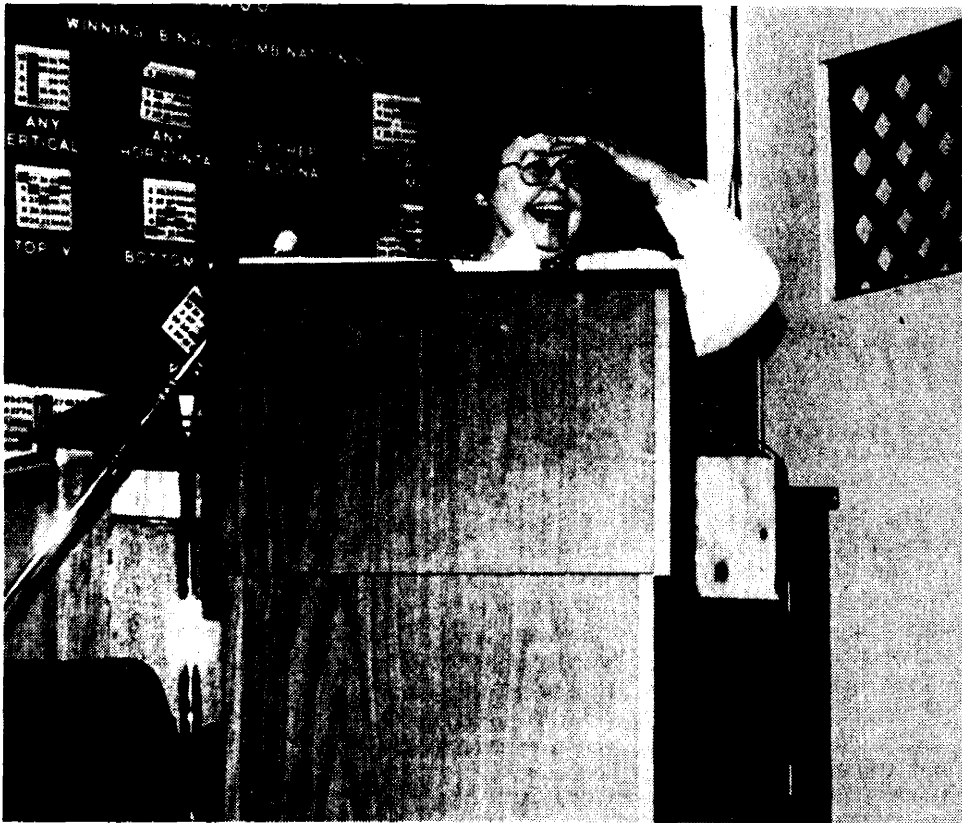
In the 7 1/2 years since, Fyvie's duties have expanded to include the full-time job of overseeing Tuscola County central dispatch operations. A number of changes have taken place under his leadership, including formation of a consolidated central dispatch operation and implementation of the enhanced 9-1-1 system.

"He has also played a major role in drafting upcoming proposals to upgrade emergency communications equipment and establish an independent central dispatch center."

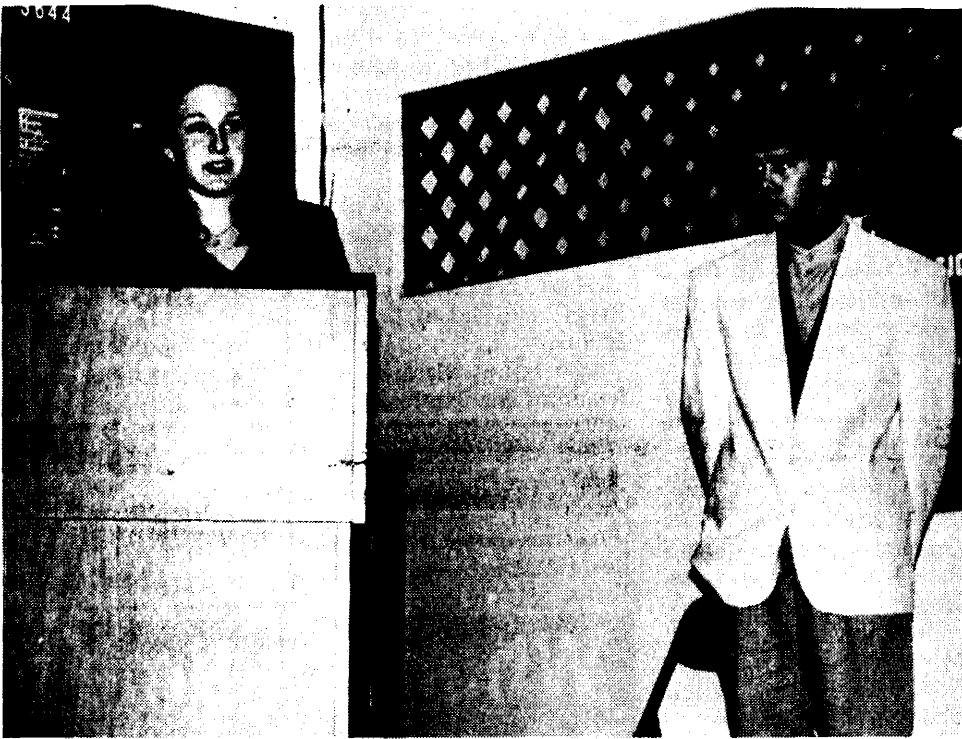
Fyvie is on vacation this week and could not be reached for comment.

However, he explained his decision to resign in a letter

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SPOTTING FAMILY and friends for the first time Saturday night during the Chamber of Commerce dinner is an elated Jane Mitchell - Cass City's 1996 Citizen of the Year.



FIGHTING OFF TEARS of joy Saturday at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner is Junior Citizen of the Year Andrea Cooper. Also pictured is the 1996 co-winner, Whitney Osentoski.

Mitchell, Cooper, Osentoski honored at Chamber dinner

The musical production, "There's No Business Like Show Business", performed by 5 students from the Cass City Drama Club, opened the Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday at the VFW Hall.

Fittingly so, as several of the community's celebrities, including many past Citizens of the Year, joined over 200 persons at this year's annual gala.

And although the skit from the musical, "Annie Get Your Gun", was performed without a hitch, the spotlight was

stolen by Jane Mitchell, recipient of the 1996 Citizen of the Year plaque.

Also honored were Cass City High School seniors Andrea Cooper and Whitney Osentoski, who will share Junior Citizen of the Year honors, as announced by Curt Strickland of Thumb National Bank.

Preceding the night's marquee event, master of ceremonies and Chamber President John Cooper delivered a State of the Chamber address.

Cooper reported the

Chamber's ending financial balance for 1995 was roughly \$6,700. He said that the Chamber is currently in the process of moving its headquarters downtown to the new Municipal Building at the corner of Main and Seeger streets.

Cooper then pointed out various functions of the Chamber.

"The Chamber maintains the lighted signs at both ends of the village." It also supports the Garden Club, tree planting along Main Street and snow removal from the

sidewalks.

"It's an on-going effort to enhance the business community," said Cooper.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

"This year's citizen of the year epitomizes service," says Robert Stickle, last year's Citizen of the Year, who presented the award to Mitchell.

Mitchell, a retired nurse at Hills & Dales General Hospital, became interested in nursing while in high school when she worked part-time as a receptionist for Dr. K.I.

MacRae.

She received her LPN in 1960 from the McCauley School of Nursing, where she was class president.

Mitchell continued her education, and in 1976 received an associate degree from Delta College, where she made the dean's list. She will receive her bachelor's degree from Graceland College this summer.

Mitchell has had an illustrious career in service to the community. She was responsible for obtaining a \$90,000

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Factory employs 75

Orbital moving to Saginaw area

Barring a miracle, and a quick one at that, Orbital Fluid Technologies, 4260 Doerr Rd., will leave Cass City this summer and move into another facility in the Saginaw area.

That was the word from Orbital President Lou Horner during a monthly Cass City Village Council meeting Monday night.

Horner emphasized the decision to move was not the result of anything the village has or has not done, but rather was based on the need for additional space and its availability by September, and the cost involved in leasing the Saginaw facility versus constructing a new building in Cass City.

"It comes down to a particular facility that is built and will be modified to our particular needs," he said.

Horner told the council that Orbital officials first looked at all the local options available before going outside the village.

Village President L.E. Althaver sent a letter to Horner last week, stating the village and county have access to the same type of consideration any other community could offer Orbital in the areas of site development/public infrastructure, property tax abatement, industrial development revenue bond refinancing, work force recruitment and work force training.

In fact, the village has offered Orbital assistance in the past in the form of a tax break of up to 50 percent for a maximum 12 years on new equipment and construction.

The most recent abatement was approved last fall after Orbital officials announced plans to expand by leasing the 9,600-square-foot

Bassett building on Garfield Avenue.

At the time, then-Orbital Director of Operations John Niebrzydowski told council members the proposed \$2.6 million expansion represented the realization of long-term plans to shift from development to manufacturing fuel injection systems.

The expansion, sparked in part by a commitment from Mercury Marine to ship injection systems, was to have added 40 new jobs over the next 2 years.

However, plans to expand into the Bassett building never materialized.

"Because you are just now making the decision and your timing to be in a new building is extremely short," Althaver wrote to Horner last week, "it seems highly unlikely that we have an equal opportunity to compete with our neighboring county where existing buildings are available."

"However, please be advised that we stand willing and ready to support your

expansion here in Cass City, and we are sure that our colleagues in county and state government are able to support us."

Horner acknowledged time is short, saying Orbital needs to be in its new facility by the fall in order to set up and test new equipment to be used in the company's new manufacturing operation.

Start-up costs tied to manufacturing also played a role in the decision to move, ac-

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Anrod plans to expand plant

The apparent loss of Orbital Fluid Technologies was tempered a bit during Monday night's monthly Cass City Village Council meeting with news that another local firm is experiencing growth.

In a letter to the council, Greg Biddinger, president of Anrod Screen Cylinder Co., 6160 Garfield Ave., announced the company is planning to expand its facilities, and will be requesting tax abatements in conjunction with its expansion.

Towards that end, the council scheduled 2 public hearings, the first to establish an Industrial Development District encompassing both of Anrod's facilities east of Doerr Road, and the second to consider granting the company an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

The hearings were scheduled for 7 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., respectively, May 23 at the village municipal building.

If approved, the industrial exemption certificate would make Anrod eligible for a tax abatement on new equipment and construction of up to 50 percent for a maximum of 12 years.

AUDIT REPORT

Turning to other matters Monday, the council received a glowing annual village audit report from Joel Chamberlain of Yeo & Yeo CPA, Marlette.

Chamberlain stated the village is in compliance with all accounting laws and procedures required by the state.

Among her recommendations to the council was a suggestion to investigate use of an automated payroll system, which would substantially reduce time spent on payroll and at a reasonable cost.

Chamberlain also urged the

council to conduct a study of water and sewer rates, a suggestion repeated by the CPA firm nearly every year due to consistent operating losses in the village's water and sewer funds.

The council may want to consider rate increases in light of the village's aging wastewater treatment plant, and plans to construct an additional water well, she said.

Village President L.E. Althaver indicated the council plans to take another look at the rates charged for water and sewer, but probably not until later in the year, after officials have a better handle on what the new well is going to cost.

In a related matter, Trustee Les Karr, who chairs the council's Public Services Committee, updated the council on the well project.

A geophysical consultant has recommended moving the proposed well site from an area west of the intersection of Seeger Street and Hillcrest Drive, to just south of the sledding hill in the recreational park, Karr said, noting the new site is north of the village's existing wells.

