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A HAZEL PARK MAN was killed Saturday morning when he pulled into the path of a semi-tractor trailer on M-53 near Seeger Road in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township. Troopers said the victim passed the truck, then pulled over and attempted to make a U-turn.

## 2 others injured

# Truck-van crash fatal for Hazel Park man

A Hazel Park man was killed and both of his passengers were injured early Saturday morning when he passed a semi-tractor trailer, then attempted to make a U-turn in front of the truck.

The accident occurred at about 7 a.m. at the intersection of M-53 and Seeger Road, about 4 miles northeast of Cass City.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky identified the deceased driver as Arnold Paul Dohn, 51, Hazel Park.

Troopers said Dohn was following the semi-tractor northbound on M-53 in Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township when he passed the truck, pulled over to the right, then began making a U-turn. The truck driver, Marvin D. Churchill, 45, Brown City, drove into the southbound lane in hopes Dohn would see him, however, Dohn attempted to complete the turn and was struck in the driver's side door.

Troopers said Dohn, who was not wearing a seat belt,

apparently forgot he had just passed the truck and failed to check traffic before attempting the U-turn.

Dohn's daughter, Tammy L. Henry, 28, and her husband, Fred H. Henry, 31, of Hazel

Park, were both injured. Troopers said Tammy was wearing a seat belt. She was transported by MMR personnel to Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City. She was admitted, but informa-

tion on her condition was not available.

Fred Henry, who was not wearing a seat belt, sought his own treatment.

Troopers said Churchill was

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## Evacuate 125 after truck hits gas line

More than 100 Cass City residents were evacuated from their homes early Thanksgiving morning after a motorist struck a major natural gas line.

Officials said the accident, at the corner of Doerr and Elmwood roads, could have been a major disaster.

According to reports at the Michigan State Police post in Caro, Christopher P. Repshinska, 21, Cass City, was southbound on Doerr Road in a 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck when he failed

to negotiate the curve at Elmwood Road, entered a ditch and struck a telephone pole and gas line.

Cass City police and the Elkland Township Fire Department responded to the scene shortly after the 3 a.m. accident. Also responding was Tuscola County Emergency Services Director Patrick Finn.

Village police arrived to find the pickup still running and the driver at a nearby residence.

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski

said Repshinska had struck a major, 8-inch natural gas line that was under 100 to 150 pounds of pressure. "It was just roaring," he said.

Southeast Michigan Gas Company officials were alerted and dispatched a crew to repair the damage.

In the meantime, 2 firemen volunteered to attempt to cork the line with a tapered wood peg, according to Pawloski. "But the pressure was so great coming out of that line, they couldn't even

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## Volunteers keep toy drive alive; is it the last year?

The annual Cass City Toys For Tots drive is no more.

The good news is that a scaled-down toy collection campaign called Cass City Area Christmas for Kids is underway, thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers, including some Cass City High School students. The bad news is that unless someone agrees to take over the project, this will be the local toy campaign's last year.

"It's not Toys For Tots anymore," said Cass City resident Sue Werschky, who for the past 9 years has spearheaded the local drive to collect toys for needy children

in the Cass City, Deford and Gagetown areas.

"The Marine Corps has insisted that if people use the (Toys For Tots) name, any cash generated has to be submitted to them, and then they would give us vouchers," Werschky explained, adding a number of county groups have decided to sever ties with the corps.

"We know how the federal government red tape works, and we've always had a tradition of buying toys locally with money donated locally, for distribution locally," she added. "So, we just aren't doing cash this year. We're asking for toy donations

only."

This year's toys drive will be substantially smaller in scale, according to Werschky.

"I'd say we'll probably cut it by at least half because social services will take the other half. We'll be targeting the working poor — people who have a lot of children and can't make ends meet — and that sort of thing.

"We're eliminating the fliers we did before, and we're going to have fewer collection boxes," she said.

Werschky indicated there would be no drive at all this year if it weren't for leftover

toys from last year's campaign. After the 1996 drive, the area woman announced she could no longer run the program due to health problems and because of a lack of adequate volunteer help.

Since then, Werschky's health has not improved, and her mother has suffered a stroke, making the challenge of another toys project seem overwhelming, especially with no one else coming forward with an offer to take over the annual effort.

"If it weren't for the leftover toys, I probably wouldn't have attempted it," she said. But Werschky is forging ahead, thanks largely to a small group of volunteer helpers, including high school students who have

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## Village elections slates set; Dale McIntosh enters race

Cass City native Dale J. McIntosh will challenge incumbent Cass City Village Council trustees for one of 3 expiring seats in the annual spring village election.

McIntosh, who is seeking one of the 4-year terms as a Democrat, was among the candidates to file nominating petitions by the Tuesday, Nov. 25, deadline. Incumbent trustees Elwyn Helwig, K. Michael Weaver and Leslie Karr, all Republicans,

are seeking reelection.

Running unopposed for 2-year terms are incumbents Village President L.E. Althaver, Clerk-Treasurer Joyce A. LaRoche and Assessor Daniel Erla.

The spring election is scheduled for Monday, March 9.

McIntosh, 51, is senior vice-president at Thumb National Bank, Cass City, where he has been employed for more than 17 years. A

former school teacher, he has been active in a host of community activities, including local United Way campaigns and the Cass City Gavel Club.

McIntosh said a desire to be more active in the village prompted his decision to run for office.

"It's not that I'm dissatisfied with anything that's going on," he said. "I just want to learn more about it. I'd like to get involved and help

out a little if I can."

In other area villages, the spring elections will bring new faces to the Gagetown and Uby village councils, while only incumbents filed nominating petitions in Kingstons.

GAGETOWN

In Gagetown, only one of 3 incumbent trustees is seeking reelection to a 4-year term. Please turn to back page.



CASS CITY High School senior Ryan Hutchinson (left) and junior Jim Dale are the student co-coordinators for this year's Cass City Area Christmas For Kids drive, formerly Toys For Tots.

## Mixed reaction to boost in Cass City's water-sewer rates

Few Cass City residents welcome a plan to increase water and sewer rates in the village, judging by the comments of a handful of citizens polled last week.

But their opinions vary on what village officials should do, or should have done, to correct short-falls in water/sewer revenues.

The Cass City Village Council last week reviewed a proposed 1998 budget that includes increases of 5 percent in both water and sewer rates in each of the next 5 years.

Currently, residents with a three-quarter or five-eighths inch meter pay \$39.73 for a minimum 10,000 gallons per quarter for sewer service. Another \$2.92 is charged per 1,000 gallons over the 10,000 minimum.

Water service charges are based on a graduated scale starting with \$11.62 for a minimum of 5,000 gallons.

If the increases receive final approval, residents' water and sewer bills will be about 27.5 percent higher at the end of the 5-year period.

For example, a household of 5 currently charged \$39 for water and \$110 for sewer

per quarter will be paying \$50 for the same amount of water and \$140 for sewer per quarter in the year 2002.

Some residents, including Rochelle Brown, wish village officials had acted sooner.

"It should have been looked at a long time ago. It's obviously been a problem" for some time, she commented.

Brown, who is employed at Marshall Distributing, resides at 6728 Houghton St. with her husband, Paul, who is self-employed. She said she understands the need for a rate hike, however, she would have liked to have seen officials implement the increase sooner and more gradually.

