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A BOATFUL OF animated animals and a life-like Noah are all part of the Rev. Duane Plonta's ark. The attraction will be featured in a Christian theme park being constructed by Plonta. (See story page 4)

New village construction tops \$2.78 million in '97

New construction in Cass City officially topped \$2.78 million in 1997.

The total didn't break any records, but builders enjoyed a decent year, thanks largely to new residential construction, including the new Kranz Funeral Home, and industrial additions.

Interestingly, 1997 could really be considered a banner year for construction with the erection of the new Cass City Middle School. However, the school cost is not included in the village figures due to the public school district's tax-exempt status.

The new middle school cost is estimated at \$6.8 million plus another \$400,000 in interest investment.

As for other new construction, Cass City officials report 50 building permits were issued in 1997.

Topping the list was new residential building at \$1.794 million. The total includes \$1.5 million for construction of the new Kranz Funeral Home at the east end of the village, and \$170,000 for 2 new homes. A new village wellhouse accounted for another \$124,000.

Industrial additions ranked second at \$816,774, including \$800,000 for a 4,000-square-foot expansion at Walbro Corp.'s research and development facility located just east of Doerr Road, between Marshall Distributing Inc. and the Detroit Edison North Area Energy Center.

The remaining \$16,774 was spent on parking lot improvements at Anrod Screen Cylinder.

Village officials said residential additions (garages, home additions, fences, etc.) last year totaled \$120,542.

Another \$38,608 was spent on new industrial construction (rental sheds on Division Street), and \$14,600 went for new commercial building (rental sheds on Comment Drive).

Rounding out new construction was \$1,765 for commercial additions.

In all, new construction in 1997 totaled \$2,786,289, which ranks fourth among Cass City's best years in that category.

Last year, building projects

totaled \$2,645,041. New construction in 1996 was boosted by more than \$1 million in industrial additions, including \$502,000 for an addition at Anrod Screen Cylinder, 6160 Garfield Ave. The majority of the remaining building that year occurred at Walbro Corp., where additions were made at the company's headquarters, the former Orbital Fluid Technologies building and at

a former Detroit Edison maintenance building in the industrial park.

The village's record year for new construction came in 1994, when building permits listed a combined \$5,008,150 in building projects. The previous record—\$4,552,332—was set in 1992 and included Detroit Edison's \$3 million North Area Energy Center.

Computer systems reviewed

Area firms prepare for millennium bug

New Year's Day celebrations offered a sobering reminder to just about any one who relies on computers: There are only 2 years left in which to deal with the Year 2000 Problem.

Predictions of what will happen when Jan. 1, 2000, rolls around range from the disaster of the century to mild inconvenience.

However, many businesses and governmental agencies are taking no chances.

Experts say the problem, also known as the Millennium Bug, revolves around the fact that most older computer programs use the date in their coding sequences. The date typically appears as a series of 2 digits indicating the month, the day and the year. For example, 1997 appeared as 97 in computer codes.

The problem, experts say, will surface when the year 1999 becomes the year 2000, and many computers begin to read the code as the year 1900.

Some technology professionals say the year 2000 problem should not cause major problems for users of newer home computers. However, there is concern that the Millennium Bug could interrupt everything from phone service to financial transactions to the automotive industry.

For some companies, including Walbro Corp., Cass City, preparations to meet the year 2000 problem are well underway.

In fact, Walbro officials plan to have all of their software and computer systems "year 2000 compliant" long before the year 2000 arrives.

OPPORTUNITY

"We're treating it not so much as a disaster as an opportunity to review our systems... and upgrade older technology," said Jim Wirtz, director of information systems for Walbro Corp.

Towards that end, Walbro has established a committee

to oversee upgrades that will meet the corporation's needs in the year 2000 and beyond.

Wirtz noted Walbro's major systems — production material control and financial systems — are already year 2000 compliant. However, all other systems are being reviewed, and the company has targeted its Caro facility as a "pilot plant" where software and hardware in need of upgrades will be identified and tested. Wirtz said information obtained there will be utilized at all Walbro facilities worldwide.

In addition, Walbro has taken steps to help ensure its suppliers and vendors are prepared, and the company is working with the Automotive Industry Action Group, which has drafted a checklist geared to help companies address the year 2000 problem.

Meeting the challenge "has some expense to it," Wirtz said, "but it's also a benefit to the corporation to upgrade its equipment."

Officials at Thumb National Bank also plan to be well prepared.

"We won't have to hire consultants or programmers because we don't write our own software. Our major vendors have been year 2000 ready for some time," said Jeanine Comment, data processing supervisor.

ALL BASES COVERED

Comment said the bank has established a Year 2000 Committee to assure all bases are covered.

"So far, we have prioritized our processing systems and we've contacted (software) companies to see where they're at," she said. "Most are prepared or plan to be prepared. We're also going to be doing some testing on our critical applications just to be sure."

Comment said the bank is checking everything from its alarm and vault systems to back-up software.

Similar measures are being taken at Chemical Bank, according to Doug Herringshaw, president of Chemical Bank-Thumb Area.

"We are spending a sizable amount of money to make sure" all systems are year 2000 compliant, he said, noting federal regulations require banks to be ready before the arrival of January 2000.

Herringshaw said Chemical officials are working to be sure all of their vendors are certified year 2000 compliant. The bank is also reminding its corporate customers to be prepared.

At Cass City Public Schools, officials say they expect few problems related to the Millennium Bug, largely because of the purchase of newer equipment that is already programmed to handle the year 2000.

George Bushong, technology coordinator for the district, indicated he is concerned about some administrative software and how it will handle information on graduating classes in the future. "I've been trying to get

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OFFICIALS AT Thumb National Bank have taken steps to ensure their operations are not affected by the so-called Millennium Bug when the year 2000 arrives. Above, Colleen Langenburg, mortgage loan officer, and Ben Schott, credit analyst, utilize the Cass City branch's computer system.

Esther McCullough

Library bequest exceeds \$300,000

Rawson Memorial Library recently received a legacy from longtime Cass City businesswoman and library champion, Esther McCullough.

"The bequest, amounting to more than \$300,000, has been placed in an endowment fund," said library Director Barbara Hutchinson. "The principal is invested and the proceeds will be used toward library operations," McCullough, who died Jan. 28, 1997, was a longtime supporter of the library.

"Esther served on the library board for more than 30 years, most of them as secretary/treasurer. She was keenly aware of the benefits of a strong public library to the community," Hutchinson said.

"When Esther began serving, the library was housed in a small room beside the fire hall, where the south side of the New Sheridan Health

Mart is now located. She worked tirelessly to get a new library building. It was a culmination of her vision for the library when the Rawson family donated the funds to build the new library as a tribute to the memory of Lena Rawson.

"Esther gave both her time and her money to further library service to the community," Hutchinson added. "While Esther was active in many organizations, the library was a favorite cause."

Born in Naperville, Ill., McCullough moved to Cass City in 1927 and taught at Cass City High School. She married Raymond McCullough, a local businessman, and was very active in the community.

An organist and Sunday School teacher at the former Salem United Methodist Church for more than 30 years, she was a member of the Women's Study Club,

Cass City Women's Club, Hobby Club, Book Club, charter member of the Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary, AAUW and Zonta International.

McCullough, who was named Cass City's Citizen of the Year in 1980, also taught piano, organ and violin for many years.

"Because of (her) generous gift, no tax increase to operate the renovated and ex-

panded library is planned for the present," Hutchinson said.

"The endowment fund, started with bequests from Doris Evans and Catherine MacGillivray, will generate more than \$20,000 annually to go toward library operations. It is hoped that the income from the endowment, along with other gifts from businesses, organizations and individuals, will cover the extra expense of the

newly renovated library.

"Esther's legacy will continue to give support to the library she worked for in her lifetime," Hutchinson said.

She noted the money was left to Rawson Memorial Library in memory of Mrs. McCullough, her late husband, Raymond, and her brother, Albin Tarnoski.

A ceremony is planned in early spring to honor the gift. Details will be published at a later date.



Esther McCullough



Raymond (Scotty) McCullough



Albin Tarnoski

New construction in Cass City

1997	
New residential	\$1,794,000
Residential additions	120,542
New commercial	14,600
Commercial additions	1,765
New industrial	38,608
Industrial additions	816,774
Total	2,786,289
Totals for past 5 years	
1996	\$2,645,041
1995	3,094,562
1994	5,008,150
1993	1,914,355
1992	4,552,332

New books at the library

Come the Spring by Julie Garwood: This novel returns to the saga of the Claybornes: Mama Rose and sons, Adam, Douglas, Travis and their wayward brother Cole. Daniel Ryan, a U.S. marshal, falls in love with a beautiful woman while investigating a terrible crime. But Ryan endangers her life in his quest to solve the mystery. This story intertwined with the adventures of the Claybornes makes for a very interesting and exciting plot line.

Black Diamond by Susan Holtzer: This story continues the characters of computer whiz Anneke Haagen and her boyfriend, police lieutenant Karl Genesko. A body is discovered in a University of Michigan dorm and the story moves back to the 19th century as it progresses. Zoe Kaplan, a Michigan Daily reporter, is enlisted by a fellow student to help in settling dissension over a will. In so doing the 2 women discover an intriguing set of letters written by the student's ancestors. While going through this correspondence with the help of computer expert Anneke, the 2 students discover a tale of arson, murder and a lost treasure that touches their own lives.

Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden: In this novel Nitta Sayuri tells the story of her life as a geisha. Her story begins in a poor fishing village in 1929 when at the tender age of 9 she is sold into slavery to a geisha house. She learns the art of being a geisha - wearing a kimono, elaborate makeup and hair, how to pour sake the correct way and how to please men so that more money can be made. When World War II forces the closing of the geisha houses, Nitta must make it on her own with little money and less food. She has to become a new person to survive in this new world and she finds freedom in doing so.

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Cornerstone to present local concert

The singing group, "Cornerstone", from Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ will be giving a concert at the Evangelical Free Church of Cass City, 6430 Chestnut Blvd., Sunday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m.

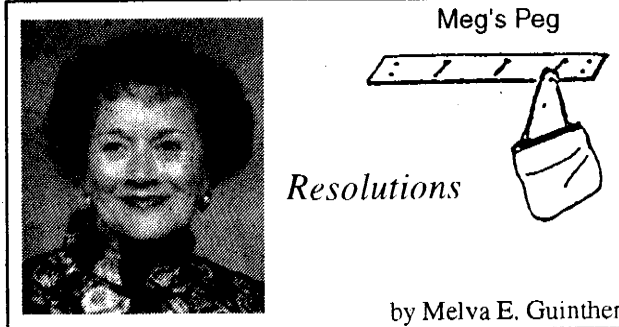
The concert will be preceded by a spaghetti supper at 5 p.m. put on by the youth of the Evangelical Free Church.