Karr said the new site would enable the village to include the well in an existing wellhead protection program required by the state. Establishing a second protection program, he explained, would cost another \$25,000 to \$35,000.

With that savings, Karr concluded, the \$25,000 spent by the village to hire the consultant was money well spent.

Actual construction of the well is still some time away, as officials must first receive approval to conduct test drilling. According to early estimates, the new well will cost an estimated \$190,000.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the council:

• Approved a resolution to pay off the village's debt on the former Jordan College building by February 1997, 2 years earlier than expected.

The resolution calls for a payment of \$97,858 in May, leaving a balance of \$21,770.

The payment will be made with funds accumulated from payments made by Baker College — which moved into the building after Jordan closed — that include arrears owed by Jordan College.

The original lease agreement called for an accumulation of funds — about \$40,000 at the end of the lease — earmarked for the Cass City Economic Development Corporation. By paying off the debt early, the EDC will receive an additional \$26,000.

• Approved a slate of 1996 village appointments.

Changes include the appointment of Tom Proctor to a 6-year term on the EDC Board, replacing village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie; appointment of Dick Teno to a 3-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing Don Ball, and the appointment of Jim Kranz to a 4-year term on the Downtown Development Authority Board, replacing Tom Proctor.

In addition, Curt Strickland and Richard Wallace were reappointed to 3-year terms on the village Planning Commission.

Michael Kropewnicki was reappointed to a 3-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Sharon Kraft was reappointed to a 4-year term

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Cass City's 1996 co-valedictorians, salutatorian



Collier Bogart



Andrea Cooper



Dawn Longuski



Jamie Luana



Shivaugn Rayl



Amy Schelke



Whitney Osentoski

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, April 25

Preschool story hour at Rawson Memorial Library, 10 a.m.

Friday, April 26

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30

All-Class Reunion committee meet, 7:30 p.m., V.F.W. Hall.

Wednesday, May 1

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

The Sanilac County Democratic Party monthly meeting, 6 p.m., at Liberty Lanes Conference Room, Sandusky.

NOTICE: Michigan Masons/Children's Hospital is sponsoring FREE Juvenile Diabetic Clinic. For information call Barney Hoffman, 872-4185, before May 2. Leave name and phone number.

Owendale Women's Club learns about crisis center

The April meeting of the Owendale Women's Club was held Monday, April 15, in the Owendale school library with 8 members and 2 guests. Miss Stacy Enderle and Mrs. Gail Alexander of the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center of Caro were guest speakers. They told of their work with abused women and children in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties. There is a need for volunteers in all the counties to help in this program.

A short business meeting was conducted by Vice-president Janet Retford. Several thank-yous were read from persons in the community receiving valentine fruit baskets.

The ladies were to help with the ground breaking ceremony with the first Habitat House in Owendale Sunday, April 21.

Door prize was won by Linda Roe. Two desserts were served by hostesses Alice Ricker and Jean Hughes.

The ladies will meet Mon-

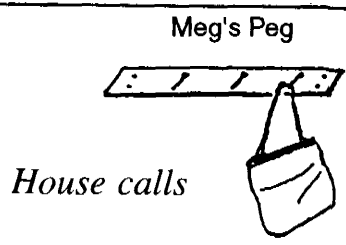
day, May 20, for the annual flower planting in the village park before graduation.

Annual art show set at library

Local artists are reminded to start getting their paintings ready for the seventh annual art show set for May 6-11 at Rawson Memorial Library. Paintings done in oil, water color or acrylic and pen and ink drawings may be submitted for this show. All entries must be framed and ready to hang and should not have appeared in previous shows at the library.

Artists who have work on display at the art show will be honored with a reception Wednesday, May 8, from 7-9 p.m. This is a time when visitors may meet with the artists and talk with them about their work.

Anyone planning to exhibit work in this year's art show should contact Ann Craig at the library, 872-2856.



by Melva E. Guinther

If you can remember when doctors made house calls, you qualify as an old-timer.

Of course, I'm much too young to remember house calls, but the picture of kindly old Doc Morris getting into his car with his black bag looks familiar. Maybe it's just a pleasant reminder of how things used to be.

We wouldn't want to give up modern medicine, technology and methods of treatment, but sometimes you can't help wishing the doctor still came to the patient.

Now, when you're feeling the worst and the most vulnerable, you have no choice but to take your pathetic body and plunk it in the doctor's crowded waiting room, sharing germs, misery, and often hours, with countless other wretched bodies.

In these days of drive-thrus, microwaves and instant everything, we tend to get crotchety when we have to wait more than 5 minutes for anything. That can add up to a lot of crotchety in a doctor's waiting room.

Of course, when you're the one who needs the doctor's attention right now, you really don't care how many people are getting crotchety in the waiting room.

You understand that a physician can't realistically keep a schedule of 7 minutes per patient or whatever, and that an emergency wouldn't be an emergency if it could be foreseen, but that doesn't make waiting any easier.

It's not likely that we'll ever see doctors making house calls again, but an article in

the AARP Bulletin offers a ray of hope.

"The Doctor Can See You Now" by Beth Baker, is about "telemedicine", a system of 2-way television by which doctors and nurses can examine and treat patients hundreds of miles away.

It's being tried as a means of providing medical service to patients in remote rural areas. So far, there are 100 telemedicine projects in 40 states involving about 5,000 patients a year.

The system uses 2 large screen televisions, a video camera, a machine to send the televised images over telephone lines and a special projector to show X-rays, EKGs and other tests.

A neurologist tested the telemedicine system by personally examining 9 patients while another doctor, who was unfamiliar with them, assessed their conditions using the 2-way TV system. Their conclusions were nearly identical.

This is still far from a house call, but the possibilities are there.

Perhaps one day every home will have access to telemedicine as needed.

Our children or grandchildren will probably still have to make an appointment and wait for the doctor, but maybe it will be in the comfort of their own homes instead of a crowded office. It's something to hope for.

Cass City Social Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

Calvarymen slated at Silverwood

The Calvarymen Quartet will appear in concert April 28 at 7 p.m. at Dayton Center Church located at 3633 Phelps Lake Rd., Silverwood.

The Calvarymen are a Michigan based gospel quartet organized in 1956. In 1981 the Michigan Senate designated them as Michigan's Goodwill Ambassadors. They sing a wide range of music from traditional to southern gospel. They have recorded several albums and annually appear at the National Quartet Convention in Tennessee.

Admission is free with a free will offering taken to cover expenses.

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NEXT: Steve Martin "SGT. BILKO"

Heartland to sponsor cystic fibrosis walk

Heartland Home Health Care, formerly Allen Home Health Care, is pleased to announce their sponsorship of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation "Great Strides" Walk-a-thon. Heartland of Cass City will host the event scheduled to take place at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 18. The walk will begin at the Cass City Village Park and navigate participants through scenic Cass City including residential, business, and country settings.

Participants will walk for tax deductible donations that they will solicit from friends and family members. Any one raising \$50 will earn a T-shirt for their efforts. Ad-

ditional prizes will be distributed to the top fund raisers. Free food and refreshments will be available for all who participate in this non-profit event.

Heartland encourages individuals, families, and community groups to get involved by contacting Sue Lautner or Angela Jordan at 517-872-4452, for information and registration forms.

Keep in mind that research is the only answer for those 30,000 children and young adults who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis. The steps you could take on May 18 can lead researchers one step closer to a cure.

YTC carries anti-drug message to area teens

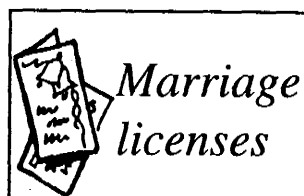
The Youth Temperance Council (YTC), the teen affiliate of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union (NWCTU), is stressing the importance of informing teens of the harmful effects of alcoholic beverages, other narcotic drugs and tobacco throughout Youth Temperance Education (YTE) Week, April 21-27.

The yearly observance of YTE traces back to 1965, when President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed the fourth week of April as "Youth Temperance Education Week", from then on throughout the nation.

Chapters of the YTC across the country observe YTE Week in different ways to help teens become aware of the dangers they face, not only from the use of alco-

holic beverages, other drugs and tobacco, but also from steroid use, pre-marital sex, and gambling.

Governor John Engler met with the state YTC officers at Hillsdale College and again this year signed an "Observation of Proclamation" in honor of the YTC effort in Michigan.



David John Warian and Jennifer Lyn Obertein, both of Vassar.

Anthony Edward Kovalcik and Frances Jo Vuckovich, both of Vassar.

Norval Herman Maschke and Hazel Lorene Bissell, both of Vassar.

Robert James Rancour and Peggy Irene Tierney, both of Millington.

Scott Jeffrey Marlow and Jennifer Lynn Proffer, both of Vassar.

Chad Anthony Fabbro and Mindy Ann Curvin, both of Vassar.

Frederick Gerald Heinz and Linda Darlene Evans, both of Vassar.

APRIL 29-30 MAY 1-3

Monday - Pepper Steak, Oriental Blend Vegetables, Rice, Hot Roll, Tapioca Pudding.

Tuesday - Baked Cod, Mixed Vegetables, Cukes & Sour Cream, Whole Wheat Bread, Fresh Orange.

Friday - Spanish Rice, Italian Blend, Glazed Carrots, Italian Bread, Chocolate Pudding.

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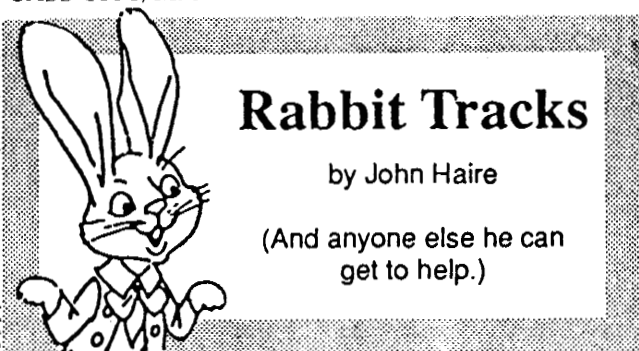
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

As far as I can tell, the subscription to the Chronicle that is paid the farthest in advance belongs to Bartnik Service. The Bartniks renewed again in our current subscription drive because they wanted to help pay for the fireworks.

The Chronicle is donating to the drive for every subscription received between now and June 1 and also is conducting a drawing for 20 sets of 4 each tickets to Detroit Tiger games of choice.

With the current renewal, the Bartniks are paid through the year 2002.

All of which reminds me of a classic line by the late George Burns. He said one of the major film companies wanted to sign him up for a 5-year contract that stretched to his 100th birthday.

Indignantly he refused. How do I know if that company will be around when I reach 100? he said.

Note to after-hour contributors. It will no longer be necessary to slide news items under the front door. Put them in the drop box in the door east of the regular entrance.

We checked out the Indian gambling casino in Mount Pleasant last Friday and judging by the number of slot machines and blackjack tables we saw, it's the opinion here that gambling there exceeds any one casino in Las Vegas.

No wonder that there is a massive new complex opening across the street from the huge slot machine hall already in use.

There's a long history of gambling in Michigan and the Michigan Trivia book lists one that was significant way back in 1880.

That's the year the county courthouse for Iron County was won in a poker game, Michigan Trivia reports.

While it's sad that the community is losing Orbital Technologies plant in Cass City, there is a silver lining. President Lou Horner says that all employees will be offered jobs when the plant moves.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	44	32	0
Wednesday	55	34	0
Thursday	70	51	.11"
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Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent YEAR END ACTIVITIES

With the end of school year quickly coming upon us, a variety of school activities are being planned. Here is a listing of some of the major events.

