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 It couldn't have been much fun, but Josh Asselin put personal troubles aside to lead Caro to a win over Cass City's basketball team.

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• It was, as always, an eventful year in the community - the year in review. Pictures page 8, story page 5

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## Woman is jailed after fatal crash

A Mayville woman was jailed on charges of drunken driving following a fatal traffic accident in Fremont Township on Christmas Eve.

Marcella M. Main, 55, Mayville, was arraigned the next day on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death, and homicide --- manslaughter with a motor vehicle.

Each count carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison and a fine anging from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Bond was set at \$10,000,



JACK FROST worked overtime last Wednesday night to create a winter wonderland, leaving a thick coat of winter frosting on every twig and branch.

# **Report business fair** to good in Cass City

Retailers nationwide her- lots of people shopping, lots alded in the post-season of people looking. Christmas shopping season

"The holiday season was good. We had a proportionate increase in every single department in our store. I can honestly say every department doubled in sales for the months of November and

December.' Shores is also thrilled with the numbers for 1996 as a whole, with sales increases posted in 6 consecutive quarters. "I would take this year and this holiday season for the rest of my life and be very, very happy," he added. "Definitely it was good," Mike Weaver, owner of Coach Light Pharmacy,

can't complain at all.

Holiday sales were less merry at the Ben Franklin Store and at Kritzman's Clothing.

Ben Franklin owner Gerald Prieskorn termed sales "not very exciting."

"There's too many other places to shop," he said, adding there aren't enough stores in Cass City to draw

## *\$54,299 asbestos payment*

for 2 schools Persons who have waded in minority of rooms. Sealed the mud, and dodged the potholes in the parking lot east of the high school and at Deford Community School will not need to wrestle with lobby area.

the problem after this year. The district has received a payment of \$54,299 from a class action suit against companies that furnished asbestos in the construction of school buildings that the district paid to have removed. The payment is the first and more will probably follow.

The school's claim is for \$150,000, but just how much additional may come is uncertain, depending on the amount left in the money pool.

While it is uncertain how much the school will eventually receive it is certain that the parking lots at the 2 schools will be resurfaced. An off-the-cuff cost for this work is estimated at abou \$75,000 with work to be completed next summer.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

A change in the flooring for the new middle school was approved. Originally, the plan called for carpet in most of the classrooms.

This will be changed to a tile floor. Carpeting in the classrooms is harder to keep clean, Supt. Ken Micklash said. The primary objection is that the carpet and the adhesive used could affect some students with allergies and need to be removed. Micklash said that this has

happened at another school.

cement will be in a storage area and the industrial education room. Terrazzo will be in the main corridor and

Carpet is retained in the plans for the vocal room, computer room, media center and several office rooms. There will be special locker room flooring in both locker rooms. The remaining 35plus rooms will be tile.

The board granted the 10th While cheaper, the tile grade and the 11th grade flooring was not adopted besons of Bob DeLong permiscause of price, but utility. Not sion to continue at Ubly so, was a change in the brick for the building's exterior. Schools until they graduate.

## **40-year tradition**

Micklash brought samples of the brick in the original specifications and the one that will be used. They were nearly indistinguishable and Micklash said the replacement brick had been approved by the builder and the project superintendent. The new brick will save the dis-

**OTHER BUSINESS** 

trict some \$15,000.

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**Paved parking lots** 

will attend school in Cass City. Middle School Principal

A daughter in the 8th grade

Jeanne Lohela outlined some changes in the curriculum including an advisory meeting on a daily basis to start the day.

Chad Daniels, debate coach, communicated to the board that his squad debated in the novice section of the State Finals, one of 2 class C schools in the competition. The debaters finished in front of the other class C school. In the competition there were 17 class A and 9 class B schools.

The family will be able to Regardless of when the first celebrate with a gift arrangearrival appears, she or he will ment for the new mom and be showered with gifts. baby from Cass City Floral From Thumb National Bank and Trust a \$10 gift will open a savings account. Diapers will cost less for the family because Cass City IGA will give \$1 a week off any package of diapers for

Prizes for first baby

and Chemical Bank Thumb Area will start a savings account with a \$10 deposit. Kritzmans' is offering a \$10 gift certificate and the Chronicle will give a year's subscription to the family.

Sommers' Bakery will Coach Light Pharmacy will mark the occasion with a give the family \$10 towards decorated cake and a free any prescription and Erla's baby gift assortment valued has a \$10 gift certificate waitat \$25 will be presented by Health Mart Pharmacy.

In the over 40 years that the business community has been honoring the first baby of the year with a host of prizes, one thing is sure....there's no predicting just when the first baby will

Last year the first baby born in the Chronicle's primary one year. circulation area arrived at 12:55 p.m. Jan 1. She was Ashlynn Smith, daughter of Jeffrey and Melissa Smith of Cass City. In other years the

arrive.

and a preliminary examination was scheduled for Jan. 2 at 9 a.m. in Tuscola County District Court.

According to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, Main was attempting to make a left turn from westbound M-46 onto southbound Leix Road at about 6 p.m. when she failed to yield the right of way to and collided with an eastbound vehicle driven by Lewis C. Jewett, 27, of Gaylord.

A passenger in Main's vehicle, Seeley J. Walk, 85, was

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"It was about the same as last year. We had a good year," commented Bud Schneeberger Schneeberger's Furniture

with slashed prices and bar-

gains galore, in hopes of

making up for what analysts

reported were lower sales

In Cass City, the news was

optimistic overall, as a num-

ber of retailers indicated they

were pleased with the holi-

day shopping crowds.

than many had expected.

of and Appliance. "We've got some items that

went really well. The (small) satellite dishes — that's one that has really picked up in agreed. the Thumb."

Jon Shores, owner of The New Sheridan Health Mart Pharmacy and Bookmart, was even more pleased. "I would say (it was) just

outstanding. We had a really good year," he said. "We had

"We were down in a couple of departments, but the store was up in general," he said, noting sales of gifts and collectibles was excellent. "I would have to say it was

a very positive season. I

customers away from the giant chain outlets in neighboring county seats.

Bill Kritzman agreed, saying that the holiday retail season at his store was a case of too little, too late.

"We're down a little," he commented.

The cold weather was late in coming, slowing sales for warm weather clothing, according to Kritzman, who said sales did pick up the week before Christmas. "But it couldn't (make up for) what happened in early December.'

A survey among teachers indicated that half were for carpet and half were not. The supporters of carpet in the

classrooms cited the lack of noise as a big plus for carpet rather than tile. The cost for tile is expected to be slightly less, last longer

and be easier to clean. Under the revised plan tile will be used in all but a small

first baby didn't arrive until ing to be picked up. the last of the month.

# Student charge ahead for driver training

for driver training should vamped program after the make every effort to see that end of this school year and the students are enrolled and students will almost certainly complete the course during pay a fee for taking the this school year. course.

Supt. Ken Micklash re-Under the current program vealed new rules and cost the state mandates that driver reimbursements from the training be offered. It will no

Parents of students eligible state will necessitate a re- longer be necessary after April 1, 1998.

Offering driver education has always been an added cost to district taxpayers in that the state paid about 50 percent of the cost to the district. That is in the neighborhood of \$200.

Under the new plan the state will pay just \$50 per student. If the school district does not offer the program, a voucher for \$50 would be given to the student to be used at another public school.

Micklash and the board said that they would like to continue to offer driver training, but a fee would probably be necessary to do so.

The program will be revamped. Starting Mar. 8 the classes will be held for 10 Saturdays in a row from 9 a.m. to 12 noon instead of for 2 hours a day for 15 days. Under the new rules attendance at each session is mandatory, no exceptions.

The current program and the one that starts in March will not have a fee or be under the new rules. The new rules are more stringent for young drivers.

#### REQUIREMENTS

Now the minimum age for a learner permit is 14 years, 9 months instead of 15 years. With a learner permit the driver must have 50 hours driving with a licensed driver 21 years or older.

A road test will be required for obtaining a license at age 16. A 16-year-old will be prohibited from driving between midnight and 5<sup>-</sup>a.m. unless they are going to or from work, or are accompanied by a parent or parent designee at least 21 years old.

# **Toys for Tots program jeopardized** Werschky must have help to continue



SUE WERSCHKY has been the sparkplug behind the Cass City Toys for Tots program since it began 9 years ago, but health problems are forcing her to slow down. Without some additional help, she says, the annual campaign will become a thing of the past.

