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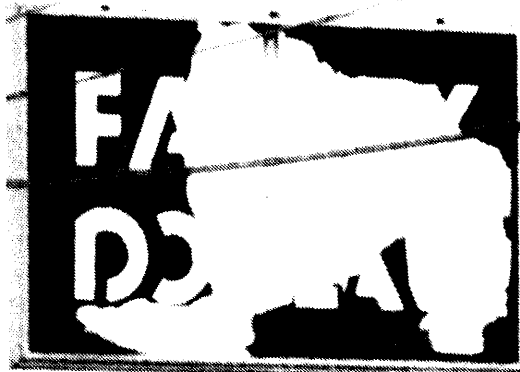
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**APRIL FOOLS? —** A storm packing winds of more than 40 miles per hour roared into the Thumb Sunday afternoon, downing trees and causing power outages in some areas. The Cass City area escaped extensive damage, but this sign at the Family Dollar store at the west end of town did not.

**No competition in Cass City**

## Board races set in area schools

Races for school board seats are shaping up in 3 area school districts following Monday's deadline to file nominating petitions.

The petitions were due at 4 p.m. in area school superintendents' offices. Voters in the Cass City, Kingston, Owen-Gage and Ubley school districts will all fill 4-year terms in the annual school election to be held Monday,

June 9.

In Cass City, only the incumbents filed nominating petitions. Seeking reelection to 4-year terms are trustees Danny Haag and Allan Hartwick.

Three candidates — none of them incumbents — are vying for a pair of seats in the Owen-Gage School District. They are Tom Mellendorf, Bill Perdue and

Walter Swiastyn, a former 8-year board member who narrowly lost a bid for reelection last June.

School Supt. Manuel Thies reported that current board President Terry Muntz, along with Trustee Mary Ann Abbe, opted not to seek reelection.

In the Kingston School District, incumbents David Kolacz and Louis Wenzlaff,

along with challenger Ellen McQuinn-Romoser, are vying for one of 2 available 4-year seats on the board of education.

In the Ubley Community Schools, 3 candidates are seeking a single, 4-year term. The candidates are incumbent Janice Schrader and challengers Justin Faber and Carol Peruski-Fess.

## Immediate area escapes

# 8,000 homes lose power as storm blasts area

Sunday wasn't April Fools Day, but Mother Nature had the last laugh just the same over the weekend as a wind storm hit the state, downing trees, cutting power to thousands of residents and closing at least one Thumb area school.

A front packing wind gusts of more than 40 miles per hour roared into the Thumb area Sunday afternoon.

Temperatures that had remained in the 50s and 60s throughout much of last week plummeted, dropping to the low 30's by Monday morning with a sustained wind of about 30 miles per hour.

Fortunately, Cass City was among the areas least affected by power outages.

In all, about 2,000 Detroit Edison customers were affected in Tuscola County. However, only 13 of those

customers were in Elkland Township, according to Scott L. Simons, a Detroit Edison media representative.

Simons said 1,500 Tuscola County residents were still without power Monday morning. Another 4,100

customers were affected in Huron County, with 2,200 still without power Monday morning. Among the customers hit was Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools, which was closed Monday.

In Sanilac County, meanwhile, 3,600 Detroit Edison

customers were affected. All but 160 of those customers had their power restored by Monday morning.

"We should have 95 percent back (on line) by late tonight," Simons said Monday.

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## UPS drivers aiding Ohio flood victims

Lending a hand for a good cause is nothing new to Cass City UPS drivers, but a recent effort to help some people in need will touch lives beyond Michigan's borders.

The local UPS drivers are collecting clothing, canned foods and other items that will go to flood victims in the Ohio River Valley.

A UPS semi-tractor trailer carrying the donations is scheduled to leave Cass City early Saturday morning, so anyone interested in contributing is urged to do so this week.

Items still needed include basic cleaners (window cleaner, laundry detergent, hand soap, etc.), dust masks, rubber gloves, bedding, sheets, blankets, clean clothing and canned foods.

Donations may be dropped off at the UPS building in Cass City, or given to any local UPS driver no later than Friday.

The local effort has been spearheaded by UPS driver Jim Kritzman, who learned about a similar project in Lexington.

Kritzman brought the idea back to the Cass City UPS Center, where he approached his supervisor and fellow drivers. Everyone was interested in getting involved, according to driver Rick VanVliet, who volunteered to drive the load down to Ohio early Saturday.

VanVliet noted UPS officials agreed to donate a trailer and semi-tractor towards the effort.

Kritzman and another UPS employee, Kirk Winter, have combined efforts to secure donations in the community since the drive started about 2 weeks ago.

"All the employees here started bringing in clothes,"

Walbro Corp. and General Cable Co., as well as businesses such as Family Dollar have joined the effort.

But Winter emphasized the job isn't finished yet.

"We probably have, right

now, a third of a trailer, and we'd like to get a full trailer," he said.

Additional information is available by calling UPS at 872-2151, or VanVliet at 872-4101.



**OPERATION HELP —** Cass City UPS drivers Jim Kritzman (top) and Doug McArthur load a few of the donations that will be shipped to flood victims in the Ohio River Valley this weekend. "We're getting total cooperation from everybody," Kritzman said of the effort.

## Greenleaf Township

# Mull town hall expansion

The Greenleaf Township Board adopted a 1997-98 budget totaling \$84,035 during the township's annual meeting, held March 29 at the township hall.

The new budget represents a planned spending decrease of nearly \$3,000, or about 3.5 percent, compared to 1996-97 expenditures, according to Clare Brown, acting deputy clerk.