*May 11th - Junior-Senior Prom at Colony House

*May 15th - Job Shadowing Day for 10th grade

*May 16th - High School Awards Assembly

*May 21st and 22nd - Vision and Hearing Screening for all district 96-97 Kindergarten students at Campbell

*May 22nd - Health Department Immunizations for all district new students at Campbell

*May 22nd, 23rd and 24th - Science Fair at Middle School - Open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*May 24th - High School Graduation at 8:00 p.m. in high school gymnasium

*May 31st - 8th Grade Honors Award Assembly & Graduation - 6:30 p.m. in Middle School gymnasium.

*June 10th - Last day of school for students (Unless there is another Act of God day requiring a school closing.)

*Aug. 27 - First day of school for students

Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.



OWEN-GAGE JUNIOR/senior high students had the opportunity to learn about 20 different careers from professionals, including Huron County Prosecutor Leslie Hagen (above), who spoke during a Career Day held last Wednesday. The workshop, held in conjunction with the district's school-to-work efforts, was sponsored by the National Honor Society and its supervisor, Deb Gleissner, who spearheaded the program.

Cass City sophomore

Student in art festival

Jessica Apel-Mifsud, a tenth grade student at Cass City High School, has been



Jessica Apel-Mifsud

invited to participate in the Michigan Youth Art Festival at Western Michigan University May 10 and 11.

She is the daughter of Jennifer and Patrick Szubicklak of Cass City.

One of Apel-Mifsud's art-

works was selected for the Governor's Traveling Art Show, which will tour the state through May 1997. The show consists of 30 pieces of art produced by high school students from all over the state.

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Haire
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Report theft

A Cass City resident reported an incident of theft involving his vehicle early last week.

Corey Spencer told village police he parked his 1991 Chevrolet pickup truck near the corner of Leach and Main Street, and returned later to find 2 plastic headlight covers missing.

The value of the covers is estimated at \$100, according to reports.

A little of this and that gleaned from the news of the day as observed from the corner of Oak and Main.

A big Detroit bank, Comerica, announced branchless banking last week. It's called banking of the future by the experts.

The bank is offering perks like free checks and the elimination of extra fees for people willing to bank by phone, mail, direct deposit, automatic teller machines and later this summer, by computer.

That's just one more reason for a small town boy to stay in a small town.

It's hard to imagine that machine banking would fly here, although the experts say it will be common in 10 years. Helping push the program for big city banks, I'd guess, is the waiting in line that is common in the metro areas.

We don't have that problem here. I shudder to think about finding a forgotten check buried in the computer somewhere. A lot of folks are still adjusting to the rigamarole necessary to secure a loan no matter how great their credit. We miss walking into the bank and talking it over with the guy you know and who knows you, signing up and taking home the money.

Over the years financial institutions have spent millions

to foster a caring, friendly, benevolent image that diminishes every time more paper work is needed. All that type advertising may be a useless waste for the banks.

How can you cotton up to a computer?

I'm not about to look a gift horse in the mouth, but it still doesn't seem right.

Last Wednesday I did a little shopping. First to pick up a fishing license for trout fishing. It's the same license that Editor Tom Montgomery paid \$20.70 for. I paid \$1.50 and that was 50 percent more than the buck it cost me last year.

Then it was on to Erla's, where my bill was reduced 5 percent because of my age. Now it's nice to save a buck and I'll take it, I'll take it. And it's undoubtedly true that a percentage of seniors really NEED to save wherever possible.

But statistics also show that most seniors are fairly well off and don't have the mortgage payments, education expenses or family obligations that face the average wage earner.

What it amounts to is that all of us seniors are being subsidized by the rest of you. Businesses have to make a profit somewhere.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I am not the kind of person who tries a lot of new foods. If I have my eggs scrambled, rather than over easy, that's about as adventurous as I get when it comes to food.

When I go to a steak house, I get steak; or I'll have spaghetti and meatballs if we visit an Italian restaurant.

This drives my wife crazy. "That's O.K.," I tell her. "I like spaghetti and meatballs. When I don't like it, any more, I'll quit ordering it."

A few weeks ago, we visited our favorite Italian restaurant. I studied the menu for a long time and then said, "I believe I'll try the spaghetti and meatballs. Do you remember if I usually get the regular sauce, or the spicy Italian?"

"It doesn't matter," Connie said. "Maybe if you get something different, you'll find you like it."

So I got the spicy Italian -- and I didn't like it. I wasted an entire meal eating the wrong spaghetti sauce! You won't catch me doing that again.

That's the way I grew up. My mother was an excellent cook, but she had 7 kids.

If Mother said we were having spaghetti and meatballs, that's what we were having. There wasn't any fooling around with "What else is on the menu?"

Folks didn't go to restaurants very often in those days, and people with 7 kids didn't go to restaurants at all. We grew up on meat and potatoes -- and whatever was doing well in the garden.

My family's eating habits provided a good laugh for one of my brother's neighbors some years ago. My brother's 5-year-old was visiting the neighbors; and when the salad was passed at dinner, John didn't take any.

The lady of the house said, "Don't you want some salad, John. It's good for you." "Men don't eat lettuce," the boy said. Obviously he had

been watching his dad.

I can't speak for John, but I've tried some lettuce -- and even branched out into Chinese food, recently. There's an excellent Chinese restaurant in town, and we've learned they have a very economical "take-out" menu.

The food is great, but those who aren't used to Chinese take-out should be sure to remove it from those little bait buckets before serving. We used to get crickets and redworms in containers like those.

The old saying about being hungry an hour after a Chinese dinner is a bunch of baloney. You just have to know what to order.

Our local restaurant has a special that lets the customer choose 4 items. We started out ordering barbecued pork, pork fried rice, eggrolls, and

chicken subgum. (The chicken subgum includes some veggies.)

Later on, we substituted sweet and sour pork for the chicken subgum. Sure, we lost the veggies; but so what? Rice is a vegetable where I come from.

Now, I tell my wife, "O.K., let's get the barbecued pork, pork fried rice, sweet and sour pork, and the eggrolls. And see if there's any way we can get some pork in those eggrolls."



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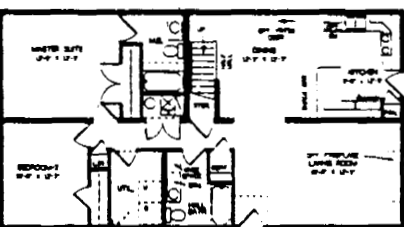
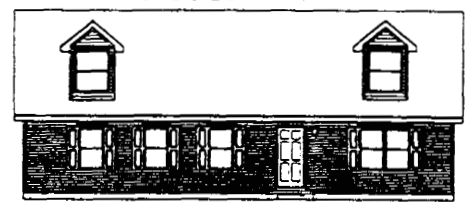
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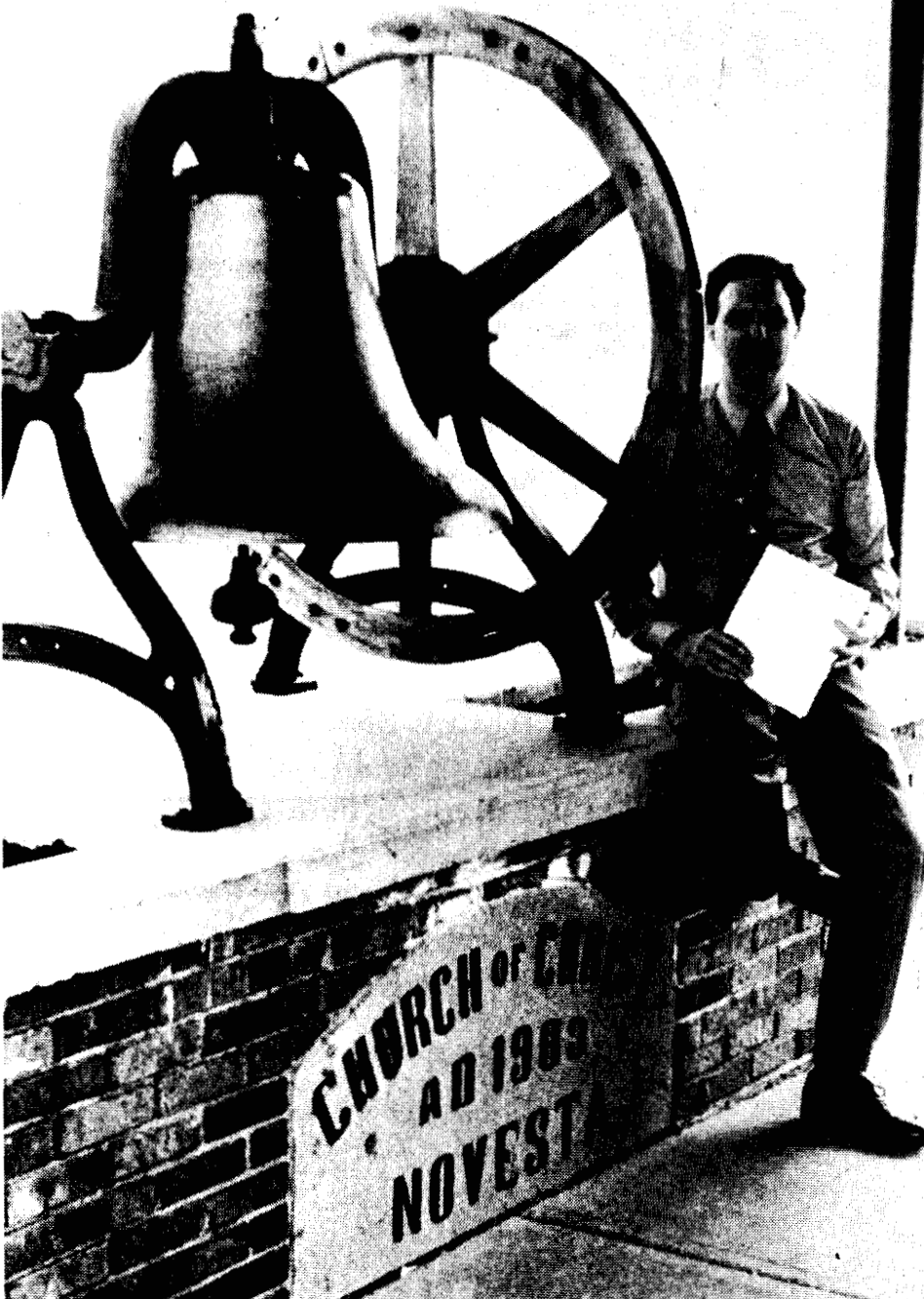
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THE NOVESTA CHURCH of Christ congregation is searching for information on its early history in preparation for a 125th anniversary celebration. Above, the Rev. Charles Emmert displays a copied document verifying the church's organization in 1871.

125th anniversary approaching
Church seeks historical data

Members of the Novesta Church of Christ were thrilled recently to find documentation verifying the church's organization in 1871.

The discovery came at a good time — as the congregation of the church, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., begins preparations for what will be its 125th anniversary celebration in August.

However, a number of gaps

Arrest man on warrant

A Cass City man was arrested early last week on a misdemeanor warrant charging him with breaking and entering — illegal entry without permission, and larceny of property valued at \$100 or less.

Cass City police arrested the suspect, Owen L. Gary, 31, early last week.

