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QUICK ACTION BY fire fighters helped to save the John Koepf home, 2557 Dodge Rd., where an electric heater ignited a couch in the basement last Wednesday morning. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

Quell 2 grass fires

Prompt work saves home

An electric heater is being blamed for a fire last Wednesday at the John Koepf residence, 2557 Dodge Rd., Cass City.

Elkland Township fire fighters were called to the home, located just north of Severance Rd., at about 7:30 a.m.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said the heater apparently ignited a nearby couch in the basement of the home. Fire

fighters quickly extinguished the blaze, preventing extensive damage to the residence, according to the fire chief, who estimated damage at \$1,000.

Elkland Township firemen were assisted by the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department.

Also over the past week, fire fighters were called to the scenes of 2 grass fires, both reported Saturday.

Pawloski said the first alarm sounded in the afternoon and involved a blaze that scorched 10 acres at 7820 Shabbona Rd. The fire originated from a pile of trash or grass being burned near the residence, he said.

A second alarm came in at 10:30 p.m. at 3183 Englehart Road, where fire fighters extinguished a brush/debris pile being burned by a resident.

New officer hired

Seek enforcement of Main St. park limit

Cass City Village Council members welcomed the newest addition to the village police department Monday night.

Officer Lee D. Pavlichek, 28, of Unionville was introduced by Police Chief Gene Wilson during the council's monthly meeting.

Pavlichek, a full-time officer who will begin his duties next month, was hired thanks to a Community Oriented Policing Services Universal Hiring Program grant of \$75,000 awarded to the village.

The grant, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, will pay up to 75 percent of his salary and benefits for a 3-year period.

Pavlichek, a Sebawaing native, is graduating this month from Saginaw Valley State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice. He is also graduating from the Delta College Police Academy.

He previously served as a military police officer in the U.S. Army from August 1986 through August 1993, and he is a member of the Michigan Army National Guard.

In all, 34 people applied for the job, according to Wilson. Twenty-two candidates took the police exam, and 11 of those passed. The field of candidates was then narrowed to 3.

Pavlichek joins a department headed up by 3 full-time officers: Wilson and Sergeants Don Miller and Craig Haynes. The local department also employs 8 part-time officers.

Turning to other matters, the council heard some suggestions from businessman Gerald Prieskorn, who asked that the village install some informational signs, including one noting the availability of a public bathroom in the municipal building.

Prieskorn also asked that signs noting the location of the village police department and its hours, and business hours at the municipal building be posted. Also needed



Lee Pavlichek

is another Hospital direction sign at the corner of Church and Seeger Streets, he said.

Prieskorn told the council some Main Street businesses continue to abuse the 2-hour parking limit, despite installation of signs. He asked if the village is enforcing the

limit.

Wilson said his officers are responding to complaints turned in at the municipal building.

When the updated parking ordinance was approved, village President L.E. Althaver pointed out, the council agreed the police department didn't have the manpower to patrol strictly for parking abuses.

Finally, Prieskorn noted that he's witnessed a couple of cars and/or equipment being parked on Main Street sidewalks, and he asked the village to keep tabs on what is happening with the Sommers and Shteler buildings, which were gutted by fire and are now the targets of some minor vandalism.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday,

the council:

•Acknowledged receipt of a \$2,500 contribution by the Cass City United Way. The money will be used for pool repairs as requested by local United Way officials.

•Approved a 25-year lease extension between the village and Cass City Public Schools for use of the football stadium and field, track, baseball and softball fields. The school's cost remains the same at \$1 per year.

The current lease won't expire until the year 2000. However, school officials requested an early extension due to plans for major improvement projects to the facilities.

•Approved the slate of 1997 village appointments, including the reappointment of Scott Kelley, Gary Jones, William Krizman and L.E. Please turn to back page.



GROUND WAS BROKEN last week at the site of the new Kranz Funeral Home, which will be located just east of Cass City. Attending the ceremony were (from left) owners Jim and Debra Kranz, Chuck Racette of Capac State Bank, Curt Strickland of Thumb National Bank, and builder Robin King.

All-expense paid trip

Garety honored as member of student research team

Maria Garety's summer vacation plans include travel, days at the beach, hanging out with friends, a 2-week expedition to the Pacific Northwest to help scientists collect data on an old-growth Douglas-fir forest.

Garety, a junior at Cass City High School, is one of only 70 high school students nationwide who have been awarded scholarships to participate in research expeditions organized by Earthwatch, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit volunteer organization.

Participating students will voyage to scientific field stations in Alaska, Costa Rica,



California, Oregon and the Southwest.

