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## 6 seek chief post

A former police chief and the chief of a neighboring fire department are among 6 candidates vying for the top job in the Elkland Township Fire Department.

Seeking the \$5,500-a-year fire chief post are Paul Fent, Dan Gee, Janet Hurley, Ross McCallum, Ron Pawloski and Mike Stec.

All of the candidates currently serve on the Cass City department with the exception of Fent, who is chief of the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department. Stec recently resigned as chief of the Port Austin Police Department.

The applications were reviewed during a monthly Elkland Township Board meeting Dec. 9.

Township Clerk Norma Wallace said 2 board members will interview the candidates over the next couple of weeks. "At the next meeting we should be approving the appointment," she said.

In other business, the board approved a \$400 increase in the charge for winter burials in the township cemetery.

The charge was previously \$200, according to Wallace, who explained the increase is due largely to the purchase of ground thawing equipment by Rabideau Septic, which handles backhoe work at the cemetery.

Winter burials are a rare occurrence, Wallace said, adding, however, there are times when a family prefers immediate interment rather than storing a body for burial in the spring.

Also last week, the board:

- Adopted a resolution allowing rezoning of portions of the township along M-81 and Cemetery Road. The purpose of the motion is to allow property to be rezoned for commercial uses in the future, Wallace explained.

- Re-appointed Elwyn Helwig, Roy Wagg and John Maharg to the township's board of review.

- Passed a resolution endorsing the Tuscola Area Airport Authority's plan to borrow up to \$35,000 to match a grant that will be used to remove and install fuel tanks at the airport. Identical resolutions are being presented to all members of the authority, including the village of Cass City.



**HELPING SANTA FIND the 5 lucky winners in the Cass City Chamber of Commerce free drawing Saturday were Steve Wright, left, and Cheryl Shores. The winners are: Nancy Henn, Cass City; Ron Cody, Gagetown; Sandy Hendrian, Cass City; Paul Rockwell, Snover, and John Shagena, Cass City.**

## It's official! Vets' Memorial Moving Wall coming Aug. 22

Don't try to tell Harley W. Rich Sr. that Friday the 13th brings bad luck.

In fact, it proved to be the luckiest of days for the Sanilac County Veteran's Affairs director, who after months of hard work, learned Friday morning that the Viet-

nam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall will be coming to the Thumb in 1997.

Rich said he received a call from Vietnam Combat Veterans LTD, San Jose, Calif., at 11:45 a.m., confirming that the moving wall will be in Sanilac County over Labor

Day weekend.

"I'll tell you, you should have seen me Friday. I was on the fourth floor and this building doesn't have a fourth floor," Rich joked Monday. "I was tap dancing on the roof."

Rich said plans call for the

wall to be set up on the Sanilac County Courthouse lawn starting Aug. 22. The display will remain in place through Sept. 1.

"As it stands," he added, "we're the only ones (in Michigan) accepted" to host the wall in 1997.

Rich is currently working on planned events for the opening ceremonies, including a fly-over, honor guards from the 4 branches of service — Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps — color guards from all of the service organizations, guest speakers ranging from former POWs to Vietnam veterans, a 21-gun salute and taps.

Rich, a Vietnam veteran, spearheaded the effort to bring the moving wall to the Thumb.

He started work on the project on Veterans Day in 1995, and has since logged over 9,000 miles on his car and put more than 1,200 hours of work into the effort.

The paperwork has included sending out more than 6,000 letters requesting donations from businesses and service organizations.

He's quick to credit the success with the support of many others, including VFW and American Legion posts, and Veterans Affairs officials in Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, St. Clair, Lapeer and Macomb counties.

Donations have come from all 6 counties, according to Rich, who has enjoyed the

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## By deputies

# Suspect shot in Sunday homicide

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies who shot an armed suspect during a stand-off Sunday night were justified in using lethal force.

That was the word Monday in a joint statement released by investigators at the Michigan State Police post in Caro and Tuscola County Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Karla J. Mallett, who ruled the shooting justified based on preliminary reports.

Det. Sgt. Michael Larsen of the state police is heading up the investigation into the incident, which left one woman dead and 2 other

people, including the suspect, injured.

According to spokesmen at the sheriff's department and state police post, officers were dispatched to a reported shooting at 4097 Wilder Rd. in Juniata Township at about 7:40 p.m.

Upon their arrival, deputies were confronted by an armed suspect holding a wounded woman at gunpoint. The officers engaged in a negotiation process in an attempt to bring the incident to an end and obtain medical help for the victim. The suspect was shot by deputies as they at-

tempted to render aid to the victim.

Both the suspect and the wounded victim, identified as Mia Jo Crittenden, 29, of Mayville, were transported to Saginaw area hospitals, where they are reportedly listed in critical condition.

Officers found another female victim dead at the scene. She has been identified as Trisha Marie Curtis, 23, of Vassar.

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department has turned the investigations into both the homicide and the

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## Cass City

# Street, park eat up '97 budget

Capital outlay and repair projects on tap in the village of Cass City next year could total more than \$775,000 if state officials fund a grant earmarked for reconstruction of Seeger Street.

Even if the project doesn't go through, village officials plan to spend more than \$417,000 on projects ranging from pool repair to water main replacements to street paving.

The work is outlined in an updated version of the village's 5-year plan for improvements, equipment purchases and repairs.

The village council was to have reviewed the plan as well as adopt the proposed 1997 budget during a rescheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, Dec. 17.

By far the biggest expenses planned over the next year are tied to road improvements, with the Seeger Street project topping the list at \$517,000. If approved, the state grant would cover 75 percent of the cost — about \$337,000 — and the village would pay the remaining 25 percent plus engineering fees.

The work would entail removing the existing blacktop and concrete lanes underneath the one-mile stretch, then putting down a new base, re-paving and installing new curb and gutter.

Village officials have said the project would eat up the entire year's budget for streets, although some additional paving may be done if the funding is available.

If the Seeger Street work isn't funded, a host of road improvements would take its place, including paving and installation of curb and gutter along Scotty McCullough Drive, estimated at \$63,000.

Street re-paving expenditures, meanwhile, are estimated at \$95,900. Projects high on the priority list are:

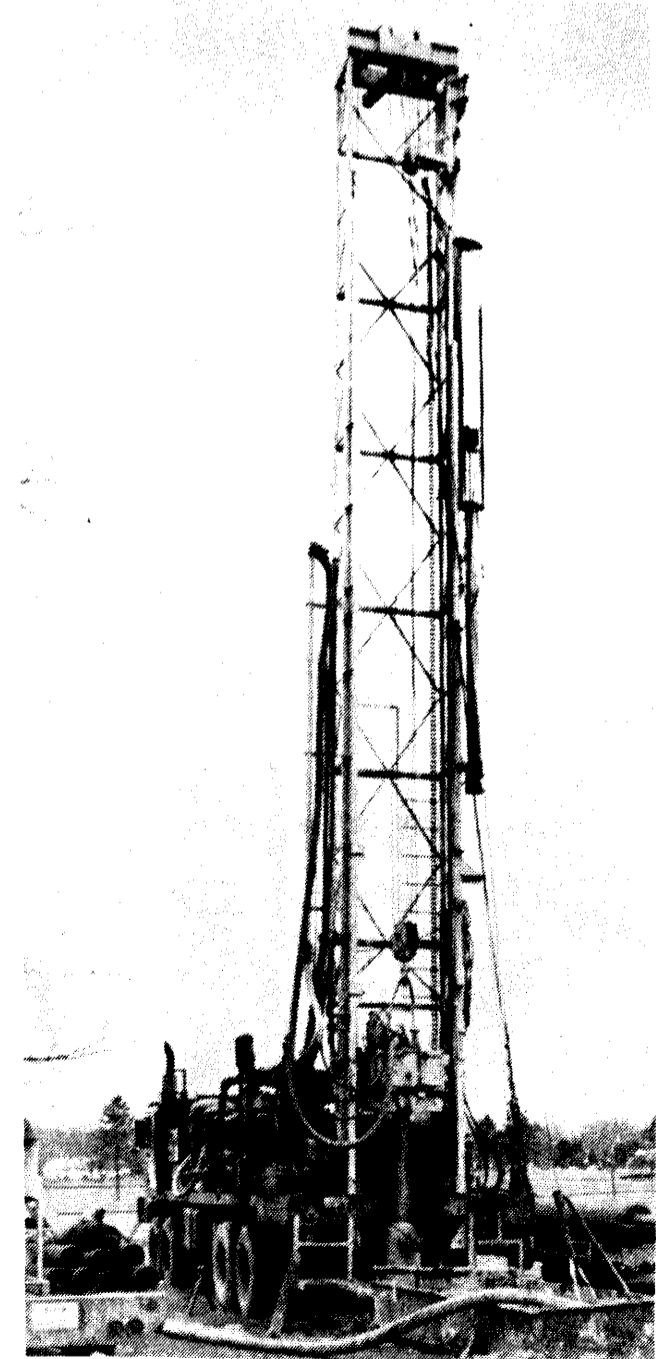
- Doerr Road, Garfield to Main (\$49,000); Garfield, Vulcan to Doerr (\$13,000); Pine Street, Seeger to West (\$5,000); Leach Street, Pine to Main (\$2,500); West Street, Pine to Main (\$2,500); Church Street, Seeger to Scotty McCullough (\$12,000); Herron Drive, Eielare to

Houghton (\$5,400); and Sixth Street, Seeger to West (\$6,500).

Other major expenditures scheduled in 1997 are repairs to the pool and pool building, estimated at \$48,500; purchase of a new dump truck, box and blade (\$45,000); purchase of a new patrol car (\$20,000); water main replacement — East Main Street Extension (\$31,500), and a \$25,600 payment towards construction of a new water well.

In addition, the report out-

lines estimates for various maintenance and repair work, as well as debt payments. They include: \$8,000 for construction of restrooms at the municipal building; \$5,000 for office equipment (payroll and workstation), \$19,000 for 10-year maintenance to the village's No. 2 well, \$12,250 for wastewater treatment equipment and repairs, a \$32,000 payment for the municipal building, \$4,000 for hydrant replacement, and \$3,600 for valve replacement.



**THAR SHE BLOWS!** — Work on a third water well in Cass City has begun. Layne Northern Co., Lansing, has started work on a pair of 70-foot test wells and will drill a 240-foot production well at a cost of \$45,406. The work is to be completed by May 1.



**OWEN-GAGE SCHOOL** Supt. Manuel Thies bagged a pair of caribou, including this nice bull, as well as a moose during what he describes as the hunt of a lifetime. Thies and another area resident, Ron Jamieson, spent 10 days pursuing trophies in Alaska. (See story page 9)

# Retired persons meet at hospital

Twenty-one Cass City Retired Persons and 3 guests were present for their Christmas party held at the meeting room at Hills and Dales Hospital, which was festively decorated with a Christmas tree and fireplace. The table also featured Christmas decorations, furnished by the hospital staff.

Edna Simcox, president, opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag and singing of "Jingle Bells." The secretary and treasurer's reports were given. Happy birthday was sung to Marion McClorey.

"My Christmas Message to You" was read by Yvonne Burleson. "The Ghost of Christmas Past Bills" was read by Mrs. Simcox, and "Christmas Prayer" was brought in by Onnalee Heltsley. Dolores Fleming read "Material Witness", Betty Ewald, "Do You Really Know Christmas", and Lillian Hanby, "Winter Wreath".