An offering will be accepted at both the supper and concert. For more information call 872-5060.

Wild hogs and Wall St.

Several hundred years ago, free roaming hogs were notorious for rampaging through the precious grain fields of colonial New York City. The residents of Manhattan Island chose to limit the damage caused by these riotous hogs by erecting a long, permanent wall on the northern edge of what is now Lower Manhattan. A street was built along the wall and was named, appropriately, Wall Street.

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I don't make New Year's resolutions. It's so depressing when you don't keep them. If I did, however, these are a few I'd make:

* To clean out and organize my kitchen cupboards and drawers. One "junk drawer" per household really should be enough, shouldn't it? Somehow several of ours seem to qualify for the title.

The problem, of course, with reorganizing drawers and shelves is that after you do, you can never find anything. And we have enough trouble keeping track of things now that there are 2 of us at home putting away groceries and organizing the pantry.

* To finish all the needlework projects I've started. That could take a while.

There's the Christmas tablecloth and napkins that have been partially cross-stitched since 1990, among others that have taken a back seat along the way to something more urgent, or more fun.

It's easy to become bored with a big project that seems to go on forever. What usually happens is that another, smaller one comes along that needs to be done for a special occasion, or you want something more manageable to work on while traveling, and the others get tucked away somewhere (Read that forgotten!).

When they're rediscovered, some of the thread or yarn seems to have disappeared and you can't find any to match it.

* To study Greek. Not to become fluent or master the language, but to at least be able to say with authority, "That's Greek to me."

* To prod Stan to organize the bedroom closets, a project he'd been planning to do "when he retired." He retired in the spring, and

since golfing and hunting are on hold right now, it seems like the ideal time.

Old houses like ours are lucky to have closets at all, and they definitely need help where efficient use of space is concerned.

* To avoid interrupting others to correct them unless it's vitally important to do so. Of course, if someone gives directions that would lead a person to Detroit when they want to go to Gaylord, an interruption would be justified, even appreciated. (Some of us are just more cautious with directions than others.)

* To be more patient with people who don't see things the way I see them or do things the way I'd do them.

* To focus more on the positive and less on the negative. The late Earl Nightingale borrowed a concept from scripture when he said, "The things you think about are what you become." And a person can control what he thinks about.

* To worry less and enjoy life more. In his book, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff... and it's all small stuff", Richard Carlson has a lot of suggestions that make sense.

Most of us waste far too much time stewing over things that will never happen or that we can do nothing about. It would be an admirable goal to keep things in proper perspective.

So, if I kept my would-be resolutions, I'd be more pleasant to be around, I'd wait patiently for Stan to rebuild the closets and when he finished, maybe even express my appreciation in Greek.

I'd have a new tablecloth and napkins next Christmas and neat and clean kitchen drawers.

But if none of it happened, I wouldn't worry about it.

It's a girl!

A daughter, Olivia Deanna Clarelyn, was born to Jeff and Suzanne Fleet of Hemlock Dec. 17, 1997. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Dean and Anna Lowe of Sand Point. Paternal grandparents are Clare and Marilyn Fleet of Freeland.

The baby has aunts and uncles from Bay City, St. Charles, Phoenix, Ariz., and Wisconsin, great-aunts and uncles from Cass City, Uby, Snover and the Deford area, and great-great-aunts and uncles from Sandusky, Crosswell and Indian River, plus many cousins in the area.

Fullerton on duty in Haiti

While most Americans were celebrating the holiday season at home or with family, Marine Pfc. Anthony E. Fullerton, son of Judi E. Fullerton of Kingston, was scheduled to spend the holidays deployed to Haiti with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines. Fullerton's unit provides the United States Support Group Haiti with a security and quick reaction force.

The 1997 graduate of Kingston Community High School joined the Marine Corps in March 1997.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

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Monday - Oven fried chicken, roasted potatoes, baked squash, French bread, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday - Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, variety bread, apple pie.

Friday - Polish sausage, carrots & potatoes, beets, variety bread, tropical fruit.

Finkbeiner to show moose hunt video

Are you interested in learning more about Alaska and hunting moose? Larry Finkbeiner will present a video, "Alaska Moose Hunt 1996", Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Rawson Memorial Library community room.

The audience will join Finkbeiner as he travels 450 miles down the Yukon River and 150 miles up the Koyukuk River to hunt for moose. An amazing encounter with a record size moose more than 7 feet high at the shoulders, with horns more than 75 inches wide, was filmed.

This video is a continuation of the video Finkbeiner presented in December.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Refreshments will be served.

This exciting adventure video also affords a view of some of the beautiful scenery of Alaska.

Cass City Social Item

Patti Timmons, on Christmas break from the University of Michigan, and Brent Fritz from Central Michigan University, were New Year's Day dinner guests of Charlotte LaPeer.

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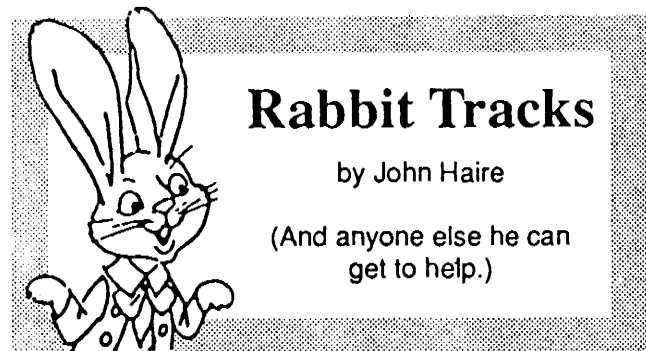
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Ken Jensen, former administrator at Hills and Dales General Hospital, now lives in Paradise, Calif.

He was sent a copy of the Chronicle and in it noted that I referred to my wife.

He dropped a note of congratulations and then stuck the knife in a little with a postscript telling that "It's 71 degrees on my front porch."

Orlando, Fla., according to AAA, is the top tourist destination for Michigan tourists travelling by air or car. Tampa is second by air and Phoenix, third.

By car, Michigan, based on AAA routings to Traverse City, Mackinaw City, Frankenmuth and Sault Ste. Marie, is second.

Surprisingly, Phoenix, Arizona, is third, for air travel, and fifth as a tourist destination traveling by car.

Rating in the top 10 are Chicago, Myrtle Beach (South Carolina), Texas and Ft. Myers, Fla.

There probably won't be much appreciation for this bit taken from the Michigan Trivia book.

"In 1939 the Packard Motor Car Company became the first firm in the nation to introduce what automobile comfort feature?" Answer: "Air conditioning."



Red Hawk Recap

by Rachel Hoard

The Drama Club at Cass City High School is gearing up for another exciting spring of performances.

This year the club will perform "The Man Who Came to Dinner" by Moss Hart and George Kaufman. The play is the first to be performed in about 4 years that is not a musical. There are mixed reactions about this comedy, but most of the students are optimistic.

"It's not a musical, that's what I like about it," replied Andy Dale, a freshman, when he was asked why he decided to try out for the play. He also commented that last year he saw the club's musical, "Bye Bye Birdie", and thought it would be fun to get involved.

Auditions will begin Wednesday, Jan. 7, in the high school speech room following a showing of the film the day before. The showing of the film will begin at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, also in the speech room. The film

will last approximately two hours.

The plot synopsis is: Sheridan Whiteside, having dined at the home of the Stanleys, slips on their doorstep, breaking his hip. A tumultuous six weeks of confinement follows. The Stanley living room is monopolized by this irascible invalid.

Colleen Cartwright, a veteran senior in the Drama Club, is excited to get started on a new year. She explained exactly how the open auditions will proceed. Two students will audition together with corresponding character lines. Before the students go on stage they have time to look over their particular cut out of a scene. The students may also be asked to audition again with a different student.

After all is said and done, we will soon know the cast of the 1998 Cass City High all school play.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	28	10	0
Wednesday	20	11	0
Thursday	40	36	0
Friday	48	45	0
Saturday	54	32	32"
Sunday	49	32	29"
Monday	54	40	1.05"

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

In Jan. 3 crash

Vassar area man killed

Tuscola County recorded its first traffic fatality of 1998 just 3 days into the new year.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported Jason D. Roles, 30, of Vassar, died after he failed to yield at an intersection in Vassar Township and pulled into the path of another vehicle Saturday afternoon.

Roles, who was pronounced dead at the scene of the 4:36 p.m. crash, was northbound on Oak Road and failed to yield at the Saginaw Road intersection. Reports state his vehicle was struck broadside by a westbound vehicle driven by Stephen K. Griffen, 22, of Mayville.

Investigators said the impact caused both vehicles to enter a ditch, where the Griffen vehicle flipped over. Roles, who was not wearing a seat belt, was thrown from his vehicle and landed on the opposite side of the ditch.

Griffen was injured as were all 3 of his passengers, Matthew Griffen, 16, Lynn Griffen, 45, and June Griffen, 43. All 4 were transported by Mayville Ambulance to Bay Medical Center

in Bay City. Information on their conditions was not available. Deputies said Stephen

Griffen and Lynn Griffen were wearing seat belts, and Matthew Griffen and June Griffen were not.



WEIRD weather — It's been a mild winter so far. Temperatures hovered in the upper 40s Saturday, then dipped early Sunday morning, leaving roads icy. By Monday, it was balmy again. So far, Cass City has received only 7.85 inches of snow this winter.



It's the day after New Year's Day as this is written and as I sit here to collect my thoughts, it feels, finally, that the holiday season is over and it's back to business as usual.

As much as the holiday is enjoyed and the fellowship with friends and family looked forward to, it's still not all bad to get back to business as usual.

In years past, New Year's resolutions were adopted and by this time severely strained if not broken. That went by the boards for me as the years went fleeing by.

It's easy to count the years as they pass, but it's hard to relate the passage of time to the people you know. I'm constantly surprised by the changes in life styles.

That was brought home again when I ran into Francis Withey. He doesn't look much different today than he did a couple of decades ago and he surprised me by telling that he was now officially retired from the United Parcel Service.

Thinking back, I guessed that maybe he had as much as 25 years with the company. He grinned, it was 33 years and out. As I write, the Chronicle staff informs me that Withey's wife, Mary, is retiring from her beauty shop.

When I stop to reconsider, it's apparent that Withey has more years than I guessed at UPS. After all, I knew that he was one of the first to be hired when the firm established a Thumb headquarters here.

But it's a perfect example of the way the years drift away like a Saginaw Bay beach front during a period of high water. Turn your back and it's gone.

