

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Eventful 1997 in review - top stories, pictures, pages 8-9

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Beanie Baby promo to aid community



THESE 5 PRINCESS Beanie Babies will be given away in a unique plan devised to help the community. Displaying the prizes is Geraldine Prieskorn, who devised the giveaway.

Princess beanie baby, the hot collectible of the year, a \$5.95 doll, is selling for upwards of \$250 but 5 of them are being given away by the Gerald Prieskorns, co-owners of the Cass City Ben Franklin Store.

We hope to pass them out, Geraldine Prieskorn said, where they will do the most good for the community.

Here's the plan. There are 5 beanie babies available. Two of them will be awarded in drawings at Ben Franklin, Sundays, Jan. 11 and 25, at 3 p.m.

To participate in the drawings residents will be required to bring 2 cans of non-perishable food items that will be given to a charity for local distribution.

Three other beanie babies will be given to local civic groups to raise funds.

The organizations receiving the free babies will be the ones with a plan that promises the most good for the community, Prieskorn explained.

She asks that proposals be submitted by Jan. 12.

Christmas day Browns die in auto crash

A Christmas Day traffic accident in Florida has claimed the lives of a longtime Cass

City area couple. A spokeswoman with the Florida Highway Patrol re-

ported Hazen Bernard Brown, 84, of Port Richey and Cass City, was pro-

nounced dead following the Thursday afternoon crash. His wife, Margaret, 80, died from her injuries Friday at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

Investigators with the highway patrol said the Browns were driving north on Little Road near Fivay Road in Pinellas County when Margaret made a left turn into the path of a southbound vehicle. The Brown vehicle was struck in the passenger side.

The other driver was identified only as another Port Richey resident.

schools and in the Cass City Public Schools. She was also a member of the Eastern Star.

The Browns are survived by 3 children, Nancy (Dean) Hutchinson of Cass City, Marilyn Brown of Fenton and M. Louise (John) Wright of Cass City; 5 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Margaret is survived by her brothers, Clare (Phyllis) McQueen of Cass City and George (Marilyn) McQueen of St. Johns, Mich., and Fort Myers, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, James and Clark.

Hazen was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Frank, Harold, Roy, Lloyd and Elton Brown, and sisters, Amber and Marcella.

The Browns were also preceded in death by a son-in-law, David D. Graham.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at the United Methodist Church of Cass City, with the Rev. Philip Rice officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Visitation is scheduled for today (Wednesday) from 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Little & Kranz Funeral Home, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Hazen and Margaret Brown Scholarship Fund.



Margaret and Hazen Brown

OBITUARIES

Hazen was born May 22, 1913, in Trenton to Walter and Catherine (Melcher) Brown.

Margaret was born June 16, 1917, to James and Laura (Brown) McQueen.

The couple were married May 2, 1942, in her parents' home.

The Browns, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this year, met at a dance in the 1940s at St. Columbkille Hall. Hazen played guitar in a band in the 1940s, and Margaret played piano and guitar, giving guitar lessons in earlier years. They also square danced in later years in both Cass City and Florida.

Hazen farmed for nearly 70 years and worked at the Caro Sugar Factory. He was a member and past master of the Cass City Tyler Masonic Lodge #317 and was a member of the Eastern Star.

Margaret taught school for nearly 30 years at country

Council okays 3% village wage boost

The combined base wages for Cass City Village employees will total about \$42,400 more in 1998.

The Village Council's recent adoption of a proposed 1998 budget formalized across-the-board pay raises of 3 percent for all full-time employees. The increase is the same percentage ap-

proved in 1997.

However, the bulk of the overall increase in base wages in 1998 is due to the hiring of an additional police officer earlier this year. The officer was hired through a federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant, which will pay up to Please turn to back page.

Merchants report Yule business season good

A generally sound economy translated into a decent holiday shopping season for a number of local businesses, despite continued pressure from the retail giants.

The odds were stacked against some businesses, including those who depend on cold winter weather to boost warm clothing sales.

Bill Kritzman, owner of Kritzman's Clothing Inc., acknowledged a lack of significant snow and cold hurt boot sales this year, and at one time it looked as if the season might be a bust.

However, sales picked up in the end.

"The warm weather really slowed things down. It started out good, but then we got that warm spell," he said. "Then, those last few days, it took off again."

"Compared to last year, it was a little better. Not much, but a little better."

Kritzman noted the holiday shopping season can make or break clothing businesses "because you invest so much money into stock in your store." Knowing when to cut prices to move merchandise, and when to hang on and see what happens, can make all the difference.

In any event, Kritzman indicated, it's a gamble.

"You just don't know in this business. You don't know when a customer is going to come through the door, or when a customer isn't going to come through the door."

Also reporting solid holiday sales were the owners of Coach Light Pharmacy and the New Sheridan Health Mart-Book Mart.

"It was definitely positive," Coach Light owner Mike Weaver commented. "All my Christmas ornaments and decorative lights went very well, and the gift department went very well."

Weaver said he hasn't put

any figures together, but he's certain sales are up over 1996. "The whole store is very upbeat," he added.

"We're really pleased," said Cheryl Shores, who along with husband Jon own and operate the New Sheridan Health Mart.

"It went very well. We're continually growing," she said, noting a new line of Christmas cards moved particularly well this year. "Every department seems to stay level, and when one rises, they all seem to rise."

The Christmas season was boosted by a number of activities, including story hour at the library and the bike drawings sponsored by the chamber of commerce, according to Cheryl. "We had a big turnout for Santa pictures," she added. "We figure we did 200 kids."

Cheryl said the holiday shopping season doesn't make or break sales in any given year, "but it is a nice little boost for us at the end of the year."

At the east end of Main Street, Schneeberger's Furniture and Appliances enjoyed decent retail sales, according to Russ Schneeberger.

"They're good, but we won't know until the next week or so because we sell a lot after" Christmas, he said, adding LA-Z-BOY sofas and recliners proved popular among shoppers this year.

"Sales are up. We're doing very well."

Across the street, Dennis and Bunny Porter, who recently opened Timeless Treasures, reported they're pleased following their first Christmas season as business owners.

"I'm very, very happy with what's happened here with us," commented Dennis, who along with his wife opened the gift shop Nov. 10.

Prizes await first baby of year



UP AND WALKING — Miranda Catherine Spry, the Chronicle's 1997 New Year's baby, will celebrate her first birthday Jan. 3. She is the daughter of Jeff and Joan Spry of Deford.

There's a host of prizes waiting for the first baby of the year born to an area couple whenever he or she arrives.

That arrival could be just minutes after the new year starts or as long as a month and a half into 1998, judging by the arrival of the first baby in years past.

Last year the first baby arrived Jan. 3 at 9:24 p.m., the daughter of Joan and Jeff Spry of Deford.

There are a total of 12 gifts waiting for the first arrival next year. Cass City IGA will give \$1 off any purchase of diapers each week for a year.

Erla's Food Center has a \$10 gift certificate for the new arrival, and a gift arrangement for the new mom and baby will be presented by Joel and Carol Ingles of Cass City Floral.

Chemical Bank Bay Area will open a savings account with \$10, and Kritzman's Inc. has a \$10 gift certificate waiting for the first arrival.

The baby's parents will be able to read all about it for a year with a free Chronicle subscription and Coach Light Pharmacy will give \$10 towards any prescription.

Mom and dad will be able to enjoy a free movie and free refreshments with 2 passes from the Cass Theatre. Cass City ServiStar Hardware will give a \$10 gift certificate, and New Sheridan Health Mart has a baby gift assortment valued at \$25 waiting for the first arrival.

The Cass City office of Thumb National Bank will open a \$10 savings account.