The program, developed by Earthwatch and funded by the Durfee Foundation of Los Angeles, gives talented students an opportunity to work directly with scientists whose ideas and use of new technologies are driving forward the understanding of human biology, prehistoric cultures and the natural world.

Teams of 6 to 10 students will spend up to 3 weeks, with all travel and site expenses covered, assisting scientific investigations as diverse as sequencing the DNA of genes involved in hereditary diseases, and assessing the impacts of sea level rise

on wetland habitats in coastal estuaries.

Garety, along with 7 other students from Florida, Massachusetts, Georgia, South Carolina, New Jersey, Iowa and Virginia, will participate in Integrated Ecosystem Research at the Wind River Canopy Crane Facilities, Washington, July 30-July 13.

EXCITING

"It's exciting," commented Garety, 17, who was nominated for the scholarship by Cass City biology teacher Nancy Weippert. "I love biology, I love science and

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Construction starts for funeral home in May

Construction of the new Kranz Funeral Home is slated to begin next month on a 4.5-acre site just east of Cass City.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held early last week, with owners Jim and Debra Kranz digging up the first shovelful of soil at the site, located south of M-81 between Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the former Sherman's Restaurant.

The couple, who own and operate Little and Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and Kranz Funeral Home in Kingston, say construction of the new facility could take up to a year.

The new complex will be impressive, judging by architect renderings.

The 2-story brick building will be 33 feet high and feature 12-foot high ceilings. The structure, which will include living quarters, will total 10,000 square feet of

space.

"The building will be pretty much on the east side of the lot, with parking on the west side," Jim Kranz said, noting the lot will accommodate nearly 60 cars.

Debra Kranz said the ample parking space will be especially welcome. Lining up a funeral procession is risky business at the current location, 6358 W. Main St., she explained, because traffic on M-81 often fails to slow down until it reaches the downtown area.

Jim indicated the new facility will dwarf the current funeral home. For example, the main chapel will be constructed in such a way that it can be divided into 3 separate 900-square-foot viewing areas, each larger than the chapel currently used. The additional space will allow the facility to handle 3 families at one time with no problem at all, Debra Kranz commented.

For computer generated picture of new building see page 7

The new funeral home will also feature a casket and cremation selection area, as well as a monument display area.

The couple said they will continue to offer a full range of funeral services, including a library used to help educate both adults and children on death and dying and the grief process. "We're also going to try to get more into pre-arrangement," Jim said.

As for the existing funeral home, the Kranzes are still weighing their options.

Suggestions for possible uses of the building include a retirement/foster care home, office space and apartments. But no decision has been made yet, the couple

said. When the move is made, it will mark the end of a long funeral home tradition at 6358 Main St.

The Kranzes purchased Little's Funeral Home from Roger and Bev Little in October 1994. The Littles' involvement in the funeral home dates back to March 1946, when the late Harry Little purchased the business from Hugh Monroe.

Roger Little worked at the funeral home for awhile before leaving to work in the metro area. He rejoined his father in 1969. Upon the death of his father, in 1974, Roger Little took over management and ownership until his retirement in 1994.



AUCTIONEER CLARK HILLAKER is at work Saturday helping to settle the estate of Esther McCullough. A significant portion from the 2-day sale will be added to the Rawson Memorial Library endowment fund. Authorities were not prepared to estimate, but half of the net proceeds will go to the fund.



Marilyn and Joe Szarapski

Abfalter-Szarapski wedding announced

The parents of Marilyn and Joe Szarapski announce the marriage of their children. Marilyn is the daughter of Beatrice Abfalter of Gageton and the late Frank Abfalter. Joe is the son of Norma and Richard Szarapski of Cass City.

The couple were married Feb. 8, 1997, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City. Father Paul Bala officiated at the service.

The bride chose a formal gown of white glazed taffeta. The gown featured an off the shoulder neckline trimmed with pearls, long pointed sleeves, fitted bodice with alencon lace and pearls. A full ballgown skirt fell from the dropped waist. It was trimmed with alencon lace

and fell to a royal cathedral train. A pearlized crown secured the silk illusion fingertip veil.

Matron of honor was Terri Coleman. Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Janet, Darleen and Melody Abfalter.

Tom Coleman was best man. Groomsmen were Mike Horne, Brent Szarapski, brother of the groom, and Robert Abfalter, brother of the bride.

Flower girl was Kellee Sweeney and ring bearer was Tristen Coleman. Paul Szarapski, brother of the groom, was usher.

A reception for about 375 people was held at the VFW Hall in Cass City.

Cass City Social Items

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Sandy and Andy Welter of Dayton, Ohio, spent the weekend with her parents, Stan and Melva Guinther. Shelley, Drew and Spencer Guinther of Cranberry Township, Pa., came Sunday and are spending this week with the Guinthers. Mark Guinther was on a business trip to the west coast.

