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## Service with a smile

BROWNIE GIRL Scout Troop 862, Cass City, assisted by an Asplundh Expert Tree Co. crew, decorated a tree at Hills and Dales General Hospital recently as part of a community service project. Above, Brownie Scout Danielle Sweeney, 9, gets a helping hand from her little sister, Amy, 3.

## Stiff sentences set for trio guilty of armed robbery

A trio of Lansing residents charged in connection with the armed robbery of a Cass City area man last September were all sentenced to prison Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Carrie L. Tetreau, 19, was sentenced to concurrent

terms of 10 to 20 years in prison for her pleas of guilty to first degree home invasion and conspiracy to commit home invasion.

Her accomplices, Rushaun D. Burton, 18, and a 16-year-old juvenile, each received prison terms of 10 to 25 years

for pleas of guilty to conspiracy to commit armed robbery. The pair were also ordered to pay \$7,007.09 and \$7,127.09, respectively, in restitution.

The robbery took place Sept. 3 at an Elkland Township residence.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the victim was tied up by 2 of the suspects, one of them armed with a handgun. The suspects then began taking property from the Schwegler Road home and

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## At Owen-Gage

## Okay junior high football

A proposal to establish a junior high football program received the blessing of the Owen-Gage Board of Education Monday night.

Owen-Gage Athletic Director Joe Candela, who is also

head varsity football coach, asked the board for permission to start fund raising activities to get the program underway.

"The reason I chose junior high football is I think we

can build the program at the varsity level," he told the board, noting seventh and eighth grade students currently have only one sport, basketball, which totals only 9 games per season.

"I'm trying to rebuild it (varsity football program), and we can do it."

Candela estimated he could field a junior high team totalling as many as 16 to 18 players based on an informal survey of interest among students.

The cost to start a junior high program is about \$2,700, according to the coach, who indicated he's confident the money can be raised.

If the program doesn't draw enough interest, the effort will still be positive for the school's athletic program, which would benefit from money raised but not used for junior high football equipment, he said.

Board members praised Candela's initiative, saying they, too, would like to see athletes learn the game before trying to play at the varsity level.

In other sports-related business, the board reviewed and tabled a new policy outlining emergency treatment of school athletes at both home

and away contests.

School Supt. Manuel Thies recommended the policy include a new practice of each coach keeping copies of emergency information (parent or guardian names, phone numbers, etc.) for each of their athletes. He also suggested that coaches might be given consent to authorize treatment for athletes should school officials be unable to contact a parent or guardian.

Board members asked Thies to consult with the district attorneys regarding any liability issues that might be involved with giving a coach such authorization.

At the suggestion of a teacher, Thies also agreed to check into whether an adult other than the coach could be authorized to transport an injured student.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the monthly meeting, Thies briefly discussed on-going discussions of a proposal that would enable all Huron County schools to be "hooked up" to one another via fiber optic technology.

Among the project's goals

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## Legislative solution?

# Area farmers see loss if milk pool collapses

Michigan's agricultural community is ready to support legislation forcing dairy processors to pay a premium to producers should an existing voluntary "super pool" collapse.

But some groups, including Michigan Farm Bureau, are hoping the voluntary pool can be revived.

"In my opinion, it's unfortunate that we can't resolve this voluntarily without bringing the government into it," Michigan Farm Bureau President Jack Laurie commented Thursday.

Laurie, who farms in a partnership with his father, Grover, and son, Doug, milks 500 cows at his Cass City area dairy operation and is a longtime member of the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

"Right now a great deal of our efforts are focused on getting the players to the table to resolve this. Michigan's dairy industry cannot afford to lose \$21 million a year," Laurie said, referring to the combined premiums paid out to processors each year.

The controversy was sparked by the withdrawal of 2 large dairy processors — Dean Foods and Quality Dairy — from the state's voluntary "super pool." The program pays some \$2 million per month in premiums to Michigan farmers, who share equally in the top prices paid for Class I (top grade) milk.

The program was created 5 years ago when the state's dairy processors agreed to pay a premium for Class I milk.

In recent years, however, some processors have struck their own deals with larger dairy farms, circumventing the super pool.

## COLLAPSE LIKELY

Without the support of large processors, officials say, the program is likely to collapse.

"Right now we have an agreement to continue the pool only through December," said John Dilland, director of finance for the Michigan Milk Producers Association, which repre-

sents more than 2,000 farmers and markets about 60 percent of the milk in the state.

After that, Dilland added, it's hoped the pool will continue on a month-to-month basis.

Dilland pointed out that Sen. Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City) has introduced legislation to the Senate Agricultural Committee that would create a state milk marketing order and make it mandatory for all processors to pay the premium.

The legislation has the support of virtually the entire agricultural community in the state and, if approved, would provide farmers with continued equity in premium payments, as well as continued stability, he said.

But the legislation is far from becoming law.

In the meantime, should the super pool disappear, farmers will shoulder the loss, as much as 8 cents a gallon according to one estimate.

"On our farm it will make a difference of about \$10,000 a year," said Randy Severance, who farms in a partnership with his father, Arthur. The Severances milk 100 cows in a 115-cow herd in the Decker area.

Severance said the loss would equal about 3 percent of the operation's gross annual revenue.

## NOT DEVASTATING

He indicated it isn't devastating, but noted any reduc-

tion in revenue hurts, especially with the cost of supplies, equipment and feed continuing to rise.

"The problem is, everything else keeps going up, but the price of milk (paid to producers) doesn't. I think you could go back almost 20 years and see milk at about the same price."

The loss of super pool premiums "won't put a lot of farms out of business, I don't think," Severance added, "but it will take care of a lot of the discretionary income."

The loss of the super pool would also be detrimental to the strength of cooperatives, according to Bob DeLong, who milks about 20 cows in the Cass City area.

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A 4,000-SQUARE-foot addition is planned at Micro EDM Inc., 4429 Doerr Rd., Cass City. Company officials say the expansion will increase the company's work force from 18 to 27 employees.

## EDM building expansion to create 9 new jobs

A Cass City company will create 9 new jobs with a planned expansion of its facilities.

A 4,000-square-foot addition is planned at Micro

EDM Inc., 4429 Doerr Rd., according to company spokesman Kelly Smith. The existing facility totals about 7,000 square feet.

The project includes bring-

ing in an estimated \$500,000 in new equipment, Smith said.

"With the current addition, I think we'll increase employment by 50 percent, but it could double," he said, adding Micro EDM currently has 18 employees.

Company President Bob Bredemeyer recently announced the firm's purchase of property adjacent to the existing business, and submitted an annexation request to the Cass City Village Council.

Micro EDM has been part of the Cass City business community for 9 years. The company was started in 1987 just north of Ann Arbor.

The business specializes in "electrical discharge machining," Smith explained. "It's basically precision small hole and wire cutting," he said.

The company serves a wide range of markets, from tool making and computers to diesel, aerospace, medical applications and all forms of fuel injection, and has an active customer base of more than 200 companies nationwide.

Smith said the planned addition will enable Micro EDM to expand by incorporating laser and water jet precision cutting processes.

Construction is slated to begin in the next 30 days and should be completed by June 1.



DREAM COME TRUE — Phil Nichols (seated, right) beat the odds when he met his boyhood idol, baseball great Rocky Colavito (seated, left). The pair went on to form a friendship that led to Colavito's attendance at Nichols' deer camp in the Cass City area last month. Also pictured above are Ray Hendrick, Cass City, (left) and Chris Bank, Freeland. (See story page 4)

## New books at the library

**The Dark Side of Camelot** by Seymour Hersh (nonfiction): In this book investigative journalist Seymour M. Hersh depicts a John F. Kennedy that people have not seen before, a man immune to the normal consequences of his behavior a long time before he entered the White House. His father, Joe Kennedy, established a pattern of thought that the Kennedys could do exactly what they wanted and get away with just about anything. By the end of his life Jack Kennedy's reckless private life was beginning to intrude into his public life possibly putting him and his nation at risk. Hersh tells us the real story of those risks.

**The Ghost** by Danielle Steel: When Charles Waterson's 10 year marriage ends suddenly and he is transferred from London to New York by the company he works for, he decides to take a leave of absence from his job and try to pull his life together. Charlie winds up in Massachusetts and ends up renting a chateau deep in the woods that once belonged to a woman who lived and died there 200 years ago. He finds her diaries and begins a journey to understand her and eventually to come to terms with his own life.

**A Christmas Sonata** by Gary Paulsen: A young boy and his mother spend Christmas 1943 with relatives in northern Minnesota while his father is fighting in World War II. They take a long journey by train through the snow-covered land of many frozen lakes and find the most magical Christmas tree the boy has ever seen. The boy finds out the cousin he is visiting is dying. Together they set out to discover if there really is a Santa Claus. The boy's uncle succeeds in restoring the children's faith in the spirit of the season.

## Cass City Social Items

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MSC (AW) Ron Curtis, son of Janet Curtis of Cass City, took part in the 1997 15th Annual Fleet Week Chili Cook-off. The Naval Station Norfolk's "Chefs Dream Team II" competed against 22 of the Navy's finest teams, and won second place for 2 consecutive years. The team received a plaque and a check for \$100, which was donated to Naval Station's MWR fund. He reports that they used beef tenderloin, Italian sausage, sherry and chateau breauan (red wine) plus a variety of fresh herbs and spices in the recipe.

Mrs. Marion McClorey was honored on her 87th birthday Sunday, Dec. 7, when 16 members of her family took cake, ice cream and punch to her home to help her celebrate. She received many nice gifts.

## Musical program at St. Pancratius

Saint Pancratius Parish, Cass City, and Saint Elizabeth Parish, Marlette, invite everyone to their 5th annual Advent Evening of Reflection and Music, with Cathy Sullivan, Rita Lopez and Father Rick Bokinski. It will be held Sunday, Dec. 14, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church at 7 p.m. p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 21, at St. Elizabeth Church in Marlette, at 7 p.m.

It will be an evening of prayer, scriptural and seasonal readings interspersed with music - some new, some familiar, some traditional.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas



We hadn't put our Christmas tree up yet when this was written, so it remains to be seen what might have been added based on more current data. But after reminiscing about some of the Christmas tree debacles and disasters we've had over the years, we decided there should be a more realistic song in their memory. Many of you can relate to the trials of erecting, and keeping erect, a tree with a mind of its own. And yes, we resorted to a cement block wrapped as a present one year. Hey! It kept the thing up!

O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, It takes so long to choose you. We freeze our feet out in the snow, He likes this one, but she says no. Till finally they both agree, Just pick one, let's go home.

O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, Your trunk is very crooked. You looked so straight out on the lot, And never showed that ugly spot. O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, How can we ever right you?

O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, You keep on tipping over. The decorations crash and break Each time you fall, for heaven's sake. O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, Just one more time, you're hist'ry.

O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, How can we hold you upright? We've tried a rope and fishing line, A cement block wrapped up so fine. O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, We'll hang you from the ceiling.

O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, Your needles are so picky. They cut our hands, they're just like blades, And we have run out of Band-Aids. O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, Why couldn't you be softer?

O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, You can be such a trial. We love to see you brightly lit, And with the grandkids you're a hit. But Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, We wonder if you're worth it.

O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, You're losing all your needles. By Christmas Day, you'll be all bare At this point we don't really care. O, Christmas tree, O, Christmas tree, Next year you're artificial!

## It's a boy!



Nathan David

David and Stephanie Hutchinson announce the birth of their first child, Nathan David Hutchinson, born Nov. 7, 1997, at Saginaw General Hospital. Nathan weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Adrian Hutchinson and Gail Hutchinson and Jack and Mary Lou Burns, all of Cass City.

Great-grandparents are John and Wanda Burns of Cass City and Anna Richardson of Bad Axe.