Village of Cass City 1998 Wage/Fringe Benefits		
	1997	1998
OFFICE		
Manager***		49,000
Bookkeeper	27,540	28,367
Secretary	27,540	28,367
Start	23,996	
6 months	25,455	
12 months	26,962	
30 months	28,367	
Clerk	450	750
Treasurer	2,000	2,250
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS		
Superintendent	42,429	43,702
Crew		
1st year	28,136	28,981
2nd year	29,681	30,572
3rd year	31,359	32,300
4th year	33,073	34,066
5th year	35,638	36,708
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT		
Superintendent	42,429	43,702
Chief Operator	36,507	37,603
1st year	28,136	28,981
2nd year	29,681	30,572
3rd year	31,359	32,300
4th year	33,073	34,066
5th year	35,638	36,708
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Police Chief	42,429	43,702
Sergeant	36,212	37,299
Officer		
1st year	28,136	28,981
2nd year	29,681	30,572
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Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

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Sandy and Andy Welter of West Carrollton, Ohio, spent from Tuesday night until Sunday with her parents, Stan and Melva Guinther. Mark and Shelley Guinther, Drew and Spencer of Cranberry Township, Pa., arrived Friday and are spending this week with the Stan Guinthers.

Christmas Eve dinner guests of Charlotte LaPeer were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curry and Patti Timmons. Evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer, Brent Fritz and Mrs. Kareem Khoury and Jalal.

Twenty-five members of the McClorey family held their Christmas dinner at the home of Marion McClorey Christmas Day.

Mrs. Joyce Polega was a Tuesday evening dinner guest of Charlotte LaPeer.

Christmas Eve guests of Dale and Mary Damm were Randy and Carmen Damm and sons, Jason and Ethan, and Tim and Susan Wooster of Flint. The Woosters were overnight guests of Dale and Mary Damm and spent Christmas Day with Tim's mother, Nancy Frederick, in Caro.



In ancient Egypt and Babylon, only royalty and nobility were permitted to have umbrellas.

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Meg's Peg

Recipes

by Melva E. Guinther

Tired of Christmas leftovers? Here are some recipes you might want to try.

This simple but delicious dessert recipe comes from Arlene Kawecki. For lack of a name, we'll call it

ARLENE'S DESSERT

- 1 box chocolate graham crackers
- 2 small boxes instant French vanilla pudding
- 3 cups milk
- 1 8-oz. carton Cool Whip

Lay graham crackers in bottom of a 9x13 glass cake dish. Mix the instant pudding and milk. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread pudding mixture over graham crackers. Repeat layers. You may top with additional Cool Whip. Refrigerate. (It's especially good with some crumbled graham crackers placed on top just before serving.)

This casserole is another of Kathleen Hartwick's delicious dishes.

BEAN & SAUERKRAUT CASSEROLE

- 1 can sauerkraut (drained)
- 1 can pork & beans
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 (or 2) sticks Polish sausage, sliced up

Mix all together in casserole dish. Bake at 350 for 1 hour, uncovered.

Rita Hanby's recipe for a different type of salad is a favorite at church carry-in dinners.

CHINESE SALAD

- 1 head cabbage, shredded
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- Set aside.

In a skillet, melt 1/4 cup margarine. Add: 1 pkg. crushed ramen noodles (without season packet)

- 1 - 1 1/2 cups slivered almonds
- 2 TBS. sesame seeds.
- Brown all together. Cool.

- In a saucepan, mix: 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 cup oil
- 2 TBS. soy sauce

Bring to a boil and boil one minute. Let cool.

Mix everything together 1/2 - one hour before serving.



Marriage licenses

Arthur Michael Putnam Jr. and Stacey Marie Sharrard, both of Deford.

Jeremy Thomas Ball, Fairgrove, and Kelly Diane Kastraba, Caro.

Robert Edward Kosha and Melissa Doreen Humphries, both of Vassar.

Michael Thomas Furness, Cass City, and Joann Marie Arquette, Filion.

Sam Patterson and Debra Brown, both of Caro.

Thomas Ronald Bellows, Bay City, and Bonnie Mae McCalpin, Mayville.

Dale Edwin Roose and Karen Jean Reid, both of Caro.

Terry Lee Brimmer and Nancy Carol Hayes, both of Vassar.

George Raymond Rierson, Reese, and Darlene Marie Benson, Munger.

Dance slated in Sandusky

The Sandusky Thumb Dancers will hold its next open dance at the Sandusky Maple Valley School on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, from 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Music will be by United Sound. A potluck dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Pain may be eliminated for millions

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Hess farm designated "centennial"

Twenty-eight farms, including one in Tuscola County, have been certified by the Michigan Historical Commission as centennial farms, Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced last week.

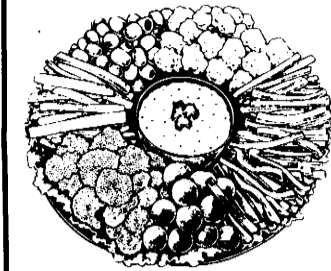
The newly designated centennial farm in Tuscola County is at 1494 S. Ringle Road, Caro, and is owned by Frederick and Alberta Hess. It has been in the same family since 1891. Today, the 79-acre farm produces corn and soybeans.

"I congratulate the Hess family as their farm joins the roster of more than 5,000 Michigan centennial farms," said Secretary Miller, the state's official historian. "Centennial farm owners can be proud of their efforts to preserve Michigan's rich farming heritage and for reminding us of the important economic and social role that family farms have played in our culture."

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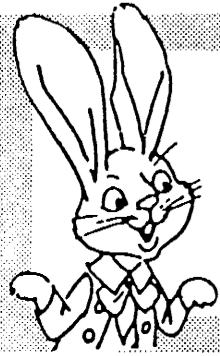
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Ruth Ann Lundgren of Saginaw was tracing her family tree recently and while delving through the files informed us that she is the granddaughter of F. J. Klump, who she said was one of the founders of the Chronicle in 1900.

Possibly with H. F. Lenzner, who was the publisher since the paper originated until sold to John Haire in 1951.

If you caught the story about "Pal", the injured dog looking for a home and money for surgery, there's a happy ending. The dog survived the surgery and has found a home, the Tuscola County Humane Society reports.

Donations for expenses are still being taken and any funds in excess of the surgery needs will go in a fund for future emergency animal care. Send it to the Society at P.O. Box 6, Vassar, marked Medical Emergency Fund.

The final 2 winners of the mountain bikes given away by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce were Rochelle Dohn and Lisa Erla.

The Cass City Rotary Club has been involved in 2 "Womenless Weddings" as club fund raisers, but the play in Cass City didn't originate with the club.

Submitted to the Chronicle was a copy of the play cast for "Womenless Wedding" presented in 1929 by the PTA. Funds raised were used to purchase school playground equipment.

It was a true community endeavor. The cast included 69 men from the community and included practically all of the business leaders of the era, including the presidents of both banks, Fred Pinney and Meredith Auten.

Don Markel, wrestling coach, didn't complain but he had every right to after his name was omitted from the list printed last week of coaches helpful to the Chronicle.

It was a case of missing the trees because of the forest. Markel had just left the office after coming to the paper during his vacation to see that we got the results, when we wrote about the coaches.

Needless to say, we appreciate his help.

Red Hawk Recap
by Rachel Hoard

The second semester is just around the corner. For seniors, graduation plans are also going to be well underway. The month of May will sneak up on us sooner than we can imagine.

The yearbook class was busy collecting senior pictures before school was let out for break. Soon, Dorland Kuntz, high school principal, will be calling upon students for their pictures for the area newspapers.

Also during this next semester the seniors take time to reminisce about memories from the past. It's a time when they are rummaging through old pictures to use for the slide show and in the yearbook. It is also a time that the seniors vote for class t-shirts, class polls, and order their graduation announcements.

Some seniors would tell you, if you asked, that the end of the year could not

come too soon. Others would tell you that they could stay in high school for another four years. From my perspective, I can't wait to graduate and move on to college.