Marriage licenses

Carleton Joseph Norris Jr., Mt. Morris, and Katherine Ann Norris, Millington.

Scott Richard Laeder, Harrison Township, and Kathryn Anne Nelson, Reese.

Scott Thomas Girard, Saginaw, and Dawn Lynn Cooper, Mayville.

Arthur James Mullin and Margaret Ann Gilmore, both of Vassar.

Michael Matthew Sipes and Bridget Lee Huizar, both of Vassar.

Mathew George Ayotte and Wendy Kay Graham, both of Vassar.

Carl Bernhardt Rupprecht and Ann Marie MacDonald, both of Vassar.

Richard Chris Laethem and Stacy Layne O'Connor, both of Caro.

Correction

In the Russell wedding reported in last week's paper, the miniature bride was Andrea Badgley, daughter of Tracey Parish of Kalamazoo and James Russell Jr.

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Meg's Peg

Why?

by Melva E. Guinther

It's probably more accurate to say we're wading, rather than surfing the net. In my own case, it's more like just sticking a big toe into the Cyberspace pool.

While we may not be computer whizzes, at least we're smart enough to make sure our purchase of a new computer, the installation of software, etc., coincide with visits from our kids, who are.

They manage to set us up quite nicely, just as if we knew what we were doing.

As we become more comfortable with the internet, we'll undoubtedly find lots of interesting column fodder. In the meantime, the kids keep us supplied.

Our daughter, Sandy Welter, gave us this list of thought provoking questions.

- * Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor when you can't drink and drive?
- * Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?
- * Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
- * Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?
- * Why are cigarettes sold in gas stations when smoking is prohibited there?
- * Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?
- * How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work in the morning?
- * If 7-11 is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?
- * If nothing ever sticks to teflon, how do they make teflon stick to the pan?
- * If you're in a vehicle go-

ing the speed of light, what happens when you turn on the headlights?

- * Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
- * Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
- * Why is it that when you transport something by car it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo?
- * You know that little indestructible black box that is used on planes? Why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?
- * Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?
- * If ignorance is bliss, why aren't there more happy people in the world?

In a story about my husband's retirement last week, Editor Tom Montgomery wrote that there wouldn't be any dancing in the street. Well, we didn't take into account the women from the General Cable office.

Setting out to prove him wrong, a group of them lined up in the street outside Stan's office and did a little dance for him on his last day at work.

The management at Cable also decreed that the vending machines would be free to all employees Friday in honor of Stan's 37+ years there. Nice gesture!

Now we have to wonder if all of it was really a tribute, or if they were that happy to be getting rid of him.

Owen-Gage seniors have 2 dinner meets

Thirty-two seniors attended the potluck dinner at the Methodist Church, Gageton, April 3. After dinner, a short meeting was held. The Lord's Prayer and pledge to the flag were given. Guest, Hazel Kramer, was introduced, and the secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Happy birthday was sung for Les Beach, Virginia Anthes, Gerri Schobert, and Wilma Ashmore.

Get well cards were mailed to Mary Wald, and a donation was given for the memory of Louise Ashmore.

The door prizes were won by Nettie Doan and Phil Guza.

The meeting was adjourned and bingo and cards were played.

The Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met Thursday, April 17, at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bach, for their Spring dinner prepared by the Ladies Aid of the church. Thirty-two including one guest, Kathy Bezeneh, attended. Table prayer was

given by Ruth Kaake.

The door prizes were won by Bob Schell and Audrey Frankowski.

The committee for May includes: Audrey Cummings, Beverly Louks, Mike and Stella Pisarek.

The Ladies Aid were thanked for their dinner and the meeting was adjourned.

Euchre winners were: men's high, Homer Kretzschmer. Low, Louis Ouvry. Women's high: Iva Webb. Low, Gerri Schobert. The traveling prize was won by Phil Guza.

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There is no admission charge for this event, but a free-will offering will be taken at intermission time. All proceeds will go to support the 1997 Christmas In July project, which will repair the homes of low-income citizens in Caro, Vassar and Mayville.

Christmas In July (known as Christmas In April elsewhere in the country) is an all-volunteer effort on the part of concerned local citizens to help their less-fortunate neighbors improve their homes and their ways of life.

In Tuscola County, there is currently a great need for volunteers as well as donations to help support the project. Those who would like more information, or who would like to volunteer their time, talent or treasure, are invited to call President Mike Partlo or Board Member Dale Perz at (517) 673-4121.

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Steve Frank has tuned pianos for 50 years

Steve Frank hasn't advertised his services in years, but he has little trouble keeping busy.