He noted the township starts the new fiscal year with a combined fund balance of \$83,000.

Road maintenance makes up the biggest single expense in the budget, with \$30,000 earmarked for improvements. Brown said the township plans to smooth out and gravel one mile of Thomas Road, from Bay City-Forestville Road to Huron

Line Road. The remaining road funds will go toward patching gravel.

Other major expenses in the coming year are \$11,000 for fire protection, and \$8,000 for waste disposal.

Township officials' salaries remain the same at \$3,000 for supervisor, \$2,500 for treasurer, \$2,300 for clerk, and \$35 per meeting for trustees.

In other business during the annual session attended by 23 people, including 5 board members, the board discussed a possible addition to the township hall.

No formal action has been taken yet on the proposal, according to Brown, who explained the township is considering adding bathroom facilities and possibly a kitchen.

## Micklash endorses annual bus inspection

Supt. Ken Micklash joins the majority of other school administrators in Michigan in wishing that the Michigan State Police would follow the law and inspect school buses yearly.

State Police have announced that in the future they will inspect buses every other year instead of annually because of the cost.

It's reassuring to have the inspection, Micklash said, although we try to stay on top of bus safety at all times. Any minor defect found by the police is fixed at the time it's found, Micklash said.

The superintendent also said that the lack of inspection might encourage some districts in financial trouble to put off needed repairs of buses.

At the very least, Micklash said, if the inspection is going to be biennial, it should be at random so that districts would not know when an inspection is coming.



**SHEMKO ENCOUNTERED** a host of different plant and animal species during his voyage to Antarctica, including this Gentoo penguin at Port Lockroy.

## Shemko swings in Antarctica while on trip of a lifetime

Richard Shemko has tested his skills on more courses than most golfers will ever see, but he'll have a difficult time topping his latest adventure.

A 1986 graduate of Owen-Gage High School, Shemko recently returned from a 2-week expedition to Antarctica, where he saw countless species of plants, birds and animals, as well as enormous glaciers, icebergs and mountains.

And, yes, he even swung a golf club after reaching his destination — Neko Harbor.

The trip of a lifetime was a milestone for the accounts receivable analyst, who previously had visited sites in North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia, as well as a majority of the United States.

The trip proved to be a real challenge, according to Shemko, 28, who said he wouldn't recommend the journey for an inexperienced traveler.

Shemko began his adventure with a 4-hour drive to Toronto Feb. 4. After flying to Miami, then to Buenos Aires, Shemko arrived for a day-long stay in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, at the tip of South America.

"I saw a couple of interesting things there," Shemko recalled. "We went to the end of the Pan-American Highway, and that stretches from Fairbanks to Tierra del Fuego."

Shemko said he spent several hours touring Tierra del Fuego National Park, which is located in both Chile and Argentina.

"The Andes Mountains were very beautiful," he added. "We got to see some very large beaver dams, huge beaver dams. We also got to walk in a field of fungus. It was 2 shades of brown, and it was like walking on a sponge."

### A LONG DAY

"It was a very long day because we were in the park for 6 hours and we got on the ship at about 4 in the afternoon."

Shemko, along with other expedition passengers, cruised to Antarctica aboard Professor Multanovskiy, a 215-foot former Russian research vessel. The ship's American name is the Intrepid, according to Shemko, who noted the vessel weighs

1,750 tons and is powered by a pair of 1,500-horsepower engines.

Shemko said the expedition started with a trip through Beagle Channel en route to Drake Passage.

The ship departed at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 7. By 1 a.m. the next morning, the Intrepid reached Drake Passage. "And everybody knew it," Shemko said.

"We encountered 30-foot waves. I think 4 or 5 showed up for breakfast out of 40 passengers that morning," he recalled, adding even some members of the Russian crew stayed in their cabins.

"Nothing would stay on the desk in my cabin for more than 3 seconds. I think I slept 3 hours that night. It just was horrible."

Two days went by without

a land sighting, but Shemko said there were some high-lights, despite the rough water. Among them were sightings of flying albatross, birds with an 11-foot wingspan that frequent only the South George Islands and Drake Passage, where the Pacific and Atlantic oceans meet.

"We sighted land late Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9, and that was King George Island," Shemko continued.

Large swells prevented a landing by zodiac (a raft powered by an outboard motor) on Penguin Island, Shemko said. "Scheduling was very, very critical because of weather and time needed to get to each landing."

On the next morning, the

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**WORKING FOR MERIT** badges, girls in Cass City Girl Scout Troop number 221 visited the Chronicle. The girls reviewed old issues of the paper dating back to 1910 to compare Cass City then and now. The 5 members of the troop are under the direction of leaders Deb Zmierski and Karen Spencer.

## Cass City High School 4th period honor roll

Cass City High School 4th marking period honor roll.

### 12th GRADE

All As. Katie Anthony, Elizabeth Bashur, Candice Cherniawski, Amanda Deering, Kurt Iwankovitch, Joseph Khoury, Marcia Klaus, Matt Klinkman, Chad LaJoie, Joni Laming, Joshua Lounsbury, Amanda Lowe, Gia Mellendorf, Todd Milligan, Jaime Parsell, Rachel Peters, Brent Ruggles, and Danielle Westfall.

