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## Thumb Ag Day

### Sinner: Farms need to look at marketing, processing

Farmers can no longer rely on crop production alone if they hope to survive in the future.

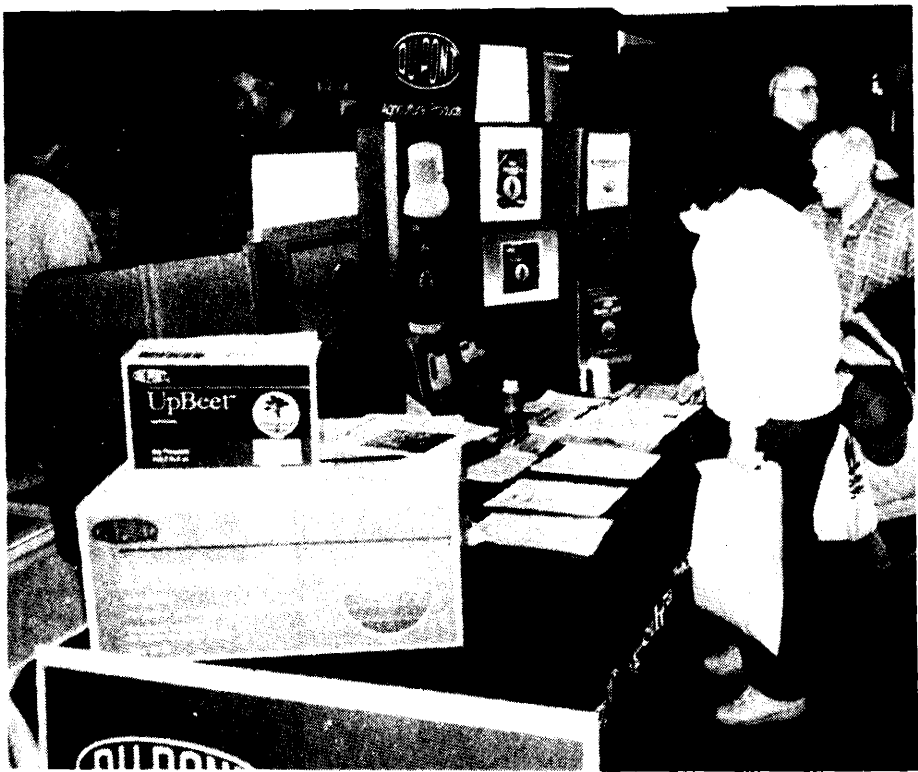
That was the message of former North Dakota Gov. George Sinner last Wednesday as he addressed hundreds of farmers and agribusiness professionals gathered at the Colony House for Thumb Ag Day, the area's largest annual agricultural trade show.

Sinner, whose presentation was entitled "Why Farmers Need to be Involved in the Processing Phase of Food Production," said farmers need to go beyond production of raw crops into processing and marketing by combining efforts with other producers in contract cooperatives.

Contract or "added-value" cooperatives enable farmer stockholders to produce, process and market crops, such as sugar or soybeans, thereby adding value to their basic commodity.

Sinner, a former 2-term

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AN ESTIMATED 750 to 800 people packed into the Colony House Friday for the annual Thumb Ag Day, which boasted more than 110 exhibitors as well as special morning and afternoon programs.

## If all payments made

### Durant settlement big pay boost for area schools

As expected, award amounts headed to Michigan schools as a result of the Durant lawsuit reflect an agreement reached by lawmakers last month.

The award, totalling millions of dollars, is the result of a lawsuit filed by 84 Michigan school districts that fought for years to get the state to repay money the schools spent on special education and other state mandated services.

Earlier this year, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in favor of the schools in a decision that agreed the state had violated the Headlee Amendment and would have to pay up for underfunding the state mandated programs.

In a news release issued last week by the State Department of Management and Budget, Director Mark Murray released estimates on how much each school will receive and noted schools must spend the money on infrastructure and new technology improvements.

A chart outlining the award amounts and savings from reduced payroll costs for districts in the Cass City area accompanies this story.

"I believe it is important for your local community to be aware of this money so they can provide valued input to their school board about how it is to be spent," Murray stated.

"Each individual school district will be making these spending decisions next year and are required to hold a public hearing to report to local citizens how they intend to use the money."

Under the agreement reached last month, the original 84 schools districts involved in the Durant case will receive a combined \$211 million from the state's rainy day fund beginning April 15.

All other school districts, including most schools in the Thumb area, will share an estimated \$766 million to be paid over the next 10 years, with half of the money to be paid in a lump sum starting next November from bonds that will be repaid by the state over a 15-year period.

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

For Cass City Schools, the reinstatement translates into \$198,722 in at-risk funding next year.

Under the agreement, the foundation or "per-pupil" allowance paid to schools will be frozen in 1998. However, state officials noted districts

will benefit from a reduction in payroll costs, which is expected to generate additional revenue equalling about 3.4 percent of schools' payrolls in 1998.

Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash said schools that are already receiving the maximum student foundation allowance (\$5,462 per pupil) will benefit most from the Durant settlement in 1998.

He explained those schools were not scheduled to re-

ceive any per-pupil increase next year, so the freezing of the per-pupil allowance will have little effect on them.

However, he said, for schools like Cass City, which have not yet reached the maximum student allowance and are receiving annual increases in their per-pupil allowances, there will be fewer dollars to work with in 1998.

And, it will delay by one year the time it takes to reach the maximum student foundation allowance.

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## Durant settlement

	FY 98 Foundation allowance per pupil	Estimated one-time cash and bond proceeds	Estimated FY 98 retirement savings
Tuscola ISD	0	\$1,095,027	\$235,276
Cass City Schools	\$5,187.55	\$250,135	\$190,746
Kingston Schools	\$5,282.35	\$27,113	\$90,445
Huron ISD	0	\$1,188,316	\$113,452
Owen-Gage Schools	\$5,865.20	\$49,577	\$37,624
Uby Schools	\$5,124	\$103,432	\$97,612
Sanilac ISD	0	\$694,073	\$85,301

## United Way on track for another record year

The numbers aren't all in yet, but the 1997-98 Cass City United Way Campaign is shaping up to be another record breaker.

Total donations to-date total about \$42,000, exceeding this year's goal by \$12,000. United Way President Dawn Prieskorn reported Thursday, a day after the local United Way board met.

The total received so far is shy of last year's record \$45,000 in donations. However, annual contributions from United Parcel Service, Detroit Edison and Hills and Dales General Hospital have not been received yet, Prieskorn noted.

"It went well," she said. "I still think we'll get to \$45,000."

The official United Way campaign kicked off Oct. 15 and concluded Nov. 15. This year's goal was set at \$30,000, an increase of \$5,000 over 1996-97.

This was the second year the local collection utilized a direct mailing to residents, and Prieskorn said the results were very positive.

Last year, the return on the mass mailing was disappointing, with only a small percentage of some 2,400 forms being returned. Still, the effort netted just under \$3,000, about \$2,000 more than the average when board members went door-to-door in previous years.

Prieskorn said the 1997-98 campaign mailing drew 100 responses and donations totalling \$4,200. "I think people are getting more familiar with the mailing," she added, "so, we're real pleased with that."

Most of the contributions received during the United Way campaign are distributed the following spring. One exception is money spent on an annual Christmas basket program, and this year more than 90 needy families

in the area will receive Christmas baskets.

In addition, the United Way board has approved some funds for a newly-established American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) program.

"They are starting up in Cass City, so they needed funds to buy equipment" in preparation for next year, Prieskorn explained.

In all, a whopping 85 percent of United Way dollars collected locally remain in the community. The local United Way board also contributes to the United Way of Tuscola County to help fund

agencies and services that benefit residents in the Cass City area.

Among the area groups that received money last spring are: Boy Scout Troop #594, American Association of University Women, Cass City Fourth of July Festival, Cass City Literacy Council, Cass City Mid-Thumb Girl Scouts, Cass City Girls Softball, Cass City Cub Scouts, Cass City Boys Little and Pony leagues, Rawson Memorial Library, Tom Thumb Community Choir, Thumb Area Compassionate Friends, Cass City High

School Close Up Program, Village of Cass City and the Village Bach Festival.

Members of the Cass City United Way Board, aside from Prieskorn, are: John Maharg, vice president; Nina Davis, treasurer; Dale McIntosh, secretary, and directors Ken Spencer, Bev Perry, Kirk Winter, Joe Guza, Colleen Langenburg, Beth Howard and Wayne Dillon.

Groups interested in receiving United Way funds can obtain additional information by contacting Prieskorn at 872-4381 (ext. 308).



BIG FINISH — Cass City's novice debate team, including (from left) Coach Chad Daniels, Becky Oesch, Josh Dillon and Anthony Ingrao, recently defended its State Class C crown and finished 5th overall among Class A schools at the state novice debate tournament. Missing above are team members Jesse Hillaker and Jessica Meeker.



ROGER MARSHALL, new chairman of the board of trustees for Hills & Dales General Hospital, thanks retiring chairman, John C. Burns, for his years of service on the board. The board also welcomed new board member, Cindy Doerr Joseph, at their annual Christmas dinner.

## Best in Class C

### Debaters setting record after record state-wide

It's no secret Chad Daniels was confident going into last weekend's novice debate state final tournament at Michigan State University.

In fact, despite the fact that his charges would be going against teams from Class A and B schools as well as Class C schools, he told his novice debaters he was certain the only school that could beat Cass City was Cass City.

In the end, that's what happened, but Daniels isn't complaining, having led Cass City's Novice Debate Team to its highest finish ever in state competition.

Cass City not only defended its Class C championship crown, but was also ranked above all Class B schools and finished fifth among Class A schools.

Last year, Cass City claimed the Class C crown,

but finished 15th overall.

"We're very happy. Our team is super strong. I knew we could handle our own," Daniels said of his novice debaters: Josh Dillon, Jesse Hillaker, Anthony Ingrao, Jessica Meeker and Becky Oesch. "We were picked as one of the teams to beat going in."

Cass City earned the right to compete in the state finals during a preliminary state competition held Dec. 6 at the University of Michigan. The tournament featured a total of 42 teams, according to Daniels, who said teams with records of at least 5-3 go on to the finals.

Of the 20 teams that advanced, Cass City was the only Class C school; the rest were Class A schools. During the state finals, the Cass City debaters entered the final round as the second seed school among 8 finalists after compiling an 8-2 record during the preliminary rounds.

"We made a mistake at the wrong time," Daniels said. "When we could have made a mistake (during the preliminary rounds), we didn't, and when we couldn't afford to make a mistake, we did."

Still, Daniels added, "We were so pleased."

And, it isn't over yet. Cass City's varsity debate team,

composed of Scott Haag, Rose Hoelzle and Kristy Ryan, along with Dillon and Oesch — both brought up from the novice team — will compete in the varsity state tournament. District competition is scheduled for Jan. 7, followed by the finals Feb. 5-7 in Novi.

The Red Hawks are already a lock-in for the state tournament based on their strong performances to-date, and the team hopes to better its fifth place finish last year.

In the meantime, school officials may have to designate more showcase space at the high school if future Cass City debate teams come close to the accomplishments of this year's debaters in regular and post-season competitions. In all, Cass City debate teams have won 47 trophies this year.





Tanya and Maurice Evans Jr.

## Muntz, Evans exchange vows

Tanya Kay Muntz and Maurice Dale Evans Jr., were married June 7, in a 3:00 p.m. ceremony at the Gagetown United Methodist Church. The Rev. Alice Sheffield officiated at the wedding.

The altar was adorned with hurricane globe candle, arrangements of dendrobium orchids, lisanthis and calla lilies.

The bride is the daughter of Janet Muntz of Cass City and the late Howard Muntz.

The groom's parents are Maurice and Elizabeth Evans of Gagetown.

The bride wore a gown of bridal white matte satin in a sheath styling. The off-the-shoulder bodice featured an all-over Venice lace design with a solid satin portrait. Her simple satin train framed the front of the gown and cascaded to a cathedral length in the back. She carried a cascading bouquet of calla lilies, dendrobium orchids and stephanotis accented with greens.