In fact, at 71 years of age, Frank is careful about not taking on more work than he can handle. Still, the personable Cass City man finds it difficult to turn down requests from piano owners in need of his skills, backed by years of experience.

Frank recently marked his 50th year as a piano tuner. "I can hardly believe that 50 years have rolled on by. It doesn't seem possible," he recently commented at his Seger Street home.

The Thumb native, who considers himself "semi-retired," said he started tuning pianos at age 21 or 22. "I was just a young gaffer," he recalled, grinning.

"When I was in school, I was studying piano, and we were in the second World War. The few piano tuners there were went into the factories."

The shortage of piano tuners prompted Frank to learn the trade in order to keep his own piano in top shape. He spent a year studying piano tuning at a school in Washington, D.C.

Frank still has the miniature piano tuner certificate he earned. He keeps the document tucked in his wallet, but no one has ever asked to see it.

"I had no intention of doing it commercially, but

when I got back, everybody had the same problem; there were no piano tuners," he said, adding one thing led to another, and before he knew it he was making house calls.

EXCITING

"It has been pleasant, interesting and sometimes exciting," he continued. "On one job, when the furnace came on, it exploded and blew the top off of the furnace. The flames were going right for the floor joists," recalled Frank, who along with the lady of the house located the fuse box and managed to shut down the furnace. "It could have ended in a real disaster."

On another occasion out in the country, Frank said, a 92-year-old gentleman had gone for a walk in the woods and didn't return. His daughter became concerned and went looking for him. She found him lying in a mud hole, unable to get up.

Frank said he immediately offered to go and help the woman. "(We) slowly helped the gentleman up and slowly proceeded back towards the house," he said. A TV serviceman, meanwhile, had stopped at the house and came with his truck to help.

"We cleaned the mud up and put him into clean, dry clothes and into bed, as he was thoroughly chilled."

Aside from tuning pianos, Frank taught music to students of all ages for many

years in Cass City. An accordion player who had his own dance band for a time, he also taught guitar and violin, as well as piano and organ. For more than 20 years, he owned and operated his own music store, in the building that now houses Tommy's Pizzeria.

Today, Frank concentrates on his specialty — working on pianos, whether in someone's home, a school or church. The years have enabled him to finely hone his skills. However, he pointed out, "You never get to the point where you've learned it all.

NOT PITCH PERFECT

"A piano is actually not tuned perfectly. You have to give it a few extra beats to balance the temperament," he explained. "If you set the first 12 notes perfectly, certain chords will be out of tune. It would sound terrible. That's why they say someone with perfect pitch wouldn't make a good piano tuner."

Frank said one key to being a good piano tuner is training the ear to detect increases and decreases in the vibrations of a piano string. And while tuning is important, it's also important to understand the functions of the keys, hammers and other elements of the instrument.

The piano is a very intricate machine, he said. "They claim that each piano has

over 9,000 parts when it's completed."

Frank noted a piano string can have a breaking strength of over 2,000 pounds. "By the time you have tuned it to concert pitch," he added, "you have 18 tons of stress on a piano."

Failure to understand the instrument has resulted in some poor results for piano owners who allow an inexperienced tuner into their homes. The same is true for unscrupulous piano tuners who charge for parts they don't replace.

Frank said he has seen a number of instances where a piano owner has been taken. "I've never pulled any of that stuff because I could never live with myself. You've got to be careful who you let come in and work on them. You better make sure they're qualified."

"There are no 2 (pianos) alike. Some of them, boy, they're a pistol to find out what the problem is."

Frank said he spends just under an hour tuning a piano that has been well maintained, although "most average an hour and a half to 2 hours." His fee for the service is \$40, but he never charges for mileage.

THOROUGH JOB

In years past, he typically would tune as many as 3 pianos in a day, but he prefers to do only one or two. And each one receives a complete inspection before any work is done. "Some guys do 6 (pianos a day), but you can't spend much time with a piano that way."

"I have had pianos that I've resurrected that no one else would have anything to do with."

Looking back, Frank said his career has been special in that it has taken him to places and allowed him to meet people that the average person never gets to encounter.

He has worked with a number of well-known entertainers, including violinist Dave Rubinoff, Tammy Wynette, Rick Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Leroy VanDyke and Jeanie C. Riley. Typically, the job offers were the result of someone knowing his reputation.

Frank has always made it a rule never to ask for an autograph because, he explained, "when you do, you become a fan instead of an acquaintance."

Frank grimaces at the thought of retiring completely from his trade. "I hate to see it coming, but I might have to some day," he said.

"Some folks ask, 'Who will we get when you don't do this anymore?' The reply is, 'Somewhere out there, there is someone that will take my place!'"

Frank's shoes will be hard to fill, according to Don Greenleaf, a Cass City pianist who has seen Frank's work first-hand.

