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## Caro man faces prison after fatal car crash

A Caro man faces up to 15 years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,500 to \$10,000 in connection with a fatal Memorial Day traffic accident that claimed the life of a Livonia man.

David L. Hall, 38, pleaded guilty last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death.

A motion to dismiss 2 other charges — homicide-manslaughter with a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense — was taken under advisement by the court.

Bond in the case was continued at \$250,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

According to police reports, Hall was westbound on Dutcher Road in Almer Township when he ran a stop sign at the Colling Road intersection and collided with a vehicle driven by George C. Christie, 36, of Livonia, then struck a third vehicle.

Christie later died of his injuries. Four other people, including 2 children, were treated for minor injuries.

In other recent circuit court proceedings:

•Stewart L. Gagnon, 47, Caro, pleaded innocent to a charge of failure to register as a sex offender Oct. 15 in Indianfields Township.

Bond was continued at \$3,000. A pre-trial hearing is to be set.

•Michael O. Morrison, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to attempted breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny May 31 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Shawn C. Parker, 34, Caro, pleaded innocent to domestic violence, second offense, and malicious destruction of police property May 27 in Caro, and being an habitual offender (second offense).

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled.

•Rodney Sutphin, 34, Fostoria, received a one-year

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## Friend's visit minimizes fire loss

A well-timed visit from a friend may have saved a home in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township Friday night.

Assistant Elkland Township Fire Chief Don Root said a friend of Scott Priestley, 6485 W. Severance Rd., Decker, stopped by Priestley's single-story house sometime around 7 p.m. No one was home, but the friend saw smoke in the residence and called 911.

Root said an electrical outlet is suspected in a fire that ignited in the kitchen area. A portion of a wall burned and there was significant smoke damage, but fire fighters quickly contained and extinguished the blaze.

Damage is estimated at \$4,500 to \$5,000, according to Root, who said Priestley is insured.

Elkland Township firemen remained at the scene for about 2 hours. They were assisted by fire fighters from the Lamotte and Argyle Township fire departments.



**RICH BIRD, a paramedic and member of the Mobile Medical Response team, serves Cass City on a 24-hour rotating basis.**

## Paramedic improves emergency service

With little fanfare, the service offered by MMR, Mobile Medical Response Inc., that serves Cass City has been markedly upgraded, Director Randy Gerber and Dee McKrow, president at Hills and Dales General Hospital, agreed.

Since June 1 the community has had the services of a paramedic on duty 24 hours a day together with an emergency medical technician (EMT).

Previously the mobile unit had been staffed by 2 EMTs.

The paramedic comes to Cass City from Saginaw and stays for 24 hours, when he is replaced on a rotating basis with other paramedics within the company, Gerber said.

What that means to the patients, Gerber explained, is

that patients may receive on board EKG tests and advanced medications. The ambulances will carry advanced patient airway control equipment.

It's a very important advance in our patient care, McKrow said.

The added care is one of 2 important facets of emergency care now in motion.

### CONTROL BOARD

The second is the establishment of a medical control board for Tuscola County. The state has mandated that each county have a control board, Gerber said, and in this county we have been working under the auspices of the Lapeer County board.

Basically, McKrow explained, the Lapeer people

have said it's time for us to operate on our own.

I have been working with Pat Miller, CEO of Caro Community Hospital, and a committee to get our board established, she said.

The committee has been meeting regularly and the 16-member unit includes a cross section of police and fire departments, doctors, nurses and pharmacists in the county.

Communities represented include Caro, Cass City, Lapeer, Kingston, Mayville and Vassar.

Besides McKrow, Cass City is represented by Craig Bellew, pharmacist; Ron Pawloski, EMT-S, and Dr. Archad Aquil. Aquil is assistant project director.

The director is Dr. Charles Frankowiak, Lapeer.



**EMPLOYEES OF ACE Glass Company remove a window from Sommers Bakery Monday as part of the demolition process. The job of removing the glass should take about a day while the entire job of demolishing the building should take about 10 days. The bakery and an adjoining building were gutted by fire in March.**

## School adds to surplus

# Board waives residency policy for Miklovic

According to a revised budget adopted by the Cass City School Board Monday at its regular meeting, the Cass City district will end the year in the black and probably add to its healthy fund balance.

Although the school fiscal year ends June 30, Supt. Ken Micklash cautioned that the figures could change slightly following the annual audit.

If they remain as projected Monday, the school will add \$16,070 to the fund balance, bringing the contingency fund to \$929,834.

Total revenues from all sources increased \$460,525 to a total of \$8,780,080. Expenditures increased slightly more than a half million dollars to \$8,764,010.

The board also approved a token budget required by law before July 1. It contained the same figures as those approved for the current school

year.

A revised, meaningful budget that reflects current expense and revenue information will be presented for board consideration when the amount of state aid to the district becomes known.

The budget also indicated that the school's hot lunch program will end the year with a \$24,530 deficit, cutting into the program's healthy surplus of \$105,962, leaving a balance of \$59,967.

For that reason, the board authorized a 10-cent across the board increase for hot lunches. The new prices are: lunches - K-4, \$1.05, grades 5-12, \$1.10, adults, \$1.35; breakfasts, 90 cents each for all grades. Trustee Dave Knight asked how the prices charged compared with other area schools. Micklash said that he didn't have an exact comparison but assured

Knight that the cost for the lunches was among the lowest, if not the lowest in the Thumb.

### BEND RULES

Periodically since the board policy was adopted several years ago, the school board has debated removing the residency requirement for administrators that requires them to live within the school district. There is no restriction for teachers.