"The graduation open house scene" will soon reappear and eat up everyone's weekends for June and July. Many students already have their open houses planned right down to the exact menu. Others don't have a clue when their open house will even be.

The 1998 junior/senior prom planning is also well underway. Prom is slated for Saturday, May 9, at the Eagles Club in Caro. Soon all the girls will be scanning the dress shops for the perfect dress to wear on this special night.

1997 ended in a hurry. Let's hope that 1998 is a year for us to remember.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	36	28	0
Wednesday	34	30	.34"
Thursday	35	33	.03"
Friday	34	26	0
Saturday	30	15	0
Sunday	35	11	0
Monday	34	24	.03"

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DISPLAYING CERTIFICATES and ribbons signifying their selection for the Red Hawk Award of Excellence are, from left: Madeline Dooley, Deford school; Amber Weiss, Campbell school; Tyler Ferris, middle school, and Ryan Hutchinson, high school.

Red Hawk Award

Local students honored

Four students from Cass City Schools were honored before last week's school board meeting by their selection for the Red Hawk Award of Excellence. The award is presented 4 times yearly to a student from each of the district's 4 buildings.

It is not an academic award, but recognizes students for contributions made to the school and the community. The students are selected by the principal and staff of each building. The criteria for selection are leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance and accomplishments outside of school.

Selected from the middle school was Tyler Ferris, son of Randy and Alesia Ferris of Cass City. He was honored for making a smooth transition as a new student in the district and for his maturity and his sense of responsibility.

Selected from Deford Elementary School was Madeline Dooley, daughter of Richelle and Timothy Dooley of Deford. Her teacher, Kathy Dorland, calls

Dooley a model student who is a positive role model and one that follows through on tasks presented to her.

Chosen from Campbell Elementary School was Amber Weiss, daughter of Danny and Lori Weiss of Deford. She is described as a person with a talent for recognizing when something needs to be done, or someone needs assistance, and taking charge of the situation. She is an excep-

tional role model. Ryan Hutchinson, son of Elden and Kay Hutchinson, was selected from the high school. He is involved in a host of community endeavors including Toys for Tots, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, F.E.T.C.H and tutoring classes.

Hutchinson is noted at the school for his efforts to help where and when needed, the teachers reported.

Even that wouldn't be so bad if they didn't list the ingredients in the baby's cake. (He wouldn't have spit-up if they hadn't used so much chocolate.) My Christmas letter was nothing like that. Anyone who enjoys 2 pages of fishing stories probably got a big kick out of it.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I finally did it. I wrote a Christmas letter.

I wrote my letter before Christmas — even though you will be reading this after the holiday. Lots of folks read my Christmas letter after the holidays, too, but I blame that on the postal service. (I started writing in plenty of time.)

Besides, Christmas letters are like fruitcakes. They're not going anywhere.

I've never sent a Christmas letter before, in deference to folks who think these missives are stilted and impersonal. I suppose they could be, but almost any news is better than no news.

I admit there's something about recounting the year's events that makes a person giddy. There's nothing like 4 pages of vacation stories or the minute details of Junior's first birthday to keep the reader on the edge of his chair.

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I solved that problem last year with that little timer on the camera. The one that gives you 20 seconds to run into the photo, adjust your

tie, and bare your teeth.

We got everyone lined up on the hearth in front of the fireplace and set the camera on a tripod. The kids were sitting in front, Connie was in the middle, and I was supposed to squat down on the hearth behind them.

I've taken these before, so I'm kind of an expert at it. I focused the camera, made sure the flash was working, and set the timer.

Then, I ran to the hearth, squeezed-in behind everyone and squatted down. The camera went off, and everyone was smiling except me.

The kids said I should have noticed the fireplace poker before I set the timer; but I

can't see how that was my fault. I never take a good photo, anyway.

Well, I got my Christmas letter mailed, and I hope everyone had a nice holiday. If you didn't get my letter, drop me a note and I'll send you one.

If you didn't get a photo, forget it. I'm not taking any more of those.

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Annual dry bean meet set Jan. 6

Dean Hadaway, president of the Tuscola County Dry Bean Growers' Association, announces Jan. 6 at the Brentwood Restaurant in Caro as the date for the annual meeting and program.

Breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. The program will begin at 8:00 a.m., and will include a bean commission update; market report from Neil Mosher, bean merchandiser from Agri-Sales; Greg Varner's variety trial results; a discussion of the white mold detection kits, and Jim LeCureux will discuss the added value concept for agricultural commodities. The program will conclude around 10:30 a.m.

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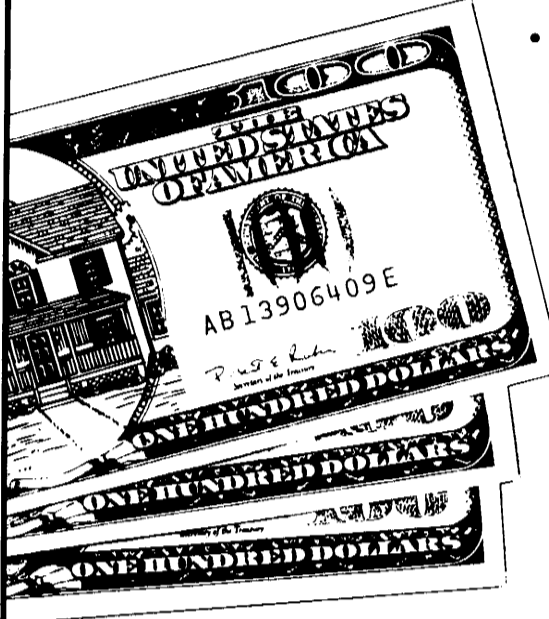

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U-M band member

Edwards at Rose Bowl

A Cass City High School graduate will be marching at this year's Rose Bowl festivities.

Jackie Freiburger of Cass City.

Edwards is currently a junior at U-M. A dean's list student, she is majoring in graphic design and working

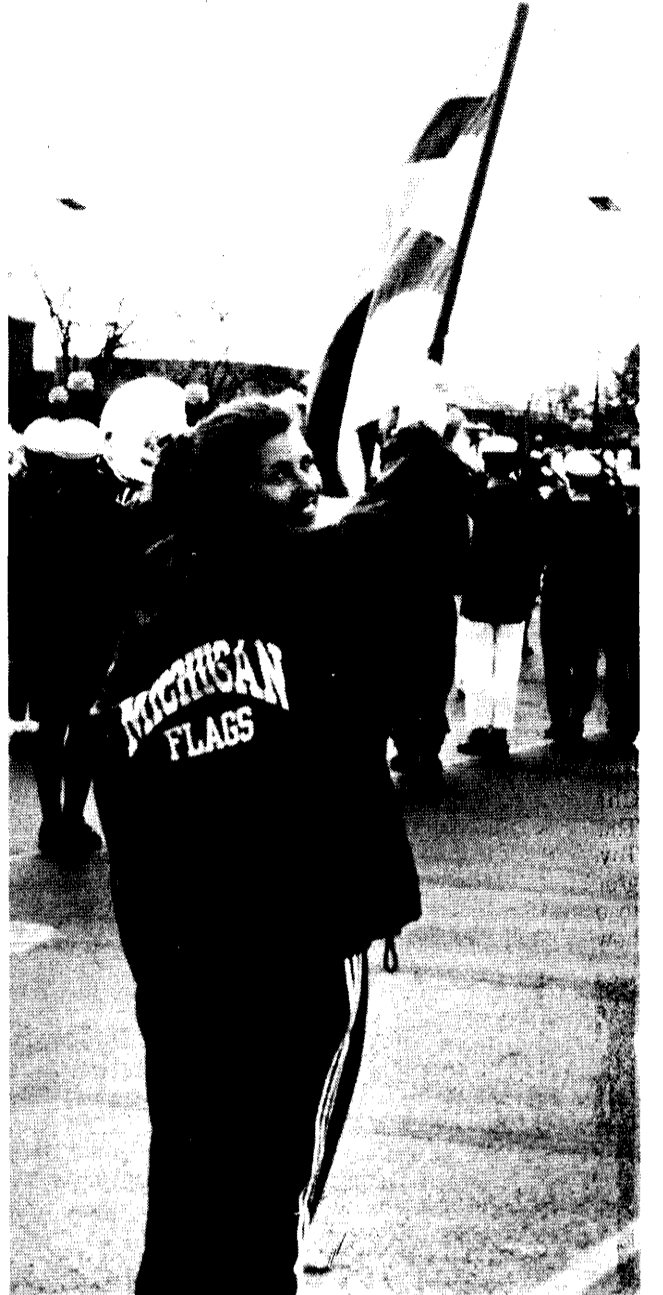
towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a concentration in sculpture and photography.