After lunch, Dolores Fleming passed out Christ-

mas tree ornaments for the group to decorate and keep, and an exchange of Christmas gifts and Christmas cards was held.

Drawing lucky numbers were Myrtle McColl, Vivian Mosher, Elsie Blades and Yvonne Burleson. Each received a gift.

At the January meeting, members will tell their New Year's resolutions.

## It's a girl!



Merissa Rochelle Damm

Merissa Rochelle Damm was born Aug. 12. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of Lt. Paul and Bonnie Damm of San Antonio, Texas.

Grandparents are Lawton and Marcy Jurgess of Harbor Beach, and Lloyd and Delores Damm of Gagetown.

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Shopping notes

by Melva E. Guinther

There are some definite benefits to doing your Christmas shopping early.

You don't have to contend with the hordes in the stores who didn't, and the selection of available merchandise is complete.

With your shopping done, you can take time to notice little things, like the perfume spritzer in the department store overheard asking a customer, "Would you like to smell Forever?"

While doing my early shopping, it's hard to believe, but I actually rejected a "Tickle Me Elmo." I held the thing in my hand, tickled it, decided it was pretty silly, and opted for a "Dress Me Elmo" for my grandson.

Now people are fighting over and paying exorbitant prices to tickle Elmo. If only I had known...

Another advantage to shopping early is that it gives you a chance to watch others shop.

Watching the last few days before Christmas, is a lot more fun than shopping, especially if you've got to have an Elmo.

Male shoppers are especially interesting. A friend told me that within the same week at the bank where she works, 2 men came in who love to shop and were genuinely excited about buying Christmas presents.

They are unique. Most men don't like to shop. They don't know how. It might help if they could equate the shopping experience to hunting.

The object is to bag a particular quarry. In order to accomplish this, you need to be able to recognize it. So there has to be some sense of what it is you're shopping for.

You need to know where to find the prey and you need a plan.

I've seen men draw intricate maps and diagrams of the woods, fields and deer trails. But when they get to the mall, they wander aimlessly. It's pathetic.

You also have to know when to shoot. Being translated, it's important to know when to stop looking and start buying.

In a category by himself is the poor guy at Victoria's

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# It's a boy!



Jacob James Guinther

Jacob James Guinther was born Dec. 5 in Gaylord to Ron and Trina Guinther of Grayling. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. He was welcomed home by his sister, Krista Ann, who is 3 years old.

Grandparents are Jim and Joann Guinther of Cass City, Betty and George Stevenson of Bad Axe, Gary Spencer of Frederic and Deb Spencer of Grayling.

Denelle L. DeLong, daughter of Duane and Denise DeLong of Kingston, earned listing on the dean's list at Northwood University, Midland. To receive recognition students must earn a 3.0-grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

The sons and daughters of John and Marion Guinther, their spouses and guests met at the home of Harold and Esther Guinther Saturday evening for their annual cooperative Christmas dinner.

The Ambassador Class of First Baptist Church and their families had a cooperative Italian dinner after the Sunday worship service at the church. About 50 persons attended.

# Cantata set at church Sunday

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., will present the Christmas Cantata, "Home for the Holidays," at their 11:00 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 22.

"Home for the Holidays" is a family Christmas celebration which features the "Cooper family" as they deal with the joys, emotions, festivities and challenges that make this season so special and different than any other time of the year.

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# Lutherans set Yule program for children

Special Christmas services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church begin Sunday, Dec. 22, with the children's Christmas program slated for 7:30 p.m.

A birthday party for Jesus is scheduled for children of the congregation following the Christmas program practice from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 21.

Christmas Eve candlelight service is at 7:30 p.m. and Christmas Day worship is at 9:30 a.m.

The New Year's Eve worship service will be at 7:30 p.m.

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# Down Memory Lane

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### 5 YEARS AGO

The name of the Cass City Intermediate School will be changed to the Cass City Middle School, it was decided at the regular meeting of the school board held Monday.

Continued growth at Northwood Lake Condominiums in Cass City accounted for some 70 percent of new construction permits issued in the village this year.

The Red Hawks topped Marlette Tuesday, 58-55. Paul Ullig led all scorers with 20 points and Greg LeValley had 11.

Scott Ackerman, a Cass City native, has opened a new business in Cass City, Ackerman's Bike Repair, which is the outgrowth of repair work he previously did at his home.

Cass City's Storytime display is now open at the Recreational Park for the public's enjoyment.

Cindy Peyer of Cass City is among the 93 Ferris State University students selected for inclusion in the 1991 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

### 10 YEARS AGO

Five destruction of property and larceny cases were reported to Cass City Police during the past week. The reports included a larceny complaint from Lloyd Vyse, who told officers that one of several "snowman" figures displayed in front of his residence had been stolen. It was valued at \$250.

The Cass City Lions held their first annual lunch with Santa. The Lions, with the help of the Cass City Lioness club, Cass City teacher association and Girl Scouts, served 18 for lunch and 225 children were photographed with Santa.

Mike Otulakowski of Cass City won a license in the lottery for elk hunting. His application was one of 36,280 received for 95 available licenses, of which just 40 were bulls. Otulakowski came home with a bull weighing 455 pounds field dressed Tuesday while hunting at the Pigeon River Forest area near Vienna, west of Atlanta.

Glenn Folkert, 86, a prominent Bay City businessman

and former leading Cass City businessman, died Monday in Bay City.

The Red Hawks played their finest game to roll over Lakers, 72-52, Friday at Lakers. Kurt Bliss led all scorers with 21 points, Mike Kelley had 17 and Dave Miller had 15.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Glen Tousley, 67, of Deford, worked his last day Friday after 42 1/2 years with the County Road Commission. Parties in his honor were held Thursday at the Deford garage and Friday night in Sebawaing with the whole road commission.

The 5 names chosen Saturday in the first of 3 weekly drawings by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce were announced. Chosen were: Kathy Fabero, Betty Anderson, Reatha Hughes and Frank Preba, all of Cass City, and Marian Erdody of Akron. The next drawing will be Dec. 18.

The Cass City Red Hawks chalked up victory number 2 in 3 starts Friday night with an overtime victory over Frankenmuth, 64-60. Scott Hartel had his best game in his 2-year career when he scored 32 points in the game.

Quick action by firemen from 4 different departments kept damage to a minimum Friday after a fire was discovered in the barn of Huron County Register of Deeds Robert Osborn, southeast of Owendale. The fire caused an estimated \$4,000 in damages.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Vandals caused approximately \$300 damage to a truck belonging to Russ' Fruit Market by pouring sugar into the gas tank. The truck motor will have to be replaced.

Cars driven by Glenn Churchill, 21, of Cass City, and Arnold LaPeer, Tyre, collided early Sunday morning at the intersection of Leslie and Cass City Roads. LaPeer was admitted to Hills and Dales General Hospital with fractured ribs. Mrs. Charlotte LaPeer, Tyre, an occupant, was admitted with injuries to both legs. Mrs. LaPeer's husband, Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hendrick and Arnold LaPeer's wife, Francis, all of Tyre, reportedly suffered facial cuts and leg abrasions. Churchill had lacerations of the head and shoulders. Both cars were demolished in the accident, blamed on heavily falling snow.

A shortage of registered nurses was quoted by Oran Hudson, Hills and Dales administrator, as the reason for the hospital's installation of a closed-circuit TV patient-monitoring system at the hospital. It transmits to a 17-inch TV set at the nurses' station.

Kay Kendall, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kendall of Cass City, is recovering after a 4 1/2 hour open heart operation Tuesday at Ford Hospital. The corrective surgery involved closing a hole in her heart.

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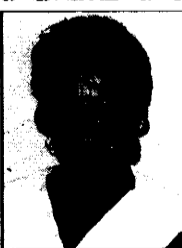
### Resident of the Month

**Mary Piatrowski**  
Mary Piatrowski has been elected resident of the month for December.

Mary comes out daily for activities and is wonderful with helping other residents.

Mary enjoys bingo, outings and shopping at our dollar store.

Congratulations, Mary!!!



### Employee of the Month

**Janet Parrish**

Janet has been a part of our Tendercare family since Sept., 1994.

Janet's co-workers say "she always has a positive attitude", "looks professional", "is good to the patients, talking to them and giving love and support", "she treats each resident as an individual, with dignity and respect", "the smile and bubbly personality is a welcome asset to each day!"

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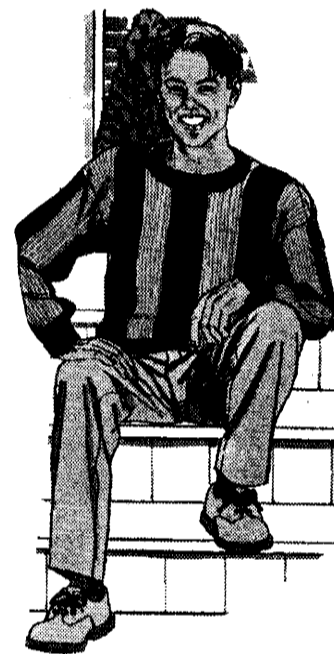
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# Arraign 3 in district court

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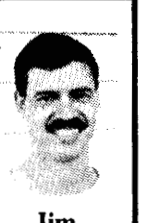
•Michael L. Nelson, 20, Caro, is charged with larceny of a radio from a motor vehicle August-Sept. 9 in Caro. Bond in the case was set at \$2,500. A preliminary examination was scheduled for Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.

•Wily D. Byrd II, 17, Millington, was arraigned on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property (Jensen amplifier) valued at more than \$100 last October in Mayville, and breaking and entering a vehicle and stealing property valued at more than \$5.

Bond was set at a combined \$4,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.

•Robert L. Brashaw, 35, Mayville, is charged with one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving a child under the age of 13 years Nov. 23 in Mayville. Bond was set at \$2,000. A preliminary exam is to be held Friday morning.

## Six Swift Sports Seers

					
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  - J B's Crew 8
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200 Games: J. Morell 233-208, L. Pabst 210, L. Leiteman 201.

### Dec. 5, 1996 Results

High Team Actual Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 1934 & 696.  
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200 Games: D. Potrykus 236, S. Greenlee 202.

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High Team Game: Team #7 1056.  
High Series: D. Sweeney

538, B. Watson 533, D. Kibbourn 505, E. Romain 497, N. Davis 496, D. Mathewson 496, J. Stevens 517, J. Humes 480, J. Hutchinson 485, C. Hill 480, D. Jamison 501.  
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### FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Dec. 13

- Jegsters 73
- Split Happens 69
- Gators 64
- US 59
- Grumblers 56
- 7-10's 52
- Easy 7 52
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Men's High Series & Games: R. Pringle 616 (256), G. Smith 550 (217), B. Potrykus 541, J. Newton 212.

Women's High Series & Games: B. Watson 533 (209), E. Radloff 495, C. Haley 197.  
High Team Series & Game: Split Happens 1963 (726).

### THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE Dec. 12

- Dee's M.P. Rockets 37
- Unpredictables 33
- STAR 33
- KREW 28
- Alley Cats 25
- Golden Oldies 24

High Series & Game: D.

Mathewson 515 (203).  
High Team Series & Game: Dee's M.P. Rockets 1744 (645).

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- IGA 16
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High Team Game: Pioneer Seeds 666.

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# League all-stars named

The coaches of the North Central Thumb League girls basketball teams had little trouble choosing the conference's best cage players for the 1996 season.