## Auxiliary to buy surgical blanket

The Hills and Dales Women's Auxiliary met Nov. 24 at the Charmont Restaurant. Twenty women were present. There is to be a bake sale at the hospital Dec. 12, starting at 9 a.m. At this time a drawing will be held for the auxiliary's quilt that has been

on display at Charmont all summer. Tickets for the quilt can be purchased until Dec. 12 at the hospital gift shop. Memorial gifts were given for Helen Rau, and Gaylord LaPeer and Richard Teno, recently deceased spouses of auxiliary members.

It was reported that 39 pints of blood were given for the Red Cross Blood Bank Nov. 17.

Motion was made and carried to buy a surgical blanket in the amount of \$4,000 for use in surgery at the hospital.

**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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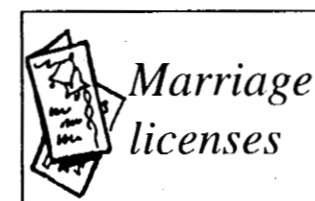
**Monday** - Pepper steak, oriental vegetables, rice, hot roll, tropical fruit mix.

**Tuesday** - Baked cod, mixed vegetables, cukes and sour cream, whole wheat bread, fresh orange.

**Friday** - Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, French bread, apricots.



Our nation's first national monument is Devil's Tower, 865 feet high, located in the Black Hills region of Wyoming. It became a national monument in 1906.



## Marriage licenses

Timothy Ray Mays and Darla Dawn George, both of Millington.

Robert Edward Slack and Teresa Jean Diegel, both of Caro.

Dallas Dean Rabideau and Lynn Marie Sagman, both of Cass City.

Darius Clare Gould and Gail Ann Lowe, both of Caro.

Jared Lee Thane and Christina Hope Kipp, both of Deford.

Anthony James Moench and Angela Den'e Redman, both of Millington.

Brian Lee Schember, Unionville, and Michele Ann Layher, Sebewaing.

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## Church of Christ sets Christmas cantata

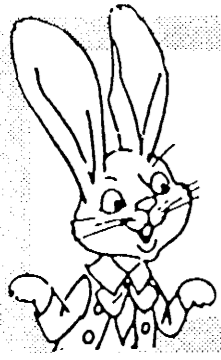
The adult choir of the Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will present the Christmas cantata, "Tree of Light", Sunday, Dec. 14, at the 10:45 a.m. service. The public is invited. For more information, call 872-3658.

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Tom Montgomery's feature story about Rocky Colavito brought back memories. At the time of the big trade sending Harvey Kuenn, the American League batting champ, to Cleveland for Colavito, the home run slugger, opinion was divided about who got the best of the trade.

Colavito got off to a slow start and there were plenty of Detroit fans on his case. But there was support for Colavito, too.

The Haires attended a doubleheader at the height of the controversy. Nearby was a leather-lunged fan who continued to fortify himself from the refreshment stand all during the games.

After awhile all the fans in the vicinity started calling him old faithful.

Every 5 minutes (except when he was in the beer line) he got up, raised an arm over his head and shouted, "Don't knock the rock."

You had to be there, but it didn't distract from the game, made it more fun for all of us.

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The winner of the mountain bike given away by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Saturday was Richard DeLong. It was the second awarded and there are 3 more available. They will be won at drawings Dec. 13, 20 and 24. Nothing to buy, just sign slips at participating firms.

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For 7 years we have been checking predictions in the GTE booklet "2001 Imagine the Possibilities."

The extent of the changes may not be as great as predicted, but most times it correctly predicts trends.

Case in point: "Look for a half-dozen large, for-profit hospital systems to own or manage 80 percent of all U.S. hospitals."

It's doubtful if the consolidations will be that great in the 3 short years left in the period covered by the predictions, but it appears headed in that direction.

**Red Hawk Recap**  
by Rachel Hoard

Imagine moving 4 grade levels from one school, across the driveway, up a hill and to a brand new school. That is what the 6th-8th grade classes will be doing Dec. 17 and 18. The 5th and 6th graders will be moving on the 17th and the rest will move the following day.

Once the kids and teachers have moved from the old middle school to the new school, they will stay there and conduct class as usual. The only activities that will take place in the old school are lunch and gym class. The activities at the old school will end after the first of the year when the students return from Christmas break.

Ken Micklash, superintendent, explained that there would be a "safety person" on duty during the whole moving process. That person would be responsible for making sure that no one is

doing something that they shouldn't be doing. For instance, if they saw a student lifting a heavy box, they would be able to stop that child from hurting themselves.

Lindsey Hendrick, a 7th grader in Lloyd Schimmerer's class, agreed with me that one of the best features of the new school would be that there aren't any stairs to climb in between classes. Hendrick plays basketball, volleyball and softball. She is very eager to see and use the new gym facilities.

Micklash explained that the new Cass City Middle School would be in total working order by the time school resumes Jan. 5, 1998. Any parents interested in helping make the move a success are asked to contact Micklash at the superintendent's office in the high school.

The Weather			
	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	34	25	0
Wednesday	37	34	.13"
Thursday	37	32	.07"
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## Car destroyed

# Fires damage house, dryer

Fires in the Cass City area damaged a house and a grain dryer, and destroyed a car last week.

Elkland Township fire fighters were called to the Fred and Gail Tuckey residence, 6008 E. Cass City

Rd., shortly after 3 p.m. Dec. 2.

The blaze started in the kitchen, where some curtains caught fire as Gail Tuckey was melting some wax, according to Fire Chief Ron Pawloski, who said firemen were able to contain the fire in a matter of minutes.

Pawloski said Mrs. Tuckey sought her own treatment for smoke inhalation.

He estimated fire and smoke damage at \$5,000. Cass City fire fighters were called out again the next morning, at about 7:15 a.m., after a grain dryer caught fire at Laurie Acres, 5440 Dodge Rd.

Pawloski reported the 20-year-old dryer was destroyed along with an estimated 100 bushels of corn. The loss was set at \$5,000.

Fire fighters, who remained at the scene for about 90 minutes, were assisted by the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department.

The Cass City department responded to a car fire Friday at 7:20 p.m. near the intersection of Wilsie and Cemetery roads.

Pawloski said a 1985 Chevrolet Laser owned by Jim Willis of Cass City was destroyed.

The fire originated in the engine compartment, but the cause was not determined. Pawloski estimated the loss at \$3,000.

## Report vandalism

Cass City police recently investigated a pair of vandalism complaints.

Sandy Apley, an employee at Baker College, reported Sunday morning that several Christmas tree light bulbs were smashed in the

college's north parking lot. In addition, a piece of PVC pipe was found broken off from a drain.

No damage estimate was available.

Thomas Ponder, 4222 S. Seeger St., reported a dining room window was broken out at his residence Friday. Reports indicated the damage was done by a BB or pellet gun.

Aiso over the weekend, police arrested a motorist on Seeger Street near Chestnut Boulevard Saturday at 12:40 a.m.

Reports state Scott M. Donovan, 24, Caro, was arrested on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle.

## O-G board okays jr. high football

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is to expand curriculum offerings to students through "distance learning."

Thies, who has attended several meetings, indicated he isn't sold on the proposal yet, largely because it isn't clear whether Owen-Gage Schools would receive a fair value for money spent on the technology. Would enough students be able to take advantage of the technology to make it worthwhile?, he asked.

Thies said he doesn't have the answer yet, but wants to be sure the answer is "yes" before offering his support. Thies had no cost estimates, but added the equipment expense tied to the project is high.

Also Monday, the board: •Voted in favor of holding all school board meetings in the Owendale High School Library, rather than continuing to alternate meetings between Owendale and the Gagetown Elementary School cafeteria. The motion passed on a vote of 7-1, with board member Mary Ann Abbe casting the lone "no" vote.

•Recognized a \$500 contribution from the Mobil Oil Corporation through Neeb Corp. employee Rodney Gettel, an Owen-Gage graduate. Thies said the donation will go towards technology programs.

•Authorized Thies to sell an older model school bus.

•Authorized a Harbor Beach High School senior, now residing in Owendale, to continue attending Harbor Beach Schools.

•Met in executive session to discuss a student disciplinary matter and a written opinion from the district's law firm related to the Durant Case.

•Approved the nomination of senior Brandy Halasz as "student of the month" for December.

•Recognized a student in each grade selected for best exemplifying the December Adult Role Focus of being "cooperative, collaborative workers."

The students are: Ashley Rockefeller, Stephen Roemer, Lauren O'Harris, Derek Ricker, Nathan Rogers, Amanda Pillsbury, Jessica Covarrubias, Kelly Zaleski, Kevin Dorsch, Stefanie Lowry, Cassie Vargo, Kristie Radabaugh and Tara McKellar.

The Haire Net

When gambling casinos were first suggested as a key for the revival of Detroit, I went on record as feeling it was a bad decision.

It was conceded that the casinos would draw hordes of people to downtown, but the money squandered would go to the casino owners, not to the community.

It still seems apparent that the owners would be the principal benefactors, but nevertheless my opposition has lessened with the passage of time.

That's because of the increase in competition. Gamblers will spend their hard-earned dollars in Windsor or in neighboring states which have flourishing gambling casinos already up and running.

If it were up to me and the first vote were today, my vote would still be no.

Now there is a group hustling around the state to get enough signatures to place the gambling issue on the ballot again. That campaign gets no support or petition signature here. It's simply not right.

Casinos have received the nod of the electorate and plenty of big bucks have been and are being spent by reputable firms to get the casinos approved up in action.

It certainly would not be fair to them or other entrepreneurs who have invested in the area on the basis of an industry legally approved.

Gambling received the green light in Detroit, partially because nothing else appeared to be working. Walking the streets in bustling downtown Chicago a year ago was like walking in downtown Detroit 20 years ago.

The casinos, and the new stadiums for the Lions and the Tigers, will draw people. For a few hours it will seem like old times before they return home to the suburbs. But unless they live or work downtown, it's hard to see it as a huge step forward.

The group working across the state to ban gambling might better devote its energy to stop the virus from spreading.

Already there have been

## Owen-Gage Christmas program set

The Gagetown Elementary K-3 Christmas program will be held Monday, Dec. 15, starting at 7 p.m. in the elementary school gym. The annual fifth and sixth grade concert will follow at about 7:45 p.m.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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College football fans have been on an emotional roller coaster the past few weeks. It doesn't matter if you're rooting for Nebraska or Slippery Rock, the feeling is the same. Except Slippery Rock's roller coaster costs a lot less.

Nov. 22 was a rivalry weekend. Michigan beat Ohio State, Tennessee beat Kentucky, and Washington State is still trying to find out if the Rose Bowl is played in California like it was in 1931.

I watched the Ohio State-Michigan game. Like other Ohio State alums, I was crushed.

Football fans will recall Michigan has beaten Ohio State 8 times and tied once in the 10 years John Cooper has coached the Buckeyes.

Some folks blame the coach, but I don't. I've watched the Buckeyes for years, and as far as I can tell Cooper doesn't even play.

Like other football experts I kept yelling, "Come on Cooper, open up the offense!" Ohio State threw 2 interceptions, and I moaned, "Whatever happened to Woody Hayes?"

I was reminded of the night my high school buddy, Ron, and I sat in the stands at a football game. Ron was a bit of a cut-up in those days, and our teachers claimed the 2 of us together were like a match and a gas leak.

The game was nearing the end of the first half, and our team was way behind. Ron and I had been shouting encouragement all night.

"Hold on to the ball, butterfingers! What's the matter with you guys? Why don't you put in the cheerleaders?" We thought it was encouragement, anyway.

That's when I noticed a woman sitting in front of us. She was all dressed up with her hair pulled back in one of those tight, little buns popular in the early 60's. I thought this woman looked familiar but put it out of my mind.

Just then our center snapped the ball. The quarterback handed-off to the halfback, who tossed the ball

back to the quarterback, who gave it to the fullback, who dropped it on the ground -- and the other team recovered the fumble.

"What's the matter with you guys? Where are they getting those plays?" Ron shouted.

That's when the lady with the hornet's nest hairdo turned around -- and I remembered where I had seen her. She was the coach's wife!