Maid of honor was the bride's mother. Bridesmaids were Patti Timmons of Owendale, Cristy Shulz of Essexville and Laura Langenburg of Cass City. They wore black sheaths with lace at the neckline, and carried hand-tied bouquets of calla lilies accented with white organza and black satin ribbons.

Best man was Brent Fritz of Owendale. Groomsmen were Shane Martindale of Gagetown, Matthew Roemer of Owendale and Bryan Heltzel of Midland.

A reception was held at the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus Hall at 6:00 p.m. with approximately 250 in attendance.

The groom is a heavy equipment technician with AIS in Bridgeport, and the bride is a dental hygienist at Don Goeckel DDS in Bay City.

The honeymoon was a trip to Walt Disney World resort in Orlando, Fla.

The couple is residing in Cass City.

## It's a boy!



Mason Connor Thorp

Jennie and Haley Thorp announce the birth of their new brother, Mason Connor, who was born Nov. 25, 1997, at St. Luke's Hospital. Mason weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Parents are Kevin and Sheri Thorp. Grandparents are Deb and Don Spencer of Deford, and Fred and the late Jennie Thorp of Gaylord. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Spencer and the late Mason Spencer of Deford, Alvin and Mabel Slater of Decker, and Laura and the late Ambrose Thorp of Owendale.

## Cass City Social Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

The "What's Trump" Euchre Club met at the home of Jim and Marilyn Mastie for December. Winners for the evening were guests of the club, Jim and Ets Dorland. Dave Hoard and Russ Bieffer are to get new decks of cards for the club. After card playing and dessert, the club's spring outing was discussed. No decision was made. The club will meet at the home of Ken and Theresa Micklash in January.

The annual cooperative Christmas dinner for the children of John and Marion Guinther was held Saturday night at the home of Harold and Esther Guinther. All 8 of the remaining Guinther siblings were present, along with spouses and guests.

Persons going on the bus to the Fox Theater Friday, Dec. 19, should meet at the St. Pancratius parking lot at 9:15.

Arthur and Janet Severance spent several days last week with their son, Dean, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Friday they visited Harold and Helen Copeland in Charlotte. Harold has been a patient in University Hospital for 5 weeks.



Meg's Peg

The criminal mind

by Melva E. Guinther

To be a successful criminal, a person has to be devious, have a certain amount of luck and be at least minimally intelligent.

Here are a few cases in which one or more of those elements was missing.

Did you read the article sent to Ann Landers by a reader from Oklahoma City telling about the couple who robbed a service station?

The wife held a gun on the assistant manager in the office while the husband escorted the manager, also at gunpoint, to the room where the safe was.

While they were alone, the assistant manager told the wife about the great contest the station was having and the prizes available, and suggested that she enter it.

She eagerly filled out the entry blank with her name, address and phone number — which made the subsequent police work pretty easy.

Another ill-fated fellow, after pulling off a successful bank robbery, dropped his driver's license running out the door.

The police didn't have much trouble locating him either.

Then there was the female bank robber who got away with a sizable sum of money. When she got home, though, she discovered that the enclosed dye packet had leaked all over it.

Whereupon she went back to the same bank and tried to exchange the colored money for bills in better condition.

How about the 22-year-old in Wichita, Kans., who was reportedly arrested by police at an airport after he tried to pass 2 counterfeit \$16 bills? Another greedy woman altered her lottery ticket in order to win a \$20 prize, thereby invalidating it for the \$5000 it would have won.

A teenager in Nashville was thwarted in trying to steal 3 leather jackets. He went into the fitting room, removed all

the anti-theft devices, and stuffed the jackets under his coat.

As he calmly left the shop, the alarm went off and he was arrested.

Seems he had stepped on some of the anti-theft devices and they stuck to his shoes.

Then there was the report of the convict who broke out of jail in Washington, D.C. A few days later he accompanied his girlfriend to her trial for robbery. He went out for a sandwich at lunchtime, but his girlfriend needed to see him and had him paged. Police officers recognized his name and arrested him as he returned to the courthouse — with a car he'd stolen over the lunch hour.

Another story relates that police in Radnor, Pa., interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopy machine.

The message "He's lying" was placed in the copier, and police pressed the copy button each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth.

Believing the "lie detector" was working, he confessed. (They couldn't really make that hold up in court, could they?)

My all-time favorite, though, is the 2 guys on trial for robbery.

When the witness was asked if the 2 men who had held the woman up were in the courtroom, they both raised their hands.

## Cantata slated

Special services are slated at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church during the next 2 weeks. The adult and junior choirs will present a Christmas cantata entitled "Good News! Jesus is Born! God's Own Son!", which includes a pageant of nativity, Sunday, Dec. 21, at 9:30 a.m.

On the same day the

## It's a girl!

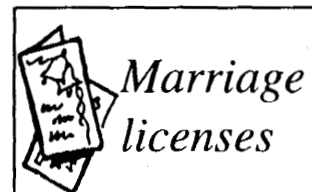


Megan Nichole Badgley

Scott and Melinda Badgley announce the birth of their second daughter, Megan Nichole, born Nov. 12 at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe. Megan weighed 8 pounds, 3/4 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Megan was welcomed home by her sister, Erika Lynn, 4 1/2.

Grandparents are Steve and Lois Papp of Cass City and Penny Hill of Owendale. Great-grandparents are Anna Papp and Carol Nanney of Cass City and Mary Hendricks of Florida.



Mark Edward Bastian and Deborah Lea McLaughlin, both of Deford.

Lewis Charles Babcock and Marcie Kae Babcock, both of Mayville.

Brent David Sturtevant, Gaylord, and Laura Lynn Melcheck, Reese.

children's Christmas cantata entitled "God's Christmas Promise" is set for 6:30 p.m. The Christmas Eve service is at 7:30 p.m. and Christmas morning service is at 9:30 a.m. The New Year's Eve service is at 7:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend any of these services.

## Library to show movies Dec. 19

Rawson Memorial Library Senior Citizen movies that will be shown Friday, Dec. 19 at 1:30 p.m. are:

they were not famous in their own right, William and Walter epitomized the Pioneer Spirit of hard work and self-sacrifice. (28 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

## Offer free Christmas food boxes

Free Christmas food boxes will be given away at the Living Word Worship Center to people in need of food, Sunday, Dec. 21, after the morning service.

The only requirement is that the person receiving the food must be in service that morning. Service is from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Living Word Worship Center is located at 6536 Houghton St. in Cass City (2 blocks south and 1/2 block east of the traffic light).

For any additional information persons may call the church office at 872-4637. Rev. Mark D. Todd, pastor.

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SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

## It's a boy!



Jason Thomas Mikolon

Michael and Julie Mikolon announce the birth of their second child, Jason Thomas Mikolon, born Oct. 28 in Landstuhl, Germany. Jason weighed 10 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Fred Mikolon of Gagetown, Shirley and Louis Wiona of Deford, and June and Theodore Bellant of New Baltimore.

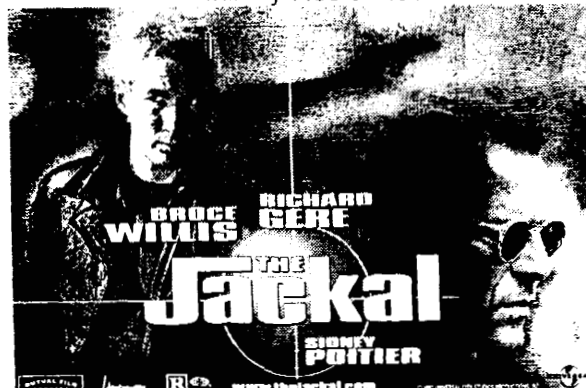
Michael and Julie Mikolon are 1988 graduates of Cass City High School and are currently in the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga.

## Annual Cass City Layman's Club NEW YEAR'S EVE GOSPEL SING

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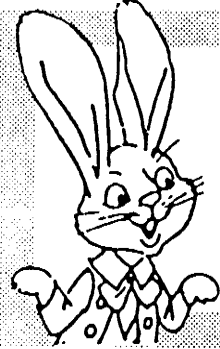
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### Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

A reporter from a neighboring newspaper called me to find out something about the late Arlan Hartwick. She was having trouble finding someone who knew him.



I tried to explain that Arlan was the type who put his shoulder to the wheel, but not one who wanted public acclaim. It was typical of Arlan that he made the large donation for the parking lot at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City, but at his request was never officially recognized as the gift giver.

The best I could do for the reporter is to tell her that Hartwick was always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel for a better Cass City.

He was one of the original investors in Walbro Corpora-

tion and active in the original Cass City Development organization that spurred economic, industrial development in the community.

You'd find Arlan doing the mundane chores that make an organization go. It was typical for him to serve for 25 years as the treasurer of his church, while never accepting the job as president.

He found satisfaction, not in the glory jobs, but in getting the job done, whatever it happened to be.

Cass City is a better community today for his work over the years he lived and worked here.

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Shoreline Tire, Inc. on Cass City's Main Street is a new business in town, but the owners are not new to Cass City. The business is owned by Jeff and Mark Auvil, both graduates of Cass City High School.

Jeff has 18 years in the tire selling business, including 14 cars with Goodyear. Mark is a 10-year veteran.

The brothers come by their careers in the tire business naturally. Their dad, Chuck Auvil, operated a Goodyear franchise in Cass City until it closed in 1989.

I may be one of the few who remember Chuck, not only as a businessman but an outstanding athlete at Cass City High School.

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Among the myriad Christmas greeting cards that come over the desk, a few stand out. Some of them must cost a pretty penny. This year's prize for the most grandiose goes to Weight Watchers.

Along with a card, there was a zippered pouch about 5x7 inches filled with 4 bite-sized candy bars.

Also included were 7 5x8-inch cards each listing holiday recipes or weight-saving menus for the holiday.

It was attention grabbing and it had to be expensive to produce.

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This week's winner of the free mountain bike in the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored drawing was Nancy Brown.

That's the third, with 2 more to go, Dec.20 and 24. You don't have to buy anything to enter. Just sign a slip at participating Cass City merchants.

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Don Pablo's, a new restaurant on Tittabawassee Road, Saginaw, is a Mexican-type eatery which I was shanghaied into by my wife last week.

I never visit Mexican type food restaurants because it's one ethnic food that I don't care for.

I can say that the service was good, the atmosphere average. I had a hamburger and soup. My wife had Chicken Quesadilla. The bill was about \$20.

I won't attempt to rate the restaurant, but Esther says give it a 7.

Who am I to argue?


### The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday .....	36 .....	32 .....	0 .....
Wednesday .....	35 .....	32 .....	0 .....
Thursday .....	32 .....	25 .....	.02" .....
Friday .....	32 .....	32 .....	0 .....
Saturday .....	36 .....	28 .....	0 .....
Sunday .....	40 .....	27 .....	0 .....
Monday .....	50 .....	40 .....	0 .....

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

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### Cass City Public Schools

## PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

Financial data from the Michigan Department of Education for fiscal year 1995-96 has been published. 599 public schools operated during this time period. This figure includes: K-8, K-12 and chartered schools.

The following information ranks Cass City in relationship with all the other statewide school districts. This data continues to verify that Cass City provides its comprehensive programs at a competitive and efficient cost.

Area of Comparison	Cost Per Pupil	State Rank
Operating Expenditures	\$5,006	482
Support Services	\$1,041	518
Administration and Business	\$ 505	539

**Additional Information**

Number of Students - 1,620	State Rank - 311
Homestead SEV Per Pupil - \$60.385	State Rank - 228
Non-Homestead SEV Per Pupil - \$20.179	State Rank - 411

Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you.

## "Who's Who" Area students on list

A total of 24 students from this area are included in the 31st Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Ill., is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in ex-

tracurricular activities. Students selected were:

### DECKER

Jack R. Hook, Kristy M. Phillips, Jay N. Hook.