Four of the league's top 6 players were unanimous selections to the 1996 dream team. They included Kingston's Meredith Roland, Owen-Gage's Kate Powers, and Jessica Miller and Dana Pawlitz of Port Hope.

Rounding out the first team selections were seniors Devin Kelly and Megan Roland from the NCTL champion Cardinals.

For Owen-Gage, junior Bulldog guard Tonya Smith was chosen to the league's 2nd team, while senior Amanda Salcido received honorable mention accolades.

The complete NCTL all conference team are:

### FIRST TEAM

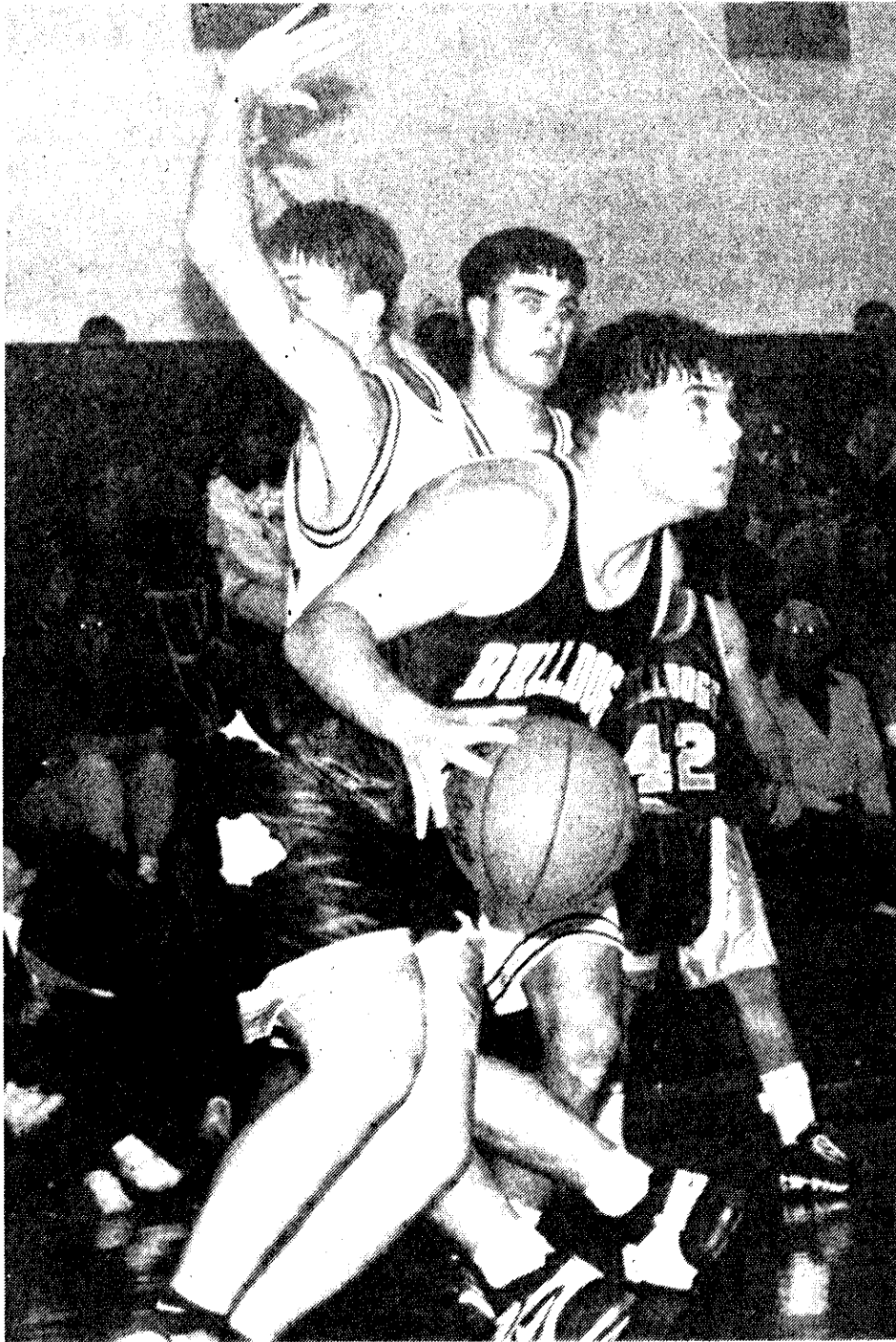
Meredith Roland, Kingston; Devin Kelly, Kingston; Megan Roland, Kingston; Kate Powers, Owen-Gage; Jessica Miller, Port Hope; Dana Pawlitz, Port Hope.

### SECOND TEAM

Tracy Hills, Akron-Fairgrove; Danielle Latimer, Akron-Fairgrove; Kristen Roth, Caseville; Dana Zyrowski, Kingston; Heather Kosinski, North Huron; Tonya Smith, Owen-Gage; Kylie Inman, Peck.

### HONORABLE MENTION

Stephanie Brink, Akron-Fairgrove; Sara Zech, Carsonville-Port Sanilac; Mary Roth, Caseville; Heidi Brown, North Huron; Amanda Salcido, Owen-Gage; Rebecca Makarewicz, Peck; Lisa Schulte, Port Hope; Crystal Mausolf, Port Hope.



**BULLDOG CHAD MELLENDORF** uses the baseline to register 2 of his 7 tallies Friday against visiting North Huron. The Warriors rolled to an easy 91-48 NCTL win.

## Host Brown City Friday

# AuGres, North Huron top O-G in opening hoop games

Coach Jim Brinkman's Owen-Gage Bulldogs will be looking to pick up their first wins this week after suffering a pair of home defeats to open their 1996-97 season.

Owen-Gage, which features 3 sophomores in their starting line-up, suffered a 62-45 non-league season opening setback Tuesday with northern foe Au Gres. Friday, the Bulldogs were trounced 91-48 by North Huron in their initial North Central Thumb League tilt.

The 'Dogs (0-1, 0-2 overall) will now host a rare meeting with Brown City Friday, following a Tuesday tilt with NCTL opponent Port Hope. A win, in either contest, would serve as a huge confidence builder for the young Bulldogs as they prepare for their annual holiday Tom Thumb Tourney, which will close out the 'Dogs' 1996 campaign.

Against the Warriors, Owen-Gage traded baskets with North Huron in the early going and was able to knot the score at 6-all. But from there North Huron's full court pressure defense proved too much for the Bulldogs.

The Warriors, led by Floyd Rice's 15 tallies, closed out the stanza with a 15-2 run. The guests then took a dominating 48-16 advantage by the intermission with a 27-8 spurt.

Owen-Gage's offense showed signs of life shortly after the break when they registered 21 points during the 3rd frame. Sophomores Justin Anthes and Joel Bolzman paced Owen-Gage with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

Leading 73-37 entering the final period, North Huron (1-0, 1-0) outscored the hosts 18-11 to the buzzer. Besides Rice, the winners had Brian Inda and Aaron Brackenrich with 13 points each, while Jeff Ruth and Brent Jaworski split 22 markers.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday, Owen-Gage suffered a 62-45 setback to visiting Au

Gres in a non-conference Class D tilt.

The 'Dogs leaped out to a 16-9 advantage after one period and clung to a 25-23 margin at the intermission.

Au Gres' Mike Hardy, who had game scoring honors with 24 points, took matters into his own hands after the break and led the guests on a 22-8 run. Au Gres outscored Owen-Gage 17-12 in the final quarter to preserve the win.

The Bulldogs got a team high 18 markers from Justin Anthes in his debut outing. The Bulldogs also had Joel Bolzman in double digits, with 14. Chad Mellendorf

added 9 points and a team high 10 rebounds.

**NORTH HURON** - J. Gottschalk 2-0 (1-1) 5; Bresky 4-0 (1-3) 9; J. Bubb 0-3 (0-0) 9; F. Rice 6-0 (2-2) 15; B. Inda 5-0 (0-1) 13; T. Polega 1-0 (1-2) 3; J. Ruth 5-0 (1-2) 11; B. Jaworski 5-0 (1-5) 11; M. Bambach 1-0 (0-4) 2; A. Brackenrich 3-0 (1-3) 13.

**TOTALS - 35-0 (6-21) 91**

**OWEN-GAGE** - J. Anthes 5-0 (5-6) 18; C. Mellendorf 3-0 (1-4) 7; J. Bolzman 6-0 (3-9) 15; B. Koch 1-0 (2-4) 4; J. Richmond 2-0 (0-0) 4.

**TOTALS - 17-0 (11-27) 48**

## Coach pleased with team despite loss

The Cass City gymnastic team opened its 1996-97 season in splendid fashion

Thursday, hosting Vassar in a meet that lasted nearly 3 1/2 hours.

Coach Lena Waltz gleamed about her squad's outings, despite falling 121.15 to 106.55.

"They did a great job... getting 9 individual regional qualifying scores," said Waltz.

Waltz also was quick to point out the team's improvement from a year ago.

"Our team score for the first meet of the season compared to last year's team score of 97.70 was much better."

Several girls had strong showings for the Hawks. Gia Mellendorf registered the hosts' lone first place finish during the floor exercise. Mellendorf also captured 2nd place honors on the uneven parallel bars.

Senior Courtney Turner, despite suffering from the flu, placed 2nd on balance beam.

Junior Cheryl Laming placed 3rd in both vault and uneven parallel bars.

In her first outing in a Red Hawk uniform, freshman Michelle Kropewnicki took 4th in the floor exercise.

"We expect great improvements and, as always, our goal is to go to regionals as a team," said Waltz.

The 7 girls that posted the 9 regional qualifying scores were: Mellendorf, Laming, Turner, Laura Moore, Katie Wood, Heather Hulbert and Maria Garety.

Cass City's next meet is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 28, in Jackson.



**RED HAWK CHRISTINA Doerr's** floor routine helped Cass City record a 106.55 score Thursday against visiting Vassar.

## Fourth at Marlette

# Wrestlers top Sandusky

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team won a dual meet at Sandusky Wednesday, defeating the Redskins, 45-30, and finished fourth in the 8-team invitational Saturday at Marlette.

Coach Don Markel was pleased with the results. Nine of the 14 weight classes were filled by underclassmen, Markel noted, and 7 of the wrestlers were freshmen. We continue to show improvement as a team, he said.

Although the team finished fourth at Marlette, the finish was the best of teams in class C. The event was won by Imlay City with 193 1/2 points. Lapeer West was second with 176 and Yale third with 114. Cass City, with 103 points, just edged fifth

place Brown City with 102 points. Other scores were: Marlette, 100; Mayville, 97 1/2, and Almont, 52.

Six Hawks earned medals, with top finishes posted by Chad Wolschlager, second in the 215-pound class, and Dennis Pisha, second in the 130-pound class.

Third place finishes were earned by Adam Dorland, 125 pounds; Cory Mayer, 140 pounds, and Jalal Khoury, 171 pounds. John Williams, 103 pounds, was fourth.

### SANDUSKY MEET

Against Sandusky the Hawks piled up an early lead to register the win. The Hawks lost the first 2 matches and then bounded back to win 5 matches with pins, before losing a decision.