TOO MUCH

"Wow, that's a lot," said Pat Davis, 6559 Seed St., when he heard about the proposed rate hikes. "It just seems to me it's too much. What are we going to gain from it?"

Davis, who works at General Cable Co., also wonders why the village didn't increase rates before now.

"I don't suppose anybody's happy about an increase,"

said Geneva Richards, who along with her husband, Don, reside at 4642 Seeger St. "That's part of life whether we like it or not. If they take good care of the city sewer system, we shouldn't complain."

Still, Richards indicated she isn't satisfied with the quality of her village water, which she describes as very hard with an unpleasant odor.

And, she would like to see a more complete explanation from village officials regarding why rates are being increased and what improvements are planned.

Louisa Cartwright, a Walbro Corp. employee and mother of 3 school-age children, also commented she isn't pleased with the quality of her water, which she says is discolored. "We don't drink the water here. It makes my kids sick."

"I'm kind of torn; if something effective was going to be done (to improve the water), that would be different," added Cartwright, 4631 Oak St.

However, she said any cost increase is going to hurt. "For us, we're at our limit as

far as utilities. The extra money is a hardship."

INCREASE OKAY

"I would go along with an increase. I think they probably need to update," said Ken Zdrojewski, 4311 Seeger St. Zdrojewski is employed at General Cable Co. and his wife, Michelle, works at Campbell Elementary School.

"I'm not opposed to an increase as long as it's not astronomical," he added. "We've got a real good system now and I'd like to see it stay that way."

Other residents, including John Cech Jr., 6107 Golf View Dr., a retired General Motors worker, have had enough with increasing costs. Cech pointed out retirees have already been hit with the cost of building a new middle school.

"I'm not really familiar with the (village) expenditures, but I think we're getting overtaxed for the area," he said. "I'm very upset

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## Owen-Gage senior citizens gather

The Owen-Gage Senior Citizens Club held its regular 2 monthly meetings at St. Agatha's Parish Hall with 29 members at the Nov. 20 Thanksgiving meeting and 26 members and 3 guests at the Nov. 6 meeting.

President Orville Mallory presided at the meetings. He introduced guests Pat Guza and David and Wilma Ashmore at the Nov. 6 meeting.

Happy birthday was sung for Beatrice Jones and Iva Volz. Phil and Mary Guza celebrated their wedding anniversary in November.

Johanna Miklovic agreed to prepare the Thanksgiving turkey and members were to supply vegetables and deserts for the Thanksgiving meeting.

Door prizes were won by Bert Clincke and Marge Zawilinski. Bingo and cards were played.

At the Nov. 20 meeting new members David and Wilma Ashmore were welcomed. It was decided to hold one meeting for the next 2 months, Dec. 4 and Jan. 15. There will be a ham dinner in Jan.

Members are signing up for the new year. Get well cards were signed for Richard Hancy and Audrey Cummings. Iva Volz is on the November committee.

Euchre winners were: men's high, Phil Guza, and low, David Ashmore; women's high, Marie Clincke, and low, Iva Volz.

Door prizes were won by Francis Harbec and David Ashmore and the travelling prize by Louis Oury.

## Announce honor students

Some area residents are among those recently named to academic honors lists at Great Lakes College for the 1997 spring/summer semester.

Named to the president's list for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average were Tammy Distelrath of Kingston and Tera Albrecht of Snover.

Among those named to the dean's list, for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or better, were Ryan King of Cass City, Connie Taylor of DeFord, Joseph Dubs of Gagetown, Machell DeListe of Kingston, and Victoria Tesluck of Snover.

## Cass City Social Items

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Mark and Drew Guinther of Cranberry Township, Pa., spent from Nov. 21-26 with Stan and Melva Guinther. They all went to the Guinther home in Pennsylvania Wednesday for Thanksgiving with Shelley and Spencer Guinther. The Stan Guinthers returned home Sunday.

Andrea Rea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rea has been accepted as a student at Taylor University, Upland, Indiana. She is now a senior at Cass City High School.

Janis Mastie and Joshua Brinkman, seniors at Cass City High School, have been nominated for Wendy's High School Heisman Award. Each school is eligible to nominate a boy and a girl for the award and is judged in a series of eliminations that ends with the finalists spending Dec. 12-14 in New York and national TV exposure on ESPN.

Mrs. Ruth Dorman entertained Friday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving, family and friends. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schember, Paul, David, Philip and Ana, Lexington, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Deal and baby Samuel from Van Cleave, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schember, Lapeer, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Schember and Anyssa from Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Burden, Trisha and Jason, North Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stover and Monica, Mrs. Evelyn Hendra, Mrs. Marcia Schember and Ben Gruber of Cass City.



Meg's Peg  
*The perfect gift*  
by Melva E. Guinther

Yes, it is December, and yes, it's only 3 weeks till Christmas.

In our perpetual effort to help, here are some of the "unusual" gift selections available through the proliferation of catalogs that come our way.

For that proverbial person who has everything, Hammacher Schlemmer features the Two-Person Submarine for a mere \$62,900. Or if baby makes three in your underwater adventures, you can get the Three-Person Sub for \$10,000 more.

It has all sorts of nifty features and I'm sure that if a person were inclined to go underwater to play and had over \$60,000 to part with, it would be their choice.

Here's an item considerably less expensive and more useful for the average person. From the Damarck Company, it's "Easy Hang Up", designed to stop those annoying phone calls trying to sell you something or otherwise get your money.

You connect it to your phone and when a phone solicitor starts the sales pitch, you push a button and a pre-recorded voice says, "I'm sorry, this number does not accept this type of call. Please regard this message as your notification to remove this number from your list. Thank you."

Great idea! But I suspect that a person who has trouble saying no would have just as much trouble pushing the button.

For the golf enthusiast, there's the "Schmeckenbecker Putter." It's a standard size putter with a built-in compass to help you find your way out of the rough, a candle to illuminate the 18th hole after dark, a rabbit's foot for luck, a level to help you read the greens, a 40-inch tape measure that eliminates arguments over "gimme" putts, and an air horn to command silence or speed up slow golfers.

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From the Frank Lloyd Wright Collection, you can get a 29" Weed Holder for \$1,800. And what person of breeding would put weeds in a plain vase?

Actually, the description says the holder looks equally impressive with or without a dried flower, so you don't even have to have weeds to show off.

Too pricey? Well, here's something more practical. Who wouldn't want to receive the Stainless Steel Tongue Cleaner to "keep the breath fresh and the mouth clean"?

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Or how about the Shiitake Mushroom Garden? It's an ideal gift for anyone who loves to cook. Just remove the fertile log from its plastic bag and follow directions, and you'll have delicious mushrooms with "full-bodied flavor" in a few weeks. Price \$24, from Norm Thompson.

For the kid who has everything, there's "My Own Baby", a totally lifelike newborn doll that could pass for the real thing, and it's only \$120. Or you might opt for "My Twinn", with custom matched eyes, hair and faces complete with freckles, scars, glasses, etc., just like the recipient's. \$149.95 (\$169.95 poseable).

To really get into the spirit of Christmas, you might want to order the 9-foot holiday walkway arch. The catalog picture is really beautiful, and when I make my first million perhaps we'll have one.