B or better. Mathias Bang, Nichol Becker, Nathan Buehly, Stacey Ceranski, Ashlie Chappel, Stacey Churchill, Lesley Colling, Jackie Diebel, Chad Diegel, Lee Dillon, Jessica Frederick, Amanda Guinther, Sam Hobbs, Andrea Horn, Heather Hulbert, Jodie Hurd, Brooke Hurley, Shelly Ingrao, Jason King, Dan Kingsland, Josh Koepf, Rebecca Laming, Josh Little, Raymond Meredith, Terri Moore, Victoria Munoz, Dave Murphy, Jason Nicol, Matt Oesch, Brice Osentoski, Jamie Remsing, Brad Speirs, Jenny Sugden, Joey Urban, Josh Williams, George Wright, Jason Wright, and Renee Zawilinski.

### 11th GRADE

All As. Tammy Acker, Lori Brown, Julie Erla, Cara

Graichen, Cyrus Healy, Serena Healy, Melissa Heinlein, Kristy Hicks, Ryan Hutchinson, Cheryl Laming, Lindsay Maharg, Janis Mastie, Amber Rienstra, Leah Shagene, and Heather Woidan.

B or better. Becky Bennett, Christina Doerr, Sarah Dore, Jennifer Eyer, Thomas Fulcher, Maria Garety, Shannon Haley, Shawn Henn, Rachel Hoard, Tim Hoppe, Emily Hopper, Chris Irvine, Rebecca Lowe, Riyen Lowman, Jessica Markel, Raymond Matson, Nathan Matt, Cory Mayer, Tim Micklash, Jason Mohr, Charles Myers, Laura Osantowski, Janell Papovich, Andrea Rea, Marie Russell, Timothy Sherman, Mark Waltz, and Tina Younglove.

### 10th GRADE

All As. Aaron Barrigar, Aaron Bell, Amanda Board, Jim Dale, Shelly Hendrick, Dave Hobbs, Rose Hoelzle, Danielle Laming, Kara Mellendorf, Amanda Morrish, Brad Roche, Adam Stoeckle, Amy Venema, and Nicolette Zawilinski.

B or better. Mandy Chappel, Kyle Daniel, Rebecca Dore, Brenda Duquesnay, Luke Frederick, Denny Gibson, Adrainne Keller, Jeremy

Kilbourn, Nicholas King, Paul Kruse, Laura Kundinger, Ashley Little, David Mellendorf, Joel Nicol, Susan O'Hara, Becky Oesch, Amber Phillips, Matt Ross, Scott Ruggles, Kevin Schott, Jon Sherman, Marissa Sweeney, Julie Westfall, John Williams, Allison Wright, Jason Wright, John Wright, and Eric Zawilinski.

### 9th GRADE

All As. Justin Caraballo, Nicole Doerr, Adam Dorland, Jesse Hillaker, Melissa Homakie, and Kim Morrish.

B or better. Nathan Bruce, Jason Damm, Amber Dunn, Aleasha Field, Sally Finkbeiner, Lindsay Gaszczynski, Matt Gilliam, Andrea Gohsman, Christina Kababik, Jalal Khoury, Shawn Klinkman, Paul Langmaid, Nick Matt, Daniel McGee, Ryan McIntosh, Jessica Meeker, Justin Miller, Scott Moore, Melissa Myers, Melanie Nizzola, Brooke Oury, Jenny Parsell, Stephanie Pierce, Megan Romstad, Kristy Ryan, Travis Schneeberger, David Sutter, Tracy Talaski, Bryce VanVliet, Aaron Volz, Andrea Walsh, and Katie Wood.



### Recipes

Meg's Peg

by Melva E. Guinther

We solicited our favorite kind of recipes — simple but tasty — from area residents in answer to a reader's request. The first one comes from Yvonne LeValley.

### EASY BAKED CHICKEN

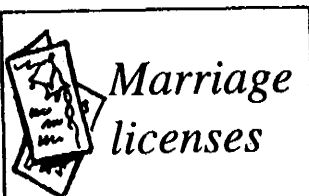
4-6 boneless chicken breasts  
1 box Stovetop stuffing for beef  
1 can cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup  
2 cups grated Swiss or mozzarella cheese

Spray a glass pan and lay chicken breasts in it. Pour soup over top, then the cheese. Make the Stovetop stuffing in microwave and put on top. Cover and bake 1 1/2 hours at 350. (Yvonne says she usually uses 2 boxes of Stovetop, but you can make it with one.)

This venison recipe comes from Kay Monte.

### TATER TOT CASSEROLE

1 lb. venison burger  
1 small onion  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 bag tater tots  
8 oz. grated cheese, any kind



Afonso Celso Ferreira and Yvonne Marie Karpovich, both of Caro.

David Charles Gorde and Susan Yvonne Magnes, both of Mayville.

Kenneth Robert Fisher and Valerie Lynn Hilderbrant, both of Otter Lake.

Donald Paul Wiechec and Jill Marie Currier, both of Vassar.

Thanks for calling  
872-2010 with  
feature story ideas

## Puskas to intern at Disney

Mirenda Ann Puskas, granddaughter of Lawrence Smith of Cass City, and daughter of Don and Lori Puskas of Howard City, has been accepted to an internship at Disney College in Orlando, Fla., from Western Michigan University of Kalamazoo. She is planning to attend University of Central Florida, Orlando.



### 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.

### APRIL 14-15-18

**Monday** - Pork chops, mashed potatoes, marinated cukes & tomatoes, biscuit, peach cobbler.

**Tuesday** - Old fashioned pot roast, sliced zucchini, carrots, onions and potatoes, variety bread, coconut cake.

**Friday** - Buffet ham, baked beans, broccoli/cukes/sour cream, hot roll, lemon pie square.

### SAUCE

1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup catsup  
1/2 tsp. mustard  
1/2 tsp. chili powder  
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Mix and pour over meatballs. Bake at 350 for at least an hour.

