

AN EARLY MORNING blaze Thursday claimed the lives of Gagetown natives Mary Wald, 102, and Alma Wald, 90. The fire spread quickly through the pair's Dale Road home, reducing the structure to ashes.

Village seeks \$45,000 for lots for dialysis center

Cass City officials Monday agreed on an asking price of \$45,000 for a pair of village-owned lots that could become the site of a tri-county dialysis center.

Village Council Trustee Elwyn Helwig explained the council's Streets and Parking Committee, along with Village Manager Jane Downing, recently arrived at the figure after meeting and obtaining appraisals of the land.

The possible land sale was first discussed during the council's December monthly meeting after village officials learned a consortium of 7 Thumb hospitals is interested in locating a dialysis center in Cass City.

The preferred site, Helwig reported, is the former Mort Orr property, 2 lots totalling about 1.6 acres just north of Main Street at the east end of the village.

The village purchased the property for \$40,000 in the early 1980s.

Downing said appraisals of the property were based on

the potential use of the land, which is zoned residential. She noted a dialysis center would be an allowed use in that zoning district as a "special use."

Helwig indicated village officials would welcome sale of the land to the consortium. "We would like to have the chance — a good chance — of inviting these people" to locate in Cass City, he said.

Village officials said the hospital consortium is a non-profit group. However, no other details about the organization and its plans were released.

NESTLES BUILDING

Turning to other matters, the council received an update on the Nestles Building from Downing, who reported she recently met with the property owner to discuss concerns over the deteriorating condition of the building.

Downing said the current owner, Frank Risken, has owned the building for 4

years and has been trying to take care of some repairs and maintenance himself. He is also trying to secure financing to take care of major repairs to the roof and other areas of the structure.

Downing said Risken currently has 2 tenants — Yellow Freight and General Cable — who occupy a total of about 19,000 square feet. He has another 17,000 square feet that could be occupied, and he is working to secure additional tenants.

Downing noted Risken hopes to learn whether he can secure needed financing for repairs by early spring, and she recommended that the council give him until May or perhaps June to come up with a plan to address the village's concerns.

"At this time he very much wants to work with us," she said.

In other business Monday, the council:

- Discussed a Downtown Development Authority plan to assess parking needs in the

village in an effort to better utilize village lots and improve traffic flow in alleyways behind Main Street.

- Appointed Lou LaPonsie, former village manager, to the Cass City Zoning Board of Appeals, and Bill Chipp to the Cass City Downtown Development Authority.

LaPonsie, who will serve a term through the spring 1999, replaces the late Dick Teno. Chipp will serve a term ending in the spring of 2000. He fills one of 2 vacancies left by the resignations of Sharon Kraft and Linda Gaymer. A second appointment is expected in the future to fill the remaining DDA seat.

- Received a note from the Tuscola County EDC thanking the village for the donation of an old dump truck to the Tuscola Area Airport Authority. The truck will be used to plow snow at the airport.

- Learned Village Clerk-Please turn to page 4.

"They were unique"

Friends recall active life of 2 Walds lost in fire

Friends and family remember Mary Wald, 102, and Alma Wald, 90, as personable, friendly ladies whose physical abilities and mental quickness defied their ages.

The women, who were sisters-in-law, were avid quilters for years until time began to rob them of their eyesight. Even then, they continued their active roles in the Elmwood Quilting Circle by visiting, making a pot of coffee or helping to prepare a meal.

Tragically, both ladies lost their lives early Thursday morning as fire swept through the Gagetown area farmhouse the pair shared with Alma's son, George Wald.

"The day before, she (Mary) was sweeping the floor, and on the outside sweeping the porch and feeding her cats," Mike Wald, Alma's son and Mary's nephew, said Friday.

Wald said his mother and aunt were close, having lived together for the past 65 years.

Both ladies remained active, he added, despite the toll the years had taken on their sight and hearing.

"They'd go out 2, 3 times a week, wherever the car was going. They just spent 2 days in Saginaw last week at my sister's."

Not even injuries kept them down, he added, noting his mother broke her hip 2 years ago.

Wald recalled the family celebrated Mary's 88th birthday in Florence, Italy, and "She ran the legs off us."

Around Easter time last year, Mary broke her hip while putting some wood into the wood burner at the house. She broke her hip on a Tuesday, had surgery on Wednesday and began rehabilitation on Friday, Wald said. "She was in rehab for a week and then she was out."