This woman looked at my buddy Ron in such a way I worried she might melt the bolts in the bleachers we were sitting on. Even after all these years, I have no idea how a woman could stare at anyone so long without blinking. (Unless the tension on that coiffure had something to do with it.)

That football game was a

real lesson for me. To this day, I never sit down at a sporting event without asking, "Is this seat taken? And is there anyone around here who is a good friend of the coach?"

## Christmas concert set

The Cass City High School band, middle school band and high school choir will present their annual Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 14, starting at 3 p.m. at the high school.

The bands are under the direction of Jason Smigell, while the choir is under the direction of Connie Iwankovitch.

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# Baseball great Rocky Colavito

# Nichols: boyhood hero super individual

by Tom Montgomery  
News Editor

Meeting a childhood idol is a dream rarely fulfilled, even for the most devoted of fans. Meeting a childhood idol who lives up to your expectations is rarer still.

Phil Nichols is among the lucky ones.

Not only has the Caro man met the hero of his youth -- baseball great Rocky Colavito -- he has also gained a new friend and hunting companion.

"In my opinion, he was an outstanding baseball player, but as an individual, he ex-

ceeds that. He's a very sincere individual. "The guy is just super," commented Nichols, a 1967 Cass City High School graduate.

The former Detroit Tiger is also a very gracious guest, according to Nichols, who entertained Colavito at his deer camp last month.

The path that led to Nichols' meeting with Colavito began in earnest eight years ago. But the journey actually started many years before when Nichols, 48, was a youngster.

"I started following baseball real close in '61, and he (Colavito) was the guy I most

liked to emulate," Nichols recalled.

"He was a dynamic player, a very intense player and a very colorful player in that he had arguably the strongest throwing arm, even today, in baseball. He was known to throw batters out from the outfield."

Colavito got his start in the majors with the Cleveland Indians, which brought him up from the minors in 1955-56. His first full year in the majors came in 1957, and 2

years later he knocked in 42 home runs to earn the American League's home run crown.

### MOVE TO DETROIT

Nichols followed Colavito's career closely. He recalled his trade to the Detroit Tigers -- in exchange for Harvey Kuenn, the American League's batting champ in 1959 -- before the first game of the 1960 season.

## Argyle Sox 4-Hers planning projects

The Argyle Sox 4-H Club met Monday, Nov. 24, with President Lisa Wheeler presiding. Megan Romzek led the pledges and Secretary Allison Nichol read the minutes.

A community service project, strongly encouraged by the 4-H Council, was discussed, including Christmas caroling and a 4-H food drive. There will be more discussion on this topic at the next meeting.

## Quinn honored in 'Spotlite'

Rosemary Quinn, a graduate of Cass City High School and a former employee at Hills and Dales General Hospital, has been featured in a company magazine feature called "Star! Spotlite."

She was selected for her behind-the-scenes work as food services coordinator with the Council of Aging, a position she has held for 3 1/2 years.

The department serves about 20,000 meals monthly and also meets federal requirements for senior dining centers. Quinn plans menus, places food orders, oversees nutritional contents, handles production problems, cost control and special events.

According to the article, Darwin McGuire, supervisor, says, "Rosemary has a talent for organizing events. She plans things so well and so quickly that she makes it seem easy. But it isn't easy. It's just that she has plenty of skill and experience to apply to the task."

That experience comes from completion of a dietary management course at Penn State and work in the dietary department at MidMichigan Regional Medical Center for 19 years. She is certified by the National Dietary Managers Association.

Quinn has 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. One family is in Midland and the other lives in Grand Rapids. She is active in 2 professional organizations, American Business Women's Association and the Tri-County Dietary Managers Association. She serves as treasurer for both and has held other offices as well.

The 4-H Council requested that members bring nonperishable items or grooming items (toothpaste, soap, etc.) to the Extension Office to be donated to PROJECT HELP for needy families in Sanilac County.

There will be a craft workshop Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. at the Extension Office. Members are to sign up beforehand. A winter beef show will be held Dec. 13-14 at MSU Livestock Pavilion.

Members were reminded to keep all the premium lists done. If you're 13 years of age and have done a project 3 times, you qualify to become a teen leader in that area.

Any 4-H'er interested in being a camp counselor at 4-H camp in July at Sleeper State Park should contact the Extension Office (810) 648-2515. Counselors will have the opportunity to attend training at the county and state levels. All camp counselors must be 15 years of age in order to participate. Applications are available at the 4-H Office.

Members are reminded to read the 4-H newsletter for information on upcoming trips, and that the 4-H Council helps pay a certain amount on these trips.

4-H T-shirts, recommended as Christmas gifts, have been reduced from \$10 to \$5 each.

Beef weigh-in will be Jan. 24, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The snow date will be Jan. 31. Sheep and swine weigh-in will be April 25.

Angela Kubacki supplied the November snack. Nick Moore will supply the January snack. Due to the holiday season, there will be no December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Snover Heritage United Methodist Church, 3329 W. Snover Rd., Snover.

Colavito played for Detroit through 1963, then joined the then-Kansas City Athletics in 1964. The next 3 years were spent back with the Cleveland Indians.

"He played part of his final year (1968) with the Dodgers, then finished up with the Yankees," said Nichols, who noted Colavito finished with a total of 374 home runs.

But the highlight, at least for Nichols, was a special game in 1961.

It was the first major league game Nichols attended as a youth. He recalls trying unsuccessfully to convince his father to buy tickets for a doubleheader. Instead, the family along with Jim Brown of Cass City attended a single game pitting the Tigers against the Yankees.

And what a game. The Tigers lost, 8-6, but only after 22 innings of play -- the longest timed major league game at the time.

Two things about the contest stick out in Nichols' mind. The first is Colavito's hitting for the night (7 for 10).

The second is that rookie Jack Reed's game-winning 2-run homer turned out to be the only home run in Reed's career.

"What most people don't know is the night before was Detroit's first day-night doubleheader," Nichols said, adding the Tigers ended up playing 40 innings of baseball in 24 hours.

Nichols' grandfather got an autograph from Colavito the next year during spring training, but that's the closest Nichols came to meeting his idol.

### LETTER SENT

Then, 8 years ago, Nichols

decided to write Colavito. He sent a letter, but learned he had the wrong address.

Last February, Nichols tried again, prompted by the knowledge that time was passing by quickly. He called Tiger Stadium and obtained Colavito's address in Pennsylvania, then penned a second letter. His heart sank when it came back, marked "refused."

Nichols said he asked a co-worker at Delphi Steering Systems, Saginaw, to check into whether Colavito was in good health. The co-worker happened to be Jerry Northrup, brother of Jim Northrup, who was a centerfielder for the World Series champion Tigers in 1968.

The response was "yes", which prompted Nichols to write again and, at the suggestion of another co-worker, to not print a return address on the letter.

Nichols said he later learned Colavito had stopped opening fan mail after receiving a couple of nasty letters from fans angry because items they supposedly sent were not autographed.

He also learned he was Colavito's wife, Carmen, to thank for the response he received from the former major league outfielder. Carmen encouraged her husband to read the letter, in which Nichols described his admiration for Colavito, asked if they could meet sometime, and mentioned his love of hunting.

Colavito responded, and over the next few weeks, he and Nichols corresponded. The pair learned they shared not only a love of baseball, but for hunting as well.

Nichols told Colavito he has 94 acres of prime hunting land in the Cass City area, and said he would be honored to have Colavito as a guest.

In the meantime, the Colavitos and Nichols arranged to meet July 20 while the Colavitos were in Taylor, Mich., for the day.

### HIT IT OFF

"We just kind of hit it off," said Nichols, who along with his wife was invited to spend a couple of days with the Colavitos in Cleveland, Ohio, during the National Sports Collectors Convention Aug. 8-10.

It was a great experience, Nichols said, adding the couples dined out together and Colavito introduced them to a few of his acquaintances -- Wilt Chamberlain, Frank Robinson, Pete Rose, Reggie Jackson, Lou Brock and Gordie Howe, to name a few.

Colavito, now 64, also took

Nichols up on his deer hunting camp invitation. He arrived in camp Nov. 11 and stayed through the morning of the 17th, Nichols said.

"He bow hunted for 3 days and gun hunted for 3 days," he continued, noting Colavito wound up taking a 5-point buck -- his first with a shotgun.

"It was unbelievable," Nichols said. "I had to keep reminding myself that this was really happening."

Colavito turned out to be a gracious guest, according to Nichols, who said he signed autographs and got along with everyone. On the last day of camp, Colavito called his new friends a first class bunch of guys, and said that he had never enjoyed a deer camp more.

"He invited us to his deer camp (in Pennsylvania), but we didn't have any vacation time left," Nichols said.

However, the invitation was extended for next year. Nichols didn't hesitate with a reply. "We will be there."

## Notice


The Regular December meeting of the Cass City Village Council will be held December 22, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6605 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan.

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# Cass City Middle School honor roll students named

The Cass City Middle School honor roll has been announced.

## 5TH GRADE

All A's - Rachele M. Babich, Brittany Brinkman, Caleb Hanby, Marcel Helland, Carrie Hillaker, Paul Hoelzle, Rose Krug, Luann Laming, Stephanie Richards, Lauren Rowe, Jason Speirs, Angela Stoeckle, Tara Whittaker.

A & B - Chancy Balk, Ashley Barrigar, Carissa Bass, Tasha Bryant, Aaron Bulla, Jessica Chappel, Adam Czekai, Patricia Dale, Zachariah Dorland, Allison Ellis, Brandon Fenton, Jared Ferris, Casey Forrest, Chad Francis, Samantha Glaspie, John Guc IV, April Hein, Michael Hill, Krista Homakie, Elizabeth Hoxie, Jessup Hoyt, Casie Jensen, Corey Johnson, Danielle Johnson, Chad Keiser, Bethany Langlois, Milton Lester, Stacy McCallum, Nichole McComas, Sean McFarland, James McKnight, Timothy Mills, Daniel Mittlestat, Christina Montgomery, Kayla Morrish, Christina Osentoski, Alexander Palmateer, Jadie Periso Jr., Jesse Rader, Patrick Reed, Andrew Schinnerer, Sean Severance, Leah Sherman, Tara Sherman, Kristina Spaulding, Steven Steely, Nicholas Stoutenburg, Jeffery Tenbusch, Jeff Tuckey, Andre Voss, Andrew Whittaker, Jake Wilder, Heather Wilmoth, Michael Zmierski II.

## 6TH GRADE

All A's - Alison Emmert, Kristi Fluegge, Erik Helwig, Sarah Hobbs, Amy Howard, Maegan Laurie, Nicholas Miller, DeAnna Newby, Mallory Powell, Arielle Urban, Kaylene Ziehm.

A & B - Allyson Bell, Jacob Brinkman, Raven Clemens, Justin Darr, Chris Dillon, Greg Dillon, Krystee Dorland, Tyler Erla, Nathan Fisher, Gavin Frederick, Lauren Galloway, Adam Haag, Leslie Hacker, Eric Hollis, Erika Karavas, Kayla Karr, Adam Kessler, Jenna Krueger, Alex Kundingier.

## Dance set Saturday

The Sandusky Thumb Dancers will hold their next open dance at the Sandusky Maple Valley School Saturday, Dec. 13, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. This will be the Christmas dance and music will be by Light House.

Everyone is welcome and asked to bring finger food and friends.

This is a nonprofit organization.

Nathan Laming, Kevin Lowe, Kyle Lowe, Tiaja Lowrey, Dustin Mallory, Timothy Martin, Jeff McMahan, Cole Mellendorf, Thomas Mester, Henry Metzger, Leeann Missovich, Justin Melson, Joshua O'Dell, Garrett Otulakowski, Norman Pierce, Jamie Robinson, Elizabeth Sobczak, Shanna Spencer, Brandon Stec, Zachary Sutter, Nicholas Swanson, Jennifer Sweeney, Randy Tenbusch, Megan Toner, Zachary Toner, Heidi Vatter, Nicholas Walther, Bryan Warju, Joshua Wark, Teresa Woodward.