More recipes to come in another column.

## Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

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

Saturday, March 29, Kimberlee Kaylene Ridge, infant daughter of John and Theresa (Schwartz) Ridge, formerly of the Cass City area, received the Sacrament of Baptism at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebawaing, with the Rev. Martin J. Hagenow officiating.

South Haven, Doug and Michelle Richmond of Bay Port, Steve and Brenda Adsmond of Fremont, and Gladys Toner of Cass City.

Vern McConnell is a patient at Aleda Lutz Veterans Hospital, 1500 Weiss, NH 1, Saginaw, MI 48602.

Relatives witnessing the baptism were Kimberlee's grandparents, George and Phyllis Ridge of Cass City and Frank and Ivernia Schwartz of Gagetown, great-grandmother, Mabel Krouse of Fort Wayne, Ind., Ned Krouse of Rochester, N.Y., Charles Krouse of

Debbie Timmons of Sterling Heights, Patti Timmons of Ann Arbor and Brent Fritz of Central Michigan University were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. Debbie Timmons spent Sunday with the LaPeers.

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## Student Spotlight

Cass City Middle School  
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The following students were selected by the Cass City Middle School staff honoring students during the fifth marking period.

**5th Grade**

**Larry Galloway**, son of Joel and Lynda Galloway, Decker, likes the new schedule, math, and the principal the best about school.

**Josh O'Dell**, son of Doug and Kris O'Dell, Cass City, enjoys sports and camping when not in school; and likes math and seeing his friends while in school.

**Jenna Krueger**, daughter of Delbert and Charlene Krueger, Decker, enjoys being with her two young nieces when not in school. She hopes to work with children after she completes her education.

**Jeff McMahan**, son of Brian and Linda McMahan, Cass City, plans on attending college to play basketball, and hopes to own a parts store after that.

**Amanda Smith**, daughter of Donnie and Barb Smith, Cass City, has set a goal of becoming a secretary one day. She enjoys math, language, computers, library, art, music, and gym while in school.

**Shanna Spencer**, daughter of Mike and Cheryl Spencer, Cass City, hopes to be a teacher someday and enjoys riding her bike, jumping on the trampoline, and watching T.V. when not in school.

**Apryl Stancilff**, daughter of Ken and Pam Stancilff, Deford, enjoys meeting new friends and homework the best about school. She hopes to be a teacher one day.

**Brice Stine**, son of Ivan and Roxanne Stine, Uby, enjoys football, baseball,

basketball, soccer, and hockey when not in school. He enjoys his teachers while at school.

**Arielle Urban**, daughter of Mark and Deb Urban, Deford, hopes to become a lawyer or doctor. She feels we need a longer lunch break during the school day.

**6th Grade**

**Gail Dyer**, daughter of Dave and Sue Dyer, says she "can't wait to be in the new school and get the internet and get new CD-ROM computers".

**Jolynn Halasz**, daughter of Crystal Halasz, Cass City, has a goal of working with her mother someday. She confides she likes "everything" about school.

**Tyler Harp**, son of Jim and Barb Harp, Deford, is very proud of his two Newfoundland dogs weighing together 280 pounds. He would like to be a pro golfer or football player.

**Jessica Lester**, daughter of Mick and Dawn Lester, Cass City, hopes to train killer whales as a career, but confesses if this doesn't work out, she would like to be a beautician.

**Jessica Nicol**, daughter of John and Gayle Nicol, Cass City, would like to enter the U.S. Air Force and become an astronaut someday.

**Liza Volmering**, daughter of Earl and Mary Volmering, Uby, wants to study astronomy, teaching, or music after high school. She enjoys her teachers, grades, and classmates the most about school.

**Melissa Zmierski**, daughter of Mike and Deb Zmierski, Owendale, enjoys language arts the best in school and would like to become a geologist someday.

### 7th Grade

**Tara Bryant**, daughter of Jephtha and Angela Bryant, Cass City, enjoys rollerblading when not in school. She would like to work in a hospital someday, and says she likes seeing her friends when in school.

**Rochelle Dohn**, daughter of Marc and Carrie Dohn, Deford, enjoys seeing her friends and learning something new everyday in school. She plans to become a psychiatrist someday.

**Jamie Kilbourn**, son of Lee and Lynn Kilbourn, Deford, enjoys sports when not in school. He hopes to farm after completing his education.

**Kayla Posluszny**, daughter of Blaise and Terry Posluszny, Deford, enjoys being around her friends while in school. She hopes to become a photographer someday.

**Jeremy Stomber**, son of Dan and Kim Stomber, Decker, enjoys hunting, riding ATVs and motorcycles when not in school. Jeremy would like to become a race car driver someday.

**Jessica Tenbusch**, daughter of Doug and Karen Tenbusch, Cass City, admits her favorite subject is math. She hopes to become a teacher someday.

**8th Grade**

**Melissa Bliss**, daughter of Chuck and Tammy Bliss, Cass City, enjoys being with friends when not in school. She has set a goal of becoming a teacher someday.

**Amy Duquesnay**, daughter of Brian and Linda Duquesnay, Cass City, enjoys volleyball, academic track, and riding her bike when not in school. She hopes to go to college, aspire to be an actress, and hopes to marry a good man someday.



Pictured (front l-r): Brice Stine, Larry Galloway, Jeff McMahan, Josh O'Dell, Liza Volmering, Apryl Stancilff. Row 2: Arielle Urban, Amy Duquesnay, Tyler Harp, Jessica Lester, Jessica Nicol, Shanna Spencer. Row 3: Tara Bryant, Jessica Tenbusch, Amanda Smith, Jolynn Halasz. Row 4: Melissa Zmierski, Jamie Kilbourn, Gail Dyer, Rochelle Dohn, Jeremy Stomber. Back row: Kayla Posluszny, Melissa Bliss, Jenna Krueger.