It's \$1,999.95 plus shipping, but that includes extra bulbs.

## Engaged



Marcy Clark and Dustin Christner

Marcy Victoria Clark and Dustin Allan Christner announce their engagement. They plan to be married April 3, 1998.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Nancy Victoria Gedney and Larry Douglas. She is a graduate of the University of Arizona College of Education in 1995 and is a 6th grade teacher at Rio Vista Elementary School.

The prospective groom is the son of Gary Lee and Janet Christner, formerly of Cass City. He received his Bachelor of Art degree in accounting and criminal justice in 1995 and is currently attending the University of Arizona College of Law.

## New books at the library

**Song of the River** by Sue Harrison: Eight hundred years before our time in the place that will someday be called Alaska, a woman called K'os is attacked and raped by men from the Near River Village. She vows a vengeance on those who hurt her. The next day in the same place K'os finds an abandoned baby - a child with a club foot that has been left to die. She takes the baby in and names him Chakliux. When Chakliux is 20 years old K'os is ready to seek revenge. Chakliux is sent back to the Near River Village where he has been chosen to wed the shaman's daughter in order to bring peace between the Cousin and Near River people. Before he can gain the people's trust, 2 murders put his mission in jeopardy and force him to travel to distant lands.

**Violin** by Anne Rice: This novel is about Triana - who wanted to be a great musician - and the evil fiddler Stefan, tormented ghost of a Russian aristocrat, who tries to involve her in his madness using his magic violin. But Triana understands the power of the music and tries to resist Stefan and fight for her life and sanity. The struggle brings them into a frightening, supernatural realm. They battle all the way to the novel's surprising and unforgettable end.

**Upon a Midnight Clear** - A collection of holiday stories by Jude Deveraux, Linda Howard, Margaret Allison, Stef Ann Holm and Mariah Stewart: A spirited Irishwoman comes to a rugged Colorado town to take care of a young ruffian and learns a lesson of love from the boy's father...In the middle of a blizzard a snowbound woman offers shelter to a stranger, an expert at covering his tracks...Home for the holidays, an artist proves opposites can attract when she falls in love with a doctor...A holly berry-picking contest brings people together for the best prize of all: true and lasting love...A family reunion on a Montana ranch brings back wonderful memories to a young writer - and during a winter storm an old love is renewed.

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# Tuscola deputies get new contract

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, corrections officers, mechanics, cooks and other support staff have a new, 3-year contract following action by the county board last week.

County Controller/Administrator Michael Hoagland said the board approved a pact offering raises of 78 cents per hour the first year, 20 cents per hour the second year and 25 cents per hour the third year for about 40 employees represented by the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

The contract is retroactive to July 1, 1997, when the employees' previous contract expired.

Hoagland said the county okayed higher raises in the first year of the new pact in an effort to bring the employees' wages closer in line with sheriff's employees working in departments of similar size in the state.

He noted the county's ne-

gotiation team compared salaries and found that Tuscola County's pay rates were on the low side.

In addition to the pay increases, employees will receive an improved retirement package effective July 1, 1998, and a full day off Christmas Eve.

A new vision package has also been added, effective Jan. 1, according to Hoagland, who noted there is a \$130 cap per year per employee, and the benefit will be available only to employees who are not covered by another vision plan.

The employees, meanwhile, agreed to enroll in a Community Blue PPO health plan, which is expected to help contain escalating health insurance costs for the county. Workers also agreed to limit the accumulation of sick leave days to 90 for new employees. Current employees may accumulate 120 days.



SANTA CLAUS arrived in Cass City aboard the Detroit Edison Christmas Truck Friday night as a host of area youngsters looked on. Santa will be at his temporary home, at the corner of Main and Seeger streets, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6, 13 and 20.



AARON ROBLES, 5, of Cass City was among several youngsters who enjoyed a brief chat with Santa following the jolly old elf's arrival in Cass City Friday night.

## Negotiations continue

# Caro site to host new state police post facility

On-again, off-again rumors that the state police might consolidate the agency's Thumb posts and relocate in Cass City apparently have been put to rest.

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners last week approved a bid from Landmark Design Group, Grand Rapids, to design a new post to be constructed in the Caro area.

The firm, one of 4 architect firms vying for the project, submitted the low bid of \$50,000.

Nothing has been finalized yet, but the county is considering a lease agreement in which the state would pay the county enough to cover bond

payments and related costs to build the new post, according to county Controller/Administrator Michael Hoagland.

Under the agreement, Hoagland explained, the state would make payments equal to construction and other costs over a period of 10 years or more. After that, the state could continue to lease the building, providing a source of revenue to the county, or the county could convert the space to its own use or lease the facility to someone else.

The goal is to break ground next spring, although Hoagland emphasized everything depends on ironing out an acceptable final lease agreement with the state.

First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the Caro post, indicated he's confident the lease agreement will be finalized, and he's looking forward to the move.

"It's come to the point where we've outgrown this facility," Lautner said. When the post first opened more than 20 years ago, there were 8 or 9 troopers and a few sergeants — 12 officers in all. Today, Lautner noted, the post has a staff of 20 or 21.

Lautner said there is a state-wide effort to modernize state police post facilities, and the Caro post, located at 120 Millwood St., Caro, is one of the older buildings among the state's existing posts.

The building, which totals just under 4,000 square feet, was constructed at the turn of the century and housed the Tuscola County Road Commission prior to the opening of the post in 1974.

"When we build a new post, it will be around 6,000 to 7,000 square feet," Lautner said, adding the proposed site is at the southwest corner of Deckerville and Cleaver roads, just north of Caro.

He estimated the new building will cost \$850,000 to \$1 million.

Lautner said state police officials have been talking about moving into another facility for the past 2 years.

Officials first looked at existing buildings that would be suitable to house the post, but none were found. Then, Caro village officials expressed some interest in possibly building a facility. However, Lautner added, the numbers simply didn't work out.

## Carter to face trial

A Mayville man charged in the sexual assault and beating of a Tuscola County child, who later died of her injuries, has been bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court for trial.

Timothy D. Carter, 22, faces arraignment in circuit court Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Following a preliminary examination last week, Tuscola County District Court Judge Kim Glaspie ruled there is probable cause that a crime was committed Sept. 10 and that Carter was the one who committed it, according to court records.

Carter is charged with felony murder, first degree criminal sexual conduct and first degree child abuse in connection with the death of one-year-old Cheyenne L. Irvine, who died Sept. 12 at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw. An autopsy performed the next day revealed the cause of death was severe blunt force trauma to the head.

Investigators said Carter, a friend of the victim's mother, was baby sitting the girl in her Indianfields Township home when the crime took place.

## Pesticide workshop set for Thursday

"The Tri-County MSU Extension Service offices will offer an all-day Pesticide Workshop at the Colony House in Cass City Dec. 4," states Harold Rouget, Tuscola County MSU Extension Agricultural Agent.

Such topics as insect and grass identification, drift control and management and pesticide exposure - symptoms and treatment will be covered. This all-day workshop will begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration and will conclude around 4:30 p.m. The cost for this workshop is

\$8 per session and \$8 for the lunch. If you plan to register at the door, an additional \$2 will be charged for each of the 2 sessions as well as the lunch.

Anyone who needs additional RUP credits before Jan. 1 should take advantage of this workshop. Three RUP credits will be available for each session.