### GAGETOWN

Cara Bickel, Chad T. Mellendorf, Jennifer Winchester, Jeff Maxson, Katherine Powers.

### KINGSTON

Crystal Collins, Matthew Colwell, Dana L. Jones,



## Red Hawk

### Recap

by Rachel Hoard



Christmas is just around the corner and so is the long awaited 2 week break for the school district. Students' and teachers' last day of class is Friday, Dec. 19. All students report back for regular class Monday, Jan. 5.

Local families in the area are planning vacations either to Grandma's on Christmas Day or even to Florida for 2 weeks. I talked with a few students to find out what their holiday plans were.

The students at Deford Elementary School have big plans over their break. I spoke with Maddie Dooley from Mrs. Dorland's class. Maddie is 7 years old. She plans on visiting her Grandma Dooley, Aunt Emma and Uncle Dennis in Oxford. Christmas Day, her family has plans to see her Grandma Janet Lee.

Rodney Abasso is 8 years old and is also in Mrs. Dorland's class. His family plans on traveling to Detroit Christmas Day to see his cousins and aunt.

Rebecca Poppeck, 8 years old, from Mrs. Stec's class will be very busy this holiday season. Her class has been busily planning for the holiday. They have made Christmas presents for their parents and are planning a party Thursday, Dec. 18. The students will be bringing snacks to share with the class. Rebecca's family will share Christmas Day with both her grandmas in Bad Axe.

Brad Severance, also 8 years old from Mrs. Stec's class, will be spending Christmas Eve with his family at Grandma Janet's house.

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Christmas morning his family will be home opening presents that Santa Claus delivered the night before. Following the presents, Brad and his family will be visiting Great Grandma Severance.

After all the presents have been opened, the cookies eaten, and the trips to grandma's, everyone must return back to school to finish out the year and wait for Spring Break!

### The

## Haire

### Net



I know I shouldn't tune out, but it happens. After all there could be something of real importance buried in the media frenzy about the wrangling of our elected officials.

For months now we have been inundated with speculation about whether or not the president and the vice-president made pitches over the phone to secure campaign funds. That's a continuing saga.

Now the uproar in Washington concerns the burial of a man, Larry Lawrence, in Arlington National Cemetery.

It's all a part of the pattern cut from the same cloth. The Republicans trying to harvest a little political hay at the Democrats' expense.

Doing what the Democrats do whenever the chance arises.

There appears to be some doubt about Lawrence's burial in Arlington. He may or may not have the qualifications for a plot in the resting place of 250,000 honored dead.

Authorities are questioning whether his claimed military service is in fact true.

Most of us would say, if he doesn't belong, get him out of there. End of story.

That's been taken care of, of course. This latest rhubarb started when Lawrence's widow requested that the remains be moved to a cemetery close to his San Diego home.

Disinterment isn't unusual. There are 6 to 12 removals from the cemetery each year.

The Republicans were quick to equate the approval of his burial in Arlington with his known record as a generous supporter of the Democrat party. The Democrats vigorously deny it.

Frankly, all these charges and counter-charges between parties simply reinforce the concept that our representatives aren't addressing the issues really important to us.

It doesn't seem right when the president's fund raising and the right of a man to be

Laura M. King, Lisa M. Kolacz, Wendi L. Sims, Kate E. Collins, Roxanne E. Grosbeck, Emily J. King, Lisa M. King, Randall Putnam, Jerry T. Vanderpool.

### OWENDALE

Melissa Albrecht, Bethany Nickerson, Karen M. Kretzschmer, Kristie L. Radabaugh.

## Missionary church plans musical

The Cass City Missionary Church will present "Christmas Comes to Lone Star Gulch", Sunday, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m.

Participants in this production range in age from 2 years through adult. The whole church has gotten involved in the musical.

Everyone is invited to attend this Christmas program.

## Correction

The name of Becky Hartel was inadvertently missed in the middle school honor roll for the 7th grade, which was published in the Chronicle last week. Becky had all A's.

buried in a cemetery get more attention than figuring out a way to get a tax system that is fair to all and can be understood by all of us who pay the bill.

A little less talking and a little more doing would be a welcome change.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

I grew up at a time when folks thought there were only 2 ways to do things: The "right way" and the "wrong way." People lived by the axiom, "If you don't have time to do it right? How will you ever find time to do it over?"

Those are good principles, I guess, but extremely hard to live by. My experience suggests there are at least 3 ways to do things; and if you don't have time to do it over, you should never have tried it in the first place.

I generally do things the right way, the wrong way, or my own way. And I seldom do anything right the first time. I try to allot some time to try it again.

My recent fish canning experience is a good example. I smoked some fish a few years ago, but I had never canned fish.

My wife canned lots of stuff before she learned her rights and got a full time job. Now, Connie won't go anywhere near a pressure cooker.

She told me where she hid the canner, though. So I built a smoker, got a new recipe, and went to work with some equipment I had never seen before. In other words, I did it my way.

I had some salmon and some sturgeon and started thawing the fish on Thursday night. I worked for the extension service years ago and knew fish is supposed to be thawed in the refrigerator, rather than on the kitchen counter.

I also know extension home economists will scare you to death if you ask them about food safety. They are right, of course, but scary just the same.

Our fridge was full, so I put the fish outside in a cooler. It was 36 degrees outside, just like the refrigerator. (So there.) By Saturday night my fish was thawed.

I mixed up the brine. Water, apple juice, soy sauce, salt, brown sugar, onion powder, and garlic powder. (Put

it in a crock, keep it cold, and don't go out in public for a few days.)

Sunday morning I was ready to go. Wood, smoker, fish, matches, directions from the extension service.

I read the directions and followed them to the letter as much as possible. Finally, I thought, "If smoking fish was that dangerous, Lewis and Clark wouldn't have found anybody on the west coast."

I did my best, though. Monday I was ready to can. (The fish was kept cold after smoking, like it's supposed to be.)

Then, I started looking for jars and lids. Found some of each and filled the jars with

fish. Then I went back to find lids the same size as the jars.

Finally, Monday afternoon the fish was canned! I had preserved 7 pints of fish in a little more than a weekend.

How did it turn out? I don't know. I'm afraid to open the jars.

Someday I will, though, or I'll find the time to try it again.

## Drop off donations

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 17

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

Friday, December 19

People going to the Fox Theater should meet at St. Pancratius parking lot at 9:15 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

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

Monday, December 22

Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary, 12 noon, Charmont.  
Cass City Women's Club 6 p.m., Charmont.  
Lions board, 7:30  
Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m.  
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, December 23

Rotary Club, 12 noon, Charmont.

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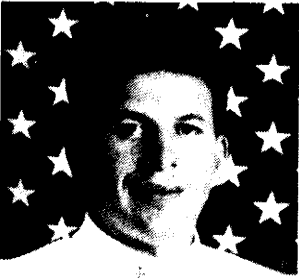
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Commendation medal

Stephen Agar honored

Navy Master Chief Stephen L. Agar recently received the Department of Defense Joint Services Commendation Medal for his performance of duty as administrative non-commissioned officer for the Northwest Lead Agency.



Stephen L. Agar

ing the past 3 years, and we owe part of those successes in no small measure to the outstanding efforts of Chief Agar. With a minimal staff to support a great many type-A personalities and short timelines, the chief has enabled us to lead the nation in bringing the TRICARE Program to our military beneficiaries."

A Navy veteran of 18 years, HMC Agar completed a 3-year assignment at the Northwest Lead Agency (NWLA), located at Madigan Army Medical Center here. NWLA was the first organization in the United States to roll out the military's new healthcare program called TRICARE in 1995 for the 480,000 uniformed service beneficiaries in the states of Washington

and Oregon, and the 6 northernmost counties of Idaho. Today, the TRICARE program provides medical services for all of the uniformed services in all 50 states.

HMC Agar's new duty assignment will take him to Norfolk, Va., where he will assume duties of the leading chief petty officer for the medical department of the U.S.S. Ponce. "I'm very proud of our collective efforts to bring the TRICARE program on line," explained Agar, "but after 3 years of being landlocked, I'm also anxious to resume shipboard duty."

A 1979 graduate of Cass City High School, Agar returned to his hometown this year to marry Nesa D. Johnson.

"Blessing of the Animals" Dec. 24

The United Methodist Church, corner of Ale and Pine streets, will be holding a special Christmas Eve service, Blessing of the Animals. The service is geared to youngsters and families.

Attendees will read the Christmas Story and sing Christmas carols as well as marvel once again that Jesus was born where the animals were.

Spokesmen say, "Animals are as much a part of God's creation as we are. And if Noah taught us anything besides the importance of an accurate weather forecast, it is that God loves the animals, too."

Those interested should bring their pets to the 5:30 p.m. service Dec. 24. All pets (except teddy bears and goldfish) should be on a leash. Larger animals will be blessed in the parking lot.

Traditional Christmas Eve services will be held at 7:30 and 11:00 p.m. (No animals, please.) These later services will be communion candle-light services.

All services are open to the community.

On dean's list

Terry L. Cleeton of Snover has been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Northwood University.

Cleeton is the son of Roger and Janice Cleeton.

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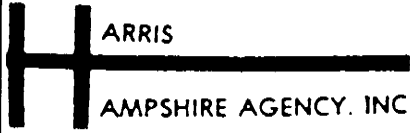
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The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 1998.

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
2,832,510 Total Revenues	

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
2,794,834 Total Expenditures	

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.

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The medical first responder training is a 60-hour course that teaches the basics of emergency medical care and the rationale behind treatment. The training includes lecture and practice. Students receive a Michigan MFR license when the class is complete. The course is designed for anyone who may come in contact with sick or injured people.

Prerequisites for medical first responder students include that they are at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and no felony convictions.

Basic emergency medical technician training is a 20-week course that prepares for the minimum certification to treat patients in an emer-

gency medical services setting. The training teaches basic anatomy and physiology, emergency care in a variety of situations, patient interactions and field work procedures. The class includes lecture and hands-on practice. Upon showing competency, students begin shift rotations in hospital emergency rooms and on ambulances.

When training is complete, students are eligible to take a state licensing exam. Prerequisites for EMT students include that they are at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license, no felony convictions and a high school diploma or GED.

For more information, inquiries about fees or to register for a course, contact MMR's education department at 758-2900, ext. 230.

The winter 1998 schedule includes:

Caro...at Great Lakes College Campus, 1233 Cleaver Rd., Feb. 2 to June 17, Monday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Registration deadline is Jan. 19.

Mobile Medical Response, Inc., is a non-profit company that provides emergency and non-emergency medical transportation, EMS training, public education and other services in Saginaw, Tuscola, Gratiot, Clare, Isabella and Arenac counties. MMR also manages EMS operations in Isosco County.

### Christmas program set

Cass City First Presbyterian and Fraser Presbyterian churches present their Sunday School Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. This program will be held at the Fraser church at the corner of Huron Line Road and M-53.

The symbols of Christmas will be presented by the youth of both churches. Special music will be provided by the youth and by the adult choir.

Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m. the Christmas Eve service will be held at the Cass City First Presbyterian Church. Special music will be provided by the Fulcher family, the choir and the bell choir.

You are cordially invited to attend both of these services.

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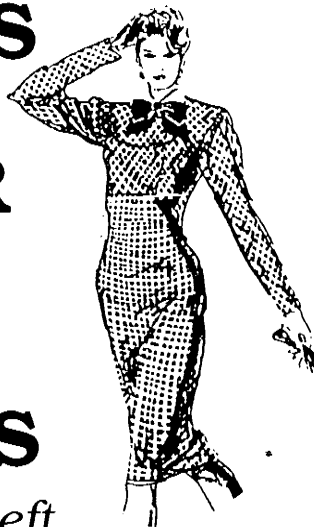
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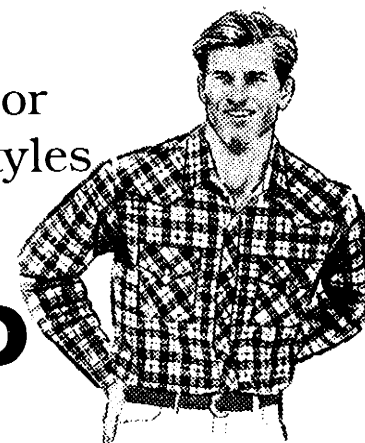


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# Papp recognized for achievement

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He immediately contacted Maintenance Airlift Control Center and they contacted the aircraft, which returned to the parking spot. Inspection of all the aircraft wheels revealed that the number 2 main landing gear wheel had a broken tie bolt. The wheel assembly was replaced, and the aircraft continued on its mission.