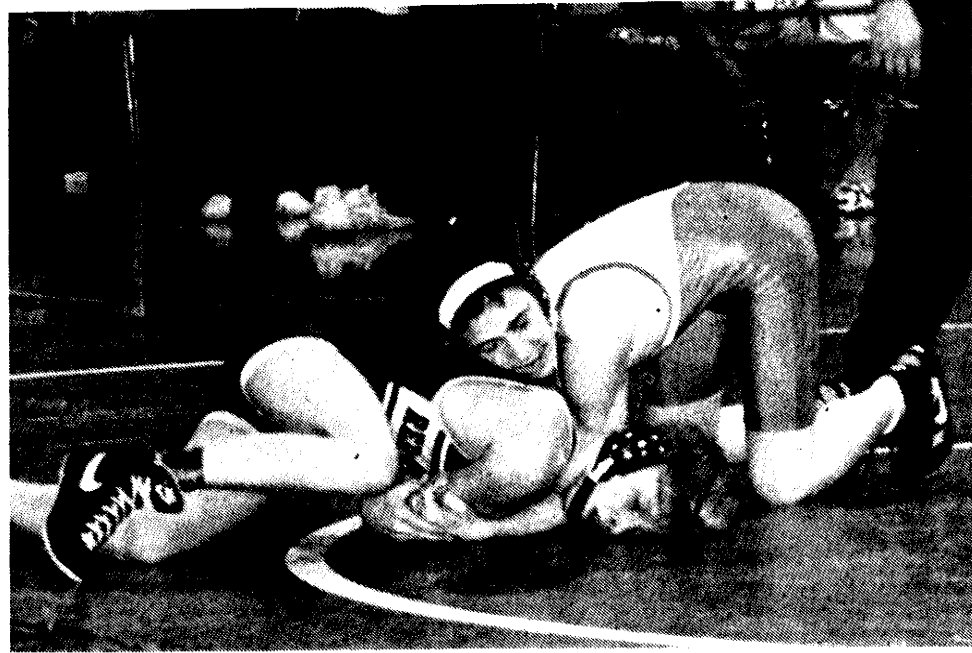
Registering pins were Scott Moore over Adam Saieed, 119 pounds; Adam Dorland over Jesse Buck, 125 pounds; Nick Matt, forfeit, 130 pounds; Don Pisha over Greg Douglas, 135 pounds, and Dennis Pisha over Paul Soule, 140 pounds.

Cory Mayer was decisioned by Brandon Quinn, 145 pounds, before Ken Roehl continued the Hawk assault with a pin over Derek Rich, 152 pounds; Scott Haag decisioned Josh Mavis, 160 pounds, and Khoury pinned Matt Steinkopf, 171 pounds.

That moved Cass City far enough in front to win despite losing the final 3 matches by pins.

### Better tomatoes

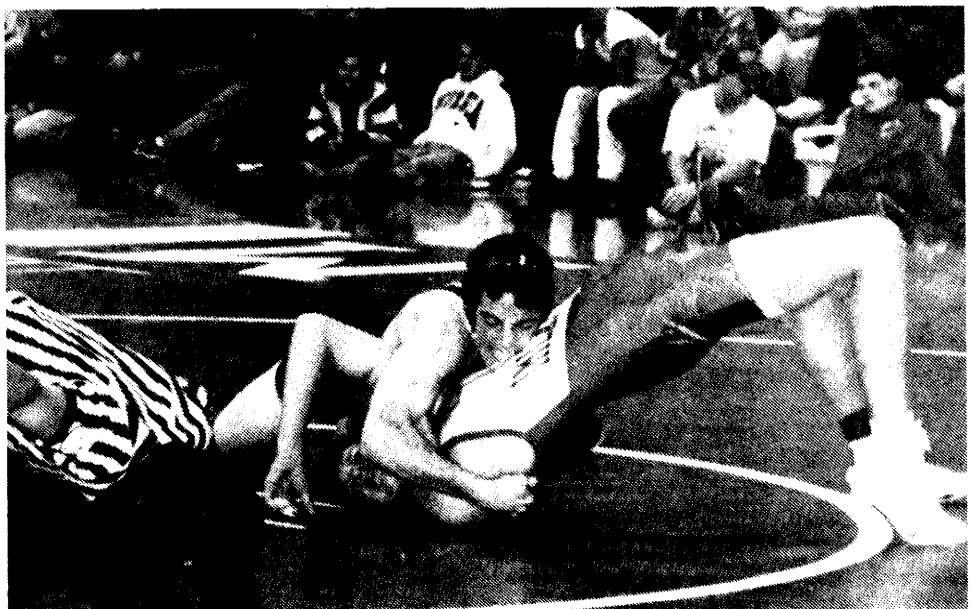
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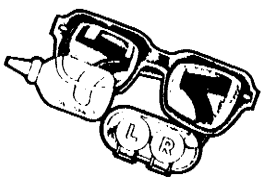
**JOHN WILLIAMS** earned a medal for his 4th place finish in the 103-pound class. (Wrestling photos by Tom Dorland.)



**CHAD WOLSCHLAGER** finished second in the Marlette Invitational. He struggles here to avoid a pin by a Lapeer wrestler.



**COREY MAYER** has the upper hand in this 140-pound match. He finished third.



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# Thies: 10-day Alaskan hunt the trip of a lifetime

Stop by Manuel Thies' office at Owendale-Gagetown High School and it won't take long to figure out the area school superintendent has a real love for hunting and fishing.

Framed photos of whitetail bucks and trophy fish fill the wall behind Thies' desk, and he isn't shy when it comes to swapping a story or two.

Over the years, Thies has bagged his share of game animals — whitetails, mule deer, antelope and even black bear — during hunts in Ontario, Wyoming, Montana and Wisconsin, as well as Michigan.

But an early fall hunting trip taken by Thies along with another area resident, Ron Jamieson, will always be a highlight.

In fact, it was the trip of a lifetime.

"I'll never get another chance to do this," Thies recently commented as he talked about his 10-day Alaskan hunt.

Thies and Jamieson left for Alaska in late August, flying to a small village called Iliamna. From there, the pair boarded a single engine airplane for a 50-minute flight northeast to a hunting camp set up by their guide.

"We were about 200 miles from Russia," Thies said of the location. "You could see the Alaskan range in the distance."

"It (country) was rolling, large rolling hills, all tundra. In the valleys you had evergreens — small spruce — and most of the trees were not over 12 to 15 feet high.

Thies said isolation was the best way to describe the camp. "The only people you saw were the people in camp.

There were no roads. The only way you get in and out is by plane."

Interestingly, the pair's guide, Mike Richmond, is a former North Branch resi-

dent who moved to Alaska and now makes his living organizing hunting and fishing excursions.

## EXPERTISE

And his expertise is in demand, according to Thies, who noted it took 2 years to book a trip with him.

He indicated it was worth the wait, although the weather presented some challenges.

A year earlier, the weather had been typical for the region — rain dominated most days. However, that wasn't the case this year.

The daily temperatures reached the high 50s to low 60s, Thies said, adding, "Every day, it was just beautiful, sun shining, warm. The guide said it was warmer that week — the 10 days we were there — than on any of his summer fishing trips."

However, it was a good-news, bad-news scenario. "The moose were harder to find because it was so warm," Thies explained. "The rut was on, but it was so warm that they stayed in these valleys."

Moose was a priority for the hunters, however, both had kill tags for caribou.

Thies explained each hunter paid \$85 for a license, plus \$325 for each caribou kill tag and \$400 for a moose tag.

Thies estimated he saw close to 100 caribou a day during the hunts, which involved plenty of walking, with occasional 30-minute stops to scan hills and valleys with binoculars in an effort to spot a trophy. Then the work of stalking the animal began.

Thies, who estimated he, Jamieson and Richmond covered 10 miles a day, didn't have to wait long for success. He shot his best caribou of the hunt on the

first day, a bull with a 30-point rack that measured more than 3 feet high and 30 inches wide.

## HOPES DWINDLED

As the hunt progressed and hopes for getting a shot at a moose dwindled, Thies and Jamieson made good use of their caribou tags. Thies shot a second bull towards the end of the hunt, and Jamieson bagged a pair of bulls as well, including the best trophy of the hunt.

"We saw 3 (moose) that were illegal (antlers with a spread of less than 50 inches), and we saw 4 that were legal," Thies said.

On the last day, during the final hour of hunting, Rich-

mond, using only his vocal chords, called in a trophy moose to within 125 yards of Thies' position, and after a carefully placed shot with his 30.06 rifle, Thies stood in awe over the 1,200 to 1,300 pound animal.

"I was speechless," he recalled. "These are the largest moose in the world," he added, noting an average moose stands about 7 feet high at the shoulder.

That moment will forever remain etched in the mind of the school superintendent, although he has many good memories of the trip, including visiting with the principal and an English teacher at a 92-student pre-K through 12 school at the Iliamna Village school.

Thies said most of the meat taken from the animals shot by himself and Jamieson was given to the locals. Some went to Richmond, who dressed and caped each animal, as well as to his helpers, who carried out the meat.

The skins and antlers, meanwhile, were shipped back to Michigan.

Now, Thies is anxiously awaiting the return of his shoulder mounts from a Thumb taxidermist. He'll need plenty of room for them — the moose mount alone measures more than 60 inches from the tip of the antlers to the bottom of the cape.

Thies joked, "The problem is going to be, where am I going to put them?"



**BAGGING THIS** trophy moose was the highlight of a 10-day Alaskan hunting trip for Owen-Gage School Supt. Manuel Thies. Pictured above with the moose is hunting guide Mike Richmond, a former North Branch resident.

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## Be cautious with holiday decorations

Fire prevention is important all year long, but there are some special precautions to take during the holidays, according to Captain Wade E. Schaefer, state fire marshal. "In 1995, there were more than 4,000 fires across the state during the month of December, with more than 2,000 being structure fires," he said.

A home fire is a tragic event at any time of the year, but residential fires during the holiday season can be especially difficult to endure. The potential for fire related injuries and fatalities during the holidays, not to mention the loss of property and contents, can devastate a family and ruin the holidays forever. The Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division is reminding everyone to take the necessary steps to prevent fires this holiday season.

Choosing a fresh Christmas tree is important. Look for one without shedding needles. Be sure to trim the tree's trunk and put it in a non-tip stand. Make sure to water the tree constantly and place it away from all exits and sources of heat.

The holidays are often associated with big meals and lots of food. This can be dangerous considering the fact that the kitchen is the most common area of origin for a residential fire. Never leave cooking unattended. It's easy to become distracted and forget about the oven or the stove. Keep cooking areas clean and wear clothes with tight fitting sleeves to avoid contact with heat sources. Turn pot handles inward on the stove and out of reach of children.

Taking special care with candles is important. Always put candles in candlesticks before lighting them. Keep

the candles away from curtains or other combustible materials. Remember to keep a close watch on children and pets when candles are burning. Candles should never be left in the reach of small children and matches and lighters should be stored away and out of reach. Candles should be extinguished before going to sleep or leaving home.

When decorating with lights, purchase only those labeled by an independent testing laboratory such as UL. Check for frayed or damaged cords and replace them. Be careful to not overload electrical outlets and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to sleep.

Having a safe fireplace is particularly important. Chimneys should be inspected by professionals and they should be kept clean of creosote and soot that can ignite and burn. A fire screen should always be used for the front of the fireplace and ashes should be placed in metal containers before being discarded.

"Christmas trees, burning candles, overload on electrical outlets, holiday parties, use of the fireplace, and increased use of kitchen appliances are all factors that can spell disaster during the holidays," added Captain Schaefer. "Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of the home and they should be tested monthly. If the smoke detector is more than 10 years old, it should be replaced with a new one. Over 50 percent of the total fire deaths in the state last year occurred in residential structures where there were no detectors or where the detectors did not operate."