According to Tuscola County District Court records, Gary allegedly entered an apartment at 6456 Third St., Cass City, March 28.

remain in the church's early history, and members are hoping some area residents will be able to help them out. "All we have in possession are some documents dating back to 1896 — some minutes, bills, legal deeds," the Rev. Charles Emmert said, adding the church also has some photos dating back to 1915-1920. "If anybody can precede the 1900 era, or early 1900s, we could use more" information.

Church members would like to talk to anyone who might have or know about documents, photos or any other information depicting the church's early history, Emmert explained. "Or people who could help us identify people in the photos we have."

It's believed the church began meeting at the old Quick School, which was located near the corner of Severance and Warner roads, about 2 miles southwest of where the church is now located.

But much information is still missing, including the names of pastors who served the church prior to 1930.

The effort to learn more was recently sparked by the discovery of a journal-type entry published Nov. 4, 1871, in the weekly Christian Standard magazine.

The entry, dated Oct. 22, was written apparently by a traveling preacher by the name of S.J. Smith, who wrote:

"I commenced a meeting in Novesta, 4 miles from Cass City, Oct. 2. This is a newly settled town, incorporated about 10 years ago, consequently is almost an unbroken wilderness yet. Fires were all around the little openings of from 5 to 10 acres each. The meeting continued uninterrupted, however, till the 10th, when most of the women and children were obliged to leave town for safety. Yet during

the brief period of the meeting several were immersed, and a congregation with 13 members was organized."

Prior to finding Smith's article, Emmert said, church members were aware that the congregation might have been organized 125 years ago based on references in a book entitled "History of Churches of Christ in Michigan." However, he noted, "We didn't have any verification."

Emmert said the historical account led to a search for a book entitled "The Origin and Development of the Churches of Christ." (Church member) Ellen Speirs was doing some other genealogical work at the Michigan Library in Lansing, and she found the book," Emmert said. Which led to the search for

a copy of the Christian Standard magazine.

Emmert called his alma mater, Great Lakes Christian College, in hopes of getting a copy of the magazine. The school, which had only microfiche, suggested that Emmert contact the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville, Tenn.

A phone call and short time later, Emmert had a copy of Smith's account of the organization of the Novesta congregation.

Now, the work begins of trying to learn as much as possible about those early years before the church's "Celebrate Our Heritage" celebration, scheduled for Aug. 24 and 25.

Anyone who has historical information on the church is asked to call 872-3658 or 872-1195.

Man sought in abduction
Thursday in Mayville area

A man is being sought for questioning in the abduction of an 18-year-old male at gun point just outside the Mayville Village limits Thursday.

Investigators with the Tuscola and Lapeer County sheriff's departments said the victim was later released unharmed in northern Lapeer County.

The suspect is described as being about 30 years old, medium build, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches tall, with thick black hair and sideburns shaved at

the top of the ears. He has a thick black mustache and a dark complexion with possible Italian features.

Investigators said the suspect was armed with a black pistol, possibly a 9 mm, and was driving a late 1980s model light gray Buick with a blue, very clean interior and bucket seats. The victim believes the vehicle may be a Buick Century.

Anyone with information related to the crime is asked to contact the Tuscola

County Sheriff's Department at 673-8161.



THE CASS CITY Garden Club was thinking spring Thursday at Rawson Memorial Library, where members gave away 100 blue spruce seedlings. Above, club members (left to right) Anna Niebrzydowski, June and Don Thomas and Marge Feebish hand out seedlings to children attending story hour.

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Chemical Bank's Alan Ott to retire at end of year

Alan W. Ott, chairman, chief executive officer and president of Chemical Financial Corporation (NASDAQ:CHFC) and chairman and chief executive officer of the corporation's lead bank, Chemical Bank and Trust Company, announced last week that he will retire as an employee of the corporation and the bank Dec. 31, 1996. Ott will reach age 65 in December and is required to retire on the last day of the month, by the

terms of the corporation's employee retirement policy. He will continue to serve as non-executive chairman of the boards of both the corporation and the bank following his retirement. Aloysius J. Oliver, 55, who has been executive vice president, will become president and chief executive officer and a director of Chemical Financial Corporation Jan. 1. Sept. 1, Lawrence E. Burks, 63, president of Chemical

Bank and Trust Company, will be promoted to vice chairman of the board of directors of the bank. He will continue to serve as the bank's chief lending officer. Sept. 1, David B. Ramaker, 40, will become president and a director of Chemical Bank and Trust Company and an executive vice president of Chemical Financial Corporation. Jan. 1, he will succeed Ott as the bank's chief executive officer. Ramaker has been president

and chief executive officer of Chemical Bank Key State in Owosso. Ott joined the staff of Chemical Bank and Trust Company in 1962 as the bank's cashier. He was promoted to vice president and cashier in 1964 and elected to the bank's board of directors in 1969. He became the bank's president and chief executive officer in 1972 and added the chairman's title in 1994. When Chemical Financial Corporation was organized in 1973, Ott became the corporation's president and chief executive officer. He became the corporation's chairman as well in 1994. Earlier in his career, Ott had been an officer of Citizens Bank (now Chemical Bank Michigan) in Clare and of the First National Bank of Manistique.



ROCHELLE BROWN (above) served as captain of a 15-person running team sponsored by Board Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep Eagle in Cass City, which took its turn Friday carrying a special torch 22.5 miles to Bad Axe in a campaign supporting Special Olympics. The project involved transfer of the torch among 150 Chrysler Corporation dealers, with a goal of raising \$500,000.

Severe winter ups costs for village

The winter of 1995-96 will go down as one of the costliest in recent memory in terms of the effort and expense in keeping local streets scraped and salted. Cass City officials haven't come up with an exact figure, but village Manager Louis LaPonsie's April monthly report confirms Old Man Winter really outdid himself over the past several months. So far this season, 63 inches of snowfall have been recorded. Village crews have placed 188 tons of salt on the streets and removed 1,069 loads of snow from the downtown area. Last season ended with a meager 28 inches of snow, with crews placing 108 tons of salt and hauling 511 loads of snow from the downtown area. The latest recordable snowfall for 1995 was March 8, compared to April 4 this year.

Ubly honor roll

The Ubly High School honor roll for the third marking period:

12TH GRADE
Shannon Bailey, Sarah Beaudin, Jennifer Bock, Darlene Bosley, Bethany Brahm, Jamie Bukoski, William Cleland, Rodney Cook, Rhonda Heleski, Frederick Ligrow, *Ryan Maurer, Todd Mausolf, Frederick McCarty, Jill Morell, Stephanie Prange, *Jessica Puvalowski, Michael Rutkowski, Bryan Schrader, Tina Smithers, *Christopher Tyll, Alicia Weber, Denise Weber, Jolene

Weber, *Trista Wolschleger.
11TH GRADE
Chrissy Bezemek, *Jamie Bock, Elizabeth Bragg, Carol Cleland, Kathryn Elliott, Kenneth Essenmacher, Justin Faber, Rebecca Franzel, *Carol Halifax, *Melissa Heilig, *Rachel Herp, Kevin Klee, *Meeghan Lautner, Jennifer Maurer, Nicole Maurer, Kathy Meredith, Robert Mitchell, Paula Morell, Stephen Oberski, Laura Osentoski, Travis Peruski, Angela Puvalowski, *Sandra Rutkowski, Christina Sadro, Nicholas Schmidt, Rob Warchuck, Kristina Wyrick.

10TH GRADE
Devon Alent, Michelle Anthony, *Patricia Bratland, Eric Briolat, Sara Creguer, Julie Hicks, Jessica Jurgess, Bryan Kolar, Rochelle Lang, Keith Lewinski, Angela Mausolf, Eileen Naeyaert, *Julie O'Malley, *Janel Osentoski, Nicole Pollum, Lucas Prill, *Kristen Puvalowski, *Nancy Puvalowski, *Janelle Schrader, Angela Schroeder, Felicia Schumacher, *Anthony Tyll, Bradley Ulfig, Todd Volz, *Misti Wolschleger.



BREAKING GROUND FOR the first Habitat For Humanity house in Owendale Sunday are: (from right) Chapter president Scott Richards, house partner Tina Langley, Pastor Ray Jacques, board member Brian Reinhardt and Langley's son, Scott.

3rd marking period Kingston honor roll

The Kingston High School honor roll for the 3rd marking period is:

7TH GRADE
*Alisha Blomquist, *Aimee Brzezinski, Andrea Congdon, Jennifer Ford, Sarah Frankowiak, Lowell Grimes, Holly Harp, *Nathan Holdburg, *Jennifer Jobson, Kristian Jones, Joseph Kelly, *Angela King, *Elizabeth Mashike, Alecia Nicol, Jordon Robinson, Shannon Roehrig, Kevin Smith, Anthony Steff, *Nicole VanAllen, *Misty Waun, Tim Wolak.

RaLonda Manning, Amber Myers, Wendi Sims.
10TH GRADE
Erin Astley, Cheryl Bishop, Andrew Harp, *McKenzie Houghton, *Lisa Kolacz, Kent Kramer, Lyndsay Lalko, Sarah Long, Jamie Mallory, *Jana Peter, Jennifer Phillips, Michael Rolando, Jared Terpenning, *Dana Zyrowski.

9TH GRADE
Maria Ahearn, Bryanne Bensinger, GERALYN BISCHER, Mark Dekoski, Joseph DeLong, *Leslie Deo, Kathleen Franzel, Jenny Greyerbiehl, Jessica Greyerbiehl, Michael Halifax, *Ryan Hernalsteen, Talisa Klee, *Laura Kramer, Jonathan Ligrow, Angela Maurer, Timothy O'Malley, *Rose Peruski, Rebecca Pettinger, Robert Romain, Jamie Romzek, Connie Rutkowski, *Crystal Smalley, Debora Smalley, Janis Tibbetts, Thomas Warchuck.

*Denotes All As

11TH GRADE
David Albin, Dan Curry, Jonathan Dereszynski, *Carrie Harp, Shannon Jacques, Stacey Jones, *Devin Kelley, *Emily King, Stephanie King, Jimmy Mallory, John McLaughlin, Brandi Myers, Dan Rayl, Meredith Roland, Anthony Rolando, Erica Schlaf, Shawn Willis.

12TH GRADE
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HAWK HURLER Chad Zawilinski went the distance Thursday against visiting Bad Axe in the opener of a twin bill won by the Hatchets, 8-7.

Hawks struggle in opening ball games

Coach Doug Hall said before the season started that his Cass City Red Hawk baseball team needed to get out and play a lot to iron out kinks in the offense and defense.

What the team didn't need was the week off that students enjoyed for the annual spring vacation. That was evident in the results of games last week against Reese and Bad Axe. The best that the Hawks could do was tie in the nightcap of a doubleheader against Bad Axe.

The Hawks will try to get on the victory trail at Lakers Thursday and then compete in the Tuscola County tourney Saturday at Millington.

In the opener, the Rockets broke open a tight game with a 5-run spurge in the fourth that broke a 3-3 tie to coast to an easy win. Chad Diegel took the loss. Diegel supplied most of the power at the plate for Cass City with 2 of Cass City's 3 hits, a pair of doubles. Allen had 2 hits for Reese, both singles.

In the nightcap, Reese hammered a succession of Hawk pitchers for a 19-5 decision in a game that was mercied after 4 innings.

Chris Hahn started and had control trouble and took the

loss. He was followed by Matt Oesch and Tom Dewey.

Chad Zawilinski had a banner day at the plate in a losing cause. He was on base all 3 times he came to bat, with a pair of singles and an error by the Rocket second baseman.

BAD AXE GAMES

If nothing else, the twin bill with the Hatchets resulted in a pair of close games in Thumb C National competition.