The measure was brought to a vote again Monday and died when the vote was 3-3. Trustee Danny Haag was absent.

The reason for the vote is that principal Jody Miklovic lives 2 miles out of the district on the family homestead and is not in compliance with the residency requirement.

Voting to keep the require-

ment were Randy Severance, Dave Knight and Beverley Auten. Voting to abandon it were President Jim Turner, Allan Hartwick and Marilyn Peters.

After failing to remove the residency requirement, the board by unanimous vote bent it a little by granting Miklovic a variance.

### OTHER BUSINESS

•Beverley Auten received a certificate and pin, presented by Severance, for receiving a Master Board Member award from the Michigan Association of School Boards.

•Third grade student Donna Bushong became only the second student in the grades to read all 105 books in the electronic bookshelf pro-

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# Baker College optimistic about Cass City campus

By Angela Cook  
Staff writer

Baker College officials say the success of the school's Cass City campus is promising and has great potential.

Judith Dimmer, director of career services at Baker College of Flint, said 92 percent of Baker College, Flint, graduates are working in their field of study, and she expects this to be the case at Baker College of Cass City.

The fall semester had an enrollment of 158 students, most of whom are seeking higher education years after receiving their high school diploma.

Dimmer explained that the percentage of graduates employed in their field may eventually be higher in Cass City because Baker College of Cass City is the only local campus of higher learning. She said there is a definite need in this community for the skills offered by Baker, and graduates would be an asset to area employers.

Currently they have one graduate on record and are working to log the other graduates of Cass City, but the one graduate is working in her field as a secretary.

As for the remainder of the local Baker graduates, if they are not already working in their fields, Baker is looking to place them, Dimmer said. "If they graduated, we are helping them look for jobs," she added.

Dimmer said she expects that other graduates who wish to be placed in their field will find jobs also. "They're going to be right in the ball field."

### IMPROVING JOB SKILLS

Besides those working for a degree in a field outside their current job, there are students attending Baker College of Cass City to become more efficient in skills already being used in their current job.

Dimmer cited secretaries attending the college to better their typing skills as an example.

In fact, she went on to say a number of Walbro employ-

ees are attending Baker College of Cass City to learn or improve needed skills.

"They are wanting to be re-trained," she said, adding Walbro employees are look-

ing to improve their skills in computers and technical skills and may even go for management degrees.

"Most of them are really happy with the company and

want to stay there." The newness of Baker College to Cass City makes the investigation of the popular majors at the local campus

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## \$1 million project

# Walbro expanding research facility

With an eye towards cleaner engine systems and tougher emission standards, Walbro Corporation officials are expanding the company's research and test facility in Cass City.

The research and development building is located just east of Doerr Road, between Marshall Distributing and the Detroit Edison North Area Energy Center.

Work on the 4,000-square-foot expansion began June 1 and is expected to be com-

pleted in September, according to Bill Ewald, director of purchasing.

Cost of the project is estimated at \$1 million.

The purpose of the expansion, Ewald explained, "is to increase the capacity of our research and development building. The new facility is going to focus on clean engine systems to support new emission regulations."

Ewald said research and development will support

Walbro's position as a major supplier of components for non-automotive internal combustion engines. Walbro is also focusing on computerized engine control systems, he added.

Ewald said the expansion will include installation of 6 state-of-the-art emission compliant engine test dynamometers ranging from 15 horsepower to 250 horsepower. In addition, a shop lab and office space will be added.



**WORK ON A \$1 million expansion project at the Walbro Corporation research and development facility in Cass City began June 1 and is expected to be completed by fall.**



**Cass City Social Items**  
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Susan Graham, Cass City, an equestrian studies major at the University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio, has been named to the school's dean list. To earn the listing, the student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade-point average.

Mrs. Marcia Schultz of Lapeer, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer, was a Friday lunch guest. Her husband, Larry Schultz, was an evening guest.

Those attending Patti Timmons' birthday dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer were Debbie Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Timmons and Brent Fritz.

Stan and Melva Guinther spent from Wednesday until Sunday with their daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Andy Welter, in West Carrollton, Ohio.

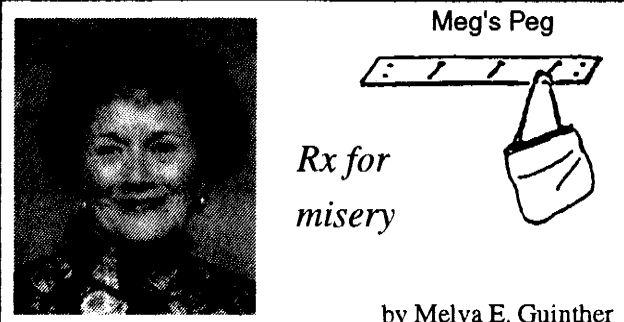
Nick and Jeff Stoutenburg returned home June 15 after spending a week with Erney and Wendie Stoutenburg of Highlands Ranch, Colo. During their stay, they visited the U.S. Air Force Academy, Waterworld and also attended the Rockies vs. Braves baseball game. Traveling with the boys were Elaine Stoutenburg and Nancy Stimpson, both of Columbiaville.

**Foster on dean's list**

LeAnn K. Foster, daughter of James and Elgene Foster of Cass City, has been named to the spring term dean's list at Northwood University, Midland.

To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a scale of 4.0

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by Melva E. Guinther

We haven't seen "Les Miserables", scheduled at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit later this year and don't intend to, even though it's billed as "The World's Most Popular Musical."

Frankly, I can't imagine perpetual misery set to music. Call me unrealistic, but I like happy endings. Music has always had a more upbeat connotation in my thinking.