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# Fund shift could aid county roads

The Tuscola County Road Commission would get \$316,000 more each year to spend on local roads and bridges under a new spending priority policy set by a state House panel, the road commission's engineer said last week.

The House Transportation Committee voted Dec. 4 to stop the diversion of \$108 million in transportation funds to cover administrative costs in 8 state agencies. That provision is part of a bill that the committee sent to the full House on a unanimous vote.

If approved by the full Legislature and Gov. John Engler, it would mean an estimated \$316,000 more each year for the Tuscola County Road Commission. Robert Wellington, the engineer of the Tuscola County Road

Commission, said with that extra funding the road commission could tackle some long-delayed projects, for example, Colling, Hurds Corner and Sheridan Roads. "We've got so much work we'd like to do on the roads and bridges in Tuscola County, but there's just not enough money, no matter how far we stretch each dollar," said Wellington.

Wellington pointed out that the \$108 million equals a 2-cent per gallon gas tax increase and would provide badly needed funds for roads and bridges across the state.

Wellington said the unmet road and bridge needs at the county level total \$9 billion, including \$17 million in Tuscola County. Including the state and local needs, Michigan needs to spend about \$19 billion more on its

road system over the next 10 years, he added.

The House Transportation Committee set the new state spending priorities Wednesday when it adopted an amendment offered by Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne. That amendment went on a bill backed by CRAM, which is the statewide group repre-

## Owendale club holds yule meet

The Owendale Women's Club held its Christmas meeting Dec. 9 at Brian and Rosemary Gaeth's home in Unionville for a Christmas tour of their many trees for the holidays.

A short business meeting was conducted by Joyce Sheldon with the ladies making a donation to the Owendale Girl Scouts.

senting county road commissions.

The committee then approved the bill on a unanimous vote and sent it to the full House. The bill would allow county road commissions to build on their tradition of privatization, innovation, and efficiency and help them cut administrative costs.

Wellington said the big question now is whether the House and Senate will adopt the new spending priority policy before the Legislature wraps up its work for the year.

Bad roads force the average Michigan driver to shell out \$122 a year for extra vehicle repairs, wasted gas, and tire wear, Wellington claims.

Seven members and one guest, Kay Kling, were present. The ladies each brought a gift for the Thumb Area Abuse Center in place of their regular gift exchange this year.

Roll call was in answer to a childhood memory of Santa. Mrs. Sheldon won the door prize by having her Christ-

mas gift shopping list in her purse. A Christmas note was read from former club member Jean Hughes Kurtz. A sympathy card was signed for member Mary Lou Lorenz, whose grandson died recently.

The January meeting will be at the home of Linda Roe on the regular night, Tuesday.

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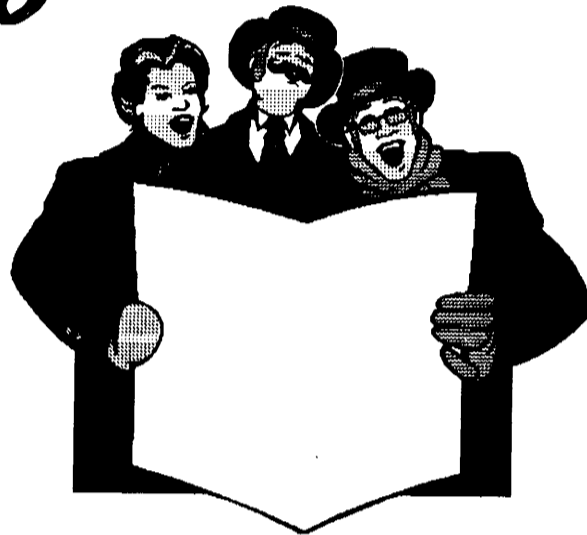
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# Obituaries

### James Blashill

James A. Blashill, 81, of Caro, formerly of Marlette, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996 at Tuscola County Medical Care Facility in Caro.

He was born May 6, 1915 in Moore Township, Snover, the son of Almon and Catherine (Bly) Blashill.

He graduated from Sandusky High School in 1934.

He married Burdeen Kelly April 13, 1946 in Caro, and recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

He served in the U.S. Army Red Arrow Division in the South Pacific during WWII. He farmed and worked for Detroit Edison as a crane operator for 24 years before retiring in 1975. He was a former member of the Detroit Edison and Utica American Legions.

He is survived by: his wife, Burdeen Blashill of Caro; 2 daughters, Marilyn Phillips of Saginaw, and Cheryl and Robert Lester of Cass City; 2 sisters; 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and 2 sisters.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette, with Pastor James Phillips and Duaine Phillips officiating.

Interment was in the Mosher Cemetery, Hemans. Contributions may be given to the memorial of your choice.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

### Doris Dasho

Doris Dasho, 65, of Kingston, died Friday, Dec. 13, 1996, in Marlette Community Hospital, Marlette.

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She was born June 11, 1931, in Stilwell, Okla., to Clements F. and Beryl (Smith) Parsell. She married Jacob J. Dasho April 19, 1948, in Sebawaing. He died April 15, 1995.

She retired in 1993 from ITT Automotive Manufacturing in Rochester after 30 years. She was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Jacob R. and Karen A. Dasho of Caro; one granddaughter; one great-granddaughter; brothers, Carl (Betty) Parsell of Pigeon and Earl (Linda) Parsell of Algonac; a brother-in-law, Peter (Betty) Dasho of Shelby Township; sisters-in-law, ElDonna Parsell of Caro and Mary (Joe) Stuick of Mt. Clemens, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers, Edwin Parsell, Norval Parsell, Timothy Parsell, Frank Hotter and Harold Parsell, and sister, Charlene Rankin.

Memorial services were scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in Christ the King Lutheran Church, Kingston, with Fred Mutart and Rich Baerwolf officiating.

Interment will take place in Hickory Island Cemetery, Unionville.

Memorials may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church or M.A.D.D.

Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, was in charge of arrangements.

### Gladys Kritzman

Mrs. Gladys I. Kritzman, 98, of Autumnwood, formerly of Decker, died Monday, Dec. 16, 1996, at Autumnwood of Decker.

Born Oct. 3, 1898, in Argyle, she was the daughter of Jacob and Josephine (Peters) Shagena. She married Hazen A. Kritzman April 2, 1948, in Toledo, Ohio. He died Jan. 8, 1992.

### Floyd Morell

Floyd A. Morell, 80, of Pearl River, La., died Oct. 28, 1996, at his residence.

He was born Nov. 2, 1916, near Shabbona, the son of Charles and Mary Maud Morell.

Morell, who was employed in construction with Union 1846, was the husband of Emily Forrest Morell and father of Floyd A. Morell Jr., Diane Rayne and Donna Velasque. He was also step father of Walter Forrest, Barbara Jordan and Cheryl Holley.

He is survived by 3 brothers, Stanley (Ruth) of Cass

City, Emmett (Ada) of Sandusky and Norman (Eleanor) of Rio Vista, Calif.; 4 sisters, Verita Priehs of Yale, Phyllis Walters of Smiths Creek, Iris Patterson and twin sister, Irene Macklem of Lexington, and an aunt, Daisy Hodges of Caro.

His parents, three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Oct. 28 at the Williams Funeral Home Chapel in Pearl River, with the Rev. Walter Heine officiating.

Interment was in Hickory Memorial Gardens, Pearl River, La.

### Elden "Snook" "Rab" Rabideau

Elden F. Rabideau, 59, of West Branch, formerly of Waterford and Cass City, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, in Tolfree Hospital, West Branch.

He was born June 3, 1937, in Gageton to George and Della (Menzel) Rabideau. He married Judy Darlene Curtis Nov. 24, 1956, in Deford.

He retired after 30 years from General Motors Truck and Coach of Pontiac.

Surviving are his wife, Judy; children: Jody (Steve) Zuck of Columbiaville, Tim Rabideau of Pontiac, Darry (Jeanen) Rabideau of Pontiac, Shane (Stacey) Rabideau of White Lake, Zody (Doug Walls) Rabideau of Waterford, Dody (Scott) Smart of Waterford; 10 grandchildren; 4 brothers, Wayne, Robert, Patrick and Dean; 2 sisters, Velma Helwig and Marcella (Clark) Seely, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Lee and Dale.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 15, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, under the direction of his nephew, Dale Rabideau.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

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## Construction affects hours

# Library nearing \$650,000 goal

The Rawson Memorial Library Fund Raising Committee announces that as of Dec. 16, contributions and pledges are within \$72,000 of the goal of \$650,000 needed to complete the project.

A grant of \$250,000 from the Pinney Foundation was the beginning of the fund raising drive. An additional \$300,000 has been contributed or pledged in the past 12 months. Included in the amount needed are all construction and remodeling costs, architectural fees, new and refurbished furnishings and upgrading the computerized systems.

Pledges to the project can be spread over 3 years. A credit of 50% of the donation

(\$200 maximum for those filing jointly and \$100 for single filers) can be subtracted from Michigan income tax owed. The total contribution can also be taken as a deduction for those itemizing federal income taxes. Depending on the tax bracket, a donation of \$400 can have an actual cost of as little as \$76.00. Donations of other amounts have proportional savings. To qualify for the savings in 1996, pledge payments and contributions must be received at the library by Dec. 31.

Most of the demolition has been completed in the existing building and nearly all of the framing and the new heating system are complete. However, much remains to be done so the library will maintain a limited schedule for the next few weeks. For the next 3 weeks, the library will be closed Thursdays and Fridays.

No material will be due on days closed and fines will not accumulate on those days. Closed periods may change later. Advance notice will be given and a schedule will be printed in the newspaper and posted in the window at the library.

## Bastian returns home from 6-month deployment

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bron E. Bastian, son of Carl E. and Bonnie L. Bastian of Kingston, recently returned from a 6-month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson.

Bastian is one of more than 7,000 sailors and marines aboard the carrier who traveled approximately 62,000 miles before returning to their home port of Alameda, Calif.

Bastian's ship led the 8-ship USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, which included 9 tactical aircraft squadrons, 2 submarines and surface combatants.

During the initial phases of the deployment, aircraft from Bastian's ship were enforcing the no-fly zone over Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch.

Sept. 3 and 4, aircraft from the carrier provided air support for Air Force B-52 bombers and Navy units during the retaliatory cruise missile strike against Iraq, and subsequently enforced the expanded no-fly zone sanctioned by the U.N.