New Year's is the time to look ahead and reflect on the year just ended.

When you reach senior citizen status, the measurements change. Before you reach retirement, progress on the economic ladder is a key indicator of the years. As the years pile up, the measure of success is more basic.

For seniors, getting through the year with a minimum of real loss, of life, of health, of friends, is the key.

Yeo & Yeo honors Chamberlain

Yeo & Yeo's President and CEO, John Kunitzer, honored Joel Chamberlain for 20 years of dedicated service at the firm's annual Christmas party held in Frankenmuth. In August 1977, Chamberlain joined Yeo & Yeo and serves as manager for the Marlette office.



Joel Chamberlain

She attended the University of California in San Francisco. A native of Caro, Chamberlain resides in Marlette. She is active in the Marlette Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Female Executives (NAFE), the National Rifle Association (NRA), the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), and the Marlette Sportsman Association. Chamberlain serves as secretary of the Cass City Gun Club.



The back forty

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by Roger Pond

It's traditional for many newspapers to do "year in review" pieces in January. Those little missives that announce "The city sewer system was repaired in March. Morgan's Lake south of town dried up in May."

I've avoided that kind of thing in the past, but this year I realized folks may have forgotten much of what I wrote in 1997. That's O.K. I've been trying to forget some of it myself.

Here is 1997 as I saw it. If you missed any of this earlier, reprints are available.

I began 1997 by offending economists, comparing them to groundhogs and other forms of burrowing prognosticators. That column repeated one economist's prediction that "uncertainty will dominate beef cattle markets in 1997." I warned folks to watch out for the cattle cycle and anything else piloted by a cow.

The hog-corn ratio was mentioned, along with the prediction that hog producers could probably root out a profit in 1997. (Sometimes a person tries too hard to be funny.)

February wasn't much better. I wrote about the Paperwork Reduction Act and folks in New Hampshire whose goats broke into their house and ate their tax records while they were on vacation. (The people were on vacation, not the goats.)

In March everyone reported that Scottish animal scientists had cloned a sheep named "Dolly". The experiment was deemed a failure when the cloned sheep was found to be no smarter than the sheep they already had.

I accused the Scotsmen of trying to clone their sheep because they were too cheap to buy a ram.

April was a beautiful month, and the door-to-door salesmen were everywhere. We had a food salesman stop by with some frozen chicken for around \$18 per pound.

He wouldn't tell me the

price per pound because, "Our company doesn't go by weight, we go by servings. This is all organic, free-range chicken with no chemicals in it," he said.

I told him I wouldn't eat anything that didn't have chemicals in it. He left soon after.

In May I reported too much equipment is the main reason fishermen are catching fewer fish. That's because people spend all of their time working so they can afford all the equipment they think they need to go fishing.

June was a slow month, but July wasn't bad. One of my July columns described the burgeoning interest in exotic animals, such as fainting

goats. I reported on the origin and development of the fainting goat and explained that all goats will faint. It just takes more to scare some than others.

I was still writing in August, even though some people were trying to stop me. Nothing much happened between August and January, or if it did readers should be able to remember it.

Have a good year in 1998. The economists will be emerging again before we know it.

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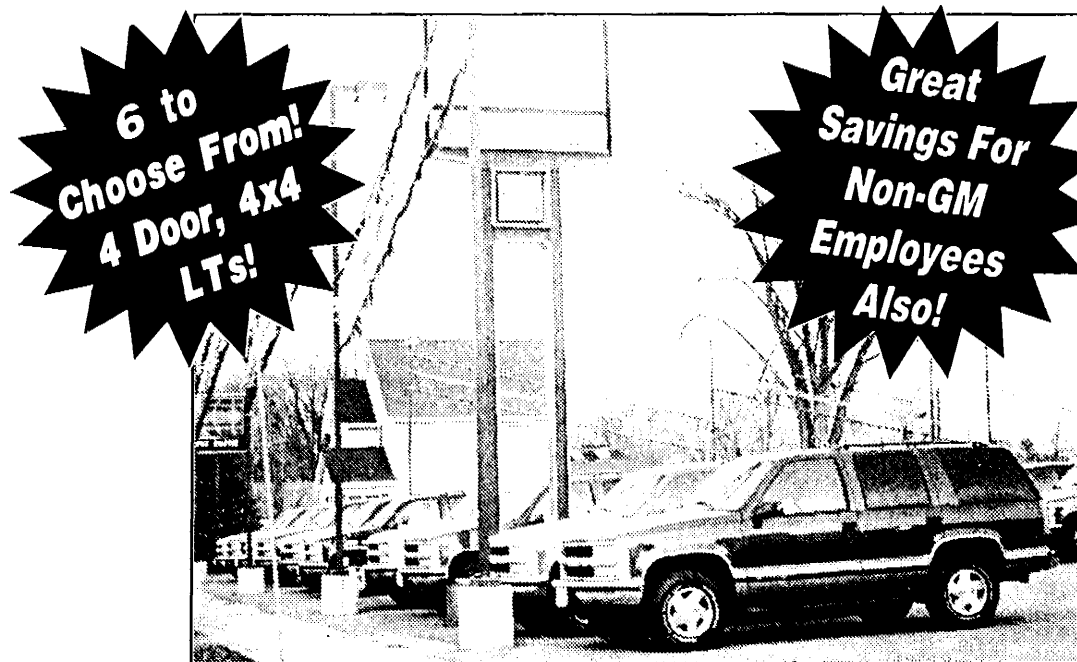
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Calendar of Events

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

- Wednesday, January 7
- Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.
- Thursday, January 8
- Friends of the Library meeting 9:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.
- Friday, January 9
- Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.
Town and Country Square Dancers will host a dance at the new middle school in Cass City. Rounds at 7:30 and Squares at 8 p.m.
- Monday, January 12
- Band Boosters meeting, 7 p.m., high school band room.
Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 13
- Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
- Wednesday, January 14
- Western Star regular meeting and White Elephant Sale, 8 p.m.

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Plonta welcomes all

Unique park to feature an ark

His name isn't Noah, but he's building an ark just the same.

And while the Rev. Duane Plonta isn't expecting a 40-day rain, he is hoping a flood of families and others will visit his unique Christian theme park, all free of charge, when it's complete sometime next spring.

The ark is actually a 42-foot long facade that forms the eastern wall of a 2,500-square-foot building Plonta has been working on since last winter. It will be the centerpiece of the theme park located across from Farver Road Baptist Church, about 4 miles northeast of Gagetown in Huron County's Grant Township.

Plonta, 67, is pastor of the church, which he built 4 years ago.

Inside the ark, tigers, giraffes, zebras, elephants and a host of other animals — many of them equipped to move through mechanical animation — will greet visitors as they enter. Along one side, an animated Noah will lie sleeping, his belly rising and falling with each breath.

"It will be filled with animals," an enthusiastic Plonta commented as he walked through the work in progress. "People have been donating (stuffed) animals to me, all different types."

"It's a lot of work, but we've been plugging away. I'm building it little by little," he said. "I hope to have it open by spring."

Aside from the ark, Plonta's Gospel Bears have a place inside the building. The 3-piece band features 3 larger-than-life bears that play and sing via computer animation. Plonta, a mechanical whiz of sorts, created the bears several years ago and says the band still draws busloads of people, young and old.

OTHER PLANS

In addition, Plonta is planning to build other animated Biblical scenes inside the structure. Jonah and the whale, Peter and John pulling in their fishing nets, Adam and Eve and the serpent, and Jesus preaching are among the projects he intends to tackle.

Plonta has no shortage of ideas, and years of experience both as a preacher and in the mechanical animation business have armed him with the ability to turn those ideas into reality.

"You just have to have the imagination," he said.

Plonta has owned several businesses over the years, including "Easy Dunkers," a company he developed that manufactures specialized dunk tanks.

He also started and operated Fantasy World, an attraction near Fort Myers, Fla., featuring animated Christmas and other Biblical scenes. The display included a 30-foot animated version of the Last Supper, which Plonta later sold to the famed Knotts Berry Farm in California.

Plonta, a Michigan native, has devoted much of his life to the ministry. He and his wife, Wannetta, moved to the Thumb 5 years ago from Florida, where Plonta founded the Broadway Street Chapel in Fort Myers.

An accomplished gospel singer and keyboardist, he has traveled throughout the south, taking his ministry to churches, schools, revival meetings, retirement homes, shopping malls — even to street corners and parking lots.

Plonta's business successes have made it possible for him to pay for his various ministry outreaches. He accepts free will offerings, but ex-

pects none, saying he has been blessed and wants to share what he has been given with others.

One visit to his scenic, sprawling 119-acre complex is proof that he intends to do just that.

UNIQUE MINISTRY

While his current ark project is impressive, it's only a part of a unique ministry that includes a Christian retreat, complete with a 20-acre pond, where church groups are encouraged to visit and spend the day during the summer months. A nearby theatre originally built for the Gospel Bears has been transformed into a well-stocked food pantry, where donations are distributed to needy families.

And, of course, there's the church, where Plonta has watched his congregation grow from 4 people to 40 or so in the few short years it has existed.

But he isn't finished, not by a long shot.

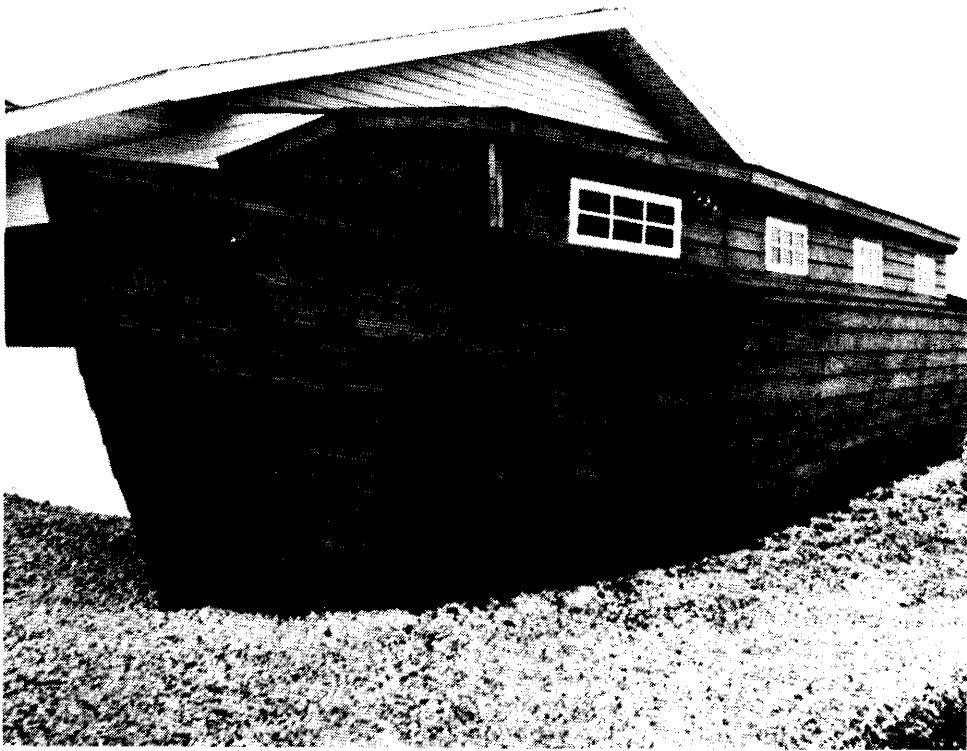
"You can't visualize the things I'm going to have in here when I'm done," Plonta said as he surveyed the inside of the building housing his ark.