## 7TH GRADE

All A's - Amanda Frederick, Elizabeth Hoyt, Alissa Pasant, Rajen Raythatha, Matt Stoutenburg.

A & B - Laura Auten, Jason Barrigar, Stacey Bessler, Heidi Cheng, Brandy Cooper, Robert Dale, Wade Daley, Deidre Deering, Rebecca Dufresne, Gail Dyer, Tyler Ferris, Paula Fluegge, Ashley Froede, Jordan Glaza, Courtney Green, Becky Hartel, Heidi Hartwick, Sara Henderson, Lindsay Hendrick, Cyndi Henn, Kurtis Hessler, Dara Iwankovitsch, Chris Maharg, Brooke Marks, Jessica Nicol, Anne Nizzola, Samantha Sabo, Melissa Schaible, Adam Talaski, Talisa Talaski, Ryan Thornton, Nicholas Turner, Liza Volmering, Kristen Wiles, Joshua Windsor, Melissa Woodward, Melissa Zmierski.

## 8TH GRADE

All A's - Raymond Abasso, Aaron Dorland, Danielle Guilds, Sara Homakie, Charles Keiser, Timothy Khoury, Janic Leiterman, Jessica Metzger, Julie Roche, Crystal Sattelburg, Kerry Shagene, Jennifer Tenbusch, Jessica Tenbusch, Erin Venema, Tessa Zawilinski.

A & B - Tyler Bader, Joe Biskner, Jesse Bouck, Tara Bryant, Nicholas Chappel, Amanda Damoth, Melissa Doerr, Clint Drinkard, Nicole Drinkard, Matt Ender, Jesika Ferris, Grant Frant, Cason Harris, Rob Havens, Eli Healy, Misty Jensen, James Kilbourn, Richard Klaus, Joshua Klein, Kari Lowe, Tim McFarland, Robin Messing, Chris Mills, Jennifer Montgomery, Ashley Ouvry, Elise Pasant, Kayla Posluszny, Stephanie Ramsey, Rebecca Rockwell, Joshua Rosebrugh, Jessica Smith, Kyle Spencer, Stephanie Stevens, Jeff Storm, Tom Sugden, Lynn Trischler, Brandon Vargo, Tasha Vatter, Christina Walters, Jeremy Weippert, Emma Witkovsky, Amanda Wright, Sarah Yaz, Chelsea Zimba.



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## Wednesday is Thumb Ag Day at Colony House

Thumb Ag Day, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Colony House, Cass City, will be the home of the Thumb area's largest agricultural trade show. This year's program is bigger than ever with over 100 agribusinesses having displays and information for participants.

The morning program will feature a unique duo that bills themselves as "The Canadian and the Fat Guy." Doug Smith, Thamesville, Ontario, Canada, and Todd Intermill, Coleman, S.D., have made presentations at both the National No-Till Conference and the Corn and Soybean Classic in Tampa Bay, Fla., last winter.

Their presentation will take a humorous and informative look at innovative farming practices, including precision agriculture, reduced tillage practices, strip intercropping and machine modification.

The afternoon speaker will be George Sinner, former 2-term governor of North Dakota. Gov. Sinner was instrumental in the formation of American Crystal Sugar Cooperative in the early 70's and continues to be a strong advocate of added-value cooperatives.

His presentation will center on "Why Farmers Need to be Involved in the Processing Phase of Food Production." He will draw on his experience and the experience of Northern Plains farmers who have developed more than 50 added-value cooperatives in recent years.



**FALL SPORTSAWARD winners at Owen-Gage were recently honored. They included: (from left) Chad Mellendorf - MVP golf, Derek Howard - MIP football, Dan Dorsch - MVP football, Tonya Smith - MVP basketball, Anthony Brinkman - MIP golf, Tara McKellar - MIP basketball.**

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211), M. Jackson 639 (228-214), M. Gettel 618 (231-215), A. Reed 600 (245), M. Lutz 597 (216), V. Trisch 596 (242), D. Roth 590 (215), J. Storm 574 (214), B. Kingsland 568 (220), W. Guinther 567 (231), K. DeSimpelare 558, P. McIntosh 555 (214), C. Zimmerman 550, R. Witherspoon 213.

Men's High Series & Games: T. Potrykus 677 (237), S. Hammett 668 (236), T. Smith 529.

Women's High Series & Games: D. Potrykus 488 (187), B. Watson 461 (161), P. Montreuil 177.

High Series & Game: Gators 2181 (733).

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High Series & Games: D. Roth 655 (244-230), E. Champagne 635 (233), Doug O'Dell 630 (238-215), R. Root 614 (231), G. Robinson 605, D. Doerr 602 (213), Duane O'Dell 580 (215), E. Schmaltz 239, D. Beecher 221, R. Doerr 213, G. Smith 212, Dennis Hyatt 211.

### MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Dec. 4, 1997

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High Actual Team Series & Game: Thumb Auto Wash 1928 & 671.

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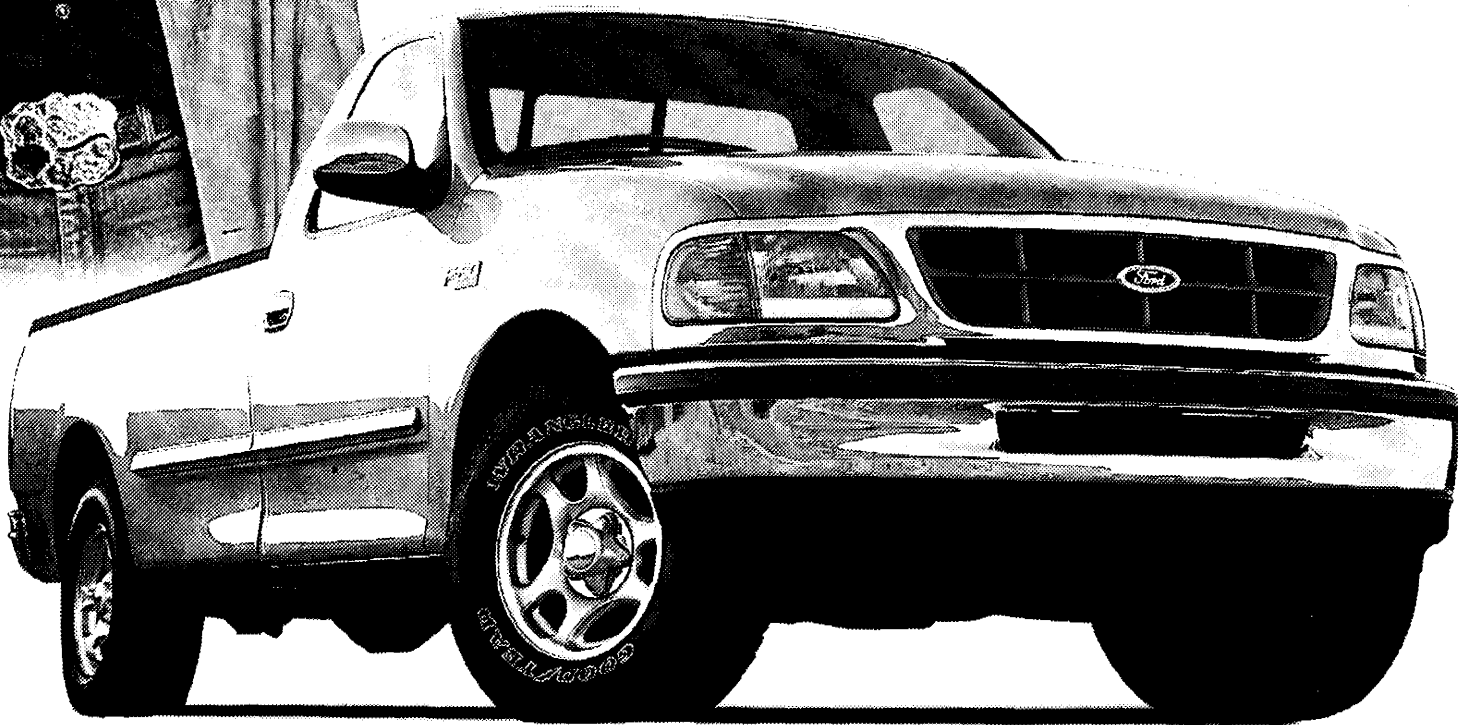
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# Hawks place 3 on all-league hoop squad

The Cass City Red Hawks placed 3 players on the Greater Thumb C All Conference basketball team, led by Kara Mellendorf, junior, a first team selection.

Placed on the second team were Lindsay Maharg, senior, and Shelly Ulfig, junior. Ulfig's chances for a first team position were probably hurt because she sat out games at the start of the season. She led the team in scoring and rebounding.

Mellendorf was a tough rebounder and proficient scoring from the key. Maharg was the team's ball handler and best outside shot.

The first team included Whitney Babcock, the go-to player and leading scorer for co-champion Bay City All Saints, and Aleatha Johnson, who paced Bad Axe. Kristie Gehrs, jump-shooting, ball-handling guard for the Lakers, and Kristie Grabowski, Reese, round out the first team.

All Saints landed 2 players on the second team, Kara Botts and Sara Grzenia. Also elected were Lissa Weier, Reese, and Shannon Schaffer, USA.

Honorable mention players are: Rebecca Kolar, Kate Damm and Robin Rathje, all of Lakers; Tiffany Langford, Amanda Thomas and Rachel Lieber, Mayville, and Angela Holland, USA.



Kara Mellendorf



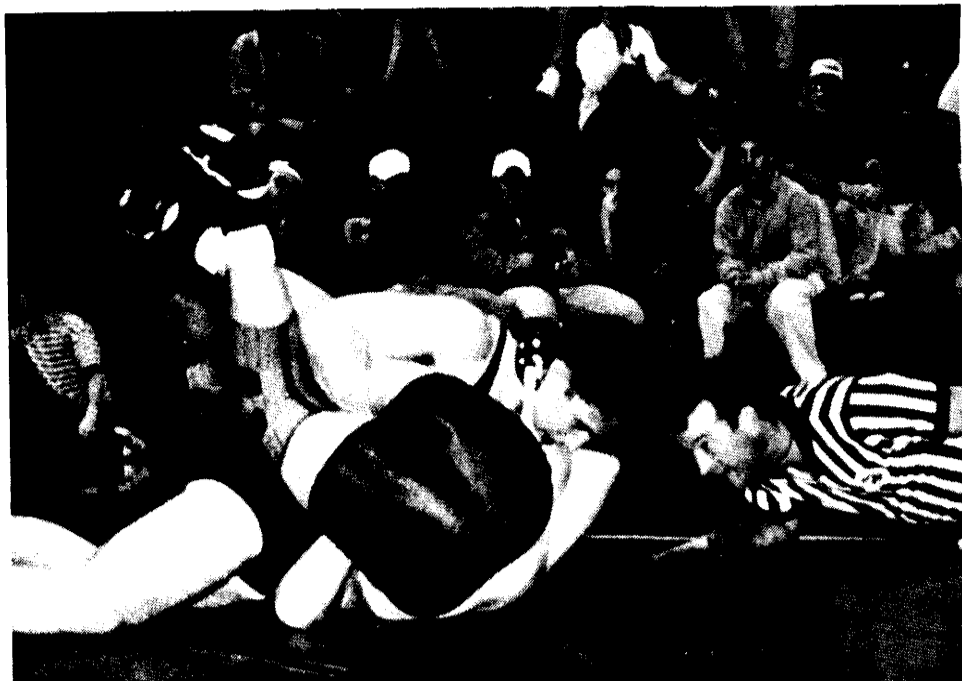
Shelly Ulfig



Lindsay Maharg

### GYMNASTICS

Dec. 11	Vassar	There	7:00
Jan. 10	Plymouth Salem	There	
14	Midland Dow	There	6:00
17	Hartland	There	TBA
22	Vassar	Here	6:30
26	Midland HS	There	6:30
Feb. 2	Midland High/Dow	Home	6:00
7	Freeland Inv.	There	9:00
10	Hartland	There	6:30
14	Saint Johns	There	9:00



CASS CITY'S Jalal Khoury works towards a pin against Capac's Wil Schmidt in Thursday's home triangular meet. Khoury also pinned Caro's Levi Doerr to help the Hawks defeat both schools.