"He's done some really tremendous things over the years," commented Greenleaf, who recalled the Baptist Church ordering a Hammond organ from a New Jersey firm some 30 years ago. During shipping, the organ literally shook apart inside, he said.

"(Frank) spent days and weeks putting that together, wire by wire. It was really something."

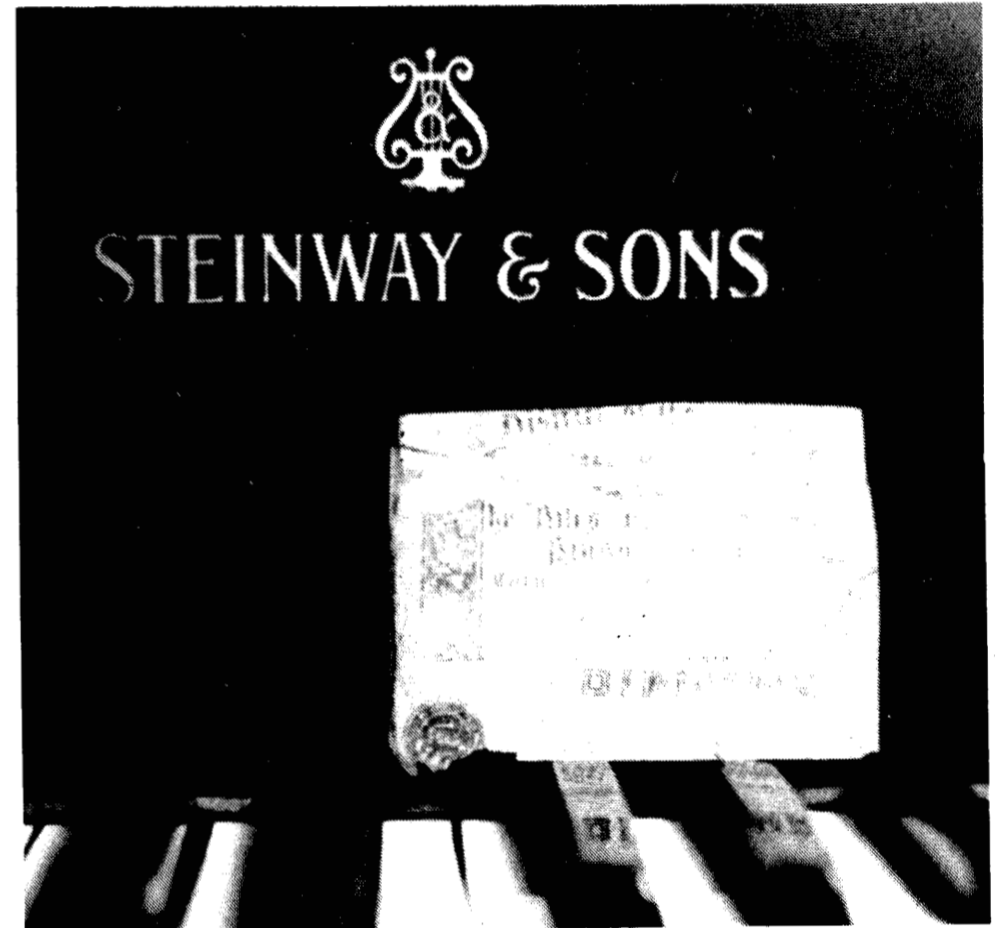
"He will try to do anything. He's always nice and reasonable — he never overcharged," Greenleaf added. "If you needed him, he was always there."

"You didn't have to wait very long for him to come," said Jan Moore, a local music teacher who also has enlisted Frank's services. "I would say he is very particular about his work."

"I've enjoyed it. I really have," Frank concluded. "I've loved every minute of it."



CASS CITY'S STEVE Frank recently marked 50 years as a piano tuner, serving residents throughout the Thumb and beyond, as well as some well-known musicians and recording artists, including Dave Rubinoff, Tammy Wynette, Rick Nelson, Loretta Lynn and Jeanie C. Riley.



STEVE FRANK WAS in his early 20s when he earned this card certifying him as a piano tuner. But throughout his long career, no one ever asked to see the credentials.