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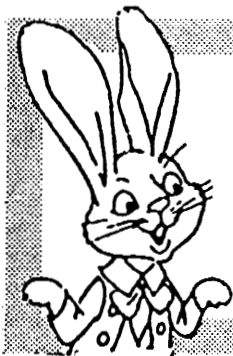
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

daVinci's is a pizza-spaghetti type restaurant at the north edge of Frankenmuth's business district.

It's relatively new, at least in its present location. It is spotlessly clean and I figured it was only about a couple of months old.

It has been there for nearly a year and as I quizzed the waitress, a man sitting in a booth piped up that "We've been here for less than a year but for about 20 years before that we were in the mall across the street."

A huge submarine and a steak sandwich both with fries and a salad, with drinks, cost about \$15. Give it a 7 on the 1-10 scale.

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How rumors get started. That gas explosion that leveled a home and injured Roy Montgomery started one.

Last week a lady stopped to talk with Deb Montgomery, Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery's wife, and told her that in one area church it was announced that it was their home that had been demolished.

It's easy to understand how that rumor got a life. Others are not so easy to understand. My all-time favorite was the story that Sam Blades, well-known Cass Cityan, had died. After hearing it from 2 sources, I was sitting at the restaurant figuring out how to be sure to get the story when Blades walked in and sat down.

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Good fortune smiled on Cass City Schools and none of the students was exposed to hepatitis A virus in frozen strawberries that dozens of other schools in the area experienced.

The school has a couple of cases of frozen strawberries in its freezer. We were waiting to use them for a special occasion, Supt. Ken Micklash said.

The berries came from Oregon, not Mexico, where the tainted fruit originated. Regardless, Micklash said emphatically, no way will we be using them.

We won't be serving ANY strawberries at this school this year.

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Details of the annual bald eagle survey conducted Jan. 1-15 by the DNR have been released. In the tri-county area 7 birds were reported, 4 in Sanilac County (one immature), 3 in Huron County and, sadly, none in Tuscola County.

Stop for a minute before reading on and ask yourself where the most sightings occurred, upper or lower peninsula?

Go to the head of the class if you guessed lower peninsula. The lower peninsula wins and by a large margin, 566 to 287.

If you really want to see these majestic birds in the wild, your best choice is Muskegon County, where 41 eagles were sighted, including 13 young birds.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday .....	58	28	0
Wednesday .....	67	52	0
Thursday .....	64	31	tr.
Friday .....	72	54	tr.
Saturday .....	62	52	.27"
Sunday .....	74	29	0
Monday .....	39	28	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

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**RONALD McDONALD highlighted the afternoon for several youngsters, including Cass City's 8-year-old Kristen Curtiss, Thursday with a visit to the Cass City restaurant, where he performed a magic show and signed autographs.**

### In circuit court

## Jury finds woman guilty

A Brown City woman was found guilty on 3 charges following a 2-day jury trial in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week.

According to court records, Karin Paris, 53, Brown City, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor,

third offense, violating license restrictions, and attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer March 28 in Koylton Township.

The jury returned the verdict after deliberating for 90 minutes.

Driver's license sanctions were imposed by the court, which continued bond at \$5,000 and ordered a presentence investigation. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

In other circuit court proceedings, William M. Burnham, 21, Caro, pleaded no contest to a charge of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving a child at least 13 years of age but under 16 years last June in Caro.

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

## Barcia aide set to visit with Thumb constituents

An aide to Congressman Jim Barcia will be holding constituent hours in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties next week.

Anyone with a question or concern about an issue before the U.S. House of Representatives, or who has problem with any federal agency, is encouraged to visit.

Barcia's aide will meet with constituents:

\*April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Huron County Courthouse, board of commissioners office, 250 E. Huron Ave., Bad Axe.

\*April 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tuscola County Board

of Commissioners Office, courthouse annex, 207 E. Grant St., Caro.

\*April 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sanilac County Conference Room, 37 Austin St., Sandusky.

## Democrats to meet

The Sanilac County Democratic Party will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, April 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Liberty Lanes Conference Room, Sandusky. New members are welcome.

The  
Haire  
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My wife was penning a letter to a brother's family in Florida last Wednesday and she asked if I would like to say something to them.

Tell them, I replied, that I'm sorry that they are stuck in Florida and can't enjoy the wonderful Michigan weather.

That touched her funny bone. Really hilarious that anyone could find anything good about Michigan weather. It was ironic that she passed on my weather remark in her letter immediately after confiding that she would try and find a way to get me south next winter and that Wednesday's weather was the first nice day of the year here.

That's only true if you think that any day to be nice has to have a temperature above 60 with the sun shining.

Having no yearning for spending the winter in a warm climate isn't something acquired in the dotage of old age. Perhaps it started in the nearly 3 years spent in Texas 50 years or so ago. All of us Yankees in the office at the base wanted a white Christmas. Perhaps it was tied into a longing for home and familiar faces and people. Whatever. It existed.

There's more than the weather involved in spending any amount of time in Florida or other warm-weather sites. The problem is what to do after you get there.

Fishing? Sure. Golf? Sure. Swimming? Sure. But all the time? Not.

Folks who aren't stuck on warm weather will tell you that they enjoy the change

of seasons.

For me, each season complements the other. To really enjoy a glorious spring day, it has to come after winter. In northern Texas, the land just turned from grey to pale green and suddenly it was summer with temperatures in the 100s day and night.

