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**NEW CASS CITY Village Manager Jane A. Downing talks with outgoing manager Lou S. LaPonsie in her office at the village municipal building. Downing began her new duties Monday morning.**

**Now on the job**

# New village manager happy to be in small community

If Jane A. Downing had any first-day jitters Monday, it didn't show.

Downing, 42, Romulus, was all smiles Monday as she began her duties as Cass City's village manager. Downing met with staff members, familiarized herself with the Cass City Municipal Building and even took a few minutes for a brief interview.

Born in Pontiac and raised in Oxford, Downing said she has been familiar with Cass City for years, having traveled through the area on trips through the Thumb. Her sister-in-law has family in the Caseville, Pigeon and Sebawaing areas, and she has family in Mayville.

"I myself prefer a small town community and work place," she commented. "It's (Cass City) a lovely community. It reminds me a lot of the town I grew up in."

Downing, who is single, said she is impressed with what she sees in Cass City, particularly the thought and foresight that has gone into

the village's recreation and master land-use plans, as well as infrastructure projects such as installation of a third water well and street repair and construction.

"I was very impressed, as well, with the caliber of the village council and staff members."

Downing added she feels fortunate to have the opportunity to work side-by-side with outgoing Village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie for the next several weeks. LaPonsie is retiring after 25 years on the job.

"He has really served this community in a tremendous capacity, and he's going to remain a part of the community," she said. "To me that's a real asset."

As village manager, Downing indicated she is looking forward to day-to-day contact with local residents, an aspect of public administration that was missing in some past jobs she's held.

"To me, that's what it's all about; knowing that you're

making a difference in the community," she added. "It's not just a job to me, it's life. So, I'm really looking forward to this."

Downing's experience in local government administration spans 20 years. Most

recently, she served as assistant to the mayor in the city of Rochester Hills for 2 years. Before that, she was director of planning and development for the city of Romulus for 3 years.

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## Kingston, firms facing lawsuit

The village of Kingston and a pair of businesses in the village face a lawsuit stemming from a slip and fall accident nearly 2 years ago.

The lawsuit was filed Oct. 24 in Tuscola County Circuit Court by Virgil Maldonado, a Sanilac County resident.

Named as defendants are the village of Kingston, Kelly and Co. Inc., 5951 State St., and Heron Accounting, 5951 State St.

According to court records, Maldonado slipped and fell in front of the businesses while walking Nov. 3, 1995.

He claims the village and business owners failed to properly maintain the public sidewalk in front of the businesses, creating a hazardous situation in which water drained onto the sidewalk and froze in a thin sheet of ice.

As a result of the fall, Maldonado claims he suffered a knee injury and subsequently lost employment income.

Maldonado has demanded a jury trial in the suit, which seeks damages in excess of \$10,000.

### But positive overall

# Micklash: settlement no bonanza for school

Michigan lawmakers last week announced an agreement designed to address school funding, fund the Durant lawsuit settlement and reinstate at-risk funds to the state's school districts.

The tentative agreement, reached Thursday by the House, Senate and Governor's office, should benefit area school districts. But the question of how much remains a mystery.

"There have been so many versions of this," Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash said Friday. "It's not a simple answer."

Micklash said the reinstatement of at-risk funds is probably the most positive aspect of the plan. Cass City is due to receive a portion of the Durant settlement, he acknowledged, "but when it's all said and done, the Durant pay-off probably isn't going to be all that beneficial to the school district."

The agreement follows weeks of bickering among legislators and Gov. John Engler.

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled in July that the state must reimburse schools about \$211 million for underfunding special education services.

The ruling stemmed from a lawsuit, known as the Durant case, filed by 84 Michigan school districts that fought for 17 years to get the state to repay money the schools spent on special education and other state mandated services. The Supreme Court ruled that the state violated the Headlee Amendment, which states government must pay for programs it mandates.

Only one upper Thumb school district — Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port — is among the original 84 districts that filed suit, but dozens of other districts, including Cass City Schools, subsequently decided to participate in the legal action.

And state officials agreed all school districts would be reimbursed a portion of unpaid special education monies.

The Supreme Court ruling in July followed a last ditch attempt by legislators and

Engler to settle the Durant case, as well as fully fund teacher retirement programs through a package of bills approved in the House. However, Senate leaders refused to act, saying they had too many unanswered ques-

tions. Engler subsequently vetoed 3 provisions in the 1997-98 school aid budget, including \$252 million in at-risk funding.

Under the tentative agreement reached last week, the

state's school districts would be placed on a 2-year budget in fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and schools' foundation, or "per pupil", allowances would be frozen during that period.

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### One from each building

## Select 4 students for new school award

Four students, one from each of the 4 buildings in the Cass City School District, were honored Monday, Oct. 27, in a special program conducted by Supt. Ken Micklash and witnessed by the Cass City School Board. Micklash explained that the program calls for students to be honored just 4 times a year, meaning that those selected will be in an elite group with just 16 students chosen from the over 1,664 students in the schools.

The students are selected by the principals of the various schools and the recognition isn't necessarily for scholarship, Micklash explained, but

for any and all contributions to the school and community.

Each of the honored students attended the program with their parents and received a certificate, together with a ribbon, "Red Hawk Award of Excellence."

Selected from the high school was Rachel Hoard, daughter of Dave and Tina Hoard. She is involved in a wide array of school and community functions. In addition to being an honor student she was selected by the high school staff because she always gets the job done.

The middle school staff selected Tim Khoury, son of Kareem and Tahani Khoury. The eighth grade student was

listed as a role model of "building blocks of character" and cited for work in academic track, athletics and music.

The administration at Campbell Elementary selected Jeffrey Wills, son of Gordon and Deb Wills. He was pointed to as a positive role model, with a good attitude and cooperative spirit.

Because he is always willing to help both in and out of class, the Deford student selected is Brent Becker, son of Paul and Yvonne Becker of Deford.

All the students and their parents were feted with cookies and beverage after the presentation.



**DISPLAYING THE ribbons and certificates earned as the first recipients of the "Red Hawk Award of Excellence" are, from left: Brent Becker, Jeff Wills, Tim Khoury and Rachel Hoard.**



**GERMAN EXCHANGE student Karin von Usslar spends some quiet time at the Chuck and Linda Volz home, polishing her skills as a flutist.**

## School's much easier here, says German exchange student

Probably few Cass City High School students would willingly trade places with exchange student Karin von Usslar.

Sure, a switch would mean traveling to the small German town of Schifferstadt, about an hour's drive from Frankfurt.

But school would take on a new meaning. The good news is there would be fewer tests. The bad news is the tests would be all essay. Which would require some serious study time, so there would be no time for an after school job.

There also would be no extracurricular activities nor Friday night football games. In Germany, when school lets out, the day's activities come to an end.

And a driver's license? Forget it, unless you're at least

18 years of age and have several hundred dollars to spend on driver's education. But that's okay, few of your classmates drive anyway. Most rely on their bicycles.

The picture of student life in Germany might have some of von Usslar's classmates thinking it's no wonder she decided to spend a few months in the United States.

However, the 17-year-old says her devotion to school at home is necessary if she hopes to attend university classes and pursue a career in elementary education.

von Usslar, who is spending the current school year in Cass City under the sponsorship of the California-based ASPECT Foundation, is a senior at Cass City High School, but she is still 2 1/2 years away from earning her diploma at home.

### MUCH EASIER

"Actually, I would be in eleventh grade at home, but school's much easier here than it is in Germany," said the personable teen, who is being hosted by the Chuck and Linda Volz family. She cited multiple choice tests as an example. "In Germany, we have to write essay tests."

von Usslar said German students take fewer tests, which means it is vital to do well every time. Students, who receive only 2 report cards each year, have to be diligent when it comes to studying because there is no warning about when the next test will be given. "They don't tell us in Germany," she added, "so you always have to be prepared. "We don't have jobs after school be-

cause there's no time.

"I don't get very much homework (here) compared to Germany. Sometimes I am up until midnight studying," she continued. "You have to do it, otherwise you don't do well."

"It's boring and it's not much fun, (but) it's my life and I have to get it organized."

von Usslar said there are 3 different types of high schools in Germany; one for students having family problems and/or academic difficulties, another for students with average grades, and a third for students with good grades.

She is attending the latter school, but she still finds time for her other interests, including tennis and music.

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## New books at the library

**The Grilling Season** by Diane Mott Davidson: Hired to cater a hockey party, Goldy comes up with a winning menu featuring zesty appetizers, Grilled Goalties Tuna and iced Stanley Cupcakes. Yet Patricia McCracken, her client and longtime friend, won't be satisfied until Goldy comes up with a plan for revenge. Patricia blames her health maintenance organization and her obstetrician, John Richards, for the recent loss of her baby. Patricia is suing the doctor and the ACHMO for malpractice, but she wants Goldy's advice on getting even. When Dr. Richards is arrested for the murder of his girlfriend, the story takes a new twist.

**Road Rage** by Ruth Rendell: As Chief Inspector Wexford walks through Framhurst Great Wood, he is afraid it will be for the last time. The plan for a new highway will destroy the woods. His wife Dora is on the committee to try to save the woods. Others are more desperate to get what they want, desperate enough to take hostages and threaten to kill them one by one. Wexford and his fellow police officers race against time to learn the identity of the kidnappers and find the hostages before it is too late.

**The Coming Conflict with China** by Richard Bernstein and Ross H. Munro (nonfiction): China and America appear to be on a collision course. The authors of this book, both correspondents in China and bureau chiefs in Asia, take a look at how China continues to portray the United States as the enemy; how important the takeover of Hong Kong is to China; the increase in China's military strength; its efforts to "steal" technology and its attempts to influence U.S. policy. And China has its own problems and conflicts in the leadership and a surfacing Chinese nationalism that portends a rocky period ahead.

## Cass City Social Items

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Tuesday, Oct. 28, James Clark and Caroline Ward of Flint had dinner and spent the day with Verna VanNorman at her home.

The What's Trump card club held its monthly get-together at Craig and Lisa Weaver's. Winners were Dave and Connie McNaughton. Besides an evening of card playing, the club also helped Lisa clean out her cupboards, reportedly a very uplifting and rewarding experience. Next month's hosts will be Russ and Marilyn Biefer.