"I can't wait. I want to get it going, and anyone who wants to come out can come. There will be no charge for it."

Plonta hopes his theme park will offer families an alternative in entertainment, a place where youngsters can enjoy a day of wholesome fun.

"If you can get one child away from drugs and alcohol, isn't it worth it? I think it's worth it, and that's why I do it," he concluded.

"This is my ministry. It isn't a big ministry, but we're growing, that's the main thing."



BUILDING AN ARK — A unique ark is just the beginning of a Christian theme park now in the works at the Rev. Duane Plonta's ministry complex in Huron County's Grant Township.



THE REV. DUANE Plonta and Farver Road Baptist Church member Bill Healy of Unionville look over the stock inside a food pantry operated by Plonta's church.

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Right to Life

Annual meeting slated

Tuscola County Right to Life will be holding its Annual Meeting Jan. 15 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Indianfields Public Library (Caro library), 840 West Frank St., Caro.

"This is perhaps the most important meeting of the year for the organization, and attendance by members and the interested public is very important in shaping the future of the pro-life movement in Tuscola County," stated Ryan Mitchell, Tuscola County RTL Secretary and Membership Director.

The agenda for the evening will be to elect officers, adopt a new budget, and establish membership dues and finalize annual dinner plans. Everyone is welcome to attend and to consider serving on the board. Those wishing to vote during the annual meeting must have maintained membership with the county affiliate during 1997 or must have memberships for 1998.

"1998 will be an exciting year for the pro-life movement," commented Mitchell, "but we need people to become involved in any way they can in order to make this new year a success."

Membership dues are \$8 for senior citizens/students, \$12 for regular membership, \$15 for a family membership (includes all members of a household), and a free family membership for all donations \$25 or above.

Benefits of a Tuscola County RTL membership include voting privileges, discounts on the annual dinner, a monthly newsletter from the county affiliate, a newsletter from Michigan Right to Life, a membership card, and advanced notice of all RTL events, activities, and legislative action. Dues may be made in advance of or at the annual meeting.

"The benefits for members are nice, but the most important part of being a member is that you are contributing to the cause...protecting and preserving the sanctity of life," Mitchell said.

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Weekend guests of Mrs. Mary Beardsley were David Beardsley Jr. of Metamora, Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Sr. and Trinity of Dryden, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Price and children, Paul, Samantha and Silas, of White Lake, and LeRoy and Harvey Cole of Waterford.

Mrs. Mary Beardsley spent from Wednesday to Saturday Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Jr. of Metamora.

DELAYED NEWS

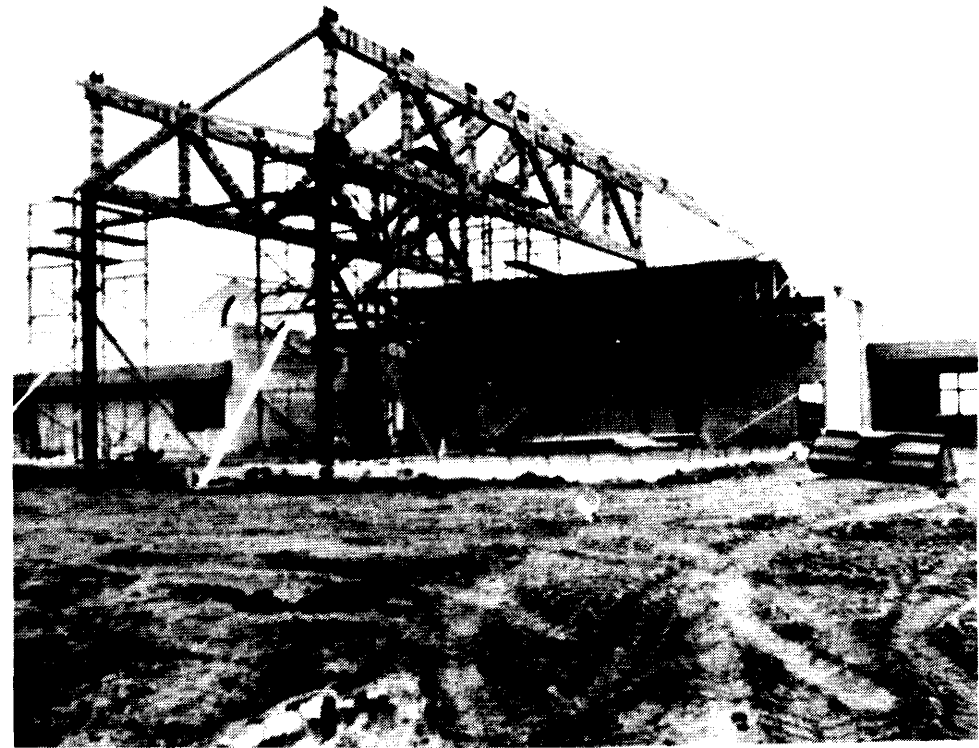
EXTENDED LADIES

Twelve members and 2 guests met at Nancy Brown's for the annual Extended Ladies Christmas party.

A potluck lunch was served at a beautifully decorated table.

After lunch and a gift exchange the group made a variety of tree angels and soldiers. The crafts were taught by Donna Walsh, Charlotte Particka and Jean Clarke. After a short business business meeting the group adjourned.

Vera King will be the January hostess.



WORK IS progressing on a new building that will house the United Methodist Church of Cass City just north of the village. The estimated \$1.6 million building will total 13,471 square feet.

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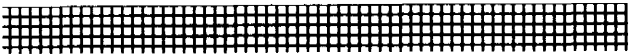
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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle



5 YEARS AGO

Kristy Wood, 15, is continuing her dramatic recovery from critical injuries suffered in an auto accident last September, about 3 miles north of her Deford area home.

Owen-Gage senior Tanya Muntz, daughter of Janet Muntz, Cass City, was crowned the school's 1992 Snowball queen during a break in the Owen-Gage - CPS basketball game Dec. 18.

Mike Otulakowski, Cass City, bagged probably the area's last deer of the 1992-93 deer hunting campaign. He shot a 7-point, 150-pound buck Friday, just before dark, the last day of the season.

The Bill Wallaces of Cass City spent New Year's in California and attended the Rose Bowl football game. While milling around in the crowds, they met Ron Nurnberger, now a principal at Mason County Eastern Schools at Custer, Mich. Nurnberger left the Cass City school system a year and a half ago after a long, distinguished career as coach.

Nearly 400 area children found presents under their tree this Christmas thanks to the generosity of residents and the efforts of the Cass City Toys for Tots organization.

10 YEARS AGO

The first baby of the year born at Hills and Dales Community Hospital arrived at 12:51 a.m. Sunday, Matthew Arthur Terrill Jr., the son of Matthew and Louise Terrill of Reese, weighed 7 pounds. He is the couple's first child.

Mark McCarty, 78, of Ubly died last week of burn related injuries while working in his backyard workshop. McCarty, who was using a torch, apparently caught his clothes on fire.

Betty Mahmoody, who along with her daughter, Mahtob, 8, was held captive by her husband in Iran for 18 months, will speak at area schools in the morning Feb. 11. A reception will be held at Rawson Memorial Library in the afternoon, and she will speak again in the evening. Mahmoody and her daughter are now living under assumed names somewhere in Michigan.

Mrs. Lillian Otulakowski will be honored on her 90th birthday Saturday, Jan. 9, with a Mass of Thanksgiving with a Papal blessing at St. Pancratius Catholic Church at 6:30. Mrs. Otulakowski was 14 when she arrived at Ellis Island from Poland on the eve of Thanksgiving 1912. Open house will be hosted by her family at St. Pancratius Parish Hall following Mass.

25 YEARS AGO

The Cass River was at record heights for December last week, according to Nelson Willy, who keeps track of the river from his wastewater treatment plant. Several roads were knocked

out as water flooded over them. It was a regular spring flood, Willy said.

The first baby of the New Year is Debra Denise Thorp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thorp of rural Owendale. Debra, who is the 9th child for the Thorps, was born at 12:25 p.m. Tuesday.

In October of 1971, David Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fisher, was diagnosed with Schilder's disease, a disease that destroys the brain, turning a healthy boy into a vegetable before he eventually wastes away and dies. David went blind, couldn't talk and was practically a vegetable, hospitalized in the Caro State Home and Training School. The prognosis was 7 to 8 months to live at most. At the end of June, 1973, a nurse at the training school noticed that David sat up by himself. By July he was getting up and down, in August he started walking and his sight came back. In September he started to speak. Doctors can't explain it. Today, David, 5, looks like any normal pre-schooler, and that's the miracle of it all. How else but prayer can you explain it, Mrs. Fisher asks.

Two young and honest men from Schewaing have been lauded by Edward Lebioda of Cass City this week after they returned his lost wallet with \$200. Lebioda discovered the wallet missing after cashing some checks at the bank. After backtracking with no luck, he went to the Cass City Police headquarters to find the wallet already returned. The boys who returned the wallet were Marve Gunsell and Jeff MacAlpine.

35 YEARS AGO

An 18-year-old Green Bay, Wis., state reformatory escapee was captured Jan. 2 by Tuscola County Sheriff's men near the Deford farm where he spent the past 2 months as a hired man. Arrested by ex-sheriff Bill Tomlinson and Deputy Carl Palmateer was Arthur Shockley of Racine, Wis.

The first baby born in Cass City and at Hills and Dales Hospital was Carl Lee Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spencer, Cass City. The baby arrived Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1963, at 8:35 a.m. weighing 10 pounds and was 20 inches long.