Sue Werschky's name has become synonymous with Toys for Tots in Cass City. It's no surprise. The Cass City woman not only organized the local effort 9 years ago, but has since spent countless hours making contacts, collecting toy and cash donations, and separating, wrapping and packing toys for hundreds of needy children in the Cass City, Deford and Gagetown areas.

It's a job Werschky has loved, but health problems are forcing her to slow down, and to make a very difficult decision: unless she can recruit some additional bodies to help with the campaign, Cass City Toys for Toys will fade away.

"I can still do the fund raising and the paperwork and the organizing, but what I can't do is go out and lug stuff around every day," Werschky commented Friday. "It would at least take a club or even 2 clubs of working people to come forward, for me to continue."

A muscle disease that in

years past frequently went into remission is now a constant companion to Werschky, making it difficult for her to move around and forcing her to battle chronic fatigue.

Werschky noted her mother, Neva Greenleaf, who has been by her side all along, is also having difficulty keeping up at age 84.

The pair have watched the local Toys for Tots campaign grow into a major operation since its start a decade ago.

The project grew out of Werschky's hobby of refunding — mailing in box tops and UPC symbols in exchange for toys and other offers.

"I had collected quite a sizable box of stuffed animals and other toys." she recalled, adding she decided to contact the Mayville-based Mudrunners, a 4-wheel drive truck organization that sponsored a Toys for Tots campaign in Tuscola County.

Werschky said the group gladly accepted her offer of toys. "They (also) said it

for their drive, and they asked if I could find a store front" to serve as a Toys for Tots center. Werschky received permission to do just that at the Ryland and Guc building on Main Street.

Before long, her efforts snowballed. "I got more names than they (Mudrunners) could handle, and the Lions Club pitched in," she said.

would really help if they

could get some local support

In the Cass City campaign's first year, toys collected and purchased with cash donations received by Werschky were distributed to 64 area families by the Cass City Jaycees, which has since disbanded.

At the peak of the program, Werschky, with assistance from individual volunteers, the local VFW post, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club and other service clubs, was collecting and distributing toys to more than 200 families.

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## Cass City Area Social and Personal Items Call your local news to

the Chronicle office - 872-2010 Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer were Patti and Debbie Timmons and Wayne Curry. Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Markham, Patti and Debbie Timmons, Wayne Curry and Brent Fritz were

guests for gift exchange. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer were Christmas Eve overnight guests of Debbie and Patti Timmons and all enjoyed breakfast together.

Seven children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Mitchell and Muriel Holik met at Charmont Dec. 21 for a traditional family Christmas dinner.

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Thursday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bullock of Sandusky.

Jill and Joe Leeson and children, Stephie and Freddie of Ferndale spent from Friday through Monday with Linda and Fred Leeson celebrating Christmas.

Beverly and George Frank hosted the McClorey family Christmas dinner at their home Sunday, Dec. 22. Thirty-five members and 2 guests attended. Games were played and gifts were exchanged.

Guests Christmas Day of Mary and Dale Damm were Randy and Carmen Damm and sons, Jason and Ethan, and Susan and Tim Wooster.

*Bottle drive* set for Jan. 4

Saturday, Jan. 4, the Cass City High School junior class will hold a bottle drive. They will canvass town from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Tuesday - Baked cod, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, fresh orange.

It's a boy!

of their son, Fredrick Joseph Leeson III. Born Dec. 4, he

joins his sister at home,

Stephanie Elaine, 3 years

Grandparents are Linda and

Fred Leeson and Dianne and

Theron Middaugh, all of

Frankenmuth and Mary

Convention

The Sanilac County Demo-

cratic Party convention is scheduled Saturday, Jan. 11,

at Liberty Lanes Conference

Delegates will be elected to

attend the Michigan Demo-

cratic Convention. The regu-

lar monthly meeting will fol-

New officers elected are:

Senior citizens are asked to

Monday - Pepper steak, peas and carrots, boiled red

Room in Sandusky.

scheduled

Leeson of Wildfowl Bay.

Great-grandmothers are

Hulien

ot

old.

Cass City.

Helen

Friday - Spanish rice, Mexicali corn, glazed carrots, Italian bread, coconut cake.

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Tis the week after Christmas and the house is a sight. The star dangles sadly from a burned out tree light.

Pine needles have fallen all over the rug And the rest would soon join them with just a slight tug.

Leftover turkey and stuffing and yams Dry out in the frig with the gravies and hams.

The fudge has turned hard and the cookies are dry. So we dunk them in coffee. Here's mud in your eye.

The toys are now gathered back in their box, The cars, trucks and trains, the books and the blocks.

The grandkids have gone, but their marks can be seen On the windows and doors and most places between.

The excitement is over. It's quiet at last. It's amazing how quickly the holiday passed.

After so much preparing and anticipation It all boils down to a too-short vacation.

With Christmas and New Year's so close together, There's naught to look forward to now but foul weather.

So we sputter and grumble as we put things away, "Why put so much effort in observing a day?"

Yes, it all seems quite vain now, but be of good cheer. We'll do it all over again come next year.



# x-country skiing

Winter snows are falling on the ski trails, at both Port Crescent and Sleeper State Parks located in Huron County, in preparation for your enjoyment of cross country skiing. Port Crescent State Park is located 5 miles west of Port Austin on M-25. Sleeper State Park is located 5 miles east of Caseville on M-25.

The trails will be groomed every day of the week. Three special night time candle light ski events are planned. The dates are: Port Crescent State Park, Jan. 11, and Sleeper State Park, Feb. 15 and March 1. Refreshments and a bonfire will be available for these events. All events will begin at dusk. The

The state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into the park and are available at the park office or from the ranger on duty. The trails are groomed and open 7 days a week. Call the park office at (517) 856-4411 for trail conditions and event schedules. The Huron County Visitors Bureau can also be contacted for other winter opportunities in the Thumb area at 1-800-35-THUMB.

Film slated at Juniata Church Diane Kerri Asher, Austin,

"Flame in the Wind," a motion picture produced by Bob Kundinger "student of the month"



**Chad Kundinger** 

Chad Aaron Kundinger, son of Debra Cross and Dean Kundinger, a senior at Owen-Gage High School, has been named student of the month.

He is a member of the 3.0 Club, student council, Business Professionals of America, the journalism staff, 4-H Club and Trip Club.

Active in sports, he was a member of the football, baseball, basketball and golf teams. He was named Most Improved Player in football. His goal after graduation is to study photo journalism in college.

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trail length to be lit will be about one mile with the novice in mind, no steep hills or sharp curves.

Jones University's Unusual Films, will be shown at the Juniata Baptist Church in their New Year's Eve Service at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 31. Set in 16th century Spain, the film deals with Spanish

Inquisition's repression of a Protestant group in Seville. Carlos, a young student of the church, searches for truth and discovers more than he ever dreamed possible. The Juniata Baptist Church is a country church located between Vassar and Mayville at 5656 Washburn Road. The public is invited to spend New Year's Eve with this



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wasn't working very well, so one of the kids says, "Why

don't you just dip the top in

So he did. He turned the

bromine bottle upside down

The glass stopper fell out,

and the bromine - hot wax

combination filled the school

Events like these always

over the hot wax!



Just published is a 296-page book of the first 100 years in the Elkton area.

In a unique concept the book featured page after page of families in the area, and their history traces the changes in agriculture and the community.

In addition there is a history of the community from its bunding until the present. The 8 1/2 by 11-inch sized book ells for \$20.00 and is available by calling Sid Hulburt at 517 375-4307.

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The National Weather Service office at White Lake, Mi isstued 123 severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings in 1996. Of this total 17 occurred without advance warning.

None of these was in the 3-county area. Six warnings were issued in Huron County, 4 verified. Five warnings were given in Sanilac County, 4 verified, and 6 in Tuscola County with 🔁 verified.

There were 17 storms that arrived in the 17-county district covered without advance warning. None arrived in the 3 counties without at least 15 minutes advanced notice.

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It should be a happy New Year for most owners of Michigan farm land. According to a survey by the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service, Michigan farm land was up \$141 her acre to \$1,475 (11 percent) on Jan. 1, 1996, over the previous year.

The average price per acre in the United States Jan. 1, 1996, was \$890. While Michigan is well over the average it trails heighboring Ohio (\$1,989 per acre) and Indiana (1,801 per acre.)

**The Weather** 

Wednesday ...... 24 ...... 5 ....... 10"

Friday ...... 0 ...... 0

Saturday ...... 38 ...... 34 ..... 0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

High

Low

Precip.

Nation-wide the increase was 7 percent.