MORNING BLAZE

A neighbor reported Thursday's blaze at about 5:30 a.m. And although the

Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department arrived at the scene within just 9 minutes, there was nothing they could do, according to Fire Chief Paul Lopez.

"The house was totally engulfed in fire," said Lopez, who added the home was more than 100 years old and burned quickly.

Family members said smoke detectors in the house were checked daily.

Fire fighters reported seeing the flames as they left the fire hall more than 2 miles away from the 2-story home at 4200 Dale Rd.

George Wald told fire fighters he stoked the fire in the wood burner early Thursday morning before leaving the home to have coffee in Gagetown, which was his usual custom.

Firemen remained at the scene throughout the day, assisting State Fire Marshal investigators.

Lopez said investigators determined the blaze was accidental, originating in the wood burner, which was located in the basement of the

residence. Reports indicate a faulty flue led to the blaze.

Gagetown fire fighters were assisted by the Elkland Township, Caro and Owendale fire departments.

The fire was Gagetown's first involving a fatality in more than 20 years, according to Lopez, who has been on the department for 13 years, including the past 18 months as chief.

"A lot of guys hadn't seen something like this. It's tough," Lopez acknowledged. He said the department may bring someone in to meet with any firemen who want to talk.

MANY TOUCHED

The news of Thursday's tragedy touched many people, including a number of women who spent years quilting side by side with Mary and Alma, both charter members of the Elmwood Extension group and long-time members of the Elmwood Quilting Circle.

"I'm just devastated over this," said Helen Bartle, Cass

City, who quilted with the Walds for 10 to 15 years.

"They were lovely quilters, both of them, but then their eyesight got to where they couldn't do it anymore," she added. "When Alma couldn't see anymore to quilt, for a long time she would come with Mary and make the coffee."

"They were always upbeat," added another Cass City resident, Alexia Cook, who quilted with Mary and Alma for 25 years.

"They were always making quilts," she recalled. "Mary would quilt and quilt and quilt. That was her hobby outside of the other things she did. She worked in the garden and canned vegetables and scrubbed the floor."

"Everybody knew them," Mike Wald said, adding the pair will be remembered "for their generosity and just the way they were. They were unique people."

"God got 2 more angels (Thursday). We have a lot of memories, very good memories. We're lucky for that."



Mary Wald, 102



Alma Wald, 90

General Cable donates wire

New hospital computer system costs \$500,000

The business of doing business at Hills and Dales General Hospital will undergo some big changes over the next year as officials install and implement a new computer system.

The changes include a lot less paperwork, fewer errors and more convenience.

The \$500,000 state-of-the-art system will benefit everyone, from patients to physicians and nurses, emergency room clerks to billing personnel, X-ray technicians to hospital executives, according to Kathy Rowe, chief financial officer at Hills and Dales.

"This will be the most comprehensive integrated system in the area," said Rowe.

"What it's going to do is integrate every department. Every department will be on-line," she explained, adding the system will save time and money as well as cut down on errors. "There are a lot of advantages."

"It will help eliminate lost charges, hopefully," said Tony Doud, hospital controller.

"It just really provides a smooth flow," Rowe added.

"Everything from registration to billing will be on-line."

The new system is being purchased from Healthcare Management Systems Inc., a Nashville, Tenn.-based company that deals exclusively with health care information systems.

The purchase includes at least 50 new computer work stations, enabling all departments to communicate with one another.

For example, Rowe said, orders can be sent via computer terminal to any of the various departments. The system has fax capability, so test results can be faxed to physicians or viewed on-line by doctors, who will also be able to order tests from their offices.

On the floor, nurses will be utilizing hand-held computer terminals. They can take notes, orders and other information at the bedside, and that information automatically becomes part of the patient's permanent record, Rowe said.

"Our clinics in Caro, Unionville and Ubyly will also be on-line," she continued.

adding, "This will even allow our employees to sign in and out every day, and that will interface with the payroll system."

With the exception of finance — accounts payable, payroll, patient accounting, etc. — most hospital departments currently are not utilizing computers. Which translates into reams and reams of paperwork.

Eliminating a majority of that paperwork is a major goal behind the new computer system, Rowe said. "I know we'll never eliminate all the paperwork, but I'm hoping we can eliminate most of it."

