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HEAVY SNOW AND driving winds significantly reduced visibility on area roads last week. The area's first major snow storm in recent years arrived Thursday morning, dumping more than a foot of the white stuff. The snow tapered off during the weekend, but bitter cold is expected to remain in the forecast this week.

12-inch snowfall brings activities to halt in area

The area's first bonafide snow storm in recent memory hit hard and fast last week, closing schools and causing plenty of headaches for motorists.

The snow began falling Thursday morning, at times so hard that visibility was reduced to zero on roadways in the Thumb. Area schools sent students home early and Friday's classes were canceled Thursday night. Dozens of other events were also

canceled. In all, more than 12 inches of snow had fallen by Friday night. Officials at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant recorded 8.5 inches Thursday and another 4 inches Friday.

No accumulation was recorded Saturday, and only .3 of an inch was recorded Sunday.

The storm, accompanied by a brisk northeast wind, re-

sulted in a number of minor traffic accidents, many involving vehicles in ditches.

Over the 2-day period, some 3 dozen accidents were reported to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, which declared a snow emergency and asked motorists to stay off the roads.

County and village road crews, meanwhile, were still cleaning up Monday as weather forecasters called for hit-and-miss snow showers

accompanied by continued cold through much of this week.

In Cass City, DPW employees reported hauling 250 to 260 loads of snow cleared from village streets since Thursday.

Prior to last week's storm, the winter of 1996-97 had been uneventful. The Cass City area received no accumulation of snow in November, and only about 7 inches in December.

Okay Seeger Street project as 75% grant approved

A state grant covering 75 percent of the cost of rebuilding Seeger Street in Cass City has been approved, village officials learned last week.

Confirmation came during a grade inspection meeting Thursday, according to Village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie, who along with Cass City DPW Supt. Gary Barnes met with several county and state road officials to discuss the project.

Attending the meeting were several Michigan Department of Transportation officials, as well as Tuscola County Highway Engineer Robert Wellington and Gary Osminski, representing the village's engineering firm, Williams, Osminski & Associates Inc., Bad Axe.

The project cost is estimated at \$517,000, with the state grant totalling \$336,800. The village is responsible for 25 percent of the project cost, plus an estimated \$66,000 in engineering fees.

LaPonsie said letting of the bids for the work is tentatively scheduled for March 7. "We're scheduled to start by June 22 and be completed Aug. 22," he added.

LaPonsie noted construction will be put on hold July 3-7 for the village's annual Fourth of July Festival.

The project covers about one mile of Seeger Street, from the southern village limits to the old north village

limits. LaPonsie explained the work will involve milling off the existing asphalt and removal of the old, 8-inch concrete lanes underneath. About 10 inches of base material will then be placed on the road, followed by several layers of asphalt totaling about 6 inches.

Planned detours will take motorists north of Main Street on Ale Street, then west on Bolen Drive to North Seeger Street, and from Main Street south on Doerr Road, then east on Division Street to South Seeger Street.

Approval of the state grant funding will result in an adjustment in the 1997 budget approved by the Cass City

Village Council last month. The spending plan will be increased from \$1,988,900 to about \$2.3 million.

The work will also put on hold other street projects planned for the coming year had the Seeger Street grant not come through.

The council had planned to spend \$62,000 in its Major Street Program to resurface Doerr Road, from Garfield to Main, and Garfield Avenue, from Vulcan to Doerr. Also planned was a project to widen the roadway at the Main/Doerr Road intersection.

Under Local Streets, an estimated \$63,000 would have been spent to place curb and gutter and blacktop on Scotty McCullough Drive.

Perdue-Thies clash Hopper resigns as principal at O-G

Owen-Gage School officials will begin the search for a new high school principal following the resignation of Joanne Hopper Monday night.

NO TRUST

In other business Monday, a question of trust was debated, loudly at times, after resident Bill Perdue confronted school Supt. Manuel Thies, alleging that written requests for copies of the district's by-laws have yielded only bits and pieces of information from Thies, and at other times lies.

The announcement came during a lengthy monthly meeting that started out quietly, but ended with a heated exchange between school officials and a district resident who claimed he's been lied to repeatedly when requesting copies of the district's by-laws.

Hopper, the first woman to hold the post of high school principal in the district, thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the district.

"It is with mixed emotions that I am submitting my resignation...effective Jan. 17, 1997," she stated. "While I am looking forward to new directions in my career path, I look back over 9 years of my educational career at Owen-Gage with many fond memories."

Hopper, who was hired in as an English teacher in the fall of 1987, was named high school principal 3 1/2 years ago.

During that time, she told the board, many positive things have been accomplished, including:

- Alignment of the district's core curriculum with the Michigan Model Core Curriculum, and implementation of the curriculum in all classrooms, resulting in the district's selection to participate in the regional curriculum Goals 2000 project.

- Adoption of a comprehensive sex education/adolescent health curriculum.

- Establishment of a School-to-Work program and adoption of a career and employability skills curriculum and advisory period to accomplish those objectives.

- Establishment of a Business Services Technology state-funded program.

Hopper, who has been hired as general education services assistant coordinator in the Lapeer Intermediate School District, lauded the efforts of the district's teachers and the board.

Her resignation was accepted "with deepest regret."

"I believe the system is in place for progress to continue toward our mission, to encourage all students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens," she concluded.

Thies stated contacts with the law firm were made by himself, school Board President Terry Muntz and Hopper.

Thies told Perdue to return to his seat, warned him to be careful about making accusations, and told him not to repeat his actions.

Perdue questioned Hopper's contacts with the law firm, saying Thies had earlier stated that Muntz, the superintendent and the superintendent's designee were the only officials allowed to request legal advice from the firm.

He urged the board to try to recover any legal fees resulting from unauthorized phone calls to the law firm.

Board members indicated Hopper's actions were in line with her appointment as a designee who had fully in-



Joanne Hopper

formed Thies of the need for legal advice regarding student and staff matters.

The board also approved a motion, at Hopper's request, relieving her of any financial responsibility for her calls to Please turn to back page.

Deford residents reach agreement for chemical spraying

Neighbors, farmers and agriculture officials met in Novesta Township last week in hopes of coming up with a solution to some landowners' concerns over aerial spraying of crops.

After 2 hours of discussion, both sides left the township hall in Deford hoping that a proposed buffer zone will prevent future problems.

It was standing room only during the Jan. 6 Novesta Township Board meeting, according to township Clerk Kathy Newell.

Newell said concerns were voiced by some residents, including members of the Stanley Venema and Martin Venema family dairy operations, both on Phillips Road, regarding spray residue on their farm buildings, cars, cattle and other property last summer.

The residents say the residue was from aerial spraying contracted by Walther Farms for a potato crop growing in a nearby field.

Representatives of both farms attended last week's meeting, as did representa-

tives of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and MSU Extension Service, Leonard Walther, and the owner of the spraying service. Also on hand were a pair of farmers who stated they had no problems stemming from the spray.

"There's been some drift" from the spray, Cindy Venema, 2249 N. Phillips Rd., Deford, said Thursday, noting the field in question is east of her and husband Stanley's dairy farm.

Venema said the problem has been worse for her sister-in-law and her husband, Lisa and Martin Venema, whose Phillips Road farm is closer to the spray area.

However, she noted, "next year they'll start on the other 2 sides of our property."

Venema said there have been previous meetings with department of agriculture officials, who have indicated the spray doesn't present a health risk. "We've been working with them most of the summer to see if we could stop this overdrift from the spraying.

"They say not to be (concerned)," she added. "Of course, they won't guarantee it in writing. They say accidents can happen, and they can."

Leonard Walther said the spray being used is a common fungicide that helps control late blight in potatoes.

The spray represents less of a health risk than most any insecticide you can pick up at a hardware store, he added, noting the fungicide is used every 7 to 10 days on thousands of acres of potatoes grown throughout the state.