The opener went to the Hatchets, 8-7, when a Hawk rally to tie in the last inning fell one run short to hand Zawiilinski the loss.

The game ended when B. J. Mearns, who had doubled home Oesch to move Cass City to within a run, was thrown out at third by Osentoski, the Hatchet catcher.

It looked for awhile in the nightcap as if the Hawks were going to blow a 5-run first inning rally and lose again. Instead the game ended in a tie, 9-9, called after 5 innings because of darkness.

Going into the fifth inning, Cass City trailed 8-6. But the Hawks put together 4 hits in a row after the first batter was retired to score 3 times and take the lead. Mearns and Andy Gray singled, Dave Murphy doubled and Zawiilinski singled.

The Hatchets used a pair of singles by Pulasky and Eisinger to score the tying run in the last of the fifth.

Sixth annual Saturday Gavel Invitational

If form is followed, fans will see new records set at the sixth annual Jack and Jill Gavel Invitational Saturday at Cass City Recreational Park.

In the 5 years the unique meet has been held, new records have been the rule, not the exception. In the last 2 years 10 new records were set, 5 each year.

Since the meet started, only 4 records have endured, 2 of them set by Cass City, in the long jump (66 feet, 10 inches) and the Gavel (2:36.28). The third was set by Bad Axe in the 4x600 (6:50.90) and the fourth by Caro in the 4x200 (1:44.72).

The same 8 teams that entered the meet last year are returning. They are Yale, Bad

Axe, North Branch, Lakers, Cass City, Marlette, Cross-Lex and Inlay City.

Last year the meet was won by Yale and Cass City track Coach Larry Robinson expects Yale and the second and third place teams, Bad Axe and North Branch, to duke it

out for the title again this year.

The meet is unique in that the relay event has boys and girls forming teams with an equal number of each on each team, with the scores added to determine the winner of each event.

Event	School	Record	Year
Shot Put	Lakers	154'	1994
Discus	Marlette	461'1"	1995
High Jump	Lakers	22'	1995
Long Jump	Cass City	66'10"	1991
Shuttle Hurdle	Yale	1:10.95	1995
4x100	Caro	49.17	1992
Distance Medley	Bad Axe	12:02.85	1992
Sprint Medley	Cass City	2:16.91	1994
4x600	Bad Axe	6:50.90	1991
Odd Distance	Yale	9:42.8	1995
4x200	Caro	1:44.72	1991
4x300	Yale	2:51.14	1995
Even Distance	Marlette	8:09.26	1992
Gavel	Cass City	2:36.28	1991

Hawk teams top Sandusky, Lakers in triangular meet

The Cass City High School track teams won a triangular meet Tuesday at Cass City. The boys won with 102.5 points. Second place Lakers scored 76.5 and Sandusky, 62 points. The girls' team won with 102 points. Lakers were second with 67 and Sandusky, third with 53 points.

Cass City's Chris Revis was a triple winner, taking the pole vault (10-6), 1600 meter (5:16.27) and 3200 meter (11:30).

Cass City won 8 of the 17 events while Sandusky had 6 first place finishes and Lakers, 3 firsts. Overall depth enabled the Lakers to edge the Redskins for second place.

Besides Revis, events won by the boys were: 100 hurdles, Ryan Brinkman

(:17.27); 100 meter, Dan Sherman (11.85); 800 relay, Sherman, Nick Bliss, Chad Lenhard and Corey Regnier (1:40.06); 300 hurdles, Brinkman (:48.07), and Ray Meredith in the discus, (120-11).

Pacing the girls to the win were LeAnn Foster and Andrea Cooper, who each won an event and ran a leg on the winning 400 and 800 relay races. Foster won the 100 meter dash (:13.53) and Cooper, the 200 meter (:29.96).

Other runners in the 800 relay were Amy Schelke and Shivaugn Rayl (1:58.71) and in the 400 relay, Schelke and Gia Mellendorf (:58.59).

Other firsts recorded by Cass City included a pair by Heather Hultburt, in the 100 hurdles (:18.68) and the 300 hurdles (1:00.26). Rayl won

the 400 meter in 1:08.57. Becky Laming won the discus with a toss of 86 feet, 2 inches, and Andrea Rea, the shot with a toss of 30 feet, 4 1/4 inches.

WILDCAT RELAYS

The Caro Tigers were at the top and the bottom of the standings in Friday's Wildcat Relays at Mayville. The girls topped the 11 teams in the meet with 86 points to edge second place Vassar with 64. The boys finished dead last with 11 points as North Branch won the championship with a one-point edge over Bad Axe, 54 to 53.

Cass City finished eighth among the boys with 22 points and fourth among the girls, with 39.

In the boys' competition, the Hawks' best finish was third in 2 events. The running

field event run by Corey Regnier, Damian Izydorek, James Taylor and Chad Lenhard (1:00.9) and the shot put with Kurt Iwankovitsch, Ray Meredith and Regnier (125-10 1/2).

Fourth place was earned in the shuttle hurdles by Ken Roehl, Dan Sherman, D. J. Malone and Ryan Brinkman (1:11.6).

The Hawks were fifth in 3 events: long jump, with Nick Bliss, Sherman and Taylor (51-9 1/2); 4 by 300 team of Izydorek, Taylor, Isaac Ponder and Jason Wright (2:44.26); sprint medley team of Ryan Brinkman, Sherman, Regnier and Bliss.

HAWK GIRLS

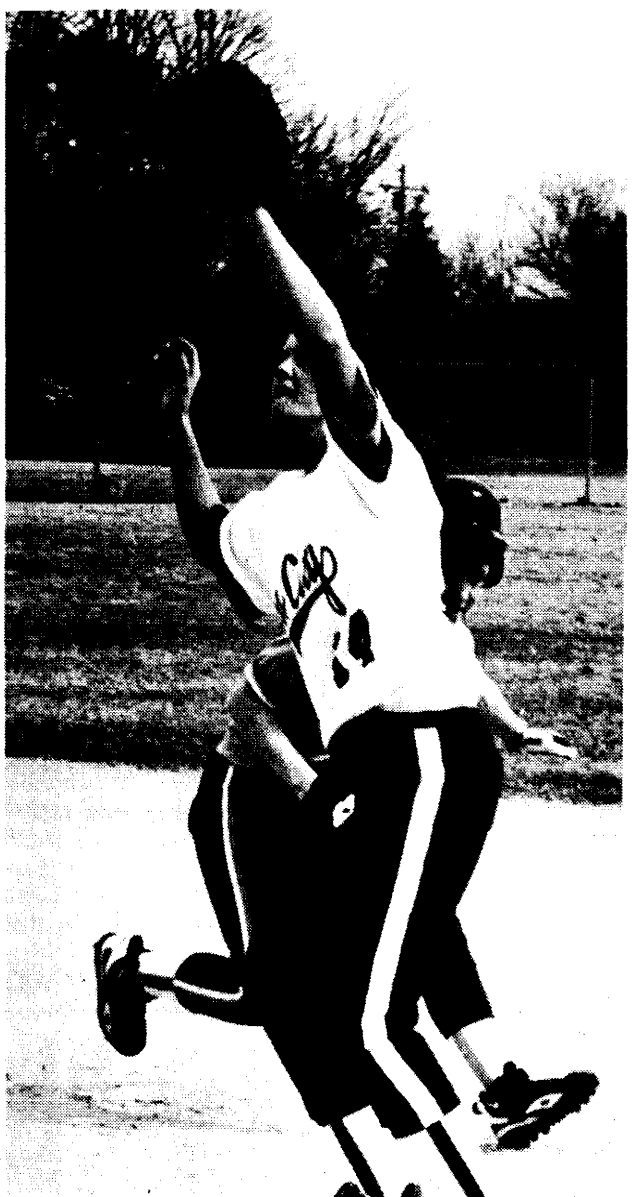
Cass City girls won 2 events, had one second, third, fourth and sixth place finish.

The 4x300 team won with Cooper, Foster, Schelke and Rayl in 3:05.39 and the same girls won the sprint medley relay while setting a new meet record of 1:21.89.

This team also finished second in the Wildcat relay with a time of 2:51.79.

Third place in the discus was earned by Laming, Niah Hosner and Rea (249'3"). The shot put team was fourth with Rea, Susan O'Hara and Laming (83'9 1/4"). Sixth place went to the long jump team of Foster, Schelke and Mellendorf (37-1 1/4).

WILDCAT RELAYS	
BOYS	GIRLS
N. Branch	54
Bad Axe	53
Mayville	48
Almont	44
Millington	40
Yale	30
Marlette	30
Cass City	22
Cross-Lex	20
Vassar	18
Caro	11
Caro	86
Vassar	64
Bad Axe	48
Cass City	39
Yale	38
N. Branch	30
Marlette	24
Mayville	22
Millington	11
Almont	8
Cross-Lex	2



CASS CITY'S FIRST baseman Cori Britt reaches high for an errant throw in Thursday's home Thumb C Conference contest with Bad Axe.

Softball team still seeking first win

It looks like it will be a long, frustrating year for the Cass City Red Hawk softball team that is still looking for its first win in 7 starts.

Last week Cass City fell to Reese twice, Bad Axe once and was behind in the second game called because of darkness. They play the Lakers Thursday.

Last week's losses came after the team dropped a pair of games at Frankenmuth and a rain-shortened game at Vassar.

In the Thumb C National League opener against the Hatchets, Cass City's bats came to life and the team pounded out 9 hits while the Hatchets collected 7, but errors by the defense led to a 13-12 loss.

Leann Deering started and was charged with the defeat. She was relieved by Rachel Peters. The Hawks were in the game until the final out. The team rallied to score 3 times and had the tying run on base before the game

ended. Katie Anthony, Deering and Shawna Long had 3 hits each for the Hawks.

In the free-scoring second game, Cass City trailed 12-9 before the game was called.

In the games against Frankenmuth, the Hawks lost 10-0 and 17-0.

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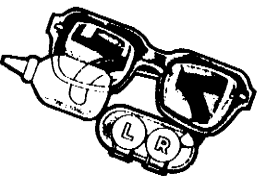


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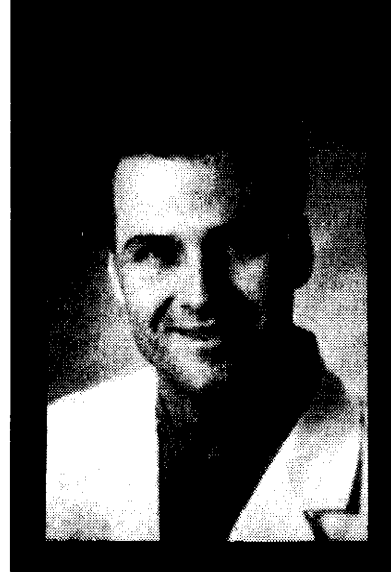
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Letters to the editor

Retail giants' victory is small town stores' loss

Editor:

Large department stores like Wal-Mart are winning the hearts and wallets of some people, but in return, destroying small businesses in their town and others nearby. The businesses that have been around for over 20 years are doing well, but for new stores, it is hard to get started because the customer's business is missing.

Mike Weaver, owner of Coach Light Pharmacy for 28 years, has seen some changes for the worse among businesses in Cass City. He said, "Clothing and shoe stores have it the hardest because there is not a large variety here." He also said, "We have diapers here that are good or even better than Wal-Mart and better prices."