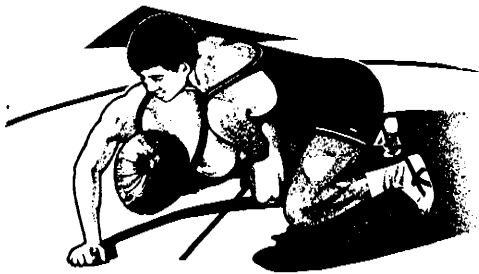
Pretty 17-year-old April Fluegge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fluegge, Owendale, was named Cass City Junior Miss following a talent show Monday night at Cass City High School.

Two local men, Earney Seeley and "Bud" Peasley, have taken over the management of the ST&H Oil Service Station in Cass City. The pair purchased the lease from Grant Hutchinson. Peasley was with the Farm Produce Company for 22 years and Seeley worked for Cass City Oil and Gas for 13 years. Another familiar face will be Richard McClorey, who has been at the station for the past 10 years.

Cass City showed marked improvement in their first post-holiday game as they battled Elktion-Pigeon-Bay Port to the wire before dropping a 53-49 decision on the Lakers' spacious floor Friday. Improved performances by sophomores Jim Champion, Ed Retherford and Jim Knoblet helped Cass City battle the Lakers on almost even terms.

CASS CITY RED HAWK SCHEDULES

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASTICS



BASKETBALL
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9
Reese at Cass City
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
Cass City vs Caro
at the Palace, 2:30 p.m.

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**WRESTLING**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**  
Cass City at Sandusky Tourn.

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GYMNASTICS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
Cass City at Plymouth Salem

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**VOLLEYBALL**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**  
Cass City at Bad Axe

### CASS CITY BASKETBALL

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

Home games in bold  
Freshman games at middle school, 6 p.m.  
JV games at high school, 6 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

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

Home games in bold.

### WRESTLING

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

Home meets in bold.

### GYMNASTICS

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

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**AN ESTIMATED 900 people enjoyed a full evening of gospel music in the new Cass City Middle School gym on New Year's Eve. The 31st Annual New Year's Eve Gospel Sing, sponsored by the Cass City Laymen's Club, was the first major event hosted by the new school.**

## Sharpen ag, marketing skills

Michigan State University Extension Dairy Agents Kurt Anderson and Craig Thomas, MSUE District Farm Management Agent Dennis Stein, and MSUE Marketing Expert Fred Hinkley will be hosting a series of workshops to instruct farmers on how to sharpen their agricultural marketing skills. Lessening of government control in agricultural commodity markets has introduced even more price variability for ag commodities sold as products and used as inputs to produce livestock and livestock products. Commodity price variability produces more risk to profits for agricultural producers. However, understanding commodity markets and how to use commodity marketing tools can allow producers to control risk and protect profits.

This series of workshops is designed to increase participant's understanding in using some of today's commodity marketing tools to limit risk and maintain profits in their farm businesses. We will look at the factors that control and influ-

ence the commodity markets and discuss methods to identify trends. Each participant will have the opportunity to develop a working marketing plan for his/her farm business, whether it sells grains, livestock or milk. As the workshop progresses pro-

**Jan. 15 in Ubly**

### Forage 2001 series set

Insects, weather and other factors have reduced the Michigan alfalfa crop's quality and quantity the past several years. Yet agronomists are confident new ideas and different management practices will maximize the crop's potential.

Forage 2001, a series of workshops intended for alfalfa producers, will focus on getting the most quality and highest per acre alfalfa tonnage possible.

A workshop will be held Jan. 15 at Ubly Heights Country Club, Ubly.

The session runs from 9:30

a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration costs \$25 for the first family member and \$15 for each additional family member or farm employee. Cost includes the noon meal, educational materials and one sweep net per farm.

Program topics include: economics of growing alfalfa in Michigan; determining when to cut alfalfa for the best quality; scheduling successive cuttings for optimum quality, persistence and profit; reducing potato leafhopper damage; insecticide options; value of an integrated pest management

plan, and insect control economics.

Leafhopper-resistant alfalfa information will also be provided along with the MSU 1997 alfalfa field trial results. For a program and registration form, contact Kurt Anderson, Extension Dairy Agent, MSU Extension - Huron County, 104 County Building, Bad Axe, MI 48413, or by phone at (517) 269-9949.

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## DNR to issue more turkey permits in area

Pheasant hunters take heart: if your love of bird hunting includes turkeys, there's some good news.

The DNR is continuing to expand turkey hunting opportunities in Michigan, including the Thumb, where the number of permits available for the upcoming spring hunts has been more than doubled.

License applications went on sale Thursday and will be available through Feb. 1. The cost to apply is \$4, and all applicants will be notified by March 17. Those who are successful must purchase a \$13 license.

Regulations and maps showing permit areas are available at all license dealers.

Statewide, the DNR is offering 59,325 permits for the 3 restricted spring hunting periods, compared to 54,853 restricted permits issued in 1997.

As was true last year, applicants can also opt for a fourth hunt across much of the state and be guaranteed a permit.

Restricted licenses are good in specific management units for hunt periods scheduled for April 20-26, April 27-May 6 and May 7-18. The fourth hunt will be May 19-31 and will cover any area open to turkey hunting except public lands in southern Michigan, including the Thumb.

DNR Wildlife Biologist Bud Jarvis said 300 permits will be issued per hunt period this year in Area T, which encompasses most of the Thumb area. Last year, 130 permits were issued per hunt period.

In addition, he noted, 1,200 private land permits will be issued for the combined restricted hunts.

Jarvis indicated the Thumb turkey population isn't exploding, but he acknowledged the numbers have remained steady, in contrast to a dwindling pheasant population.

He called the past turkey nesting season "average" and added, "I don't think we had a great nesting season, but we're seeing some broods. I expect the population will hold its own at least."

The DNR will be conduct-

ing its annual winter survey this month in an effort to get a handle on current turkey numbers.

Last year, Jarvis said, the survey estimated 800 turkeys in Tuscola County, fewer than the 1,100 estimated in 1996, but more than in 1995 (500 birds). "I would guess we'll probably estimate 1,000 birds in Tuscola

County" this year, he added, noting the dip in 1996 was due largely to a poor nesting season.

The turkey population in Huron County was estimated at 415 birds last January, compared to 590 birds in 1996. In Sanilac County, there were about 300 turkeys last year, also a decrease

from the year before.

Turkey hunters enjoy a fair rate of success, with about 22 percent of hunters (one in 5) bagging a bird.

Any area resident who spots a turkey this month is encouraged to report it to the DNR's Cass City Field Office by calling 872-5300.

## Thumb farmers eye new alfalfa processing plants

If all goes according to current plans, 2 alfalfa cubing and pelletizing plants will be operating in eastern Michigan in the near future.

Jim LeCureux, Michigan State University Extension agricultural agent in Huron County, says the 2 plants will provide a value-added income to nearly any farmer willing to grow quality alfalfa.

So far, only sugar beet growers have been contacted about participating in the venture. Of those responding to the survey, 75 percent say they are interested in the possibility. LeCureux says keeping the plants supplied and operating year round would require about 22,000 acres of alfalfa each year. It is estimated that the venture will provide a 16 to 32 percent return on investment to growers in the fifth year of operation. Only farmers who produce the alfalfa will be able to buy stock in the op-

eration.

The feasibility study, conducted by Bill Riddle of AgriTech, Columbus, Ohio, indicates good potential for markets primarily along the eastern seaboard and overseas as well.

"We have contacts with several organizations, and right now 4 are interested in doing the marketing and indicate that they already have buyers," LeCureux says.

The pelleted and cubed material will be used in all manner of feeds, from dairy rations to rabbit and horse feeds, he says.

LeCureux says it is not certain where the plants will be located, but that they will be strategically placed to handle hay within a 20-mile radius of each plant. The 2 plants will service the Saginaw Valley and the Thumb.

The idea of the alfalfa processing plants arose from the need for sugar beet growers to include something in their crop rotation to help restore soil quality to sugar beet ground. Alfalfa is a logical

choice because the plant has deep penetrating roots.

Though LeCureux so far has talked only with sugar beet growers about the processing plants, in February he will begin holding meetings with non-sugar beet growers to discuss their participation in the venture.

He is also looking for dedicated growers, 2 from each county, who will serve for a year on a start-up board to help bring the project to reality. Board representation will be drawn from Arenac, Bay, Midland, Gratiot, Saginaw, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

"We hope that a year from now, if everything continues to look as promising as it does now, farmers will have the opportunity to invest in this (venture) and maybe we'll be able to break ground for the facilities a year from this spring," LeCureux says.

More information about the potential for the alfalfa processing plants can be obtained from LeCureux by calling him at (517) 269-6099.

### Home loans available

Human Development Commission (HDC) officials, together with area lenders Chemical Bank, Independent Bank, and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), recently announced home improvement loans are available for Thumb area residents.

These are CHIP loans, made available through the Community Home Improvement Program, allowing for most home improvement needs.

Eligible applicants may receive a low-interest loan of up to \$15,000, with amortized payments of up to 15 years. Income restrictions apply. Those interested are encouraged to apply early, for spring repairs.

Contact the Human Development Commission for additional information on the CHIP loan, or any other housing programs available through HDC. Doris Dalton can be reached in the Caro office at (517) 673-4121.