He explained an airplane is used to spray the fields because tractors can spread disease from plant to plant, and they compact the soil, significantly reducing yields.

The Walther operation has used the spray on several fields, including some 2,000 acres in the Cass City area, for 19 years, he said. "It's a common practice. We're not out there trying to create a new monster."

Walther noted he has 5 chil-

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Stock up now-Library to close for 5 weeks Jan. 27

Avid readers in the Cass City area may want to take advantage of a special deal being offered this month by Rawson Memorial Library officials.

Patrons in good standing will be allowed to check out an unlimited number of materials, and keep them for a 5-week period during which the library will be closed.

"The work on the expansion and renovation of Rawson Memorial Library is continuing throughout the winter months," library Director Barbara Hutchinson said. "The new meeting room is up and roofed. The brick work is partially done and the interior is beginning to take shape.

"In the main part of the building, the new furnaces are in and functioning. The sheet rock is in place in the small addition on the north side of the building and the main part of the library is starting to look different with walls and windows that are new.

"There is still much to be done and the next phase of renovation will necessitate the library being closed from Jan. 27 through the month of February," Hutchinson continued.

"If everything goes well, the library should open again on March 3 with a new look. There will be changes in the arrangement of bookshelves, furniture and computers.

New carpet and paint throughout, new shelving and reupholstered furniture will be in place."

Library officials are encouraging patrons to check out materials before the library closes, largely because materials that aren't checked out will have to be moved and stored in a trailer.

All books checked out beginning Jan. 13 will be due back March 3. All videos and other 3-day materials checked out Jan. 24 or 25 will also be due back March 3.

If the library is unable to reopen March 3, no late fees will be charged for materials due on that date. No late fees will accumulate while the li-

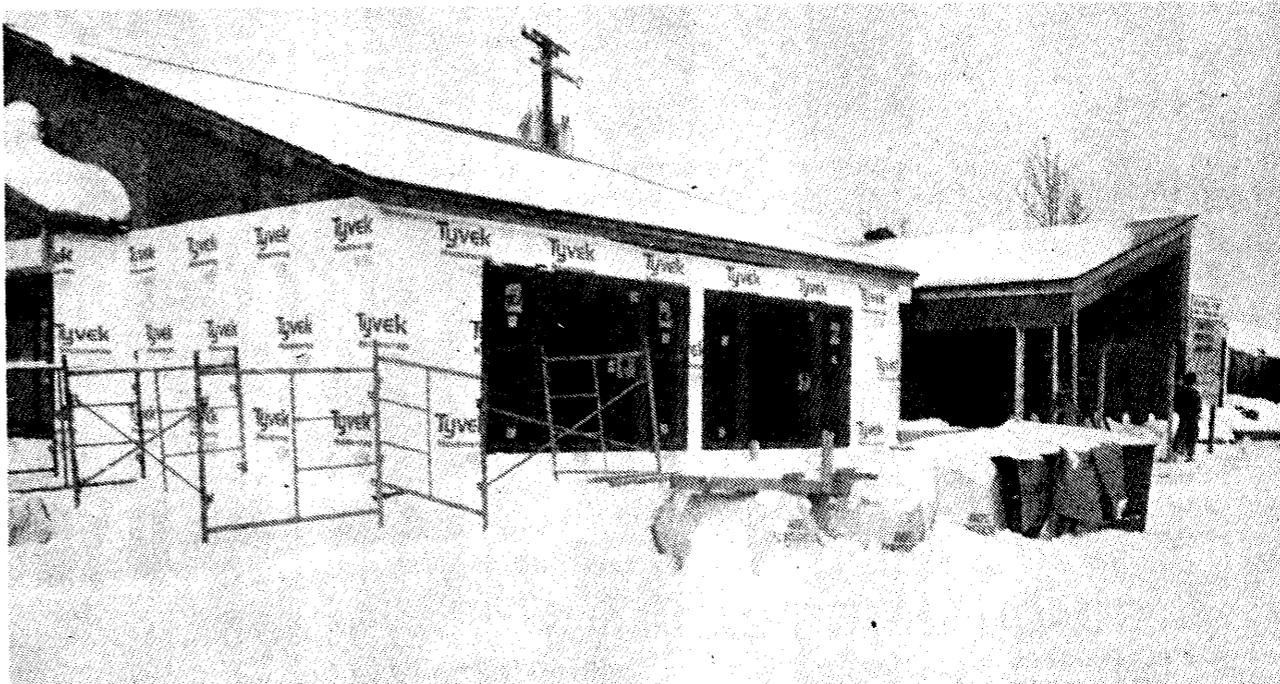
brary is closed.

Staff members will be in the library on most days, and tax forms will still be available.

Hutchinson offered an update on the fund raising for the expansion/renovation project, saying all but \$66,000 of the \$650,000 need has been contributed or pledged to-date.

"Outstanding pledges total \$230,000," she said. "Several businesses and individuals have already paid the 1997 portion of their pledge. This early payment is helpful to the project as it decreases the amount that will need to be borrowed. There has been enough cash to pay all of the bills to-date."

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RAWSON MEMORIAL Library will close later this month and won't reopen until March due to on-going renovation work. However, patrons can stock up on all the library materials they want before the library closes Jan. 25, and the materials won't be due back until March 3.

Cub Scouts complete badge requirements

Cub Scout Pack 3594 held its monthly meeting Dec. 19 in the middle school cafeteria. Den Leader Deb Ross presided over this busy meeting due to the illness of Cubmaster Mick Lester.

Den 2 opened the meeting with the flag ceremony and led the pack in repeating the Cub Scout Promise. Den one then performed a short program about the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas carols were sung in anticipation of the scheduled outing Dec. 20 when the pack caroled at the senior citizens complex. The singing was followed by the group decoration of the pack Christmas tree.

Artist and Communicator badges were presented to the following scouts who completed the requirements for that award: Jay Lester, Josh Nolan, Michael Zmierski, Ryan Hartwick, Kenny Spencer, John Guc, and Dennis Thomas.

In addition, the following Scouts had recently completed the requirements for the Engineer badge: Eric Hanby, Dustin Mallory, Hank Metzger, and Robert Damoth.

A special ceremony was held to award Justin Grice and Thomas Mittlestat the Bobcat Badge. This is the first step on the scouting trail for these boys.

Webelos one provided a game for the entire pack to participate in. This was followed by the awarding of

commission money and prizes from the recent popcorn sales. Ross reported the pack sold over \$5,000 in popcorn.

The Honor Den for the month was Den 3, with the Webelos Panthers being recognized for their good attendance. Gifts were then presented to each Cub Scout that will enable all to participate in the Pinewood Derby this spring. Adult volunteers of the pack were also presented gifts.

Ross made a number of announcements regarding pack news and upcoming events. It was noted that the Cass City Gavel Club has paid the Charter fee for the Pack for 1997. Cub Scouts were asked to say "thank you" to any members of the Gavel Club that they knew. Their support is greatly appreciated.

The meeting closed with the retirement of the flags. Refreshments were provided by Den 3 and the Panthers.

Historical Society to meet Jan. 21

The Cass City Area Historical Society meeting is slated for 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Detroit Edison Building.

The program for the evening will include a presentation by Marilyn Peters on the history of Grant Township. The public is invited to attend.

Erika Martin born Dec. 26

Ken and Roselyn Martin of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Erika Lyn Martin. She was born Dec. 26, at Saginaw General Hospital, and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, measuring 19 inches.

She was welcomed home by brother, Andrew, 8, and sister, Emily, 5.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michalak of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin of Cass City, and the late Carolyn Martin.

Donors give 50 pints of blood

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary held a blood drive Jan. 7.

Fifty pints of blood were donated. Receiving a 3-gallon pin was Michael Williams. Duane Henn received a 4-gallon pin.