# New Year's Eve concert a tradition in Cass City

A New Year's Eve tradition the family continues to be the target of the event, according geared towards families throughout the Cass City to Arthur Severance, who area will continue this week along with his father, Lloyd, and a number of other area with the 30th annual New men formed the Layman's Year's Eve Concert. Club 30 years ago. Club The event, sponsored by the Cass City Layman's Club, is members share a common desire to serve God as layscheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the Cass City High School men

auditorium. In fact, formation of the Heading up this year's gosclub and the New Year's Eve pel groups are "Michigan's concert went hand in hand, Goodwill Ambassadors," the Severance said, adding his Flint-based Calvarymen father and the Calvarymen Quartet, which appeared at Quartet came up with the the first Cass City New Year's idea of putting together a Eve Concert and hasn't community gospel sing on missed a year since. New Year's Eve. Also scheduled to appear

charge, however, a free-will

offering will be taken to help

cover expenses. Refresh-

ments will be available dur-

The annual New Year's sing

each year draws some 800 to

1,000 people. It's a tradition

ing intermission.

Started 30 years ago

The concert proved popuare the Foster Family from lar, with 400 to 500 people Missouri, and a local group, attending the first year at "Not Ashamed," featuring what is now Cass City Donna Rhodes of Caro and Middle School. The event Curt Landrith of Cass City. was later moved to the high There is no admission

school after it was built in the late 1960s.

A small admission fee was charged the first couple of years, but that fell by the wayside after Rex Humbard and the Cathedral of Tomorrow appeared on a free-will offering, Severance recalled. Over the years, the

Layman's Club has experimented with organizing gospel sings in the spring and fall, but nothing has compared with the popularity of the New Year's gathering, which in its peak drew a crowd of 1,000 to 1,200 people. Today, the Layman's Club

has about 10 active members who continue to handle all of the work involved in organizing the annual concert, from contacting singing groups to setting up at the high school.



ing objects this year, tangible evidence to prove that what they saw was really what they saw. For Gia Mellendorf, the

Cass City High School Homecoming Queen, the devotion to conservation is as spirit to keep her career goal focused and not let her aim to be a funeral director die. For the board of directors at Hills and Dales General Hospital, consideration for makyear where everyone is as ing the temporary appointment of Dee McKrow and active and as caring about Kathy Rowe as co-adminisrecycling as she is. For Dan Erla, lots of luck trators permanent. Vibes in his new job as Elkland

we've been getting from up on the hill are the best in re-Township Supervisor. A year where every resident is cent years. For Jason Smigell, new happy with their roads and tax bills and with no need to band director, the continuing enthusiasm for the job that quell fires in the Elkland Township Fire Department. has the students enthusiastic and their parents ecstatic. For Milt Connolly, who has retired from his post as fire To all of you and yours a

very happy and prosperous chief and as a member of the Elkland Township Fire De-New Year.

"Loose screw causes shuttle hatch to jam. Astronauts forced to scrap space walk." "1/4 inch bolt becomes

tangled in \$128 million reel assembly. Astronauts abandon experiment."

"NASA employee knocks over rocket head. Space launch delayed 6 months." These are just headlines, but they bring back memories for me. When disasters like these strike the space program, I always think of my old science teacher, Mr. Berscky (not his real name). Mr. Berscky worked for NASA before he got into teaching; and I'm told he returned to work on the space program after he left our school. I can close my eyes now and see him stumbling over rockets, jamming bolts

into reels, and forgetting screws in the shuttle hatches. Like many scientists, my teacher was very intelligent, but clumsy. Give him a computer and he could prove anything. Give him a sledgehammer and he'd break ev-

erv toe in the room. I was reminded of my old science teacher last week when space shuttle Columbia's astronauts tried to open the shuttle's hatch and found it jammed. NASA later learned a half-inch screw had fallen from its hole and become embedded in the gears of the hatch.

I thought of Mr. Berscky a few years ago when astronauts tried to unreel a satellite on a cable 12 1/2 miles long. After unrolling 840 feet of cable, the reel jammed and the cable broke, launching the satellite into space. NASA found a 1/4-inch bolt wedged in the reel assembly. My science teacher came to mind a few years before that when a space launch was delayed 6 months because an employee knocked-over a rocket head.

"It couldn't be Berscky," I thought. "Surely he must have retired by now."

Mr. Berscky was a nice guy and a good teacher, but the kids took advantage of him. While he was helping one of us with the Bunsen burner,

the kids behind him were hanging test tube clamps on his coat

C 1994 Roger Pond

The back forty

by Roger Pond

the wax?

It wasn't uncommon to see him walking down the hallway with 8 or 10 tube clamps dangling from the back of his lab coat. But I remember Mr. Berscky best for his sealing of the bromine bottles.

with fumes. Everyone got a At our school, bromine was long break from school that measured into little bottles afternoon. with a smooth, glass stopper in the top. Mr. Berscky deremind me that education cided the bottles' tops should isn't everything. NASA has be sealed with wax to prevent their share of PHD's. astrofumes from escaping. nauts, and engineers, but

they sure could use someone So he went about melting who's really good with a some wax and trying to drip screw-driver. it on the glass stoppers. this

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the editor great as fresh arrived snow to a skier, a year full of kindhearted people who donate the necessary funds to make the Octagon Barn in Gagetown self-sufficient. A Toners

clarify article

Dear Editor:

We would like to clarify several points in your article, VILLAGE PAYS \$10,000 FOR ACCESS LOT. 1. It was 8 years ago that the village offered us \$1,025 for the piece of land in question.

told that was too much 2. We consulted with a well known resident who knows about real estate. That person gave us the \$10,000 price, saying it was fair. 3. We never, at any time, wanted to sell this land. We enjoy our privacy. The road will change that. We now realize that for the village to move forward, it is necessary

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may be, lots of luck.

partment for 32 years, a

pleasant hassle-free year. To

his replacement, whoever it

For Don Markel, Cass City High School wrestling coach, more of the magic that has produced totally unforeseen success in the early season with the help of talented freshmen and sophomores and that they remain wrapped up in the program until graduation.

For Tom Dorland, assistant wrestling coach, whose volunteer work with the camera has been a big plus for the Chronicle and, hopefully, for the program, a chance to picture a state champion in the years ahead.

For Chad Tate, a trophy bigger than the one he received for finishing on the all-state class C team this fall, indicating that he is the individual state champion.

For Barb Hutchinson, who has done an outstanding job managing the drive for funds for the addition to the Rawson Memorial Library, those last few bucks needed to pay for the work without needing to borrow to do it.

For Katie Jackson, who ramrodded to success the Cass City History Book published this year, an equally successful effort if the Cass City Historical Society decides to go ahead with a family history review. For Donna Rockwell, Mary Tate and Carla Hartwick who

were among scads of people who spotted unidentified fly-



"January Is National Eye Care Month"



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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