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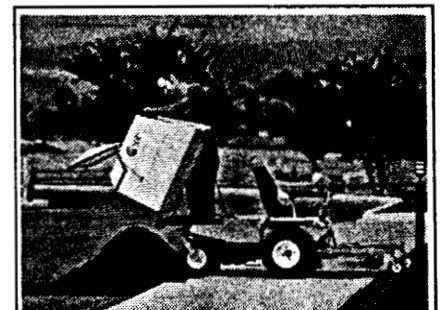
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Mr. and Mrs. David Freebe are the parents of a 7-pound daughter, Megan Ann, born at Bay Medical Sunday. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Freebe of Auburn and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe. Great-grandmothers are Mildred Edward of Bad Axe, Mrs. Sturm of Auburn and Mrs. Curtis Cleland, Sharon Sturgil, son David and a friend, Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe and Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Freebe and daughter Megan at Bay Medical Monday.

home of Dan and Mary Ritter and family at Elkton. Other guests were Marge and Jim Ritter and Erna, and Frances Tschirhart. Lana Puterbaugh and Kalyn were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr. Twelve members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Oliver T's for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at Stafono's next week. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Corbishley, Charles and Christopher in Bad Axe. Allen Farrelly and Laura Kulish had dinner at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Saturday and later visited Sophie Schwartz in Ubyly. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence

Rumptz went to the Schultz Funeral Home in Detroit Thursday to pay respects to Joe Hefner. Greg and Susan Krozek and family of Kinde, Bob and Carol Osentoski and family, Richard and Cindy Depcinski and family were Saturday evening guests of Ray and Reta Depcinski for a birthday party for Reta Depcinski. Carol Osentoski made and decorated the birthday cake for her mother. Reta received calls from their daughters, Janet Commings of Fountain Hills, Ariz., and Betty Myers of Gladwin. Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn, Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Jeff Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Tuesday evening cake and ice cream guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr in honor of Mrs. Jim Doerr's birthday. A number of people attended a crafts party at the home of Allen Farrelly Thursday evening. Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Sunday supper guest of Reva Silver. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt came home Friday from a 3-month trip to Mesa, Ariz., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McDonald, Sandy McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lantz, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shagena in Sedona, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Karg and family spent a week with the Hewitts in Arizona. Allen Farrelly was a Friday guest of Laura Kulish. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton returned home Monday after spending 2 weeks with Dr. and Mrs. John Zauner at Los Altos, Calif. Violet Holdwick of Harbor Beach was a Thursday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski. Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford, who is spending

the winter in Cape Coral, Fla., visited Mrs. Doug Cleland and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cleland at Silver Springs, Fla., and Mike Comas and Scott at Clearwater, Fla., Thursday and Friday. Dan Bukowski of Lake Orion was a Sunday overnight and Monday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumptz. Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Marchand of Waterford are spending a few days at their home here. Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski. Nancy Spencer of Cass City was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Frances Laurence and Mrs. Gerald Wills Thursday. Lois Wolschlagel and Reta Depcinski attended the Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe and the dinner at Oswald Hall honoring the 60th anniversary of The Daughters of Isabella Sunday. Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser. Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had Monday dinner at Stafono's in Bad Axe. Gary Wills of Port Austin was a Saturday afternoon guest of Mrs. Gerald Wills. Aileen Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Armistead of Schwartz Creek were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser. Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orbin Wilkins at Pontiac. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Rees in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Eggert of Port Hope were Tuesday evening guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kolar of Cass City were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena. Mrs. Bill Bredow was a Thursday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumptz visited Ty Myzk at Elkton and Mrs. Ty Myzk at the Sunny Acres Nursing Home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland were supper guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland Saturday evening.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Three area teens were injured Monday afternoon when the pickup truck they were riding in left Elmwood Road and rolled over 2 1/2 times in a field about 3 miles northwest of Cass City. Injured were Jami Sting, 16, Gagetown, her brother, Joshua J. Sting, 15, Deford, and Mark W. Rockwell, 15, of Decker. Elsie Hicks, veteran Tuscola County official who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mary Lou Burns as district 2 commissioner, has announced that she will seek reelection on the Republican ticket.

who took part in the 6th annual program. Brewster Shaw Jr. is scheduled to make a third "official" return visit to his hometown May 7 and 8. Shaw, 41, a veteran of 2 space shuttle flights, will make a presentation on National Aeronautics and Space Administration efforts May 7 in the Cass City High School gymnasium. Easter Sunday, 126 were present at the sunrise service at Salem UM Church. Around 67 enjoyed the breakfast served by the Progressive Class.

The boys won the Merchants "B" League with a combined score of 2818. They are Dale Ashmore, 21, Karl Zawilinski, 18, Ralph Retherford, 19, Craig Ryland, 19, and Marty Zawilinski, 20.

35 YEARS AGO

Carl Palmateer, 30, of Caro was selected by the Cass City Village Council as the new Cass City Police Chief at a special meeting held Friday night at the Municipal Building. Relief man for Palmateer will be Bill McKinley of Cass City, who has worked on a part-time basis for the village before.