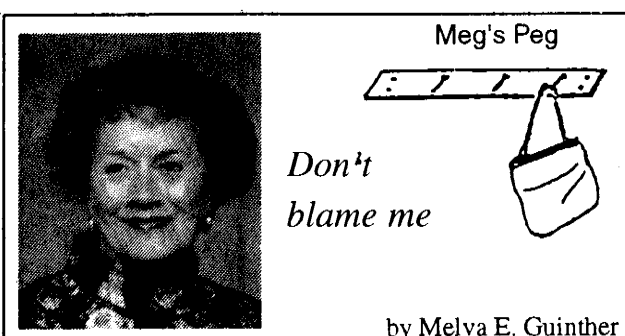
Sr. Citizens' Menu
Senior citizens are asked to make reservations on the day of the meal between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. by calling Berenice Sowden, 872-2397.

JAN. 20-21-24

Monday - Closed - Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday - Ham and noodles au gratin, peas and pearl onions, roll, peanut butter cookie.

Friday - Crispy fish, cream style potatoes, Brussels sprouts, variety bread, cherry pie.



by Melva E. Guintner

No matter what kind of mess we get ourselves into these days, it's always somebody else's fault.

If we're stupid, it's because the school and the teachers didn't do their job. If we're emotionally maladjusted, it's our parents' fault. If we stage a holdup, cotton candy made us do it.

And whenever misfortune befalls us, sue!!!

Lawsuit mania is getting completely out of control.

We all heard about the woman awarded over \$2 million because the McDonald's coffee she spilled on herself was too hot. The amount was reportedly reduced later to \$640,000, which would still buy a lot of McDonald's coffee.

Now a guy in Elyria, Ohio, wants \$500,000 from M&M/Mars Co. and Family Dollar Stores because the M&M he bit into had no peanut.

He claims that he bit his lip because he bit hard enough to handle a peanut M&M and it turned out to be a plain one. Good grief!

For some people, suing is their livelihood.

According to an article in The Plain Dealer, the guy suing M&M also sued Oscar Mayer Meats and Rini Rego Supermarkets in 1991 for \$500,000, claiming they sold him a tainted package of ham that made him sick.

In 1988 he sued the Schwebel Baking Co. and Dairy Mart Inc. for \$150,000 for selling him a moldy loaf of bread that also made him sick.

In 1986 it was the Carl Buddig Co. and Fazio Supermarkets and a tainted pack-

Tour ends for Lt. Woodward

Navy Lt. Rodney A. Woodward, son of Janet Hull and Robert Woodward of Snover, recently returned from a 6-month deployment aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Russell as part of the U.S. Navy's Middle East Force.

Woodward was one of more than 300 sailors aboard the ship, which returned to its home port in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, after operating with multinational forces in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

The 1985 graduate of Sandusky High School joined the Navy in November 1986. Woodward is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a BS degree.

Marriage licenses

Joshua David Graves, Marlette, and Keri Rae Ball, Caro.

Friends of Rawson Library study feasibility of Christmas Home Tour

The Friends of the Library formed a steering committee which met Jan. 7 to study the feasibility of conducting a Christmas Home Tour next December.

The committee is looking for homeowners who would be willing to open their house, on a specified day for a few hours, and have visitors observe their interior Christmas decorations.

Further details are going to be available at the library, and also described in a letter to be mailed out. The committee decided to contact several towns in the Thumb area who have had great success with these tours.

Another meeting will be held Jan. 21 at 9 a.m. Bertha McTaggart, chairperson of

the Bad Axe Home Tour, will attend this meeting to give pointers on the pluses and/or pitfalls of the venture.

Anyone interested in being

on this committee or in opening their home for this library fund-raiser may contact the library at 872-2856 for additional details.

United Methodist Women hold luncheon meeting Jan. 6

The United Methodist Women met Jan. 6 for a noon luncheon with group 3 serving. Beatrice Baker and Laura Bryant co-chaired the luncheon.

Devotions were given by Marjorie Dickinson.

Christmas cards will be collected and sent to St. Jude. The United Methodist

Women of Cass City became a 5 star unit in 1996.

A study will be given by Connie Schwaderer and Jane Mitchell on John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life. This study will begin in February.

Connie Schwaderer presented the program on China

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Starting Salary: \$28,136

Apply to Village Manager, Village of Cass City, 6506 Main Street, P.O. Box 123, Cass City, Michigan 48726.

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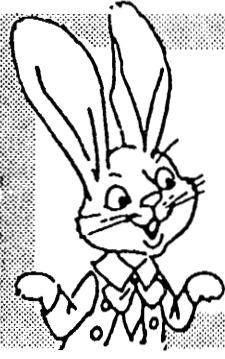
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Many restaurants have one or more dishes that are identified with their menus and bring the customers back for more. We were reminded of that when we revisited a unit in the Bill Knapp chain in Bay City Sunday. They have a cheese-filled scalloped potato that is great and something that you can't find as a regular menu item in other restaurants. The rest of the food rates fair to good. It's a moderately priced eatery. A Caesar's salad with chicken and an ice cream sundae for dessert; a chicken dinner with soup, salad and dessert, and cod dinner with soup, salad and dessert, with beverages, was under \$25, plus tip.

It's been 6 years or so now that recognized experts forecast what might happen in the year 2001 in the GTE booklet "2001 Imagine the Possibilities." Some of them have a long way to go to become as predicted by the end of the century. Others appear right on now, with still 4 years left in the prediction derby. This prediction appears right on the mark: "U.S. products and services will take aim at maturing Americans who are both time-strapped and more affluent. Hot items will include "adventure" vacations, upscale cars, recreational vehicles, convenience dinners, sports and cultural pursuits, sophisticated home entertainment systems, maid service and other contracted home care services." Most of that is right on the mark in Cass City, except for maid service. We don't know of many maids yet in homes in our community.

On the other hand, there are some predictions in the booklet that appear off the mark. "In sports, the dimensions of football fields and basketball courts will be increased. Professional baseball players will be using orange and yellow baseballs and aluminum bats." There have been few if any of these predicted changes yet and no ground swell of opinion to see it done.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	28	16	tr.
Wednesday	28	14	0
Thursday	27	18	8.5"
Friday	26	15	4"
Saturday	22	11	tr.
Sunday	18	10	3"
Monday	20	15	25"

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

In 1996

New construction tops \$2.6 million in Cass City

New construction projects in Cass City topped \$2.64 million in 1996.

The total didn't set any records, but builders enjoyed a prosperous year just the same, thanks largely to commercial and industrial additions in the village.

Industrial additions boosted last year's construction total by more than \$1 million, including \$502,000 for an addition at Anrod Screen Cylinder, 6160 Garfield Ave.

The majority of the remaining building occurred at Walbro Corporation, where additions were made at the company's headquarters, the former Orbital Fluid Technologies building and at a former Detroit Edison maintenance building in the industrial park. Another \$10,000 was spent on an addition at Ackerman's Bike Repair, 6247 Pine St.

Commercial additions added another \$633,500. Specific projects included additions at the Charmont Motel, Dr. Chappel's office and an extensive expansion/renovation project still un-

derway at Rawson Memorial Library.

New residential construction accounted for another \$672,384. Noticeably absent was the construction of new condominiums, which have boosted the village's new construction total in recent years. In all, 10 new homes were built in 1996. Another \$202,657 was spent on residential additions.

New building permits last year also included planned construction of a rental business building on Nestles Street at a cost of \$55,000. In all, new construction in

1996 totaled \$2,645,041, which ranks fourth among Cass City's best years in that category.

Last year, building projects totaled \$3,094,562, including \$660,000 for construction of a McDonald's restaurant.

The village enjoyed a record year in 1994, when building permits listed a combined \$5,008,150 in building projects. The previous record — \$4,552,332 — was set in 1992 and included Detroit Edison's \$3 million North Area Energy Center complex.