You may register by calling the Huron County MSU Extension office in Bad Axe at 517-269-9949, or you may call your local county extension office for information.

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-Christmas Story Hour at Rawson Memorial Library.

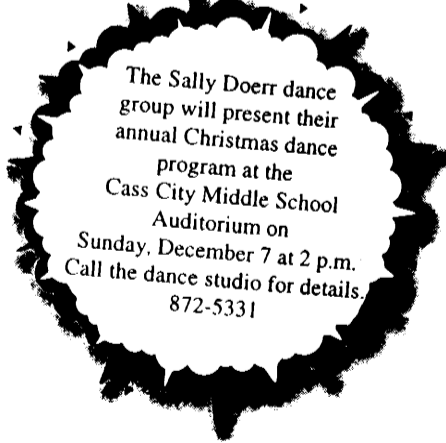
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## Detroit Edison rates to fall 1.1%

The Michigan Public Service Commission last week reduced the rates of the Detroit Edison Company at the company's request by \$38,434,000 or about 1.1 percent, beginning in January 1998.

Detroit Edison customers will see a credit of \$0.0008507 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) on their electric bills from January through December 1998.

In arriving at the amount of the rate reduction, the expenses associated with the March 14 ice storm, the April 6 wind storm and July 2, 1997, wind storm and tornadoes were audited by commission staff. The storm-related expenses, adjusted for straight time labor and department overhead, were netted out against cost of service reductions resulting from the expiration of accounting treatments of a 1988 rate settlement.

Detroit Edison residential customers using 500 kWh of electricity per month will see a monthly credit of about \$0.43, for a total annual credit of about \$5.16. Individual customer credits will vary, based on actual customer electric use. Commercial and industrial customers, excluding special manufacturing contract customers, will also see a monthly credit on their electric bills in 1998.

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, December 4

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

### Friday, December 5

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

Broasted Fish Dinner, Masonic Temple, 6:00 p.m.

The Sebewaing Sportsman's Club will sponsor a country dance, 1 mile west of the stop light in Sebewaing, 7:30 p.m. - midnight. Cost: \$5.00. Charlie Roode will be giving lessons for \$2.00 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### Saturday, December 6

Story time 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Christmas Town Home tour, 1-5 p.m. Tea for ticket holders at Rawson Memorial Library 3-6 p.m.

Tom Thumb Singers annual concert, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

### Sunday, December 7

Tom Thumb Singers annual concert, 3:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.

Fairgrove United Methodist Church will be hosting the 5th annual live nativity "A Journey To Bethlehem", at 5:00 p.m. The Journey will take place rain or shine. Refreshments to be served in the church basement afterwards.

### Monday, December 8

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 9

Rotary Club, 12 noon, Charmont.  
Gavel Club  
D.D.A., 7:00 p.m.  
Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7:00 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

### Wednesday, December 10

Representatives from Great Lakes College will hold a Financial Aid Workshop in the Owendale-Gagetown Jr./Sr. High School library. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. All interested potential college students and their parents are invited to attend this meeting. If more information is needed, please call (517) 678-4141.

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



A CREW OF volunteers, including Curt Strickland (second from right) were on hand to help serve and clean up Thursday.



THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Dinner in Cass City drew some 240 people to the VFW hall in Cass City. Another 75 take-out dinners were served, according to event chairman Scott Mills, who lauded all of the volunteers who made the day a big success.



DAWN ENGLEHART and her daughter, Katrina, were among those who gathered for the 12th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday at the VFW hall in Cass City.

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**Wednesday, December 24**

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**Rawson Memorial Library**  
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**Chemical Bank, Cass City**

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# Depth, quickness strength of Cass City's hoop squad

It promises to be an interesting year for the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team with what coach Jeff Hartel says has the best over all talent from one through 12 as any squad he has coached.

The down side of this assessment is that much of the talent has yet to be tested in varsity competition and the opening game Dec. 9 pits the Hawks against Harbor Beach, one of the strongest teams in the Thumb.

Hartel says that because of the depth, he plans on using a lot of players early in the season seeking the best team combinations.

He points to team quickness which translates into good defense as one of the club's strengths.

While a strong junior class will help fill the void, 5 seniors who saw lots of playing time will be missed. The losses include Scott Wallace, deadeye out court shooter, and Chad Diegel who was

the team's most consistent player. Others gone include Matt Oesch, Dave Murphy and Kurt Iwankovitch.

For the first time in years a freshman has won a spot on the varsity. He's Craig Emmert, 6-5 center. Emmert has quickness and shot making ability. But at 160 pounds he will be facing older players that outweigh him in most games. How he adjusts to the varsity pounding will be one of the keys to the Hawks' success this season.

At the guard spot will be Tim Micklash who alternated in a starting role last year. Andy Edwards (6 feet) at forward exhibited a good outside shot coming off the bench.

Among the players up from the junior varsity, Dan Cuddie (5-11) has been impressive at guard and Heath Zawilinski (6-4) showed that he can score while on the junior varsity and should

help with the rebounding.

Hartel says that the Greater Thumb West is very strong again and feels that any team can win on a given night. He

lists Reese and Lakers as favorites.

If we play unselfishly together we can be a contender, he added.

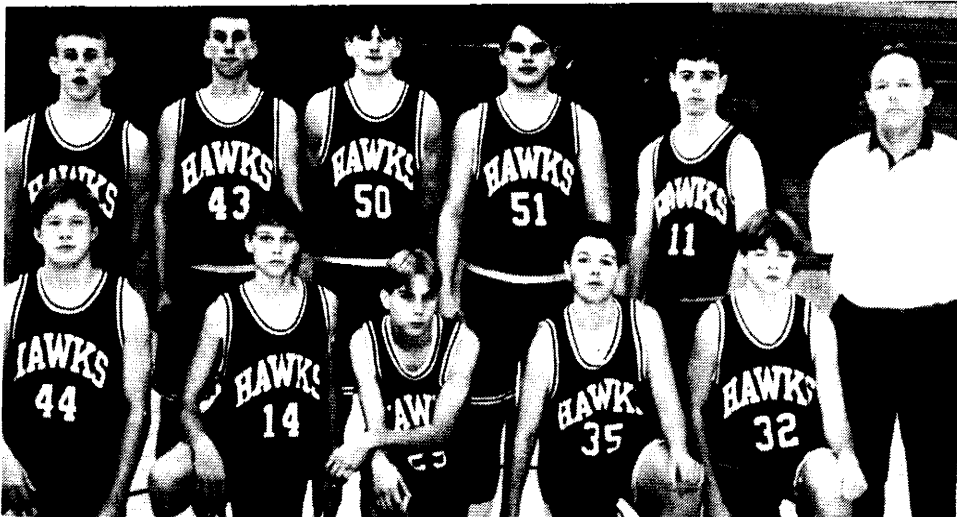
**CASS CITY BASKETBALL 1997-98**

Time indicated is first game.