Several relatives from the Cass City area attended a baby shower Saturday afternoon at the home of Pat and Norman Blue in Millington, honoring their new grandson, Justin Blue, son of Jeff and Karen Blue of Clio. Pat Blue is the former Patricia McConnell of Cass City.

Attending the baptisms Sunday of Grace Elizabeth Salo, daughter of B. J. Haire and Roger Salo, of Plymouth and Parker Jack Haire, son of Clarke and Karen Haire, Cass City, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church were: Ron Burck and Margaret Hogan of Clinton Township, Beverly Fenton, Freeland, Marsha Fenton, Lansing area, and Madeline Miller, Pinconning. Also attending were Lynn Haire and Larry Sroka and sons, Jim and Jeff, of Plymouth, and John Haire, Cass City.



Sheep will not drink from running water.



Meg's Peg  
Cats & pills

by Melva E. Guinther

Our daughter, Sandy, who has 2 cats and knows whereof she speaks regarding felines, passed along this bit of wisdom. Those of you who know cats will appreciate it.

How to give your cat a pill

1. Grasp cat firmly in your arms. Cradle its head on your elbow, just as if you were giving a baby a bottle. Coo confidently, "That's a nice kitty." Drop pill into its mouth.
2. Retrieve cat from top of lamp and pill from under sofa.
3. Follow same procedure as in 1., but hold cat's front paws down with left hand and back paws down with elbow of right arm. Poke pill into its mouth with right forefinger.
4. Retrieve cat from under bed. Get new pill from bottle. (Resist impulse to get a new cat.)
5. Again proceed as in 1., except when you have cat firmly cradled in bottle-feeding position, sit down on edge of chair, fold your torso over cat, bring your right hand over your left elbow, open cat's mouth by lifting upper jaw and pop the pill in — quickly. Since your head is down by your knees, you won't be able to see what you are doing. That's just as well.
6. Leave cat hanging on drapes. Leave pill in your hair.
7. If you are a woman, have a good cry. If you are a man,

8. Now pull yourself together. Who's the boss here anyway? Retrieve cat and pill. Assuming position 1., say sternly, "Who's the boss here anyway?" Open cat's mouth, take pill and...oops! You shouldn't have done this with your mouth open, should you? Swallow hard!
9. This isn't working, is it? Collapse and think. Aha! Those flashing claws are causing the chaos.
10. Crawl to the linen closet. Drag back large beach towel. Spread towel on floor.
11. Retrieve cat from kitchen counter and pill from potted plant.
12. Spread cat on towel near one end with its head over long edge.
13. Flatten cat's front and back legs over its head over long edge.
14. Roll cat in towel. Work fast. Time and tabbies wait for no man or woman.
15. Resume position 1. Rotate your left hand to cat's head. Press its mouth at the jaw hinges, like opening the petals of a snapdragon.
16. Drop pill into cat's mouth and poke gently. Voila! It's done. So is the towel.
17. Vacuum up loose fur (cat's). Apply bandages to wounds (yours).
18. Call vet and ask if that pill you took in step 8 will kill you.
19. Also ask vet how to get cat off your head where it looks like a Daniel Boone's hat with tail down your back.

## Marriage licenses

Edward Phillip Stevenson Jr. and Juanita Elaine Smith, both of Mayville.

Gary Leo DeShano and Dana Jill Jolly, both of Millington.

## It's a boy!

Jeff and Terri Paquet of Clio announce the birth of a son, Tyler James, born Oct. 18 at Hurley Medical Center, Flint. He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. He joins 2 brothers, Nathan and Nicholas, at home.

Maternal grandparents are Irene McLellan and the late Robert McLellan of Deford. Paternal grandparents are Maxine Paquet and the late Raymond Paquet of Mt. Morris. Great-grandparents are Anna Gabler of Marlette and Robert McLellan Sr. of Auburn.

## Diabetic support group to meet

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, will hold an Adult Diabetic Support Group Thursday, Nov. 20. The group will meet in the North Conference Room from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and will be facilitated by Marie Bryce, R.N., certified diabetic educator. There is no need to register for the group and it is free of charge.

The Diabetic Support Group is a way for people to get together and share information, problems and concerns with others facing similar difficulties. Some general topics that may be discussed include: eating out, low blood sugar, and any other aspects of diabetes that people are interested in learning about. There will also be some special ideas on "Cooking for the Holidays."

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

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**Monday** - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, (broccoli & carrot mix), French bread, oatmeal cookie.

**Tuesday** - Closed - Veteran's Day.

**Friday** - Roast pork, roasted potatoes, diced beefs, wheat rolls, apple crisp.

"A support group gives people the opportunity to come and share their problems and ideas with others. I look forward to hearing input from group members concerning the discussions on various topics associated with diabetes. The group also keeps fellow diabetics motivated by providing new information and suggestions that will help them to enjoy a healthier life style," said Bryce.

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Maxine Profit, worthy matron; Leslie Profit, worthy patron; Carol Gaffney, assistant matron; Arlington Hoffman, assistant patron; Ruth Whittaker, secretary; Thelma Graham, treasurer; Ruth Hoffman, conductress; Joan Merchant, assistant conductress; Elmer Francis, marshal; Glenda Wilson,

organist; Janet Francis, Adah; Lucille DeLong, Ruth; Marjorie Karr, Esther; Dolly Tracy, Martha; Dorothy Caverly, Electa; John Marshall, warden; Millie Mark, sentinel, and Harold McGrath, American flag bearer.

Roger Parrish entertained with a special selection which he has composed as a tribute to Mother Teresa. A luncheon was served. Members from Bad Axe, Caro, Gageton and Cass City attended.

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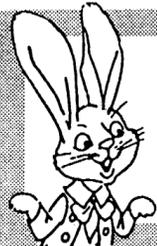
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

There are college football fans and there is Betty Crandell, who now lives in Mackinaw City. She will be remembered by many, although it has been years since Betty and her late husband, veterinarian Harry, were among the most well-known residents of the area.

Betty is a staunch, staunch as in rabid, U of M fan. Before the University of Michigan-Michigan State football game, she was in the hospital for a biopsy.

A concerned person trying to give comfort told her that she was sure everything would come out all right.

I hope so, Betty replied, but remember Michigan State beat us last year.

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Here's the annual report of the pie derby staged each fall by the Shabbona United Methodist Women. Delivered were 1968 fresh apple pies, up from 1526 pies made in 1996.

The pies were made in 4 days and one evening, with 52 people helping out.

The first year the pies were baked (1991), 340 pies were sold at \$4.00 each. This year the price was \$5.00.

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You may not know it, but when Bill Eberline died last week, the community lost a resident who had a role in the economic development of the community.

Bill came to Cass City when Walbro Corporation arrived. He was an original employee and was a shirt-sleeve mechanical genius, according to folks he worked with.

In the days when the late W. E. Walpole had just a sample of a small engine carburetor and had yet to produce for Clinton Motors, the company's first customer, Eberline was the guy who was turned to for design and innovations to keep the company on top of the competition.

**Red Hawk Recap**  
by Rachel Hoard

On Friday, Oct. 17, all of Mr. Hoard's and Mr. Lomasney's Industrial Education students visited the construction site of the new middle school. There were a total of six bus trips taken throughout the day.

One of the main objectives of the trip was to introduce the carpentry class to the Terrazzo flooring in the cafeteria. They had been studying it in class that week. Keith Hammis gave the 22-member carpentry class the most detailed look of the new school, including the assembly of the gym floor.

Prior to visiting the middle school, the class had the opportunity to visit residential construction in the community. A few weeks ago Don Ball from Hunt Construction came into the class to discuss the use of Laser and Transit.

Starting in January the carpentry class will begin to build storage sheds for area residents. The only cost involved is for materials. On the average it is \$600-\$1000, depending on what the individual wants. Any other do-

nations will go toward purchasing new equipment for the classroom. The sheds are usually ready for delivery in May. Anyone interested in having a shed made can contact Mr. Hoard at the high school.

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Recently, students in the school district received their annual school pictures. Along with receiving their envelope of pictures, students and teachers at the high school and middle school have a picture I.D. Anyone dissatisfied with their pictures or anyone who missed picture day is asked to have their picture retaken Nov. 6 at the high school and middle school and Nov. 13 at the elementary school.

The 1998 Perrans yearbooks are on sale every Tuesday and Thursday in front of the high school office for a cost of \$30, or \$35 if paid in installments. The theme for this year is "In the Spotlight." The book will feature 28 pages of color and a total of 180 pages, 20 more than last year.

### Historical society to meet Nov. 11

The Watrouville/Caro Area Historical Society will meet Nov. 11. Program chairperson, Peggy Randall, will present the History of the Amish and will have many articles on display. The meeting will begin at

7:30 p.m. at the Caro Municipal Building, 117 S. State St., Caro.

Refreshments will be served following the program. The public is invited to attend.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	45	27	.09"
Wednesday	55	43	0
Thursday	56	27	0
Friday	60	52	tr.
Saturday	58	46	.16"
Sunday	46	36	.02"
Monday	42	28	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

### Reflective mailbox signs

## Ambulance fund raiser set

Volunteers with the ACW Ambulance in Unionville are selling reflective mailbox address signs in an effort to save time in an emergency and raise funds for a new ambulance.

"There's an old joke about how to find a burning home: 'What's the address?' And the people say, 'Just drive down the road and you'll see the smoke,'" said EMT Ken Curry.

"Finding a home quickly during an emergency is no joking matter. That's why ACW Ambulance volunteers have started selling reflective address signs for your mailbox or house," he said.

"These address signs are easily spotted day or night and will help all emergency services — fire, ambulance and police — to locate your house in an emergency."

An address sign may seem insignificant, but it can mean all the difference when seconds count, according to Curry.

"At 3:05 a.m. a 911 call comes into Central Dispatch. A mother states her child is having difficulty breathing. The address shows up on the 911 screen and your local ambulance is dispatched. The ambulance is heading to 1234 'your road', but when it gets in the area it finds several houses with no addresses," Curry said. "This precious time could cause the ambulance to arrive too late."

Curry said order forms can be obtained by calling (517) 674-2608 (ask for Kathy). "The fund-raiser proceeds will be used to purchase a new ambulance and other equipment," Curry explained. "Our current ambulance is 12 years old and is starting to have more and more problems."