#### Enroll your **NEED A NEW CAR OR TRUCK? Down Memory Lane** child in 4-H From the files of the Chronicle What's a good way to get your child started off in a **"OVER 200 NEW & USED CARS** will present "College Viewed they visited their uncle, J.C. **5 YEARS AGO** less than the proposed 1986 wonderful New Year's Resoby a Senior." Also taking part will be Linda Hulien (Flint lution? Enroll them in 4-H! AND TRUCKS AVAILABLE" Hutchinson, and Pearl. They budget. were to have returned Cass City High School se-After 45 years the After all, what better way for JC, freshman) William Ruhl Wednesday. Shabbona area Bunco Club nior Ann Leslie had the firsta child to learn and develop "Every Make and Model" (Ferris Institute, junior) and is still active. The club, place steer and reserve chamnew skills and ways of lead-**Ron Ouvry** Janet McConkey (U of M, which has met regularly pion division winner at the **35 YEARS AGO** ership? For Your Best Buy sophomore). Home 872-2495 since 1937, boasts a regular Michigan Beef show, held Howard Bacon will lead the New members wishing to membership of about 2 Dec. 13 at Michigan State Pages From the Past - In Business 269-9781 CALL ME TODAY! Capital Funds Crusade in the join may do so at any time. University. Her brother, Al dozen people. 1881, David Tyo set up a bar-Cass City Methodist Church, Your child must be 9 years Residents from throughout Leslie, a student at MSU, ber shop on Main Street. His old to enroll. However, there it was announced by Keith took third place in his divithe Thumb are continuing to son, Clem Tyo, continued in BAD AXE **Seile** is a mini 4-H program for 5-McConkey, lay leader. The Service sion. Both are the children of lend a hand to the Bellanger the trade and passed it on to 8-year-olds. For more inforlocal church is seeking 269-9781 Satisfaction family, who lost their home Dale and Audrey Leslic of his son, Alex Tyo, and grand-\$2,100 over a 3-year period. mation, please contact the and belongings in a house Decker. son, Tommy Tyo, which two After The The funds will be used for Sanilac County Extension fire early last week. Most retailers had few comare in business today on education and church exten-Office at (810) 648-2515. - Just 1 Mile East Of Downtown Bad Axe Long-time Koylton Town-Sale plaints on sales during Main Street. HOURS: MON. & FRI. 8 AM • 8 PM • TUES., WED. & THURS. 8 AM • 6 PM • SAT. 8:30 AM • 3 PM sion. ship Supervisor Terry Boyne Christmas 1986. **Guaranteed!** The next Argyle Sox 4-H College students will take The improving Hawks lost withdrew his resignation Fri-The monthly birthday dinmeeting is scheduled for Jan. charge of the pulpit at the a heart breaker Thursday day night. The action ner at the Cass City meal site was attended by 22 Friday, 20 at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Cass City Methodist Church night when they played faprompted the township to United Methodist Church, Sunday. Richard Albee vored Buena Vista of Dec. 26. Gladys Bliss made the birthday cake and ice cancel plans for a special 3329 W. Snover Road, (Alma, freshman) will speak Saginaw, 54-52. Larry The Chronicle - an ideal wedding gift meeting the next day, effec-Snover. - Reporter, Angela on "College as Viewed by a Robinson showed the way tively crushing Pioneer Work cream was also served. Kubacki, Argyle Sox 4-H Freshman." Edwin with 14 points and Casmir and Learn Center officials' Cass City Girl Scouts ser-Club, Ubly. McConkey (U of M, senior) Lubaczewski had 10. hopes of getting a special-use enaded business places, papermit before being forced to tients at Hills and Dales Genclose their doors Jan. 4 in eral Hospital and residents at New Cass City compliance with a court or-Provincial House Monday. Senlor Citizens After the caroling, a dinner 5% Discount A 3.5 percent wage hike was held for 87 girls at the Open Every approved last week for Cass VFW Hall in Cass City. Kay Longer Wednesday City village employees will lours! Warner is unit service direc-Excludes alcoholic Vow Open cost the village a combined Sundays! tor. and tobacco Double Manufacturer's Coupons up to 50¢ see STORE FOR DETAILS. \$15,930 more in 1992. products). 25 YEARS AGO No Minimum 6121 Cass City Road, Cass City, Michigan 48726 • Phone: 872-2645 purchase required 10 YEARS AGO Store Hours: Monday-Saturday: 7:00 am - 9:00 pm • Sunday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm The Frank Preba family of on sale items for Bay City-Forestville Road Beer • Wine • Pkg. Liquor • Lottery Tickets • Food Stamps • Bakery • Deli • WIC Coupons Accepted senior citizens. The latest in a rash of fires were the winners of the in the Cass City area caused Chamber of Commerce all WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES . NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS IN PRINTING. an estimated \$11,000 in expense paid trip to Disney damage to a 2-story home at World in Florida. The couple 4994 N. Cemetery Rd., chose the trip instead of the owned by Cass City resident alternate \$250. They will うらうから デアショック デノラ Derek Romain. The house leave just 2 days before their has been rented by Charrie 15th wedding anniversary. Lesoski and her 4 children. Superintendent James The village council adopted Blades expressed to the vila 1987 general fund revenue lage council that the village budget of \$655,000, \$33,000 needed more employees. The Tuscola County Board Grade A Young Tender All of Commissioners moved to **For Personal** Natural Boneless Skinless participate in a Department of Natural Resources pro-& Commercial gram to maintain a snow FAME machine for the sheriff's de-Insurance partment. The machine will be used by the sheriff's de-BREASTS partment in enforcing the re-**Fryer Breasts** cently passed snowmobile Tender young chicken All Halwa law. Hot lunch prices are down lb. again at Cass City Schools. Supt. Donald Crouse announced this week an increase in the reimbursement formula has enabled the **Mark Wiese** school to cancel a raise au-HARRIS-HAMPSHIRE thorized by the board and due to go into effect when 6815 E. Cass City Rd., Cass City Limit 1 - 1 lb. Quarters FAME (517) 872-4351 With Coupon school starts Monday. The

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rates are: 40 cents, elementary; 45 cents, intermediate through high school, and 60 cents, adults. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hutchinson and children left Dec. 21 from Tri-City Air-



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# 1996: the year's top stories reviewed

suit remains in the courts.

The year saw dozens of

hospital employees leave as

cost-cutting measures were

In late September, hospital

President and CEO Deborah

Sopo abruptly resigned just

2 years after taking over the

helm from former president

Appointed to share her du-

ties on an interim basis were

a pair of hospital executives,

former Chief Operating Of-

ficer Denise "Dee" McKrow

and Kathy Rowe, former

In an interview following

their appointment, the pair

reported the hospital has ex-

perienced financial gains,

and outlined plans for future

growth. They also acknowl-

edged employee morale had

suffered in recent months,

but cited improvements on

chief financial officer.

implemented.

Ken Jensen.

t's that time of year again, time to formulate a resoluation or 2 in hopes of kicking a bad habit, starting a good habit, or just trying to be a better person.

But it's also an ideal time to look back and reflect on the past 12 months. The events of the past year will be remembered differ-

ently by area residents. For a farmer who replanted his washed out crop for the

third time, only to have it pelted by a freak hail storm flate in the growing season, 1996 probably won't hold a lot of fond memories.

However, for a Cass City woman stricken with a lifethreatening illness, who found herself surrounded by the support and prayers of dozens of people, many of whom she never met, it was a year filled with hope.

Stories like these and others are an important part of what shapes the community in which we live, although not everyone is directly affected by every event.

With that in mind, the Chronicle presents a review of the top stories of the year.

NEW SCHOOL

gin of about 290 votes.

dents well into the future.

within 2 years.

request.

 $\mathbf{T}$ he question of whether L humb residents in 1996 saw some of the worst to renovate Cass City Middle Mother Nature can dish out School or construct a new in the form of rain, rain and building was answered in 1996, and this time voters more rain

Downpours in May and said "yes" to a new building. June didn't equal the havoc Voters in March approved a \$6.8 million, 12.9-year bond wrought by the Great Flood of 1986, however, the cost in issue to fund the new, terms of destroyed homes, 76.217-square-foot middle roads, drains and other propschool. The election saw 40 erty was significant nonethepercent of the district's registered voters turn out, and less Several miles of roads were

DISASTER

the measure passed by a marleft impassable after heavy rains fell in May. In Tuscola The spring vote marked County, flood-weary Vassar school officials' fourth atresidents were hardest hit, tempt to secure funding for with rising waters from the a new school, dating back to Moore Drain leaving half of 1994, when voters rejected the city under water. an \$8.3 million bond issue

In June, weekend storms largely missed Cass City, but At issue was a decision to much of the county received build or spend hundreds of 5 to 7 inches of rain, washthousands of dollars to renoing out roads and bridges. vate and correct fire code and damaging several violations, as well as meet homes

the educational needs of stu-County officials declared a state of emergency, and soon Work on the new school is thereafter a Presidential Diwell underway at a site adjasaster Declaration was apcent to the old middle school, proved for Tuscola and 6 with completion expected other neighboring counties. The declaration paved the

way for the counties to receive a combined \$24.7 million in federal/state grants and loans. Tuscola County's share of the relief totalled \$3.26 million.

## FARMING

Farmers gamble every year on the weather, and for many, 1996 brought more losses than gains, despite skyrocketing prices for corn and some other crops.

The same rains that destroyed roads and drains delayed planting in the spring and, later, damaged crops. Even after farmers were able to get into their fields, many were forced to return to replant.

out crops and left fields muddy and plants susceptible to a myriad of diseases. Later in the summer, farmers south, east and west of Cass City were hit by a hail storm that shredded entire fields of corn, beets and

found themselves in a race with time, having never been able to make up the 2 to 3 weeks lost in the spring. Crop maturity lagged.

Still, while conditions varied significantly from field to field, the harvest progressed, and extension officials reported near average yields for many crops. In fact, Tuscola County extension officials touted the dry bean crop one of the best in memory.

#### DRUG WARS

The war on drugs is a never ending battle, but law enforcement officials continued to make strides in curbing narcotics traffickers in the Thumb.