Col. Steven D. Acuff, 43rd Airlift Wing vice-commander, presented him with a certificate of recognition, letter of appreciation, and a 3-day pass for his efforts in the FOD.

Jeff's wife is the former Paula McIntosh. They have 2 children, Amanda and Eric.

Jeff's parents are Steve and Lois Papp of Cass City. Paula's parents are Janice and John Mika of Decker. and Floyd and Linda McIntosh of Cass City. Grandparents are Anna Papp, Carol Nanne and Belva McIntosh, of Cass City, and Marion Dorman of Decker.

# Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

## 5 YEARS AGO

U.S. Senator Donald W. Riegle Jr. vowed last week to do everything in his power to secure disaster assistance payments for farmers whose corn crop has been hit hard by a dismal growing season.

Elkland-Novesta United Way's 1993 campaign has exceeded its \$17,500 goal, officials recently announced.

A \$700 donation and 20 turkeys were recently presented to Cass City Toys For Tots Coordinator Sue Werschky by the Cass City Jaycees, represented by club President Joel Palmateer.

Members of the new Cass City Garden Club met last week to finalize their club structure. Betty Howard donated a decorated Christmas wreath, which she presented to Nancy Lang, who was also the winner of the club's official name contest.

Four Cass City band members have been chosen to represent their school in the 1993 Tri-County Honors Band. The local students are junior Tara Board, flute; senior Rosie Blue, percussion; senior Tina Pallas, baritone saxophone, and senior Julie Matthews, baritone.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Don Schelke, a 15-year veteran in the Cass City school system, was selected to replace Bob Stickle as principal of the Intermediate School by the Cass City School Board Monday night after applications were reviewed.

The Red Hawks took the league opener with a victory over Inlay City, 75-56. Mike Randall scored 24 points;

Paul Tuckey 13, and Jeff Sontag 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Crouse were honored at a surprise dinner gathering at the Gerald Priekorn home Saturday evening. Guests were school board members, former members and spouses. Co-hosts were Mrs. Enid Craig and Mrs. Linda Bennett.

The Progressive Class of Salem United Methodist Church met at the church fellowship room for a potluck supper Thursday. Mrs. Glenda Wilson of Cass City and her father, Glenn Easton of Caro, entertained the group with music.

Charles L. and Stella Alley of Deford, were guests over Thanksgiving in the country estate of Dr. Douglas Alley, Charles' brother, in Auburn, Ala. Dr. Alley is professor of English education and linguistics at Auburn University, the largest single-campus university in the state with more than 20,000 students.

## 25 YEARS AGO

A new patient service unique to the Thumb area will soon be fully operational at Hills and Dales Hospital, providing updated and modern treatments for patients with problems related to the heart and lungs. Approximately \$10,000 worth of highly advanced equipment has been moved into the old pharmacy room, which now houses the Cardio-Pulmonary Therapy Department. More equipment will be brought in soon, with a total value of about \$30,000.

Kenneth L. Eisinger, 44, of Cass City, was listed in fair condition Tuesday afternoon in Hills and Dales Hospital, where he was taken with injuries sustained in a 2-car accident Wednesday, Dec. 6.

He received several broken ribs and a broken leg along with other injuries.

Monday night the Cass City School Board for the first time okayed a price at the gate of \$1.25 for all and prohibited students below the seventh grade from attending unless accompanied by an adult. However, student tickets will be sold in the schools at a student rate of 50 cents each.

Mrs. Esther McCullough entertained 8 friends at dinner Friday evening when the birthdays of Mrs. James McMahan, Dorus Benkelman and Harold Perry were celebrated.

## 35 YEARS AGO

According to a new bus schedule recently released and effective Jan. 3, the en-

tire Thumb service by Greyhound will be discontinued.

Charles Bond and Patty Rabideau, both of Cass City, were the winners of free bikes at a drawing held Friday at the corner of Seeger and Main.

In recent weeks, there has been an epidemic of thefts of dogs in the area. One lady, who wishes to remain anonymous, said that she has lost 3 beagles. Charles Becker reports that he has lost 2 Brittany's.

Lorn "Slim" Hillaker has

graduated from the Reich School of Auctioneering. He returned recently after completing the course at the Mason City, Iowa, school.

So many parents, relatives and friends showed up at the first singing program at the grade school in Cass City that the program, which was to be held in the gym, had to be held in the hall where a piano was hastily rolled and the singing conducted. The gym was crowded with visitors eating cookies and drinking punch.

## Christmas Hours

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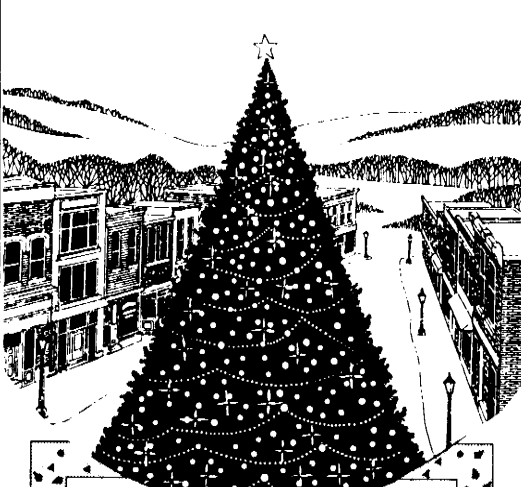
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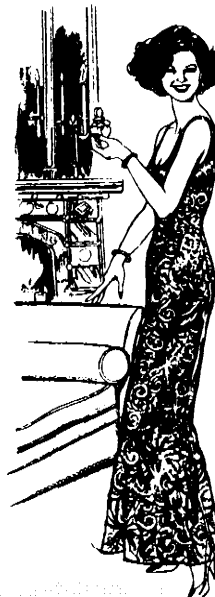
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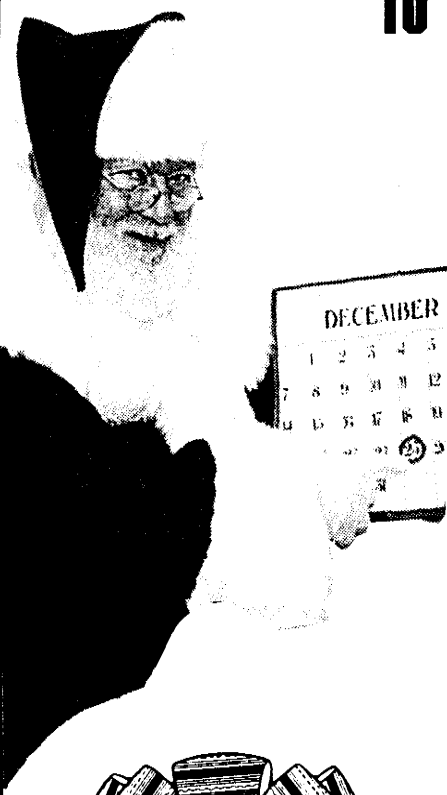
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## 6 appear in circuit court

Six people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court recently on various criminal charges.

•Jason W. Hoover, 18, Millington, pleaded guilty to attempted delivery of a controlled substance (marijuana) Oct. 9 in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Keith S. Statler, 33, Genesee, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 20, 1996, in Vassar.

Statler's license was revoked and he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department with work site privileges. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Malcom J. Heath, 18, Millington, pleaded guilty to attempted breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, breaking and entering a vehicle with

intent to steal property valued at more than \$5, and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100 Aug. 13 in Millington.

Bond was continued and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was slated for Jan. 23.

•Angel Padro, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in the county jail, with work release, for her plea of guilty to delivery of marijuana and possession of cocaine (less than 25 grams) Sept. 8-16 in Wells Township.

She was ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,000 plus \$1,080 in oversight fees, \$125 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•Tony W. Powell, 17, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny July

31-Aug. 1 in Tuscola Township.

He was ordered to complete his high school education and pay \$500 in costs, \$360 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•William J. Gouine, 19, Millington, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile July 4 in Millington, attempted breaking and entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal property valued at more than \$5 Aug. 13 in Millington.

### Candlelight service set for Dec. 24

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Road, will host a Christmas Eve candlelight service beginning at 6:30 p.m. The church's teen choir, "The Teen Crusaders", will present the cantata, "JOY In This Place."

The public is invited.

and breaking and entering a motor vehicle Aug. 13 in Millington.

A motion to dismiss additional charges was taken under advisement by the court, which continued bond and ordered a pre-sentence investigation. Gouine was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. His sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 30.

### 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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**Tuesday** - Golden baked chicken, sweet potatoes, peas, variety bread, Mandarin oranges.

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

### Area man charged

A Cass City man was recently charged in Tuscola County District Court with possession with intent to deliver marijuana June 13 in Elkland Township.

Bond for the defendant, Richard M. Ortiz, 23, was set at \$5,000. He faces a preliminary examination Dec. 23 at 1:30 p.m.



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### 5th Grade

**Casey Forrest**, daughter of Sam and Maxine Forest, Cass City, enjoys horseback riding, being with friends, and reading when not in school. She likes library, band, and recess the best about school.

**Carrie Hillaker**, daughter of Jim and Susie Hillaker, Cass City, enjoys gymnastics, talking on the phone, reading, and listening to music as favorite activities outside of school. She enjoys band, the principal, and her friends the best in school.

**Rose Krug**, daughter of John and Luella Krug, Deford, enjoys running cross country the best when not in school. She would like to be an artist or illustrator someday.

**Luann Laming**, daughter of Louis and Anna Laming, Uby, hopes to be a teacher, or a zoologist after completing school. She enjoys math, the teachers, her friends, and the principal the best about school.

**James McKnight**, son of Rex and Peggy McKnight, Cass City, has set his goal on playing professional sports or designing games. He enjoys band and his teachers while at school.

**Kayla Morrish**, daughter of Max Morrish and Sandy Wolny, Cass City, would like to be a sign language interpreter or a professional basketball player one day. She enjoys going on field trips with her class.

**Angela Stoeckle**, daughter of Mark and Carol Stoeckle, Cass City, likes band class the best about school. She hopes to work with horses as a career.

**Michael Zmierski**, son of Mike and Deb Zmierski, Owendale, would like to play professional football and later become a police officer. He enjoys math and social studies.

### 6th Grade

**Krystee Dorland**, daughter of Tom and Kathy Dorland, Cass City, enjoys basketball and other sports when not in school. She also enjoys band and being with her friends when in school.

**Erik Helwig**, son of Craig and Joan Helwig, Cass City, enjoys lunch break and gym class the best about school. When not in school he enjoys video games, collecting sports cards, and going to friends' houses.

**Eric Hollis**, son of Rick Hollis and Dawn Hollis, Cass City, enjoys science experiments the best about school. His favorite activity outside of school is football.

**Erika Karavas**, daughter of Wayne and Terri Karavas, Cass City, hopes to be a surgeon, artist, writer, or a marine biologist someday. She enjoys science and exploratory classes in school.

**Dustin Mallory**, son of Brian and Renee Mallory, Gagetown, would like to become an N.B.A. basketball star, as well as a coach and a gym teacher. His favorite thing about school is Mr. Gogola!

**Jennifer Martin**, daughter of Mark and Betty Martin, Cass City, enjoys science and language arts the best about school. She would like to be a nurse one day.

**Hank Metzger**, son of Dave and Patty Metzger, Cass City, would like to work in the family business with his father or become an engineer. He also has an interest in becoming a comedian one day.

**Scott Smith**, son of Randy and Sue Smith, Cass City, says school is fun! He hopes to become a farmer after completing his education.