Dec. 9	Harbor Beach	Home	5:00
12	Bad Axe	There	6:00
16	Ubyly	Home	5:00
19	USA	There	6:00
Jan. 6	Marlette	There	5:00
9	Reese	Home	5:00
12	Caro - Frosh and JV	Home	6:00
11	Caro - Varsity	at the Palace	2:30
16	BCAS	There	5:00
20	Deckerville	Home	5:00
23	Mayville	Home	5:00
27	Sandusky	There	5:00
Feb. 3	Yale	There	5:00
6	Lakers	Home	6:00
10	Brown City	Home	5:00
13	Bad Axe	Home	6:00
17	USA	Home	6:00
20	Reese	There	5:00
24	BCAS	Home	5:00
27	Mayville	There	5:00
March 6	Lakers	There	6:00

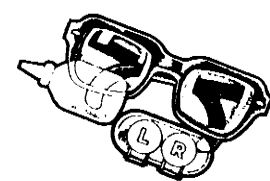


THE CASS CITY RED HAWK basketball squad is long on talent, short on experience. From left, front row: Jason Wright, Chad Lenhard, Josh Brinkman, Brad Hartel, ball boy, Tim Micklash, Bill Goodall, Dan Cuddie. Back row: Jack Hool, coach, Ryan Brinkman, Heath Zawilinski, Craig Emmert, Nick King, Dave Hobbs, Andy Edwards, Jeff Hartel, coach.



THE HAWK JUNIOR VARSITY basketball squad. Front row, from left: Matt Perry, Joel Brinkman, Tory Glumac, Justin Caraballo, Scott Rutkoski. Back row: Bryce VanVliet, Matt Frappart, Zack Bouck, Nick Anthony, Paul Langmaid, Craig Weaver, coach.

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# Markel: green Hawks matmen facing toughest schedule

Coach Don Markel's Cass City wrestling team posted a surprisingly successful season last year when in pre-season estimates the club was expected to be average at best.

This year the veteran mentor says that Cass City has a young and talented squad. The question is whether or not it can produce like last year's squad which finished 4-1 in the league and 10-4 overall.

Gone are some key people who helped in the team's success last year. Three with gaudy records who have graduated are John McNaughton (20-8), Don Pisha (18-15) and Dennis Pisha (28-8). Also gone are a pair of wrestlers who have

transferred to other schools: John Williams and Tim King.

This year's young Hawk squad will depend on the leadership of senior co-captains Cory Mayer and Nathan Matt. Mayer (140 pounds) was 19-21 last year and Matt (145 pounds) was 16-21.

The success of the team will be determined by a talented group of sophomores who lettered as freshmen. They include Scott Moore, 119 pounds; Adam Dorland, 130 pounds with a 27-14 record; Dave Sutter, 152 pounds; Jalal Khoury, 171 pounds and an 18-18 record; Chad Wolschlager, 215 pounds, and Chris Dubay, 275 pounds and a 20-19 record. Markel says that the squad

this year is intelligent with a very good work ethic. Many of them attended summer camp to improve their skills.

Markel says that one of the tasks ahead is to find wrestlers in the middle and lighter weights, where graduation losses are heavy.

Another problem is the schedule, which Markel terms as one of the toughest the school has faced. He lists Cross-Lex, Yale, Brown City and Mayville as teams to beat. All have solid programs, the coach said, with experienced lettermen returning.

The season gets underway Thursday with a dual meet with Capac and always tough Caro.

**WRESTLING SCHEDULE**

Dec. 4	Caro/Capac	H
6	Cros-Lex Tourn.	T
13	Marlette Tourn.	T
17	Bendle	T
Jan. 3	Yale Tourn.	T
10	Sandusky Tourn.	T
14	Mayville/Lakers	H
17	Bridgeport Tourn.	T
21	Bad Axe/Sand.	T
24	Mayville Tourn.	T
28	Marlette/Brown City	T
31	Inlay City Tourn.	T
Feb. 4	Cros Lex/Yale	H
5	Millington/BR	T
11	Vassar/Garber	H
14	League	TBA
18	Districts	TBA
21	Ind. districts	TBA



THE RED HAWK WRESTLING team will depend on a talented group of sophomores this season. From left, back row: Luezern Dickson, Steve McIntosh, Jalal Khoury, Chris Hyatt, Chris Dubay, Phil Mathewson, Wesley Gibbard. Second row: Nathan Matt, Dave Sutter, Ryan Cooper, Cory Mayer, Chad Wolschlager, Jeff Craig. Front row: Richard Abasso, Roy Davis, Jeremy Klinkman, Scott Moore, Adam Dorland, Jon Fritz, Anand Raythatha.

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**THE OWEN-GAGE** varsity basketball squad for the 1997-98 campaign includes: Front row (from left) Derek Howard, Justin Anthes, Joel Bolzman, Chad Mellendorf, Joe Salcido. Middle row (from left) Anthony Brinkman, Donimetre Davis, Jason Rochefort, Jeff Maxson, Coach Jim Brinkman. Back row (from left) Ray Salcido, Chadd Rhodes, James Lemanski, Dan Dorsch.

# Veteran Bulldog hoop team kicks off season at AuGres

The Owen-Gage cage team opens their season next Tuesday at AuGres under the direction of Coach Jim Brinkman, now in his 4th year at the head of the Bulldog program. And this year's bunch could be Brinkman's best. Brinkman has several returnees from last season's squad. However, that group tasted victory only once. Working in the lane for the

Bulldogs this campaign will be proven juniors Chad Mellendorf and James Lemanski. Both are rugged rebounders. Mellendorf, 6'1", 205 lbs., will use his bulk to screen defenders off the glass. Lamanski, 6'2", 190 lbs., rebounds with his quickness and strong leaping ability. If either gets his hands on the round ball, he usual keeps it. In the back court for Owen-

Gage, Joel Bolzman returns as play maker. Bolzman is the team's fastest player. He should be able to get a step on most man-to-man defenses. When he penetrates down the lane, Bolzman must find Lamanski and Mellendorf when double-teamed. The Bulldogs' best weapons from the perimeter will lie in junior Justin Anthes and senior Jason Rochefort. Anthes will need to improve on his rebounding numbers, especially on the offensive end, if the Bulldogs hope to compete in the North Central Thumb League. Rochefort showed a nice touch from the outside at the end of last year and Bulldog backers would like nothing better than to see Rochefort pick up where he left off last season. Owen-Gage also has a trio of letter winners returning in

seniors Dan Dorsch, Jeff Maxson and Chadd Dorsch. Although none are likely to start on a regular basis for Coach Brinkman, he will rely heavily on their leadership roles. Brinkman may get help on the offensive end from Derek Howard and Anthony Brinkman. Howard was a 20+ scorer on the Bulldog

junior varsity team last year. Anthony Brinkman, another junior varsity player last year, is a physical type player that should help on the defensive end. Rounding out the roster for Owen-Gage are Joe Salcido, Ray Salcido and Donimetre Davis. All 3 will compete for minutes as the season progresses.

Dec. 9	AuGres	6:00	A
16	Port Hope	6:00	A
19-20	Tom Thumb Tourney	TBA	A
Jan. 6	North Huron	6:00	A
9	Kingston	6:00	H
16	Peck	6:00	H
20	Caseville	6:00	H
23	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00	H
30	CPS	6:00	A
Feb. 3	AuGres	6:00	H
6	Port Hope	6:00	H
10	Kingston	6:00	A
17	North Huron	6:00	H
20	Peck	6:00	A
24	Caseville	6:00	A
27	Akron-Fairgrove	6:00	A

## Cass City Bowling

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Pro Temp	5

Men's High Series: B. Brown 644, T. Betzold 632.  
Men's High Games: T. Betzold 235, K. Witkovsky 234, B. Brown 219-214-211, D. Mathewson 207.  
Women's High Series: J. Hutchinson 515, T. Rabideau 511.  
Women's High Games: D. Williams 213, T. Rabideau 199, J. Hutchinson 193.  
High Team Series & Game: The S.H.L. 1927 (707).