The highlight of the year came in November, when police stumbled onto what they say was the largest, most professional marijuana growing/processing operation they've seen.

The discovery came as a result of complaints involving horses running loose at a 75-acre Evergreen Township farm.

Sanilac County Drug Task Force officials reported the **ELECTION '96** 

Election year 1996 was a successful one for many incumbents locally as well as nationally.

Most area incumbents, including Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern, Register of Deeds Ginny McLaren and District 2 Commissioner Ed Scollon, overcame challenges to win reelection. Perhaps the most notable exception took place in the Huron County primary election, when attorney Mark Gaertner unseated incumbent Leslie Hagen for the office of prosecuting attornev.

In November, traditionally Republican Tuscola County followed state and national trends for the second time in 4 years by helping to re-elect President Bill Clinton, a Democrat, over Republican

refusing to overturn such a ban. Locally, the year saw vot-

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## BUSINESS

There was a changing of the guard in the business community. Many long-time businesses changed ownership and several new firms opened their doors.

There was a change of ownership at Sommers Bakery and the Paint Store. The Charmont Restaurant and Bowling Lanes were sold by the Comments who retained possession of the motel and

added to its capacity. The community welcomed McDonald's and said goodbye to Hardee's as the chain management announced that it was leaving Michigan.

Old Wood Drug Store was Hunters won in 2 of the 3 sold by Tom Proctor to John Shores and became Health Please turn to page 6.

in the surcharge on base telephone bills to fund implementation of a new, independent dispatch operation, including construction of a new building. Also approved was .65 of a mill for 4 years for a mosquito control pro-

challenger Bob Dole.

vices.

ers dig deep in their pockets

to fund a host of public ser-

Tuscola County voters ap-

proved a 16-percent increase

gram. Huron County voters. meanwhile, approved a pair of millage renewals, and Sanifac County voters said "ves" to a 2-mill levy for road improvements and .2 of a mill for coordination of ambulance services.

counties where Sunday hunting bans were lifted. Tuscola County voters were alone in



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beans

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operation, complete with a state-of-the-art processing area set up in a barn, was capable of producing 20,000 pounds of marijuana worth several million dollars each year.

The investigation is coninuing, with federal officials assisting in the search for the suspects, all of whom live outside of Michigan.

Several other successful drug sting operations were reported throughout the upper Thumb in 1996.

The Thumb Narcotics Unit, formed 7 1/2 years ago, reported seizing more than 1,000 marijuana plants and arresting 15 suspects in 21 separate investigations during the year.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

n many ways, 1996 was a difficult year for Hills and Dales General Hospital, although much of what happened was not reported. In February, a former nursing director filed suit against a so-called hospital consultant, claiming the consultant attempted to cause termination of her employment. The

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CASS CITY CHRONICLE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1996

#### CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

# **1996: the year in review**

tober.

fire fighters.

The school immediately

opened its doors to dozens of

people left homeless by the

hand to Sue Baker, a Cass

City woman who recently

underwent a bone marrow

were well attended, and the

local United Way chipped in

\$500, providing some help

with travel and other ex-

penses related to her treat-

•Many people have no idea

how much work is involved

in the local Toys for Tots

drive, but program Coordina-

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Mart. Board Chrysler-Plymouth became Cass City Chrysler.

The village of Cass City purchased the former Chemical Bank building and moved to the main corner of town at Main and Seeger Street.

The Downtown Development Association was active with plans for future development of the business community.

#### ASPHALT PLANT

A proposal to set up an asphalt processing plant near a gravel pit located on an 83acre parcel just west of Cass City remained alive in 1996. although there was little news to report.

In March, Triple T Farms filed suit in U.S. District Court, naming Elkland Township as the defendant in a case seeking consent to operate the asphalt plant, as well as a judgement of \$300,000 plus costs, interest and attorneys fees.

The court action followed months of controversy surrounding the proposed asphalt plant.

Several zoning and special permit requests, all accompanied by protests from nearby property owners, have been denied by township officials over a period of about 6 years.

The federal law suit remains active, although no court dates have been set.

#### SPORTS

Lt was mostly an uneventful year on the sports front. Most notable was Chad

Tate's performance in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state golf tourney

Tate finished second in the blaze. Students and staff, class C championship, just a who were recently recogstroke away from the title. nized by Red Cross officials. Other Cass City High organized clothing drives School teams failed to bring and delivered hot coffee to

home a championship, but fans were heartened by the improvement shown by the football team.

## GENEROSITY

The Cass City community annually generates a host of stories that prove area residents are quick to support a good cause with more than lip service. Examples in 1996 included:

•Students and staff at Owen-Gage High School didn't hesitate to respond when a nearby apartment complex caught fire in Oc-

•Likewise, residents didn't dition, the community hesitate to offer a helping ceeded the expectation local United Way offic this year, coming through with contributions total transplant. Fund raisers or-\$43,000, a whopp ganized by Baker's fellow \$18,000 over the goa \$25,000. employees at Tendercare

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City does. For years she has organized the annual cam- paign as well as related ac-	Sports Seers	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt	Gary Robinson	Jim Hillaker
tivities and recruited volun- teers. In the process, the lo- cal effort has provided very merry Christmases to count- less area families, including about 110 this year. •In what has become a tra- dition, the community ex- ceeded the expectations of local United Way officials this year, coming through with contributions totalling \$43,000, a whopping \$18,000 over the goal of \$25,000.	January 3 Sandusky at H. Beach Lakers at Cass City Reese at Ubly Port Hope at N. Huron Deckerville at Mayville Bad Axe at Marlette C-PS at Kingston January 4 Deckerville at B. City Week's Totals Percentages	Harbor Beach Lakers Reese North Huron Mayville Marlette Kingston Brown City 15-4 79%	Harbor Beach Lakers Rocse Port Hope Mayville Marlette Kingston Brown City 15-4 79%	Sandusky Lakers Ubly Port Hope Mayville Marlette Kingston Brown City 15-4 79%	Harbor Beach Lakers Reese North Huron Mayville Marlette Kingston Brown City 14-5 74%	Harbor Beach Lakers Reese North Huron Mayville Marlette Kingston Brown City 16-3 84%	Harbor Beach Lakers Reese North Huron Mayville Marlette Kingston Brown City 15-4 79%
•The community has been generous, too, to the renova- tion project at Rawson Me-		Рар	er Pros 45-12 7	9%	Úps	tarts 45-12 79 <sup>0</sup>	
morial Library, which is pro- gressing nicely. Library of- ficials recently reported all but about \$72,000 of the \$650,000 needed has been raised.	e For results y EC	YOU CAN MEAS	JRE, <b>51F1</b>	EDS			

Cass City Business and Professional People Extend To All - Best Wishes For A the local effort. However, the going was rough at times. Werschky said she could have used a dozen volunteers on the nights set aside to pack toys.

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tor Sue Werschky of Cass Volunteers needed for toys campaign

ment.

## Continued from page one.

Werschky said the work typically begins in February with fund raising. "It's really busy starting

right around the first of November," she explained. "It takes about 3 days (of work) a week then, and in December, it's like a full-time job, every day."

The numbers have since leveled off, but the need is still very much there. Children from more than 100 families enjoyed a merry Christmas this year, thanks to

However, "Some days we had only 5 people there to help, and we had a mountain of toys. Although recruiting enough

volunteer help has become a problem, Werschky is quick to credit the efforts of a handful of dedicated people who, year in and year out, "give until they're exhausted. "The problem is," she con-

cluded. "there just isn't

killed in the accident. Walk was pronounced dead at Caro Community Hospital. Jewett was transported by **EW YEAR** and Remind You

# DON'T DRINK AND





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The game was delayed

briefly in the quarter when

Asselin attempted a dunk

shot and bent the rim. It was

resumed after Asselin was

called to grab the rim with

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CASS CITY - Murphy 1-2

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7; Wallace 0-1 (2-2) 5;

Lenhard 0-1 (0-1) 3; Brinkman 2-0 (3-4) 7; Oesch

4-0 (0-0) 8; Klinkman 0-0 (2-

2) 2; Diegel 3-1 (0-0) 9;

Edwards 0-2 (0-0) 6;

Iwankovitsch 1-0 (0-0) 2;

TOTALS - 12-9 (11-15) 62.