THE HAWK GYMNASTIC squad. Front row, from left: Jennifer Wills, Katie Wood, Michelle Kropewnicki. Second row: Manisha Raythatha, Phyllis Houck, Danielle Laming, Laura Laming, Becky Bennett. Third row: Nicole Doerr, Emily Bennett, Holli Cooper, Amber Dunn, Amber Angle, Johanna Hoelzle. Coached by John and Lena Waltz, not pictured.

# Many seek spots on Hawk volleyball team

If numbers mean anything, the Cass City High School volleyball team should be much improved this season under new Head Coach Beth Howard.

With 19 players on the varsity and 6 lettermen returning, the season should be much brighter than it was last year when the Hawks finished in the league basement, winless in 10 games, with a one-14 record overall.

Gone from that team are Shawna Long and Ashley Chappel. Returning are Lori Brown, Melissa Heinlein, Sarah Dore, Cara Graichen, Kara Mellendorf and Jessica Henderson.

A host of players not out for the team last season are expected to strengthen the squad.



THE CASS CITY varsity volleyball team, front row, from left: Kara Mellendorf, Lori Brown. Second row: Elissa Hendrick, Melissa Heinlein, Nicolette Zawilinski, Karin vonUsslar, Cara Graichen, Susan O'Hara. Third row: Nicole Matheny, Niah Hosner, Jessica Henderson, Amber Phillips, Melissa Albrecht, Coach Beth Howard. Missing are: Sarah Dore, Lindsay Maharg, Jamie Englehart, Sheri Foster, Carrie Wentworth and Shelly Ulfig.



THE CASS CITY JUNIOR VARSITY volleyball team has the most candidates in recent years. Front row, from left: Lisa Glaza, Tenielle Farver, Becky Bulla, Kandance Hansen, Sara Sabo, Ange Bogart. Second row: Amy Russell, Tara Sabo, Erin Dillon, Sheila Guilds, Kayla Wolschlager, Megan Romstad, Erin Kappen. Third row: Jessica Papp, Atalie Marshall, Mandy Vatter, Heather Edwards, Monica Dorland, Tara Lenhard, Stephanie Pierce, Alyssa Glaspie, Coach Sandi Smith.

# Wrestlers start year with Caro, Capac wins

Coach Don Markel was all smiles this week following the opening matches as his Cass City Red Hawk wrestling squad opened with a pair of wins in a triangular meet at Cass City Thursday.

The Hawks followed the opening wins with a respectable sixth place finish in the Pioneer Invitational at Cros-Lex Saturday.

In the opening meet the Hawks topped Caro, 42-40, the first time that Cass City has defeated the Tigers since 1991-92. Capac fell to Cass City, 48-36.

The Hawks were helped by forfeits in the light weight classes. Caro had no wrestlers in 4 weight classes, presenting Jeremy Klinkman, Roy Davis, Scott Moore and Jon Fritz with wins.

Adam Dorland, 135 pounds, pinned Mike Swenor and Wesley Gibbard, 145 pounds, pinned Josh Wright to push Cass City ahead 36-12, enough to hold off the Tigers' late rally.

The Tigers won the next 4 matches to move within striking distance, 36-29, before Jalal Khoury, 189 pounds, pinned Levi Doerr to clinch the Hawk win.

Against Capac the Hawks won 7 matches. For six of them it was the second win of the meet. Adding to their wins over Caro were Roy Davis, 103 pounds, over Mario Grabowski; Scott Moore, 125 pounds, over Jason Gasiewski; Jon Fritz, 130 pounds, over Shane Webster; Adam Dorland, 135 pounds, over Justin Bullock; Cory Mayer, 140 pounds, over Ryan Tabor, and Jalal Khoury, 189 pounds, over Will Schmidt.

Chris Dubay, 275 pounds, pinned Mario Ramirez.

### INVITATIONAL

The results at the Pioneer Invitational indicate that the

Hawks should have a fine team in the next 2 years.

There were 5 sophomores among the 6 Cass City wrestlers to earn medals. They were led by Davis, who finished first in the 103-pound class. Others were Travis Schneeberger, 4th, 112 pounds; Scott Moore, 3rd, 119 pounds; Adam Dorland, 3rd, 130 pounds, and Chris Dubay, 4th, 275 pounds.

Senior Cory Mayer finished 2nd, 140 pounds.

The Invitational was won by Port Huron with 158 1/2 points. Others in order of finish: Yale, 157 1/2; Imlay City, 149 1/2; Marysville, 144; Cros-Lex A team, 113; Cass City, 102; Armada, 52 1/2; Mayville, 46 1/2; New Haven, 28; Mt. Clemens, 23. Lutheran North and Cros-Lex B team failed to score.

### VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 13	Laker JV Tourney	There	TBA
15	Ubly/AF, Var. at Ubly, JV at CC	There	6:00
Jan. 7	Caro	There	3:30
9	Bad Axe JV	There	
10	Bad Axe Var.	There	
15	Bad Axe	There	
19	Brown City	There	
22	USA	There	
29	Reese	Home	6:30
Feb. 5	BCAS	There	
9	Yale	Home	6:00
14	Laker Var. Tourney	There	
16	Brown City	Home	
19	Mayville	Home	6:30
21	Vassar Var. Tourney	There	
21	JV League Bad Axe	There	
26	Lakers	Home	6:30
27	Vassar JV Tourney	There	4:15
28	League	Lakers	TBA
March 2	Vassar	Home	6:00
6	Districts	TBA	

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The hope is that 2000 people in each of Michigan's 83 counties will save and/or reduce debt by \$2000 by the end of the year 2000. If this

## Gift sent by Lutheran Ladies Aid

Sixteen were present for the Christmas potluck dinner and December meeting of Good Shepherd Lutheran Ladies Aid, Monday, Dec. 1. The meeting was opened with a reading by Betty Fuller entitled "Christmas Bells."

It was decided to send a Christmas gift of money to seminarian David Hahn and his family. Also gifts were sent to Lutheran Special Ministries, Lutheran Braille Workers, Bethesda Lutheran Home, Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots, Lutheran Bible Translators and Positive Alternatives of Caro.

The ladies were reminded that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Michigan District Convention is set for July 20-22, at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids. Ruth Balzer led an Advent devotion and Donna Schuette read "Blessings In Disguise."

Hostesses for the evening were Betty Fuller and Donna Schuette.

objective is achieved, the dollar impact on Tuscola County and Michigan is estimated at \$4 million and \$332 million respectively.

Tuscola County residents who wish to participate in Money 2000 should contact Michigan State University Extension Tuscola County at 362 Green St., Caro, MI 48723, or call (517) 672-3870.

Participants will be asked to complete a brief enrollment form. A \$15 annual fee covers the cost of membership, financial management worksheets, quarterly Money 2000 newsletters, an optional computerized analysis to suggest debt reduction options, and semi-annual contact from the Extension service about your progress.

Money 2000 participants will learn how to set a realistic financial goal. The goal can be to work toward an increase in savings, a reduction of debt, or a combination of both. Goals will be registered with MSU Extension, but no personal financial data will be requested at any time.

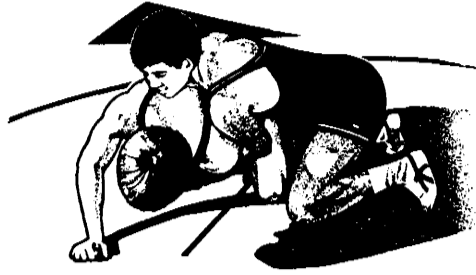
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Money 2000 participants can enroll anytime between Dec. 1, 1997, and January 2000. However, those who start early will have more time to achieve financial goals. New program cycles will begin every 6 months.

For further information or a Money 2000 enrollment form, call Betty Pattullo, MSU Extension, (517) 672-3870.

# CASS CITY RED HAWK SCHEDULES

## BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASTICS

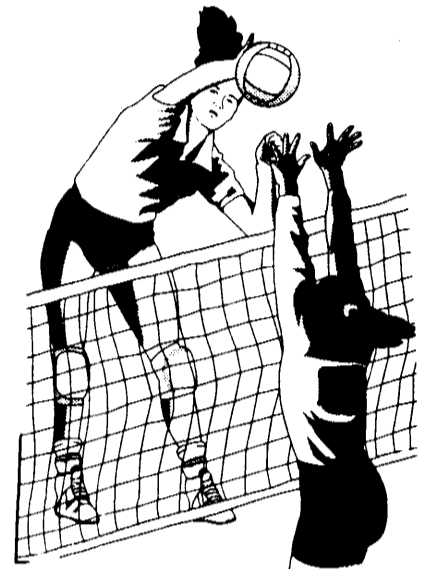
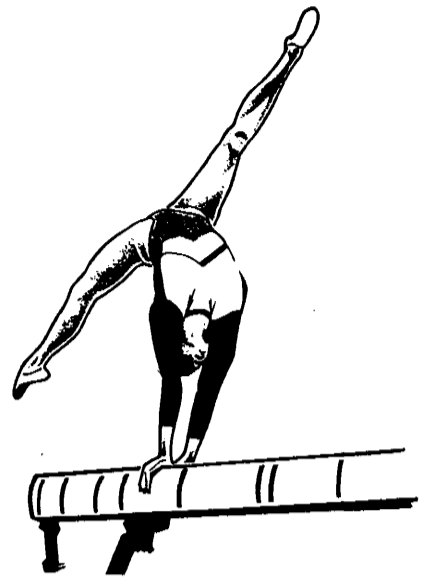


**BASKETBALL**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12  
Cass City at Bad Axe

**WRESTLING**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13  
Cass City at Marlette Tournament

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

**VOLLEYBALL**  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15  
Cass City at Ubyly/AF



### 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

### VOLLEYBALL

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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

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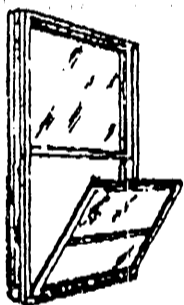
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## Audrey Cummins

Audrey Cummins, 76, of Cass City, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 1997, in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, after a short illness.

Born Feb. 7, 1921, in Grant Township, she was the daughter of Raymond H. and Alta (Hartwick) Webster. She married Edgar Cummins Dec. 3, 1937, in Bad Axe. He died Jan. 22, 1978.

She worked for Hills and Dales Hospital, retiring after 13 years, and was a member of the Farmers Club, Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary



and a life member of the Eastern Star Echo Chapter.

Surviving are 5 children, Doris (Leroy) Vahovick of Clewiston, Fla., Lee (Darlene) Cummins of Saginaw, Ardis (Murey) Cargino of Apache Junction, Ariz., Ruth Ann (James) Willis of Cass City and Elaine (Paul) Torres of Midland; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; a brother, Max (Myrtle) Webster of Port Austin; a sister, Arvilla (Dennis) Brown of Spring Hill, Tenn.; several nieces and nephews, and special friend, Paulette Cummins. She was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Cummins.

Funeral services were to be held Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Little & Kranz Funeral

Home with Elders Don Richards and John Abbe of Owendale Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, officiating.

Interment was to be in Grant Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary.

## John & Myrtle Fisher

John D. Fisher, 89, of Silverwood, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997, in Marlette Extended Care Facility, Marlette.

Born Dec. 29, 1907, in Tawas City, he was the son of Frank and Mary (Chesler) Drzwiecki.