The crisp, clear, sweater weather in fall with its glorious colors comes just as we've become jaded by the summer warmth welcomed so joyously 3 months or so earlier.

Winter has its distinctive flavor with special opportunities for out-of-door activities found only in the snow belt.

The point is that there are 4 seasons, something to look forward to in each. A variety in the weather and a variety in lifestyle that would be missing. When you chase the sun, all you may end up with is a suntan or sunburn. And that's not healthy.

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## The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Everyone has their own ideas about sales. Most of us have a negative image of salespeople — except for the ones we know personally. Then we like them just fine. I recently read a column by a man who gives sales seminars. At one session this fellow asked folks in the audience, "How many of you didn't like salespeople before you got into sales?"

Nearly everyone raised their hands. Then he asked his audience, "Now that you are a salesperson yourself, how many of you still don't like salespeople?"

Almost everyone raised their hands again! This fellow says this just proves salespeople do their best not to act like salespeople.

Much of the negative image accorded to salespeople comes from those who travel door to door. I always get a kick out of these folks and their little tricks.

I remember back in the late '70s when one company sent a very attractive young woman around the country to sell their fertilizer. Some of our local farmers had record crops that year. They finally bought enough fertilizer.

Just recently we had a fellow stop by to sell us some frozen food. He and my wife were standing in front of his truck talking when I got home from fishing, and I could tell he was not happy to see me.

This was a Saturday, so I hadn't shaved, and I don't dress very well when I go fishing. I may have looked a little rough around the edges.

"Come over here and look at this food," my wife said. "We were talking about getting some frozen chicken, and this man can sell us a combination of chicken and seafood for \$74."

"This is a special offer just for today," the sales guy said. "I'm not supposed to do this, but I can give you two of

these boxes for \$148 or I can split them into one box for

just \$74."

"Seventy-four dollars!?" I exclaimed. "How much does a box weigh?"

"Our company doesn't go by weight," he said. "We go by servings. There are 54 servings in a box."

"Fifty-four servings for a canary!" I thought to myself. The salesman waved a chicken breast in front of my nose and said, "This is all organic, free-range chicken. There are absolutely no chemicals in it."

I won't eat anything that doesn't have chemicals in it," I said flatly.

The salesman tried to laugh, but I could see it wasn't easy for him.

"Do you have a price list you can leave with us?" I asked.

"We don't do price lists. This is a special offer," he growled — as he folded up his boxes and headed for the back of his truck.

I walked back toward my boat and overheard the salesman mumble something about spending \$100 for gasoline to go buy our groceries. I should have gone back and told him how far the modern automobile will go on \$100 worth of gasoline.

I could have said, "I buy gas by the gallon, but my car uses very small servings."

I let him go, though. He looked like he'd had enough.

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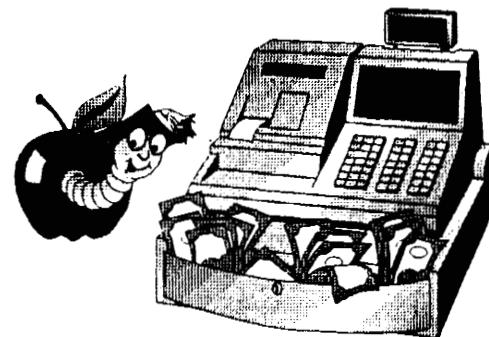
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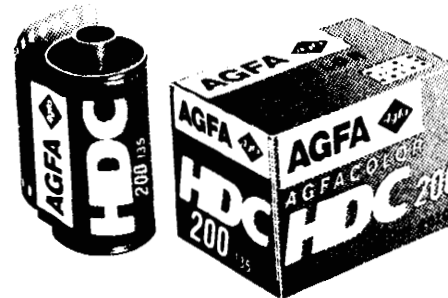


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# Rebuilding year

## Girls' problem: replacing champion relay teams

Like the boys' team, the Cass City High School girls' track team faces a rebuilding year and if Coach Larry Robinson's charges will better last year's mediocre record, a lot of younger thinslads will have to do it.

There are 9 lettermen returning on a 24-girl squad. The best of them include

Heather Hulburt, co-captain, who will win points in the hurdles and relays. Co-captain Rebecca Laming will compete in the distances, and Andrea Rea is a top shot putter.

Robinson points to heavy losses in the sprint relays as a problem. Gone is the team that posted a 1:44.34 and finished fourth in the state in the 800-meter while winning both the 400 and 800 at the Caro Meet of Champions. The runners lost are Amy Schelke, LeAnn Foster, Shivaughn Rayl and Andrea Cooper. Also missed will be Heather Dunn in the relays.

There are only 3 seniors on the squad, 2 of whom earned

letters last year. Other classes represented include 7 juniors, 4 sophomores and 10 freshmen.

In the Thumb C National, Robinson sees the USA girls joining the boys as the school to beat. Other teams rank in the following order, the coach feels: Bad Axe, Lakers, Cass City and Marlette.

# Boys' problem: find talent in inexperienced squad

Coach Larry Robinson and the Cass City High School boys' track team will register a moral victory if they can better last year's record.

Last year's record wasn't that sparkling with a 1-2 record in the Thumb National League and a 3-4 mark over all, but this year's squad has only 6 lettermen with 4 seniors, and only 2 of them have earned letters.

We are a very young team, but the attitude is pretty good, Robinson says, and we

will need a lot of hard work and patience.