High Team Actual Series and Game: Charmont 2935 (1072).  
Individual High Series and Games: M. Lutz 697 (256-230-211), G. Robinson 630 (238-215), J. Langenburg 622 (214), D. Englehardt 609 (264), P. McIntosh 603 (216-212), M. Jackson 596 (215), D. O'Dell 585 (211), D. Roth 576 (215), W. Guinther 576, M. Dubs 558, M. Gettel 555 (217), B. Rutkoski 554, R. Roberts 553, J. Lefler 552 (210), J. Krol 550 (228), A. Ellis 224, T. Kuck 219, C. Storm 218, B. Kingsland 212, C. Kelley 212.

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Nov. 23, 1997

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The S.H.L.	12
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D & J's	11
CWD's	10
C B's	7

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Live Wires	8 1/2
J.B.'s Crew	7
Wild John's	7
Team # 7	6 1/2
Cass City Tire	5 1/2
Pizza Villa	5
Dee's M.P. Rockets	4
Dott Manufacturing	4
Sister Act	4

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High Series: D. Mathewson 500, V. Patera 492.  
High Games: V. Patera 188, M. Horne 187, D. Mathewson 182, J. Stevens 183, T. Avery 175, N. Davis 175.



**OWEN-GAGE'S JUNIOR** varsity team members are: Front (from left) Shane Mellendorf, Al Roe, Jesse Powell, Ryan Fritz. Back row (from left) Matt Rogers, Cory Fritz, Coach Joe Candela, Nick Warack, Markeith Davis.



**THE HAWK VARSITY** cheerleading squad. Front row from left: Amber Phillips, Adrainne Keller, Becky Lowe, Amy Butler, Laura Truemmer, Jessica Markel. Back row: Coach Diane Lowe, Colleen Cartwright, Rose Hoelzle, Becky Oesch, Amber Rienstra, Melissa Biskner. Missing is Coach Marilyn Truemmer.

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## Down Memory Lane

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### 5 YEARS AGO

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A benefit is planned for 1st Sgt. Richard Vandecar of Cass City. Vandecar is suffering from a rare tumor that is causing his bones and internal organs to grow at an abnormal rate.

Fire gutted a mobile home in the Walnut Trailer Park in Cass City Saturday night. Donations are being accepted on behalf of Art Remsing and his 4-year-old daughter, who lost nearly everything in the blaze.

Al Klco, one of the organizers, reports that the annual free Thanksgiving turkey dinner held at the St. Pancratius Church drew a record 206 persons Thursday.

Plans to build a new road connecting Cass City's Industrial Park to Seeger Street will proceed next summer, thanks to a state grant that will cover 75 percent of the construction cost. The total cost of the extension is estimated at \$131,500.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Authorities for a food processing plant have shown interest in Tuscola County and the Thumb, and Cass City is one of 4 locations in the county that could meet the criteria set by the company, according to Jim McLoskey, Economic Development Director for Tuscola County. The area suggested for the plant if it came to Cass City is near the corner of Schwegler Road and M-81, a mile east of Cass City.

Robert Custard received a gold ring he earned by bowling the Mid-Thumb Association's first 300 game Monday, Nov. 23, at the Charmont.

Gloria Hartwick, Cass City, was named the Cass City Business and Professional Women's Club "Woman of the Year" during the group's monthly meeting Nov. 23 at the Charmont.

Bishop Kenneth Untener of the Saginaw Diocese took time out last week to celebrate Mass at the H & M Retiree Home, 8550 Van Dyke Rd., Cass City, Nov. 23. The 11 a.m. Mass was enjoyed by the home's 11 residents.

Lena Maleck of Cass City was the winner of \$100 in lucky bucks Saturday in the first of 4 drawings sponsored by the Cass City Retail Chamber.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Malvina Profit, a teacher of 32 years, will retire at the end of the coming school semester.

A Ferndale man was apparently robbed by his befrienders last week when his tool kit was found missing from the trunk of his car after 4 youths helped him get his car out of a ditch on Mushroom Rd. at Hurds Corner Road.

Dr. Herbert Niggs of Caro was appointed medical examiner to begin Jan. 1.

Rick Erla was home from Albion College to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Erla. Yvonne Erla of Northwood Institute, Midland, is spending the week with her parents, the Richard Erlas, during term break.

Two freak does have been shot this season. Lee Kilbourn, 20, of Deford, accidentally shot a doe east of Cass City Saturday when he thought it was a buck. The doe had a small rack of 10 points. The other was taken in Ellington Township.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Cass City's switch to dial and direct distance dialing came off without a hitch early Tuesday morning.

Village President Curt Hunt made the first call on the new system when he phoned his daughter, Sally, in Madison, Wis., shortly after 6:00 a.m.

When an unexpected capacity crowd filled the Cass Theatre Sunday, the building became so heated that turning off the furnace was not enough. The warm weather and the filled auditorium made it necessary to turn on the air conditioning.

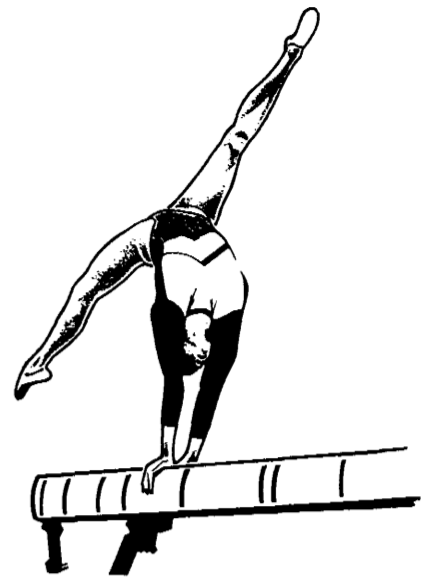
Christmas in Cass City will be a new experience for Amelie Claus, Swedish exchange student at Cass City High School. Miss Claus arrived in Cass City Aug. 19 and until Sunday, was staying at the Clinton Law farm, northeast of Cass City. Sunday she moved to the Warren Kelley home in Cass City.

Army Specialist Four Adrian L. Hutchinson, 28, whose mother, Mrs. Iva Peterson, lives on Route 3, Cass City, recently participated with other personnel from the 96th Transportation Company in Exercise Marneroek, a 2-week field training exercise conducted in Southern Germany.

At Erla Food Center - Banquet beef, chicken, turkey pies, 5 for 89 cents. Frozen lobster tails, \$1.09 pkg. Fresh ground beef, 3 lbs. for \$1.15.