Leana Edwards, daughter of Linda Edwards of Cass City and the late Ralph Edwards, will be marching and performing in the parade, pre-game and half-time shows as a member of the University of Michigan Marching Band. Other scheduled performances include stops at Disneyland and various concerts in the Pasadena, Calif., area.

Edwards, a member of the U-M band's flag line, designed the rank tee shirts and flag that will be used in the performances. The familiar M logo is the focal point of Edwards' design, with a variegated wave background and regulation rose emblem. This will be Edwards' third bowl trip.

As a senior drum major in the Cass City High School band, she performed in the Citrus Bowl, and participated in last year's Outback Bowl as a sophomore at U-M.

Also planning to attend are her mother and grandmother.



CASS CITY High School graduate Leana Edwards will be marching with the U-M Marching Band at this year's Rose Bowl.

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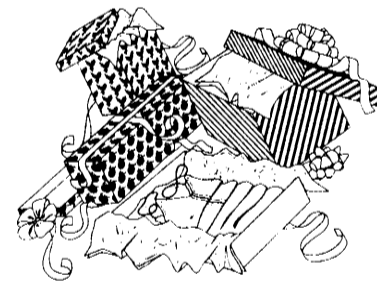
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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

The Rotary-sponsored 3 on 3 tournament Saturday attracted 59 teams competing in 8 divisions in a long day of basketball that started at 8 a.m. and concluded just after midnight. The men's recreation league toga was taken by a Cass City team "Charmont", that included Todd Comment, Jeff Hartel, Gary Warju, Craig Kelley and Clarke Haire.

The Cass City Village Council last week approved a proposed 1993 spending plan totaling \$1.78 million. The new budget represents a planned spending increase of some \$100,000, or 13.4 percent, over 1992, and includes a wage hike of 3.5 percent for most village employees.

The Village Council last week acknowledged a \$1,000 donation from the Cass City Oil and Gas Co. for the village's walking trail.

Sixty members of the Merchante Bowling League took part in a moonlight tournament at the Charmont in Cass City Thursday to benefit the local Toys For Tots agency. The group raised \$400, according to organizers. The winning bowlers were Geri Corcoran

(657), Elaine Romain (655), Pat McIntosh (649) and Margo Miller and Jean Hutchinson, who tied with scores of 624.

10 YEARS AGO

Justin Salas and his dad, Louis Salas, of Cass City, were among the first persons to cross the new Zilwaukee bridge when it opened Wednesday, Dec. 23. They received a sign saying, "We Crossed the Z-Bridge."

Medicare programs at Hills and Dales General Hospital and Caro Community Hospital are expected to pay for themselves following approval of new Medicare reimbursement rules by Congress early last week. The new rules translate into an expected annual increase of \$200,000 for each hospital in payments for Medicare patients.

Fire destroyed a 1973 AMC Pacer while it was parked in front of Wildwood Farms Restaurant. The vehicle, owned by Cass City resident Frank Preba, had been driven to the location by Preba's daughter, Susan Vincent. She parked it to go to work, and smoke started pouring out of the hood.

Jeff and Martha Prieskorn of Arlington, Va., spent Christmas until Sunday with his family, the Gerald Prieskorns.

25 YEARS AGO

Steve Batts, 18, of Cass City, is still in the Intensive Care Unit of Flint Hurley Hospital after being injured in a 2-car crash, Tuesday, Dec. 19. Batts was on his way to work in Pontiac when the accident occurred 2 miles north of Lapeer at 3:44 p.m.

One thousand dollars has been given to the park expansion program as a gift of Pinney State Bank.

A pre-Christmas party was held for the boys at Teen Ranch in Kingston. A pool table was purchased for the ranch with some \$1,500 raised in Cass City in behalf of the project. The party was hosted by the James Bauers, who have sponsored the event annually for several years.

The village council voted to table granting a building permit to Smith Builders of Caro for 2 more apartment building complexes to be located north of the present apartment dwelling on Hill Street, until a cooperative solution between the village and Smith Builders can be ar-

ranged to handle the expected additional water runoff in that area.

35 YEARS AGO

The Sunmobile - a model car powered by sunlight - is one of the exciting demonstrations in store for Cass City students when General Motors Previews of Progress is presented at Cass City High School Friday.


According to Lewis Bishop, Cass City postmaster, postal rates for first class, domestic air mail, first class post cards and air mail cards will go up another penny, effective Monday. First class letters will be 5 cents an ounce, with domestic air mail letters at 8 cents an ounce. First class

post cards will be 4 cents and air mail cards will go from 5 to 6 cents.

A log, a huge white ash, was taken from a farm woodlot near Shabbona by Clair Auslander, logger for the Fairhaven Industrial Wood Products, Bay Port, last July. It measured 50 inches in diameter and was 12 feet long. It was bought by William Ross, a buyer for various German companies. Ross, who purchases logs all over the United States and Canada, later told Auslander that the log was the "largest he'd ever seen."

Five guests were present Thursday afternoon to help Marsha Kay Ball celebrate her 10th birthday. Games were played and cake and ice cream served.

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Society to present gun safety program

The Watrousville-Caro Historical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 in the Caro Municipal Building in Caro.

Bill TerBush and Dave O'Connor will present a program on gun safety. Topics will include:

1. Statistics on how safe hunting is compared to some other outdoor activities.
2. Safe storage of guns and ammunition.
3. The dangers of handguns as compared to long guns.
4. The dangers of turkey hunting.
5. Where most firearm accidents happen.
6. Use your binocular when viewing while hunting.
7. NRA's Eddie Eagle safety program for small children.
8. Why at close range, shotguns can be more dangerous than rifles.

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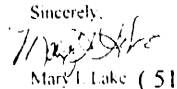
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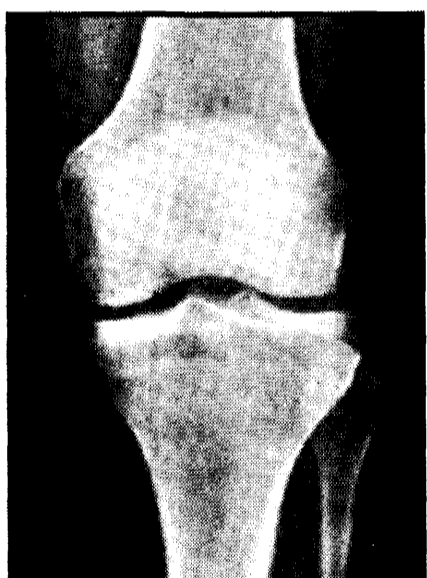
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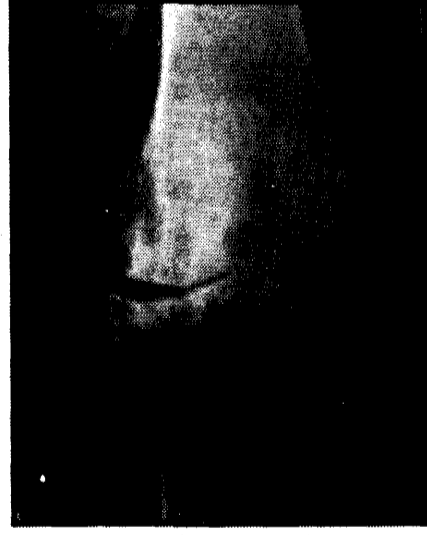
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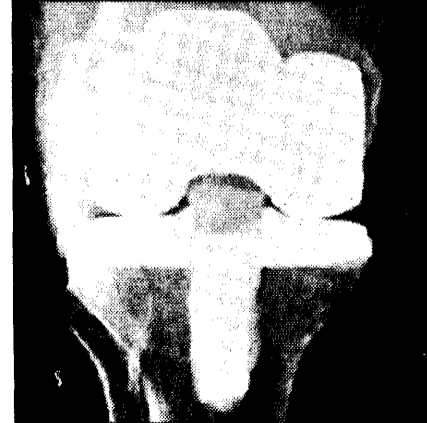
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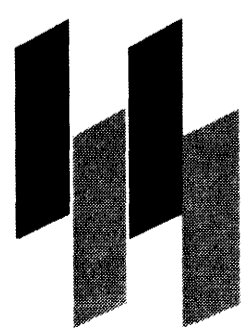
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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 31