Sure, there's misery in the world, but unless I can do something to alleviate it, I prefer not to dwell on it. For those who do, the late Earl Nightingale, in one of his Insight programs, offered 15 rules to follow to be perfectly miserable.

He promised that although some of them aren't easy, with a little practice they can be mastered, and you can be the most miserable person on the block in no time. Here's the list:

1. Think about yourself.
2. Talk about yourself.
3. Use the personal pronoun "I" as often as possible in your conversation.
4. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others.
5. Listen greedily to what people say about you.
6. Insist on consideration and respect.
7. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
8. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them.
9. Never forget a service you may have rendered.
10. Expect to be appreciated.
11. Be suspicious.



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Darrin William Hiltz and Tracie Lynn Miner, both of Mayville.  
Adam Lee Nelson, Caro, and Heidi Anne Wagner, Vassar.  
Matthew Allen Cline and Brandy Elizabeth McMillan, both of Vassar.  
Dean Michael Kayfes and Michelle Lynn Monroe, both of Millington.  
Stephen Lee Agar and Nesa Denise Johnson, both of Cass City.  
Kavin Casey Garrett and Mary Elizabeth Blakely, both of Glendale, Ariz.  
Michael Paul Aytte, Millington, and Dawn Louise Rodammer, Vassar.  
David B. Kostowski and Georgiana Martin, both of Deford.  
Timothy David Walraven and Amy Sue Willis, both of Fairgrove.

**Surbrook marks Engaged 90th birthday**

Gertrude V. Surbrook celebrated her 90th birthday at a surprise celebration at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.



Gertrude Surbrook

The former Gertrude Vance was born June 24, 1907, in Portgage La Prairie, Manitoba, Canada, to John and Emma Jane Vance and a family of 13.

She married Ernest M. Campbell June 28, 1930, in Cass City. They were granted U.S. citizenship in 1950. He worked for the Ubly

**Air Force commission for Ault**

Robert K. Ault has been commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program after earning a bachelor's degree at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

The new lieutenant received his degree in electrical engineering, and will be assigned as a communications-computer systems engineering officer at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill.

Ault is the son of Donald K. and Nancy B. Ault of Gageton.

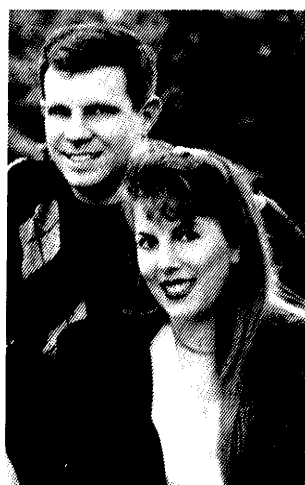
He is a 1993 graduate of Milford High School, Highland.

Nestle Company and died Oct. 23, 1972. She married Clarence Surbrook of Crosswell Dec. 15, 1979. He died Oct. 4, 1986, at 89 years of age.

She was a charter member of the former New Greenleaf Missionary Church and is currently a member of Bad Axe Free Methodist Church.

Surbrook has 7 children, Elizabeth Livgenfelder of Flint, Hilda VanAllen of Cass City, Edith Schott of Lima, Ohio, Louis Campbell of Charlotte, N.C., Graydon Campbell of Bad Axe, Dee Kurtz of Owosso and Beverly Ritter of Sturgis.

There are 6 spouses, 20 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. One grandchild, James VanAllen, died in 1972. She has 2 sisters, Blanch Copeland of Cass City and Gladys Sanfilippo of Warren.



John Kottenko Jr. & Lisa Britt

Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Pat Britt of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to John Kottenko Jr. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John and Edna Kottenko Sr. of Bay Port. An Aug. 2 wedding is being planned at St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City.

**Bartles feted on 60th anniversary**

Laurence and Helen Bartle of Cass City celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Mackinaw City last week. They were guests of their daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Roy Tuckey, and Connie and Gil Schwaderer, all of Cass City.

Also present at Mackinaw City were granddaughters, Carolyn Constantino and her husband Alan, of Dearborn, and Cindy Lalko, and her sons, Adam and Russell, all of Vassar.

Also celebrating the anniversary were grandsons, Paul Tuckey, and his wife Ashley, of Southfield, and Craig Langmaid and his wife Donna, of Bridgeport.

Highlights of the celebration were a dinner Monday night in Mackinaw City and a Monday trip to Mackinac Island.

**Collect 54 pints at blood drive**

A total of 54 pints of blood were collected during a blood drive held June 17 at Hills and Dales General Hospital. The drive was sponsored by Hills and Dales and the Knights of Columbus.

The donor's included 4-gallon donor Fred Klinkman and 5-gallon donor Jessie Goodall. First-time donors were Mari Ann Saenen, Geraldine Dibble and Michael Herman.

**Pair on dean's list**

A pair of area residents are among 1,171 students who have been named to the spring quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The area residents are David L. Bills of Cass City, a junior majoring in civil engineering, and Kristina C. Sims, a junior majoring in scientific and tech communication.