# CASS CITY RED HAWK SCHEDULES

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASTICS



**BASKETBALL**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9  
Harbor Beach at Cass City

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**WRESTLING**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4  
Caro/Capac at Cass City

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**GYMNASTICS**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11  
Cass City at Vassar

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**VOLLEYBALL**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13  
Laker - JV Tourney

### CASS CITY BASKETBALL

|         |                              |
|---------|------------------------------|
| Dec. 9  | Harbor Beach                 |
| 12      | Bad Axe                      |
| 16      | Ubyly                        |
| 19      | USA                          |
| Jan. 6  | Marlette                     |
| 9       | Reese                        |
| 12      | Caro - Frosh and JV          |
| 11      | Caro - Varsity at the Palace |
| 16      | BCAS                         |
| 20      | Deckerville                  |
| 23      | Mayville                     |
| 27      | Sandusky                     |
| Feb. 3  | Yale                         |
| 6       | Lakers                       |
| 10      | Brown City                   |
| 13      | Bad Axe                      |
| 17      | USA                          |
| 20      | Reese                        |
| 24      | BCAS                         |
| 27      | Mayville                     |
| March 6 | Lakers                       |

Home games in bold

### VOLLEYBALL

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| Dec. 13 | Laker-JV Tourney    |
| 15      | Ubyly/AF            |
| Jan. 7  | Caro                |
| 9       | Bad Axe JV          |
| 10      | Bad Axe Var.        |
| 15      | Bad Axe             |
| 19      | Brown City          |
| 22      | USA                 |
| 29      | Reese               |
| Feb. 5  | BCAS                |
| 9       | Yale                |
| 14      | Laker Var. Tourney  |
| 16      | Brown City          |
| 19      | Mayville            |
| 21      | Vassar Var. Tourney |
| 21      | JV League Bad Axe   |
| 26      | Lakers              |
| 27      | Vassar JV Tourney   |
| 28      | League              |
| March 2 | Vassar              |
| 6       | Districts           |

Home games in bold.

### WRESTLING

|        |                   |
|--------|-------------------|
| Dec. 4 | Caro/Capac        |
| 6      | Cros-Lex Tourn.   |
| 13     | Marlette Tourn.   |
| 17     | Bendle            |
| Jan. 3 | Yale Tourn.       |
| 10     | Sandusky Tourn.   |
| 14     | Mayville/Lakers   |
| 17     | Bridgeport Tourn. |
| 21     | Bad Axe/Sand. T   |
| 24     | Mayville Tourn.   |
| 28     | Marlette/         |
|        | Brown City        |
| 31     | Imlay City Tourn. |
| Feb. 4 | Cros Lex/Yale     |
| 5      | Millington/BR     |
| 11     | Vassar/Garber     |
| 14     | League            |
| 18     | Districts         |
| 21     | Ind. districts    |

Home meets in bold.

### GYMNASTICS

|         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| Dec. 11 | Vassar           |
| Jan. 10 | Plymouth Salem   |
| 14      | Midland Dow      |
| 17      | Hartland         |
| 22      | Vassar           |
| 26      | Midland HS       |
| Feb. 2  | Midland High/Dow |
| 7       | Freeland Inv.    |
| 10      | Hartland         |
| 14      | Saint Johns      |

Home meets in bold.

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## Baumgardner on Walbro board

Dwane Baumgardner, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Donnelly Corporation, Holland, has been elected to the board of directors of Walbro Corporation, a manufacturer of precision fuel system products for automotive and small engine markets. The announcement was made by L.E. Althaver, chairman and chief executive officer, Walbro Corporation.

Baumgardner is also a director of SL Industries, Slight Furniture and Scanlon Plan Associates. He is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board at the Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University. He also serves on the IMC Top Management Advisory Committee and the Aquinas College Executive Advisory Board.



Dwane Baumgardner

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Dwane to the Walbro board of directors," said Althaver. "His experience in managing a technology-oriented, manufacturing company similar in many ways to Walbro Corporation should prove especially valuable."

Baumgardner joined Donnelly Corporation, a manufacturer of automotive vision systems, modular window systems and coated glass products, in 1969. He was named vice president, technology in 1977 and was elevated to president and chief operating officer in 1980. He received the title of chief executive officer in 1982 and was named chairman in 1986.

Baumgardner holds a Ph.D. in Engineering Optics from the University of Rochester and a B.S. in Engineering Physics from the University of Missouri.

## Letter to the editor

### Firemen deserve praise

To the Editor:

I wish to thank the people of the Cass City Fire Department who braved the cold on Thanksgiving morning to knock on our doors and evacuate Huntsville Mobile Park and averted a near terrible disaster due to the eruption of a gas main so close to us.

I know we all have so much more to be grateful for. Thank you.  
God bless all of you.

Genevieve Bessler  
Cass City

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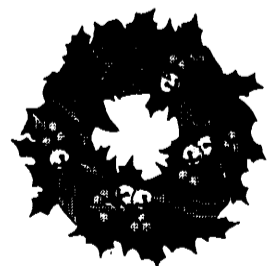


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| Chemical Bank         | Little Caesar's             | Thumb National Bank          |
| Coach Light Pharmacy  | McDonald's                  | Timeless Treasures           |
| Erla's, Inc.          | Mr. Chips Back to the 50s   |                              |

## Writers to meet Dec. 9

The next regular meeting of the Thumb Area Writer's Club (TAWC) will be held Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the Sandusky High School, 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. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend any meeting. If you do decide to join, membership is open to poets and fiction and non-fiction writers.

## Legal Notices

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 Timothy M. Gill, a married man, and Rosalene E. GILL, his wife, to BAY CREEK MORTGAGE, Mortgage, dated August 14, 1996, and recorded on August 23, 1996, in Liber 696, on Page 326, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to the STANDARD FEDERAL BANK, as assignee by an assignment dated August 14, 1996, which was recorded on August 23, 1996, in Liber 696, on Page 336, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six and 45/100 dollars (\$54,336.45), including interest at 8.50% per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 1/1 of each year.

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 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., December 19, 1997. Said premises are situated in CITY of VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

**PARCEL 1 -** Commencing at a point on the North line of River Street in the City of Vassar, 4 rods Easterly from the Southeast corner of Lot 11, Block 2 of Township 11 North, Range 8 East, thence Easterly along the North line of River Street, 4 rods; thence North 8 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence South to the point of beginning, according 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 6 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 6 rods, thence Easterly 4 rods, thence Northerly 6 rods, thence Westerly along Grant Street 4 rods to beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months 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: November 5, 1997

**STANDARD FEDERAL BANK**  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202  
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Attorneys for STANDARD FEDERAL BANK,  
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Suite 100  
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11-5-5

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by LUCIA J. BANK and ROBERT C. BANK, wife and husband, to Mortgage America, Inc., a Michigan corporation, Mortgage dated November 12, 1996, and recorded on November 25, 1996, in Liber 701, on page 1268, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Industry Mortgage Company, L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership, by an assignment dated November 12, 1996, and recorded on December 16, 1996, in Liber 702, on page 1011, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight and 80/100 Dollars (\$35,948.80), including interest at 13.50% 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 January 16, 1998. Said premises are situated in the township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 32 of HAINES SUBDIVISION, according to the plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 15 and 16.

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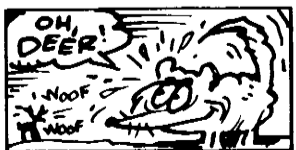
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated November 19, 1997

**INDUSTRY MORTGAGE COMPANY, LP**  
Assignee of Mortgagee

**JACK F. GARDNER**  
Attorney for  
Suite 215-2145 Civic Center Dr.  
Southfield, MI 48076-3953  
(248) 352-7020

11-19-5



The brown Indian muntjac, or barking deer, barks like a dog when excited. The buck is 30 inches tall and has two-tined antlers, about four inches long.