No duplicate bridge games scheduled Dec. 31. New Year's Eve Gospel Sing at New Cass City Middle School, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 1

Have a Safe and Happy New Year.

Friday, January 2

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

Monday, January 5

Novesta Twp. Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

31st annual sing

New middle school will host New Year's concert

The old and new will be combined New Year's Eve in Cass City as the 31st Annual New Year's Eve Concert gets underway in the new Cass City Middle School gymnasium. The concert, sponsored by the Cass City Layman's Club, is slated to begin at 8 p.m. and will be the first major event held in the new gym.

The new middle school is located 3 blocks north of the stoplight in Cass City to the blinking light, 2 blocks east

to the park entrance, then one block north on the left.

Heading up this year's gospel groups are "Michigan's Goodwill Ambassadors," the Calvarymen Quartet, from Flint, which appeared at the first Cass City New Year's Eve Concert and hasn't missed a year since.

Also scheduled to appear are the Gospel Harmony Boys from Huntington, W.V., a group described as the "epitome of class and style." The Gospel Harmony Boys were among the featured singers in Cass City during the 1995 New Year's Concert and proved popular with the audience.

New to the concert this year will be the Sacred Heart Men's Choir from Caro. The choir is composed of men

from Caro who share their ministry in song with area churches and at other local functions.

There is no admission charge for the concert, however, a free-will offering will be taken to help cover expenses. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

The annual New Year's sing each year draws 500 to 1,000 people. It's a tradition that offers families an opportunity to bring in the new year with a full evening of gospel music and fellowship.

That was the goal when the concert debuted in 1966, and the family continues to be the target of the event, according to Arthur Severance, who along with his father, Lloyd, and a number of other area men formed the Layman's Club 31 years ago. Club members share a common desire to serve God as layman.

In fact, formation of the club and the New Year's Eve concert went hand in hand.

The concert proved popular, drawing 400 to 500 people the first year at the old Cass City Middle School. The event was later moved to the high school after it was built in the late 1960s.

Over the years, the Layman's Club has experimented with organizing gospel sings in the spring and fall, but nothing has compared with the popularity of the New Year's gathering, which in its peak drew a crowd of 1,000 to 1,200 people.

Letter to the editor

Can anyone

help save

our trees?

To the Editor:

Christmas Day - 9:30 a.m. - 1997

Jane and I were on our way to spend the day with our family in Manchester, Michigan, and about this time we were headed west on Highway 81 going through Caro. I was in a good mood and feeling fine until we noticed some construction signs and we started wondering what was ahead for us - a detour maybe? The signs said, "construction zone - 9 miles". This was when I started to notice the trees marked with an 'X' indicating that they are scheduled to be cut down. This got my attention - some of these trees are at least 100 years old.

The same thing happened when 81 was being rebuilt west of Cass City, we lost some beautiful trees along the highway. Trees that were not bothering anyone, but must have been in the road "right of way". Trees that were left were severely pruned around the electrical wires. Now we have a beautiful view of telephone poles and electrical lines.

If these trees must be cut, they should be replanted with other species that do not grow too tall. We need to think about our wildlife, fall colors and the beauty we experience as we drive along our roadways.

I am not against good roads, electrical power or safety, but I did lose some sleep last night thinking that someone has to come forward to try and save our trees.

CAN ANYONE OUT THERE HELP?

Respectfully,

John and Jane Ryba

2 men hurt in accident

Two local men were injured last week when the pickup truck they were riding in left Elmwood Road near Doerr Road.

Michigan State Police troopers from the Bad Axe post reported the accident occurred at 2:10 a.m. Dec. 24.

The driver of the 1994 Chevrolet pickup, Scott Hutchinson, 31, Cass City, was westbound on Elmwood Road when he lost control and struck a tree, according to reports, which state the vehicle left the north side of the road.

Both Hutchinson and his passenger, Alex Favazza, 25, Cass City, were transported by MMR Ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Hutchinson and Favazza were both admitted for treatment, however, no other information was being released by hospital officials.

It's uncertain whether either occupant was wearing a seat belt, according to troopers, who said alcohol was a factor in the crash.

The accident remains under investigation.

The corner of Elmwood Road and Doerr Road was the scene of a similar accident that led to the evacuation of about 125 people from the nearby Huntsville Mobile Home Park on Thanksgiving morning.

In that accident, a motorist failed to negotiate the curve and struck a major natural gas line, causing some tense moments for neighbors and emergency crews alike. There were no serious injuries.

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Now undefeated Tests ahead for Hawk hoop teams

The good news is that the Cass City Red Hawks will start the new year undefeated in 4 games. The bad news is that the team has yet to meet the schools that figure to be among the elite in the Greater Thumb West League.

In the opening 4 games, only Harbor Beach was among the top teams in the Thumb. The Pirates are 3-1 and have a win over Lakers. Other than that, the opening victories are nice to reflect upon, but prove little as to the strength of the team.

Overall, the Hawk victims are just 5-11. The club is also efficient from the foul line, shooting 70 percent.

Coach Jeff Hartel says as the season progresses, the defense is getting better. Teams are shooting only 32 percent against us, he points out.

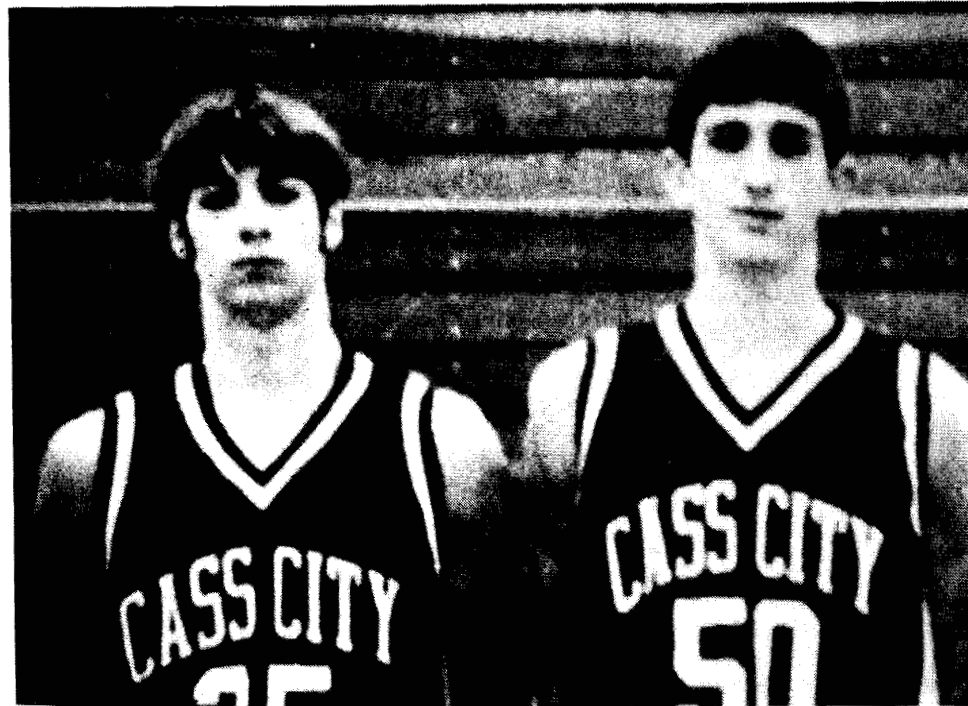
Helping the defense has been the inside play of Craig Emmert and Heath Zawilinski. Emmert has 19 blocked shots and Zawilinski, 4. Both players

have forced opponents to alter their shots.