Local residents of Cass City are asked why they may prefer shopping at Wal-Mart

over smaller businesses or vice-versa. One person, who asked to remain anonymous, has shopped in both places and has mixed feelings about Wal-Mart. She responds, "I like all the merchandise in one store and I think the prices are reasonable, but the thing that gets me upset is that it is almost impossible to find help in that store (Wal-Mart), and at Christmas time, the lay-away line is extremely long, usually with only one or 2 workers on duty." I asked, "What can Cass City stores offer that

will keep others shopping here." She responded, "Maybe advertise more and have more bargains."

Heather Stratton agrees that it is difficult to find help at Wal-Mart. "I go there because of the convenience and prices of hair shampoo, laundry soap, and film is cheap but of good quality. I would gladly shop in town, but the prices are too high."

Many people like the idea that Wal-Mart has items like clothing, electronics, office and school supplies and toys

for example all in one store, but people who need to pick up something and do not have time to drive 15 or 20 miles away, must rely on the stores in town. One advantage that small stores in Cass City offer, is one-on-one personal service that Wal-Mart will never offer. Mike Weaver sums it all up when he says, "If you don't shop here, soon it will all be gone and if you want the town to offer a lot, you must support us."

Heather Hewitt

Message to students:

Act like young adults

Student Related Problems in Area Schools

I can't believe what is taking place at the Cass City Middle School and Owen-Gage Schools! Just a short time ago, I was a student at the Middle School and I never experienced someone threatening my life and no one that I knew of ever brought weapons to school. The worst thing that ever took place were people calling each other a nasty name. I can only imagine how the students feel about these occurrences with threats and weapons. I am very glad that I have not read any articles on the front page of the newspaper about weapons or threats on students in the past few months. Kids are at school to learn, not to threaten other students. I hope students will try to resolve their disagreements peacefully in the future.

I applaud the idea of an alternative classroom. I can

understand how frustrating disruptions can be to both students and teachers. I can remember the people that always caused the teacher to stop teaching and write them up. It was always irritating to have to stop in mid-lesson because someone wanted attention. I really hope that the alternative classroom becomes a reality for the student's sake as well as for the sanity of the teachers.

The recent closed campus situation of Owen-Gage, in my opinion, was not the best solution. I feel it will only make matters worse. I can understand why the policy was implemented. The hand full of "trouble makers" ruined the fun for everyone else and the other students are upset because they are being punished for something they

never did. Lunch hour means quite a bit to students. They can talk to friends, go for a ride with a group of friends, and just relax before the rest of the day comes at them. I feel the hand full of students that are causing problems should be given in school suspension for their lunch hour. They will have a chance to eat and do school work during their lunch hour. If these students are going to act like kids, treat them that way.

I have a message for students in junior high and high school: You are young adults, act like young adults. If you are acting like young adults, give yourself a pat on the back. Good Luck!

Tracy L. Boerner

Cass City Class of '96 boasts 6 valedictorians

Six members of the Cass City High School Class of 1996 will graduate with perfect 4.0 grade point averages, according to school officials, who recently announced the names of this year's honors graduates.

Named valedictorians are Collier Bogart, Andrea Cooper, Dawn Longuski, Jamie Luana, Shivaughn Rayl and Amy Schelke.

The 1996 salutatorian is Whitney Osentoski, who has achieved a 3.981 GPA.

Bogart is the only junior among the 6, having earned not only a perfect GPA, but also completing the graduation requirements in 3 years instead of the typical 4 years.

Bogart, the son of Larry and Deborah Bogart, 6256 River Rd., Cass City, has been involved in a host of organizations during his high school career, including quiz bowl, Environthon, Spanish Club, golf and National Honor Society.

A co-op student employed at the Cass City Chronicle, his future plans include attending Central Michigan University, where he'll prepare for a career in teaching.

Cooper, the daughter of John and Cathy Cooper, 6820 Herron Dr., is a member of the Student Council and has been class treasurer the past 2 years. She has also been active in the National Honor Society, Close Up Club, Spanish Club, science and English Academic Games teams, and United Methodist Youth Group, and has held leadership positions on the student newspaper and the Snowcoming and Prom committees.

Cooper is a member of the Sally Doerr Dance Troupe and Company, and has placed twice in dance scholarship competitions.

She has participated in track, gymnastics, cross country and basketball during her high school career, and lettered in all 4 sports. An MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award nominee, she holds the school record in the 400 and 800 meter relays and in the 200 meter dash, and has won state medals in the 400, 800 and 1600 meter relays.

Her volunteer work includes delivering baskets for the United Way and painting the U-W sign, youth group service projects, Toys for Tots, student food drives, community Thanksgiving dinner, Bay Shore Camp counselor, blood drives, Fourth of July Festival and Bible school.

Cooper plans to major in visual communications at Ferris State University.

Longuski is the daughter of Patsy and Dennis Longuski, 8237 N. VanDyke Rd., Cass City.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to attend Oakland University.

Luana, the daughter of John and Jane Luana, 655 Englehart Rd., Deford, has been active in several student activities during her high school career, including Student Forum, National Honor Society, Natural Helpers and Business Professionals of America.

She is president of "The Young Riders" 4-H Club and attends the Novesta Church of Christ, where she is involved in the Sunday School, youth group and Bible Bowl Team.

Her future plans include attending Baker College, Cass City, where she'll prepare for a career as a certified public accountant.

Rayl, daughter of Timothy

and Elizabeth Rayl, 6185 Argyle Rd., Cass City, is captain of the Cass City Quiz Bowl Team and has participated in Academic Games as a member of the social studies team.

She is also a member of the high school track and field team and was named a co-captain this year.

After graduation, she plans to attend Michigan State University.

Schelke is the daughter of Beverly and Donald Schelke, 4739 Hospital Dr., Cass City. During her high school career, Schelke has been active in National Honor Society, Natural Helpers, Student Council, Spanish Club and her church youth group. A co-op student employed at Hills and Dales General Hospital, she has also participated in track and basketball.

Her future plans include attending Central Michigan University to study business.

Osentoski, the son of Martin and Lola Osentoski, 6219 Pringle Rd., Cass City, is Student Council president and a member of the high school Forensics Team.

He is very active in the arts, serving as a member of the Tom Thumb Choir, Sally Doerr Dance Company, Thumb Area Center for the Arts, and student director and cast member of the Theatre Festival production of "Go Ask Alice."

A member of the Cass City United Methodist Church, he has volunteered for Toys for Tots, Project F.E.T.C.H. food drive and high school blood drives.

Osentoski plans to attend Western Michigan University, where he'll study music theatre and real estate.

School officials also announced the names of honor

students who will graduate with GPAs of 3.5 or higher.

They are: Kelli VanVleet, Patricia Kroll, Kareem Khoury, Aubrey Marshall, Anthony Walther, Charity Gaszczynski, Emily Miller, Kristy Wood, Eric Hoeltzle, Matthew Ramirez, Billi Jo Hawley, Heather Dunn, E. Hartwick, Natalie Ponder, Cori Britt, Erin O'Dell, Jenny Rick and Bob Gengler.

Seniors graduating with GPAs of 3.0 to 3.49 are: Nick Bliss, Jeff Little, Jill Wright, Chad Zawilinski, Crystal McKnight, B.J. Means, Nathan Hendrick, Rebecca Smith, Leann Deering, Andrew Gray, Mike Peruski, Nathan LeValley, Eduardo Almado and Jake Lounsbury.

Rural housing loans up

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Economic and Community Development officials announced that guaranteed single family rural housing loans increased 61 percent over the same period in 1995.

In the 3-county area, the number of loans and the amount guaranteed were: Huron County, 8 loans, \$327,900; Sanilac County, 2 loans, \$104,000; and Tuscola County, 6 loans, \$300,290.

The program is designed for families wanting to buy a home, many who simply didn't have the down payment required under most government loan programs, Donald Hare, state director said.

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Letters to the Editor

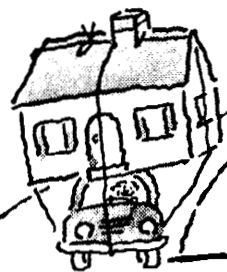
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You're in good hands. Allstate

The Rev. Todd R. Gould has enjoyed plenty of variety when it comes to occupations. He's served in the U.S. Marine Corps, taught school, owned and operated his own business and, of course, served as a pastor.

Gould's work in the ministry recently brought him to Cass City, where the Evangelical Free Church congregation has welcomed him as their new pastor.

He replaces the Rev. Dean Cernek, who along with his wife, Kris, and the couple's 3 children left for Tatarstan, Russia, about 8 months ago to begin work in the mission field.

Gould and his wife, Tara, have 3 children, Grant, 14, Noah, 12, and Jenna, 10. A native of Hudsonville,

Mich., he comes from the Evangelical Free Church in Cassopolis, Mich., near South Bend, Ind., where he has served as senior pastor for the past 4 years.

Gould graduated from Central Michigan University in 1976 with an English major and history minor in secondary education. During his college career, he also completed a platoon leader class program, and he went into the U.S. Marines as a commissioned officer following graduation.

After leaving the service, Gould completed a one-year training program at the Youth For Christ Bible Institute in Kansas City, Kan.

In conjunction with Kansas City Youth For Christ, he established the Golden State Teens For Christ ministry in Newhall, Calif., and served as its executive director for 2 years.

Gould said he remained in California, but changed occupations when he was called to serve as senior pastor at the Grace Baptist Church in 1983.

Four years later, the church merged with another church and Gould found himself without a job. So, he and his family packed up and moved to southern California, where he put some earlier training in landscaping to good use.

"It was there that we felt the call back into full-time ministry," he recalled, adding he gave up his landscape contracting business in 1992 and moved back to Michigan, where he received the call to the Cassopolis church.

Although he never pursued a full-time career in education, Gould said he has substitute taught over the years. Mrs. Gould is also a teacher, having home-schooled the couple's children. She is also active in her husband's ministry as a vocalist.

The Goulds, who love to golf in their spare time, are still in the process of settling into their new church home in Cass City. The biggest obstacle so far has been finding a house, according to the pastor.

3 earn honors at U-M

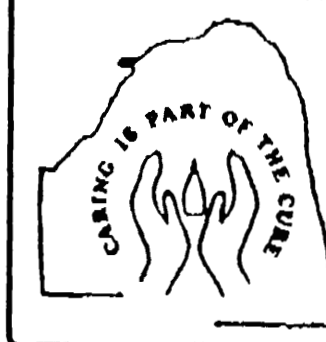
Some 5,400 University of Michigan students, including 3 area residents, were recently recognized at the university's annual Honors Convocation.

The area students are Rachel Lynn Sugden and Christopher Allen Freundt, both of Cass City, and Patti Ann Timmons of Owendale. All 3 earned class honors, which recognizes an undergraduate academic record equal to at least half As and half Bs for 2 terms.

Reunion meet set

The All-Class Reunion committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at the VFW Hall. All class representatives should attend to pick up reservation forms for the Aug. 3 reunion.