### Revival services planned

Revival services will be held at Cass City Church of the Nazarene Nov. 5-9. The services start at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Sunday services start at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. There will be special music in each service.

Pastor Andrew Jolly will be preaching. He attended Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill., and has been a student at Eastern Michigan Nazarene Bible Institute in Detroit.

Pastor Jolly and his wife, Lisa, came to the Cass City Church of the Nazarene July 6. They have a daughter, Elizabeth, 4.

The church is located at 6538 Third Street. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy these special services.

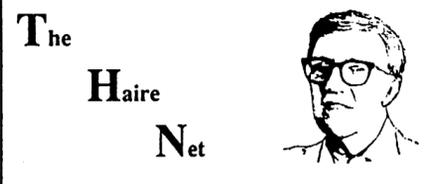
### Blood drive set Nov. 18

You can give blood if you:  
\* Are 17 years old.  
\* Weigh at least 110 pounds.  
\* Are in general good health.

Please give Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Hills and Dales Hospital from 1 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The American Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive in the ambulatory care basement.



EMT KEN Curry displays the 3 types of address signs being sold by ACW Ambulance volunteers at a cost of \$15 each.



Getting public housing residents to own their own dwellings is the goal of a \$300,000 study announced last week.

Gov. John Engler said that he believes communities thrive when they have a stake in neighborhoods.

The study will zero in on 3 areas, home ownership, abandoned and vacant homes and making vacant land available for purchase.

After the study by the Hudson Institute, it is expected that legislation called the Michigan Urban Homestead Act will be enacted.

Residents can own homes by staying drug free and keeping children in school.

With \$300,000 to spend, it's likely that this study will drag on for awhile and when and if the legislation gets to the politicians, will face more long delays even if it survives.

It's got one positive going for it. It is based on the users' self-interest. And that makes a whale of a difference.

The failure of the current public housing program reminds me of a program that wasn't based on self interest at the White Creek Club in Deford.

The club originally consisted of a small group of business people who took off from work and ended up at the small clubhouse to get away from it all.

It was nothing like the club as it is today and the membership has changed about as much as the facilities. There are very few charter members still active.

Anyway, in those early days there was a refrigerator from which visitors could secure refreshments and pay for them using the honor system and placing the money in a near-by receptacle.

Remember, now, that all of the members were businessmen (There were no women members in that unenlightened day) well-known to each other and respected in the community.

That went on for a couple of years or so and every year more refreshments were consumed than paid for. I never figured that the deficit occurred because a bunch of guys deliberately cheated (stole).

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## The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Well it's about time. Congress and the President are finally going to do something about the IRS. We can be sure they won't do anything worthwhile, but at least they're going to do something.

Today I read the President and Congress want to give tax credits to companies that can reduce emissions of "greenhouse gases". A few days ago I noticed they want to increase tax credits for folks who need child care.

That's why we have the IRS. You can't give tax credits if you don't have a huge bureaucracy for collecting the greenbacks.

Proposals for improving the IRS include appointing citizens' committees that would get together and gripe on a regular basis, and/or abolish the agency — which would make taxes pretty much voluntary.

This summer I clipped a news report describing a metropolitan senator's speech to a group of farmers.

"I'd like to see a simple tax form," the Senator said. "Put your name at the top, write down all the income you had — perhaps with a few simple deductions — and at the end of the day send it off to the IRS."

How do you like that? All the income you had "perhaps with a few simple deductions" and send it off to the IRS?

Do they think we're stupid or what? Why can't they just come by and take a cow and a few chickens like they used to?

The Senator went on to urge farmers to communicate with him about what they would like to see in a flat tax. I'll bet they communicated alright — soon after getting his attention with a flat piece of lumber.

I don't know what the answer is for this IRS hullabaloo, but I'm pretty sure a flat tax isn't it. Anybody who can list their income and deduc-

tions on a postcard doesn't have a paperwork problem in the first place.

Everyone has a favorite idea for dealing with federal tax collectors. Many folks like to pay more than they owe throughout the year and count on their yearly refund for paying bills and funding vacations.

This makes tax day a happy time when the taxpayer learns how much he will be getting back. It's a good way to save money if you don't have good control over yourself during the rest of the year.

I used to do the same thing when I raised a few pigs each year. I would go out in the spring and buy some pigs. Then I just kept buying feed

and buying feed until the pigs got big enough to sell.

I always lost money on the deal. But I would take the money I got for the pigs and buy something I never could afford, otherwise. The whole thing worked out great.

That's my approach to the IRS. I just toss them a check each morning and say, "Here you go boys. And don't you go and die on me before I get that refund back."

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### Walbro drive nets 2,992 pounds of food

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1st place - Kevin Born and

### 4 face felony charges

Four people were recently arraigned on felony charges in Tuscola County District Court.

•Glenn W. Jobson, 37, Vassar, was charged with second degree criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving a victim under the age of 13 years Oct. 2 in Vassar.

Bond in the case was set at \$20,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for Nov. 21 at 9 a.m.

•Anthony J. Hill, 28, Flint, faces charges of carrying a concealed weapon and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Oct. 23 in Indianfields Township. Bond was set at \$3,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Nov. 21 at 9 a.m.

•Steven J. Gruehn, 31,

Linda Hanson (Drew and Mimi).

2nd Place - Tammy Woodward, Joanie Spry, Carol Morell (Monster Trio).

3rd place - Karen Solo, Joyce Palmateer, Kris Adams, Michelle Melnik, Terry Fahrner, Pam Hornbacher, Marsha Schember, Cathy Smukala (Farmer and the Smell).

### Bach Festival world premier

## Krantz to perform composition

Allen Krantz, noted classical Guitarist and Composer, has written a new composition which will receive its world premiere at the 1997 Village Bach Festival Saturday, Nov. 29, at 8:15 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Cass City. This new work entitled, "Little Elegy with Books and Beasts", is scored for tenor and guitar. Krantz will be the featured guitarist in his own composition.

A Philadelphia native, Krantz has had his compositions performed by the Philadelphia Orchestra and other leading ensembles. He is a graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory and Stanford University and is a former affiliate artist, having served in this capacity in past years in numerous commu-

nities throughout the country, including a residency in Midland at the Midland Center for the Arts. Krantz is a member of the faculty of the New School Institute at Temple University and has composed and produced music for documentary films and commercials.

Joining Krantz in this premiere performance will be tenor, Quentin Quereau. Quereau is a member of the faculty of Case Western Reserve and the Cleveland Institute of Music in Ohio. His vocal study has included work with Blake Stern at the Yale School of Music. Last season he appeared in the United States premiere of Ptaszynska's, "Holocaust Memorial Cantata", with the Cleveland Chamber Sym-

phony and performances of Handel's, "Messiah", with the Detroit Oratorio Society. "It is always exciting to present a world premiere," states Village Bach Festival Music Director, Don Th. Jaeger. "We have done so at several earlier festivals and it begins to take on a sense of historical significance. We are now nearing 20 years of concerts in Cass City and

Caro, which in itself is remarkable. The vast repertoire which we have presented over the years in these Thumb area communities is almost staggering, and a real tribute to the local citizens who believe such things are important."

Tickets may be obtained by calling 517-872-3309 or by mail to the Village Bach Festival, P.O. Box 27, Cass City.

## Cass City High School Honor Roll

The 1st marking period honor roll for Cass City High School has been announced.

### 9TH GRADE

All A's - Kaylee Bell, Holli Cooper, Randy Diebel, Josh Dillon, Shaun Engler, Katie Hacker, Anthony Ingraio, Laura Laming, Emily Rayl, Anand Raythatha, Manisha Raythatha, Kyle Ross.

B or Better: Brandon Albrecht, Mike Bashur, Nathan Brinkman, Jamie Bulla, Ryan Cooper, Andy Dale, Michelle Derfiny, Monica Dorland, Amy DuQuesnay, Craig Emmert, Greg Festian, Jaime Fluegge, Tara Gage, Zach Glaspie, Richard Haas, Joey Haddix, Kandie Hansen, Johanna Hoelzle, Eric Hueter, Stefanie Humpert, Jason Johnson, Jeremy Klinkman, Erin McMahan, Andrew Nahernak, Laura O'Dell, Amy Polega, Megan Powell, Theresa Raymond, Sara Sabo, Josh Sherman, Ross Sherman, Adina Speirs, Andy Stoeckle, Stacy Sullins, Gordon Wills, Gregg Wills, Brad Ypma.

Bond was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for Nov. 21 at 9 a.m.

•William L. Vanderpoel, 39, Kingston, faces charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle Oct. 18 in Kingston Township. Bond was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Nov. 21 at 9 a.m.

Mandy Chappel, Carey Chard, Daniel Cuddie, Kyle Daniel, Harry Deck, Rebecca Dore, Brenda DuQuesnay, Luke Frederick, Nathan Fritz, Kara Gaymer, Tory Gibbard, Nathan Haag, Jessica Henderson, Arlene Hoppe, Adrainne Keller, Jeremy Kilbourn, Nicholas King, Amanda LaPeer, Nicole Matheny, Tara McNeil, Nicole Missovich, Amanda Morrish, Joel Nicol, Julie O'Berski, Becky Oesch, Paul Powell, Jason Reese, Matt Ross, Jon Sherman, Jeremy Walther, Carrie Wentworth, Julie Westfall, Heath Zawilinski.

### 12TH GRADE

All A's - Tammy Acker, Joshua Brinkman, Lori Brown, Jonathan Fobear, Cyrus Healy, Shelly Hendrick, Kristy Hicks, Ryan Hutchinson, Jessica Markel, Janis Mastie, Laura Osantowski, Andrea Rea, Leah Shagena.