Cass City will need all the defense it can muster when the games resume. After playing at Marlette Tuesday, the Hawks meet Reese at home in a battle between unbeaten.

Following that on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 2:30 p.m. Cass City meets Caro at the Palace in Auburn Hills.

After those games Hawk fans will know just how good this year's team is and its chances of walking off with a league and tourney title.



Heath Zawilinski
Leading scorer

Craig Emmert
Shot blocker

Oils and spices a help for chicks

Adding oil or spice to the diets of chicks may help stave off intestinal parasites that cause avian coccidiosis, according to USDA researchers. Coccidiosis causes lesions on the intestines of chicks, causing them to grow slower or possibly die. It costs the poultry industry \$350 million annually in losses and medication expense. Oils and spices trigger a natural biochemical response in chicks called oxidative stress, which helps eliminate the lesions.

Cass City Bowling

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Gators	3
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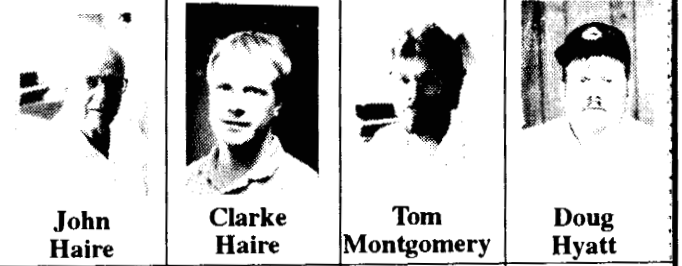
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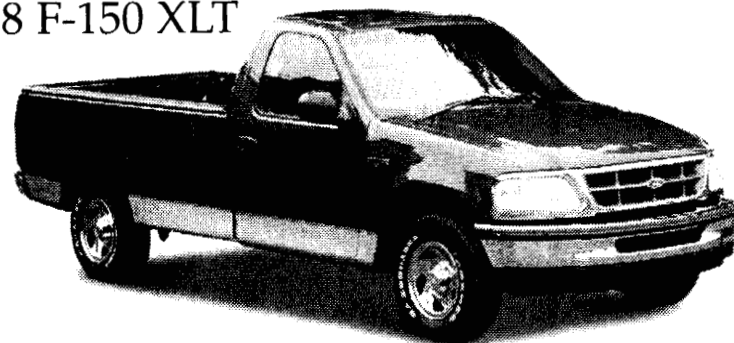
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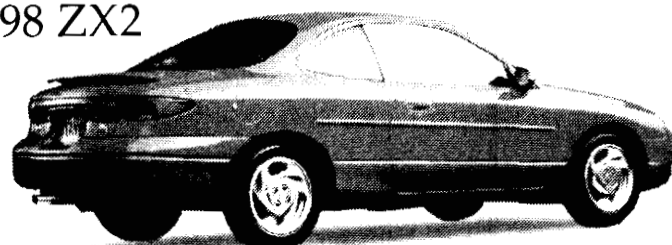


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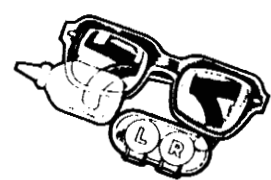


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Year in review

1997 was an eventful, memorable year

Selecting the top stories of the year isn't as easy as it might sound, given the subjectivity of the task; what's important to one person may have little meaning to another.

Still, it's probably safe to say that certain events affected the majority of residents similarly. For example, how many area motorists weren't elated as road crews finally started badly needed repairs to M-81, or who couldn't help but feel a tinge of sadness as flames swept away a bit of village history in the form of Sommers Bakery.

As another year draws to a close, it seems appropriate to take a few moments to look back on the past 12 months and on some of the stories that made 1997 memorable. With that in mind, the Chronicle presents the following round-up of the year's top stories.

But the good news doesn't end there; several other improvements have been or will be completed, including an addition to Campbell Elementary School, renovation of the old middle school annex and parking lot paving, thanks to a healthy bottom line in the district.

BAKERY FIRE

Cass City residents and members of the downtown business community watched a long bakery tradition come to an end March 19, when flames ignited by wiring swept through Sommers Bakery, destroying the business along with the adjoining Shetler building, which housed Tri-County Medical Equipment at the time.

There were only a handful of minor injuries, and the efforts of 70 fire fighters from 7 departments prevented the fire from spreading to neighboring Main Street buildings.

However, there was a great sense of loss, not only for new owners Charles and Debbie Wilt, who had purchased the bakery the previous fall, but also for longtime former owners Stu and Joan Merchant.

The Merchants had owned and operated the bakery since 1967, and Joan's parents, Joe and Lucille Sommers, were the previous owners, establishing Sommers in 1937. Before that, the business was Heller's Bakery for nearly 30 years.

Since the fire, the Wilts have opened another bakery in Sandusky, and what was left of the Cass City bakery was leveled and cleared away after a fire and demolition auction last June.

All that remain are 3 empty lots, still for sale. And the memories.

ARSON, ROBBERY

Thankfully, major crimes are still a relative stranger to Cass City, but some stories serve as reminders that no town is completely insulated from the worst in humankind.

The Sept. 3 armed robbery of a Schweigler Road resident is an example, although it turned out not to be a random crime, as one of the victim's 3 assailants — all teens from the Lansing area — was related to him.

Ironically, the only injury came to one of the suspects, who fell or was pushed out of the suspect vehicle as it fled the scene.

No one was hurt, and in the end, all 3 defendants were handed lengthy prison terms courtesy of Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn.

Earlier in the year, a series of arson fires and false alarms made headlines.

The fires — 7 in all — began July 5 when a wind-damaged barn was set on fire on Hadley Road. Not long after, the arsonist(s) targeted a shed and barn, but damage was insignificant until a barn on Elmwood Road was ignited, causing a \$10,000 loss. Then a house on Gilford Road was set on fire, causing \$30,000 in damage. Finally, an automobile was destroyed in yet another suspicious blaze.

A \$5,000 reward was offered for information leading to the suspect(s). However, the reward was never collected and the fires stopped as mysteriously as they began.

UPS STRIKE

A nationwide strike hit home Aug. 4 as UPS employees represented by the Teamsters walked off the job over a number of contract issues, including pay, full-time job opportunities and

subcontracting.

Some 54 Cass City UPS employees were among 185,000 of the delivery giant's workers who picketed nationwide. The local figure included 31 drivers who deliver an average of 3,000 parcels a day.

Area business and industry, too, were affected as they scrambled to find other shipping avenues, including the U.S. Postal Service.

Both the company and employees, as well as their customers, breathed a sigh of relief when the strike ended about 2 weeks later and the familiar brown delivery trucks returned to the roads.

KU KLUX KLAN

Hate, no matter how veiled or sugarcoated, is hate, and the Ku Klux Klan brought its brand of racism to the Thumb Sept. 27.