The team will be looking toward Kurt Iwankovitsch in the shot put, where he was a state qualifier last year. Ray Meredith is expected to earn points in the shot and discus. Ryan Brinkman was a state qualifier in the hurdles and is expected to help in the hurdles and sprints. Chad Lenhard will help in the sprints and jumping events.

Robinson will need to find

replacements for a pair of top thinslads who graduated. Chris Revis piled up points for the Hawks in the distance events and the pole vault. Nick Bliss anchored the sprint events and was a team captain.

While there are few veterans and seniors, Robinson does have numbers to work with. There are 31 boys out for the team. Besides the 4 seniors, there are 7 juniors, 7 sophomores and 12 freshmen on the squad.

Looking ahead, Robinson sees USA as the team to beat, followed by Marlette, Bad Axe, Cass City and Lakers, in that order.



CASS CITY RED HAWK girls' track will be in a rebuilding year. Back row, from left: Dawn Polega, Lindsey Mills, Andrea Rea, Missy Jewett, Niah Hosner, Carrie Schmotzer, Phyllis Houck. Third row: Coach Johnson, Melanie Nizzola, Missy Butler, Sarah Babb, Heather Pomeroy. Second row: Susan O'Hara, Rachel Hoard, Jessica Markel. Front row: Heather Hulbert and Deanna Stine. Missing are: Shelly Ulfig, Amber Dunn, Rebecca Laming, Andrea Horn, Laura Truemner, Becky Oesch and Sheila Guilds.



CHARMONT LANES hosted the traveling Lock Clarkson Memorial bowling tournament over the weekend. Standing with the top 6 finishers is house representative Cindy Doerr-Joseph. The winners, from first to sixth, were: (from left) Brian Maurin - Harrison Twp., Ken VanArsdale - Lexington, Steve Hammett - Cass City, Bob Albrecht - Sandusky, Paul Faszczewski - Lexington, and Mark Navarro - Sandusky.

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April 7	Caro	A	4:00	
11	USA Inv.	A	4:00	
15	Bad Axe/Lakers	A	4:15	
18	Mayville Relay	A	3:00	
22	USA/BCAS	H	4:15	
26	Gavel Club	H	9:30	
29	Marlette	H	4:15	
May 2	Reese Inv.	A	4:00	
6	Mayville	H	4:15	
10	Hatchet Inv.	A	9:30	
13	League at USA	A	4:00	
17	Regionals	H	9:30	
20	Huron Meet of Champs	A	5:00	
27	Caro Meet of Champs	A	4:00	
31	State Meet	TBA		

## Honor roll at Kingston High

Kingston High School 3rd marking period honor roll.

### 12th GRADE

Carey Bastian, Jonathan Dereszynski, Shannon Jacques, David James, \*Stacey Jones, \*Devin Kelley, \*Emily King, \*Stephanie King, \*Jim Mallory, John McLaughlin, Amanda Mock, Juliana Paz, Dan Rayl, Jay Reynolds, Megan Roland, \*Meredith Roland, Lane Walker, Shawn Willis, Jodie Wisniewicz.

### 11th GRADE

Erin Astley, \*Cheryl Bishop, Andrew Harp, \*Lisa Kolacz, Heather Lester, \*Jamie Mallory, Jana Peter, \*Michael Rolando, Jennifer Ross, Tom Selby, Jared Terpenning, \*Dana Zyrowski.

### 10th GRADE

\*Matthew Borek, Tanya Brabo, Laura Collins, Nicholas Dupre, Amanda Farley, Roxanne Groosbeck, Bethany Gyomory, Helen Kelley, \*Bobbi King, \*Laura King, Lisa King, RaLonda Manning.

### 9th GRADE

Elizabeth Brief, William

## Evangelical sets second in film series

The Evangelical Free Church of Cass City will show the second in its Gary Smalley series, "Homes of Honor," Sunday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.

The topic, "Your Child's Personality Type," will be discussed at length by Smalley in an interesting and humorous style.

"Overcoming the Major Destroyer of Families," and "Providing Loving Support to Your Child," will be 2 subsequent titles covered in the remaining weeks of the series. For more information call 872-5060.



CASS CITY BOYS' TRACK team is predicted to end in the middle of the pack among Thumb C National teams this season. Top row, from left: Matt Gilliam, Matt Perry, Scott Moore, Adam Dorland, Wesley Gibbard, Jalal Khoury, Scott Rutkoski. Third row: Jason Wright, Steve McIntosh, Chris Dubay, Chad Wolschlager, Bryce VanVliet, Tory Glumac, Coach Jon Zdrojewski. Second row: D.J. Malone, Chad Lenhard, James Taylor, Josh Cherry. Front row: Kurt Russell, Kurt Iwankovitsch, Ray Meredith, Ryan Brinkman, Jeremy Powell.

Missing are Robert Angle, Jeff Cartwright, Jim Dale, Matt Derfiny, Bill Goodall, Ryan Downing, Aaron Bell, Shawn Klinkman.