Rowe said hospital officials have worked hard to ensure they selected the best possible equipment at the most reasonable cost.

In fact, officials spent 18 months studying the purchase, viewing demonstrations and analyzing prices. "We were very careful. We did our homework and we studied. We took a month to negotiate the contract," Rowe added. "I feel with this one, we got the best system at the best price for us."

Rowe said a number of physicians took an active role in the planning process, as did the hospital board. "The board was fully supportive and they're excited about it."

The project has also received the support of General Cable Co., Cass City, which has donated 12,000 feet of inside copper wire. Hospital officials called the wire a significant financial donation, although a dollar figure was not released.

Rowe said installation of the new computers will begin next week, when workers will start running the cable necessary to support the system.

April 1 is the target date for getting the hospital's finance departments on-line. The other departments, including nursing, lab and X-ray, will go on-line, one by one, over the next 6 to 8 months.

"By a year from now, we'll be totally on-line," Rowe said.

"We have high hopes," she concluded. "We have a lot of work to do over the next couple of months, but it will be worth it."



GENERAL CABLE Co., Cass City, has donated 12,000 feet of copper inside wire for a new computer system at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Above, General Cable Purchasing Agent Marian Volmering (from left) presents some wire to Larry Respondek, biomedical engineering technician, and Tony Doud, hospital controller.

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Tyson Bitzer and
Amanda Hudson

Mrs. Valerie Hudson of Cass City announces the engagement of her daughter, Amanda Hudson, to Tyson Bitzer, son of Kim and Debra Bitzer of Galetown and Rick and Rona Mehl of Unionville.

Both are graduates of Cass City High School. Hudson is currently employed by LEAR Corp. of Marlette. Bitzer is employed at Delphi Steering Systems, Saginaw. An Aug. 22 wedding is being planned.



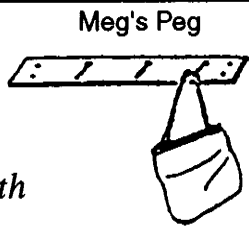
Kevin Joseph Dillon, Unionville, and Sherry Lynn Kondziola, Fairgrove.

Garth Junior Thane, Caro, and Florence Ann Paulson, Sebewaing.

Lee Allen Kinkle and Frances Ann Plumb, both of Silverwood.



Youth



by Melva E. Guinther

Sometimes I think older folks are a bit too hard on young people. We expect them to think and behave with the same maturity that took us all these many years to acquire.

We forget that many of our experiences and observations are foreign to those just beginning their lives as adults.

What made me stop and think were these facts passed along by my son, Mark.

The people who started college last fall were born in 1980. Therefore:

*The Iranian hostage crisis occurred before they were conceived.

*They have no memory of a time before MTV.

*"New Wave" is their PARENTS' musical generation.

*They have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan era.

*They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was waged.

*Black Monday 1987 is as significant to them as the Great Depression.

*Their world has always included AIDS.

*Having not lived through Disco, they romanticize the 1970s.

*They see "Family Ties" as something middle-aged ladies watch.

*They watched "Star Wars" years ago, when they were kids — on video.

*Atari predates them, as do vinyl albums and cassette audio tapes; they may have heard of an 8-track, but probably never actually have seen or heard one.

*As far as they know, stamps have always cost about 32 cents.

*Gasoline has never been less than \$1 a gallon.

*Likelihood is high that they have never watched a TV program that wasn't sent over cable.

*The oil crisis is history of

which they probably know nothing — and why anyone wouldn't buy a Suburban is beyond them.

Realizing how meager their memories and experience are, and admitting that these young people already know infinitely more than we ever will about computers, VCRs and such, maybe we should cut them a little slack, let them grow up and learn from experiences, just as we did.

Out of curiosity, I looked up the Chronicle files from 1980, the year these youngsters were born. This is how things were 18 years ago in Cass City.

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IGA advertised Sunkist oranges at 5 cents each and Post Toasties at 77 cents for an 18-ounce box.

The railroad depot at Garfield and Vulcan was torn down.

President Carter's proposal to resume draft registration was being debated.

Looking at records of the old days is always interesting. I've tried to convince the boss that we should dig 50 years back for our Memory Lane column, instead of 35. He says that's just because I'm getting older. I maintain that a lot of our readers are too.