Gary Guilds, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guilds, Cass City, is recovering rapidly after being listed in critical condition the past week from an accidental gunshot wound Monday, April 23. One of the longest held Board of Education posts will be vacated next June with the end of President Lester Ross' current 4-year term. Ross has announced that he will not seek reelection.

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City's first village superintendent has resigned after 15 months directing the affairs of Cass City. Jim Blades is resigning effective Friday and will move to Baldwin, where he will be a partner with his father in a small manufacturing plant.

The 13th annual Harold Ferguson Memorial Award was presented to Becky Loomis Friday night by band Director George Bushong. The presentation was made at the Band Boosters Award Banquet held at the high school, with about 250 attending. All 4 prizes were given to Cass City talent Saturday night at the intermediate school when the Lions Club held their 6th annual show. Mary Wagner, singing before a crowd of about 250, took first prize with 2 solos. She won \$75. Second place went to the Discovery Singers, a 3 girl group consisting of Mary Wagner, Becky Loomis and Lynn Rayl. They received \$50. Kay Loomis took third place and \$25 with a song, and Paul Kerbyson received fourth place honors for his piano playing.

Charmont Restaurant was the scene for the 100th birthday celebration for Mabel Brian. Twenty-nine friends and relatives attended a luncheon in her honor Saturday. Jim Freiburger and Joe Merchant gave a musical salute to Miss Brian, playing Celtic music and American folk tunes on the dulcimer and guitar. Fire razed a barn at the Dan Weiss Home on McGregory Road, about 3/4 mile north of Cass City Road Monday. Also destroyed were some tools and a station wagon. Erika E. Grubba, daughter of Edward Grubba of Deford and Cynthia Wilcox of Detroit, has been named Kingston High School valedictorian. Jodi Sue Swallow, daughter of Cheryl Swallow of Deford and Gary Swallow of Deckerville, has been named salutatorian.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City residents protested plans for a 48-unit apartment proposed on a 6-acre village-owned tract in the southeast corner of the village, adjacent to Cass City Apartments. A Cass City Intermediate School 8th grader has been named among the top 450 students in a special "talent search" who scored better than 90 percent of college-bound seniors on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The pupil, Chris Fruendt, is one of nearly 23,000 junior high students in the midwest, including 8 Cass City Intermediate School students.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended a bridal shower for Melissa Wolschlagel at the Ubyly Fox Hunters hall Sunday. After dinner was served, gifts were opened. Names were drawn and prizes were given. Melissa will become the bride of Paul McDonald.

Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had dinner at the Peppermill Monday and at Coral Gables Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fibrantz of Linkville were Monday guests of Mrs. Gerald Wills. Allen Farrelly attended the Wednesday evening Men's Bowling League banquet at Whitey's in Ubyly Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry Sunday evening.

Betty and Bryce Hagen, Sharlene and Dennis Hagen were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Jan Hagen and daughter Diann at Grosse Point Woods Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski went to the Ramsey Funeral home in Harbor Beach Thursday evening to pay respects to Allen Booms.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly were Tuesday afternoon guests of Cheryl Allen. Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Marion Dorman Thursday afternoon.

Thirteen members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at Oliver T in Bad Axe next week.

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Hawk teams bow in dual meet

North Branch successfully defends Gavel Club Invitational track crown

Defending champion North Branch made it 2 titles in a row Saturday as the Broncos narrowly defeated Frankenmuth in the annual Jack and Jill Gavel Invitational at Cass City Recreational Park.

The Broncos topped the Eagles by a slender point and a half, 75-73.5. Others in order of finish were: Yale, 73; Bad Axe, 63; Marlette, 54; Cass City 37.5, and Imlay City, 25.

Three new records were set. Marlette's mark of 465 feet, 3 inches in the discus broke the record of 433 feet, 3 inches set by the Lakers in 1994.

Frankenmuth cracked the previous record in the 4x600 of 6:50.9 set by Bad Axe in 1991 with a mark of 6:44.56. It was one of 2 records set in the opening Gavel meet that still remained.

Caro's shuttle hurdle mark

of 1:13.22 set in 1994 fell to North Branch's 1:10.3.

USA MEET

Cass City's boys' and girls' teams were victims of strong USA teams and the visiting Patriots had little trouble notching a pair of wins over the young Hawk squads.

The boys were defeated 111-52 as the Patriots won all but 3 events, led by Dan Sweetman, who won 3 field

events and the 200-meter race.

Cass City won the 400-meter relay with James Taylor, Adam Dorland, Chad Lenhard and Ryan Brinkman in 47.61. Kurt Iwankovitsch took the shot put with a toss of 46 feet, 3 1/4 inches, and Dorland's 10-foot jump won the pole vault.

Cass City had 5 second place winners, 7 third place winners and 6 fourth place winners.