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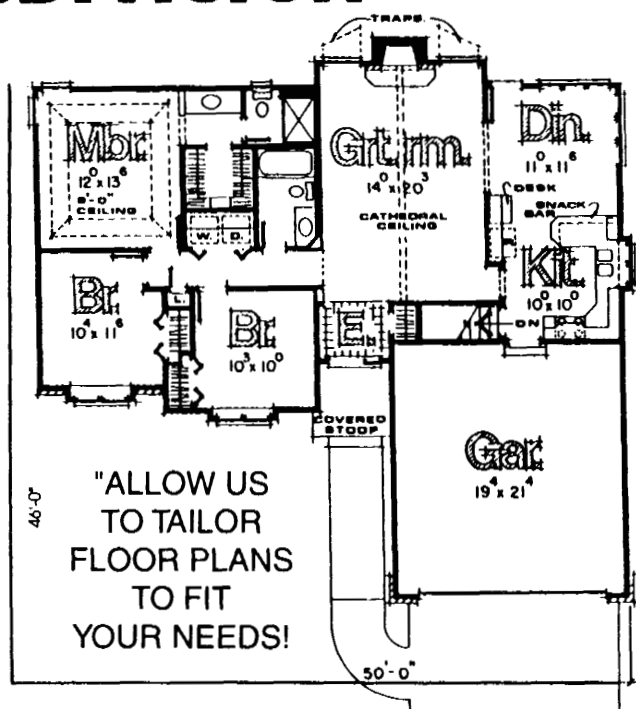
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Obituaries

Wilmer Gettel

Wilmer A. Gettel, 74, of Deford, died suddenly Saturday, April 20, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. He was born Dec. 17, 1921, in Owendale to John and Katherine (Schnepf) Gettel and has been a lifelong area resident. He married Irene H. Gage Oct. 3, 1970, in Cass City.

A farmer for many years, he also worked for Evans Products in Gagetown for over 19 years. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Cass City Gun Club. He was a lifetime member of the Sebawaing Sportsman Club.

Surviving are his wife, Irene; 3 children, Susan K. (Joseph) Lizon of Ortonville, Daniel R. Gettel of Saginaw and Richard L. Gettel of Essexville; 2 grandchildren; 3 stepchildren, William C. (Susan) Gage of Cass City,

Gerald F. Gage of Pensacola, Fla., and Robert M. Gage of North Branch; 6 stepgrandchildren; 7 stepgreat-grandchildren; 4 sisters, Erna (Harold) Sting of Sebawaing, Vernita (Carlton) Curry of Sebawaing, Esther (Kenneth) Ainsworth of Denver and Dorothy Burns of Saginaw, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers, Roland, Harold, Gerhardt and Donald Gettel.

Funeral services were scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home with the Rev. Gerald A. Meyer officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Ruth Quinn

Ruth J. Quinn, 72, of Stuart,

Fla., formerly of Plymouth, died April 21.

The daughter of Cecil and Mary Brown, she grew up and attended high school in Cass City.

She is survived by her children, Patricia, Penny (Dave) Priehs, Mary (Robert) Benham, Nettie (Bud) Carter, Beverly (Victor) Bell, Thomas (Kim), Timothy, Burton, and John (Dorothy); a brother, Kenneth (Ruth) Brown, and sisters, Mary Kay (Roger) McDonald, Elaine (William) Bell, and Sharon (James) Evans; 17 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John M. Quinn.

Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Interment will be in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Hilda Wills

Hilda Thaletta Wills, 94, of Cass City, died Wednesday, April 17, in Huron Medical Care Facility after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 12, 1902 in Ubyly to Winfield S. and Annie E. (Pierce) Chambers. She married George Ernest Wills May 26, 1920 in Ubyly. They were married in a double wedding ceremony along with Melvin Allen and Irene Krug. He died Dec. 24, 1966.

Mrs. Wills was a lifetime member of Eastern Star since Nov. 19, 1920. She recently received her 75 year certificate from Ubyly O.E.S. Miriam Chapter #214. She was a member of Fraser Presbyterian Church and Farm Bureau. She was a 4-H leader for many years.

Hilda is survived by her daughter, Fay (Harold) Ballagh of Cass City; a son, Gerald (Lorraine) Wills of Ubyly; 7 grandchildren 14 great-grandchildren; 2 step great-grandchildren; 1 step great-great-granddaughter, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Oscar, Mark and Roy Chambers; sisters, Pearl Hoover, Ethel Ashton and Eva Russell.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 21, in Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Robert Bellinger officiating. Memorials may be made to Huron County Medical Care Facility or Fraser Presbyterian Church.

Interment was in Elkland Township.

Woman sentenced in shooting

A Mayville woman charged with shooting her boyfriend in his Kingston area home last fall was sentenced to 3 to 10 years in prison Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Deborah J. Leonard, 34, previously pleaded no contest to one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

According to police reports, the shooting occurred at about 2:45 a.m. Oct. 19. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said Leonard entered the Dayton Township residence of Richard S. Brown, 34, and fired a single shot from a .22 caliber handgun from a distance of 5 feet.

Brown was taken to Caro Community Hospital for emergency treatment and then transferred to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw. He was later released.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Angel Padro Jr., 17, Caro, was sentenced to 120 days in the county jail and ordered to pay a \$40 victim crime fee for his plea of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile and attempted conspiracy to commit unlawfully driving away an automobile Feb. 5 in Caro.

•Jason A. Sanback, 18, Caro, was sentenced to 10 months to 5 years imprisonment, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Feb. 5 in Caro.

•Steven L. Harrison, 26,

Richville, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and ordered to enter a residential treatment program, if available, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Feb. 2 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totalling \$1,000.

•Jennifer A. Diener, 27, Vassar, pleaded guilty to charges of delivery of marijuana and conspiracy to deliver marijuana last February in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing was scheduled for May 31.

•Edsel J. Brandel Jr., 25, Vassar, pleaded guilty to one count of delivery of marijuana Feb. 28 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing was slated for May 31.

•Joseph A. Biskner, 36, Kingston, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 180 days in jail (90 days suspended), with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to delivery of marijuana Oct. 9 in Kingston Township.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy and pay \$500 in costs and fines plus attorneys fee, \$480 in oversight fees and a \$40 victim crime fee.

•Bobby L. Bonds, 20, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to larceny from a motor vehicle and receiving and concealing stolen property (Dolby car stereo systems) valued at more than \$100 March 9-10 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,500. Sentencing is set for May 31.

•Daniel Lankey, 17, Detroit, pleaded guilty to larceny of property (jewelry, a jacket, money and miscellaneous items) in a building March 17 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing was scheduled for May 31.

•Cory Limberger, 18, Cass City, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 90 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to 2 counts of attempted breaking and entering a motor vehicle Dec. 26 in Gagetown.

Limberger was also ordered to pay \$1,000 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees, \$720 in oversight fees and a \$40 victim crime fee.

•Michael J. Larges, 19, Cass City, was sentenced to

36 months probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred) for his plea of guilty to 2 counts of attempted breaking and entering a motor vehicle Dec. 26 in Gagetown.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totalling \$800

and oversight fees of \$720.

•Deon L. Harrison, 24, Saginaw, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 30 days in jail (deferred) for his plea of guilty to attempted unlawfully driving away an automobile and driving with a suspended license Oct. 10 in

Indianfields Township.

Harrison, whose license was suspended for one year, was given 2 points on his driving record and ordered to pay \$800 in costs and fines, oversight fees totalling \$720, restitution of \$50 and a \$40 victim crime fee.



WINNERS! — Cass City Middle School students who placed at the Academic Track All-Star Meet April 16 included (front row, from left) Ross Sherman, Megan Powell, Michelle Derfny, Trent Milligan, Nate Brinkman, (back row, left) Andy Stoeckle, Christine Sheppard, Josh Dillon and Craig Emmert. Missing is Aaron Wiles.

Du Quesnay tops readers

Academic Track students place at all-star meet

Cass City students represented their school well at the 10th annual Academic Track All-Star Meet, held April 16 at Bridgeport-Spaulling Schools and the Temple Theatre in Saginaw.

More than a third of Cass City's 41 competitors received medals at the meet, and one student, Amy DuQuesnay, finished first among 30 students vying for honors in the interpretive reading event.

In all, 25 mid-Michigan middle schools were represented at the competition featuring testing and performance events.

Among the local testing winners were Michelle Derfny (third place, biology), Josh Dillon (second place, physical science), Andy Stoeckle (first-place tie, ancient history), and Megan Powell, Michelle Derfny, Christine Sheppard and Ross Sherman (third place, potpourri team).

Aside from DuQuesnay, a boys quartet from Cass City was one of 3 finalists in the performance category and received honorable mention. The quartet, composed of Craig Emmert, Aaron Wiles, Nate Brinkman and Trent Milligan, was accompanied by Christine Sheppard.

During the regular Aca-

ademic Track season, Cass City competed against students representing the Capac, USA and Millington Schools, and won each of the 3 previous meets.

Gerry Tibbitts serves as coordinator of Cass City's Academic Track program with the help of assistants Kathy Milligan and Judy Brown.

In all 13 staff members have helped out with the program by coaching teams, supporting students by monitoring and checking tests, scoring and managing the performance competitions. In addition, Counselor Dick Partlo managed the stage for sound and video, and some special education students operated a concession stand.



CASS CITY'S Amy DuQuesnay placed first among 30 mid-Michigan students who competed in the interpretive reading event at the Academic Track All-Star Meet.

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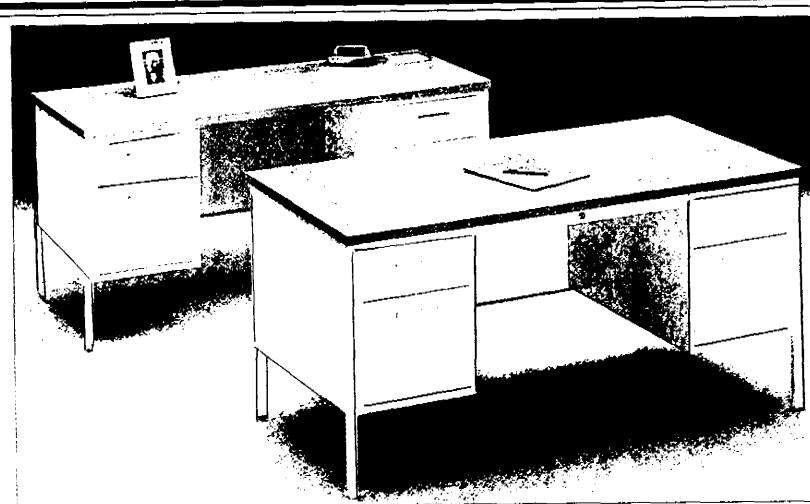
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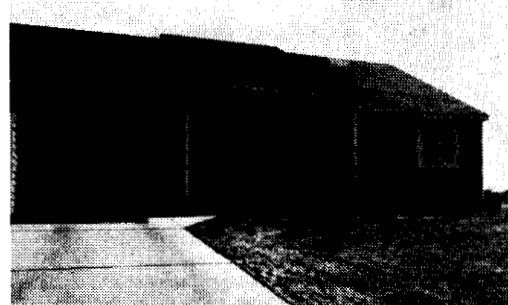


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Walbro reports record sales, income down

L.E. Althaver, chairman, president and chief executive officer, Walbro Corporation, reported record sales of \$152,966,000 for the first quarter ended March 31, compared with \$98,257,000 for the first quarter of 1995. First quarter sales included approximately \$54,090,000 from the former fuel systems business of Dyno Industrier, acquired in July 1995.

Net income was \$4,534,000 for the first quarter of 1996 compared with \$5,088,000 for the same period in 1995. The company posted net income per share of \$.53 for the first quarter of 1996, compared with \$.59 for the same period in 1995. Average shares outstanding for the first quarter were 8,620,942 in 1996 and 8,597,265 in 1995.

"Sales of fuel system products by Walbro Automotive in the U.S. increased in the first quarter, despite a reduction in domestic light vehicle production due to inventory adjustments by most automakers and a strike at General Motors," Althaver said.