RON CYBULSKI took this trophy whitetail hunting Tuesday west of Cass City. The 14-point, 200+ lb. buck had a 19 3/4" spread.

## Letter to Santa Claus Santa Claus - here's my list

It's time to send those letters to Santa. The Chronicle will publish the letters in an issue between now and Christmas. Wallet-sized photos will be published. Black and white is best, but most colored pictures can be used. The deadline to submit letters is Dec. 18.

To Santa Claws

My Christmas list.  
Baby new born  
New born diaper surprize  
Ice Age  
Carriage  
Marinet  
Fantasy Faces

New oopsie daisy baby  
Musical clown moving head with white hair and strips on the soot and hat  
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## Mail cards, letters early

Even if you're not going to mail 62,824 holiday cards this year -- the most ever sent by one person -- the U.S. Postal Service is offering this tip to its customers...mail early.

In addition to mailing early, the following are some secrets to successful mailing during the holiday season.  
\* Write, type, or print the address neatly;

\* Always include return address;  
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\* Use the correct directional N, W, SW, etc., and Av., Blvd., St., etc., and

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\* Criss-cross filament tape around the outside of the package;  
\* Pad inside items well with newspaper or Styrofoam peanuts;  
\* Include a return address inside the package

\* Bring all stamped packages weighing one pound or more to the post office or give them to your carrier.



BRIAN McMAHAN, owner of McMahan Auto Supply, delivers his new Yamaha Timberwolf 4-wheeler to Auto Value grand sweepstakes winner John Connolly (right). Connolly is the second national winner drawn from the Cass City store.

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Saturday on M-53

# Crash claims one life

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wearing a seat belt and was not injured.

## FOUR INJURED

Four people were injured in a 2-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon in Sanilac County's Marlette Township. Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported a semi-tractor trailer driven by Richard G. Bujnowski, 37, Cass City, was southbound on Decker Road at about 3:20 p.m. when it collided with a southbound vehicle

driven by Asim Ticevic, 39, of Hamtramck.

Deputies said Bujnowski was unable to stop when Ticevic attempted to make a right turn onto Walker Road.

Reports indicate Ticevic was not injured, however, 4 of his passengers were hurt. Aida Ticevic, 12, Selma Ticevic, 9, and Mina Ticevic, 35, all of Hamtramck, and Munira Haliovic, 49, of Detroit, were all transported by Marlette Ambulance to a hospital for treatment. The name of the hospital was not available.

Deputies said Asim Ticevic

and his four injured passengers were not wearing seat belts. Seat belt information was not available for a fifth passenger, Meho Haliovic of Detroit, who was not hurt. Bujnowski, who was wearing a seat belt, was cited for being unable to stop in an assured clear distance.

## Volunteers keep toy drive alive

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taken over the responsibility of decorating the project headquarters at Howard's Heating in Cass City, as well as collecting and transporting toy donations.

"We have some adult volunteers, too," Werschky noted. "We've got 4 or 5 people who are dedicated and they went way above the call of duty last year."

When Werschky first coordinated the former Toys For Tots campaign 10 years ago, toys and cash donations used to purchase toys were distributed to 64 area families. At the peak of the program, more than 200 families were served by the program. Last year, more than 100 families received toys.

Over the years, the number of volunteers has dwindled, which has prompted Werschky to call it quits after this Christmas season.

"Unless another group comes forward to do it, there probably just won't be one" next year, she said.

"We're hoping to do a good job this year, deplete our supplies and go out with a good 10 years of service to the community."

Anyone interested in helping out with this year's campaign, or who has any questions, can contact Werschky during the evening hours at 872-2910.



**THE 19TH ANNUAL Village Bach Festival** returned to Cass City over the weekend. Above, Jeanne Preucil Rose, Carl Ellenberger and harpsichordist Layton James (not pictured) rehearse J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 during an open rehearsal Friday. "We had a good crowd and certainly very responsive audiences," said Holly Althaver. "We are just so pleased with their dedication to us and what they bring to us as musicians."



**TAKING THEIR turn** during an open rehearsal Friday at the First Presbyterian Church were Bach Festival performers Allen Krantz, noted classical guitarist and composer, and vocalist Penelope Jensen.

# Reactions mixed to rate increases

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about any more tax increases. Being retired and on a fixed income, I think they're bleeding us.

"We're losing our benefit, tax-wise, of coming here, from the city. We're probably within 10 percent of the taxes we were paying in Sterling Heights," he added. "Somewhere along the line, somebody's going to have to do some belt tightening."

## REDUCE COSTS

Another retiree, Robert R. Haselhuhn, 4888 Northwood Circle, agreed.

He suggested the village could save money by clamping down on some home construction practices. "If they would clean up and regulate the building of homes in the Cass City area so that we do not have storm water entering the sanitary sewer system, they could reduce some

cost," he said.

Village officials have not raised sewer rates since the early 1990s, and water rates have remained the same for more than 10 years.

In the meantime, the cost of maintaining Cass City's 17-year-old wastewater treatment plant has increased. And, there have been on-going costs related to annual water main replacements, no to mention the recent completion of a third, back-up water well.

The bottom line, officials say, is that the village's water and wastewater funds are not supporting themselves and haven't for some time.

The council will take action on the rate increases, as well as the proposed 1998 spending plan during its rescheduled monthly meeting in December, which will be held Dec. 22 starting at 7 p.m. at the village municipal building.

# McIntosh among council candidates

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Incumbent David Abbe filed a nominating petition, as did newcomer William J. Ehrlich Jr., while incumbents Paul Hunter and Eugene Comment did not file. The remaining 4-year term is expected to be filled by a write-in candidate.

Running unopposed for a 4-year term is incumbent Village President Charles Wright.

## UBLY

Ubyly will have a new village president and clerk next spring.

Incumbents President Dan Lackowski and Clerk Tricia Grika opted not to seek reelection. Seeking their seats, respectively, are Democrat David Jaroch, a former Ubyly

## KINGSTON

In Kingston, all incumbents are seeking reelection to 2-year terms unopposed.

They are Village President Arlo O. Ruggles and Clerk-Treasurer Beverly J. Heron, and trustees Robin L. LaFond, Paul Lalko and Daniel Westerby.

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**Motorist hits gas line**

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place the cork" in line with the hole. Pawloski said fire fighters began the evacuation of about 125 Huntsville Mobile Home Park residents between 5 and 5:30 a.m. "When we first got there, the wind was in our favor; it was blowing straight out of the east," Pawloski noted, adding the wind later shifted to the southwest, taking gas fumes into the trailer park. "It was a very dangerous situation because of the fact that... it hadn't ignited. We had fumes within a couple miles" of the accident scene. There was no estimate on how much gas was lost. Repshinska was not injured, however, troopers arrested him on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. The part-time Tuscola County Sheriff's Marine Patrol officer also lost his job. "We pulled his (deputy's) card. He is no longer affiliated with our organization," said Sheriff Tom Kern, who called the incident unfortunate. "He made a big mistake."

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