**Jenny Sweeney**, daughter of Terry and Colleen Sweeney, Cass City, enjoys playing the piano when not in school. She plans to become a teacher one day.

### 7th Grade

**Laura Auten**, daughter of Les and Donna Auten, Cass City, has set a goal to become a photographer or a veterinarian after completing her education. She enjoys her friends, field trips, and language arts the best about school.

**Deidre Deering**, daughter of Gary and Becky Deering, Cass City, enjoys basketball and softball the best when not studying. She would like to play in the WNBA someday.

**Ashley Froede**, daughter of Bryan and Gloria Froede, Cass City, hopes to be a lawyer someday. She likes being with her

friends and class field trips the best about school.

**Jordan Glaza**, son of Art and Sue Glaza, Decker, has not set his career goal, but he enjoys lunch time the best at school.

**Matt Stoutenburg**, son of Ed and Susie Stoutenburg, Cass City, would like to become a teacher or an engineer someday. He enjoys sports, drawing, and sleeping when not in school.

### 8th Grade

**Aaron Dorland**, son of Tom and Kathy Dorland, Cass City, would like to go to college to study medicine. He also would like to play professional sports.

**Jason Glaza**, son of Ken and Shirley Glaza, Decker, enjoys being with friends and algebra class the best about school. He would like to play professional sports one day.

**Josh Klein**, son of Marvin Klein and Leslie Kanyak, Cass City, would like to become an architect, master contractor, or a secretary for a large company. He enjoys his friends and the teachers best about school.

**Kevin Lesoski**, son of Richard and Nancy Lesoski, Cass City, enjoys hunting and working on cars when not in school. His goals is to work on cars professionally after completing his education.

**Elise Pasant**, daughter of Ed and Carol Pasant, Cass City, would like to become a neonatal doctor someday. She enjoys seeing her friends and basketball the best about school.

**Pictured front (l-r): James McKnight, Luann Laming, Carrie Hillaker, Kayla Morrish, Rose Krug, Jennifer Sweeney, Angela Stoeckle. Second: Michael Zmierski, Casey Forrest, Scott Smith, Ashley Froede, Erika Karavas, Hank Metzger, Dustin Mallory. Third: Laura Auten, Jordan Glaza, Jason Glaza, Jennifer Martin, Krystee Dorland, Erik Helwig. Back: Deidre Deering, Matt Stoutenburg, Aaron Dorland, Elise Pasant, Josh Klein, Eric Hollis. Missing: Kevin Lesoski.**



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## Council proceedings

The regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council was held November 24, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present with the exception of Trustees Helwig and Karr.

The minutes of the regular October meeting were ap-

proved as presented.

The October Financial Statement was reviewed.

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

A motion was made by Trustee Kropewnicki and supported by Trustee Haley that the bills be approved as

presented. MOTION CARRIED 5 years 0 days

The Public Service Committee reported that well #3 should be in operation the first part of December.

A motion was made by Trustee Weaver and supported by Trustee Haley to enter into executive session to discuss wage and fringe benefits for 1998. MOTION CARRIED 5 years 0 days

The executive session was adjourned and the regular session was reopened.

The proposed 1998 budget was reviewed.

A motion was made by Trustee Weaver and supported by Trustee Kropewnicki to change the regular December meeting to December 22, 1998, and to establish the 1998 Budget Hearing at 7:00 P.M., Monday, December 22, 1997. MOTION CARRIED 5 years 0 days

A request was received from Robert Bredemeyer of Micro EDM Inc. for annexation of a piece of property west of Doerr Road. A motion was made by Trustee Prieskorn and supported by Trustee Weaver to adopt a resolution to petition the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners for annexation of said property. MOTION CARRIED 5 years 0 days

A request was received from Kelly W. Smith of Kelly and Company for annexation of a piece of property south of Division Street. A motion was made by Trustee Haley

and supported by Trustee Kropewnicki to adopt a resolution to petition the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners for annexation of said property. MOTION CARRIED 5 years 0 days

Minutes of the Downtown Development Authority and the Economic Development Authority were reviewed.

The Manager's report was reviewed.

A motion was made by Trustee Prieskorn and supported by Trustee Weaver to appoint Jane Downing, Village Manager, as Zoning Administrator, Pension Administrator, and Street Administrator. MOTION CARRIED 5 years 0 days

A motion was made by Trustee Haley and supported by Trustee Weaver to adopt a resolution to a 401(a) Money Purchase Plan. MOTION CARRIED 5 years 0 days

A letter was received from the Department of Environmental Quality stating that the landfill is satisfactorily closed per the September 4, 1997 inspection and that a letter of credit for bonding the site is no longer required.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Joyce A. LaRoche  
Village Clerk

## BASKETBALL

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Cass City	1	0	2	0
EPBP	1	0	2	0
Reese	1	0	2	0
BCAS	0	0	0	0
Mayville	0	1	1	1
Bad Axe	0	1	0	2
USA	0	1	0	2

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Cros-Lex	1	0	2	0
Brown City	1	0	1	1
H. Beach	1	0	1	1
Ubyly	1	0	1	1
Sandusky	0	1	1	1
Deckerville	0	1	0	1
Yale	0	1	0	1
Marlette	0	1	0	2

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	0	0	2	0
North Huron	0	0	1	0
CPS	0	0	1	1
Peck	0	0	1	1
Port Hope	0	0	1	1
Owen-Gage	0	0	0	1
A-F	0	0	0	2
Caseville	0	0	0	2

### THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Kingston 50, Vassar 35

### FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Cass City 61, Bad Axe 61  
EPBP 61, USA 47  
Reese 56, Mayville 50  
Brown City 61, Marlette 56  
Cros-Lex 63, Yale 45  
Harbor Beach 46, Deckerville 34  
Ubyly 62, Sandusky 60 OT  
Almont 64, A-Fairgrove 51  
Port Hope 53, Caseville 48 OT  
Capac 76 CPS 46  
Peck 50, Armada 46  
Gen. Christian 72, NBW 46

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

Bad Axe at Brown City  
Sandusky at BCAS  
Ubyly at Cass City  
EPBP at Harbor Beach  
Mayville at Marlette  
Deckerville at Reese  
USA at Yale  
Cros-Lex at Memphis  
A-Fairgrove at Genesee  
CPS at Armada  
Owen-Gage at Port Hope

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Bad Axe at EPBP  
Mayville at BCAS  
Cass City at USA  
Reese at Vassar  
Brown City at Yale  
Marlette at Cros-Lex  
Deckerville at Ubyly  
Harbor Beach at Sandusky  
A-Fairgrove at Kingston  
North Huron at Peck  
Tom Thumb Tourney - First Round

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

**December 16**  
Bad Axe at Brown City  
Sandusky at BCAS  
Ubyly at Cass City  
Lakers at Harbor Beach  
Mayville at Marlette  
Deckerville at Reese  
USA at Yale  
Akron-Fair. at Genesee  
Caseville at N. Huron  
Owen-Gage at Pt. Hope  
NBW at Peck  
C-PS at Armada

**December 19**  
Bad Axe at Lakers  
Mayville at BCAS  
Cass City at USA  
Reese at Vassar  
Brown City at Yale  
Deckerville at Ubyly  
H. Beach at Sandusky  
Marlette at Cros-Lex  
Akron-Fair. at Kingston  
N. Huron at Peck

**Last Week's Totals Percentages**

John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
Brown City BCAS Cass City Lakers Mayville Reese Yale Genesee North Huron Port Hope Peck Armada	Brown City BCAS Cass City Lakers Mayville Reese Yale Genesee North Huron Port Hope Peck Armada	Brown City Sandusky Cass City Lakers Mayville Reese USA Genesee North Huron Port Hope Peck Armada	Brown City BCAS Cass City Lakers Mayville Reese USA Genesee North Huron Port Hope Peck Armada
7-4 64%	10-1 91%	10-1 91%	10-1 91%

## 8 Hawks win medals at Marlette Invitational

Cass City placed fifth in a 9-team field in the Marlette Invitational Saturday in a meet which was won by Imlay City with 179 1/2 points to edge second place Lapeer West with 172 points.

Cass City counted 120 1/2 points. Other scores were: Yale, 145 1/2; Brown City, 145; Marlette, 82; Almont, 71; Mayville, 30, and Bad Axe, 21.

Coach Don Markel said that his wrestlers performed well, but we made mistakes that cost matches. That's typical of a young squad, he continued, and we are receiving valuable on the job training.

Eight of the 14 wrestlers placed and earned medals. The medal winners included 6 sophomores, a junior and a senior.

It was a sophomore, Roy Davis, who notched Cass City's only first place win in the 103 pound class.

Placing second was Adam Dorland in the 130 pound class. Four Hawks finished third, Scott Moore, 119

pounds; Dave Sutter, 152 pounds; Jalal Khoury, 189 pounds, and Chris Dubay, 275 pounds.

Finishing fourth were junior Phil Mathewson, 215 pounds, and senior Cory Mayer, 140 pounds.

## O-G seniors meet

The only meeting of the month of the Owen-Gage Senior Citizens Club was held Thursday, Dec. 4, at St. Agatha's Parish Hall in Saginaw.

Mary Blondell celebrated a December birthday and Stuart Merchant announced a fish dinner at the Cass City Masonic Lodge. A get-well card was signed for Audrey Frankowski.

A potluck dinner will be held Jan. 15 and members voted for euchre instead of bingo.

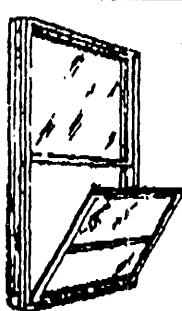
The committee for January will be Mallory and Johanna Miklovic.

Euchre winners were, men's high, Merchant; men's low, Jack Doerr; women's high, Lillian Jacoby; women's low, Berenice Sowden; travelling prize, Phil Guza.

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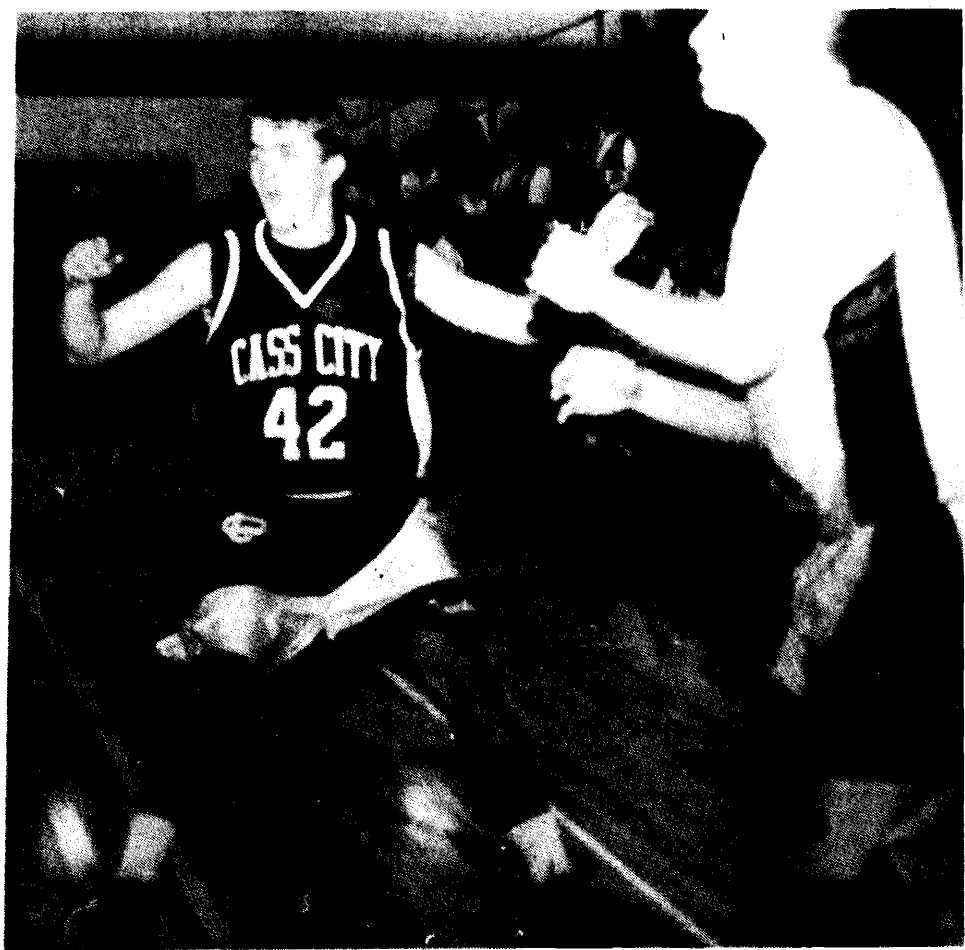
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**THE CASS CITY Red Hawks benefited from a full-court pressing defense to defeat Harbor Beach in the season's opener for both teams. Applying the pressure is Andy Edwards.**

## Emmert shines in first game

# Hawks surprise! Roll past Bad Axe, Harbor Beach

A full-court trapping defense keyed an opening game victory for the Cass City Red Hawks Tuesday, but it wasn't until after that same defense was abandoned that the team rolled to a win on Friday.