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| Wild John's        | 23     |
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| Team # 7           | 20     |
| Cable-ettes        | 17 1/2 |
| Cass City Tire     | 15     |
| Pizza Villa        | 12     |
| Dee's M.P. Rockets | 11     |
| Dott Manufacturing | 9      |
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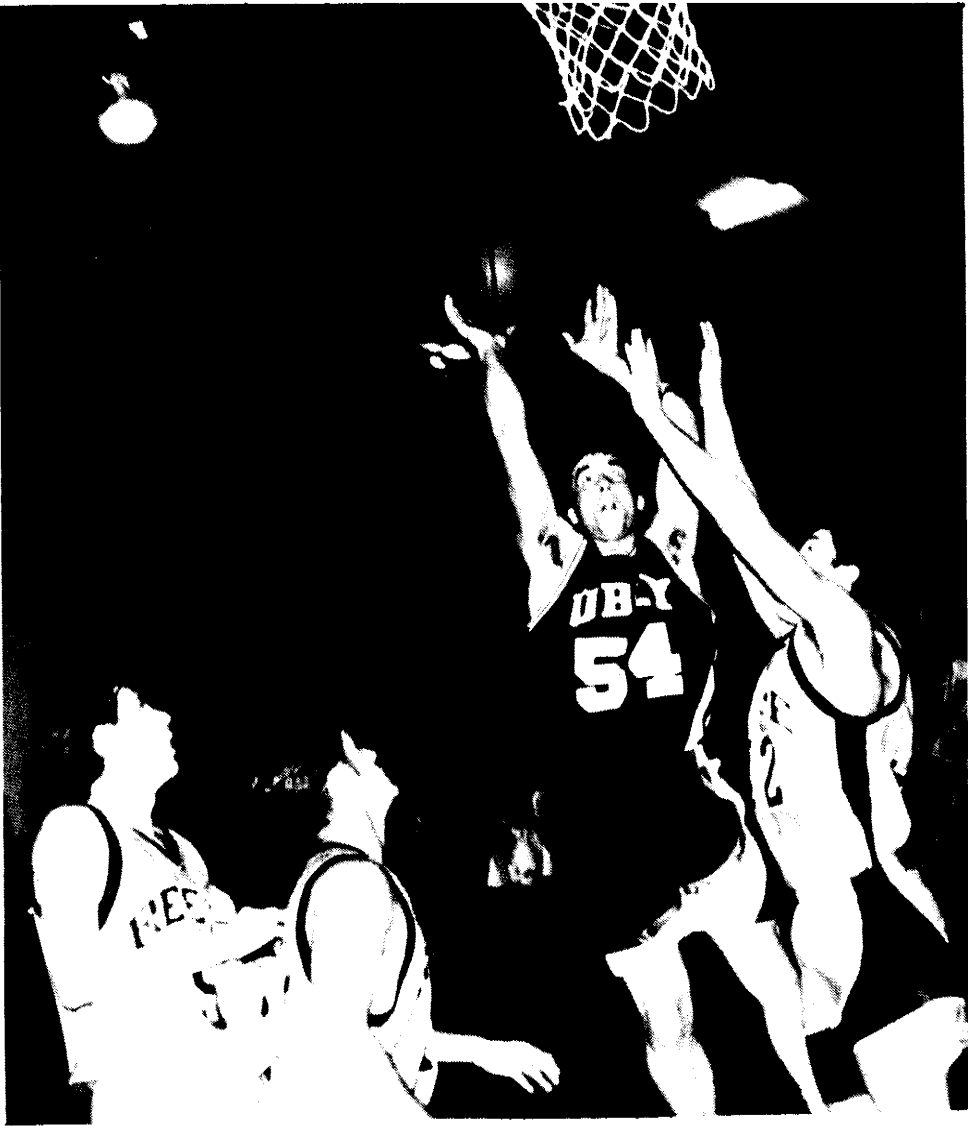
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Jan. 2

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| The Family      | 12 |
| Dodgers         | 11 |
| Rolling Thunder | 10 |
| Easy 7          | 10 |
| Grumblers       | 6  |
| Men of Steel    | 4  |
| Gators          | 3  |
| Bye             | 2  |

Men's High Series & Games: S. Hammett 540 (200), T. Smith 495 (181). Women's High Series & Games: B. Watson 449 (181), L. Dibble 432 (181), C. Smith 473 (176), D. Potrykus 473 (168). High Team Series & Game: The Family 1934 (653).

## EPA air control may affect farms

The Environmental Protection Agency's proposed tightening of air quality standards could mean lower grain prices paid to farmers. The regulations proposed by the EPA in late November would mean higher prices paid by grain elevators and feedlots for transportation and electric power. This in turn would mean a lower price paid by elevators and feedlots to farmers.



UBLY'S BRAD HAGEN was the Bearcats' only inside threat Friday against visiting Reese. Hagen scored 12 points for the hosts in their 53-35 loss.

## Ubly falls 4th quarter splurge nets Reese victory

Just like the color white on rice, the Ubly Bearcats wouldn't go away Friday for the visiting Reese Rockets in non-conference hoop action. Ubly (2-3 overall) played the unbeaten Rockets (5-0 overall) even for most of the night, until 13 unanswered points late in the final frame helped vault the visitors to a 53-35 win.

Ubly's defense plagued the Rockets throughout the opening half that ended with the visitors claiming a 23-18 advantage. Turnovers and poor shooting were the rule rather than the exception for Coach Jeff Casler's Rockets, who returned to the hardwood floor following a 2-week holiday layoff.

The Rockets will need a better outing this Friday when they travel to meet Cass City in a Greater Thumb West showdown if they hope to keep their unblemished league mark. The Hawks (4-0) pounded Ubly earlier in the year 75-39. Ubly bounced back from a 14-10 first quarter deficit behind the inside work of Brad Hagen. Following a lay-in from Ubly's Steve Gobie, Hagen knotted the score at 14 with an offensive rebound that resulted off pure hustle by the Bearcat senior. Hagen finished the evening with 12 tallies. Reese was able to build a 9-point margin during the 3rd period. However, Ubly's leading scorer, Joe Rutkowski, helped close the gap to 33-31 with 3 consecutive jumpers to open the final 8 minutes. Rutkowski registered 8 of his 12 markers in the final period. Reese finally found their shooting eye late in the game. Scott Mossner and Marcus Hillborg each nailed treys during the guests' 13 point spurt down the stretch that sealed the win. Mossner led Reese with 11 points. Hillborg finished with 10 points, including a 5-5 showing at the charity stripe in the final minutes. Reese, who went to the foul line 17 more times than Ubly, got 8 points from Corey Haubenstricker, who made 3 of 4 foul attempts in the closing minutes.

## Coach pleased Wrestlers second at Yale Invitational

It was a very satisfying meet for Cass City, Coach Don Markel said, after his Cass City High School wrestling team finished second in the 10-team Yale Invitational meet Saturday. We had a series of hard practices during the holidays and they paid off, Markel said. Nine of the 11 Hawk wrestlers placed and 5 of them made it to the finals.

Host Yale's A team was the champion with 201 points. Cass City finished second with 138 points. Other placings were: Cros-Lex, 116; Harper Woods, 109; Capac, 106; Memphis, 96; Armada, 83; Mayville, 55 1/2; Dryden, 44; Yale B team, 10. Two wrestlers from Cass City, Roy Davis, 103 pounds, and Chris Dubai, 275

pounds, finished first. Three second-place finishes were recorded: Cory Mayer, 140 pounds; Nathan Matt, 145 pounds, and Jalal Khoury, 189 pounds. Adam Dorland, 130 pounds, was third. Dave Sutter, 152 pounds, Scott Moore, 119 pounds, and Chad Wolschlager, 215 pounds, finished fourth.

### BASKETBALL STANDINGS

| GREATER THUMB WEST |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team               | W | L | W | L |
| Cass City          | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| EPBP               | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Reese              | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| BCAS               | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Mayville           | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Bad Axe            | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| USA                | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 |

| GREATER THUMB EAST |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team               | W | L | W | L |
| Brown City         | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| H. Beach           | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Ubly               | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Cros-Lex           | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Marlette           | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Yale               | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Sandusky           | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Deckerville        | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |

| NORTH CENTRAL THUMB |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team                | W | L | W | L |
| Kingston            | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Peck                | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| CPS                 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Owen-Gage           | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| North Huron         | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Port Hope           | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Caseville           | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| A-F                 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |

FRIDAY'S RESULT Reese 53, Ubly 35

TUESDAY'S GAMES Harbor Beach at Bad Axe MLS at BCAS Cass City at Marlette EPBP at Ubly Mayville at Deckerville Reese at Sandusky Cros-Lex at USA North Branch at Yale Port Hope at A-Fairgrove Kingston at Caseville Owen-Gage at North Huron CPS at Peck

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| Last Week's Totals Percentages                                                                                                                                                                                                           | (3-3) (25-14) 64%                                                                                          | (5-1) (32-7) 82%                                                                                          | (5-1) (29-10) 74%                                                                                         | (6-0) (30-9) 77%                                                                                       |

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## Testing week for Hawk hoopsters

The Cass City Red Hawk basketball team is in the midst of a pivotal week to determine just how the squad rates among Greater Thumb C West League teams and other teams in the Thumb. The Hawks were heavily favored to defeat Marlette Tuesday, and then host Reese in a battle of unbeaten Friday. Sunday the Hawks face the Caro Tigers at the Palace. At this writing the Tigers are undefeated in 2 outings.

The game at the Palace starts at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and include admission to the Los Angeles Clippers - Piston game that starts at 7 p.m. They are available at the high school.

Long-time Cass City fans may be interested in attending the high school game that

immediately precedes the Cass City-Caro game. It pits Mason County Eastern (4-1) vs. Kalvea Mormon Dixon (3-1), class D schools.

The local interest is that Mason County Eastern is the school that veteran Cass City Coach Ron Nurnberger went to when he left Cass City and where he is now the superintendent. He plans to attend the game.

### Palace tickets at school office

Tickets for the Cass City - Caro varsity basketball game, which will be played Sunday at the Palace at 2:30, can be picked up at the Cass City High School office.

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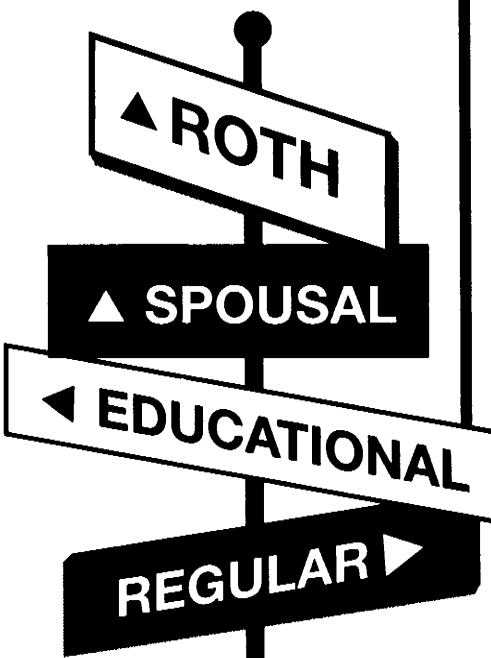
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# Obituaries

## Krisjanis Bandenieks

Krisjanis Bandenieks, 95, of Grand Rapids, died Dec. 22, 1997.

Krisjanis was born in Latvia Nov. 30, 1902.

Surviving are 3 sons and 3 daughters, Janis of Big Rapids, Marita (Thomas) Jasinski of Grand Rapids, Andris (Sandra) of Rockford, Rudite (David) Schmidt of Coopersville, Ansis (Antonina) of Gagetown, Gunta (Aivars) Sturis of Lowell; 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and relatives in Latvia.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27 in Grand Rapids at O'Brien, Eggebeen & Gerst Funeral Home. The Rev. Janis Medseis officiated.

Interment was in Grandlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church.

## Cathryn McClure

Cathryn I. McClure, 82, of Marlette, formerly of Cocoa, Fla., died Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998, at Marlette Community Hospital in Marlette.

Born July 25, 1915, in Cass City, she was the daughter of John and Frances (Oswald) McTavish.

She married Floyd McClure, who died in May of 1977.