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- Saturday, Dec. 28 - open
- Monday, Dec. 30 - open
- Tuesday, Dec. 31 - open 9-1
- Wed. - Fri., Jan. 1-3 - closed
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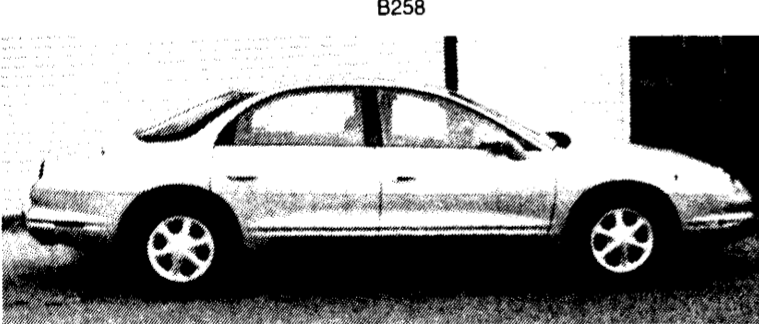


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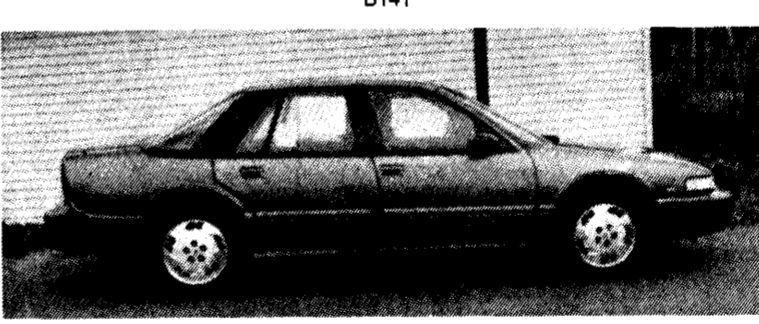
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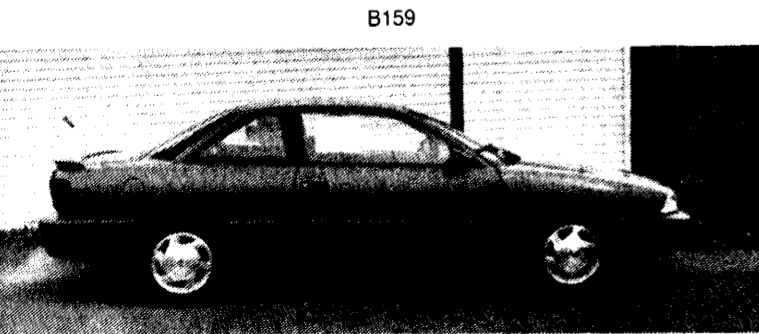


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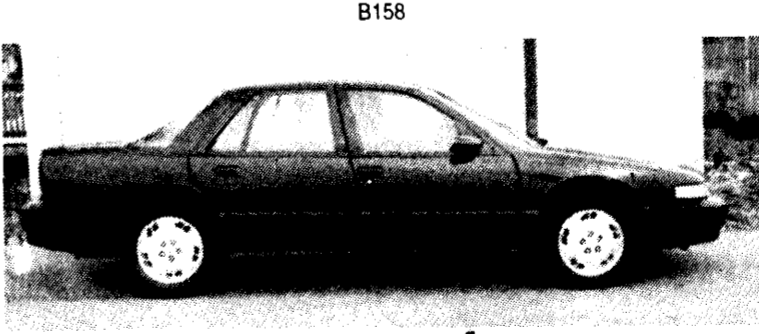
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**In circuit court**

# 13 appear on charges

The following people appeared last week on various criminal charges in Tuscola County Circuit Court:

•Thomas W. Fetterhoff, 28, Cass City, was found guilty to owning, operating or conducting a chop shop May 24 in Novesta Township.

A jury returned the verdict following a 2-day trial and after deliberating for less than 2 hours.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Alan D. Humes, 22, Caro, pleaded guilty to probation violation — use of controlled substances (marijuana and cocaine).

He was sentenced to continued probation and 180 days in jail, with work release. Humes, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, was also ordered to pay \$200 in court costs plus attorneys fees.

•Ozie Swinton, 39, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted possession of cocaine Aug. 1 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Paul D. Robinson, 21, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) March 27 in Vassar and June 3 in Vassar.

Bond was continued at a combined \$6,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Louis Sables Jr., 40, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) June 12 and June 17 in Vassar.

Bond was continued at a combined \$10,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be set.

•Timothy J. Ziegler, 40, Vassar, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 120 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and fleeing and eluding a police officer July 2 in Denmark Township.

Ziegler also received restrictions on his driver's license and was ordered to pay \$700 in costs plus a \$500 fine, \$904.50 in attorneys fees, \$720 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•Christopher M. Bradley, 25, Grand Blanc, pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon (knife) and operating a motor vehicle

while under the influence of liquor Nov. 3 in Millington.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000 for the defendant, whose driver's license was suspended for 6 months to 2 years. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Barbra A. Smith, 48, Vassar, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of possession of cocaine May 14 and April 30 in Vassar.

Bond was continued at \$6,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be set.

•Ryan D. Malkowski, 18, Mayville, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 90 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to attempted breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and larceny in a building last December in Dayton Township.

Malkowski was granted school release and placed on a 9 p.m. curfew. He was ordered to pay \$600 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees totalling \$759.50, restitution of \$1,730 and a \$40 victim crime fee.

•Todd A. Sefton, 18, Mayville, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred to the end of probation), with worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to larceny over \$100 and conspiracy to commit larceny over \$100 Sept. 22 in Caro.

Sefton, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, was also ordered to pay \$800 in costs and fines, \$628 in attorneys fees, \$2,445.47 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•Charles L. Campbell, 22, Caro, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 270 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to larceny over \$100 and conspiracy to commit larceny over \$100 Sept. 22 in Caro.

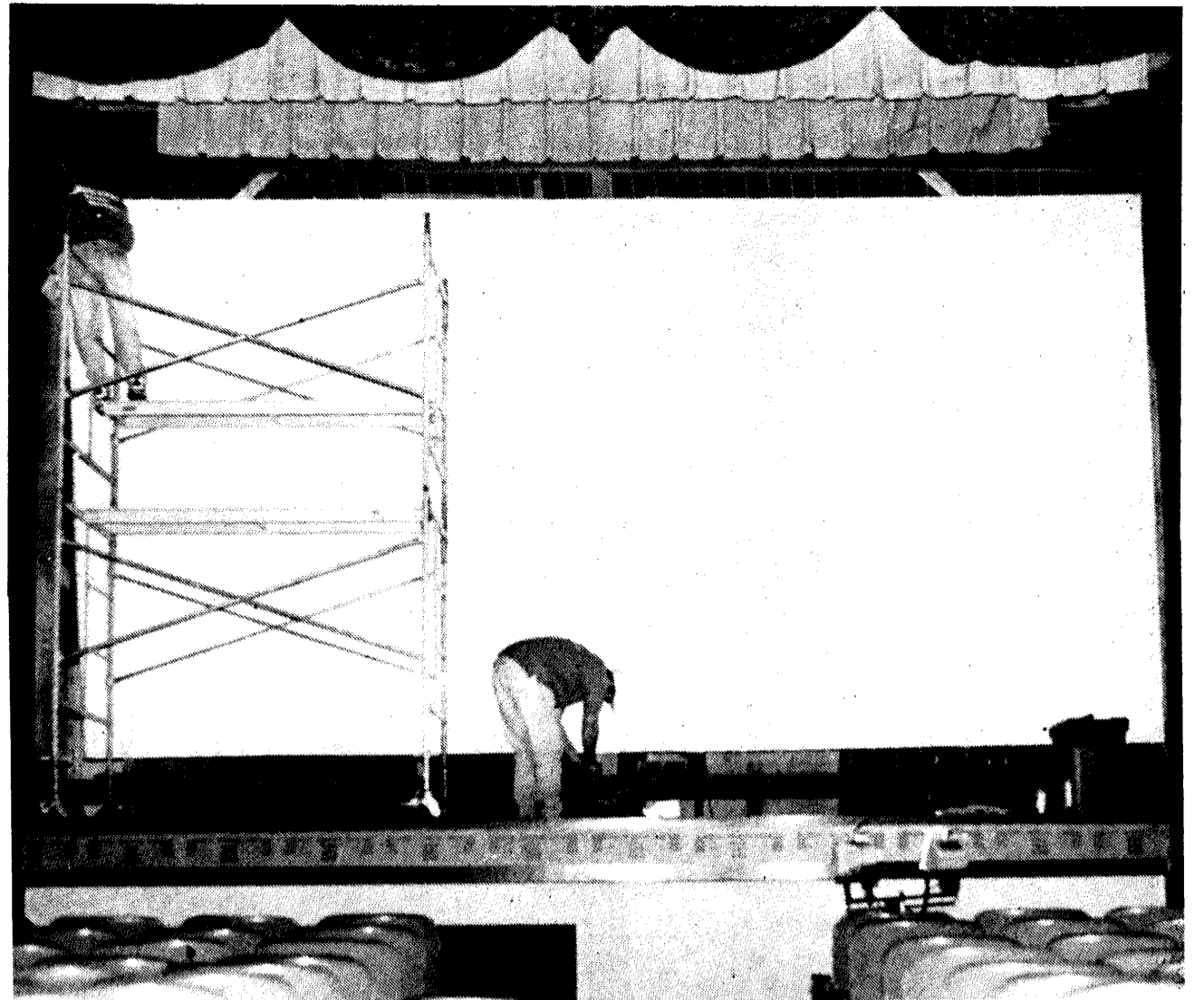
He was also ordered to pay \$1,200 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees (\$547.45), restitution (\$2,445.47) and a \$69 victim crime fee.

•Edward C. Eddy, 23, Mayville, was sentenced to 6 months in jail for his plea of guilty to attempted possession of marijuana with intent to deliver July 22 in Fremont Township.

Eddy, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and \$60 victim crime fee. In addition, his license was suspended for one year, with restrictions possible after 60 days.

•Justin D. Anderson, 18, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon (knife and/or a brass and steel pipe) July 4 in Vassar Township.

He was ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling, and to pay costs totalling \$200 plus a \$60 victim crime fee.



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## Stable milk market would help farmers

A stable milk market would mean stable prices for consumers and producers, and according to Michigan Farm Bureau Dairy Specialist Kevin Kirk, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) preliminary Federal Milk Market Order reform proposal should help meet that objective.

USDA announced a proposal Dec. 3 to reduce the number of Federal Milk Market Orders from 32 to 10 as mandated by the 1996 farm bill.

The Federal Milk Orders provide a mechanism to geographically match milk production with consumer consumption and make price adjustments to allow for transportation costs, according to Kirk.

"That means costs to consumers nationwide are relatively consistent regardless of their location," Kirk says. "It also means that dairy products can be priced more quickly to reflect changes in costs of production, and it will allow faster movement of dairy products to areas in short supply."

Kirk says current fluctuations of 30 percent or higher in milk prices paid to producers is creating financial hardships for farmers who are attempting to meet their monthly cash flow requirements, and it causes a great deal of frustration among consumers who are confused as to why milk prices are fluctuating so wildly.

"If these new orders can be implemented, as proposed, it

would help alleviate the price swings to consumers and the financial headaches for producers as well, who are receiving approximately 37 cents less per gallon for their milk," Kirk explained.

"Current producer pay prices have plummeted from a summer high of roughly \$16.30 per hundredweight to under \$12 per hundredweight in less than a 3-month period."

Michigan Farm Bureau President Jack Laurie, a Tuscola County dairy farmer, called the preliminary federal order proposal "very significant" news for Michigan dairy producers, since the state was consolidated into the new MidEast order with Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. He says the new order has a high fluid milk consumption, which means the state's producers will be paid accordingly.

"The new orders really address the changes taking place in the marketplace, changes in technology, and the more efficient methods of moving milk than we had a number of years ago when the original orders were put in place," Laurie said.

The Cass City area farmer predicts that the state's close proximity to major markets along with an abundant grain and forage supply could set the stage for major dairy expansion in the region, provided the preliminary orders are formally approved.

He cautions, however, that the proposals are just that -- proposals which must go through several months of hearings before being formalized by July 1997. Full implementation of the new orders isn't scheduled until Jan. 1, 1999.