CARO - Jenkins 2-1 (0-0) 7

Daniels 1-0 (1-2) 3;

Villalpando 2-0 (0-0) 4;

Ferreira 4-1 (2-3) 13; Stephens 4-0 (0-0) 8;

Romain 3-0 (1-2) 7; Soper 2-

1 (0-0) 7; Keller 1-0 (0-0) 2;

Asselin 10-0 (5-7) 25. TOTALS - 29-3 (9-14) 76.

Meredith 1-0 (2-3) 4.



JOSH ASSELIN'S intimidating presence around the basket destroyed Cass City's inside game Friday. Chad Lenhard was forced to pass back to the perimeter on this possession.



## First home game Friday

# **Asselin leads Caro Tigers to** easy 76-62 win over Cass City

Josh Asselin, 6-10 Caro center, led the Tigers to a convincing victory over the Cass City Red Hawks Friday despite playing on the day of his mother's funeral.

Asselin scored 25 points in his team's 76-62 decision over the Hawks, and his shot blocking and intimidating presence in the center took away most of Cass City's inside game.

The Hawks opened the game with two men on Asselin and it did keep him in check, but the defense opened up many easy shots for the rest of the Tigers.

The Hawks were in the game for only about the first 4 minutes and had the lead for the only time in the game, ahead 5-4 with 3 minutes gone.

After that the Tigers took control. In the next 5 minutes the host team ran off with an 8-3 advantage and followed it with a 6-3 run in the final minute and a half of the quar-

Veteran O-G team favored in Thumb D

Coach Judy Campbell needed to find replacements for 5 starters gone from her 1995 North Central Thumb League championship squad, this year's Bulldog team opens their campaign with a host of veteran players.

Campbell enters her 23rd NCTL season Monday against Port Hope with all but one starter returning from ast year's team that captured league, district and regional crowns.

Gone is Susie Roemer. Roemer will be missed most at the service line where she could always be counted on to keep the ball in play with pin-point accurate serving. However, the 'Dogs return to the court with nearly half of the league's 1996 all-conference 1st team picks. Kate Powers returns for her final season with lofty credentials. She was a 2nd team all-state Class D selection last season. Powers was also a unanimous all-conference and all-regional player. She possesses a complete game that shines from both the front and back row positions. Powers hasn't been on the losing side of an NCTL volleyball tilt since her freshman year when the 'Dogs posted a 9-3 mark. Playing side-by-side with Powers over the past 3 years have been classmates Jennifer Winchester and Amanda Salcido. Winchester could be the key if the Bulldogs are to challenge for the state crown. A huge talent. Winchester has to establish herself as a bigger threat on the front row that will give Campbell a blocker when Powers rotates to the back line. Salcido will give Owen-Gage another scorer. Height, notwithstanding, Salcido can deliver kill shots from both

Unlike a year ago when the front and middle rows. Both Salcido and Winchester were all-league 1st team picks as juniors.

> Also back for another season are returning starters Beth Nickerson and Melissa Vargo. Vargo is a talented passer and a constant returner of the oppositions' service.

Also expected to see plenty of action this year are seasoned players Lisa Warack, Ann Warack, and Shannon McCLorey. Rounding out the squad are

Tonya Smith and Amy Joles.

both hands and straighten it. Whatever doubt about the outcome of the game was removed when Caro went on an 8-0 run to start the second period and continued to widen the margin. At the half the Hawks trailed, 35-19. Coach Jeff Hartel said that tentative play in the first half coupled with a rash of turnovers (21) hurt Cass City. On the positive side, Hartel said,

was that the team didn't quit. Behind 56 to 33 going into the final quarter, the Hawks scored 29 points to lessen the victory gap for Caro. Caro dominated the boards with a 33-25 advantage in rebounding. Cass City hit

just 12 of 39 2-point shots,

but was a good 9 of 18 from

3-point land. Caro converted

28 of 62, twos, and 3 of 7

treys.

FINALLY AT HOME After 5 straight road games

the Hawks finally return home Friday with a game against the Lakers. It will be the first Thumb C National Conference game of the year. The Lakers were predicted to be the winners of the league, but in early games have not been as dominating as expected.



THE OWEN-GAGE BULLDOGS are heavy favorites to repeat as NCTL volleyball champions. They are: front (from left) Beth Nickerson, Amanda Salcido, Ann Warack, Melissa Vargo, Tonya Smith. Back row (from left) Amy Joles, Lisa Warack, Kate Powers, Jennifer Winchester, Shannon McClorey, Coach Judy Campbell.



THE CASS CITY EIGHTH GRADE basketball team. 1st row (L to R): Kyle Ross, oel Brinkman, Jody Champagne, Sam Stewart, Randy Diebel, Mike Bashur, Zach Glaspie, Jeremy Klinkman. 2nd row (L to R): Bill Gage, Jon Fritz, B.J. Salas, Chris Ziehm, Kyle O'Dell, Brent Goslin, Nathan Brinkman, Anand Raythatha. 3rd row (L to R): Coach Jay Green, Andy Dale, Casey Spencer, Craig Emmert, Andy Stoeckle, Greg Festian, Brent Wallace, Brad Ypma.

## Allstate Bean growers to *meet Jan.7* Holes

Wayne Bierlein, president of the Tuscola County Dry Bean Growers' Association, announced that at the Brentwood Restaurant in Caro, Jan 7, the annual meeting and program is scheduled. Breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. The program starts at

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Porter of Klein-Berger Co. Also included in the program are Greg Varner who will discuss the dry bean variety trials; Dr. Jim Kelley of MSU will provide an update on the bean breeding program, and Dr. Christine DiFonzo of MSU, who will discuss bean insects and their control.

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Cass City Rotary Pre-game Dinner For The Basketball Home Opener

Cass City Red Hawks vs. Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers

According to Tuscola 8:00 a.m., and will include a County Extension Agricul-Bean Commission update tural Agent, Harold Rouget, from Mike Zwerk and Dale dry bean growers may pre-Kuenzli. Shipper activities register by calling the MSU will be highlighted by John Extension office in Caro at McGill, A dry bean market 672-3870. report will be given by Jody

## WKNX to move up to 1250

WKNX is moving up the dial from 1210 to 1250. The switch will be completed by February, 1997.

Frankenmuth Broadcasting, Inc., supplies programming on WKNX through a "Time Brokerage Agreement" with Bell Broadcasting, Co., of Detroit, the licensee. The frequency change will

allow WKNX to begin their morning programming at 6 a.m., year round. Some night-time coverage will also be possible.

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THE BULLDOG spikers will build around the services of 3 all-conference 1st team performers back for their final season in Owendale. They are, from left, Kate Powers, Amanda Salcido, Jennifer Winchester.



5:00 till 7:30 p.m. in the Cass City High School Cafeteria HOT ROD'S BAR-B-QUE DINNER Pork Bar-B-Que Dinner

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CASS CITY CHRONICLE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1996

# 1996 - the year in pictures



CONSTRUCTION OF the new Cass City Middle School is well underway following voter approval last spring of a \$6.8 million bond issue. The special election marked the fourth attempt to secure funding for a new school.



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THUMB FARMERS were plagued by a cold, wet spring, summer flooding and rampant plant diseases in 1996, but many still managed to harvest a decent although late crop.

Announce Cass City Honor Roll

Cass City High School has announced its honor roll for the 2nd marking period.

#### 9TH GRADE

All A's - Nicole Doerr, Adam Dorland, Melissa Homakie, Jalal Khoury, Justin Miller, Stephanie Pierce, Katie Wood.

B or Better - Emily Bennett, Justin Caraballo, Jason Damm, Amber Dunn, Travis Eyer, Aleasha Field, Andrea Gohsman, Jesse Hillaker, Christina Kababik, Shawn Klinkman, David Kolb, Effie Krug, Paul Langmaid, Ryan McIntosh, Jessica Meeker, Lindsey Mills, William Mills, Kim Morrish, Melissa Myers, Melanie Nizzola, Cari O'Hara, Brooke Ouvry, Jenny Parsell, Matt Perry, Steve Phelps, Heather Pomeroy, Megan Romstad, Kristy Ryan, Travis Schneeberger, David Sutter, Mandy Vatter, Aaron Volz, Andrea Walsh.

#### 10TH GRADE

All A's - Aaron Barrigar, Amanda Board, Jim Dale, Rebecca Dore, Nathan Haag, Shelly Hendrick, Dave Hobbs, Rose Hoelzle, Danielle Laming, Steve McIntosh, Kara Mellendorf, Susan O'Hara, Becky Oesch, Brad Roche, Adam Stoeckle, Marissa Sweeney, Amy Venema, Eric Zawilinski, Nicolette Zawilinski.