B or Better - Jessica Apel-Mifsud, Becky Bennett, Ryan Bennett, Sandy Brown, Colleen Cartwright, Christina Doerr, Jamie Englehart, Julie Erla, Jennifer Eyer, Thomas Fulcher, Maria Garety, Cara Graichen, Andy Green, Scott Haag, Shamon Haley, Andrew Hartwick, Frank Hawley, Jennifer Haynes, Serena Healy, Melissa Heinlein, Shawn Henn, Rachel Hoard, Ann Horton, Chris Irvine, Aaron Kunding, Cheryl Laming, Rebeca Lowe, Matt Lynch, Lindsay Maharg, Brent Martin, Monique Matheny, Nathan Matt, Cory Mayer, Tim Micklash, Jason Mohr, Charles Myers, Jason O'Dell, Jason Osantowski, Janell Papovich, Joshua Parker, Mike Proowski, Amber Rienstra, Roger Rockwell, Marie Russell, Dan Sherman, Chris Smith, Suzanne Smolarkiewicz, Deanna Stine, Brad Sweeney, Craig Swiderski, Chad Tate, Karin VonUsslar, Randy Whittaker, Adam Willis, Heather Woidan, Anna Yost, Tina Younglove.

### 10TH GRADE

All A's - Nicole Doerr, Melissa Homakie, Jalal Khoury, Melissa Myers, Leann Otulakowski, Stephanie Pierce, Kristy Ryan.

B or Better - Nick Anthony, Ange Bogart, Justin Caraballo, Jason Damm, Adam Dorland, Chris Dubay, Amber Dunn, Travis Eyer, Sally Finkbeiner, Amanda Franklin, Lindsey Gaszczynski, Alyssa Glaspie, Tory Glumac, Andrea Gohsman, Sheila Guilds, Kristie Haag, Jesse Hillaker, Christina Kababik, Erin Kappen, Shawn Klinkman, David Kolb, Michelle Kropewnicki, Effie Krug, Cory Kulinski, Paul Langmaid, Phil Mathewson, Ryan McIntosh, Jessica Mecker, Justin Miller, Lindsey Mills, Kim Morrish, Melanie Nizzola, Cari O'Hara, Brooke Ouvry, Jenny Parsell, Matt Perry, Heather Pomeroy, Sonya Regnerus, Brad Roche, Megan Romstad, Kimberly Ryno, Travis Schneeberger, David Sutter, Tracy Talaski, Mandy Vatter, Aaron Volz, Andrea Walsh, Rachel Warden, Cory Whittaker, Chad Wolschlagier, Katie Wood.

### 11TH GRADE

All A's - Aaron Barrigar, Jim Dale, Ryan Downing, Sheri Foster, Dave Hobbs, Rose Hoelzle, Danielle Laming, Kara Mellendorf, Susan O'Hara, Adam Stoeckle, Marissa Sweeney, Amy Venema, Eric Zawilinski, Nicolette Zawilinski.

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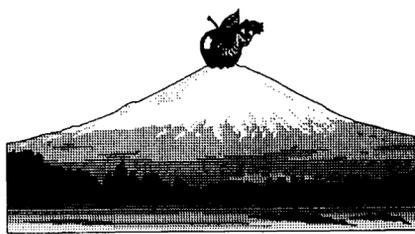
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# Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

### 5 YEARS AGO

Corn didn't mature as it should this year due to an unusually cool summer. The result has been a late crop with an unusually high moisture content. Corn prices are averaging \$1.70 to \$1.80 a bushel, compared to \$2.60 last spring.

A gang fight rumored to take place in Cass City Friday night never happened. In fact Cass City had one of the quietest Halloweens on record.

Cass City band students Jessica Frederick, Tara Guernsey, Mandy Deering, Sam Hobbs and Rich Robinson have been selected to perform with the Huron Honors Band Sunday at Cass City High School.

Cass City High School students elected Ross Perot president in a mock election last week. They overwhelmingly chose the Texas billionaire over incumbent George Bush, who finished a distant third behind Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

Dr. Thomas Schwaderer of Grand Rapids, who grew up in Cass City and was an out-

standing 4-sport star at Cass City High School, was elected into the Albion College Athletic Hall of Fame Friday, Oct. 23.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Tuscola County Commissioners in 1985 asked that the county be considered as the site for a new state regional medium security prison. State officials last week expressed "no interest" in Tuscola County as a possible site. The \$42 million prison will be built on a 40-acre site near Freeland.

Three Cass City men were recently honored by GTE. Richard L. Hendrick was recognized for 30 years of service. Roland L. Nicholas and Alfred W. Horne, meanwhile, were honored for their 20th anniversaries.

Listed as "serious" at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, is Janet C. Martin, 73, of Gageton. A passenger in Martin's vehicle, Edith Schriber, 88, of Caro, is listed in "critical" condition, after a 2-vehicle crash Thursday on Hurds Corner Road just west of Elmwood Road in Ellington Township.

Hills and Dales Hospital officials honored employees Oct. 28 at an annual awards tea. Retiring employees Berenice Sowden, Olivia Torres and Colleen Hawley, and 25-year employee Dorothy McCreedy, were among those honored.

Jeff Sontag was named to the all star defensive first team at safety in the Thumb B Association. In addition, Cass City placed Greg Hanby on the offensive second team and Mike Mikolon, Jeff Dillon and Mark Hirn on the defensive second team. Darin Monroe, Paul Tuckey and Jeremy Capps received honorable mention.

### 25 YEARS AGO

A unique wedding was held in the Cass City area Saturday, Oct. 21. United were

Susan Sorenson, 22, of East Detroit and John D. Milner, 25, of Pontiac. The wedding was held in the barn on the Sorenson farm, east of Cass City. The 40 persons attending the ceremony were seated on bales of straw during the double-ring rites. The Rev. Melvin R. Vender officiated at the service.

The Elkland Township Fire Department members gave out the traditional free popcorn for Halloween but many of the ghosts and goblins evidently didn't find them at the new fire hall. Undaunted, the firefighters boxed up sacks of popcorn and took them to Main Street, where they had little trouble finding goblins to gobble the goodies.

After 36 hours Saturday night in Schneeberger's rock-a-thon, the winner was Mrs. Harriet Richards. She won a \$100 savings bond. All contestants received prizes and the final 3 received rockers in addition to the bond award.

Two Cass City women received recognition for their arts and crafts at the 50th annual convention and banquet of the East Central District of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, held at the Woodside Church, Flint. Mrs. Grace Moore received the Gallery Award and first prize for her quilt, second prize for a painting and first prize for jewelry. Mrs. Myrtle Ludlow received an honorable mention on her china painting.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Two grand openings have been scheduled in Cass City this week. Lloyd Bryant, Gamble store manager, announced this week that he has opened a toy store in the building next to the Pinney State Bank that formerly housed Hulien's clothing store. Bill Krizman is celebrating the addition of extra space to his store. The addition includes a self-serve shoe department and greatly enlarged stock.

An estimated 500-600 persons reportedly attended the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, Jaycee and theatre sponsored program Halloween night. The program included costume judging, refreshments, cartoons and a movie. Refreshments were supplied by Sommers' Bakery and Jim's Fruit Market.

Starting Thursday, Nov. 8, and every Thursday except Thanksgiving, Martin's Restaurant will feature a weekly smorgasbord from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person.

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## Announce 4th grade honor roll

The first marking period honor roll for Campbell Elementary School has been announced.

### 4TH GRADE

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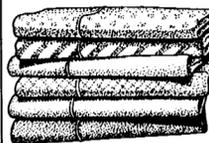


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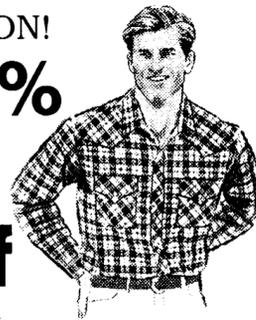


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Parkinson's Meeting - 18

# O-G first period honor roll pupils

The first marking period honor roll for Owen-Gage School has been announced.

## 7TH GRADE

Ashley Pawlak, Jennifer Sparkes, Bridget Stirrett, Shannon Thorp, James Wise.

## 8TH GRADE

Dawn Enderle, Josh Error, Rebecca Hartman, Guthry Laurie, Earl McKee, \*Dale Minkler, Sarah Stirrett, Lee Strickland, Corbin Swaistyn.

## 9TH GRADE

Cory Fritz, \*Danielle Fritz, Ryan Fritz, Amanda Howey, Kendall Kretschmer, Stefanie Lowry, Shane Mellendorf, Tom Minkler, Matt Rogers, Jenna Root, \*Nicholas Warack, Melissa Ziehm.

## 10TH GRADE

Keith Bricker, Anthony Brinkman, Nathan Dale, Derek Howard, Melanie Lemanski, Kristen Mandich, Theresa Richmond, \*Cassie Vargo, Cory Wiederhold, Malissa Woolner.

## 11TH GRADE

Justin Anthes, Debbie Bricker, Karen Kretschmer, Jennifer Loewe, Kristie Radabaugh, Joey Salcido, John Williams.

## 12TH GRADE

Dan Dorsch, Brandy Halasz, \*Amy Joles, \*Tara McKellar, Chadd Rhodes, Tonya Smith, \*Melissa Vargo, \*Alli A's.



**PASSED ON TO** Wayne Dillon, left, was a certificate issued as a special tribute of recognition that was given to Cass City Schools by the Saginaw Valley Manufacturers' Association for the special efforts bringing business and education together. It was given to Dillon for his efforts in coordinating the program. After accepting the certificate from school board President Randy Severance, Dillon said that the results over the previous 25 years proved the value of the program to Cass City students.

## Diabetic Education classes set Nov. 17

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, is offering a series of Diabetic Education Classes beginning Nov. 17, and continuing weekly through Dec. 8, at Huron Memorial. There is no charge for the classes, but please call and register. The classes are open to all interested persons. The specific class dates, times, topics and locations are:

I. What is Diabetes? Monday, Nov. 17, 7-9 p.m., North Conference Room.

II. Diet and Diabetes. Monday, Nov. 24, 7-9 p.m., North Conference Room.

III. Regulating Blood Glucose. Monday, Dec. 1, 7-9 p.m., North Conference Room.

IV. Personal Health Habits and Preventing Complications. Monday, Dec. 8, 7-9 p.m., North Conference Room.

Classes will be presented by Marie Bryce, R.N., certified diabetic educator, along with Shana Holmes, dietician.

To register or for more information, please call Huron Memorial Hospital Inservice Department, Marie Bryce, R.N., C.D.E. at 517-269-9521, ext. 4345.