In the meantime, Kirk says the American Farm Bureau Federation is urging the USDA to implement a number of initiatives to soften the anticipated price drop to producers. "We're asking the USDA to step up any advance purchases on the school lunch program as well as using the dairy export enhancement program to the maximum extent possible to help move the current oversupply of milk products."

## Council proceedings

The regular meeting of the Cass City Village council was held Nov. 25, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present with the exceptions of Trustees Helwig and Prieskorn.

The minutes of the regular October meeting were approved as presented.

Visitors from the Cass City High School Government Class were acknowledged.

The October Financial Statement was reviewed.

A motion was made by Trustee Kropewnicki and supported by Trustee Karr that the bills be approved as reviewed by Budget and Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED 5 yeas 0 nays

The Public Service Committee reported that Layne Northern Company, well drillers, have moved in to begin well #3 test/production drilling.

A motion was made by Trustee Weaver and supported by Trustee Kropewnicki to enter into an executive session to discuss wage and fringe benefits for 1997. MOTION CARRIED 5 yeas 0 nays

A motion was made by Trustee Karr and supported by Trustee Weaver that the executive session be adjourned and that the regular session be reopened. MOTION CARRIED 5 yeas 0 nays

A report updating the Village Employee Pension Plan was presented by the Personnel Committee.

The proposed 1997 Budget was reviewed.

A motion was made by Trustee Haley and supported by Trustee Karr to change the regular December meeting date to Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. and to establish the 1997 Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1996. MOTION CARRIED 5 yeas 0 nays

The E.D.C. October minutes were reviewed. The Manager's report was reviewed.

Lou S. LaPonsie was redesignated as Legislative coordinator for the Michigan Municipal League.

The Tuscola Area Airport Authority (TAAA) requested authority to borrow 20% of the local match required for the removal of underground fuel tanks in the amount of \$35,000.00 at no cost to the Village of Cass City. A motion was made by Trustee Karr and supported by Trustee Weaver to authorize President Althaver to sign a notice of intent to issue an obligation and to adopt a resolution on behalf of TAAA, authorizing filing of "Notice of Intent to issue an Obligation". Roll Call Vote: Kropewnicki-yea, Weaver-yea, Haley-yea, Karr-yea, Althaver-yea. MOTION CARRIED 5 yeas 0 nays

A motion was made by Trustee Haley and supported by Trustee Kropewnicki to authorize the purchase of a Dodge Intrepid Police Car from Cass City Chrysler in the amount of \$18,261.00 for delivery in early January 1997. MOTION CARRIED 5 yeas 0 nays

A motion was made by Trustee Weaver and supported by Trustee Karr that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED 5 yeas 0 nays

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## Scholarship available for Capitol Experience

Capitol Experience is a statewide program for older youth that focuses on how state government works. Participants examine public policy issues and discover how various segments of governments interact and affect people's daily lives. Participants select a current issue and examine it from different points of view. Issues such as domestic violence, wildlife management, employment and job training, criminal sentencing, and school operations are addressed.

The Capitol Experience program includes visits with:

- \* A community organization that deals with an issue

you are studying to gain insight into how that issue is being addressed at the local level.

- \* A spokesperson for an executive agency to learn how public policies and programs relating to an issue are formulated at the state level.

- \* A lobbyist who represents special interest groups concerned with an issue to find out how lobbyists interact with their clients and the legislature.

- \* A legislative aide who works directly with an issue to learn how the legislature creates laws that pertain to that issue.

The Capitol Experience program will be held March

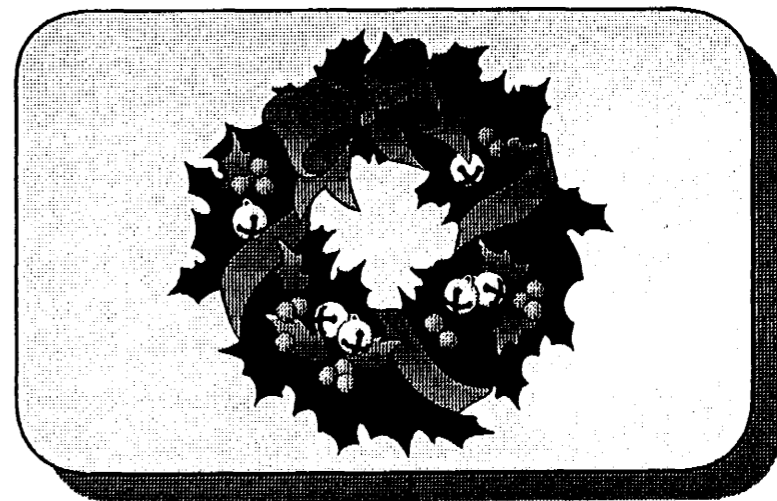
16 to 19. Registrations are being accepted through Jan. 24. However, participation is limited to 103 teen participants who are at least a freshman in high school. A partial scholarship for participants is available from the Tuscola County 4-H Council to help defray costs. The program will take place at the Park Inn International of East Lansing, the Michigan Capitol Building, state agencies, and community and government service sites. For a copy of the agenda and registration information, contact the Tuscola County MSU-Extension Office at 517/672-3870.

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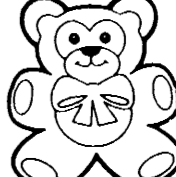
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**Calendar of Events**

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

**Friday, December 20**

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

**Saturday, December 21**

All persons going to Whiting Auditorium should be at St. Pancratius Hall at 8:30 a.m. for the bus.

**Sunday, December 22**

Friendship Singles Club is sponsoring a Christmas dance at the Old Coach House, Marlette golf club (across from Marlette Hospital). Swing and sway with music by D.J. Dave LeMaster, 8-12 p.m.

**Monday, December 23**

Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.  
Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 25**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
No Duplicate Bridge for 2 weeks. Next game will be Jan. 8. Last week's winners: Duke Sward and Cathy Hellow.

**Cass City Middle School Honor Roll**

The Cass City Middle School honor roll for the 2nd marking period has been announced.

**5TH GRADE**

All A's - Krystee Dorland, Nathan Fisher, Kristi Fluegge, Erik Helwig, Elizabeth Hillaker, Sarah Hobbs, Amy Howard, Maegan Laurie, Dustin Mallory, Nick Walther.

B or Better - Shaina Bachman, Allyson Bell, Jamie Benjamin, Justin Darr, Chris Dillon, Greg Dillon, Santana Eckhardt, Alison Emmert, Tyler Erla, Gavin Frederick, Larry Galloway, Adam Haag, Leslie Hacker, Jesse Johnson, Tyson Kappen, Erika Karavas, Kayla Karr, Lia Krantz, Kevin Kulinski, Alex Kunding, Nathan Laming, Kevin Lowe, Tiaja Lowrey, Tim Martin, Jeff McMahan, Cole Mellendorf, Hank Metzger, DeAnna Newby, Mallory Powell, Cassie Ruiz, Elizabeth Sabczak, Tommy Sabo, Josh Schaudt, Amanda Smith, Brandon Stec, Brice Stine, Zachary Sutter, Nick Swanson, Randy Tenbusch, Megan Toner, Arielle Urban, Heidi Vatter, Maryann Wasserman, Teresa Woodward, Kaylene Ziehm.

**6TH GRADE**

All A's - Ashley Froede, Dara Iwankovitch, Alissa Pasant, Scott Sheppard, Matt Stoutenburg, Melissa Woodward.

B or Better - Laura Barnes, Jason Battrig, Stacey Bessler, Ben Bird, Brandy Cooper, Rob Dale, Wade Daley, Deidre Deering, Aaron Diegel, Rebecca Dufresne, Gail Dyer, Paula Fluegge, Courtney Green, Jessica Grimins, Tyler Harp, Becky Hartel, Heidi Hartwick, Joey Hawley, Cyndi Henn, Justin King, Ryan King, Jessica Koepf, Estee LaFave, Ashley LaPeer, Chris Maharg, Brooke Marks, Brian Miller, Chris Morrish, Crystal Moss, Chrystal Nicol, Anne Nizzola, Rajen Raythatha, Cory Rickett, Tony Samons,

Josh Sherman, Brandon Speirs, Donald Spencer, Tiffany Spencer, Amanda Sullins, Adam Talaski, Talisa Talaski, Nick Turner, Kristen Wiles, Josh Windsor, Melissa Zmierski.

**Fourth grade honor roll**

Campbell Elementary 4th Grade honor roll for the 2nd marking period has been announced.

Jonathan Baasch, Rachel Babich, Chancy Balk, Ashley Barrigar, Carissa Bass, Brittany Brinkman, Corey Brooks, Tasha Bryant, Aaron Bulla, Gilbert Burns, Jessica Chappel, Matt Cronk, Patti Dale, Danielle Dohn, Zach Dorland, Daryl Douglas, Scott DuQuesnay, Marla Duvall, Allison Ellis, Jared Ferris, Casey Forrest, Samantha Glaspie, John Gue IV, Caleb Hanby, Brandon Harmon, Michael Havens, Amy Hawley, Bryan Hill, \*Carrie Hillaker, Paul Hoelzle, \*Krista Homakie, Beth Hoxie, Lee Hutchinson, Danielle Johnson, \*Corey Johnson, Josh Kilbourn, \*Rose Krug, Luann Laming, Bethany Langlois, Jay Lester, Stacy McCallum, Nichole McComas, Sean McFarland, James McKnight, Tim Mills, Danny Mittlestat, Christina Montgomery, Kayla Morrish, Christina Osentoski, Toni Peters, Jamie Pratt, Delores Rabideau, Jesse Rader, Patrick Reed, Lauren Rowe, Andrew Schinnerer, Sean Severance, Leah Sherman, Tara Sherman, Kristina Spaulding, Jason Speirs, Jessie Spencer, Steven Steely, Angela Stoeckle, Nick Stoutenburg, Jeffrey Tenbusch, Jessie Tuckey, Andre Voss, Zack Voss, Andrew Whittaker, Tara Whittaker, Jake Wilder, Heather Wilmoth, Tracy Woodward, Michael Zmierski.

\* Indicates all A's.

**Board reverses vote**

**O-G teacher keeps job**

An Owen-Gage Junior/Senior High School teacher denied second-year probationary status early last week apparently will keep her job after all.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education, during a monthly meeting Dec. 9, voted 5-1 in favor of rejecting a second-year of probation for Karen Schuette, as recommended by high school Principal Joanne Hopper.

However, 3 days later, the board rescinded the motion during a special meeting.

The 4-2 vote came Thursday night following an hour-long executive session called to review a written legal opinion from the district's law firm, Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg, Lansing.

The board scheduled Thursday's meeting in order

Schuette was hired in November 1995 and teaches science in grades 7-12.

When asked to grant her a second year of probation Dec. 9, a motion was made to do so, but it died due to lack of support. A second motion was immediately made by Good, denying Schuette continued probationary status.

The move apparently caught Hopper by surprise. Hunter, the only board member to vote against Good's motion, also expressed some surprise, saying other board members apparently knew something he didn't.

The board scheduled Thursday's meeting in order

**Chili season**

Winter is the season to eat chili. With that in mind, chili lovers may find these statistics appetizing. About 90% of all chili sold is beef chili. Most of that is ground beef, although there is steak meat in canned chili as well.

to meet with Schuette, however, the teacher was not in attendance at the special session.