New construction in Cass City

1996	
New residential	\$672,384
Residential additions	202,657
New commercial	55,000
Commercial additions	633,500
Industrial additions	1,081,500
Total	2,645,041
Totals for past 5 years	
1995	\$3,094,562
1994	5,008,150
1993	1,914,355
1992	4,552,332
1991	1,291,764

The Haire Net



It's Thursday afternoon and already perhaps 4 inches of snow has fallen and more is coming down. The prediction was for 8 inches, but who knows?

It's been a few years now since we've had a winter in the lower peninsula with REAL snow.

You know the kind. The blizzards that bring the area and perhaps the entire state to a standstill.

Storms like those that hit in 1977 and 1984. In '77 the snow and the record cold put such a demand on power that Detroit Edison had to adjust voltage and Southeastern Michigan Gas had to cut service to its interruptible customers. The county was one of 30 declared a disaster area.

In 1984 everything came to a screeching halt in January when the community, already suffering from snow fall, received another blast of 10 1/2 inches.

Maybe that was the year that businessmen gathered in one of the Main Street buildings and enjoyed a game of cards in the middle of the day.

The granddaddy of them all came in March 1947, and, no, I wasn't here then. That storm brought the state to its knees and as a college student I spent 2 days stranded in Gaylord on the way back to school.

While I have no personal experience here with that storm, numerous times folks who were there have brought in pictures showing the snow piled on the roadside almost to the top of telephone poles. The Chronicle, in its March 28, 1947, issue reported that the area had 72 inches of snow that season.

What made it worse, of course, was there weren't any snowmobiles around. Some rural residents were snowbound for weeks at a time that winter.

That won't happen today. Besides snowmobiles, most areas have farmers with big equipment that could rescue stranded neighbors if neces-

sary. Don't send for the paddy wagon, but it would be fun if for just one time we get one of mother nature's big blasts, say another 12 inches of snow.

I announced that at the office and amidst the groans, one accused me of still having a "little boy in you."

I'm guilty.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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There has been a great deal of teeth-noshing about rating systems for television programs. It seems many parents are fed-up with the garbage that is being shown to children by the entertainment industry — but want to reserve the right to watch this stuff themselves.

That's a tough thing to do. I can see the reasoning, though. There's no question adults can tolerate profanity, obscenity, and smut better than children can.

The heart of the TV ratings debate is a proposal from the broadcast industry that would determine which programs are suitable for various age groups. This would be similar to the way movies are rated: General audiences, PG 13, etc.

Some parents' groups object to this. They want a system that rates programs according to how much sex, violence, or bad language is included. That way the kids would know what they aren't supposed to watch and could try their darndest to find these programs at some other kid's house.

Groups favoring the sex, violence, and language system say programs suitable for some 9-year-olds may be disturbing for others. Or that some parents don't mind sex and bad language, but are very much against violence. A few believe they know exactly how much sex, violence, and bad language their child needs to grow into a healthy, red-blooded American.

The broadcast industry argues a sex, violence, language rating system is unworkable — partly because they wouldn't have any advertisers or programs left. Industry gurus suggest parents watch TV with their children so they'll know what kinds of disgusting innuendoes these programs contain.

Readers might have guessed I find all of this confusing. I have never been

able to figure out why people my age are supposed to watch something that isn't fit for a 9-year-old. If it's not fit for the kids, then it needs a little more work, in my opinion.

Back to the TV ratings. Some parents think our children's TV watching problem will be solved when we get a V-chip to filter out bad programming. That is simply dreaming.

If the television problem could be solved with a simple mechanical device, many folks would have done so a long time ago — with a sledgehammer. That in fact is my proposal for a TV rat-

ing system. Viewers should place a sledgehammer near their television, and each time they see something objectionable, take a whack at the tube. This should solve the problem within the first few minutes.

The kids could be encouraged to join in. I know this seems violent, but it's a good kind of violence.

I remember when our children were small (many years ago), and we didn't have a television. If I had small children today, that's exactly how I would tackle the TV watching problem.

Rep. Mike Green to meet with constituents

State Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, is available to meet with area residents from 9 a.m. to noon during office hours.

Green's schedule for Tuscola County is:

- * Jan. 27, Caro Municipal Building, Council Room, 317 S. State St.
- * Feb. 3, Cass City Municipal Building, Council Room, 6506 Main St.
- * March 3, Vassar City Hall,

City Council Chambers, 287 E. Huron St.
Huron County:

- * Feb. 10, Bad Axe City Hall, Conference Room, 300 E. Huron Ave.
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School board members champion the cause of public education both locally and in the state. These public servants are elected by local citizens and often receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our students and our schools. Each year a school board member contributes many hours in school-related meetings setting priorities for school budgets and speaking out for the best interests of all children. Though we make a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part.

The men and women serving the Cass City Public School District and their years of service are:

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Cass City area farmers Jim Tuckey Sr. and Jim Tuckey Jr. will receive the 1991 Conservationist of the Year award at the 48th annual Tuscola Soil Conservation District meeting Jan. 23.

Veteran city letter carrier Thomas A. Kelly, Cass City, has been selected as the new postmaster in Gageton, U.S. Postal Service officials announced Monday.

Old Man Winter returned to the Thumb with a vengeance Tuesday, dumping an estimated 5 to 10 inches of snow and swirling it around with bone-chilling winds. The storm forced the closing of most Thumb area schools as well as a host of activities.

Mary Ann Porritt, Cass City, recently became Anrod Screen Cylinder's first production worker to retire. During a party in her honor, Porritt, who worked for the Cass City company 23 years, was presented with a plaque and \$100 for each of her years of employment.

Donations and memorials to Rawson Memorial Library topped \$12,000 in 1991.

10 YEARS AGO

It appears that a small group of Cass City area residents may get its way in a 14-month-old controversy over a local farm fertilizer firm's bid to install an 18,000-gallon anhydrous ammonia storage tank east of Cass City. The Department of Natural Resource's Air Quality Division is recommending that the permit application from Estech, Inc., 6435 E. Cass City Rd., be denied.

Dennis Bartle is back home and recuperating after having a portion of a leg amputated by surgeons at the University of Michigan Center in November. Bartle was injured when working at the Scenic Golf Course in Pigeon. He was working near a power takeoff attached to a diesel tractor when his pant leg became entangled in the machinery.

The Cass City Red Hawks defeated the Marlette Red Raiders, 56-45, Friday night. High scorers were Kurt Bliss with 17 points, Mike Randall, 12, and Dave Miller with 10. Miller snagged 8 rebounds, had 6 steals and 8

assists.

Twenty family members of Mr. and Mrs. Audley Horner flew or drove to Florida to surprise Audley and Charlotte on Christmas, which was Audley's 75th birthday.

25 YEARS AGO

Shannon Laura, first baby born in Hills and Dales Hospital in 1972, made her appearance at 5:15 p.m. Jan. 5. She's the daughter of Laine and Gordon Hartsell of Bay Port.

John Hall Fish, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City, has been awarded a doctorate degree in ethics and society from the University of Chicago.

Police are investigating the theft of about \$1000 worth of logging equipment reported stolen Sunday afternoon by Clair Auslander of Decker.

Mrs. Anthony Yost reported to the sheriff's department that a bay gelding, a young white mare and a grey mare, accompanied by a large white sheep with black face and legs, wandered into the Yost yard at 6940 Deckerville Road, Deford, about 3:30 p.m. Monday. The family has taken the animals in awaiting claim by their owners.

A self-taught amateur archeologist, Daniel Abbe, has been collecting Indian relics for the past 30 years. Most were found in an old village site in Huron County.

35 YEARS AGO

Mail processing records for Christmas holidays were broken one after another last month at the Cass City Post Office, according to Postmaster Lewis Bishop. The post office dispatched in excess of 100,000 pieces of mail, not counting parcel post. The estimated volume distributed was close to 140,000 pieces.