Interestingly, very few of the 350 people who attended the klan's 2-hour rally in Caro were area residents. There were a few, of course, but the majority were protestors and skinheads from other areas of the state.

Thomas Robb, national director of the Arkansas-based Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, had his say in the face of screaming protestors along with a handful of supporters who waved Nazi flags and vowed their loyalty with choruses of "Seig Heil!"

There were no injuries, thanks largely to the planning of Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern and his department, which insured peace by posting some 125 police officers from 5 counties throughout the perimeter of the rally site.

County residents were left to shoulder the cost of security, but the klan left with a promise not to return.

AGRICULTURE

It was a year of uncertainty

for farmers. In other words, another typical year for agriculture in Michigan's Thumb.

A cool, wet spring delayed planting efforts by 2 weeks or more this year, and growers spent much of the growing season trying to catch up. Just when it looked as if crops would not mature completely, an Indian Summer arrived in October, giving farmers and their crops the boost they needed.

The harvest didn't leave producers dancing in the fields, but the year did mark a record beet crop, while decent yields were seen in soybeans and corn fields. The dry bean crop was perhaps the most disappointing.

In a related story, Thumb area farmers are looking to their future with the organization of an "added-value" cooperative called the Thumb Oilseed Producers Cooperative, which earlier this year voted to move forward with a project to establish an 800,000-bushel soybean extrusion plant to produce oil and meal from their crop.

The farmers' goal is to go beyond production of raw crops into processing and marketing of a variety of products ranging from food grade oils to industrial solvents.

ROAD WORK

A 4-cent gas tax hike approved by the Michigan Legislature this year did what years of lobbying could not: convince state officials to fund badly-needed improvements to a significant portion of M-81 between Caro and Cass City.

The gas tax increase, including a state transportation funding package, resulted in more than 8 miles of the highway being repaired over the summer, and brought additional funds to local governments, including Cass City.

However, enthusiasm for the package remains guarded due to some unresolved issues, including a state plan to take over control of some county roads. In addition, Act 51, which determines how road funds are funneled from the state to local governmental units, is due to expire Sept. 30, 1998.

Locally, the year brought another welcome improvement: reconstruction of Seeger Street in Cass City. The project cost in the neighborhood of a half-million dollars, but much of the price tag was covered by a grant written by former longtime Village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

As always, there were clouds covering the business horizon, countered by rays of sunshine cutting through the economic setbacks in the community.

Folks who were familiar with and made a habit of visiting "The Home of Irish Bread" were forced to go elsewhere when Sommers Bakery and Restaurant was demolished by fire.

The sign announcing that Bigelow's Hardware was "Up to Date Since '88" was obliterated and the hardware store's service to the community ended when it closed with an auction sale.

While the hardware closed, the building still serves as home to a viable business since it was taken over by The Paint Store.

Occupying the Paint Store building will be an auto parts store.

Heartening to the business community was the start of new businesses that selected Cass City to serve the Thumb area because of its central location.

Michigan Highway Department selected Cass City for an MDOT center, and an MRI Center to serve the Thumb was established. On the drawing boards is a dialysis center.

SPORTS YEAR

Highlighting the year in sports was the continued

championship caliber play at Kingston and Owen-Gage and the play of Chad Tate.

Tate, an all-state Class C golfer, completed his fabulous career by leading Cass City to a Greater Thumb West title and was instrumental in driving the team into state competition.

He finished 5th in the state in 1997 and was the state-runner up in his junior year.

Owen-Gage continued its championship volleyball play. The team again rolled to district and regional titles before falling in the state quarterfinals.

Kingston continued a remarkable domination of league and area basketball and football teams. The Car-

dinals went to the regional finals in basketball and the state semifinals in football.

OTHER STORIES

Other stories worth a mention include:

- Lou LaPonsie's retirement after 25 years of service to the village. The community also welcomed a new fire chief in Ron Pawloski, and a new leadership team — Dee McKrow, Kathy Rowe and Jean Anthony — at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

- Area residents, both young and old — benefited from a Sanilac County man's quest to bring the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall to the Thumb.

Harley Rich, Sanilac

County Veteran's Affairs director, put 15 months of work into the project, including spearheading an effort to raise the \$26,000 needed to bring the wall to Sandusky last August. Co-sponsors of the project included Robert Gornowicz, a veteran and Cass City businessman.

- The Cass City United Way recorded another hugely successful campaign this year, thanks to the generosity of local business, industry and residents. A goal of \$30,000 was easily surpassed. Early estimates set donations at a combined \$42,000 with some pledges yet to be received. Officials expect the tally to reach last year's record of \$45,000.



CASS CITY Middle School students moved into their new building recently with the help of a host of volunteers. The move, involving more than 500 students and 50 staff members, was completed in just 2 days.



KNIGHTS OF THE Ku Klux Klan National Director Thomas Robb and a small entourage staged a 2-hour rally in Caro over the summer. The event drew plenty of heated words and protests, but few area residents.

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FIRE SWEEPED THROUGH Sommers Bakery in March, ending a longtime bakery tradition in Cass City. The bakery and an adjoining building have since been leveled and removed, but the empty lots continue to be a reminder of the loss.



A 4-CENT GAS tax hike in 1997 paid off for area motorists, as MDOT officials repaved an extended length of M-81. Another badly needed repair job — Seeger Street in Cass City (above) — was completed thanks largely to a grant secured by the village.



CASS CITY VILLAGE Manager Lou S. LaPonsie ended his 25-year career at the end of 1997. He is pictured above with new Village Manager Jane A. Downing.



THE GROWING season started out cool and wet, but farmers saw most crops mature nicely during a late Indian Summer, and sugar beet growers posted a record year.

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mas compost can be composted for later use in the garden. Christmas compost can also be used around trees and shrubs to help retain soil moisture and to suppress weeds. If you'd like to take your chips home, please bring a bag.

Bring your trees to recycle Jan. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to the Tuscola County Fairgrounds on 188 Park Dr. in Caro or Vassar Industrial Park on Enterprise Drive in Vassar.

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Level II Word 7.0 (Office '97)	W	Jan 21 - Feb 18	6-9	5	#300 (COT)	\$75	Learn many of the advanced features in Word, including tables & calculations, columns, sections, macros, toolbar buttons, etc. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Intro to PC & Windows '95	M or W	Jan 19 - Apr 8	6-9	12	#300 (CAS)	\$150	Learn the basics of computer software and hardware. Students will utilize Windows '95 to explore word processing (Word), database (Access) and spreadsheet (Excel). <i>Pat Mattson.</i>
Level I Excel 7.0 (Office '97)	W	Feb 25 - Apr 8	6-9	7	#300 (COT)	\$105	Learn one of the most popular spreadsheet programs for Windows '95. Students will learn concepts of formulas and reports. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Level II Excel 7.0 (Office '97)	Th	Jan 22 - Mar 5	6-9	7	#300 (CAS)	\$105	Learn to use advanced functions and complex charts to create their own spreadsheet applications. Topics covered are application design, macros, and graphs. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Level I Access 7.0 (Office '97)	Th	Mar 12 - Apr 30	6-9	7	#300 (CAS)	\$105	The Windows '95 database. Students will learn the steps to design a database and to print reports. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Level II Access 7.0 (Office '97)	M	Feb 23 - Apr 6	6-9	7	#300 (COT)	\$105	This class covers advanced formatting of tables, queries, forms, application design, macros, security, and simple SQL statements. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Microsoft Windows '95	T	Jan 20 - Jan 27	6-10	2	#300 (COT)	\$55	Unlock your computer's potential. Students will navigate desktop, work with shortcuts, and learn to customize Windows '95. <i>Robert Frost.</i>
Microsoft Works 4.0	T	Jan 20 - Mar 24	6-9	10	#300 (CAS)	\$125	Create word processing documents, spreadsheets, databases, and reports. Students will understand and use the integrated capabilities of Works. <i>Lynn Morris.</i>
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Surf the Internet Level II	T	Feb 24	6-9:30	2	#300 (COT)	\$30	

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ANN YPMA (left), of Hills & Dales General Hospital, hands Cathy Lenda turkey coupons for distribution to the needy of Tuscola County. Staff from the hospital received a free turkey for the holidays, which many donated for distribution through Tuscola County Mental Health.