**SIX O-G HIGH School students recently won medals for their performances at the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival. They are, left to right, (band Director Paula Berry) Stefanie Lowry, Guthry Laurie, Shane Mellendorf, Stacey Rueger, Devin Papkey and Josh Errer.**

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**Prospects good**

**Applications for turkey licenses available soon**

Heavy summer rains that affected pheasant and grouse numbers also took somewhat of a toll on the Thumb's turkey population, according to Department of Natural Resources officials.

Still, hunters hoping to bag a fat tom in the spring can expect to see about the same number of birds as last season.

Permit applications are expected to be available in early January at all license dealers. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

Statewide, the DNR will offer 54,135 permits — an increase of 214 permits — for 3 restricted hunt periods scheduled for April 21-27, April 28-May 7 and May 8-19.

A fourth hunt, initiated last year, will also be held and is scheduled for May 20-30.

"We are issuing the same number of permits (in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties) as last year with the idea that the population hasn't

dwindled too much," commented Bud Jarvis, a wildlife biologist at the DNR's Cass City field office.

Last spring, 225 general (public land) permits were issued in the Thumb, with another 250 permits issued for private land hunting.

"I think the population is down a little bit from last year" due to the summer rains, Jarvis said, "but you really can't hurt the population with a gobbler harvest, so we're going with the same format as last year."

To apply for a permit for one of the first 3 scheduled hunts, sportsmen must choose a specific turkey management area.

Hunters who select the fourth period do not have to designate a specific area, and will be guaranteed a permit that is valid in all management areas except for public lands in the southern portion of the Lower Peninsula.

Even if a hunter applies for a permit to be used in one of

the first 3 hunting periods, and doesn't receive a permit, he or she may still apply for and receive a permit good for the final period.

**More jobs than grads**

Many students who earn their sheepskins in agriculture-related fields will find that there are more jobs than graduates, at least until the year 2000. That's the prediction of a report jointly prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Purdue, which predicts a 4.5 percent surplus of jobs for graduates in agriculture, environmental studies, veterinary medicine and nonmedical areas of life science research. Despite the promising news, there might not be jobs for everyone. The authors of the report predict that the job market will be the most competitive in the 20 years that this report has been issued.

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# Grant spurs joint ISD goals program

An educational partnership involving Bay-Arenac, Clare-Gladwin, Huron, and Tuscola ISD's with Saginaw Valley State University, is the recipient of a Goals 2000 grant from the Michigan Department of Education.

The purpose of the partnership is to provide local school districts within each intermediate school district with a curriculum implementation assurance model, ensuring that the written curriculum in a selected content area is taught by teachers and learned by students.

Based on the National Education Goals 2000, the grant addresses the following national goals for teaching and learning:

\* Student Achievement and Citizenship

By the year 2000, all students will leave grades 4, 8 and 12 having demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter including English, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, art, history, and geography, and every school in America will ensure that all students learn to use their minds well, so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our nation's economy.

\* Teacher Education and Professional Development

By the year 2000, the nation's teaching force will have access to programs for the continued improvement of their professional skills and the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and

skills needed to instruct and prepare all American students for the next century.

\* Mathematics and Science

By the year 2000, United States students will be first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.

Supporting the efforts of schools within each intermediate school district, the grant will focus on a step-by-step process which will provide assurances for parents and community members that locally adopted curriculum aligns with state goals and standards and is being effectively implemented in each classroom throughout the districts.

Participating teachers and administrators will be provided with ongoing professional development which supports curriculum implementation. The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), and High School Proficiency Test data will be used as one measure of curriculum implementation in participating districts.

Saginaw Valley State University's role is one of professional development and evaluation support of the curriculum implementation assurance model for local school districts and intermediate school districts. For more information about the project, contact Elaine Stephens, 517-790-4317, or Paul Novak, 517-791-7737.

Tuscola Intermediate School District's participating buildings and focus curriculum areas include:

Kingston Elementary School - language arts curriculum, Kingston High School - social studies curriculum, Mayville Elementary School - language arts curriculum, Millington Glaza Elementary School - language arts curriculum, and USA Elementary School - language arts curriculum. For more information about Tuscola ISD schools, contact Jerry Krzyckowski, 517-673-2144, extension 431.

A leadership series for all school districts within the 4 intermediate school district region will be offered to superintendents, principals, curriculum directors, and school improvement chairpersons. For more information, contact Krzyckowski.

## Agencies join to find children

The United States Postal Service and the Michigan State Police have agreed to join forces to locate abducted and missing children in Michigan.

Under the program, "Eagle Eye Childnet," law enforcement agencies across Michigan can report missing and abducted children to the state police. The state police will then prepare a poster with the child's picture and physical description, provided suspect information (when appropriate), and the local agency's telephone number. That poster will be sent to the postal service people who will distribute the poster to letter carriers and window clerks at postal centers across the state.

"Once the Eagle Eye Childnet program is activated, the missing child's poster will be disseminated to the 16,000 city and rural letter carriers throughout the state. Because the first 72 hours are the most critical in the recovery of missing children, the postal service will distribute these posters within 24-hours," says J.T. Wecker, vice president of operations for the Postal Service's Great Lakes Area. "Local post offices will also share the information with all employees and promptly display the informational poster in public lobbies.

## Suspect shot in homicide

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police shooting over to the Michigan State Police. State Police Crime Lab experts remained at the scene Monday and follow-up investigation is continuing.

The name of the suspect, a 44-year-old male, is being withheld pending arraignment in Tuscola County District Court.

Warrants are expected to be issued charging the man, who remains in critical condition, with open murder,

assault with intent to murder and 2 counts of felony firearm violations.

A conviction on the open murder charges carries a sentence of life imprisonment. The charge of assault with intent to murder carries a sentence of life or any number of years in prison. The felony firearm possession adds 2 years of prison time to each count.

According to Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske, the shooting was the first time in about 19 years that a sheriff's deputy has used lethal force.

Jashinske referred to a December 1977 incident in Vassar Township, where a Millington man was fatally shot after pointing a 12-gauge shotgun at a deputy. Then Prosecutor Patrick Joslyn ruled the shooting justified, according to news accounts.

## Moving wall is coming

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support of 2 sponsors — Robert Gornowicz, co-owner of Copeland & Gornowicz Insurance Agency in Cass City, and Stephen Welch, owner of the Harrington Inn in Brown City and a World War II veteran, who is serving as treasurer for the Moving Wall Memorial Fund.

Rich reported the \$7,800 needed to bring the wall to the Thumb has been raised or pledged.

Despite the amount of work involved, he said, "It's been a lot of fun doing it. It really paid off."

The moving wall, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, is the brainchild of Vietnam veteran John Devitt. He spent 2 years building the 252-foot long structure, which bears the names of some 58,200 servicemen who gave their lives for their country.

The moving wall began touring the country in 1984, 2 years after the original monument was revealed to the public in Washington, D.C. To-date, it has been to more than 500 cities throughout the nation, including 14 in Michigan.

## Diet for pests

Pest insects like corn earworms may someday get indigestion from munching on genetically-engineered crops. Scientists are tinkering with the plants to boost production of a naturally occurring enzyme that is toxic to insects. Michigan State University is one of the world's centers for biotech research.



A FULL HOUSE was on hand Saturday night at the Charmont for the annual Gavel/Lion/Rotary Christmas party. Among those in attendance were: (from left) Russ Biefer, Marilyn Biefer, Dan Erla and Marlene Erla.



COLLECTING MONEY from Gavel Club members were Wayne Dillon, back left, and Russ Biefer. Seated are Don Doerr and Kendall and Lisa Rieman.

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Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FAIRGROVE, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4, except the South 30 feet and Lot 5, of Block 1 of Liken and Bach's addition to the Village of Fairgrove according to Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 46, now being Page 27A.

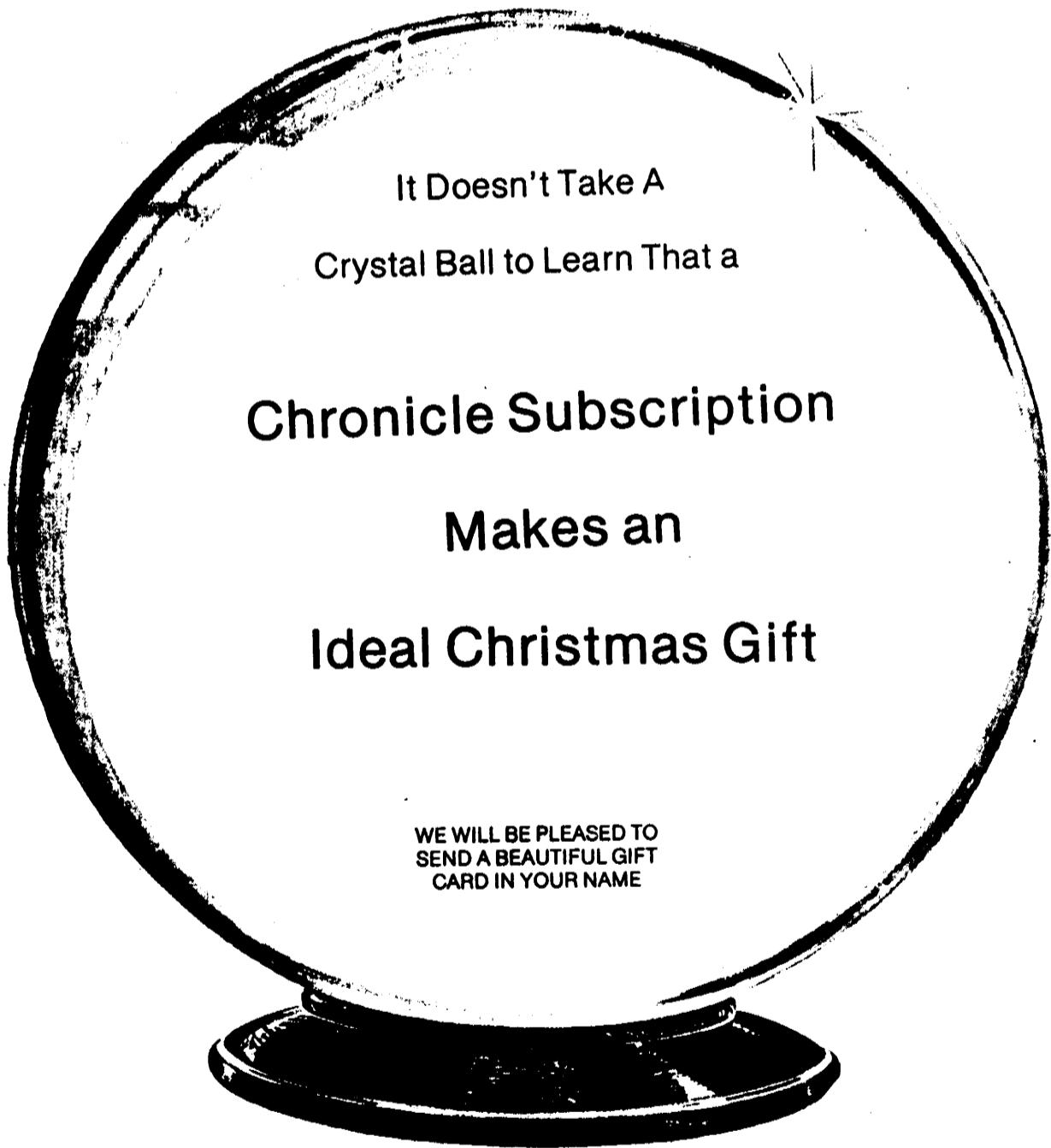
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