Dr. D.E. Rawson this week announced that he will move into his new clinic at the corner of Seeger and Church streets next week and will hold open house for interested persons Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14.

Becky, Debbie and Sally Loomis, the young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Don Loomis, received an unusual Christmas gift: a team of Shetland ponies.

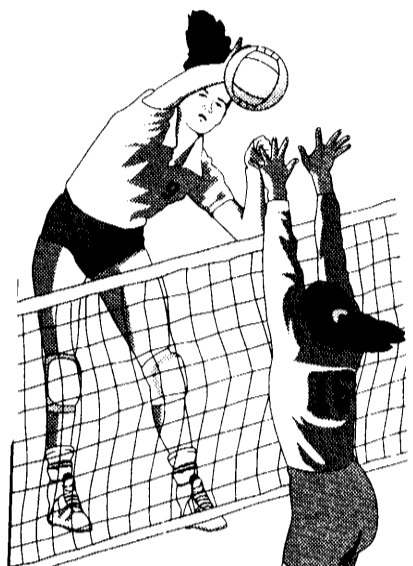
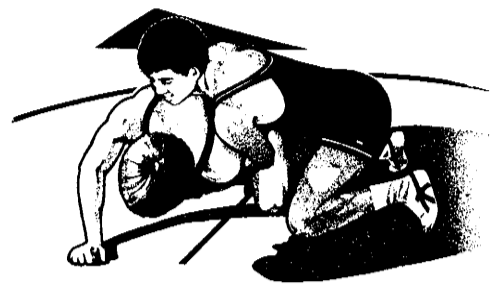
A case of rabies in a local dairy herd has prompted Dr. Harry Crandell, DVM, to issue a warning to pet owners, especially dog owners, to have their pets properly vaccinated.

The Cass City Red Hawks upset the Bad Axe Hatchets for their first victory of the season, 59-52, Friday night. Bob Morley burned the meshes for 18 points while Larry Robinson helped with 13.



CASS CITY RED HAWK SCHEDULES

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASTICS



GYMNASTICS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
Dow/High at Cass City

WRESTLING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
Lakers/Yale at Cass City
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
Cass City at Bad Axe Inv.

VOLLEYBALL
MONDAY, JANUARY 20
Cass City at BCAS

BASKETBALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
Marlette at Cass City
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
BCAS at Cass City

Basketball Schedule

Dec. 10	Cass City 61, Deckerville 38
13	Cass City 59, Reese 64
17	Cass City 33, Sandusky 44
19	Cass City 57, Yale 56
27	Cass City 62, Caro 76
Jan. 3	Cass City 56, Lakers 55
7	Cass City 74, Bad Axe 53
10	Cass City 51, USA 68
14	Marlette
17	BCAS
21	Cros-Lex
24	Bad Axe
28	Ubyly
31	Lakers
Feb. 4	Mayville
7	USA
14	Marlette
18	Genesee Christian
25	Harbor Beach
28	BCAS
Mar. 3-8	Districts
11-16	Regionals

Home games in bold

Volleyball Schedule

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

Home games in bold

Wrestling Schedule

Dec. 5	Caro/Bad Axe	6:00
7	Cros-Lex	8:00 a.m.
11	Sandusky	TBA
14	Marlette Tournay	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.	TBA
30	Marlette	7:00
Feb. 1	Inlay City Inv.	TBA
8	League Inv. at BA	TBA

Home matches in bold

Gymnastics Schedule

Dec. 12	Vassar	
28	Jackson Inv.	
Jan. 11	Plymouth	
15	Dow/High	6:00
18	Hartland	10:00
23	Vassar	7:00
27	Midland HS	6:30
Feb. 5	Dow/Cadillac	6:00
8	Free-land Inv.	

Home meets in bold

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Health officials: home radon testing good idea

The Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola Associated Health Departments are encouraging area residents to include radon testing among their resolutions for a healthy new year.

Joining the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the health departments are observing January as Radon Awareness Month. This represents a national effort to encourage Americans to test their homes for radon, and, if necessary, take action to reduce exposure to elevated levels.

Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas that occurs naturally in soil and rock. It moves upward through the soil and enters buildings through cracks and openings in the foundation, floor or walls, including those caused by floor/wall joints, sumps, plumbing, wiring, or duct work. Outdoors, the gas is diluted by the atmosphere, but indoors it may be more concentrated and can accumulate to unhealthy levels.

The only known health effect of radon is an increased risk of lung cancer, and according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is responsible for approximately 14,000

deaths nationally each year.

Dale Lipar, Environmental Health Director for the Huron County Health Department, says a statewide survey shows one out of 8 homes in Michigan may have elevated levels of radon. In some counties, as many as 45 percent of the homes could have radon levels above the EPA recommended action guideline of 4 picocuries per liter. Up to 10 percent of the homes in our counties may have elevated levels of radon, placing some area residents at risk of developing lung cancer from prolonged exposure.

"The risk is low in the Thumb, but problems do exist, and the only way to find them is to test," he said. "We are encouraging area residents to start the new year right by purchasing a radon test kit and using it to test their home."

"Because radon is invisible and can't be smelled, people tend to ignore it," Rich Gonnering, Environmental Health Director of the Sanilac County Health Department, said. "It doesn't cause headaches, nausea, fatigue, skin rashes, or other warning symptoms that might be experienced by exposure to other toxins, yet exposure to elevated radon levels may increase the risk

of lung cancer."

Testing is easy and inexpensive. Ed Kimbrue, Environmental Health Director of the Tuscola County Health Department noted. Kits are available from the health department for \$10 to \$12, or some hardware stores, home centers, and other retail outlets sell the do-it-yourself test kits. Professional testing services are also available, though they are usually used as part of a real estate transaction. Homeowners are cautioned to use only EPA-listed

test kits or testing companies, he added.

Citizens interested in finding out more about radon can contact their local health department, Huron County-517-269-9721, Sanilac County-810-648-4098, or Tuscola County-517-673-8114. Information is also available by calling the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) toll-free radon information line at 1-800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-6642).

Grant to link area hospitals to health sciences information

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has awarded the Thumb Area Consortium for Health Information Access (TACHIA) and William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, \$54,570 for a project to increase the access of rural health care providers to current health sciences information.

TACHIA member hospitals include Caro Community Hospital, Caro; Harbor Beach Community Hospital,

Harbor Beach; Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City; Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe; Marlette Community Hospital, Marlette; McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky, and Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

The grant funds will provide a computer, modem, software, and Internet access at each TACHIA hospital site. This equipment will link health care professionals at each hospital to existing sources of health information at the NLM and at other health care sites on the Internet. Staff from Beaumont's Medical Library and Information Services Department will help with equipment installation and computer training.

Health care professionals at the TACHIA hospitals will be able to search the MEDLINE database at the NLM to find specific medical information. Beaumont's Medical Library will then send copies of the requested medical journal articles by mail or facsimile.

Several research studies have shown that patient care is improved, complications are reduced, and hospital stays are shorter in hospitals where the staff has good access to current medical information.

Project participants also hope to provide the rural health professionals with access to the state medical electronic network so that they can E-mail colleagues and participate in continuing medical education opportunities.

This system will help health care professionals keep up with the rapidly changing health care environment and give them access to more current health sciences information than any individual hospital medical library could ever purchase or house on-site.

Grand funding from the NLM is awarded by competition, and the TACHIA grant proposal scored very highly.

3 arraigned on charges

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

•David A. Shelton, 17, Caro, was charged with receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100 Nov. 22 in Caro.

Bond in the case was set at \$2,000. A preliminary examination is scheduled for Jan. 31 at 9 a.m.

•Scott J. Jerome, 28, Birch Run, was arraigned on a charge of killing a dog Dec. 14 in Vassar Township.