McClure did volunteer work at the Wuestoff Hospital in Rockledge, Fla., as a pink lady.

She is survived by 3 nephews, James and Cora McTavish of Indiana, John and Pat McTavish of Grand Haven and Jack and Dorothy Kelly of Marlette, and 4 nieces, Ann and Jim Sting of Ohio, Ann Vallentine of Cape Coral, Fla., JoAnn and Jim Heussner of Connecticut and Rhonda and John Zuehlke of Spring, Texas.

A chapel service will be held at the Bervard Funeral Home in Cocoa, Fla., Thursday, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m.

Interment will be in the Bervard Memorial Park in Cocoa, Fla.

Memorials may be given to the United Hospice Service, Marlette.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette.

## Keith Watson

Keith J. Watson, 86, of Laguna Hills, Calif., died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997, in Laguna Hills.

Born Nov. 19, 1911, in Grant Township, he was the son of Thomas J. and Caroline (Nickerson) Watson. He married Helen McKinny in February, 1936.

A farmer in Kings Mill for over 40 years, he also worked for Chrysler for over 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Helen, of Laguna Hills, Calif.; 2 sons, Thomas J. (Linda) Watson of Holly and Les (Tamara) Watson of Laguna Hills, Calif.; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; 3 sisters, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Irving Edward Watson.

Funeral services were scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Roy Avers of Unity of Blue Water, Port Huron, officiating.

Interment was to be in Grant Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

## Frederick Williamson

Frederick D. Williamson, 70, of Deford, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1997, at his sister's home after a long illness.

Born March 12, 1927, in Detroit, he was the son of Henry M. and Olivia (Jackson) Williamson. He married Elizabeth A. Little Oct. 23, 1948, in Detroit. She died Aug. 7, 1997.

A United States Navy veteran serving in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, he worked over 23 years for Federal Mogel Bearing. The Williamsons lived the later part of their life in Deford.

Surviving are 2 children, Janet Bastian of Kingston and Brian (Lisa) Williamson of Dryden; 5 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Alice Brown of Longbottom, Ohio, Rachel Caverly of Sandusky and Patricia Wilhelmsen of South Bend, Ind., and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

## Miller returns from duty

Marine Pfc. Dale A. Miller, son of Donald J. and Bridget A. Miller of Cass City, recently returned from a 6-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

During the deployment, Miller's unit participated in several live-fire exercises, an attack exercise with Marines from the Republic of Korea and various types of combat training. Marines from Miller's unit also visited Korea, Mount Fiji and Iwo Jima.

Miller is a 1995 graduate of Cass City High School.

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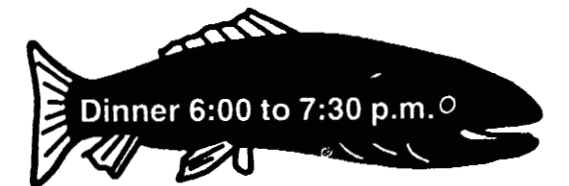
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WE WISH TO thank all those who were so thoughtful and helpful during Linda's illness and death. We wish to express our thanks to the Cass City Ambulance Service, Dr. Aquil and staff at Hills and Dales, Dr. Atri and staff at St. Mary's for all their care, and all the friends and neighbors, and IGA for food and calling for Reverend Morningstar, the ladies of the Presbyterian Church of the luncheon, and Debra Kranz for her care. Your caring and concern is deeply appreciated. The family of Linda Goodall Ussey.  
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Wallace Czekai, 4544 Brooker St., reported someone damaged his garage door

some time between Dec. 31 and Jan. 3. Czekai reported he found nothing missing from the garage or residence.

Also filing a complaint was Lisa Erla, manager of the

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**BACK ROW, from left: Henry Skinner, George Skinner, Mercedes Skinner, Mercedes Skinner, Alex Skinner. Front row: Brigett Kropewnicki, Margarite Tourout, Robert Kropewnicki.**

## Kropewnickis enjoy a "Newfie" Christmas

Mike and Cathy Kropewnicki of Cass City entertained 47 guests for an extra-special Christmas reunion at their home Dec. 27. Among the guests were Mike's immediate family, 3 sisters and one brother and their spouses and children, from Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Greenville areas, and his mother and father, Robert and Brigett Kropewnicki, from Greenville. Missing was one brother from Kentucky.

Also attending were aunts and uncles: Alex and Mercedes Skinner, George and Mercedes Skinner, Margarite Tourout, and Henry Skinner, from Lourdes and Picadilly, Newfoundland, and Toronto, Ontario. Many cousins who have emigrated to Ontario and settled in a large Newfoundland settlement in Waterloo and Kitchener, Ontario, were also in attendance.

It was the first time for Brigett Kropewnicki (Mike's

móther) to see her brothers and sister in approximately 16 years. Many cousins met for the first time.

Entertainment was of the "Newfie" kind. Traditional instruments (mandolin, accordion and guitar) and songs were enjoyed by all. Brigett Kropewnicki enjoyed dancing the "Newfie Jig" with her brothers as her children watched with amazement. Musicians Felix and Tim Turrett (father and son) have released a tape played on the radio on a regular basis in Newfoundland.

The meal was a traditional Michigan Christmas celebration, turkey and ham with all the trimmings. A gift of bottled moose was given to Mike and Cathy Kropewnicki. It was shot by Mike's Uncle Alex in Newfoundland. The couple celebrated New Year's Eve by sharing the catch with friends.

The reunion was sparked by a 1996 visit to Newfoundland by Mike, Cathy and

Michelle Kropewnicki, and Cathy's brother, John Adams, his wife Cindy, and their son, Andrew, of New Era, Mich.

Les, Barb, Kayla and Kristi Karr also stopped by the Kropewnicki home to meet and visit with the guests from Newfoundland.

### Year 2000 problem approaching

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after them (software vendor) because we're already addressing years after 2000," he said.

#### NO DISASTER

"There shouldn't be anything disastrous around here," Bushong added. "We think we've taken care of it by organizing and purchasing wisely."

Tuscola County officials, too, are confident the year 2000 will cause no major problems.

"We've contacted all of our vendors — most of the programs we have are vendor supported — and most of them have worked out all the year 2000 problems," said Johnathan Miller, information systems director for the county.

Miller said the county hasn't been forced to spend a lot of time or money on the year 2000 problem.

At the same time, he pointed out, "We don't have all our eggs in one basket. The courts run on one system, the sheriff's department runs on a separate system, 911 runs on a separate system," he said. "So, if there was a problem with the sheriff's computer program, it would only affect the sheriff's department."

Miller said the county register of deeds, payroll, fund accounting, equalization, treasurer, drain and building codes are all on one system. "Even if we do have a problem, we keep archive back-ups and those back-ups are stored off-site. "As far as the county goes, we're pretty much set for the year 2000."

## Wheat prospects focus of workshop

Prospects for the 1998 wheat crop will be among the topics discussed in a workshop being planned for growers.

"The sessions are intended to provide growers with information that will help them improve the quality of the crop," says Richard Hodupp, Michigan State University Extension Agronomy Agent and Wheat 2000 Committee Co-chair.

The workshop will be held Jan. 14 at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of the meeting is \$25 per person, which will cover the noon meal and educational materials. Reservations for the meeting can be made by calling the Tuscola County Extension Office at 517-672-3870. Reservations must be made by Jan. 11.

Topics to be discussed will include the potential effect of El Nino on the next growing season, wheat diseases and how to control them, new wheat varieties, an outlook for Michigan wheat production and recommended nitrogen management for wheat.

Agronomists will focus on how wheat in the crop rotation will enhance yields and improve soil quality and summarize the Wheat 2000 grower survey. There will also be a miller's perspective on the importance of wheat production in Michigan.

For additional information call the Tuscola County Extension office at 517-672-3870.

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

Commencing at a point on the North side of Gamble Street in the Village of Caro, 717 feet (43 rods 7 1/2 feet) East of the West Section line of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence North parallel with said Section line 172.85 feet to the North line of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 3, thence East along said 1/8 line 47 feet, thence South parallel with said Section line 172.85 feet to the North line of Gamble Street and thence West 47 feet to place of beginning.

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

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## Avoid wedding jitters

(MS) — It's normal for the bride to get a case of "wedding jitters" before the ceremony. However, it is vital that all of the last-minute details have been taken care of. Whether it be the bride, herself, or, most likely, a good friend assigned to the tasks at hand, it is important to get everything completed.

According to "The Wedding Organizer" (The Wedding Organizer Inc.), by Abigail Kirsch, creator of Abigail Kirsch Culinary Productions Ltd., one of the most successful wedding catering companies in America, the following are some helpful reminders of tasks that brides might forget need to get done.

- Place a note on the front door reminding the bride and her attendants to take gloves, pocketbooks and bouquets before leaving for the ceremony.

- Assign someone to check out the reception site to make sure that all the flowers have been delivered, the cake has arrived and seating cards have been set out.

- If the bride or family members want centerpieces taken home, tell someone beforehand to be in charge of collecting them before the guests take them and there are none left.

- Give a list of special group photos to be taken, perhaps of cousins, classmates and office mates to the photographer.

- Assign someone to signal the organist that the ceremony is about to begin.

- Make every attempt to be on time. Every minute delayed throws off the next step: the food preparation, the band or disc jockey, even down to the ice in the water glasses.

## Consider an electronic gift

(MS) — Move over china patterns, silverware and crystal stemware. Although these traditional wedding gifts still top bridal-registry lists, brides and grooms of the '90s register for items that will help them in their everyday lives.

Changing with the times, bridal registries are starting to reflect these new lifestyle priorities. Today, they have expanded to include more nontraditional items, like sporting goods, artwork, furniture and electronics. Equally surprising is the rise in those items geared towards working from home.

According to Randy Thompson of Sharp Electronics Corp., the multifunction unit is one of the fastest-growing categories of the home-office products. These units combine the most important technological tools needed to set up a well-equipped home office.

Now that an increasing number of professionals telecommute and run home-based businesses, it's no wonder that these types of items are finding their way onto bridal registries. Many young married couples are trading their 9-to-5 jobs for home businesses where they can work together and find more fulfillment through flexible work hours and being their own boss.

Forty four percent of all U.S. households will support some form of home-office activity over the next year, reports BIS Strategic Decisions, a market-research firm in Norwell, Mass. This means that almost half of all U.S. households conduct business or work-related activities from their home.

This trend is so pervasive that even those people who don't work from home are dedicating space in their homes for surfing the Internet, on-line financing, faxing letters, and e-mailing digital photos to friends and family.

Today, there has never been a better time to purchase a home-office product for someone who is getting married.