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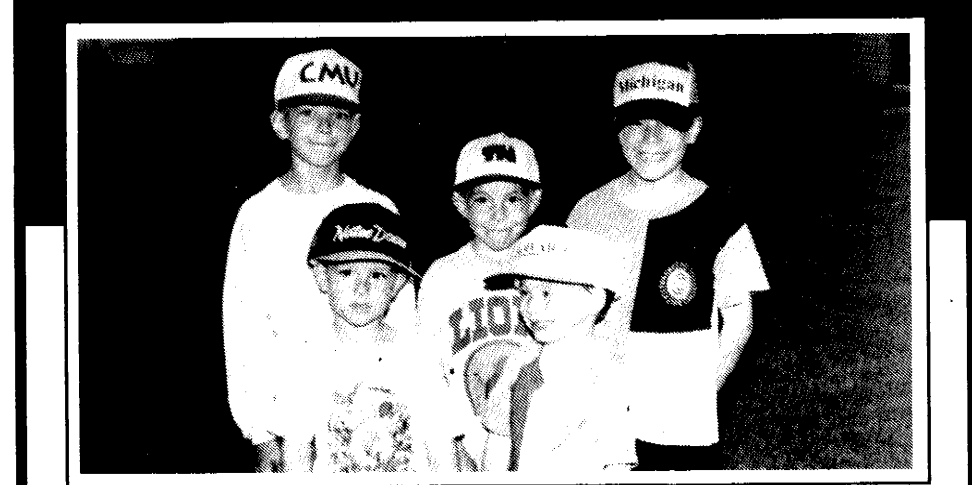
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## Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

### 5 YEARS AGO

Area schools haven't yet had time to address last week's Supreme Court ruling barring public schools from sponsoring prayers at graduation ceremonies.

Vandals recently damaged several Cass City school buses and stole some 30 gallons of gas.

After more than 27 years, Bill Zinnecker, 56, says it's time to move on. Zinnecker, postmaster of the U.S. Post Office branch in Cass City, will retire at the end of July.

The storm that roared into the area last week uprooted and knocked over trees and downed electrical lines, leaving thousands without power.

Fire Chief Dick Root, a 40-year veteran of the Elkland Township Fire Department, is hanging up his gear for good, with plans to spend more time with his family. A new chief is expected to be named during the Elkland Township Board's next regu-

lar meeting.

Cass City School officials are toying with the idea of reorganizing the district's elementary format in an effort to place all younger students and their teachers in one building. The biggest obstacle is transportation, specifically, how parents would react to the idea of bussing children to Deford.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Barbara Merchant, daughter of Allen and Joanie Merchant of Cass City, was crowned queen at the Michigan Sugar Festival in Sebawaing Friday after being selected from among 12 candidates.

The rains that came Sunday and Monday were "fantastic" for crops but Tuscola County Extension Director Bill Bortel says more is needed. It was too late for some crops, however.

The Deford Community Church is sponsoring "Fri-

day Night at the Movies," a family drive-in showing wholesome, family and Christian movies all summer.

An estimated \$170 in car tires were reported missing from the Scott Chevy-Olds dealership in Cass City. The car, owned by Larry Humpert of Akron, was being serviced in the body shop. It had been left outside June 14 pending arrival of parts. An employee discovered the theft the next day.

Three hundred guests attended the dinner and open house at Colony House June 14 for the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bartle.

### 25 YEARS AGO

A Bach man died near Gageton Tuesday afternoon after he suffered a heart attack while at the wheel of his car. Paul J. Batholomy, 56, was eastbound on Bay City-Forestville Rd. when he suffered the attack and his car slowly left the roadway and landed in a ditch.

Ed Stoutenburg is back home again after riding a bicycle 870 miles around Lake Huron. He was one of 33 teenage boys and 7 adult counselors to make the trip under the sponsorship of Campus Life Youth for Christ. Ed, 15, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Stoutenburg of Cass City.

Debra Ann Koch, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Koch of Gageton, was treated at Hills and Dales Hospital for injuries she received Wednesday, June 14, when the tractor she was driving overturned.

The Autopulse fuel pump division of Walbro Corporation hit a new milestone Friday when the plant on Main Street in Cass City produced its 100,000th pump this year.

The June 15 date was the earliest that the production mark had been achieved. All the veteran employees enjoyed cake and ice cream to commemorate the day.

Playing at the Cass Theater June 22 thru 25 is Cecil B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments."

### 35 YEARS AGO

Jack Esau, Walbro Corporation employee, was elected president of the Cass City Board of Education at a special meeting Monday at the high school.

Five Cass City Explorer Scouts have brought national and regional recognition to their troops and the village by taking top individual and team honors in the second annual NRA-BSA Explorer Scout postal rifle match. Top individual honors went to John McIntosh, 17, with team honors going to Jim Cyhulski, Bill Hutchinson, Jim Merchant and Bill Bliss Jr., members of Red team.

Tusco Products, forced to shut down last July because of a lack of contracts, has reorganized its manufacturing line and begun work on a contract with Ford Motors, according to Robert Bowers, company official.

### Chemical concerns

Americans use quite a few chemicals on their lawns and this has researchers somewhat concerned. Farmers need extensive training to properly apply farm chemicals, but homeowners sometimes, for lack of knowledge, misapply lawn and garden chemicals. To find out the right way to use chemicals on your yard, contact your county Extension service office.

## McIntire completes airborne training

Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel E. McIntire, son of Larry A. McIntire of Snover, recently completed the U.S. Army Airborne course and received the Basic Parachutist Wings at Army Infantry Training School, Fort Benning, Ga.

As a Marine, McIntire extensively trained with the U.S. Army and performed parachute jumps at one of the most physically demanding schools in the armed forces. McIntire needed to complete 3 daytime jumps, one nighttime jump and a daytime jump with combat equipment, all from altitudes of more than 1,250 feet, to become a Marine Corps paratrooper.

McIntire currently serves with Fleet HomeTown News Center, Norfolk, Va. He highlights the accomplishments

and achievements of service members in the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard by helping release more than one million news stories each year to participating media outlets in that service member's home town and college or university publications of which he is an alumni.