If you think it's a good idea, let him know.

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Hugh Stirton of Kerwood, Ontario, visited Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer and Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer Saturday afternoon.

Arthur and Janet Seveance spent the weekend in Chicago with their son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Roxann.

Residents donate 55 pints of blood

Area residents donated fifty-five pints of blood during the blood drive held Jan. 13 at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

One-gallon donor was Sherry Adamczyk.

Three-gallon donor was Chris Diegel.

First time donors were Doug Laurie, Dawn Rick, Jeff Maxson, Chadd Rhodes, Ruth McCurdy, Roger Meredith, Todd Furness and Natalie Ellis.

The next blood drive will be April 7.

New books at the library

"G" is for Grafton by Natalie Hevener Kaufman and Carol McGinnis Kay: This book is a biography of Kinsey Millhone, the main character in Sue Grafton's books. The reader will learn the answer to every question she has ever had about this character and what makes her tick. At the same time a picture of Sue Grafton herself emerges. You'll find out why she chose to write detective fiction and how she develops plot lines and follows them. She even reveals what is in the future for the character of Kinsey. Grafton fans will find this book fascinating.

And Justice For All; The Legal Rights of Young People by Sandra Nunez and Trish Marx: (nonfiction). In a comprehensive and objective manner, this book explores areas of children's rights that have been questioned to the point that laws were changed in response. It also looks at issues being debated today. Young people are being listened to in the courts today and this book explains where we've come from and where we may be going on this subject.

My Vast Fortune; The Money Adventures of a Quixotic Capitalist by Andrew Tobias: (nonfiction). In this book Tobias explains how he accumulated his vast fortune. Then he goes on to describe the unusual ways he has put his money to work to help people in this country and in other countries of the world. The book also contains tips for amassing your own fortune and how to spend it.

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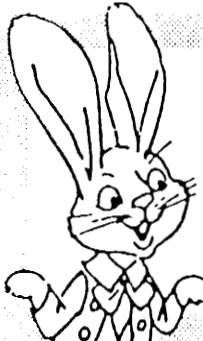
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

The committee to elect the annual citizen of the year will convene soon to elect this year's outstanding person. Those who desire to nominate a person are asked to contact the Cass City Chamber of Commerce office, located in the village offices, corner of Main and Seeger streets.

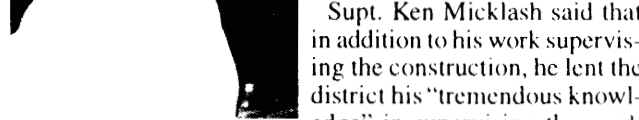
The annual banquet, in which a junior citizen of the year will also be named, is scheduled April 25 at the VFW Hall in Cass City.

John Ryba, Cass City, reported that he saw the first robin of the year Thursday. He says it was a male bird spotted in his yard at about 5 p.m.

Can that be a bird that lost its senses and flew back from the south or, as seems probable, one that never left the area at all?

When Keith Hammis, project superintendent for the new middle school, arrived on the job about a year and a half ago, he said that he wanted to become a part of the community as long as he was here. He does that wherever his work takes him.

There is no question that he was successful. Seldom has a man become as well known in as short a time as Hammis. He did it by always being available to the press and the community. He spoke at civic clubs, conducted tours and never seemed too busy for a one-on-one discussion.




Supt. Ken Micklash said that in addition to his work supervising the construction, he lent the district his "tremendous knowledge" in supervising the work at Campbell Elementary School and currently is helping with the planning for the conversion of the former middle school annex into the Early Childhood Center.

It is fitting and proper that he is one of the speakers scheduled in Sunday's dedication ceremony outlined in this week's special section.



Red Hawk Recap

by Rachel Hoard



Halloween night was a little more frightful at the high school. Our mascot, the Mighty Red Hawk, had its mask stolen. During the Cass City vs. Marlette varsity football game Oct. 31, the mask was taken by rivals from Marlette High School.

The hawk head was not noticed missing until the week of Nov. 10. A pep assembly was scheduled for Friday, Nov. 14, but the Red Hawk mascot would not be present.

Beginning the week of Nov. 10 the high school student council offered a reward, no questions asked, of \$25 for the safe return of the mask. After a month there was no response, but an anonymous teacher turned in a student that possibly had information on the mask. The teacher had overheard the student talking with fellow students about where the mask might be.