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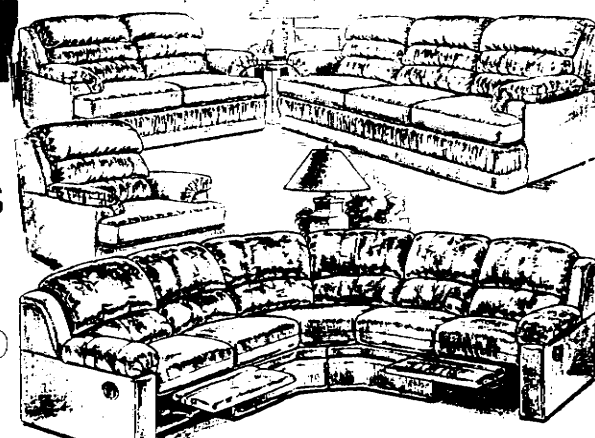
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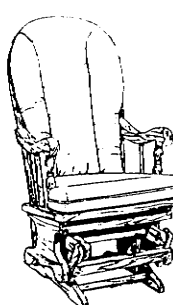
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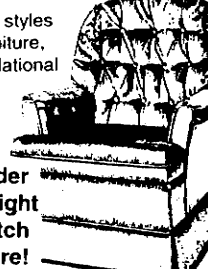
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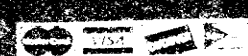


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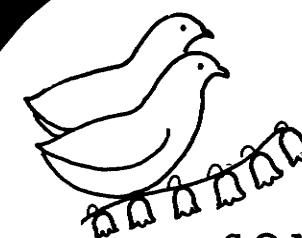
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The McArthurs live in the same house at 6600 Third Street that they purchased a year and a half after they were married.

There is little resemblance of the house today with the house they moved into. There was no indoor plumbing and water was pumped from a well near the house. There was no electricity. The washing included scrubbing on a wash board, Pauline recalled.

When they married, their home was on the outskirts of town. Where there are now homes, we used to walk out and go hunting, Stanley said, and then take a direct route to the (Cass) river to go fishing.

Over the years Stanley has

worked 3 jobs, each long enough to be a career in itself. For 22 years he was employed at the Nestlé Condensery, the community's major employer at the time.

Following his work there, he went into business with Leo Ware in the gas and oil business when Mac & Leo was a well known name in the Thumb. We were together over 20 years McArthur recalled.

After selling out he began painting and "always had more work than I could handle without advertising". Some of the buildings he painted included the Elkland Township Fire Hall and the First Baptist Church.

It's not surprising that Stanley was selected to paint the church. The McArthurs have been active members of the church. He served as a deacon and Pauline was a long-time Sunday school teacher.

The years have been kind to the couple. Pauline now rises a little slowly, uses a walker and says that the back trouble she has had for years is a little worse.

Stanley said that with age he has a little trouble now and then, but he still takes care of the driveway and walk with his snowblower and cuts his own lawn.

The McArthurs are truly exceptional because they have been able to avoid most if not all of the alertness and memory lapses common to many senior citizens.

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Participating wedding service suppliers include photographers, bridal shops, florists and caterers. The event is being coordinated by

Linda Langley of Images Photography in Caro.

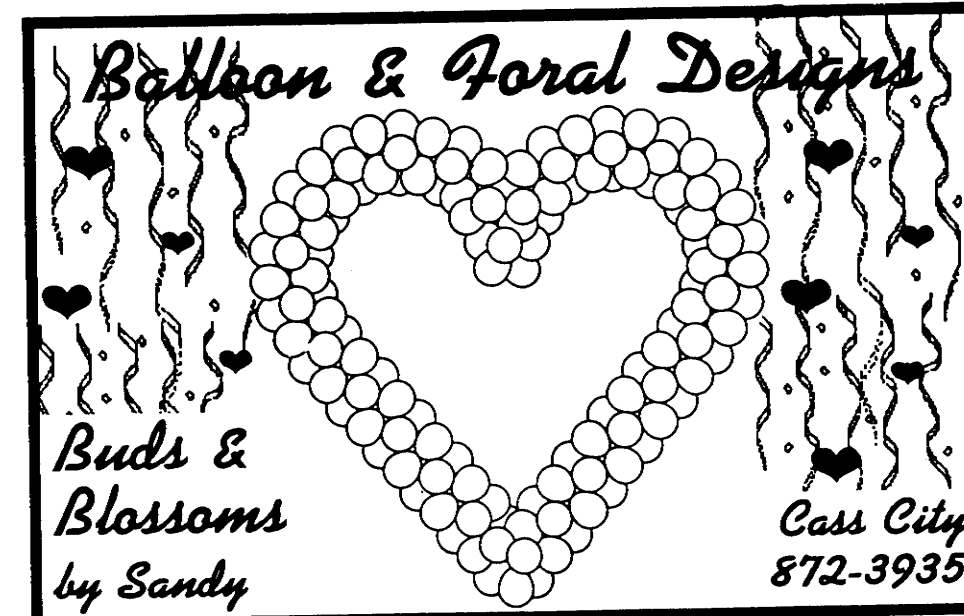
Brides, grooms and their wedding parties are encouraged to attend and browse the booths prior to the style show featuring the latest in wedding fashions and accessories. Linda told us, "We plan to have a good variety of wedding service suppliers available so the brides can

save time and get a head start on their wedding plans. Today's wedding is a complicated and costly event and we all want it to be perfect. No other event in your life will be more memorable than your wedding day."

Brides can enter drawings for many gifts supplied by the merchants. There is a \$2 admission fee with all brides

and grooms admitted free. Refreshments will be served after the style show. Proceeds will go to the chamber of commerce for community projects.

This event is the "kick-off" for the 1998 wedding season. Come and see the fashions that the bride and groom will be wearing and be prepared to have a good time. For more information, call Linda Langley at 517-673-6400 or the chamber office at 517-673-5211.



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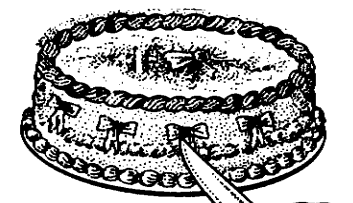
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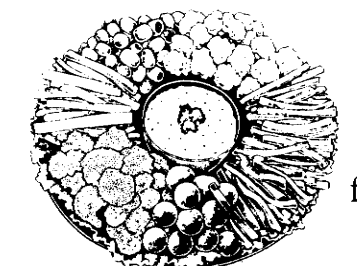
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To find out how to get the best diamond, consumers should visit a reputable jeweler whom they know and trust. The diamond engagement ring is an investment in a couple's future and, like any other investment, it should be made wisely.

mens requires knowledge of the 4 C's: cut, color, clarity and carat weight. These 4 variables are key to answering the elusive question as to why 2 diamonds of equal size may not be of equal value.

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# - Wedding planning guide-

## 4 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Engage your minister, rabbi or priest. Discuss customs of his sanctuary. If your wedding is to be held in a hotel or club, make reservations.
- ☐ Start preparing your lists for the ceremony, the reception, announcements. Ask your fiancé to start his.
- ☐ Make your arrangements with the caterer.
- ☐ Make arrangements with musicians, florist, photographer.
- ☐ Order your invitations and announcements. Have envelopes delivered first.
- ☐ Shop for your wedding gown, veil and headpiece.
- ☐ Register in gift and department stores as to china, silver, glassware patterns.

## 3 MONTHS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ With the aid of your family and your fiancé, select your attendants, and invite them to

serve. Freely discuss with your bridesmaids the approximate cost of their gowns and accessories.

- ☐ Determine the cost of your trousseau. Include linens and clothes. \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Begin the wonderful experience of hunting for your new house or apartment, with your fiancé.
- ☐ Discuss your honeymoon with your fiancé.
- ☐ Begin to plan for your new home.
- ☐ Re-check your invitation lists and ask your fiancé to do the same with his.
- ☐ Help your maid of honour and your bridesmaids select their gowns. By now, your mother and your fiancé's mother should decide on their gowns, bearing in mind that their attire should not only complement each others but yours too.

## 10 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Begin addressing and stamping your invitations and announcements. These should be hand addressed in dark ink only. Invitations should be mailed four weeks before the wedding.

- ☐ Remind your fiancé to purchase the wedding band. If you're having a double ring ceremony, purchase his.

- ☐ Shop for your going-away outfit.

## 6 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Have fittings for your wedding gown. Check your accessories. Inquire also about gowns and accessories for your attendants.
- ☐ Purchase luggage.

- ☐ Select gifts for your attendants.

- ☐ Check with your florist about the color scheme both for the ceremony and the reception.

- ☐ Remind your fiancé about his wardrobe requirements.

- ☐ With your musicians, decide on number of people to be hired, types of numbers to be played, the selection of the wedding march, etc.

- ☐ Firm up your sitting with the photographer.

- ☐ Decide on date and other details of the bridesmaids' luncheon, and remind your fiancé about reservations for the bachelor dinner, if any.

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# what to do and when to do it-

## 3 TO 4 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Send out wedding invitations.
- ☐ Check florist, photographer, and caterer for all final arrangements.
- ☐ Remind your fiancé to order your bridal bouquet, your going-away corsage, corsages for his mother and yours, and all necessary boutonnieres.
- ☐ If you intend to buy a gift for your future husband, now is the time to do it.
- ☐ Check bridal costumes for yourself and attendants, making sure all will be ready a week before the wedding.
- ☐ Another bridal fitting.
- ☐ Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests.
- ☐ As gifts come in, acknowledge them immediately.
- ☐ Order the bridal cake.
- ☐ Finish shopping.

## 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Before you give the caterer the final count, have your mother contact people who have not responded to your invitations.
- ☐ Give caterer the final count.
- ☐ Send notices and glossy photos of yourself to newspapers in your city and in the groom's if he is from out of town. Be sure to include date of your wedding.
- ☐ Check deliveries in your new home.
- ☐ Write thank you notes for gifts received.
- ☐ Have the final fitting of your gown.
- ☐ Make appointment with hairdresser for a day before the wedding.
- ☐ Check and re-check every item.

## 1 WEEK BEFORE THE WEDDING

- ☐ Invite close friends and relatives to see your trousseau and gifts.

- ☐ Entertain your bridesmaids at a luncheon, tea or dinner.
- ☐ Keep writing thank-you notes.
- ☐ Arrange to spend the night before the wedding with your family.
- ☐ Have your portrait taken.

- ☐ Review all duties with participants of the wedding party.

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- ☐ Indulge yourself on the Big Day, even to the extent of having your breakfast in bed!
- ☐ Do everything leisurely, allowing yourself plenty of time for the important details.
- ☐ One hour before the ceremony be completely dressed, except for veil and gloves.
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