Bond was set at \$500 and a preliminary exam was slated for Jan. 31 at 9 a.m.

•Rodney R. Berlin, 35, Mayville, faces charges of possession of marijuana, second offense, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle and violation of drivers license restrictions Dec. 22 in Fremont Township.

Bond was set \$2,000. A preliminary exam was scheduled for Jan. 21 at 9 a.m.



CASS CITY'S ICE SKATING rink, located adjacent to the Parkway building, should be ready for weekend use, thanks to the efforts of several Lions Club members, including Tim Hallwood (front) and John Maharg, who have withstood bitter cold temperatures during the week in its preparation.

Six Swift Sports Seers	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt	Gary Robinson	Jim Hillaker
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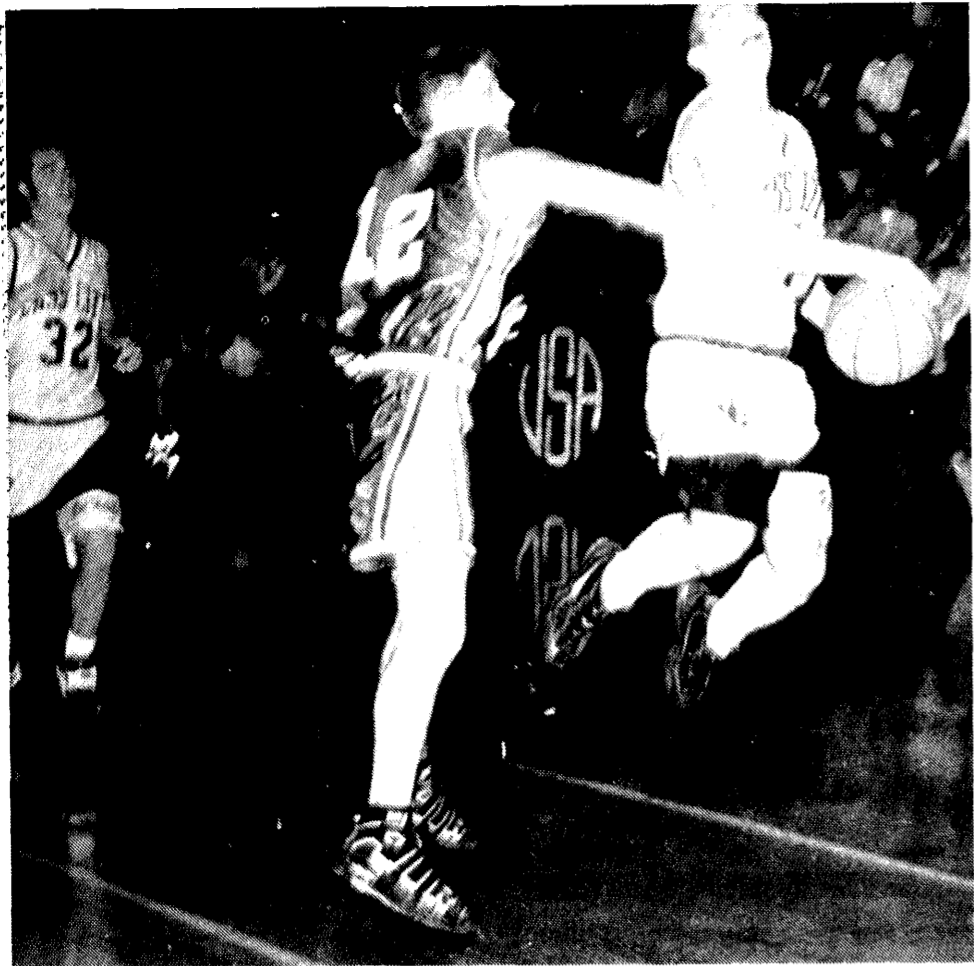
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Top Hatchets, lose to USA

Hawks need wins to stay in race for league title



EVERY CLOSE-IN SHOT was hotly contested by USA Friday. Josh Sattler puts the pressure on Cass City's Chad Lenhard on this drive to the basket. Trailing the play is Cass City's Matt Oesch.

Tuesday's game with Thumb C National leader Marlette is the start of a critical period in the schedule for the Cass City Red Hawks if the team is to remain in contention for the league crown.

The game is the first in a stretch of 5 home games, 3 of which are league games. Friday the team entertains Bay City All Saints and a win of one of these 2 games is essential, a double win would stamp the Hawks as a genuine conference title threat.

That will take some doing, judging by the results of the games last week against Bad Axe and Unionville-Schewaing.

The Hawks had little trouble with Bad Axe, salting away the game with a third quarter splurge to win, 74-53. It was a different story against USA. But first the Bad Axe game.

Cass City shot very well, hitting 20 of 33 2-point shots for 61 percent and 8 of 18 treys for 44 percent.

Cass City controlled the boards with a 35-21 advantage, led by Andy Edwards, Diegel and Matt Oesch with 6 each.

CASS CITY - Murphy 1-0 (0-0) 2; Micklash 2-2 (0-0) 10; Wallace 2-4 (1-2) 17; Lenhard 3-0 (4-5) 10; Oesch 4-0 (4-4) 12; Klinkman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Diegel 5-0 (0-0) 10; Edwards 1-2 (0-0) 8; Brinkman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Meredith 0-0 (1-2) 1.

TOTALS - 20-8 (10-13) 74.

BADAXE - Gebauer 0-1 (0-0) 3; Drossos 2-0 (0-0) 4; Heintz 2-3 (0-0) 13; Nicholas 2-0 (1-2) 5; Natzel 1-0 (0-0) 2; Brickett 0-2 (0-0) 6; Leonard 0-0 (1-2) 1; Briggs 3-0 (2-2) 8; Gieger 2-0 (0-0) 4; Pulasky 3-0 (1-4) 7.

TOTALS - 15-6 (5-10) 53.

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USA GAME We were out-played in all facets of the game, Hartel said after Cass City was defeated Friday by the Patriots, 68-51.

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In the last period USA used a controlled ball offense to stretch its game winning lead.

Hartel said that USA has a quick team spearheaded by Gainforth, who was too much for his charges inside. The Patriots won the battle of the boards, 35-24. We had no inside game, the coach said, and were out-shot at the free throw line, 20-2, in the last half.

We must and will improve our ball handling and decision making, Hartel said grimly.

Adding to the Hawks' troubles was a poor shooting night, with 10 of 26 for 38 percent 2-pointers and 7 of

26 treys for 27 percent. The Hawks' percentage might have been even lower except that Diegel provided whatever inside game the team had with several driving layups as he led the Hawks with 19 points.

CC - USA

CASS CITY - Murphy 0-2 (0-0) 6; Micklash 0-1 (2-2) 5; Wallace 0-1 (0-0) 3; Lenhard 0-2 (2-2) 8; Oesch 2-0 (1-1) 5; Diegel 8-0 (3-3) 19; Edwards 0-1 (0-0) 3; Iwankovitch 0-0 (2-4) 2.

TOTALS - 10-7 (10-12) 51.

USA - Kelly 3-2 (7-7) 19; Sweetman 4-2 (4-4) 18; Androl 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gainforth 8-0 (5-6) 21; Spannagel 1-0 (1-4) 3; Arnold 2-0 (1-1) 3.

TOTALS - 19-4 (18-22) 68.

Inexperience shows in wrestling losses

It wasn't a week to remember for the Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team as Coach Don Markel's charges were defeated by a strong Cros-Lex squad in a double dual meet last Wednesday, 54-21, to fall to 2-1 in Thumb C competition.

The Hawks were easy winners over Marine City, 64-15, in the other portion of the meet.

Saturday the Hawks finished 14th in the 15-team Bridgeport Invitational, the toughest tourney of the year for Cass City.