The win in the opener came at home over Harbor Beach and was important for Hawk fans because it stamped Cass City as one of the stronger teams in the Thumb and revealed that freshman Craig Emmert belonged on the varsity.

In the opening game, Emmert was the dominant player on the court. He controlled the boards with 18 rebounds, 8 offensive,

blocked 9 shots and scored 13 points, in Cass City's 56-44 victory.

As important as Emmert's play was for Cass City, which helped nullify the Pirate front line which is bigger than any other in the Thumb, it's unlikely that the team could have won without the full court defense that caused numerous Harbor Beach turnovers.

It was a close game until the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. Cass City was ahead 43-37 and then scored 6 unanswered points to put the game out of reach, 49-39. In the rally Andy Edwards hit a three, Emmert converted 2 free throws and a basket.

The Hawks took the lead for good in the second quarter with Heath Zawilinski leading the scoring with 3 buckets, one on a pretty baseline drive.

Harbor Beach was never to get closer than 4 points in the second half, trailing 35-31 with 3:40 left in the third quarter when Marcus Kramer, who led the Pirates with 14 points, hit a 2-pointer.

Cass City sealed the win with some outstanding foul shooting in the last half, converting 15 of 19, led by Tim Micklash and Edwards, who were 4 for 4.

Coach Jeff Hartel said that he was pleased by the play of his team in the first game and predicted that it would require a good effort to preserve the undefeated string in the game Tuesday against Ubyly.

### CC - HARBOR BEACH

**CASS CITY** - T. Micklash 3-0 (4-4) 10; C. Lenhard 2-0 (2-4) 6; H. Zawilinski 7-0 (0-2) 14; A. Edwards 0-1 (5-6) 11; R. Brinkman 0-0 (2-2) 2; C. Emmert 5-0 (3-4) 13.  
**TOTALS - 17-2 (16-22) 56.**

**HARBOR BEACH** - E. Krueger 3-0 (0-2) 6; M. Kramer 2-2 (2-2) 14; J. Zang-Bodis 3-0 (0-0) 6; T. Wehner 3-0 (0-0) 6; M. Wruble 0-0 (3-4) 3; A. Wruble 1-0 (2-2) 4; N. Wruble 1-0 (0-0) 2.  
**TOTALS - 14-2 (7-12) 44.**

### BAD AXE GAME

While the full-court trapping defense was instrumental in helping the Hawks to a win over the Pirates, it was not until the Hawks abandoned the full-court defense against the Bad Axe Hatchets that Cass City took charge of the game, winning 81-61.

It wasn't a pretty game to watch as both teams paraded to the free throw line in a never-ending stream and turnover followed turnover for both teams.

It was disappointing, Hartel said, that we weren't able to control the ball better in the first half. That changed in the second half when the team abandoned the full-court defense that was effective in the opening game against the Pirates.

Cass City also responded better to the trapping defense that the Hatchets used throughout the game.

Primarily because of the turnovers, Bad Axe gave Cass City as much as it could handle in the first half. Behind some excellent shooting

### CC - BAD AXE

**CASS CITY** - Bill Goodall 3-0 (0-2) 6; Dan Cuddie 1-0 (0-0) 2; Tim Micklash 1-0 (5-7) 7; Jason Wright 0-0 (3-4); Chad Lenhard 5-0 (1-2) 11; Heath Zawilinski 8-0 (6-6) 22; Nick King 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dave Hobbs 1-0 (0-0) 2; Andy Edwards 2-2 (6-6) 18; Craig Emmert 3-0 (2-4) 8.  
**TOTALS - 25-2 (23-31) 81.**

**BAD AXE** - Tom Heintz 5-2 (0-0) 16; John Geiger 2-0 (2-2) 6; Drew Brining 1-0 (0-0) 2; Joe Drossos 4-3 (4-7) 21; Nick Brickel 1-0 (0-1) 2; Brian Stephenson 0-0 (4-4) 4; Pat King 0-0 (4-6) 4; Zac Eskay 0-0 (2-4) 2; Gary Pavalowski 0-0 (4-6) 4.  
**TOTALS - 13-5 (14-29) 61.**

## Cass City Bowling Leagues

### THURSDAY NITE TRIO Dec. 11

Martin Electric 14  
General Cable 13  
NEIC 10  
Hyatt Farms Two 10  
Marlette Oil & Gas 10  
Pioneer Seeds 8  
Mycogen Plant Sciences 8  
Hyatt Farms One 7  
Schmaltz Construction 5  
Babich Farms 5  
Thumb Auto Wash 3

High Team Series & Game: NEIC 1857 (633).

High Series & Games: D. Doerr 705 (215-235-258), G. Robinson 645 (236-236), T. Furness 630 (245), Doug O'Dell 618 (213), D. Roth 599 (213), G. Smith 593 (214), D. Dickinson 590 (234), W. Laming 582 (230), R. Doerr 233, S. Osentoski 225, Dennis Hyatt 216, K. Pichla 213, P. Regnerus 211.

### FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES 1st Half Final Dec. 12

Gators 77  
Rolling Thunder 57  
The Family 55  
Men of Steel 55  
Grumblers 54  
Easy 7 44  
Intimidators 43  
Bye 35

Men's High Series & Games: T. Potrykus 639 (231), S. Wright 533 (205).

Women's High Series & Games: D. Potrykus 535 (204), C. Smith 526 (219).

High Team Series & Game: Gators 2324 (842), Rolling Thunder 2265 (758).

### MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Dec. 11

Silver Birch Kennel 17  
Thumb Auto Wash 16  
All Season Rental 16  
Hills & Dales 15  
Caro Chiropractic 10  
J.B.'s Crew 9  
Health Mart Pills 7  
Detroit Edison 6

High Actual Team Series & Game: Thumb Auto Wash 1839 and 658.  
500 Series: C. Smith 578, K. O'Dell 525, Phyllis McIntosh 512.

200 Games: C. Smith 221, C. Dufresne 219, Phyllis McIntosh 203, K. O'Dell 200.

### THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE

Golden Oldies 4  
Dee's M.P. Rockets 3  
STAR 3  
Alley Cats 1  
KREW 1

High Team Series & Game: Dee's M.P. Rockets 1663 & 581.

High Individual Series & Games: D. Mathewson 535 (196), D. Griika 461 (173), N. Rabideau 444 (168), M.

### Opanasenko 434 (165). MERCHANTS LEAGUE Dec. 10

Charmont 22  
Cass City Sports 18  
New England Life 17  
Gemini Plastics 17  
Brentwood 16  
Independent Bank 15  
R & H Body Shop 14  
Wickes 12  
Pro Temp 9

High Team Actual Series & Game: Charmont 2961 (1039).

Individual High Series & Games: D. O'Dell 759 (264-258-237), J. Storm 692 (247-244), V. Trisch 659 (252), M. Jackson 654 (243-236), B. Rutkowski 642 (272), T. Pattengill 634 (237-228), J. Krol 626 (230), W. Guinther 612 (235), C. Zimmerman 590 (225), M. Lutz 588, J. Langenburg 569 (224), C. Storm 563 (212), B. Kingsland 558, C. Anthes 556 (213), R. Witherspoon 225, B. Joseph 216.

### SUNDAY NO ROLLERS End of 1st Half Dec. 7

Leftovers 19  
We'll Get Back To You 17  
Raz-ma-taz 16

The S.H.L. 13  
Smithsky & Hutch 13  
D & J's 13  
CWD's 11  
C.B.'s 10

Men's High Series: T. Betzold 636.

Men's High Games: T. Betzold 234-214, D. Rabideau 193.

Women's High Series & Game: D. Witkovsky 553 (209).

High Team Series & Game: Leftovers 1901 (674).

### CHARMONT LADIES

Wild Johns 11  
Live Wires 10 1/2  
Team #7 10 1/2  
J.B.'s Crew 9  
Cable-ettes 8 1/2  
Pizza Villa 8  
Dott Manufacturing 8  
Cass City Tire 6 1/2  
Dee's M.P. Rockets 4  
Sister Act 4

High Team Series & Game: Wild John 3061 (1071).

High Series: J. Merchant 480, B. Kilbourn 481, V. Humes 462, D. Mathewson 458, L. Ondrajka 452.

High Games: J. Merchant 189, M. Haley 185, R. Copeland 178, B. Batkie 175, B. Kilbourn 172, D. Gibson 172.



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Chemical Bank, Cass City**

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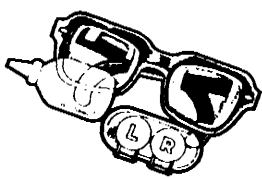
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## Passion for racing grips Marker

Passion. You can hear it in the voice of anyone who's totally focused on the job at hand.

Michael Jordan speaks that way about winning basketball championships, Evander Holyfield preaches about boxing in a similar manner. And when it comes to racing, area resident Tom Marker talks the walk.

Marker can also walk the talk.

A 1975 Cass City graduate, Marker recently wrapped up

his most successful season of racing in a career spanning 8 years.

Marker's racing pursuits began in 1969 when friend and fellow racer Paul Brown, Cass City, extended Marker an invitation to join him at a weekend event.

"That's when I got the itch," says the 40-year-old Unionville resident. For most of that season, Marker raced Brown's 1967 Dodge Coronet before buying his own machine: a 1970 Plymouth Duster.

### IMPROVEMENTS

As in most sports — hunting, golf, camping — adding equipment or improving on what you already have is half the fun. Racing is no different.

"In a typical year I spend about \$2,000," Marker said, adding the purchases range from new tires to new wiring. Or sending out existing engine parts to be retooled. That's where having a generous sponsor can make all the difference, and Marker's

biggest supporter is Thumb National Bank.

"Curt (Strickland, TNB president) has been really great," noted the indebted Detroit Edison employee. They've already pledged to help out next year."

Although \$2,000 may be Marker's average yearly expenditure, 1997 was anything but ordinary.

This year Marker spent 3 months and more than \$10,000 converting his 340-cubic-inch small block engine into a 397-cubic-inch engine that generates over 450 horsepower. The work included changing the crank, pistons, rods and the heads, among other things too numerous (and too complicated) to mention.

In layman terms, the project translated into 125 miles per hour in 10.67 seconds, covering a distance of a quarter mile.

Marker is quick to credit another supporter, Pro Temp Heating and Cooling, Cass City, which is owned by Brown. "Paul's main backing came with helping build the car," he said.

### PAYOFF

It didn't take long for Marker to reap the fruits of his labor. In the first race of the season at the Ugly Dragway, Marker topped the field in a race that paid \$2,000 to win. In the finals, Marker edged Brown, who was competing with a car belonging to another racer, Roy St. Denis. At the time, St. Denis resided in Canada. However, he has since married the track owner's daughter, and now calls Cass City home.