"Walbro Automotive's fuel tank operations in Europe contributed significantly to Walbro's overall sales, but they did not perform at anticipated profit levels due to reduced automobile production in Europe in the first quarter," the Walbro chief executive said.

"Lower vehicle production in Europe also affected

Marwal Systems, a joint venture with Magneti Marelli in France," Althaver noted. "However, this venture continues to increase its European market share for fuel pumps and modules. Marwal do Brasil, a second joint venture with Magneti Marelli, also continues to increase market share, with over 60 percent of the Brazilian market for fuel pumps and modules."

"Sales of diaphragm and float-feed carburetors by Walbro Engine Management fell below anticipated levels in the first quarter, offsetting an increase in ignition system sales and resulting in a reduction in sales for Walbro Engine Management compared with the first quarter of 1995," said Althaver. "However, despite lower sales, Walbro Engine Management attained its profitability target for the quarter," he noted.

Althaver also reported on the progress of worldwide facility expansions. These included: the completion of a new diecasting facility in Tucson, Ariz., and newly-expanded technical facilities in Auburn Hills and Caro; ongoing construction of a new carburetor facility in China and a new plastic fuel tank plant in Brazil. Continuing expansions of Walbro's Ossian, Ind., fuel tank facility and Meriden, Conn., tank/module/plastic fuel rail plant, and recent construction start-ups of new fuel tank facilities in Belgium and India were recorded.



CARO'S GERALD GENEROUS bagged his first turkey Monday while hunting in Ellington Township. The tom weighed 18 pounds and had a 9.75" beard with 3/4" spurs.

Cass City among schools to present at conference

Cass City School officials' efforts over the past year to improve communication skills and explore ways to enhance technology in the classroom will be recognized at a special educational conference next month.

The local school system is among 14 districts statewide whose success and challenges in designing and sustaining authentic school change will be showcased during the 2-day Michigan Education Leadership Collaborative conference, scheduled for May 17 and 18 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing.

The theme of the meeting is "Framing the Future: Models for Changing Public Education."

Aside from Cass City, the Michigan Education Leadership Collaborative involves community/district teams representing the Allen Park, Bellevue, Bridgeport-Spaulding, Carman-Ainsworth, Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Detroit, Hartford, Jackson, Lakeview, Northport, Novi, Traverse City and Wyoming schools.

The districts were all recipients of a competitive state grant created to expand each district's plan to initiate, coordinate and sustain educational reform.

The project began last year, with each district creating a team composed of community members, parents, a school board member, an

ISD representative, the superintendent, teachers, principals and support staff.

Cass City team members are Supt. Ken Micklash, school board Trustee Beverley Auten, Marilyn Peters, Jerry Krzyckowski of the ISD, Don Richards, teachers Diana Williams and George Bushong, and high school Principal Dorland Kuntz.

The late Ben Hobart, a longtime school board member and district supporter, also served on the local team until his death last February.

STUDY SESSION

According to Micklash, the project began last summer with a week-long work study session for all the district teams, followed by periodic one-day meetings in Lansing.

"We also met a few times throughout the school year on the local level," he said, adding the local team received grant funds totaling about \$5,600 to cover expenses.

The meetings covered a host of topics, including:

- Dialogue training to enhance communication between the various role groups and to better assure that all voices are heard in the educational change process.
- Personal and team development to better understand each other's strengths and potential contributions to the collaborative process.
- District and community relationships, to gain a working knowledge of demographics and community building concepts to rethink and define the relationship between the community and

its schools.

• Skill enhancement networks, to develop learning communities focused on particular issues or topics related to school reform.

• System change information framed around new thinking about learning and its impact on education.

• Tuning protocol techniques to become more skilled at being thoughtful and reflective when evaluating progress.

COMMUNICATION

"The educational changes that we're learning about are, number one, improving communication within the school district and within the community, and 2, focusing on how to enhance local technology," Micklash explained.

Local school officials have implemented a number of activities to improve communication, including hosting public tours of school facilities, visits to township boards, parent outreach sessions and surveys.

"Communication is so vital to community support of education in general," Micklash said. "We need to be aware of our public image and the fact that we need to be responsive to the public."

"The focus of this year's activities wasn't... the bond issue," Micklash added. "We want to use this year's activities that we learned from to build into the future."

The activities have included taking a closer look at all aspects of technology in the

classroom and ways to tie it into the curriculum, while at the same time working to strengthen other areas of the curriculum, the superintendent said.

Micklash indicated the collaborative experience reminded local district team members of the many good things happening in Cass City, including good school-community relations.

The local school system isn't perfect, he concluded, but "we have a lot of positive things going for us."

Junior Citizens

This year's Junior Citizens of the Year were selected from a group of 8 candidates that included: Cooper, Osentoski, Kareem Khoury, Shivaugh Rayl, Aubry Marshall, Kristy Wood, Crystal McKnight and Becky Smith.

Cooper, daughter of John and Cathy Cooper, is one of the 6 Cass City valedictorians. She plans to attend Ferris State University to pursue a career in visual communication.

She has volunteered her time delivering baskets for the United Way. Cooper has been active in youth group service projects and a Bay Shore Camp counselor for 2

years.

Cooper has held class offices in both her junior and senior years and served as a member of the Student Council. She is a member of the National Honor Society, editor of her publication class, member of the Close Up and Spanish clubs. Cooper was also a member of the science academic games team for 2 years.

On the athletic field, Cooper is captain of this year's girls' track team and has excelled on several relay teams, including the 400, 800 and 1600 meter relay teams that have earned state medals.

Andrea has enjoyed her experience with the Tuscola Technology Center, where she received designer of the month recognition.

Osentoski is the son of Martin and Lola Osentoski. Following graduation, he plans to attend Western Michigan University to study music theatre and business communication. Osentoski will graduate as Cass City's salutatorian with a GPA of 3.981.

Whitney has done volunteer work for the local Toys for Tots program, the F.E.T.C.H. program and the Red Cross Blood Drive.

He has received numerous honors and awards for dance and vocal performance. While participating with the Sally Doerr Dance Studio, he was selected and participated in 1995 summer institute for the Arts & Sciences held at Western Michigan University. He also received a superior acting award at the District Theatre Festival in 1996.

Orbital leaving village

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cording to Horner, who explained lease payments are much more attractive to Orbital than the estimated \$3 million cost of a new building.

Horner, who noted Orbital is in the process of negotiating a lease agreement in Saginaw, stated current employees have been asked to remain with the company.

Council Trustee Matt Prieskorn asked if Orbital would consider leasing a building constructed in Cass City through the support of local investors.

Horner said the company would, although he pointed out he isn't sure if the suggestion is practical given the company's need to move into a larger facility by the fall.

Prieskorn and Trustee Mike Weaver offered to set up a meeting with Horner and some potential investors.

Orbital Fluid Technologies began operating in Cass City 8 years ago as part of a joint venture with Walbro Corp.

Orbital moved into its present building on Doerr Road after the joint venture was disbanded in 1993. Since then, the firm has more than doubled its work force, from 30 employees to about 75 today.

Anrod set to expand

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on the DDA Board.

• Voted to reschedule the next regular council meeting from May 27 (Memorial Day) to May 23 starting at 7 p.m. at the village municipal building.

• Approved an annual request from the Boy Scouts to use the village park during a Cub Scout Day Camp program, scheduled for July 9-12 this year.

Fyvie resigns

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to Kern, saying he's gained significant dispatch director training and knowledge over the past 7 years, and that he feels the time is right to move on.

"I found I prefer the activities of dispatch director over that of law enforcement," he wrote. "Central dispatch director truly fills my professional needs."

First quarter income up

Alan W. Ott, Chairman of Chemical Financial Corporation, last week announced first quarter 1996 net income of \$4,802,000, an increase of 9.3 percent over 1995 first quarter net income of \$4,394,000. Earnings per share for the first quarter of

1996 were \$0.51, up 8.5 percent over per share earnings of \$0.47 for the first quarter of 1995.

Shareholder equity at March 31 was \$186.8 million, or \$20.27 per share, and represented 11.2 percent of total assets at quarter end.

Osentoski has been active in the Spanish club, debate club and United Methodist Church. Whitney is a member of the Cornerstone Youth Group and National Honor Society.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dale McIntosh, member of Rawson Memorial Library fund raising committee, to those in attendance that the library has secured \$464,000 of the total \$650,000 needed to establish the new building.

"We raised \$214,000, with a matching grant of \$250,000 from the Pinney Foundation," said McIntosh. "We still need your support, please help us."

The audience also was treated by members of the Sally Doerr Dance studios.

Chamber board member Kay Warner gave away donated centerpieces, and village President L. E. Althaver recognized past Citizens of the Year in attendance.

PAST CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

- Willis Campbell 1963
- Herb Ludlow 1964
- M.B. Auten 1965
- Lucille Bauer 1966
- E.B. Schwaderer 1967
- Dr. H.T. Donahue 1968
- James Bauer 1969
- Audley Rawson 1970
- Curtis Hunt 1971
- W.E. Walpole 1972
- H.M. Bulen 1973
- Harry Little 1974
- Cliff Croft 1975
- Evelyn MacRae 1976
- Helen Baker 1977
- Lambert Althaver 1978
- William Kritzman 1979
- Dr. D.E. Rawson 1980
- Esther McCullough 1980
- James Ware 1981
- Holly Althaver 1982
- Arthur Holmberg 1983
- Thomas Herron 1984
- Geraldine Prieskorn 1984
- Thomas Proctor 1985
- Jack Esau 1986
- Lou LaPonsie 1987
- Michael Weaver 1988
- B.A. Calka 1989
- Lloyd Vyse 1989
- Ken Jensen 1990
- Arlan Hartwick 1991
- Wayne Dillon 1991
- Nina Davis 1992
- Edward Scollon 1993
- Robert Tuckey 1994
- Robert Stickle 1995

PAST JUNIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

- Betty Kennedy 1965
- Robert Rabideau 1966
- Tim Knight 1967
- Joan Maleck 1968
- Lynn Haire 1969
- Sally Geiger 1970
- Cindy Strickland 1971
- Anne Bulen 1971
- Ron Crandell 1972
- Kim Glaspie 1973
- Melody Bacon 1974
- Marie Hobart 1975
- Ann Hobart 1976
- Sue Pobanz 1976
- Cathy Hobart 1977
- Ross Ridenour 1978
- David Heins 1979
- Frances Kozan 1979
- Ken Martin, Jr. 1980
- Tammy Tibbits 1981
- Scott Hobart 1982
- Carrie Lautner 1983
- Suzzy Scollon 1984
- Julie Smith 1985
- Tammy Iseler 1986
- Clayton Hobart 1987
- Dave Burnette 1988
- Jane Dickinson 1988
- Amy Francis 1989
- Jeff Bader 1990
- Jane Marker 1991
- Steve Tuckey 1991
- Jodi Erla 1992
- Melissa Micklash 1993
- Amy Osantowski 1993
- Ryan King 1994
- Stacey Klinkman 1994
- Michelle Brown 1995
- Mandy Nizzola 1995

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Left to right: Dawn Longuski, Natalie Ponder and Eric Hoelzle

Cass City Red Hawk Students of the Week are Natalie Ponder, 12th grade, daughter of Tom and Louise Ponder; Dawn Longuski, 12th grade, daughter of Patsy and Dennis Longuski; Eric Hoelzle, 12th grade, son of Judy and Larry Hoelzle and (missing) Shivaugh Rayl, 12th grade, daughter of Tim and Elizabeth Rayl. These students were nominated Thumb C All Academic Conference team members. Their nomination was based on GPAs and ACT scores. Good luck in national divisions.

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