Against Cros-Lex, only 3 Hawk wrestlers were able to score. Dennis Pisha, 130 pounds, was ahead on points when he won by default over Nick Hunt because of an injury.

The Invitational was won by Swartz Creek with 204 points. Host Bridgeport was second with 171 1/2 points. Most of the schools were in class B or A. Cass City finished with 15 points, edging out only Detroit Country Day.

No Hawk earned a medal. Fans will have only 2 more opportunities to see the Hawks wrestle at home this season. The first will be Thursday in a meet against the Lakers and Yale. The only other home match will be against Bad Axe Jan. 22. Saturday, Jan. 18, Cass City is slated to compete in the Hatchet Invitational at Bad Axe.



CASS CITY'S Jalal Khoury, right, eventually lost to this Swan Valley wrestler in the 171-pound class.

Reschedule baseball clinic

Cass City's baseball coach, Doug Hall, announced that the date for the baseball clinic has been set back one week because of the district wrestling tourney at Cass City High School.

The clinic, originally scheduled Feb. 15-16, will now be held Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 23, from 1-4 p.m.

Hall said that the Sunday meeting is for coaches, including any involved with summer baseball programs. Saturday's clinic is for all high school players. Players should bring glove and bat. Lunch will be provided. Jay LeFevre, head baseball coach from Delta, Ohio, will conduct the clinic.

Basketball

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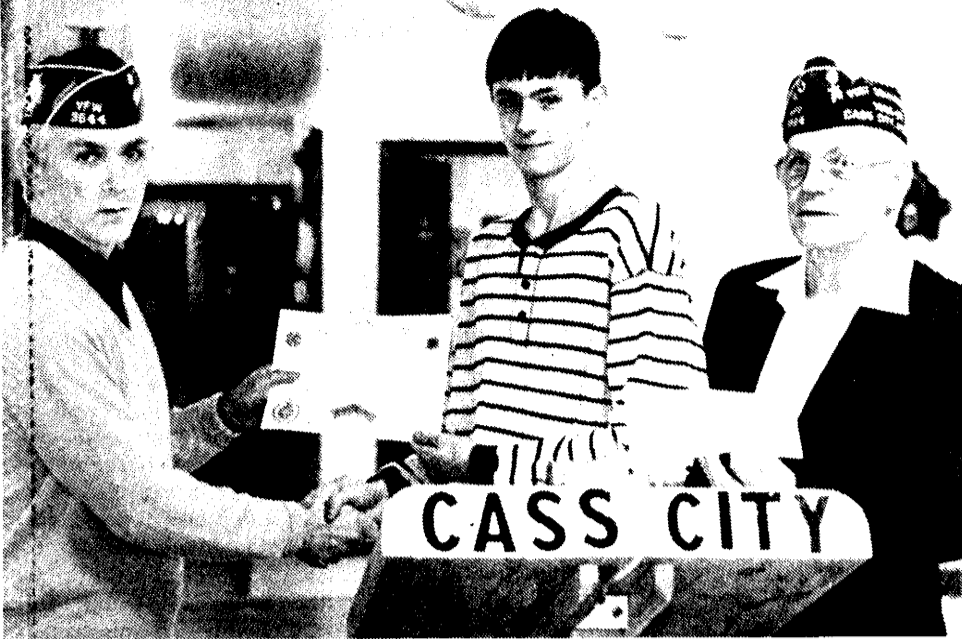
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Calendar of Events

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

Friday, January 17

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

Tuesday, January 21

Thumb Area Parkinson Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital.
Cass City Area Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Detroit Edison Building.

Wednesday, January 22

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Bill and Alice Lovejoy.

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Green posts perfect record of attendance

State Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, registered a perfect attendance record for the 88th Legislature.

The 84th District lawmaker was sworn into office for his third term Wednesday at a Capitol ceremony.

"Going to work every day is ingrained in me; it's part

of my work ethic," Green said. "My presence in Lansing is important because when I'm absent district residents lose their representation."

House Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, commended Green for his achievement.

"Representative Green's energy, drive and dedication to his district clearly shows in every facet of his work, and attendance is no exception," Sikkema said. "I am confident that he will successfully meet the challenges of the new year."

Green added that good communication between his office and the district benefits residents.

"Many people are surprised to learn that several of the laws passed in the Legislature had their roots in local communities," Green said. "Residents have a tremendous impact on public policy. Effective communication will be critical over the next 2 years. Lawmakers must work to find common ground to preserve and enhance the state's tax cuts, jobs and economy."

Letters should be addressed to Green at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI, 48909. Residents can call him toll free at 1-888-254-5284 or e-mail him at mgreen@house.state.mi.us.

Groundwater focus of conference

What farmers are doing to protect groundwater resources will be the focus of the Agricultural Pollution Prevention Conference Jan. 21-22 at Michigan State University.

The session will take place at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center (formerly the MSU Kellogg Center for Continuing Education) on South Harrison Road in East Lansing. The program will run from 8 a.m. the first day through 11:45 a.m. the second day.

The conference will look at farm practices and special programs that farmers are using to assure groundwater quality where they farm.

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High Team Series: Milletics Surveying 3010.

High Team Game: Charmont 1053.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE Jan. 9

Unpredictables	9
Dee's M.P. Rockets	6
Alley Cats	6
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KREW	5 1/2
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High Series and Games: D. Mathewson 511, A. Sonderhouse 506 (192), R. Levine 185.

High Team Series & Game: Dee's M.P. Rockets 1790 (628).

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Jan. 9

GA	25
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General Cable	22
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High Series & Games: Duane O'Dell 736 (265-264), G. Robinson 676 (255), D. Beecher 648 (233), G. Smith 616 (226-210), J. Hacker 598, K. Pichla 596 (213-214), E. Schmaltz 585, Doug O'Dell 231, P. Regnerus 225, R. Hull 216, J. Roth 214, K. Martin 211.

CHARMONT LADIES

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Pizza Villa	12
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Cass City Tire	6
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High Team Series & Game: Wild John's 3072 (1073).

High Series: L. Kilbourn 553, D. Mathewson 509, M. Horne 499, F. Witherspoon 499, D. Sweeney 483, C. Slaughter 482, C. Hill 480, B. Batkee 474, M. Burns 470, V. Patera 480.

High Games: B. Batkee 212, L. Kilbourn 208, F. Witherspoon 182, C. Hill 188, D. Sweeney 180, M. Horne 175, D. Mathewson 179, P. Arnold 174, B. Wilson 171, V. Patera 175, N. Davis 176.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Jan. 10

7-10's	22
Gators	20
US	20
Jegsters	17
"Cut Throat"	17
Misfits	16
Split Happens	11
The Family	11
Grumblers	11
Rare Form	8
Easy 7	8
9-N-A Wiggle	7

Men's High Series & Game: J. Ridge 593 (222).

Women's High Series & Game: B. Watson 530 (191).

High Series & Game: Gators 1938 (678).

Chadwick named vice-president of state Special Olympics board

Robert E. Chadwick II of Caro is the new vice-president of the Michigan Special Olympics Board of Directors. He assumed the office Jan. 1.

Chadwick is the executive director of the Tuscola County Community Mental Health Services. He has been a member of the Michigan Special Olympics Board of Directors since 1994, and has been a Special Olympics volunteer and supporter since 1972.

Michigan Special Olympics is a year-round program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities. There are currently over 20,000 athletes around the state participating in the program. Michigan Special Olympics is headquartered on the cam-

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Plead no contest in fatal crash

A Mayville man charged in connection with a fatal traffic accident last spring pleaded no contest last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

The plea, entered by William Davis Jr., 62, to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor — causing death, and habitual offender, third offense, was taken under advisement by the court.

Davis' driver's license was revoked and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department without bond.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

• William A. Brown, 60, Cass City, was found guilty of 4 counts of criminal sexual conduct dating back to November 1987 in Elkland Township.