Myrtle S. Fisher, 85, of Silverwood, died Friday, Dec. 5, 1997, 16 hours after John Fisher's death, in Marlette Community Hospital.

She was born Dec. 10, 1911, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to David and Cora (Brown) Cory. They were married Dec. 7, 1927, in Flint, and would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this year.

John retired from Chrysler Dodge Truck after 30 years, and was a former member of the Knights of Columbus. Myrtle was a homemaker.

Surviving the couple are 6 children, James D. (Catherine L.) Fisher of Silverwood, John L. "Jack" (Dolly) Fisher of Attica, Norma L. McGleish of Kentwood, Gerald (Diane) Fisher of Clifford, Joan K. (Carl) Kinsey of Madison Heights and Richard A. Fisher of Caro; 18 grandchildren, and 35 great-grandchildren. They were preceded in death by a son, Richard Edward Fisher.

John is survived by 5 sisters and 3 brothers. Myrtle is survived by 2 sisters and one brother. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 8, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Clifford, with the Rev. Jude T. Ellinghausen officiating. Interment was in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

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Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Clarence Gladstone

Clarence Gladstone, 80, of Cass City, died Friday, Dec. 5, 1997, in his home after a long illness.

Born Oct. 6, 1917, in Detroit, he was the son of Daniel and Helen (Wojtowicz) Gladstone. He married Irene Panci March 2, 1946, in St. Mathew's Church, Detroit. They have lived in Cass City for 6 years.

He served in the United States Army in Burma, India and China, and worked for Parke Davis in Rochester, retiring after 29 years.

Surviving are his wife, Irene; a daughter, Elaine Daitech of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 2 grandchildren, and a brother, James Gladstone of Detroit.

Cremation has taken place. Private interment services will be held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East.

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

## Linda E. Ussery

Linda E. Ussery, 52, of Cass City, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 1997, in St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

Born Feb. 22, 1945, in Cass City, she was the daughter of Gordon Alfred and Jessie (Lounsbury) Goodall.

She attended Jordan College.

Surviving are a daughter, Valerie Ussery of Cass City; her mother, Jessie Goodall of Cass City; 2 brothers, Gordon (Janice) Goodall of Sanford and Grant (Renee) Goodall of Port Huron; 7 nieces and nephews; 3 great-nieces, and one great-nephew. She was preceded in death by a son, Larry David Ussery, in 1994, and her father, Gordon Alfred Goodall.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 9, at First Presbyterian Church of Cass City with the Rev. Mark Morningstar of Sandusky Presbyterian Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Cass City Endowment Fund. Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Arlan Hartwick

Arlan Hartwick, 88, of Cass City, died Monday night, Dec. 8, 1997, at Tendercare, Cass City.

Funeral arrangements were not available at press time.

## Betty Williams

Betty Jean Williams, 58, Mayville, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 1997, at Autumnwood of Deckerville.

Born Oct. 18, 1939, in Bad Axe, she was the daughter of Paul and Martha (Stark) Shank.

She married Richard Will-

## Peter Zurek

Peter Paul Zurek, 92, of Ubyly, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997, at Huron Memorial Hospital.

He was born Jan. 30, 1905, in Ruth, the son of John and Mary (Pionk) Zurek.

He married Selma Wrubel on Aug. 22, 1926 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Parisville.

He was a graduate of the Country School. He farmed in Parisville. He moved to Detroit and worked for Briggs Manufacturing, Hudson Motor Car and the Borden Milk Company for years. He moved to Ubyly in 1933 and has been a parishioner of St. John Catholic Church since 1933. He owned Zurek's Hay & Straw Co. in Ubyly for 10 years. He retired after working for Marlette Homes and Ubyly Seat Belt as a Security Guard.

He was a former member of the Ubyly Lions Club and the Ubyly Community Club. He was a former choir member and usher at St. John Church. He was a Watkins Sales representative for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Selma; two sons, Donald Zurek and his wife, Mary Jane, of Ubyly and Vern Zurek and his wife, Kaye, of Caro; one daughter, Eleanor Ulfig and her husband, Gene, of Dearborn Heights; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 2 sons, Peter Jr. and Gerald Zurek; 5 brothers, Ignatz, Philip, Paul, John and Albert Zurek; 2 sisters, Martha Danielski and Susan Zurek; 3 half-brothers, Edward, Cass and Ira Dekoski.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 9, at St. John Church of Ubyly. The Rev. Randy Kelly, pastor, officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

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## Dairy producers okay assessment

Michigan dairy producers have approved a referendum for the continuation of the Michigan Dairy Market Program (for Grade "A" milk), according to Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA).

Michigan dairy producers approved the referendum to

continue the Michigan Dairy Market Program for an additional 5 years beginning Jan. 1, 1998, and ending Dec. 31, 2002.

A total of 770 ballots were received in the referendum, which was conducted by MDA from Oct. 20-31. Ninety-three ballots were disqualified as incomplete,

unverifiable or were post-marked after Oct. 31. Of the remaining 677 ballots, 582 produced voted yes (86 percent) representing 1,052,807,341 pounds of milk (88 percent) and 95 producers voted no (14 percent) representing 137,354,282 pounds of milk (12 percent). The current assessment rate is 10 cents per hundred-weight.



FALL CANDY SALE winners at Campbell are: left to right, 2nd place, Monica Stover (boom box), 1st place, Andrew Leslie (bike), and 3rd place, Nicholas Horne, stuffed animal.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Friday, December 12

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.  
Town and Country Christmas Dance, Cass City Middle School, rounds 7:30, squares 8:00 p.m.

### Saturday, December 13

Story time 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Sunday, December 14

Cass City High School Band and Choir Christmas Concert, 3:00 p.m. in the gym.

### Monday, December 15

Lions Club, 7:00 p.m., Charmont.

### Tuesday, December 16

Rotary Club, 12 noon, Charmont.  
Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m.  
Thumb Area Parkinson Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital.

### Wednesday, December 17

Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Toby Weaver and Mary Rabideau.

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## Students at conference

Over 3,000 marketing students attended the Central Region DECA Leadership Conference in Milwaukee, Wis. Among them were 9 students from the Tuscola Technology Center. They are: Katie Ahrens and Mike Ruppel, Akron-Fairgrove; Chad Anselmi and Sonny Earls, Millington; Terri Hoekstad, Tim Hunter and Archie Rodenho, Kingston, and Tera Van Beest and Jennifer Warack, Reese. Their advisor is Sherri Diegel.

The students attended workshops emphasizing sports and entertainment marketing and promotion and technology development. Some of the companies and organizations that presented workshops were Coca Cola, Lands' End, Milwaukee Bucks, McDonald's and Oscar Mayer.

TTC's DECA students also toured Chicago for 2 days. They visited the Sears Tower,

Mercantile Exchange and Marshall Field's department store. The highlight of their trip was dinner at Michael Jordan's restaurant and seeing "Beauty and the Beast"

at the Chicago Theater. DECA is a youth organization that promotes the development of leadership skills in the career areas of marketing and management.

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**Saturday, December 13 - Saturday, December 20**  
**Wednesday, December 24**

Contest entry boxes can be found at each of the participating sponsors. Look for them when you shop. A complete list will be published next week. Ask the sponsor of your choice for details! **Mountain Bikes** can be viewed at the following locations:

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# 3 face felony charges

The following people were recently arraigned on felony charges in Tuscola County District Court:

•Scott M. Ziegler, 27, Millington, was charged with aggravated stalking and ma-

licious destruction of property valued at more than \$100 Nov. 25 in Vassar.

Bond in the case was set at \$10,000. A preliminary examination was scheduled for Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.

•Charles A. Lawrie, 30, Caro, was arraigned on charges of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, second offense, and possession of cocaine (less than 25 grams) Aug. 12 in Caro.

Bond was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for Dec. 23 at 1:30 p.m.

•Jerry W. McPherson, 34, Millington, faces charges of carrying a concealed weapon, 2 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and possession of a firearm while under the influence of liquor or drugs Nov. 27 in Millington Township.

Bond was set at \$10,000. A preliminary exam is to be held Dec. 23 at 1:30 p.m.

# Toy distribution set for Dec. 19

Cass City Area Christmas for Kids volunteers will be packing toy donations Dec. 18 for distribution Dec. 19, project coordinator Sue Werschky announced Monday.

The toys will be packed at the VFW hall in Cass City, according to Werschky, who

said volunteers will deliver the packages between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 19.

Anyone interested in making a donation will find collection boxes at Howard's Heating, the Detroit Edison North Area Energy Center, Book Mart and Family Dollar, all in Cass City.

# Letters to the editor

### You never really leave

## Cass City will always be home

Small Town USA

I grew up in Cass City. I live in a big city now. I come back to visit from time to time. It will always be "home" to me. My husband, who grew up in cities and moved several times, does not quite understand how a place that I haven't lived at for 15 years, I still call my home. I think you life long residents fully understand how I can.

My father is still alive. My sons love to visit him. I feel very fortunate that my children know and respect farm and rural life. They love it. They wish they could live there. Most children where we live have only seen farm animals at petting zoos. They have no idea what a combine even is. Thanks to my dad and his farm, my boys can tell you how crops are planted and harvested. They have ridden in the tractors and combine with my dad.

They can tell you about livestock. They help their cousins at the Tuscola County Fair. In a way, my city kids are farm kids. My oldest son has written reports for school where he has even taught his teacher something new about farm life she never knew before. I'm glad they are able to do these things with their Grandpa. I am sure that their favorite childhood memories will be those spent on the farm.

My favorite thing about "home" is consistency. Being gone for 15 years, I still go home to the same neighbors. Everyone gives you a wave driving down the road. You get a hug from the people at church and talk to them as if you never left. My neighbor-

hood has people moving in and out all of the time. It is a very transient area. People stay in their own fenced-in back yards. The garage doors go up when they come home from work, but go down immediately behind them, as if to say "don't bother me." I miss being able to count on others.

A couple of years ago my mother was diagnosed with a disease that would take her life. For 13 months, my sons and I ventured "home" more than ever. Knowing someone is dying consumes you. It is horrible to watch someone you love so much have to suffer. The only reward in it is that, unlike a sudden death, you have time to spend and time to talk and time to share your hearts with each other. Everyone who knew my mom can tell you

how brave she was. She never once complained. She never had a pity party. She still loved. She still gave. Everyone admired her courage to the end. I, too, admired her courage. But today I write to you to tell you that the man I respected most in my life, showed me life's greatest lesson about love. My mom had much courage, yes, but my dad did also. He took care of her every need. If he had to adjust her pillow or legs a hundred times, he did so very patiently. His love for my mom was outstanding. My mom was very fortunate to have my dad. My dad was blessed to have my mom. I am so very thankful to have had them both.

I am happy where I'm at raising my family. The city has many intriguing features.

But often I think of "home." There is something to say about small town USA. I made a magnet for my dad's refrigerator that best explains how I feel:

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Karen McDaniels

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## Some residents not evacuated

I agree with Ms. Bessler that the Cass City Fire Department deserves credit for their intentions to evacuate the residents at Huntsville Mobile Home Park, but there are some of us who did not hear their summons. I first heard of the evacuation at 7:30 a.m. on Channel 5 news. I then saw a department truck coming down my street and went outside to inquire as to the situation.

I feel there needs to be a better way to alert us. We're a small community here housing a large number of residents and we need something, perhaps a siren installed to warn us of danger, plus the house to house warning if feasible. I was told

by an elderly woman she heard nothing of the evacuation until she was approached by someone in town the next day. Also, some sleep with their hearing aids turned off. If we don't have a door bell or sleep near the front door, we can't always hear the knocking. We have back doors which could be approached. If it was a serious enough situation to warrant an evacuation, we all should have been evacuated. If the worse would have happened, those not alerted could have been seriously injured or killed. God was with us!

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Budget Hearing will be held on December 22, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. for all interested citizens of the Village of Cass City.