# Cass City Bowling Leagues

<b>THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE</b>	Easy 7 35 The Family 31 Grumblers 29 Intimidators 28 Men of Steel 26 Bye 25	Wickes 1 Pro Temp 1 Brentwood 1	Women's High Series: J. Meredith 500. Women's High Game: D. Witkovsky 181. High Team Series: The S.H.L. 717. High Team Game: Leftovers 1962.
Dee's M.P. Rockets 29 K R E W 27 Alley Cats 25 S T A R 23 Golden Oldies 12	Men's High Series & Game: S. Hammett 666 (258), L. Gasczynski 514 (201). Women's High Series: B. Watson 519. Women's High Games: B. Watson, 178, L. Dibble 178. High Team Series & Game: Gators 1981 (757).	High Actual Team Series: Charmont 2977. High Actual Team Game: Gemini Plastics 1062. Individual High Series and Games: M. Jackson 691 (234-232-225), M. Lutz 674 (246-225), L. Tomaszewski II 664 (257-220), W. Guinther 660 (245-222), K. Campbell 648 (253-233), A. Reed 637 (252), J. Krol 631 (228-214), T. Pattengill 627 (217-213), B. Rutkoski 619 (211-210), B. Kingsland 610 (234-219), S. Hammett 604 (222), J. Storm 600, G. Robinson 597 (222), J. Langenburg 597, C. Anthes 593 (212), P. McIntosh 588 (215), R. Wright 578 (248), D. O'Dell 574 (216), P. Robinson 567, D. Englehardt 566 (210), B. Rutkoski 564 (214), T. Summers 559, D. Volz 214, T. Kuck 214, C. Zimmerman 213, R. Salcido 212.	<b>CHARMONT LADIES</b> J.B.'s Crew 27 1/2 Dee's M.P. Rockets 22 Sister Act 21 Wild John's 20 1/2 Dott Manufacturing 17 Pizza Villa 16 Team # 7 16 Cass City Tire 14 Cable-ettes 13 Live Wires 13 High Team Game: Sister Act 1050. High Team Series: Dee's M.P. Rockets 3044. High Series: D. Mathewson 474, M. Burns 464, V. Patera 458, B. Kilbourn 456. High Games: B. Kilbourn 182, M. Burns 172, M. Truemmer 173, J. Stevens 171, W. Jensen 170.
<b>THURSDAY NITE TRIO Oct. 30</b>	Thumb Auto Wash 26 General Cable 24 N E I C 22 County Wide Builders 22 Marlette Oil & Gas 22 Martin Electric 19 Mycogen Plant Science 18 Pioneer Seeds 18 Hyatt Farms One 18 Hyatt Farms Two 14 Babich Farms 12 1/2	Hills & Dales 4 Thumb Auto Wash 4 Caro Chiropractic 3 Silver Birch Kennel 3 All Season Rental 1 Detroit Edison 1 J.B.'s Crew 0 Health Mart Pills 0	<b>SUNDAY NO ROLLERS Oct. 26, 1997</b> Leftovers 13 Smithsky & Hutch 10 We'll Get Back To You 9 Raz-ma-taz 9 D & J's 9 CWD's 7 The S.H.L. 5 C B's 2 Men's High Series: B. Brown 630, R. Meredith 612. Men's High Games: B. Brown 249-212, R. Meredith 245, D. Copeland 236.
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## Writer's club to meet Nov. 11

The next regular meeting of the Thumb Area Writer's Club (TAWC) will be held Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Sandusky High School, located at 191 Pine Tree Lane, Sandusky. Follow Pine Tree Lane east to the end, turn left, park by double doors at east end of school. Upon entering the school, take first hallway to the right and go to room #259. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. All writers needing encouragement in their creative endeavors, are urged to attend. Please attend this month's meeting and read us your work.

## Junior high completes successful grid year

Cass City Junior High Red Hawk football coaches Ed Stoutenburg, Tom Dorland and Larry Robinson report that the team finished 4-1-1 this season.

**The 1997 Schedule:**  
Sept. 16 - CC 24, Bad Axe 20  
Sept. 23 - CC 6, USA 20  
Oct. 7 - CC 14, Harbor Beach 6  
Oct. 14 - CC 0, Lakers 0  
Oct. 21 - CC 36, Yale 12  
Oct. 27 - CC 36, Caro 20

Team members are:

**7TH GRADE**  
Jason Barrigan, Jarod Chard, Aaron Diegel, Bryan Douglas, Tyler Ferris, Jarred Glaza, Jordon Glaza, Gary Grates, Tyler Harp, Cyndi Henn, Travis Jensen, Joe Lounsbury, Chris Maharg, Chris Morris, Anne Nizzola, Justin Presley, Rajen Raythatha, Tony Samons, Jeremy Schultz, Josh Sherman, Josh Smith, Brandon Speirs, Don Spencer, Matt Stoutenburg, Adam Talaski, Nick Turner, Josh Windsor, Mike Wark.

**8TH GRADE**  
Tom Armstead, Joe Biskner, Aaron Dorland, Matt Ender, Grant Frank, Noel Gould, Cason Harris, Rob Havens, Nathan Izydorek, Timothy Khoury, Josh Klein, Luke Krug, Rob Lowe, Dave Mayer, Chris Marks, Brad Stine, Jeff Storm, Bill Thane, Dan Vandecar.

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### Marlette bows

## Coach: nice way to end it

It was a nice way to end it, Coach Tom Oesch said, after the Cass City Red Hawks rolled over winless Marlette, 43-0, Friday in the final game of the season.

It was also a nice way for the 7 departing seniors on the squad to end their varsity careers. Not around to bolster what promises to be a strong team next season will be Matt Irrer, Chad Lenhard, Josh Brinkman, Ryan Brinkman, Kurt Russell, Cory Mayer and Frank Hawley.

The Hawks took most of the first quarter to become untracked offensively. There was just 1:30 left in the period when the Hawks started a drive on their own 47 and scored in just 3 plays. Nick King jaunted for 27 yards and Kyle Daniel went for 22 more for a first on the 8 and then scored on the next play around his own left end. Heath Zawilinski passed to Nathan Haag for the extra points.

Cass City almost scored on its first possession when a 65-yard drive was halted at the goal line by a Hawk fumble.

That was about the only good news of the night for the Raiders, who were playing with a 15-man squad.

Cass City scored the next 2 times it got the ball in the second quarter. Irrer intercepted a pass and returned it to the 28, from where the Hawks scored in 8 plays with a Zawilinski pass to Daniel covering the final 8 yards.

The next drive started on the Marlette 45. Chad Lenhard capped the drive with an 11-yard jaunt around his own left end.

After that it was merely a question of what the final score was going to be. In the last half Ben Zimba scored from 3 yards out. Irrer jaunted 32 yards and King ran for 54 yards for the other Cass City scores.

King piled up 115 yards in 6 carries. Zimba powered for 86 yards in 15 tries and Daniel had 79 yards in 7 attempts.

Leading the defense were Lenhard, 16 tackles, Daniel, 15 tackles, and Irrer, 6 tackles and 2 interceptions.

	CC	M
First downs	22	6
Rush, attempts	38	22
Rush, yds.	360	68
Passes complete	5/8	8/18
Passing yds.	49	70
Intercepted by	0	2
Penalties	1/15	4/40

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MARLETTE WAS unable to stop the Red Hawk offense Friday night. Above, Nick King picks up several of the 115 yards he gained on 6 carries on the night.

### Frustrating year ends

## Bulldogs bow to Au Gres, 43-0

Owen-Gage ended its 1997 gridiron season Friday on a sour note with a 43-0 whipping by host Au Gres. The loss puts Coach Joe Candela's Bulldogs in the record books with a 1-8 mark.

"It's frustrating," says Candela. "Au Gres had only 11 players dressed. We have some problems, but our biggest one is learning to play as a team. Until we learn that, the results at Owendale will be the same."

Rob Tremble led the way for the hosts, scoring 2

touchdowns, passing for another, and recording a team high 23 tackles.

"It's been a nightmare for the last 2 games," Candela said after his team's final performance. "We were playing better ball during the middle of the season."

Tremble, who led all rushers with 137 yards, broke loose and scampered 60 yards to register the game's first points.

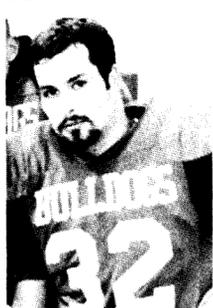
From there, it would be all Au Gres till the final whistle.

Owen-Gage was led by a pair of seniors in their final outing. Offensively, senior Aaron Baker led all Bulldog rushers with 61 yards that came on 12 carries. Junior

Joel Bolzman rushed for 54 yards on 15 totes, while Jason Rochefort carried the pigskin 7 times for 46 yards. Owen-Gage's Derek Howard completed 3 passes that resulted in only 14 yards.

Defensively, Dan Dorsch concluded his Bulldog career in usual fashion with a team high 5 solo stops.

"We'll have some talent coming back," says Candela. "But we need to play with emotion for the entire season."



Aaron Baker Senior - 61 yards rushing



Dan Dorsch Senior - 5 tackles

## Hawks must win final 3 games to share title

Cass City suffered what could have been a mortal blow to its hopes for a Greater Thumb West hoop championship when it dropped a one-point decision to visiting USA last Tuesday before bouncing back to post a decision over Reese Thursday.

Although the loss makes it difficult, the win over Reese makes it possible for Cass City to walk away with the title. To do so the Hawks must defeat Bay City All Saints in a game that was scheduled Tuesday, then defeat Mayville Friday and the Lakers Nov. 13.

It's possible to charge off the 45-44 loss to USA to the lack of bench strength. When foul trouble forced Coach Jim Mastie to go to the bench, the Patriots quickly took control of the game.

It looked like smooth going for the Hawks in the opening quarter as Shelly Ulfig counted a basket and Becky Doerr converted a trey and a deuce to put the Hawks in front 7-3 in the first 3 minutes.

Kara Mellendorf then connected for 6 points and at the end of the first quarter the Hawks were flying, 16-9.

But 2 minutes into the second quarter both Mellendorf and Ulfig were on the bench and USA took advantage to quickly tie the score at 18-18 with 3:24 left in the period.

After that it was a dog fight all the way. In the third quarter the score was tied twice, the last time at 29-29, after which the Hawks ran off 7 unanswered points, led by Mellendorf with 3 hoops from around the 10-foot mark.