B or Better - Aaron Bell, Vicky Benjamin, Mandy Chappel, Kyle Daniel, Ryan Brenda Downing, DuQuesnay, Luke Frederick, Nathan Fritz, Denny Gibson, Jeremy Kilbourn, Nicholas King, Paul Kruse, Laura Kundinger, Ashley Little, David Mellendorf, Amanda Morrish, Joel Nicol, Matt Ross, Scott Ruggles, Brad Russell, Kevin Schott, Jon Sherman, Shelly Ulfig, Julie Westfall, John Williams, Brandon Wood.

**11TH GRADE** All A's - Tammy Acker, Lori

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#### 12TH GRADE

All A's - Katie Anthony, Candice Cherniawski, Amanda Deering, Lee Dillon, Brooke Hurley, Kurt Iwankovitsch, Joseph Khoury, Matt Klinkman, Chad LaJoie, Joni Laming, Joshua Lounsbury, Amand, Lowe, Gia Mellendorf, Todd Milligan, Terri Moore, Dave Murphy, Jaime Parsell, Richard Robinson, Brent Ruggles, Renec Zawilinski. B or Better - Elizabeth

Bashur, Nichol Becker, Nathan Buehrly, Stacey Ceranski, Ashlie Chappel, Stacey Churchill, Lesley Colling, Jackie Diebel, Cha Diegel, Jessica Frederick, Shanna Gibson, Amanda Guinther, Ann Hawley, Sam Hobbs, Andrea Horn, Heather Hulburt, Shelly Ingrao, Dan Kingsland, Marcia Klaus, Josh Little, Raymond Meredith, Laura Moore, Victoria Munoz, Jason Nicol, Matt Oesch, Jamie Remsing, Bar≀ Rosenstangel, Brad Speirs, Jenny Sugden, Courtney Turner, Joey Urban, Danielle Westfall, Josh Williams, George Wright, Jason

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Wright.





MOTHER NATURE overwhelmed the Thumb with rain in 1996. June flooding resulted in a Presidential Disaster Declaration in several counties, including Tuscola, which has received \$3.26 million in federal/state grants and loans to repair homes, businesses, roads and drains.



THUMB LAW Enforcement officials took a big bite out of marijuana trafficking this year, including the discovery in Sanilac County of perhaps the largest and most professional marijuana growing/processing operation seen in Michigan.



THUMB VOTERS in 1996 proved themselves generous with both incumbents and requests for special funding for a host of services ranging from mosquito control to street repair.



HILLS AND DALES General Hospital experienced a change in leadership, with Denise "Dee" McKrow (far right) and Kathy Rowe (next to McKrow) appointed to share the top duties following the resignation of Deborah Sopo (front row, left)



## Charge suspect with murder in Dec. 15 shooting

A Vassar man who was shot during a stand-off with Tuscola County Sheriff's Deputies earlier this month in Juniata Township has been , formally charged in the death of one woman and the attempted murder of another.

Jonathan Swinton, 43. Vassar, was arraigned at St. Luke's Hospital Saginaw, where he is recuperating from gunshot wounds.

Swinton was ordered held without bond. A preliminary examination will be scheduled in the case after he is released from the hospital. Swinton is charged with open murder, which is punishable by life in prison; assault with intent to murder and 2 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

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According to investigators, deputies were dispatched to a reported shooting at 4097 Wilder Rd. at about 7:40 p.m. Dec. 15.

Upon their arrival, the officers were confronted by an armed suspect holding a wounded woman at gunpoint. The deputies engaged in negotiations in an effort to bring the incident to an end and obtain medical help for the victim. In the process, Swinton aimed a shotgun at the officers, and he was shot. Both Swinton and the wounded victim, Mia Jo Crittenden, 29, of Mayville, were transported to Saginaw

hospitals for treatment. Deputies discovered another victim, Trisha Marie Curtis, 23, of Vassar, dead inside the residence.

The sheriff's department turned the investigation over to the Michigan State Police in Caro. Investigators along with the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Officer ruled the deputies were justified in shooting Swinton. In other recent district court

proceedings: •Anthony A. Long, 52, Burton, was arraigned on 2 counts of attempting to obtain a controlled substance (Tussionex syrup with codeine) by fraud Nov. 5 in Caro.

Bond in the case was set at \$100,000. Long faces a preliminary exam Jan. 10 at 9 a.m.

•Kenneth D. Schultz, 34, Vassar, was charged with domestic violence, third offense, Dec. 20 in Tuscola Township.

Bond was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for Jan. 10 at 9 a.m.

## Legal notice

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTINGTO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julian P. VASQUEZ, an unmarried man to Flagstar Bank, FSB, F/K/A First Security Savings Bank, FSB, Mort-gagee, dated April 27, 1995 and recorded 1308-1311, Tuscola County Records Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Three and 62/100 dollars (\$29,353.62), including interest at 9.750% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. o'clock, on January 24, 1997. Said premises are situated in TOWN-SHIP OF FAIR GROVE, Tuscota 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.







#### **Basketball Schedule**

Dec. 10 C	ass City 61, Deckerville 38	
	Cass City 59, Reese 64	
	Cass City 33, Sandusky 44	
	Cass City 57, Yale 54	
	Cass City 62, Caro 76	
Jan 3		
-	Bad Axe	
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	Marlette	
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	Cros-Lex	
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Home games in bold		

**GYMNASTICS SATURDAY, JANUARY 11** Cass City at Plymouth

WRESTLING **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4** 

Cass City at Yale Invitational

## VOLLEYBALL **MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

Cass City at North Branch

BASKETBALL **FRIDAY, JANUARY 3** Lakers at Cass City

#### **Volleyball Schedule**

Dec. 16	A/F-Ubly at A/F	6:00
Jan, 6	North Branch	6:00
10	Bad Axe JV Tourney	4:00
11	Bad Axe V Tourney	8:00
18		9:00
20	BCAS	6:30
23	Lakers	6:30
27	USA	
30	Bad Axe	6:30
Feb. 1	Laker Tourney	9:00
3	Marlette	6:30
6	BCAS	6:30
10	Lakers	
13	USA	6:30
15	Vassar V/JV Tourney	
17		6:30
20	Marlette	6:30
24	Vassar	6:00
26	Caro	6:30
	Home games in bold	



#### Wrestling Schedule

Dec. 5	Caro/Bad Axe	6:00
7	Cros-Lex	<b>8:00</b> a.m
11	Sandusky	TBA
14	Marlette Tourney	10:00
16	Vassar	6:00
18	Mayville/Brown	6:00
Jan. 4	Yale Inv.	TBA
8	Cros-Lex	TBA
11	Bridgeport Inv.	TBA
16	Lakers/Yale	6:00
18	Bad Axe inv.	TBA
22	Bad Axe	6:00
25	Mayville Inv.	
30	Marlette	7:00
Feb. 1	Imlay City Inv.	TBA

## deployment

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick L. Shagena, son of William and Suzanne Humpert, Cass City, has departed on a 6-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Vella Gulf. Shagena is one of approximately 400 Sailors aboard the cruiser who departed their home port of Norfolk, Va., as part of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group, which includes 9 tactical aircraft squadrons, 7 surface combatants, 2 submarines and a 3-ship Amphibious Ready Group.

A 1990 graduate of Cass City High School, he joined the Navy in March 1991.



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## Althaver new Artrain co-chair

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1997 Lambert E. Althaver It has been 6 years since the organization named a new chairman, but beginning in

and Richard Burstein will take to running the engine of Artrain's functions as cochairmen of the board. Robert Delonis and William

Milliken Jr. will also take

leadership responsibilities. Boy Scouts of America. Richard Burstein is the se-Lambert E. Althaver is nior partner of Honigman, chairman, president, and Miller, Swartz and Cohn of Chief Executive Officer of Detroit. He is currently a Walbro Corp. Althaver has member of the American held numerous leadership College of Real Estate Lawpositions in local and county yers. Burstein joined Artrain's Board of Directors government including Cass City village president; a 3in 1994. term member of the Michi-Althaver and Burstein sucgan Chamber of Commerce, ceed Ronald Weiser. Weiser and chairman of the Cass was instrumental to Artrain's City Economic Developrecent development and fiment. He has also served as nancial success.

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#### John "Jake" Allan

Mr. John "Jake" C. Allan, 82, of DeBary, Fla. died at Halifax Memorial Hospital, Daytona Beach, Dec. 24, 1996.