The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 1998

## PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1998

### REVENUES

General Fund	1,250,223
Major Street Fund	194,268
Local Street Fund	225,980
Downtown Development	28,225
Economic Development	0,000
Ind. Park Fund	15,000
Debt Service	262,713
Sewer Fund	427,013
Water Fund	250,088
Motor Vehicle	179,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,832,510</b>

### EXPENDITURES

General Fund	1,250,214
Major Street Fund	165,586
Local Street Fund	225,486
Downtown Development	28,225
Economic Development	0,000
Ind. Park Fund	15,000
Debt Service	262,000
Sewer Fund	426,767
Water Fund	250,084
Motor Vehicle	171,472
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,794,834</b>

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment. Seniors are encouraged to attend and comment. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the government office before the meeting.

Joyce A. La Roche, Clerk

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# Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

### 5 YEARS AGO

Tom and Linda Herron, owners of Northwood Lake Golf Course in Cass City, announced last week that the course has been sold to a Grand Blanc developer and wife, Bob and Della Poirer.

Area hunters killed fewer whitetails during the 1992 firearm season. Statewide, the DNR estimates hunters bagged about 253,000 deer during the Nov. 15-30 gun season, 14 percent fewer than they did in 1991.

A homicide in Snover early last Wednesday morning remains under investigation. The victim was Jay Travis, 30, of Snover, who suffered a single gunshot wound and was found dead in his apartment at 1326 Main St.

Detroit Edison will close its customer offices in Bad Axe, Caro and Sandusky at 5 p.m. Jan. 8 and open its new North Area Energy Center in Cass City at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 11.

Three members of the Cass City Rotary Club became Paul Harris fellows at a meeting held Thursday night at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown. Honored were Keith Adelberg, Greg Biddinger and David Osentoski.

### 10 YEARS AGO

After spending several months in 3 Michigan hospitals, Sarah Miller, who was struck by a car and seriously injured Feb. 24, was happy to spend her 10th birthday at home Oct. 4. Despite doctors' predictions, Sarah is progressing well at the Neurorehabilitation Center in Bloomfield Hills.

The new 3-point rule cost the Red Hawks a victory in the season's opener. However, Jeff Dillon will now have a record never to be broken, the first player to score a 3-pointer for Cass City.

The second annual "Lunch with Santa" program has

been slated for 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Cass City High School cafeteria. Sponsored by the Cass City Lions and Lioness clubs, the event is open to all children who are accompanied by an adult.

Cass City resident Wayne Whittaker is being recognized by GTE on his 15th anniversary of employment with the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer accompanied Mrs. LaPeer's brother, Stanley Fay, and wife on a flight to Acapulco for one week with the Senior Citizens of Clarkston.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Construction of the \$1 million skilled nursing home is well underway and is expected to be completely finished in about 7 months at the site in Hills and Dales subdivision in northwest Cass City.

Tragedy was averted Saturday for 4 persons from Cass City after they survived a 3-vehicle crash on M-19 south of Uby when their car was completely demolished and they were thrown from the vehicle. Driver David J. Stilson, 20, was thrown from the vehicle, as were passengers Clinton Spencer, 20, his wife, Diana 18, who is 8 months pregnant, and their daughter Paula, 1 1/2. All were taken to Hills and Dales Hospital for treatment.

Jay Crane of Cass City remembers the significance of Dec. 7. He was stationed at Hickam Air Field when the first bomb was dropped on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

Members of the Cass City High School grid team were honored Monday night at a banquet at Wildwood Farms. Curt Strickland was voted most valuable player by his teammates. Gene Salas was named most valuable back and David Doerr, most valuable lineman. Jay Tuckey was voted the most improved player and Chester Sieradzki

was named captain of the team for 1973.

Navy Fireman Recruit Mark D. McClorey, 17, is home on leave until Dec. 28 following completion of his recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Great Lakes, Ill. He is scheduled to join the ship John F. Kennedy bound for Vietnam from Norfolk, Va., following his leave.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Raymond Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fox, Cass City, became the fourth member of his family to be commissioned in the Air Force through the Michigan State University ROTC when he received his second lieutenant bars Friday, Dec. 7.

Other Foxes commissioned through the program include James, 1955; Robert, 1957, and Edward, 1959.

Since Cass City's conversion to dial last week, an estimated 20 calls have been made to the Elkland Township Fire Department, and

each time the caller has refused to answer. Several firemen are threatening to have their phones removed unless the misuse of the system stops.

The worst pre-Christmas storm in recent years paralyzed activity in the Cass City area and the state Thursday and Friday as workers were unable to get to jobs and farmers were forced to heroic measures to get milk to market.

One of the oldest civic organizations in Cass City is the Woman's Study Club. About half the members are 70 years old or older. Members are Mrs. Audrey Kinnaird, Mrs. Alfred J. Knapp, Mrs. John Sandham, Mrs. Chester Graham, Mrs. William D'Arcy, Mrs. R.D. Keating, Mrs. J.D. Turner, Mrs. Melvin Vender, Mrs. Sadie Rolison, Mrs. Margaret Haire, Mrs. William Wetters, Mrs. H.F. Lenzner, Mrs. Walter Scheli, Mrs. Harry Young, Mrs. Guy Landon and Mrs. Sam Blades.

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December 13th, and December 20th

THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SANTA ON SATURDAYS INCLUDES:

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-Christmas Story Hour at Rawson Memorial Library.

Christmas stories, and a Christmas craft project will be provided for children of ages four years and older FREE OF CHARGE. Plan to attend one Saturday with your child. Call the Rawson Memorial Library for participation details. Christmas Story Hours will be hosted by the Cass City HS Debate Team, with special financial support from the Cass City Lions Club.

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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.

Tax ID # 019012300320000.

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, L.P.  
Assignee of Mortgagee

JACK F. GARDNER  
Attorney for  
Suite 215-21415 Civic Center Dr.  
Southfield, MI 48076-3953  
(248) 352-7020

11-19-5

**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 Kenneth WOOLWINE and Jenny L. WOOLWINE, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated May 30, 1996, and recorded on May 31, 1996, in Liber 691, on Page 703 and Modified with a Loan Modification dated February 1, 1997, recorded February 14, 1997, in Liber 705 on Page 599, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to the OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY as assignee by an assignment dated February 1, 1997, which was recorded on Page 602, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One and 667/100 Dollars (\$89,581.66), including interest 7.75% 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 TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel B-Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at a point on the North line of said Northwest 1/4 which is N88 deg 59'27" E (previously recorded as N88 deg 59'53" E) along said North line, 1610.00 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 15 (said point being the intersection of said North line and the East line of a previously recorded survey recorded in Liber 433, Page 130 of Tuscola County Records); thence S00 deg 51'37" E along said East line and parallel with the West line of said Northwest 1/4, 330.00 feet; thence N88 deg 59'27" E parallel with the said North line, 133.00 feet; thence N00 deg 51'37" W parallel with said West line, 330.00 feet to said North line; thence S88 deg 59'27" W, long said North line to the point of 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 19, 1997

OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
(248) 642-4202  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY,  
30150 Telegraph  
Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025  
File #97108801

11-19-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE**-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David CHURCH, a married man and Nina CHURCH, his wife, to MICHIGAN MORTGAGE LENDERS CORP., Mortgage, dated October 4, 1996, and recorded on October 4, 1996, in Liber 698, on Page 728, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three And 91/100 Dollars (\$10,863.91), including interest at 16.99% 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 30, 1998. Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point which is N89 26'40"W, 1271.18 feet along the South line of said Section 9, and along the East line of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 (also the East line of Bostick's Addition to the Village of Millington) N00°08'49"E, 909.48 feet along the North line of said Bostick's Addition, N89 24°00"W, 334.38 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of Block B of Bostick's Addition and parallel to the East line of said West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, N00°08'49"E, 2.00 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 9, thence parallel to the North line of said Bostick's Addition, N89 20°00"W, 127.62 feet; thence parallel to the East line of said West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, N00°08'49"E, 127.62 feet; thence S00 08'49"W, 64.00 feet to the point of 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: December 3, 1997

MICHIGAN MORTGAGE LENDERS CORP.

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(248) 642-4202  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for MICHIGAN MORTGAGE LENDERS CORP.,  
30150 Telegraph  
Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025  
File # 971064978

12-3-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE**-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jenny L. BOOTH a married man and Deborah S. BOOTH, his wife (Original Mortgagee), to FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY, (f/k/a NBD Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation), Mortgage, dated May 7, 1996, and recorded on May 20, 1996, in Liber 699, on Page 1098, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve And 55/100 Dollars (\$93,912.55), including interest at 8.60% 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 23, 1998. Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF ELKLAND, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 16, Township 14 North, Range 11 East, thence West 16 Rods; thence North 10 Rods; thence East 16 Rods; thence South 10 Rods to the point of beginning, except easements and rights of way of record.

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Dated: December 10, 1997

FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY

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Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH J. BURROWS AND JANICE C. BURROWS, HIS WIFE, to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgage, dated July 23, 1982, and recorded on July 26, 1982, in Liber 526, on page 704, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy two thousand nine hundred ninety eight and 64/100 Dollars (\$72,998.64), including interest at 13.250% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 23, 1998. Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, TUSCOLA County, Michigan and are described as:

TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, LOT 11 WOODLAND ACRES SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS PAGE 11 TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

DATED: December 10, 1997

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
401 South Old Woodland Avenue  
Suite 300  
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

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Governor John Engler last week announced nearly \$4 million in road and bridge improvements to keep Michigan's economy on the right track.

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## Thumb receives \$50,000

# Abstinence partnership forming

Curbing sexual promiscuity among Thumb teens is the goal of a new initiative being funded by a \$50,000 grant.

The award was announced last week by State Rep. Mike Green (R-Mayville), who stated nearly \$2 million has been approved to expand the Michigan Abstinence Partnership.

The \$1.89 million federal block grant is divided among 23 existing programs across the state as well as 10 start-up programs, Green explained.

In the Thumb, the Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac health departments will use their grant funds to establish the Thumb Region Abstinence Partnership.

"This is good news for everyone," said Green. "The Michigan Abstinence Partnership helps kids live healthier, longer lives by promoting abstinence."

The partnership is a group of people throughout the state who represent various philosophies but agree that communities should encourage children ages 9 through 14 years to avoid drugs, alcohol and sex.

"Our plans for the money are to, over the next 10 months or so, put together a comprehensive, strategic plan to address alcohol and drugs and how they relate to sexual abstinence," said Kay Balcer, Sanilac Health Education Department coordinator.

"It's going to be, I believe, a very unique effort," added Balcer, who explained project leaders hope to include parents, community members, business leaders and teens in the planning process.

Over the next several months, representatives from each county will be discussing a host of possible activities such as peer education, teen theatre, scheduling information meetings for parents, and providing informa-

tional materials to the community.

The Thumb effort hopes to accomplish 2 goals over the next year. The first is to implement a comprehensive plan for action, and the second is to explore ways to fund future programs, Balcer said.

According to Green, the Michigan Abstinence Partnership is coordinated, staffed and financially supported by the Michigan Department of Community Health to provide communities with technical assistance and increase visibility of abstinence issues.

"Too many teens today are not getting the support or guidance they need at home," the lawmaker said. "Frankly, the rate of experimental drug use and sexual promiscuity among our younger teenagers is frightening."

"Kids today are facing problems and pressures their parents never dreamed of, and there's a strong need for

community members who can help kids say 'no' to risky behavior and provide them with substantive, realistic moral guidance."

Michigan has experienced a drop in teen pregnancy rates since the partnership began in 1993. In 1992, the rate was 93.3 pregnancies for every 1,000 females ages 15 to 19. By 1996, the rate had fallen to 77.2 per 1,000, the lowest since Michigan began calculating the figure in 1980.

Balcer said teen pregnancy rates have not increased significantly in the Thumb.

However, she pointed out the combined Huron-Sanilac-Tuscola rate is slightly higher than the statewide average for populations that are predominantly Caucasian.