He is a 1994 graduate of Sandusky High School.



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## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, June 26

Story hour, 1:30 p.m. for those children age 4 and up enrolled in the summer reading program at Rawson Memorial Library.

### Friday, June 27

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

### Monday, June 30

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

### Wednesday, July 2

Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Last week's winners: John Haire and Bill Dupuis.

## At CMU, Ohio State

# Weaver sisters tackle master's, Ph.D degrees

By Angela Cook  
Staff writer

Two sisters have recently graduated from Central Michigan University and have accomplished much in their own right.

Wendy Weaver, daughter of Mike and Toby Weaver of Cass City, has recently graduated from Central Michigan University with a master's in physical therapy. This is the first class Central Michigan University has

graduated in the field of physical therapy.

Wendy currently works in St. Joseph at the Lake Health Center of Bay Medical Park.

She also received her bachelor's in psychology from CMU in 1995.

Jean Weaver, Wendy's sister, recently graduated from Ohio State University with a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry. She currently works in a research lab at Ohio State University.

Her dissertation, which is required for students seeking their Ph.D., involved studying methods to evaluate drug effects of anti-cancer agents in human tumors that were treated in vitro.

But research is not what she has in mind when it comes to long term plans.

Jean is planning to teach in Racine, Wis., at Prairie Private School, a school that, as Jean said, seems to go above and beyond the average American high school.

At Prairie, she said all students have their goals set on college and work stringently toward that goal.

"Everyone has the same goal of the kids going to college, even the kids," she said. "It's not a typical high school."

She also said because it is a private school, classroom size in terms of the number of children is smaller, and because parents are paying tuition, they are more involved in the school, lessening the discipline problem.

"I like the environment of a private school better," she

said. Here she will be teaching science, chemistry and environmental science to be exact, to high school students, something she said is needed in this country.

"I feel there is really a need for science learning in America," she said.

She went further to say that education right now is moving more and more toward technology, and students need a firm grasp of science to not only understand technology but also to understand the world around them.

She explained that people need to be able to make informed decisions about the area around them, and they can make these decisions through understanding science.

If nothing else, people should be able to make informed decisions in the voting booth about the environment and environmental issues that will be facing them, she said.

She went on to say the role of a teacher fits her style of life more than research would and she is looking forward to the job, partly because she will have the opportunity to coach junior varsity women's basketball.

"I can do things I want to do and not spend my life in a lab," she said.

Furthermore, she said, she believes she could serve society better as a teacher rather than working in research.

Weaver will begin teaching Aug. 21 and will be leaving in mid August for Wisconsin.

## Letters to the editor

### Contract promotes responsibility

# O-G coaches are right

Dear Editor:

I recently received and read my weekly copy of Cass City Chronicle and in bold head lines, front page, I read "O-G Students Protest signing of football contract." Contract contains items they didn't like to adhere to. Example - dress code for game days, and extra exercises if you miss practice. Once again, it looks like the students are trying to run the school programs. Of course it would be nice if we citizens could do what we want, when we want, without following any direction or motive.

I have found in my 60+ years, that the REAL world isn't like that. When we graduate and look for a job, the first thing we have to do is adhere to time and what we wear, and the employer's rules and regulations. At least that is what I had to do with the postal department for 34 years.

The earlier you learn responsibility and respect, the better citizen and person you become. If you can learn that in school you may be a step ahead of someone else. As for the so called punishment for missing practice by doing extra exercises, I do not see that as punishment. I see it as conditioning, so you will not get hurt when you practice and actually play. All these coaches are trying to do is teach our athletes respect for oneself, being a responsible member of the team and commitment. (We need more of that in our world today.)

Back to the dress code. All that is doing is showing you

are a member of a proud team. You want to be looked up to by younger youth, don't you? Our son Mark played college ball for 4 years. Talk about dress up. On game days they wore blazers, golf shirts, dress pants, all in school colors, and they did look nice. We traveled with them, and I can still recall one spectator saying as the team got off the plane, "Wow, look at that sharp team from Western." Wearing jerseys and sloppy cut-offs, as seems to be the code of day, wouldn't have drawn admiration from spectators.

To you parents and students, STOP and THINK. Why the O-G coaching staff

## Appreciate ABATE coverage

Dear Mr. Montgomery & Chronicle Staff,

Thank you very much for the excellent newspaper coverage you gave the ABATE Evergreen Park Benefit! That is by far the BEST article I have read, and we greatly appreciate it. The Chronicle has always assisted us by printing our benefits, and I have shared the articles with my co-workers in Bad Axe. They are impressed!

Sincerely,

Sharon Swalwell,  
ABATE, Region 7

want YOUR boys to follow rules and regulations and policy. It's a teaching tool they learned in college. To make a successful player/citizen, respect is needed. Mark still remarks how much he learned with the discipline he learned from his coaches in high school and college, has helped him be successful in his career, and his life. So lay low you people, remember it's your children who will benefit, if not now, later when they become responsible adults.

Been There Done that.

Sincerely

Jeannette McDonald  
parent of both girl and boy athletes in high school and college.

### Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

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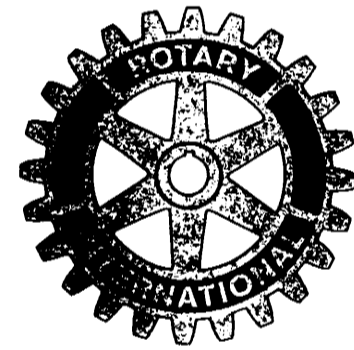
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TWO SISTERS from Cass City recently graduated from their respective universities. Wendy Weaver, left, and Jean Weaver are the daughters of Mike and Toby Weaver.