A jury delivered verdicts of guilty to 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and 2 counts of second de-

gree criminal sexual conduct. Brown was found innocent of 2 other counts.

The verdicts were announced Thursday following a 2-day jury trial.

Brown was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department without bond. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be set.

• George R. Mester, 34, Deford, pleaded guilty to attempted possession of marijuana with intent to deliver Feb. 23 in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000.

• Jody R. Pope, 26, Bay City, pleaded no contest to unlawful use of a motor vehicle and fleeing and eluding a police officer, second offense, Sept. 12 in Cass City.

Pope was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, bond was continued at \$5,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was or-

dered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Richard T. Bauer, 45, Cass City, was sentenced to one year probation and 365 days in the county jail for his plea of no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon (knife) Oct. 29 in Cass City.

Bauer was also ordered to undergo substance abuse treatment and pay \$1,000 in court costs and fines plus attorneys fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

• Sidney F. Camehl, 25, Montrose, was sentenced to 5 years probation and 90 days in jail, with work release, for a plea of guilty to larceny in a building last July/August in Vassar.

The defendant was ordered to pay \$700 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees, \$7,843.33 in restitution and \$60 victim crime fee.

• Charles M. Hoef, 42, Millington, pleaded innocent to a charge of manufacturing marijuana Sept. 17 in Millington Township.

Bond was continued at \$1,000. A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case.

• Renee N. Hoef, 38, Millington, pleaded innocent to a charge of manufacturing marijuana Sept. 17 in Millington Township.

Bond was continued at \$1,000. A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled.

• Timothy J. Cessna Jr., 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to attempted home invasion, second degree, May 27 in Wells Township.

Cessna was released on a personal recognizance bond. Sentencing is to be set.

• Keith R. Johnson, 26, Caro, was sentenced on a delayed sentence stemming from his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 5, 1995, in Caro.

Johnson was sentenced to 5 years probation and 365 days in jail, which was deferred without a date. He was or-

dered to pay \$700 in costs and fines.

• William A. McPhail, 23, Cass City, was sentenced to 4 years probation and 180 days in jail, with work release/worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to attempted home invasion, second degree and larceny over \$100 Sept. 3 in Elkland Township.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling and pay \$1,000 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees, \$1,000 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.

• Kevin J. Nemeth, 26, Vassar, was sentenced to 14 years in prison for his plea of guilty to uttering and publishing involving a \$582 check drawn on Citizens Bank last September.

Nemeth was also ordered to undergo mental counseling and pay attorneys fees.

• Sheri L. Schroeder, 26, Flint, received a one-year delayed sentence for her plea of guilty to obtaining a controlled substance by fraud Oct. 26 in Cass City.

She was ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling/treatment and pay \$500 in costs plus \$150 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.

• Jeffrey A. Boone, 17, Montrose, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 180 days in jail (deferred to the end of probation) for his plea of guilty to larceny in a building last July/August in Vassar.

Boone was also ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling and pay \$800 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees, \$1,102 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.

• Alonzo Stansberry, 34, Flint, was sentenced to 7 1/2 years to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 Oct. 18 in Indianfields Township, and having one prior felony conviction.

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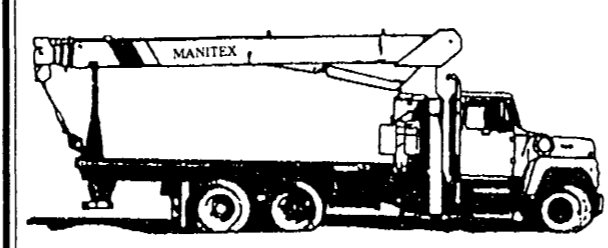
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Rawson Library to close Jan. 27

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for early May. Hutchinson said the building will be completed well before that, but delays in the date of delivery of some furnishings will hold up completion.

The Friends of the Library are planning a piece of artwork in the form of a tree for the wall of the lobby of the new addition.

"This will be used to show appreciation to those who have contributed to the project," she said.

Anyone who has contributed a minimum of \$100 will have a leaf on the tree engraved with their name. Categories are bronze circle (\$100 to \$499), silver circle (\$500 to \$2,999), gold circle (\$3,000 to \$9,999) and benefactor circle (\$10,000 and up).

A Friends Circle Honor Roll will list contributors up to \$100. Contributors will be contacted to verify the way names will be printed. Additional information is available by calling the library at 872-2856.

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The 21 hours of instruction will cover basic tree anatomy, growth sites and soils, fruit tree nutrition, flower and fruit development, the principles of pruning and thinning, cold hardiness, fruit tree irrigation, rootstock selection and causes of fruit tree stress.

Ron Perry, MSU Extension horticulturist, says the school is intended for growers, fruit industry managers and support personnel.

Registration is \$300 for

Michigan residents and \$350 for out-of-state residents. Checks should be made payable to MSU. The fee includes lodging (2- to 4-person occupancy; singles not available), meals and educational materials. Enrollment will be limited to 110 people. If enrollment does not reach 50, the school will be canceled and full refunds made.

School registration information and directions to KBS can be obtained by writing to Kathy Wiest, KBS Conference Center, 3700 E. Gull Lake Road, Hickory Corners, MI 49060-9516, or by calling 616-671-2400.

Details about the school program can be obtained from Perry by phone at 517-353-6789 or by fax at 517-353-0890.



NO ACCIDENT — Tyler Coleman, son of Tom and Terri Coleman of Cass City, didn't let a few inches of snow keep him from a bike ride in town recently. In fact, the white stuff provided a soft landing place for the 11-year-old, who practiced flipping his bike onto a small hill in front of Schneeberger's.

Hopper resigns

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the law firm. The motion passed on a vote of 6-1, with Trustee James Albrecht casting the lone "no" vote.

Perdue stated he has requested a copy of all of the district's by-laws on 3 separate occasions, and to-date has received only a few pages.

Perdue said he's being lied to, noting he was told there are no by-laws at first, and another time that there are by-laws dating back several years.

Muntz began to reply, but Perdue continued to press for an answer from the board as to whether the district has more by-laws than he has received copies of as a result of his written requests.

"I am running this meeting and you will listen to me,"

Muntz shouted after being interrupted repeatedly.

Muntz explained that hundreds of old policies were found just last year, after Perdue's initial request, and he noted a committee has been formed to pour through all of the paperwork in order to update and revise those policies and bring them in line with state laws.

It's uncertain if these are by-laws or policies, he added, but it is certain that it's going to take time to complete a revised set of by-laws.



CASS CITY STUDENTS enjoyed a head start on the weekend thanks to the winter storm that dumped several inches of snow in the area. Above, Cass City fifth grade students Norman Pierce (left) and Jeff McMahan walk home after school was dismissed early Thursday.

Residents reach spray accord

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dren himself and would want to be the first to know if a farming practice presented a health risk. "We try to be good stewards of the land," he said.

During last week's meeting, Walther told the Venemas he will plant a buffer zone of corn between their farms and the fields he plants next summer. He said he hoped information presented at the meeting has eased residents' concerns.

"I'm pleased to hear they're going to do that (provide a buffer zone) for us, disappointed they didn't this year," commented Lisa Venema, who indicated she's cau-

tiously optimistic.

"We'll be waiting and watching next summer."

In other business during the monthly meeting, the township board:

• Approved a motion to pay the local Boy Scout troop \$240 to man the township's recycling trailer.

• Voted in favor of extend-

ing the township's contract with Cove Sanitation for one year.

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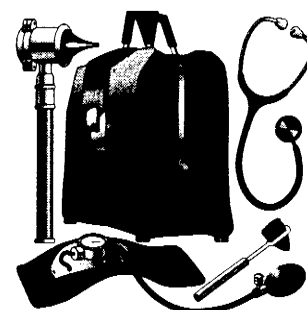
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