The Thumb average is 29.23 pregnancies per 1,000 females, compared to 27 per 1,000 statewide.

Balcer said the Thumb Region Abstinence Partnership "has a great potential to help a lot of kids in our area, so we really want to see this succeed."

Green agreed. "The best way to help kids live long,

happy, successful lives is to educate them," he concluded. "I commend this worthwhile program and look forward to having an abstinence partnership established in the Thumb. This organization helps make our communities great and helps future generations succeed and survive."

Balcer encourages anyone interested in taking an active role in the partnership to contact her at the Sanilac County Health Department (810-648-4098) or at the Tuscola County Health Department (517-673-8114).

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The "give-away event" will take place Monday, Dec. 22. The winner and their favorite charity will be notified immediately following.

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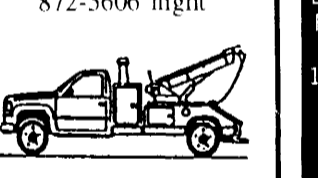
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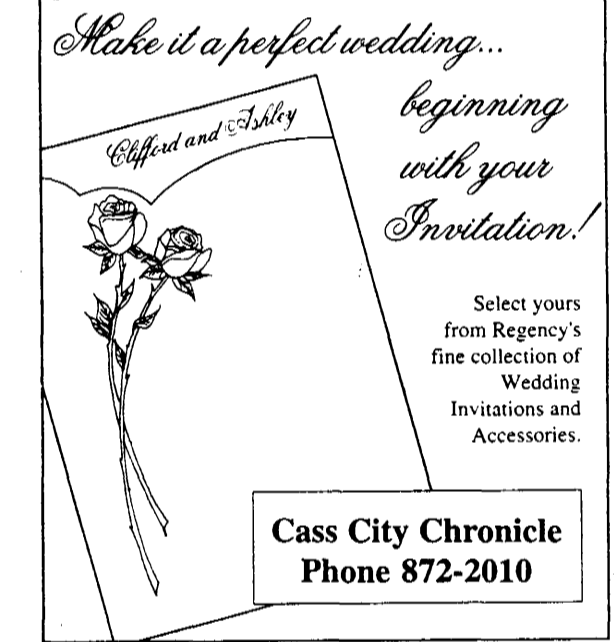
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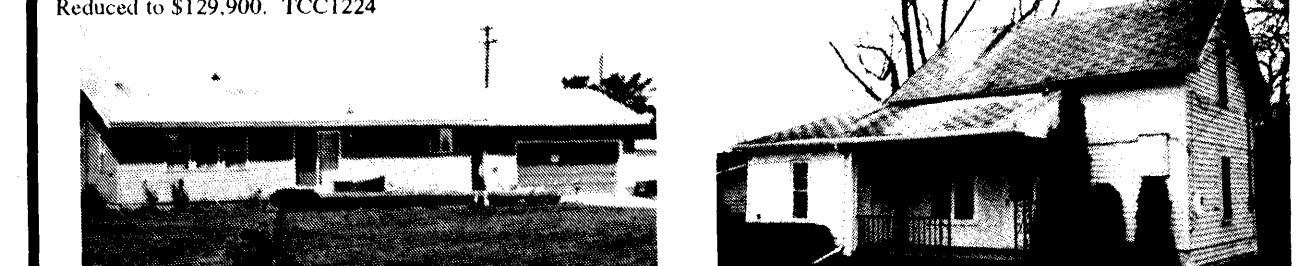
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# Seek ways to save milk pool

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"We don't milk a lot of cows, but there's no question there's going to be a dramatic effect. There's no question it's going to cause chaos."

DeLong, a member of the Michigan Milk Producers Association, wonders whether some producers will leave their cooperatives in search of a better price by dealing directly with a processor. At the same time, he said, farmers who have struck deals with processors

have no assurances unless they are willing to continually sell their milk cheaper than the next guy.

"It doesn't matter how big you are, it's going to hurt you," he added.

"We're all going to lose in this thing. It's cutthroat right now, but it's going to get worse if we don't have unity."

### REAL RISK

"I believe there's a real risk to the cooperative system,"

Laurie agreed.

"Milk cooperatives have led the way to a guaranteed price and a guaranteed market," he said, adding the strength of cooperatives has given farmers assurance that their milk will be picked up, and that they will receive a check for their product.

Laurie said cooperatives have also been responsible for balancing the milk market.

The Michigan Milk Producers Association, for example,

has invested \$45 million in plants and equipment to process milk into butter, powder and cheese.

Laurie noted some are critical of Michigan Milk because only about half of the cooperative's milk is Class I milk — the rest is processed — while other cooperatives' Class I milk contributions to the "super pool" total 90 percent or more of their production.

The others feel Michigan Milk should put all of its milk into the pool. However, Michigan Milk members want a return on their investment, which continues to provide stability to the market, he said.

As for the loss of the super pool, Laurie hopes the program can remain voluntary, in part because he's concerned forced premiums will prompt some processors to leave the state. But he supports a mandatory premium if all else fails.

The reason is simple economics. Although the collapse of the super pool may translate into a 3-percent reduction in gross revenues for a farm, he said, the cost will be even greater down the road.

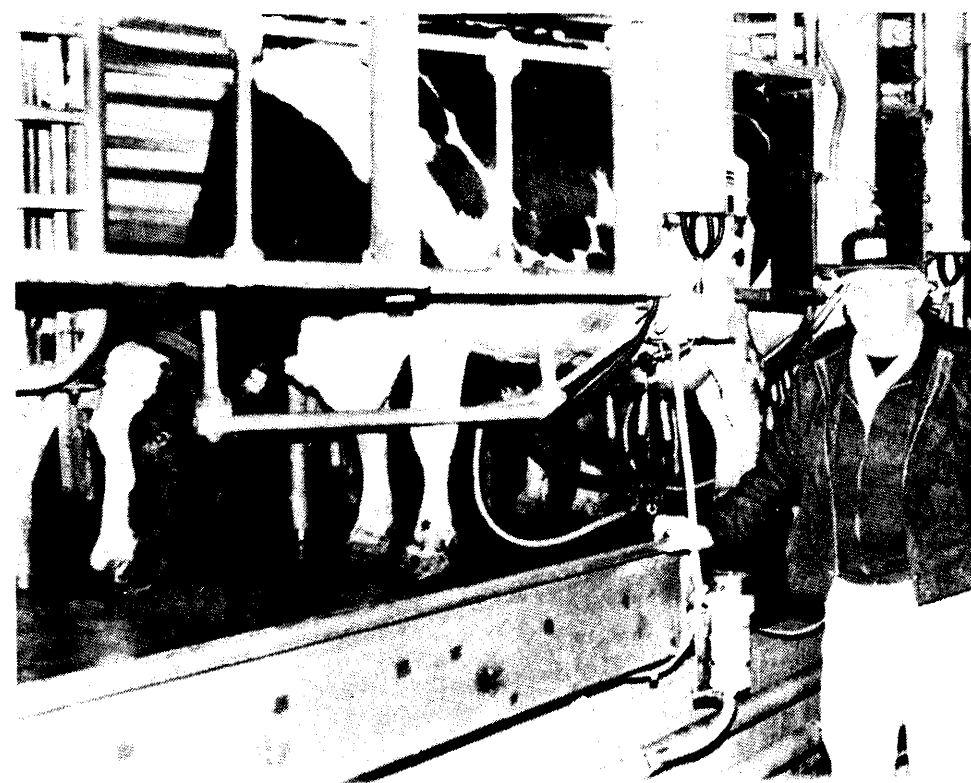
"Without the super pool premiums, there's no incentive to pay anything above the federal order price (\$12 per hundred pounds) for any of the milk. So, the potential is there for about a 13 1/2-percent decrease in revenues."

In turn, Laurie continued, there would be an acceleration in the number of farms going out of business, not

because of the super pool collapse alone, but because of a combination of factors — growing disparity between the farm price and the shelf price, skyrocketing feed and equipment costs, etc. — that continue to squeeze producers' profit margins.

With 1998 being an election year, Laurie doubts there will be significant progress on the proposed state milk marketing order next year. But he is hopeful producers and processors can work something out on their own.

"I would like to think that in the next 60 days, we could at least get the involved parties to the table to see if we're going to be able to resolve this."



MICHIGAN FARM Bureau President and Cass City area dairy farmer Jack Laurie, pictured above in his milking parlor last week, is hopeful dairy producers and processors will work together to prevent the collapse of a voluntary program that pays farmers \$21 million a year in milk premiums.

# Trio receive stiff sentences for robbing

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putting it into their vehicle.

Another resident of the home escaped and went to a neighboring residence to call 911.

Later the same day, Burton was arrested after reporting he was assaulted and left along East Cass City Road. He was treated for facial and head injuries apparently suffered when he fell or was pushed out of the suspect vehicle, investigators said.

The investigation led troopers to Tetreau, who is related to the victim and was familiar with his residence, according to police. She turned herself in. The juvenile was later arrested by Eaton County Sheriff's deputies at a Lansing area residence.

In other recent circuit court proceedings:

• Scott L. Brown, 34, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Aug. 30 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued for the defendant, whose drivers license was revoked. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• James D. Strickler, 21, Fostoria, pleaded guilty to attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years May 15 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Dennis D. Hodges, 33, Birch Run, was found innocent following a 2-day trial on a charge of aggravated stalking May 2-July 28 in Millington. The jury deliberated for about an hour before acquitting Hodges, according to court records.

• William L. Vanderpool,

39, Kingston, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 18 in Kingston Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered by the court, which revoked the defendant's drivers license. Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 16.

• Jackie J. Jackson, 48, Millington, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years in 1993 and 1995 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Jesse A. Clampitt, 24, Millington, pleaded guilty to resisting and obstructing a police officer Oct. 26 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 16.

• Trent Darling, 35, Caro, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 60 days in the county jail, with work release or worksite privileges, for his conviction on a charge of failure to notify authorities of an address change in conjunction with the state's Sex Offenders Registration Act June 10 in Indianfields Township.

Darling was ordered to pay \$1,000 in court costs and fines and a \$60 victim crime fee.

• Jeremy L. Smith, 18, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 60 days in jail (to be served on weekends and school vacations following the basketball season) for his plea of guilty to attempting to make a false bomb threat Oct. 30, 1996, in Millington.

He was ordered to complete his high school education,

and pay \$750 in costs and fines, \$480 in oversight fees, \$500 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.

• Heath L. Bissonnette, 26, Vassar, was sentenced to 40 to 60 months in prison for his plea of guilty to probation violation. He was also ordered to pay a \$60 victim crime fee.

• Inmate Vincent Bond, 27, was sentenced to one to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to being a prisoner in possession of marijuana Feb. 19 in Indianfields Township.

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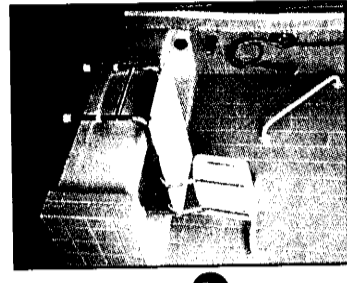
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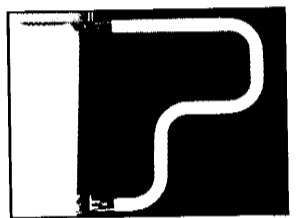
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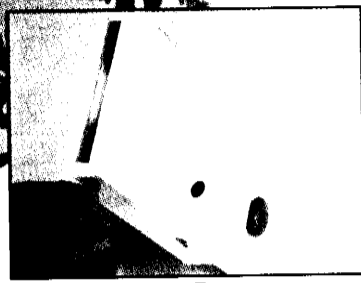
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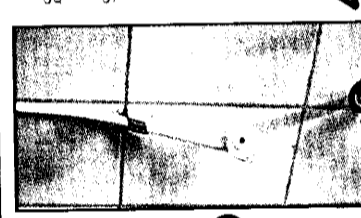
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