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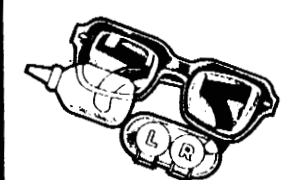
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# Bulldog softball, baseball teams set

## Owen-Gage Baseball/Softball 1997

April 10	Cass City*	Away	4:00
22	North Huron*	Away	4:00
24	Cassville*	Home	4:00
28	Peck	Away	4:00
May 1	Port Hope	Home	4:00
5	North Huron	Home	4:00
8	Cassville	Away	4:00
10	Akron-Fair. Tourn. SB Only		TBA
12	Akron-Fairgrove	Away	4:00
15	Kingston	Home	4:00
19	Carsonville Port-Sanilac	Away	4:00
21	Ubyly*	Away	4:00
27-30-31	Districts	Away	4:00

\*Non-Conference Games

OWEN-GAGE'S 1997 softball squad has NCTL title hopes. They are: Front (from left) Crystal Pillsbury, Melanie Lemanski, Cassie Vargo, Andrea Ziehm, Jamie Limberger, Amanda Hess. Middle (from left) Kristie Radabaugh, Tonya Smith, Melissa Vargo, Melissa Woolner, Nicole Warack, Melissa Albrecht. Back (from left) Coach Dean Roller, Amanda Salcido, Beth Nickerson, Jennifer Winchester, Kate Powers, Lisa Warack, Ann Warack. Missing are Lacey Gruber, Theresa Richmond and Crystal Maxson.



THE BULLDOG BASEBALL team has new leadership in first year Coach Brian Denhoff. They are: Front (from left) Jason Ramirez, Brad Koch, John Richmond, Bill Schlak, Chad Kundinger. Middle (from left) George Janssen, Anthony Brinkman, Derek Howard, Richard Papkey, Joe Salcido. Back (from left) Justin Anthes, Joel Bolzman, Chad Mellendorf, Ray Salcido, Coach Brian Denhoff.

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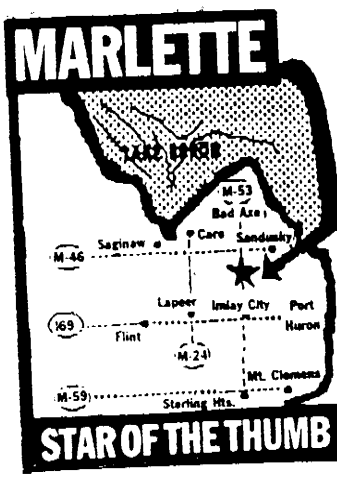
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## Owen-Gage girls gearing up for 1997 title run

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs have historically counted on contributions from underclassmen - Becky Howard, Susie Salcido, Angie Wildman - when making a run for the North Central Thumb League softball title. And that's exactly what Coach Dean Roller sees happening with his 1997 team. And although the underclassmen will need to contribute if the Bulldogs are to challenge Kingston for the league crown, the Dawgs are a team dominated by a fine core of senior athletes.

Senior Amanda Salcido returns with the team's top batting average. As a junior she tallied 23 runs and slugged .403 at the plate with 7 RBIs. Salcido can play a variety of positions and will see work in both the outfield and infield during the season. Salcido could also see spot duty on the rubber, according to Roller.

The Bulldogs will have a proven workhorse in Kate Powers handling most of the mound chores. Powers posted an impressive 2.68 ERA during 1996 and fanned 108 batters. Powers will often help her own cause on the mound as she posted a team best 32 RBIs last year. She held a .383 average.

Another senior, Beth Nickerson, also had big numbers a year ago. Nickerson helped Owen-Gage to a 14-

5 record with a .381 batting average that led to 12 RBIs and 6 stolen bases.

One void Roller will need to replace results from the graduation loss of Susie Roemer. Roemer batted over .400 in her final year and belted a team best 6 doubles. Roller will seek help from a list of freshmen to offset Roemer's offensive punch. "We have a nice crew of 9th graders," says Roller. "They'll have to be able to hit good pitching to win the league."

Untested, but swinging a good bat are freshmen Cassie Vargo and Melanie Lemanski, says Roller. Both will see playing time early in the campaign. Classmate Andrea Ziehm should work into the Bulldogs' limited pitching rotation.

Providing the long ball for Owen-Gage will be junior Tonya Smith. Smith collected 5 triples, a pair of doubles, and one round tripper as a sophomore.

When Owen-Gage opens its season Thursday in Cass City, Jennifer Winchester and Melissa Vargo will provide experience among the infielders. Vargo batted nearly .300 last year but fanned 11 times. Melissa Albrecht is another Bulldog slugger (.380 average, 21 singles) who needs to reduce her strikeout total.

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## Coach inherits experienced but young O-G team

The Owen-Gage baseball team will begin a new era Thursday when they open their 1997 season at Cass City in a non-conference twinbill.

After a brief 2-year stint, Brian Denhoff replaces Dave Cook as head of the Bulldog baseball program.

Denhoff will field an experienced, although young, squad. Four of Denhoff's top 5 returnees are all from the sophomore class.

Denhoff will sorely miss a group of seniors from last season that included Austin Brinkman, Joe Tkacz, Eric Deitzel, and Jason Anthes.

If Owen-Gage hopes to be competitive in the North Central Thumb League, sophomores Justin Anthes, Joel Bolzman, Chad Mellendorf and Joe Salcido will need to mature quickly. Each will be called upon to produce at the plate. Defensively, Salcido will anchor the infield at short stop, while Anthes will cruise the out-

field. Mellendorf and Bolzman will handle pitching and catching chores, respectively. When Mellendorf is not on the rubber for Owen-Gage, he should see action down the 3rd base line.

From the senior class, Denhoff can expect a solid showing at 2nd base from Chad Kundinger. Other seniors who will see duty among the infielders for Denhoff are Brad Koch and Jason Ramirez, who will see playing time at both corners. Seniors Bill Schlak and John Richmond will spend time defending the outfield for the Bulldogs. Schlak will also work behind the plate for Owen-Gage.

Owen-Gage has 4 freshmen on the squad and all have displayed promise in early workouts, according to Denhoff. Freshman George Janssen has demonstrated good control on the rubber and will see action on the mound for the Bulldogs.

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