Marker continued his winning ways throughout the season at Ugly. And when the final smoke cleared from the runway, he had captured the track's points championship — signifying the top racer — which is determined by a series of 10 events. Marker didn't secure that

honor until the final event.

On that day, Marker advanced into the fifth round of a 7-round race while driving Brown's 1972 Dodge Challenger. The quarterfinal showing gave Marker the track's top award.

The veteran racer recalled his car was down and he wasn't going to race. But Brown wasn't going to let that happen. All racers are out to help their fellow competitors, Marker noted, but once you step up to the lights, that guy across from you is your worst enemy.

"If you break a part at the race, they'll announce it over the P.A. system and usually someone's right there to help out."

### NORWALK

Marker races at several tracks during the year, as do

most of his counterparts, traveling to tracks at Keleva - near Cadillac - and Stanton and as far away as Grand Bend, Ontario. But his favorite trip last season was to Norwalk, Ohio, where he and 31 other Ugly racers competed against the 32 best racers from 15 different tracks. The 32 top racers are determined by the 10 point events.

As Ugly's top point winner in the Pro Class division, Marker also qualified to compete in the Race of Champions at Norwalk, where he advanced into the third round. As a team, the Ugly racers finished second among the 15 tracks competing.

Marker isn't content with resting on his laurels. The area resident is hoping for another winning season when he returns to the track in Ugly next year.

## Ruling eases concerns

Easing concerns of millions of milk producers and dairy companies over a ruling declaring a portion of U.S. milk pricing policy illegal, a Minnesota judge recently issued a temporary stay to allow the current system to continue until Feb. 15.

The stay granted by U.S. District Court Judge David Doty preserves milk price differentials, the portion of the pricing policy called into question. Milk price differentials account for millions of dollars in milk producer income every month.

Prices for milk produced in November, December and January will be calculated

including the differential, so producers will be protected from major decreases in milk prices paid to them.

National Farmers was the first milk marketer or farm group to submit a motion to intervene in the case and ask for a stay. USDA, 14 state agriculture departments and 8 dairy cooperatives also requested protection for producers from the early November ruling which would remove millions of dollars each year from dairy farms across America.

National Farmers is advising that the stay actually remain in effect until 1999, when milk marketing order reform is to be put in place as required by the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

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CASS CITY Village Manager Jane Downing (from left), Gary Osminski of Williams, Osminski & Associates, Bad Axe, Rich Brown of Brown Drilling, Howell, and Ken Martin of Martin Electric, Cass City, were on hand last week for a test of the village's third and newest water well.

## New well to go on-line

Cass City's third and newest water well is expected to go on-line this week after months of work.

Village residents won't notice anything different when the well is activated. However, they can be assured of an uninterrupted source of water should anything go wrong with the other 2 wells.

The new well, which can pump 500 gallons of water per minute, will act as a back-up well, according to village Manager Jane A. Downing. She noted the well was designed to be integrated with the village's older wells, both of which are capable of pumping 350 gallons per minute, and the water tower. If one of the other wells breaks down, the new well will kick in automatically.

"Hopefully, it will be on-line completely by Wednesday or Thursday this week," she added.

Downing, along with Cass City DPW Supt. Gary Barnes, engineer Gary Osminski, well driller Rich Brown and electrician Ken Martin, gathered at the new well house last Wednesday for a test of the well. Officials were awaiting the results of final water sample tests before using the well to pump water into the system.

The project has been a year in the making. The Village Council last January authorized spending up to \$250,000 for drilling, testing, engineering, construction of the well house and other costs.

Not all of the expenses have

been tallied, but village officials say they expect the project to come in under budget.

## Seek help for hurt Spaniel

The Humane Society of Tuscola County is looking for help in its effort to help an abandoned Springer Spaniel dog that is suffering with a hind leg broken in several places.

Judy Murphy, society board member, says that the friends at the Society have nicknamed the dog "Pal" and are seeking funds from good-hearted people for Pal's care.



The money is needed to send the dog to Michigan State University for treatment by an orthopedic surgeon.

Donations can be sent to the "Medical Fund", Human Society of Tuscola County, P.O. Box 6, Vassar, MI 48768.

For further information, call 517 823-0089.

## NOTICE

Village Ordinance 137 prohibits parking on any Village street from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. during the winter months, from December 1 to March 31, for snow removal and emergency access.

Violators of this ordinance will be cited.

Joyce A. LaRoche  
Village Clerk

## CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH SANTA ON SATURDAYS!

Santa Claus will be available to visit with children at the Santa House, on the corner of Main Street and Seeger Street, on Saturdays during the month of December. The Santa House will be open for Santa on Saturdays from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

December 20th

THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SANTA ON SATURDAYS INCLUDES:

10 a.m. till 11 a.m. ALL THREE SATURDAYS

-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.



11 a.m. till 3 p.m. ALL THREE SATURDAYS

-Healthy Holidays health screening events, hosted by Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Health screening for an assortment of health problems, (blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol), will be offered at different locations throughout town, one health screening per each Saturday. See the weekly advertisement in the Cass City Chronicle for details, or call Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Happy Holidays from the Cass City Retailers

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-SANTA WILL VISIT WITH CHILDREN AT

THE SANTA HOUSE, located in the parking area of the Cass City Village Hall, on the corner of Main Street and Seeger Street.

2 p.m. till 4 p.m. ALL THREE SATURDAYS

-FREE children's movie at the Cass Theatre. Children admitted free. Adults admitted with a cash register receipt from any Cass City business. Verify movie details with the Cass Theatre.

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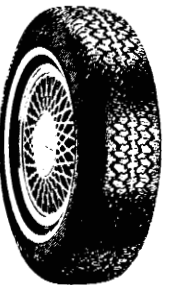
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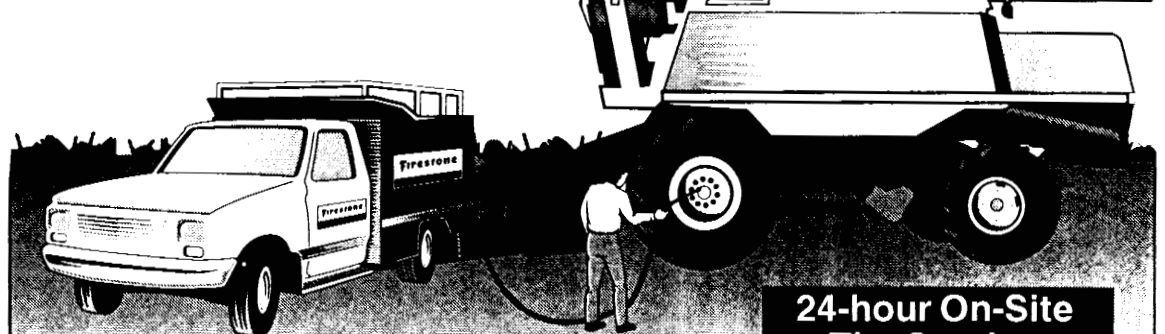
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## Holiday safety campaign

## Police support MADD

The Cass City Police Department and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) are working together to encourage motorists to drive safely and soberly throughout the holidays.

Over the next 6 weeks, Cass City officers will promote the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign that features the familiar red ribbons attached to vehicle antennas and mirrors. The ribbons represent the driver's promise to drive safely and reminds others to do the same.

Law enforcement has played an important role in the holiday public awareness

campaign that was established 12 years ago by MADD in an effort to stop the seasonal increase in drunk driving crashes.

"We hope by promoting this potentially life-saving traffic safety message we'll be helping make the roads in Cass City as safe as possible," said Police Chief Gene Wilson. "We'll continue our strong enforcement of drunk driving violations, but hope there will be many drivers who will take notice and 'tie one on for safety' instead."

Police agencies will do their part by displaying red ribbons on patrol cars through New Year's Day.

MADD officials say alcohol proved deadly in Michigan last year, with 555 of the 1,505 traffic deaths (36.8 percent) recorded involving drinking and driving.

Among the holidays, the 4-day Thanksgiving weekend was the deadliest, with 4 of 18 fatal crashes involving alcohol. Christmas and New Year's ended the year on an encouraging note — on those 2 days none of the traffic fatalities involved alcohol and driving.

More information about this year's MADD campaign is available by contacting MADD's state officer at (517) 631-MADD.

## Elkland officers approved

The Elkland Township Board approved the 1998 slate of township fire department officers during its Dec. 8 monthly meeting.

The new officers are: Don Root, assistant chief; Jack Hartwick, first captain; Mick Kirn, second captain; Mike Stec, first lieutenant; Glenn Guilds, second lieutenant, and Don Finkbeiner, training officer.

## Marie Bragg

Marie Thelma Bragg, 71, of Kingston, died Sunday, Dec.

## Children's cantata planned

The junior choir of Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, will present the children's cantata, "It All Happened in the Country," Sunday, at 6:30 p.m.

The presentation also includes drama, with 2 "city slickers" who, when stranded in the country, find out there is more to Christmas than the hustle and bustle of shopping and decorating for the holidays.

Following the choir's presentation there will be a brief program by the Sunday school and junior worship youth on the meaning of Christmas.

The public is invited and an afterglow of Christmas treats will be served.

14, 1997, at her home.

Born May 12, 1926, in Mayville, she was the daughter of George and Mildred (Kitchen) TerBush. She married James B. Bragg March 17, 1947, in Mayville.

Surviving are her husband; 6 children, Ken (Linda) Bragg of Mayville, Barbara (Darrell) Portell of Lebanon, Ind., Sandra (Mack) Vickery of St. Matthews, S.C., Nancy (Eugene) Wyman of Caro, Beverly (Rich) D'Arcy of Kingston and Mike (Dee Ann) Bragg of Vassar; 8 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; 2 brothers, Fred (June) TerBush of Mayville and Ira (Phil) TerBush of Waterford; 2 sisters, Wilma (Hugh) Smith of Mayville and Jean Roetzel of Redford, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Floyd Roetzel.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Kenneth Boileau officiating.

Interment was in Fremont Township Cemetery, Mayville.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Arrangements were by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Edna Fisher

Edna C. Fisher, 70, of Bad Axe, died suddenly Monday, Dec. 8, 1997, at Huron Memorial Hospital.

Born March 31, 1927, in Harbor Beach, she was the daughter of John J. and Gertrude (Pyrek) Glaza.

She married Clements A. Fisher Nov. 27, 1948, at St. Mary's of Parisville. He died April 12, 1994.

A graduate of the country school, she lived in Huron County until 1948, when she moved to Roseville. She moved to Bad Axe in 1994. A former parishioner of St. Margaret's of Scotland Parish of St. Clair Shores, she was a member of Sacred Heart Parish of Bad Axe and a member of the 50 and Over Club and the Daughters of Isabella, Fidelis Regina Circle #608 of Bad Axe.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Bacon and her husband, Edward, of Roseville; 2 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 3 step-great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Beatrice Sobczak of Bad Axe, Susie Grifka of Uby and Frances Kanaby and her husband, Larry, of Bad Axe; 2 brothers, Walter Glaza and his wife, Delores, of Uby, and Roman Glaza and his wife, Lucille, of Ruth, and a special friend, Howard.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Grace Kosal.

Mass of Resurrection was held Friday, Dec. 12, at Sacred Heart of Bad Axe, with the Rev. Jack Leipert, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Parisville. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Uby.

## Arlan Hartwick

Arlan E. Hartwick, 88, of Cass City, died Monday, Dec. 8, 1997, at Tendercare Nursing Facility.

Born Jan. 16, 1909, in Ellington Township, he was the son of Edward and Ruth (Jackson) Hartwick. He married Lucy MacLarty Dec. 25, 1936, in Cass City. They made their home in Kalamazoo and moved to Cass City in 1942. She died Aug. 2, 1976.

Hartwick owned and operated Hartwick Food Market for 30 years. He was a mem-

ber of the Gavel Club, Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Stock Club and was Citizen of the Year in 1990. He was treasurer for the Lutheran Church for 25 years, and served on the Tuscola County Board of Social Services for 20 years.