Sean Zawilinski, student council advisor, and Andrew Hartwick, student council president, approached the

student regarding the whereabouts of the hawk mask. The student confessed that the mask had been seen at a Marlette "party." The student contacted the culprit and had news that the mask would be returned during the Cass City vs. Marlette boys' basketball game.

Zawilinski warned the Athletic Director that there was a possibility the mask would be returned sometime during the game. The story ends with the safe return of the poor mistreated hawk mascot head, placed in the middle of the basketball court. Between the third and fourth quarters of the game a Marlette student ran out on the court wearing the mask and made obscene gestures to the Cass City students.

The hawk is now recovering from its long journey away from home, at the cleaners. Look for the reappearance of the faithful Red Hawk mascot Friday, Jan. 23, during the basketball game.



RAWSON MEMORIAL Library Director Barbara Hutchinson (third from left) recently accepted a \$4,350 check from Friends of the Library officers (from left) Helen Dale, vice chairman, Marge Feebish, chairman, and Geneva Richards, secretary. Missing is Phil Workman, treasurer.

"Friends" donate \$4,350

Members of Friends of Rawson Memorial Library at their first meeting of the new year Thursday presented a check for \$4,350 to the library as part of an on-going effort to give a financial boost to the newly expanded and renovated facility.

This latest contribution brings to \$5,840 the amount the friends have contributed to the library in the last 12 months.

The most recent check was presented to library Director Barbara Hutchinson by the officers of the friends.

The check represented money raised by the friends during 1997 fundraising activities, including the inaugural Christmas Home Tour, annual book sale, annual bazaar, a highly successful 2-year sale of afghans depicting community buildings and Charlie Brown Christmas Tree.

"The friends seem to be more active than ever and have found new ways to help support this bright, new facility," Smith and Feebish said. "All of us in this organization are so pleased that we have been able to contribute this amount to help pay for the many projects the library has underway. This check brings to almost \$20,000 the amount the friends have contributed in the last 2 years."

One of the friends' major projects last year was planning and paying the expenses of the ribbon-cutting celebration and open house, held

Oct. 12, that marked the completion of the library's \$650,000, 2-year capital campaign to fund the renovated and greatly expanded facility in Cass City. The "Giving Tree" in the library's lobby that recognizes all who contributed to that campaign is a gift from the friends.

Feebish said the friends are always seeking new mem-

bers interested in helping the library. The group meets monthly on the first Thursday at the library.

Newly elected officers for 1998 are Marge Feebish, chairman; Helen Dale, vice chairman; Geneva Richards, secretary, and Phil Workman, treasurer. Directors for 1998 are Bud Smith, Helen Dale and June Thomas.

The Haire Net



A little of this and that as seen from the corner of Main and Oak. Stories and activities worth a second glance on a winter day in the Thumb.

Way back when there was a debate about whether a new middle school building was necessary or repair of the building in use was the route, there was doubt here about the way to proceed.

Since a good many people whose views I respected endorsed the new school concept, I did also. After spending a little time in the building and talking with the teachers to get facts for the special school dedication section in this issue, I was glad I did.

I'm convinced that the old school building, despite its excellent condition for its age, would not meet the needs of the kids.

And it's not the new, larger rooms or spanking new gym that lead me to this conclusion. It's the electronics.

The state-of-the art computer, voice and television, an integral part of the new building, would have been virtually impossible to duplicate in the former building.

Modern communication is a help to old writers, too. In researching the special dedication section in this issue, it was necessary to call back to verify information.

When I asked for information about the cafeteria, I was switched to the person in charge instantaneously. What a time saver.

I didn't have a vote, of course, but if I did I never would have approved nicking the taxpayer for part of the cost of the new stadiums for professional football and baseball in downtown Detroit. There is a better use for the money in the city than building sports complexes. Now I read about another good reason, in addition to my basic objection, to this use of the taxpayers' money.

That's because the new structures increase the value of the franchise with no guar-



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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There has been much ado about White House pets the past few weeks. It seems the President's new pup can't turn around without bumping into a reporter with a camera or a secret service agent with a Pooper Scooper.