USA started the final quar-

ter with 5 unanswered points to tie the game at the 6:33 mark. Ulfig then went to the bench with 4 fouls. She did not return until there was just 30 seconds left in the game and Cass City was behind by 3 points. Ulfig scored an uncontested basket at the whistle but by then it was too late to do anything but make the final score closer.

Mellendorf led all scorers with 22 points while Schafer and Sigmund topped the Patriots with 11 each.

### CC - USA

CASS CITY - Maharg 0-1 (0-0) 3; B. Dore 1-1 (1-2) 6; Rea 2-0 (2-4) 6; Ulfig 3-0 (1-5) 7; Mellendorf 8-0 (6-6) 22.

TOTALS - 14-2 (10-17) 44.

USA - Ewald 1-1 (1-3) 6; VanBevern 1-0 (1-2) 3; Gremel 3-0 (0-0) 6; Holland 1-0 (1-5) 3; Sigmund 3-0 (5-5) 11; Cohrs 2-0 (1-2) 5; Schafae 4-0 (3-5) 11.

TOTALS - 15-1 (12-22) 45.

### REESE GAME

For the second time this season the Hawks posted a win over the Reese Rockets, overcoming a slow start before forging to the front in the second 2 quarters for the 46-41 victory.

The 2 teams are now tied behind All Saints and Lakers, a game behind the league leaders.

It was a defensive battle most of the way. In the first period when Reese jumped in front 9-7, the Rockets were able to hold Cass City's

top scorers, Shelly Ulfig and Kara Mellendorf, to just one basket by Ulfig in the quarter.

Cass City clamped down on defense in the second period, holding Reese to just 2 field goals, a trey and a deuce. Ulfig ripped in 6 points and at the half Cass City was in front 17-14.

Mellendorf came to life offensively in the third quarter with 3 field goals and the Hawks built an 8-point lead at the end of the quarter and then hung on for the important win.

Sharing scoring honors were Ulfig for Cass City and Kristie Grabowski for Reese, each with 14 points.

### CC - REESE

CASS CITY - Maharg 0-1 (1-3) 4; B. Dore 0-1 (0-0) 3; Mastie 2-0 (0-1) 4; McNeil 1-1 (0-0) 5; Rea 3-0 (2-2) 8; Ulfig 7-0 (0-1) 14; Mellendorf 3-0 (2-2) 8.

TOTALS - 16-3 (5-9) 46.

REESE - Weier 4-0 (0-0) 8; Grabowski 4-2 (0-0) 14; Rasmussen 3-0 (0-3) 6; Hakes 1-0 (0-0) 2; Morel 4-0 (1-2) 9; Geilhart 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 17-2 (1-5) 41.

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<b>GREATER THUMB EAST</b>			
School	W	L	W
Sandusky	9	1	15
Harbor Beach	8	2	12
Yale	7	3	12
Deckerville	6	4	11
Brown City	4	6	8
Marlette	4	6	10
Ubyly	2	8	4
Cros-Lex	0	10	5
<b>NCTL</b>			
School	W	L	W
Kingston	11	1	12
Peck	11	1	15
N. Huron	8	4	12
Port Hope	6	6	7
A. Fairgrove	5	7	9
CPS	5	7	6
Owen-Gage	2	10	2
Caseville	0	12	1
<b>TUESDAY'S GAMES</b>			
Mayville at Bad Axe			
BCAS at Cass City			
Marlette at Deckerville			
Reese at EPBP			
Yale at Sandusky			
Cros-Lex at Ubyly			
USA at Kingston			
Owen-Gage at Au Gres			
<b>WEDNESDAY'S GAME</b>			
Deckerville vs. Brown City (Palace)			
<b>THURSDAY'S GAMES</b>			
Bad Axe at Reese			
USA at BCAS			
Harbor Beach at Yale			
Marlette at Ubyly			
Sandusky at Cros-Lex			
CPS at Port Hope			
Caseville at North Huron			
Peck at Kingston			
Owen-Gage at A-Fairgrove			
<b>FRIDAY'S GAME</b>			
Cass City at Mayville			
<b>FRIDAY'S RESULTS</b>			
Yale 34, Bad Axe 15			
Brown City 22, Vassar 13			
Cass City 43, Marlette 0			
Cros-Lex 36, New Haven 8			
Deckerville 50, Armada 0			
Frankenmuth 21, EPBP 14			
USA 33, Harbor Beach 0			
Mayville 26, Kingston 20			
Memphis 17, North Huron 14			
Au Gres 42, Owen-Gage 0			
Almont 38, Ubyly 22			
Reese 34, Sandusky 12			
Arenac Eastern 48, A-Fairgrove 10			
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Two tables of Bid Euchre were played at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ellicott. Prizes were won by Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Jim Ballagh. The group had dinner earlier at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Andersen of Brighton and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen of Livonia spent a few days with Mrs. Earl Schenk. Other Saturday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker. Mrs. Schenk is recovering from third degree burns on her hands and arms.

Mrs. George Barber of Royal Oak, Charlene Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. Larry

Curtis of Cass City were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard. Allen Farrelly came home Wednesday after spending 5 days with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Wozny at Decatur, Ala., one day at Memphis, Tenn., where he went to the Country Music Museum and Country Music row, and one day at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight and Edith Jackson were visitors at the Jim Hewitt home last week.

Bryce and Betty Hagen were Sunday afternoon guests of Ben and Donelda

Meske at Port Hope.

Joe and Betty Meyers and Ryan of Gladwin, Fran and John Krozek of Kinde, Cindy and Richard Depcinski and Kim. Carol Osentoski and family, Charles and Theresa Depcinski and family and Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday afternoon guests of Greg and Susan Krozek and family in Kinde in honor of Samantha Krozek's second birthday. Cake and ice cream were served.

Gary Wills of Port Austin was a Tuesday evening guest of Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Pat McCoy of Bad Axe visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt Tuesday forenoon. Visitors at the home of Mrs. Earl Schenk were Beatrice Hundersmarck, Rev. and Mrs. Richard McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKnight of Bad Axe, Mrs. David Hacker, Alva McIntyre and Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Mrs. Tom Collins of Allegan and Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon spent the weekend with Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Sunday attended the 50th wedding anniversary Mass at St. Columbkille Catholic Church at Sheridan for Jim and Virginia Sweeney. A reception and dinner followed at St. Andrew's Hall.

Charlie Corbushley of Bad Axe was a Tuesday supper guest and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bredow were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Tom Bailey, Wendy Rickett,

Cory and Caitlyn and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Goodfellow of Onaway spent a few days with Mrs. Gerald Wills. Other Saturday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wills of Port Austin, Reva and Larry Silver, in honor of Gary Wills' birthday.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were among a group who attended the 50th wedding anniversary Mass and dinner for Jim and Virginia Sweeney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton were among a group who attended a 30th wedding anniversary dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grika at West Park at Sandusky Sunday afternoon.

Thirteen members of the Traveling Breakfast club met at McDonald Food and Family store in Bad Axe for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Allen Farrelly visited Laura Kulish Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schultz, Shannon, Samantha and Sabrina of Canton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mrs. Robert Harris of Auburn Hills was a Tuesday lunch guest of Bryce and Betty Hagen and an overnight guest of Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope.

Fran and John Krozek of

Kinde and Ray and Rita Depcinski played cards at the Catholic Church Hall at Kinde Sunday evening.

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a Monday supper guest of Reva Silver and Larry.

Mrs. Orrin Wright was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

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

Jim Hewitt visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had breakfast Thursday morning at McDonald's in Bad Axe.

Beverly Rockefeller was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Reva Silver.

Mrs. Mary Beardsley and Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley and Trinity spent the weekend at Connie Beardsley's in honor of her birthday, Oct. 31.

Mrs. Mary Beardsley attended the Marlette Community Hospital open house for their radiology department of CT Scan and center for rehabilitation expansion Oct. 23. She also visited Mrs. Florence Tuckey of Marlette.

Weekend visitors of Mrs. Mary Beardsley were Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Sr. and Trinity, Mr. and Mrs. A Shotwell of Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Jr. of Lapeer and Mrs. Micki Beardsley and son Mike of Romeo.

# Cass City Middle School Honor Roll

The Cass City Middle School first marking period honor roll has been announced.

## FIFTH GRADE

All A's - Ashley Barragar, John Guc IV, Caleb Hanby, April Hein, Carrie Hillaker, Paul Hoelzle, Krista Homakie, Rose Krug, Luann Laming, Sean McFarland, Kayla Morrish, Christina Osentoski, Stephanie Richards, Lauren Rowe, Sean Severance, Leah Sherman, Jason Speirs, Tara Whittaker, Michael Zmierski II.

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7th GRADE

All A's - Laura Barnes, Jason Barragar, Robert Dale, Gail Dyer, Amanda Frederick, Kurtis Hessler, Elizabeth Hoyt, Dara Iwankovitch, Jessica Nicol, Alissa Pasant, Cory Rickett, Matt Stoutenburg, Talisa Talaska, Nicholas Turner, Melissa Zmierski.

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## 8TH GRADE

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Monday evening, Oct. 27, 20-30 Argyle Sox 4-H met to receive premium checks, enrollment forms and year pins. Teresa Nichol officiated and Andrea Dorman led members in the pledges.

A beef show will be held the first or second week of December. For more information, those interested may contact the Sanilac County Extension Office.

Election of 1997-98 officers was held. They are: President, Lisa Wheeler; vice-president, Megan Romzek; secretary-treasurer, Allison Nichol; newspaper reporter, Angela Kubacki; pledge leader, Jessica Moore, and member-at-large, Scott Moore.

Enrollment forms are to be turned in either at the next meeting or to the Extension Office. New members between the ages of 9 and 19 are welcome. There is a mini 4-H program set up for 5-8-year-olds.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at Snover Heritage United Methodist Church, 3339 W. Snover Rd., Snover. Angela Kubacki will supply the November meeting snacks.

Teresa and Susan Nichol supplied the October snacks.

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, November 6

Friends of the Library meeting, 9:30 a.m., at Rawson Memorial Library.

### Friday, November 7

Bazaar and lunch, United Methodist Church of Cass City, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, November 8

Bazaar and lunch, United Methodist Church of Cass City, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Monday, November 10

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
Band Boosters meeting, Room 300, high school, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 11

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall, Gagetown.