He was born in Cass City and moved to Florida in 1969 from Jackson, Mich. He was a heavy equipment

operator - construction. He was a member of Deltona Moose #655, lifetime member of Union of Operating Engineers Local 324, AFL-CIO Michigan.

Funeral services were in the Altman-Long Funeral Home, DeBary, Fla.

#### **Dudley Cumper**

Dudley G. Cumper, 84, of Marlette, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1996 at Marlette Community Hospital in Marlette.

He was born March 28, 1912 in Sandusky to George and Sadie (Cole) Cumper. He married Merle Kraft June 22. 1934 in Flint.

He was a life long area resident and farmer.

Dudley was a member of the Hope Lutheran Church in Juhl, life member of the Decker Masonic Lodge 435, a member of the Decker Eastern Stars Lodge 438, Bay City Shriners, Sanilac Farm Bureau, Michigan Livestock Exchange and M.M.P.A.

He is survived by his wife, Merle of Marlette; sons, William G. and Carolyn Cumper, and James D. and Darlene Cumper, all of Marlette; daughters, Beverly and James Daily of Mayville, and Nancy and Fred Ruggles of Kingston; a sister, Katherine Kula of Pigeon a brother, Keith Cumper of Florida; 9 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Percy, Kenneth and sister, Evelyn Abrahamson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 28 in the Hope Lutheran Church in Juhl, with the Rev. Tim Perrin officiating.

Burial was in the Mooretown Cemetery in Snover.

Memorials may be given to the Hope Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made

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Heather; a daughter, Ashley; Township, Rosemary step-children, Burgandy and Rutkoski of Dayton, Ohio, Christopher Burleson, all of Michael Rutkoski of Colum-Arizona; mother, Rose bus, Herb, LaVern, Ron Osentoski of Cass City; sib-"Bruno", Larry and Mrs. lings, Sharon (Dan) Wood of Thomas Gagetown, Darlene (Carl) Osantowski, all of Cass City; Russell of Cass City, Ken 39 grandchildren; 22 great-(Jean) Osentoski of Cass grandchildren; 3 sisters, City, Steve (Cheryl) Veronica Dielicki of East Osentoski of Cass City, Pointe, Antoinnette Rutkoski Denise (Brian) Houlihan of of Ubly and Bernice Jerema Imlay City, and Roseann of East Pointe. She was pre-(Don) Russell of Cass City; ceded in death by her parand many aunts, uncles, ents, husband, Enick (1982). nieces, nephews and friends. son Frank, daughters, Phyllis Osentoski was preceded in Lowrie and Jeann Rutkoski. death by his father, Enoch, a Funeral services were held brother, John, and his grand-Monday, Dec. 30, at St. Pancratius Church with the A memorial service will be Rev. Paul Bala officiating. held Saturday, Jan. 4. 1997. Burial was in Novesta

at 3 p.m. at the Little & Township Cemetery. Kranz Funeral Home in Cass Memorials may be made to City, with the Rev. Duane C. the church or American Diabetes Association. Visitation and burial took Arrangements were made

by Little & Kranz Funeral Memorials may be made to Home, Cass City. the Family Discretionary

Fund. Local arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

#### **Clifford Raatz**

parents.

Plonta officiating.

place in Arizona.

Clifford E. Raatz, 72, of Gagetown, died Dec. 23 1996 in Saginaw General Hospital.

He was born Jan. 13, 1924 in Three Rivers, Wis., to Edward and Alma (Schaefer) Raatz. He married Amanda J. Stone May 29, 1959 in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Raatz served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He sailed the Great Lakes guarding ships as they traveled through the Soo Locks. After he was discharged, He traveled the U.S. working various jobs, many as a chef. He retired from General Motors.

He is survived by his wife, Amanda; son, Jeffrey (Becky) of Cass City; 3 grandchildren; brothers, Eugene (Dee) Raatz of Niles and Gordon (Beverline) Raatz of Pontiac, and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers. Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 27, at Living Word Church of God with the Rev. Mark Todd officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Fownship Cemetery, Cass City. Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

**Eugene Vincent** 

Eugene W. Vincent, 57, of Cass City, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996 in his home after a long illness.

He was born Aug. 21, 1939 in Reese to George and Beryl (Harrison) Vincent. He married Tanya Rolston Aug. 16, 1980.

Mr. Vincent was a construction worker for the majority of his life. He was an active Jehovah's Witness since 1991.

Mr. Vincent is survived by his wife, Tanya; daughters, Stephanie and Kimberly Vincent of Cass City; son, Timothy Vincent of Cass City; children from a previous marriage, Christine (Robert) Arnold of Rochester Hills, Eugene (Susan) Vincent Jr. of Cass City, Jesse (Rence) Vincent of Oxford,

#### Susan Jobe, and Heidi **Seeley Walk**

(Keith) Josey, both of Rochester Hills; 9 grandchildren; Seeley Walk, 85, of Caro, sisters, Donna Spencer of died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996, Deford, and Barbara Price of due to injuries obtained from Snover; brother, Ronald an automobile accident. Vincent of Marlette; and He was born Dec. 24, 1911 many aunts, uncles, nieces in Wells Township to Frank and nephews. He was preand Myrtie Ann (Randall) ceded in death by a son. Walk. David Vincent; grandson,

J.D. Myers; his parents, George and Beryl Vincent; life. sister, Geneieve Walker, and

Rudolph and Garth Walk, both of Caro.

Saturday, Dec. 28, in Little & Kranz Funeral Home with Jim Ylen of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Boileau officiating. Memorials may be made to

the family discretionary Fund

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

brother, Donald Vincent.

Sandusky, officiating.

fund.

Mr. Walk was a dairy farmer for the majority of his He is survived by brothers,

Funeral services were held Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, in Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Kenneth Memorials may be made to

the Family Discretionary Interment was in East Day-

ton Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home. Kingston.

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

**Calendar of Events** 

## Friday, January 3

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

Line Dancing at Sebewaing Sportsmen's Club. Lessons 7:30-8. Dancing 8-midnight.

### Saturday, January 4

Cass City High School junior class bottle drive, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Monday, January 6

Novesta Twp. Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

## **Tuesday, January 7**

Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Bank at Hills and Dales General Hospital from 1 to 6:45 p.m. Your blood donation will be used to help those in your community and throughout the Thumb region. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Helen Jezewski, Blood Bank Chairman, at 872-2746.

### Wednesday, January 8

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome



Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

### Raymond Graichen

Raymond H. Graichen, 73, of Deford, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1996 in his home. He was born June 24, 1923 in Delaware Township to Walter and Bertha (Hirzel) Graichen. He married Elizabeth Burgstaller Sept. 29, 1950 in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Graichen served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a farmer for the majority of his life, and he was also a member of the Caro VFW. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Kathleen (Danny) Whittaker of Deford; sons, Kenneth (Terri) Graichen of Deford, David (Jennie) Graichen of Flint; 6 grandchildren; sister, Harriet Krasutsky of Forestville, and a brother, Albert Graichen of Deckerville. He was preceded in death by a son, James, and a grandson, Kevin.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be set at a future date. Memorials may be made to

the family discretionary fund. Arrangements were made

by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## **Timothy Osentoski**

Timothy M. Osentoski, 34, formerly of Cass City, died suddenly Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996, in Marana, Ariz. He was born May 5, 1962, in Cass City to Enoch (Red) and Rose (Rusnak)

Osentoski. He married Heather Stock

in August 1992 at Farver Road Church. Osentoski graduated from

Ubly High School and worked as a truck driver for various firms in the Cass City area before moving to Arizona in 1994 to work for the Granite Construction Company.

He is survived by his wife,

#### Helen Rutkoski

Helen Rutkoski, 82, of Cass City, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996 at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw. Helen was born Sept. 8,

1914 in Buffalo, N.Y., the daughter of Lawrence and Catherine (Mazur) Jurkowski. She married Enick Rutkoski Nov. 29. 1933 in Parisville and their union was blessed with 15 children.

She was active in St. Pancratius Women's Council and choir and donated many of her handmade quilts to the parish bazaar.

Helen is survived by her children: Mrs. Ralph (Mildred) Orzel of Warren, Lucille Rutkoski and Mrs. Gerald (Catherine) Keahn of Sterling Heights, Mrs. Gary (Veronica) Priestly of Caro, Patricia Willcocks of Clinton

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Mrs. Thelma Jackson Phone 658-2347

Christmas guests of Mrs. Mary Beardsley were Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Sr. of Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Jr. of Lapeer, Mrs. Michell Beardsley and son Michael of Romeo, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wills Sr. and children Nicole and Joe Jr.

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