Roller blades abound at Ponder home



IT'S NOT UNUSUAL to see kids on roller blades at Christmas time. After spotting this pair Monday we delved into the records and found that in 1987 a Christmas photo feature depicted another area youngster enjoying a snowless holiday on roller blades. It is unusual to find one household where 4 children received the skates for Christmas. They are members of the Tom Ponder, Cass City, household. Pictured, from left, are Sherry Putman and Brittney Ponder. Others to receive the skates were Galen Ponder and Charles DePelsmaker.

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.

Friday - Macaroni and cheese, salad, cream style corn, dinner roll, diced pears.
Monday - Pork chops, mashed potatoes, marinated cukes and tomatoes, biscuit, peach cobbler.

Tuesday - Old fashioned pot roast, sliced zucchini, carrots, onions and potatoes, variety bread, coconut cake.

Friday - Buffet ham, baked beans, broccoli/cukes with sour cream, hot roll, lemon pie squares.

Obituaries

Doris Hurd

Doris Hurd, 74, of Cass City, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 1997, at Tendercare Nursing Facility.

Born Oct. 9, 1923, in Greenfield Township, she was the daughter of Andrew and Louisa (Tewksbury) Cross. She married A. David Hurd Feb. 27, 1943, in Cass City. He died May 9, 1977.

She was a member of Living Word Worship Center.

Surviving are 5 daughters, Connie (Russell) Bradley, Margaret Pasanski and Kathleen Cummins, all of Cass City, Janice (Jack) Viney of Kissimmee, Fla., and Shirley M. (Danny) Haag of Cass City; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lena May Green of Chicago, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth E. Hurd; a grandson, Jonathan Cory Cummins; a brother, Donald Cross, and a half sister, Myrtle Noble.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at Living Word Worship Center, Cass City, with the Rev. Mark Todd, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Little & Kranz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Genevieve Schwartz

Genevieve Schwartz, 83, of Cass City, died Thursday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1997, at Tendercare Nursing Facility.

Born Dec. 28, 1913, in Detroit, she was the daughter of Walter and Cecilia (Stopczynski) Lenda. She married Jacob Schwartz Aug. 30, 1935, in Gagetown. He died July 25, 1994.

She was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church and a former Altar Society member.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Joann (Keith) Pobanz of Cass City, Mary Jane (Kenneth) Pincoski of Manton and Janet (Derald) Caister of Elkton; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers, John Lenda of Warren, George (Wanda) Lenda of Hamtramck, Bernard Lenda of Caro and Harry (Mabel) Lenda of Cass City; 3 sisters, Ann Lenda of Caro, Welda (Darl) Gilbert of Warren and Irene Krug of Bad Axe, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dolores Rabideau; a grandson, Brian Caister; 2 brothers, Edmund and Peter Lenda, and 4 sisters, Josephine Schwartz, Helen Mihalik and twins Sophie and Mary Lenda.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 29, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with the Rev. Paul Bala of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, and Sr. Joan Maher, St. Agatha Catholic Church, officiating.

Interment was in St. Agatha Cemetery, Gagetown. Memorials may be made to St. Agatha Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Iva Wilson

Iva Blanch Wilson, 89, of Deford, died Thursday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1997, in Caro Community Hospital.

Born Oct. 16, 1908, in Vassar, she was the daughter of George and Florence (Berry) Shaver. She married Leigh Wilson June 27, 1942, in Angola, Ind.

Prior to her marriage, she worked for AC Spark Plug in Flint. She was a school bus driver for the Beverly School and Kingston Community

Schools for 12 years, and helped her husband farm. She attended Deford Community Church.

Surviving are her husband, Leigh; a sister, Margaret (Eisel) Wilcox of Deford; a brother, Robert Ray (Marjorie) Shaver of Clarkston, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Cecil, Willis and Frank Shaver.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 29, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home with Randy Shaver (Wilson's nephew), layman at Fostoria Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment was in East Dayton Cemetery, Caro. Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

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JUSTIN McLaren (left) was named the winner and Dale Minkler the runner-up in a school-level National Geography Bee competition.

Announce O-G "bee" winners

Justin McLaren, a seventh grade student at Owen-Gage High School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee Dec. 18 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. Runner-up in the local competition was Dale Minkler, an eighth grade student at Owen-Gage High School. The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the tenth annual National Geography Bee. The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers, the nation's leading provider of supplemental education services to students at all skill levels. The kick-off for this year's bee was the week of Dec. 1, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the 5 U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Justin, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state bee April 3. The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee national championship May 19 and 20. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy!", will moderate the national finals May 20. The program will be produced by Maryland Public Television and will air on PBS stations. Check local listings for dates and times. The National Geographic Society developed the National Geography Bee in response to a growing concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States.

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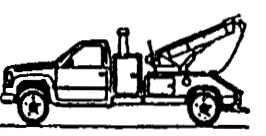
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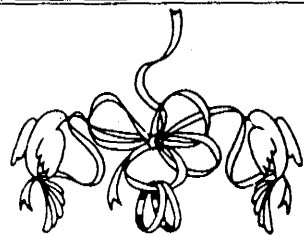
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TWINS ASHLEY Wilson and Dustin Wilson, children of Michael and Sandy Wilson of Cass City, were the winners of a large stuffed raccoon given away recently in a LA-Z-BOY promotion drawing sponsored by Schneeberger's Furniture and Appliance. Pictured above with the twins is Russ Schneeberger.



TYLER LODGE 317 F&AM, Cass City, recently installed new officers. Pictured above are (front row, left) Leslie Profit, senior warden; Willard Dobbs, treasurer; Arlington Hoffman, worshipful master; Carl Palmateer, junior warden; (second row, left) Clarence Merchant, chaplain; Charles Timmons, installing marshal; Edwin Karr, secretary; (back row, left) Kenneth Blue, junior deacon; James Wilson, senior deacon, and John Marshall, installing secretary. Missing are Robert Ricker, tyler, and Ted Furness, marshal.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RALPH VETTRAIANO AND LISA L. VETTRAIANO, HUSBAND AND WIFE to STANDARD FEDERAL BANK, Mortgagee, dated July 21, 1993, and recorded on August 3, 1993, in Liber 644, on page 1384, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of twelve thousand seven hundred ninety seven and 61/100 Dollars (\$12,797.61), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

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 Mortgagee, 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 of the Court house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 30, 1998.

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 of the Court house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 23, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, TUSCOLA County, Michigan and are described as:

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Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning on the North Line of Section 32, at a point West 1670.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 32, Thence S 00 degrees 14 min 40 sec E 1337.67 feet thence N 89 deg 10 min 40" W 378.35 feet to the East Line of New York Central Railroad thence North 20 degrees 57 min 22 sec West 998.26 feet along said line thence East 401.33 feet thence North 00 degrees 14' 40" West 400 feet thence East 330 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.

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DATED: December 10, 1997
USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee
ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
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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), Mortgagee, dated May 7, 1996, and recorded on May 20, 1996, in Liber 698 on Page 1098, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve And 55/100 Dollars (\$93,912.55), including interest at 8.60% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on January 30, 1998.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on January 23, 1998.

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

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

Dated: December 3, 1997

Dated: December 10, 1997
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FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
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Cass City currently employs: a village manager, bookkeeper and secretary; department of public works superintendent and 5 crew

members; wastewater treatment plant superintendent, chief operator and 3 crew members, and a police chief, 2 sergeants and one officer.

Base wages in 1998 will total about \$674,000.

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