### Wednesday, November 12

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

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## State take-over focus of county road meeting

A state proposal to take over maintenance of some roads throughout the state has prompted a meeting of county and local government road officials.

The informational meeting was scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. at the Tuscola County Road Commission office in Caro.

Road commission officials called the meeting in an effort to obtain input from various local government units on the Michigan Department of Transportation plan.

"The Tuscola County Road Commission has not yet made a decision on this proposed MDOT takeover. We feel (the) proposal needs further study and discussion locally before answering MDOT's proposal," County Highway Engineer Robert J. Wellington stated in a letter inviting local government officials, including a representative from the village of Cass City, to attend the meeting.

The department of transportation's proposal involves several miles of primary county roads and some major streets throughout the state, including more than 106 miles of roads in Tuscola County.

County roads affected are: Millington, from M-15 to Sheridan (1.96 miles); Sheridan, from Willard to M-46 (12.95 miles); Saginaw, from M-15 to M-24 (10.21 miles); Vassar, from M-15 to M-25 (16.52 miles);

Fairgrove, from 38 to M-24 (3.51 miles); Bay City-Forestville from M-25 to East County Line (16 miles); McElDowney, from Bay City-Forestville to Huron Line (one mile); Hurds Corner, from M-46 to Bay City-Forestville (18.02 miles), Cemetery, from Deckerville to Bay City-Forestville (8.79 miles); Deckerville, from Kingston to Cemetery (one mile); Kingston, from Marlette to Deckerville (12.37 miles), and Clifford, from M-24 to Marlette (3.99 miles).



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### Society elects officers

Members of the Humane Society of Tuscola County recently elected officers during their annual meeting.

The new officers are: Nancy Regensburger, Vassar, president; Betty Gulka, Caro, secretary; Judy Murphy, Caro, treasurer; Dr. Susan Hoppe, Cass City, education; Sandy Bassett, Caro, lost and found/pet alert; Lori Offenbecher, Mayville, legislative; Pat Trisch, Caro, public relations; Betty Hayward, Caro, spay and neuter program; and Cindy Amend, Caro, fund raising.

In addition, 2 people accepted off-board appointments. Joyce Buerge, Caro, will oversee membership, and Carol Cook, Caro, will serve as an observer at county board meetings.

Dated: November 5, 1997



SOME 90 CASS CITY kindergarten students donned their Halloween costumes and enjoyed a little early trick or treating Friday as they visited with residents at Tendercare, Cass City. The residents received a visit from pre-schoolers the day before.

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**PARCEL 1** - Commencing at a point on the North line of River Street in the City of Vassar, 4 rods Easterly from the South-west corner of Lot 11, Block 2 of T. North's Addition to the City of Vassar, thence Easterly along the North line of River Street, 4 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence South to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 20, now being page 21A.

**PARCEL 2** - Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 11, Block 2 of North's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 20, now being page 21A, on Grant Street, thence running Southerly 6 rods, thence Easterly 8 rods, thence Northerly 6 rods, thence Westerly along Grant Street 8 rods to beginning, except commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 11, Block 2 of North's Addition to the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to Liber 1 of Plats, page 20, now being page 21A, on Grant Street, thence running Southerly 8 rods, thence Easterly 4 rods, thence Northerly 6 rods, thence Westerly along Grant Street 4 rods to beginning.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel T. LISEE and Wendy S. LISEE, husband and wife, to FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Mortgagee, dated December 21, 1995, and recorded on December 26, 1995, in Liber 683, on Page 1165, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to NORWEST MORTGAGE INC., a California Corporation formerly known as Norwest Mortgage Inc., a Minnesota Corporation by merger and name change as assignee, by an assignment dated July 13, 1996, which was recorded on September 3, 1996, in Liber 707, on Page 629, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 14/100 dollars (\$53,155.14), including interest at 8.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., November 21, 1997. Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence 551.30 feet West to the point of beginning, thence containing West 150 feet, thence North 200 feet, thence East 150 feet, thence south 200 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 8, 1997

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, 30150 Telegraph Suite 100 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025  
File # 97097443

10-8-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE**-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth D. SCHULTZ and Luane M. SCHULTZ, his wife, and Dale W. SCHULTZ and Barbara R. SCHULTZ, his wife, (Original Mortgagee) to FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee dated November 28, 1990 and recorded on November 29, 1990, in Liber 608, on Page 064, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Five and 92/100 dollars (\$22,405.92), including interest at 9.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on December 05, 1997.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF TUSCOLA A County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 36, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, thence South 679.68 feet along the East Section line to the point of beginning, thence continuing South 208.00 feet along the East Section line, thence N 88 degrees 07'13" W, 208.78 feet, thence North 208.00 feet, thence S 88 degrees 07'13" E, 208.78 feet to the East Section line and the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 15, 1997

FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY, 30150 Telegraph Suite 100 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025  
File # 97097757

10-15-5

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

**MORTGAGE SALE**-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David R. OPPERMAN and Lisa Jo OPPERMAN, his wife, to First Security Savings Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated Dec. 21, 1995, and recorded on December 26, 1995, in Liber 683, on Page 1165, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to NORWEST MORTGAGE INC., a California Corporation formerly known as Norwest Mortgage Inc., a Minnesota Corporation by merger and name change as assignee, by an assignment dated July 13, 1996, which was recorded on September 3, 1996, in Liber 707, on Page 629, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 14/100 dollars (\$53,155.14), including interest at 8.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on November 21, 1997.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 64 rods West and 2 rods North of the South 1/4 stake of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, running thence North 8 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence East 4 rods to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 8, 1997

NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC., 30150 Telegraph Suite 100 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025  
File # 97010549

10-8-5

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

**MORTGAGE SALE**-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan M. GANLEY, an unmarried woman, to Waterfield Financial Corporation, an Indiana Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 3, 1995, and recorded on January 3, 1995, in Liber 688, on Page 1186, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, a public body corporate and politic as assignee, by an assignment dated January 15, 1995, which was recorded on March 1, 1995, in Liber 670, on Page 1168, Tuscola County records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighteen and 53/100 dollars (\$36,918.53), including interest at 7.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on December 05, 1997.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 25, Block 1 of M.J. Smith's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 13, now being page 14A, thence West 3 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence East 3 rods; thence South to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 15, 1997

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202  
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**Notices**

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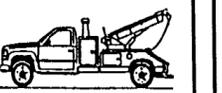
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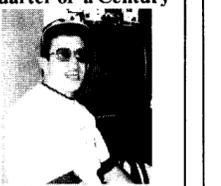
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## 5 enter pleas, 2 sentenced Friday

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on criminal charges:

• Kenneth D. Schultz, 35, Vassar, stood mute to a charge of domestic violence, third offense, Sept. 21 in Tuscola Township.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled for the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

• Ronald C. Christian III, 21, Mayville, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of writing no account checks of \$25 July 16-18 in Kingston and \$94.31 in Cass City.

Bond was continued at \$1,000, a pre-sentence investigation was ordered and Christian was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

In a separate proceeding, Christian pleaded innocent to probation violation — failure to report to his supervising probation agent.

Bond was continued and a hearing was ordered scheduled in the case.

• Andrew W. Tyler, 17, Kingston, stood mute to charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and larceny in a building July 25 in Kingston.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case. Tyler was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

• Dustin Browder, 18, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted use/possession of a financial transaction device without consent of the device

holder July 23 in Gagetown. Bond was continued at \$2,000, a pre-sentence investigation was ordered and Browder was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department with work site privileges. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Christopher L. Swinehart, 23, Unionville, pleaded guilty to attempted larceny over \$100 Oct. 4, 1996, in Columbia Township.

An updated pre-sentence investigation report was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set.

• Greg L. Richmond, 26, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (90 days deferred upon payment of restitution, which is to be determined) for his plea of guilty to writing 3 non-sufficient fund checks of \$29, \$20 and \$35 within 10 days Aug. 26, 1996, in Caro. Court records state the checks were all drawn on Chemical Bank.

Richmond was also ordered to pay \$100 in court costs and fines plus a \$60 victim crime fee.

• Johnny D. Whittie, 42, Cass City, was sentenced to 5 years probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 24 in Cass City.

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# Obituaries

## William Eberline

William "Bill" C. Eberline Sr., 72, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1997, in his home after a long illness.

Born March 5, 1925, in Flint, he was the son of Leo and Anna (Ebert) Eberline. He married L. Marge Gould April 29, 1944, in Napoleon, Ohio.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he worked for Marvel Carburetor in Decatur, Ill., for 7 years before joining Walbro Corporation as its first employee. He retired as a senior project engineer after 44 years. A former member of the Cass City Lions Club, he was a member and past president of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Marge; 3 children, William C. (Jan) Eberline of Rose Island, Sharon (Ross) Kraft of Owendale and David (Kelly) Eberline of Kawkawlin; 7 grandchildren; a brother, Leo (Ellen) Eberline Jr. of Caseville; a sister, Vivian Thacker of Flint, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 1, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Gerald Meyer officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City Ambulance or Huron Memorial Hospice.

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

## William Goodell

William J. Goodell, 74, died Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2, 1997, at his residence in Gageton.

Born in Cass City April 4, 1923, he was the son of Lafayette and Nora (King) Goodell.

He married the former Jacqueline Ann Stapleton June 9, 1956.

He was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church, and had retired from Agri-Sales of Gageton after more than 30 years of service.

Surviving along with Jacqueline, his wife of 41 years, are 2 daughters, Mary (Gordon) Wolfgang of Simpsonville, S.C., and Joann (Robert) Beauchamp of Bay City; 6 grandchildren, and 2 sisters, Beatrice Kolb and Marie Alumbaugh. He was predeceased by 3 brothers, Henry, Francis and Arthur Goodell.

Mass of Christian Burial

was scheduled at St. Agatha Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, with Fr. Paul Bala and Sr. Joan Maher, pastoral administrator, officiating, and interment in the church cemetery.

The family has suggested memorials to United Hospice Service or St. Agatha Women's Society. Arrangements were made by Gageton Funeral Chapel, Gageton.

## Mary Howlett

Mary Howlett, 88, died Oct. 13, 1997, at Evangelical Home in Sterling Heights.