## Read Meg's Peg

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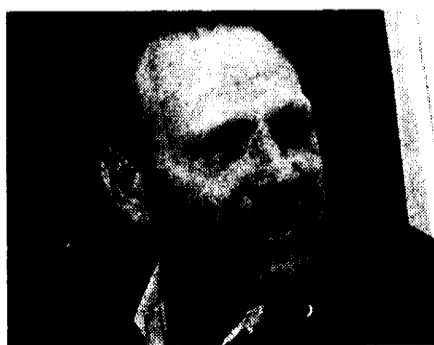
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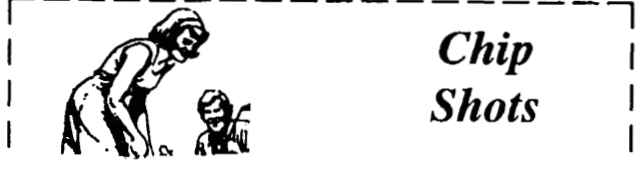


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**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' LEAGUE**  
June 17, 1997

Betty Zulauf	25
Audrey Schock	19
Enid Craig	14

**2-MAN GOLF LEAGUE**

**EARLY DIVISION**

Wallace/Apley	103
Henn/Peters	97
Harris/Wiseman	89
Williams/Rieman	87
Stickle/Iwankovitch	85
Strickland/Schelke	81
Kritzman/J. Burns	77
Herron/Miller	73
Maharg/Pasieczny	70
Smith/Regnerus	62*
Bliss/Baker	61*
Burns/Hutchinson	52*
Martin/Yost	42
W. Dillon/Retherford	33

**LATE DIVISION**

Doerr/Haire	97
Hool/Toner	93
Becking/K. Bliss	84
Hartel/Comment	80
Schneeberger/Kelley	80
K. Smith/Biddinger	75
M. Murphy/K. Martin	74
LeValley/Morgan	73
McCallum/Randall	72
C. Hillaker/Laming	71*
J. Hillaker/Murphy	65*
Jones/Marshall	64
Chappel/Pasant	61
Wright/Prieskorn	58

**3rd Flight - 9 Holes**

Ariene Regentine	62
Marie Scott	61
Blanche Rumpitz	57
Eleanora Rees	53
Mary Lou Maurer	35
Dee Pickett	25
Jane Hool	25
Joann Martin	20
Phyllis Talaski	2

**4th Flight - 9 Holes**

Phyllis Ridge	58
Dani Hicks	48
Noreen Krug	42
Marian Harm	27
Virginia Ruthko	27

\* Points to be adjusted

**Standings**

**VOLLEYBALL**

Good Intentions	9-0
Howard	6-0
Charmont	3-3
Hull	3-3
Merchants	3-3
Just For Fun	0-3
Walbro	0-3
Net Surfers	0-6

**SUMMER BASKETBALL**

Mitton	1-0
Morgon	1-0
Edwards	1-0
Tuckey	0-1
Brinkman	0-1
Carr	0-1
Roe	0-0

**July 2 - 6:30:** Merchants vs. Pool Sharks, E; Brinkman vs. Brewgrew, W. 7:45: Howard vs. Hull, E; Just For Fun vs. Marlette, W.

**CO-ED SOFTBALL**

Paint Store	3-0
Merchants	2-0
Living Word	1-1
BP	1-2
Parks & Rec.	0-2
Walbro	0-2

**July 30 - 6:30:** Parks & Rec. vs. C.C. Merchants, #1; BP vs. Walbro Corp., #2. 8:00: C.C. Merchants vs. Paint Store, #1; Living Word vs. Parks & Rec., #2.

**CHURCH LEAGUE**

Mizpah	7-1
Trinity	2-2
Lamotte	2-2
Church of Christ	1-3
Shabbona	0-4

**June 26 - 7:00:** Lamotte Missionary vs. C.C. Methodist. 9:00: Shabbona Methodist vs. Novesta Church of Christ.

**July 1 - 7:00:** Mizpah vs. Novesta Church of Christ. 9:00: Mizpah vs. C.C. Methodist.

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**Embezzlement suspect**  
**Mayville woman sought**

Michigan State Police are continuing what they're calling an active search for a former Tuscola County Drain Commission employee wanted on a 9-count felony warrant alleging she embezzled thousands of dollars.

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's office has issued a warrant for the arrest of the suspect, a Mayville woman. However, police have not been able to locate her.

The suspect is the focal point of an investigation being conducted by troopers at the state police post in Caro. Drain Commissioner Sarah M. Pistro asked troopers to look into transactions involving drain funds after she learned that a part-time drain commission employee had discovered an irregularity in one of the drain accounts.

According to troopers, it appeared drain funds had been paid to a legitimate vendor of the county. Apparently legitimate drain work orders were presented to the county treasurer for payment and then processed by the county clerk's office. However, when the checks were written, they were diverted to a bank account other than that of the appropriate vendor, troopers said.

The state police and an auditor from the Michigan Department of Treasury are examining records from the past several years to determine the extent of irregularities. A specific figure has not been released, but police say more than \$100,000 is missing.

Investigators say the suspect allegedly utilized the drain office computer system to generate false documents and entries, making it extremely difficult to uncover problems during routine examination of accounts.

**INTERLEAGUE ACTION**

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**Thumb realignment**  
**Ubly requests switch from east to west division**

Just when the athletic directors of Thumb schools finished the realignment of schools in the Thumb C Conference, they are faced with another problem.