The girls bowed to USA, 114 to 37. The Cass City

girls also won 3 events, but did not have as many athletes taking points in the second, third and fourth places.

Andrea Rea set a new meet track record in the shot put, winning the event with a toss of 34 feet, 7 1/4 inches. She also won the discus with a toss of 94 feet, 11 inches.

Rounding out the victories for the Hawks was Heather Hulbert, who took the 100-meter hurdles in 18.38.

The Hawks had just 2 seconds, 5 thirds and 6 fourths in the match.



TAKING THE BATON from Sarah Babb during Saturday's Gavel Club Relays is Chad Lenhard. The Hawks' 4x200-relay team collected a 4th place medal.



RED HAWK Andrea Rea collected a first place finish Tuesday in the shot put against visiting USA with a toss of 34' 7 1/4". Rea also won the discus with a toss of 94' 11".

Winning 4-member teams

Odd-Mid. Dist. - Frankenmuth, 9:59.83. Nathan Hildner, Paul Phillips, Lindsey Jenniches.

4x600 - Frankenmuth, 6:44.56. New record. Nathan Hildner, Ausha Barbel, Paul Phillips, Lindsey Jenniches.

Even-Mid. Dist. - Frankenmuth, 8:14.65. Ausha Barbel, Nathan Hildner, Paul Phillips, Kristen Dale.

Shuttle Hurdle - N. Branch, 1:10.30. New record. Erica Walls, Doug Seybert, Molly Machinski, Scott Bennett.

Dist. Medley - N. Branch, 12:32.85. Mindy Warren, Lisa Driskeu, Don Hutchinson, Brian Wilson.

Gavel relay - N. Branch, 2:39.26. Molly Machinski, Charles Lunsford, Matt Groce, Makenzie Kreiner.

4x200 - N. Branch, 1:44.68. Matt Groce, Molly Machinski, Laci Christiansen, Charles Lunsford.

4x100 - Bad Axe, 50.11. Marc Cregueur, Nicole Mausolf, Katie Mantey, James Johnson.

Sprint Med. - Bad Axe, 2:21.19. Nicole Mausolf, James Johnson, Katie Mantey, Ken Maschke.

Long Jump - Marlette, 65'6". Nathan Sowa, Dave Perales, Michele Borek, Maureen Murray.

High Jump - Marlette, 21'1/2". Melanie Rushing, Amy Smith, Tom Kolenda, Dave Perales.

Discus - Marlette, 465'3". New record. Amy Smith, Maureen Murray, Dale Cowper, Jason Andrich.

Shot Put - Yale, 155'1". Tim Schneider, Ted Connin, Meghann Dorada, Colleen Friesberg.

4x300 - Yale, 2:56.4. Amy Doughty, Mike Hillyard, Rebecca Maurin, Erich Dams.

Medal winners for Cass City

High Jump (4th) Shelly Ulfig, Deanna Stine, Jason Wright, Chad Lenhard.

Shuttle Hurdle (4th) Heather Hulbert, Scott Moore, Heather Pomeroy, Ryan Brinkman.

4x200 Team (4th) James Taylor, Shelly Ulfig, Sarah Babb, Chad Lenhard.

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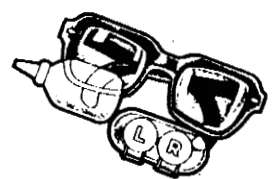
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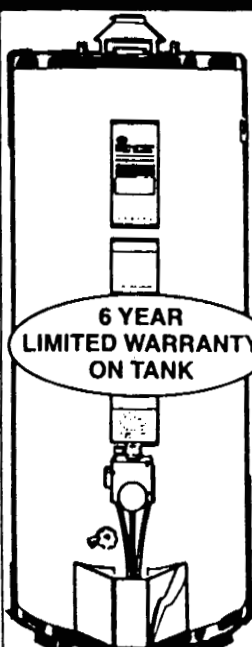
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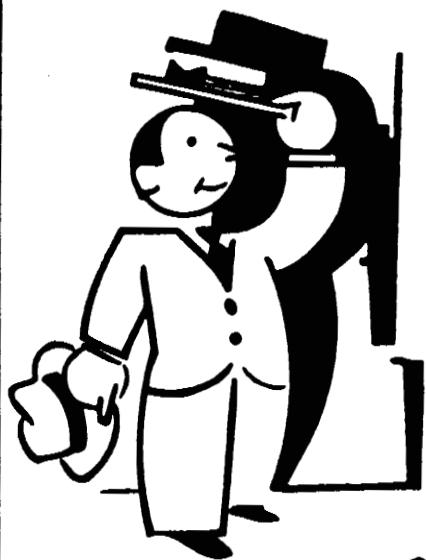
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