Born in Cass City Jan. 25, 1909, she was the daughter of John and Bridget Ross. She graduated from Cass City High School in 1926, and as a registered nurse from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Detroit in 1930.

In 1936 she married Dr. Robert Howlett, M.D., of Caro. He died Sept. 25, 1988.

Surviving are 4 brothers, Alex Ross of Grand Rapids, Bernard Ross of Cass City, Edward Ross of Davison and Fred Ross of Reese; 5 sisters, Elizabeth Miller of Boynton Beach, Fla., Florence London of Grand Rapids, Kathleen Stech of Macomb Township, Helen Jackson of Boca Raton, Fla., and Frances Flynn of Kalamazoo.

She was preceded in death by one sister, June Porter, Nov. 27, 1961.

Private burial has occurred in Stockbridge.

## Mildred Nicol

Mildred C. Nicol, 89, of Marlette, died Friday, Oct. 31, 1997, at her home in Marlette.

Born March 18, 1908, in Cass City, she was the daughter of Robert and Mary (Gage) Agar.

She married Ernest Nicol Nov. 24, 1926, in Caro.

Having moved from Cass City to Marlette over 70 years ago, she was the chief telephone operator for the Moore Telephone Company in Marlette for 14 years. A member of the Marlette First United Methodist Church, she was a charter member of the United Methodist Women's Organization, and a member of the Social Hour Club.

Surviving are her husband, Ernest; one son, Carl and Joyce Nicol of Marlette; one daughter, Mary Lou and Paul Prowse of Marlette; 7 grand-

children, and 7 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Bob, Willard and Max Agar, and a sister, Pearl Hartwick.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 3, at the Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with the Rev. John R. Allan officiating.

Burial was in Elkland Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be given to Marlette First United Methodist Church or United Hospice.

## Esther Shotwell

Esther Anna Shotwell, 89, of Kingston, died Friday, Oct. 31, 1997, in Lapeer County Medical Care Facility in Lapeer.

Born Dec. 9, 1907, in Champaign, Ill., she was one of 8 children of Louis and Carrie (Spochrle) Wenzlaff. The family moved to Kingston in 1909.

She moved to Caro when she retired at the age of 73 after working as a housekeeper in the Bloomfield area. She attended the Caro United Methodist Church.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Betty (Virgil) Shough of Louisville, Ky., Bonnie Barrons of Kingston and Janet (John) Barden of Kingston; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; a sister, Lillie Curry, who is 97, and 2 brothers, Louie Wenzlaff, 93, and Oscar Wenzlaff, 86. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters, one brother, and sons-in-law, Donald Lyons and Billy Barrons.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 3, at the Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Calvin Blue of Caro United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in Kingston Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Caro United Methodist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Take out

Supermarket takeout is booming and creating increasing market opportunities for beef sales. A USA Today cover story on the changing course of fast food reported, "This year, 22 percent of consumers said they bought their takeout food from the supermarket — nearly double the 12 percent who said they got it at the grocery store last year."

## Exchange student enjoying experience

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von Usstar, who plays the flute, has come to love being a part of the Cass City High School Marching Band, as well as after school activities such as cross country.

In Germany, she pointed out, the only sports offered during or after school is physical education, and there is no organized band.

### ENTHUSIASM

Still, that hasn't hindered her enthusiasm for music, having taken up the flute 3 1/2 years ago. She recently played before her largest crowd ever, during the annual fall middle school concert. Her rendition of Mozart's Concerto in G major, Movement I, drew rounds of applause.

"I practice nearly every day for an hour, and I have lessons. I have to practice and I want to practice," she said, noting she also devotes time teaching younger pupils how to play the recorder.

"I enjoy it and perhaps I'll do something with it."

Asked to compare her hometown of Schifferstadt to Cass City, von Usstar said Cass City is a bit smaller. The biggest difference is the wide open spaces in the Thumb, she added.

"Everything is so far away here. You have to take a car everywhere," she observed. "In Germany, I just take my bike."

That's just as well, according to von Usstar, who along with her fellow students back home are not allowed to drive until they turn 18. "It's very, very, very expensive," she said of driver's education. "It costs more than \$1,000."

Unlike some exchange students, von Usstar has a strong command of the English lan-

## Downing begins duties

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Downing has also served as city manager in Durand and county coordinator in Kalkaska County, and she held various positions in Oakland County, where she worked in the county's employment training department for 8 years.

During those early years, Downing's interest in a city/village manager position was sparked by her decision to become active in Oxford Village government. She went on to become the youngest person and the first female to serve on the Oxford Village Council.

"It was a very good building block for what I wanted to do," she recalled. Downing served on the council for 4 1/2 years and was active in the community and in the organization of the village's downtown development authority.

Downing indicated she's confident she made the right decision to accept the post of village manager in Cass City, and she expects to make a smooth transition into her new role with the help of LaPonsie and other village officials.

"I have a very strong sense that this is where I'm supposed to be at this point in my life."

## Scouts busy

The Cass City Cub Scouts are in full swing for the fall season.

At the October pack meeting the theme was "Fire! Fire!" The Webelos Road Runners opened the meeting with the flag ceremony. Assistant Cubmaster Lora Kulinski led a new leader induction ceremony. Later, the Cass City Fire Department talked about fire safety. The next pack meeting is Nov. 20.

The Cub Scouts' annual fund raiser is scheduled for Nov. 1-25. Selections of popcorn and caramel corn will be sold to raise funds for the 1997-98 Cub Scouting activities and special events.

Questions may be directed to Deb Ross at 872-2318.

guage. She confided she's still a bit intimidated when it comes to entering conversations, fearing she will say the wrong thing, but her confidence level has soared over the past several weeks.

"I was really afraid of going to this new school, but it was not too bad," she said. "It (language) was not a big problem. 'Every time I don't understand, I just ask. I don't have a problem to ask.'"

### POSITIVE

von Usstar smiled broadly and said her exchange experience has been a positive one.

"I was not self-confident before at all," she added. "Now I know I can do some things on my own."

"I just wanted to be away from home for a long time and try to get along, and experience something new. And I was always interested in America. I really like it, so that's good."

Among von Usstar's goals has been to learn how to cook, and she has begun to delve into that interest with recent experiments with pancakes and cheeseburgers — her favorite — in the Volz kitchen.

"The exchange experience is really good. You learn so many new things, and in a way, to become a member of this new family, you have to stop doing (some) things" to fit in. "But I think that's a good lesson."

The experience has also been a good one for the Volz family, which is new to hosting an exchange student.

"This was our first," Linda Volz commented, "and we've learned probably as much from Karin as she's learned from us."

Linda noted she and her husband hope von Usstar's courage to leave home and experience a whole new culture might inspire their children to consider embarking on a similar adventure in the future.

Judging by von Usstar's comments, time spent in an exchange program provides an education not available in any classroom.

"You don't forget what you learn and it's something really special," she concluded. "I don't want to leave."



**WAITING PATIENTLY** — It may be a dog's life for this canine pickup passenger, but "Kasey", a golden retriever, appeared content enough as she waited for her master, Steve Wright, who made a stop at his business, The Paint Store, Monday morning.

## Micklash says

# Settlement no bonanza

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The original 84 school districts involved in the Durant case would immediately receive \$211 million from the state's rainy day fund on April 1, 1998.

All the other school districts would receive a combined \$776 million to be paid over the next 10 years, with half of the money paid in a lump sum the first year from state-issued bonds.

Districts would have to sign a waiver to receive the money, and funds from the bonding would have to be used for capital and technological improvements.

In addition, at-risk funding would be restored to \$250 million in 1998 and \$260 million in 1999, with subsequent payments to grow at the same rate as the foundation allowance increases.

While schools' foundation would be frozen next year, lawmakers said districts would benefit from reduced payroll costs, generating additional revenue equalling 3.44 percent of payroll in fiscal year 1998 and 2.69 percent in 1999.

Micklash said he isn't sure how all of the plan's positives and negatives will add up.

On one hand, Cass City is slated to receive an estimated \$214,000 from the Durant settlement. Among other area schools, Ubyly will receive \$78,634. Owen-Gage is slated to receive \$14,118, and Kingston Schools, \$7,539.

However, Micklash pointed out, half of the total is to be paid out over a 10-year period, and he wondered aloud whether legislators will honor the agreement down the road.

Another question is the loss of Cass City's per pupil funding increase next year. Cass City's foundation allowance this year is \$5,187 per pupil, an increase of \$298 over last year.

Micklash is also concerned about the elimination of transition payments to schools.

He explained schools receive regular state aid payments from October through June. In the past, the state has helped schools maintain decent cash flows by fronting them "transition" payments

in August and September. The payments would then be subtracted from the schools' regular state aid payments in April, May and June.

Without transition payments, Micklash said, schools will have to borrow to tide them over until state aid payments resume in mid-October.

The superintendent also is not thrilled with plans to expand the number of state payments from the current 9 to 11 in future years, which means the payments will cross over from one fiscal year into the next.

The good news, Micklash continued, is schools will be receiving at-risk and special education pro-ratio and hold harmless monies. Cass City receives about \$160,000 in at-risk funds and another \$30,000 in the hold harmless funds, which cover a percentage of the higher per-pupil costs associated with special education.

Micklash indicated the agreement hammered out in Lansing appears to be a viable solution for schools overall. "We'll probably be a little bit ahead of the game."

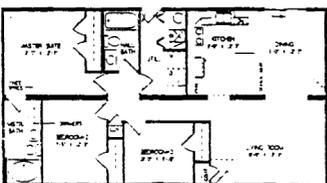
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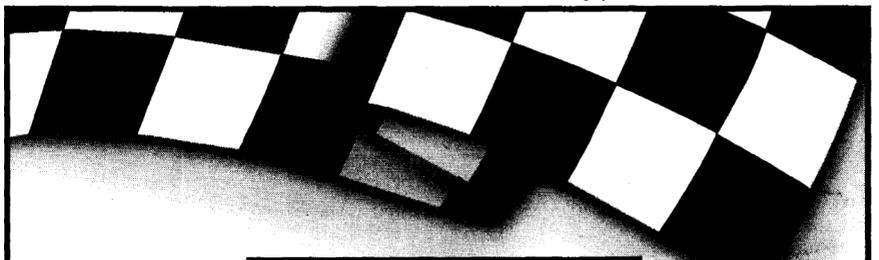
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