Surviving are 3 children, Jack (Sharon) Hartwick of Cass City, Oma Kay (Richard) Armstrong of Clifford and Cathy (Bob) Williams of Lapeer; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Erma Mellendorf of Owendale and Elaine (Jay) Crane of Cass City; 5 brothers, Leland (Wilma) Hartwick, Leslie (Carol) Hartwick, Charles (Kathleen) Hartwick, all of Cass City, Robert (Pat) Hartwick of Zephyrhills, Fla., and Paul Hartwick, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Charlene Hartwick, and brothers, Gerald and Lawrence Hartwick.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 12, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Gerald Meyer officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or Rawson Memorial Library.

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

## Marie Lapp

Marie Alice Lapp, 68, of Deford, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997, at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Born March 19, 1929, in Pontiac, she was the daughter of Ernest and Anna Guilds.

She worked as a caregiver for area seniors for many years.

Surviving are 3 children, Arden Lapp of Deford, Bonnie Meier of Macomb and Carol Myers of Tucson, Ariz.; 2 grandchildren; her first great-grandchild due in 2 months; a brother, Frank (Frances) Guilds of Arizona, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Harold Guilds.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 13, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home, with Chuck Emmert of the Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Elmwood Township.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

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

## Emerson Peters

Emerson Peters, 86, of Cass City, died Friday, Dec. 12, 1997, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, after a short illness.

Born Sept. 24, 1911, in Argyle, he was the son of Jacob and Mary (Behr) Peters. He married Fern A. (Karr) Profit June 28, 1958, in Cass City. She died Jan. 27, 1997.

He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II, and worked for Pontiac Motors, retiring after over 30 years.

Surviving are 3 children, Charlotte Russell of Pontiac, Murrell (Sonny) (Mary) Peters of Lake Orion and Margie (Larry) Brock of Mt. Morris; 4 stepchildren, Patricia (Richard) Easton of Cass City, Jim Profit of Escanaba, Phil Profit of Clarkston and Judy (Bill) Threlloff of Trenton; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles Edgar Peters of Cass City; a sister-in-law, Pearl Peters of Warren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 5 brothers, Bill, Tony, Emmett, Freeman and Murrell Peters; a sister, Maude Palmer, and nephew, Lee Palmer.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 15, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with Rev. Gerald Meyers, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City.

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

## Royce Russell

Royce H. Russell, 73, of Cass City, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997, at Hills & Dales Hospital.

Born Nov. 6, 1924, in Gagetown, he was the son of Harry and Carrie (Crawford) Russell. He married Betty Golding March 12, 1947, in First Presbyterian Church of Cass City.

A dairy and cash crop farmer, Russell was a member and elder of First Presbyterian Church of Cass City. He served as treasurer of Elmwood Township for 17 years, as a Tuscola County Commissioner for 8 years, was a former D.H.I.A. director and a board member of the Commission on Aging. He sang in the church choir and with Tom Thumb Singers. He was also a member of the Cass City Masonic Tyler Lodge #317. The Russells celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; 5 children, Bob (Peg) Russell of Bay City, Janet (John) Elssesser of Reese, Susan (Durrell) Caister of Bay City, Diane (Jeff) Binder of St. Joseph and Lisa (Scott) Wills of three Rivers; 8 grandchildren; a sister, Harriet (Jack) Downing of Gagetown, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald C. Russell.

Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 17, at First Presbyterian Church of Cass City with the Rev. Mark Morningstar of Sandusky Presbyterian Church officiating.

Interment was in Grant Township Cemetery.

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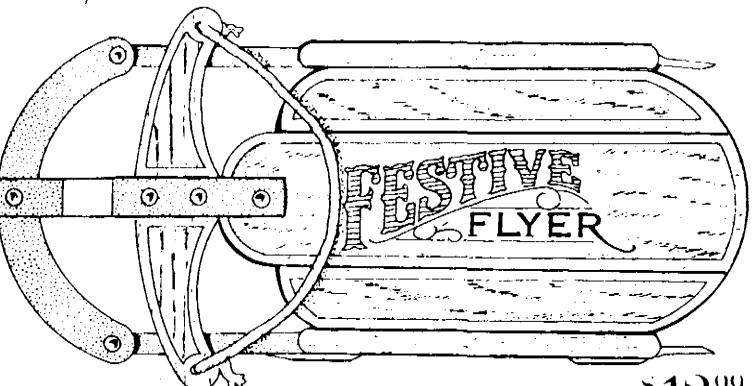
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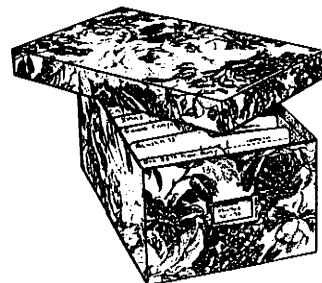
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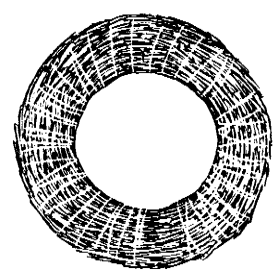
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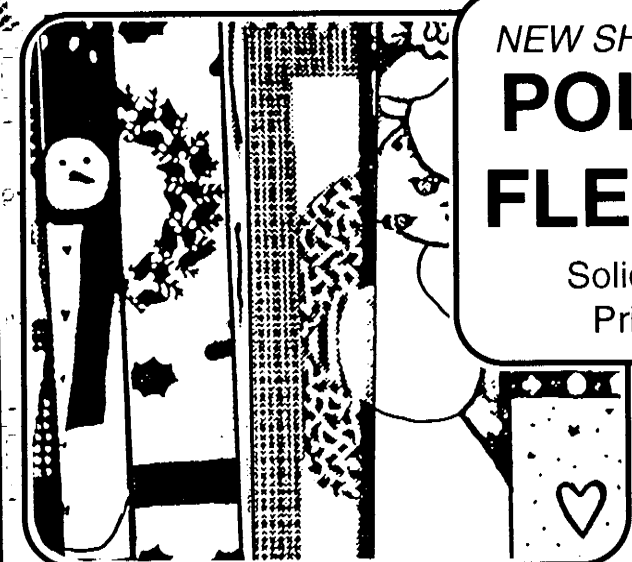
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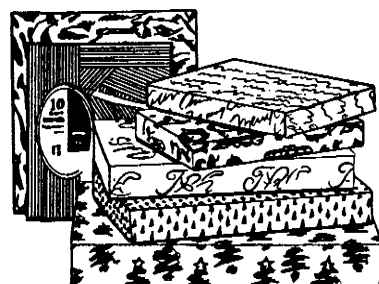
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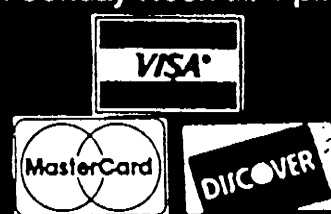
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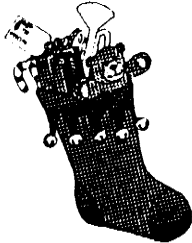
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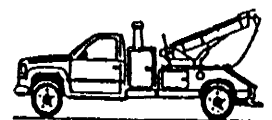
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**6 ACRES IN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF CARO** - Water and sewer available. Possible split. Call today. A374  
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**Between Cass City and Bad Axe** - 3 bedroom mobile home with newer roof and siding. Remodeled interior. New deck, front and back. 24'x30' pole barn. Nice country setting. MH694

**Carefree Living** - Built in 1993, this condo has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, family room in lower level. Call and take a look. TCC1230

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**New on the Market** - Building sites between Vassar and Millington. Lots of trees. Possible land contract. A376

**1 mile from Reese.** Very nice 2 bedroom brick ranch on 1 acre. 1 1/2 car garage. 24'x32' pole barn. \$82,500. Cy2064

**Elkton Country** - 2 story home featuring 4 bedrooms, formal dining, open staircase, large deck. 2 car garage, small barn. \$69,900. Cy2058

**10 acres partly wooded, nice ranch home.** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room with fireplace, laundry off the kitchen, central air. 30'x48' pole barn. Call today. F722

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# Sinner: Marketing, processing profit keys

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governor, was instrumental in the formation of American Crystal Sugar Cooperative in the early 1970s and continues to be a strong advocate of added-value cooperatives. He referred to contract cooperatives as a last ditch effort to save farming, which continues to undergo drastic changes in rural America. For example, Sinner said the number of farms in North Dakota declined by 25 percent during his 8 years as

governor. The trend is fewer and larger farm operations, and it's happening across the country, he added.

## PROFIT MARGINS

The trend is the result of several factors that affect producers' profit margins, according to Sinner. He cited 5 factors as having the biggest impact: the extinction of federal farm programs, free trade mythology (free trade doesn't work

in the areas of food and energy because countries will go to any length, including war, to secure supplies of both, Sinner said), fluctuating currency values, world trade shifts, and high real interest rates (the difference between interest paid and inflation). Another trend can be seen in U.S. agriculture exports, which are shifting from raw products to processed foods. "If we don't get into the food business, we're not going to be able to take advantage of

that market," Sinner said. And contract cooperatives work, he added, pointing to the American Crystal Sugar Cooperative, a company that was nearly bankrupt when producers united to operate a cooperative 24 years ago. Today, he said, American Crystal Sugar boasts the lowest sugar production cost in the world. He mentioned Sunkist Oranges and Ocean Spray, both in California, as other successful cooperatives. Sinner cautioned that a suc-

cessful cooperative demands careful planning and commitment. The key ingredients, he explained, are significant investment by cooperative members; a binding contract between farmers and the cooperative; utilizing research, site work and market professionals; having a strong knowledge of and dedication to the customer; gaining a significant market share to compete effectively; and annually returning profits to the member farmers, who can then make decisions regarding reinvestment into the cooperative. "If you do and you do it well, you'll be richly rewarded, as you should be," he said. Not all cooperative efforts succeed because these efforts are treading on the sacred

ground of mega corporations, Sinner concluded. "There have been failures, but in the long run, this is the way to go." Sinner's talk was especially relevant to area producers who are in the process of establishing an added-value cooperative. The newly-formed Thumb Oilseed Producers Cooperative (TOPC) voted in September to move forward with a project to establish an 800,000 bushel soybean extrusion plant to produce oil and meal in the Thumb. The TOPC Board is currently developing a detailed business plan, while various committees are looking into site selection, finance, building and equipment, and crop procurement areas. "The TOPC board has chosen to go with the extrusion/

expelling process, which relies on heat and pressure to extract the oil from the raw soybean," explained Jim LeCureux, Huron County Extension agricultural agent and TOPC start-up manager. "Due to this 'natural' process, opportunities in processing organic soybeans, producing a natural cooking oil and a high energy soybean meal exist." The TOPC board is also exploring end markets for the oil such as crop oil, cutting oil, food grade oils, industrial solvents and other uses. LeCureux commented last week that the TOPC Board is continuing to meet, and the project is moving forward. In addition, he said, producers are looking into establishing an alfalfa processing operation.

## School gets pay boost

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dation allowance. Cass City, which receives \$5,187 per pupil, would have received some \$494,000 more next year as a result of the annual per-pupil funding increase, but that won't happen because the per-pupil allowance is frozen at the 1997 level, Micklash pointed out. Instead, Cass City will receive \$125,067 as 50 percent of its share of the Durant award plus \$190,746 in payroll savings for a total of \$315,813 in 1998. Still, Micklash indicated the Durant agreement will mean more revenue in the long run, provided lawmakers make good on their agreement to pay schools the remaining 50 percent of the Durant award over the next 10 years.

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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 approved, 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°20'00"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, 64.00 feet; thence S89°20'00"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 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 10, 1997

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgage

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

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12-10-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry L. BOOTH, a married man and Deborah S. BOOTH, his wife (Original Mortgages), 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 690, 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 approved, 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

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY 30150 Telegraph Suite 100 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025 File # 97032170

12-10-5

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, 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.

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Dated November 19, 1997

INDUSTRY MORTGAGE COMPANY, L.P. Assignee of Mortgagee

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