The schools had agreed to west and east divisions of the conference.

In the west are Cass City, Bad Axe, Lakers, USA, Bay City All Saints, Reese and Mayville. The new east division includes Harbor Beach, Ubly, Deckerville, Sandusky, Marlette, Cross-Lex, Brown City and Yale.

After the alignment was approved, a problem arose because the board at Ubly voted to have the school in the west instead of the east division.

Cass City Athletic Director Russ Biefer said that the request was discussed at the most recent meeting of athletic directors, but no action was taken.

Judging by results in recent years in terms of strength of the teams in each division, it appears that they are as balanced as possible.

The east division does have 2 class B schools, but neither have dominated in Thumb competition. Both Yale and Cross-Lex were once members of the old Thumb B League and while members, failed to win their share of league titles.

It's true that when they were members the league was predominantly Class B, with Caro, North Branch, Vassar and Frankenmuth. At the time Cass City hovered between class B and C.

In the new alignment Cass City will no longer compete with traditional rival Marlette in the league. The Red Raiders are on the schedule next year as non-conference contests.

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# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 658-2347



Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the wedding Mass for Melissa Wolschlager and Paul McDonald at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe Saturday. A reception followed at the Ubyly Fox Hunters Hall in the evening.

Mrs. Jim Doerr and Cory Rickett spent from Wednesday till Friday at Michigan State University at East Lansing at the 4-H learning days.

Christopher and Charles Corbishley of Bad Axe spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cieslinski were Tuesday afternoon guests and Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Wednesday evening guest of Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Allen Farrelly met Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Ray English and Carly Barr at McDonald's for breakfast Friday morning.

Dennis and Charlene

Hagen entertained at a Father's Day barbecue at their home Sunday, Ben and Donelda Meske of Port Hope, Betty and Bryce Hagen, Ben and Mary Maurer, Mike and Ellen Moorman, Jim and Doreen Hagen, Nicholas and Jennifer, Keith Hagen and friend, Clint Hagen and friend and Brad Hagen.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly golfed at Deer Creek Golf Course Thursday at Bad Axe.

Nineteen members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met Thursday at Sherwood on the Hill at Gagetown. They will meet at the Crossroads Restaurant next week.

Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming spent a few days with Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford and also visited Blanche Clutz at Carter

House at Novi Friday. Mrs. Cleland and Carol Laming came home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bowen at the Bad Axe K of C Hall Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow of Bad Axe and Laurence Holik were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney attended a memorial service for Kenneth Michalski at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Parisville Friday morning.

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Saturday supper guest of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Salowitz and Kelly of Mount Clemens, Julie Koroleski and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and sons, Allen Farrelly and Laura Kulish had breakfast at Ubyly Heights for Father's Day.

Carol (Conkey) Plaush of Midland was a Wednesday overnight guest of Betty and Bryce Hagen and Thursday visited her mother, Christina Conkey, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Marchand of Waterford spent a few days at their home here.

Allen Farrelly was a Wednesday evening guest of Laura Kulish.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard attended the wedding of Mary Schneider and William Jordan at St. Mary's Catholic Church at St. Clair Saturday. A reception followed at a St. Clair Knights of Columbus Hall.

Joan and Bob Cleland of Arizona left Sunday after spending a few days visiting relatives in the Bad Axe, Ubyly and Holbrook area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended a gradu-

ation open house for Robert Mitchell at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Mitchell at Ubyly Saturday.

Mrs. Charlie Corbishley of Bad Axe was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney was a Wednesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cieslinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley and Mark were Father's Day morning guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Ervin. Other dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Iseler and family of Port Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ulfig, Vanessa and Kelsey of Ubyly, Larry Silver and Reva Silver were Tuesday evening guests of Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and Allen Farrelly spent Father's Day afternoon golfing at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Cass City and had supper at Charmont.

Jan McCune and Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford spent from Thursday till Sunday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski were Saturday afternoon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Father's Day fish dinner guests of Bob and Carol Osentoski and family Sunday. They also celebrated the birthdays of Kristin and Matthew Osentoski. Other guests were Art and Mary Osentoski and family, Randy and Melinda Osentoski and family, and Greg and Susan Krozek and family of Kinde. A decorated birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Saturday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow, where they

helped Mrs. Bredow celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpitz and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz attended a graduation open house for Kristy Mergyl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mergyl at Lake Orion Sunday.

Tom Wills of Las Vegas, Nev., spent a few days with Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Laura Kulish and Allen Farrelly had Saturday supper at Ubyly Heights Country Club.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming Tuesday afternoon.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka took Alex and June Particka to Ubyly Heights Country Club for Father's Day dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Ray English, Ron Wolschlager and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Thursday morning.

## Becky Leitner joins army

Becky M. Leitner has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to

learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

By enlisting, Leitner qualifies for \$6,000 bonus.

Leitner is a 1992 graduate of Union High School, Dowagiac, and a 1997 gradu-

ate of Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac.

The new recruit will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic military training July 14.

She is the daughter of Paula Szymonski of Dowagiac and Richard Huhtala of Bellevue.

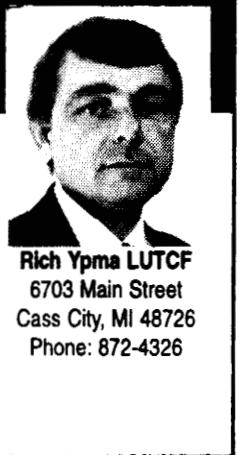
Her husband, Michael, is the son of Tom Leitner of Cass City, and Susan Irvibe of Alger.

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**Cass City campus**

# Baker College optimistic

Continued from page one  
 difficult to track, but college officials have made some conclusions, Dimmer said. She explained that upon investigation, Baker College of Cass City found there is a need to offer associate's and bachelor's degrees in secretarial fields, accounting, manufacturing and management.

the average, but that the area in which one lives is a big factor in how much money they make and Cass City graduates should not assume they will be making these figures.

She said for the most part, earning \$20,000 with an associate degree is about right.

"It's not bad for a 2-year degree, especially in that area," she said.

Still others attending Baker College of Cass City are not looking for employment upon earning their associate degree, but rather are continuing their education to eventually earn their bachelor's degree. In fact, 73 percent of those on the Flint campus are pursuing their associate degree and 12 percent choose to continue their education.

Dimmer expects the same from Cass City students.

She explained those who are earning their associate's degree learn skills while those going after their bachelor's are learning the applied skills.

### AVERAGE WAGES EARNED

Dimmer said while it is hard to track what people are earning in these fields, the Michigan Employment Security Commission has tracked careers, and the average secretary, a popular field at Baker of Cass City, earns \$6 to \$10 an hour. Accountants, another popular 4-year degree, make as much as \$22,600 starting out, according to the MESC. She said these numbers are

"Most students are going for a 2-year and then they are going for a bachelor's," she said.

Dimmer concluded by saying Baker College of Cass City is growing, and Cass City has welcomed Baker with open arms.

"We seem to be accepted in the area," she added.

She also said the students seem to be interested in the school, and find the classes satisfying.

"It's refreshing to see so many people excited to go into their fields," she said.

## Motorist faces prison after crash

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delayed sentence for his plea of no contest to unlawful use of a motor vehicle Dec. 30 in Dayton Township.

Sutphin was ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution, court costs of \$500 and a \$40 victim crime fee.

Anthony J. Bradley, 20, Vassar, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 180 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years Jan. 4-5 in Juniata Township.

Bradley was ordered to have no involvement with any female under the age of 18 years without adult supervision. He was also ordered to pay \$1,000 in costs and fines plus a \$60 victim crime fee.

Paul Robinson, 22, Vassar, was sentenced to 3 consecutive jail terms of 120 days, with worksite privileges, for jury verdicts of guilty to 3 counts of delivering less than 50 grams of cocaine March 22 and 27 and June 3, 1996, in Vassar.

Robinson was also ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling and random substance abuse testing, serve 5 years probation and pay \$1,500 in costs and fines.

Dennis M. Androsuk, 30, Fort Wayne, Ind., was sentenced to 3 years probation and 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for a jury verdict of guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond June 3, 1996, in Caro.

The defendant was ordered to pay \$300 in costs and fines, oversight fees totalling \$720 and a \$60 victim crime fee.



STORY HOUR at the Library was enjoyed by about 40 children Thursday when they listened as Lois Moslander read a book to them. Story hour is part of the summer reading program sponsored by the library.

### To help homeless

## HDC to receive grant

The Human Development Commission has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), Senator Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City) and Representative Michael Green (R-Mayville) announced Monday.

"This grant will help put more homeless people in touch with services that can help get them back on their feet," Gougeon said. "There are all kinds of people in different types of situations that just need a helping hand. This funding will go a long way toward helping the homeless and the Human Development Commission."

"Organizations such as the Human Development Commission provide an invaluable community service that government can't," Green said. "I am proud this organization is the recipient of this grant."

MSHDA grants are awarded to public or private non-profit agencies with a proven track record of providing shelter or services to homeless individuals or families and were processed under the emergency shelter component of the MSHDA's homeless program. Eligible activities include operating funds, homelessness prevention, essential services and rehabilitation.

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## Palazzola nominated

Sandra Palazzola has been nominated to be included in the 31st annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, an honor reserved for only 5 percent of the nation's high school students each year.



Sandra Palazzola

Palazzola is the daughter of Vito and Lu Ann Palazzola of Chatsworth, Calif., and granddaughter of Albert and Reba Palazzola of Snover. Vito and Lu Ann Palazzola are 1973 graduates of Cass City High School.

## Wheeler to perform



Wendy Wheeler

Wendy Wheeler will present a program of classical and contemporary sacred music Sunday, June 29, at 3 p.m.

She will be performing at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Cass City. This concert is an effort to collect funds to help flood victims in the Dakotas and the Midwest.

All are welcome to attend.

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## Board waives residency policy

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gram. She will be sent a letter of congratulations by the board.

Resignations have been received from 2 long-time teachers in the Cass City system. They are Doug Hall, 6th grade, who has been in the district for 30 years, and Jerry Cleland, guidance director in the system for 30 years.

Micklash informed the board of some unexpected

good financial news. He said that rebates on premiums paid for workers' compensation and property casualty insurance will cut expenses this year by about \$40,000. Normally this insurance coverage costs about \$55,000, Micklash explained, but the rebates will reduce the cost to about \$10,000.

Because of an increase in the number of special education students, the board voted to add another teacher. Federal law requires that there be a teacher for each 15 students, although limited variations are permitted.

It is projected that there will be 42 special education students next year. The board hired Colleen D'Arcy, who practice taught in the system this year, for the job.

The job could be for just one year, depending on how many students will be in the program after the next school year.

Representatives of the Cass City Teachers Association challenged the hiring because of the way the position was filled. Supt. Micklash said that the contract language concerning the filling of the vacancy needs to be ironed out, but said that he feels that the terms of the pact had been adhered to.



Susan McIlhargey

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