Last week I watched a news broadcast of the latest spat between the president's dog, Buddy, and his cat, Socks. President Clinton was trying to mediate the squabble while the White House critters yelped and spit at each other like a couple of congressmen.

I felt sorry for ol' Buddy. We can't expect a dog to get along with a cat! You can train a dog but it takes a village to raise a cat.

My old dog Ben could tell us about that (if he was still living, of course). Ben was an English Setter of respectable breeding, but he had his shortcomings.

Besides the usual flaws one expects from a bird dog — rolling in manure, eating birds, deafness in both ears — Ben developed the disconcerting habit of running away every time there was a thunder storm.

The old dog could tolerate gunfire of any magnitude but there was something about thunder that launched him into orbit. Ben got so nervous when the barometric pressure went down you could forecast the weather by the expressions on his face.

One minute the old dog would be sitting in the yard and the next he would be gone to who-knows-where. Sometimes we found him at the neighbors, hiding under the porch. Several times people called, and we would go pick him up — miles away.

Once he got caught in a coyote trap and was returned by a sheep rancher. Another time he went down to the golf course and walked a few holes with the boys.

If anyone was raised by a village it was Ben. He was gone about as much as he was home.

We put our name and phone number on the old setter's collar so folks could call us when they found him, and they always brought him back. I guess you couldn't blame them.

I've thought about that old dog many times over the years. I blame myself for many of his faults.

You can't keep a dog steady if you blaze away at every bird that flushes, and you can't demand obedience if you don't spend some time teaching the dog what is expected.

On the other hand, I never encouraged Ben to run off each time he sensed a change in the weather. And you would think an animal that could trail birds through a frozen swamp could find his master in a 40 acre cow pasture.

I've seen lots of dogs over the years and owned quite a few. Each had a certain amount of ability and a few shortcomings.

I'm not much of a dog trainer, but I know one thing for sure: You don't want one that was raised by a village.

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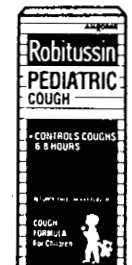
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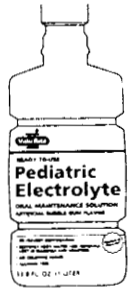
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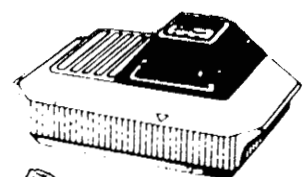
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MRI center up and running in Thumb

The Thumb MRI Center is up and running, offering area residents state-of-the-art diagnostic testing in their own backyard.

Officials with American Diagnostic Medicine (ADM), an Elmhurst, Ill., company that manages the center as well as overseeing day-to-day operations, hosted a "media day" last Wednesday to showcase the new \$3 million facility.

The Thumb MRI Center, located about 4 miles east of Cass City at 6320 Van Dyke Rd., opened for business at the end of December.

"I think this is really a landmark of cooperation in the Thumb area," said Christopher L. Richard, vice president of sales and marketing for ADM.

Richard explained the center was made possible by a lot of work and the cooperation of Thumb hospitals, including Hills and Dales Gen-

eral Hospital in Cass City. Although normally competitors, he said, these hospitals joined forces to establish an MRI facility in an effort to provide their own patients with the best diagnostic care without having to drive long distances.

Last week's open house included a tour of the facility and explanations of the MRI, or Magnetic Resonance Imaging, exam.

According to Richard, MRI utilizes a superconducting magnet, radio frequency pulses and a specially designed computer. Together, they capture extraordinarily detailed images of almost any organ in the human body.

Physicians use the painless exam to identify tumor masses and diagnose abnormalities in the head, spine, chest, abdomen and extremities.

Linda Socier, Thumb MRI Center manager, pointed out

the local facility is the first of its kind in the state to offer patients a unique "patient relaxation system" designed to help patients overcome nervousness and claustrophobia.

The system allows patients to watch TV or their favorite movie video tapes, or even listen to music while undergoing an MRI examination.

The exams average about 45 minutes in length, according to Diane Ruhlman, an MR technologist at the Thumb facility. She added it takes only about 90 seconds to process printouts of the scanned images using a specialized laser imager.

Socier said the Thumb MRI Center has been doing about 10 scans a day since it opened Dec. 29. It takes an average of 2 days to schedule a patient, and his or her scans are delivered to their physician in about 24 hours, she added.

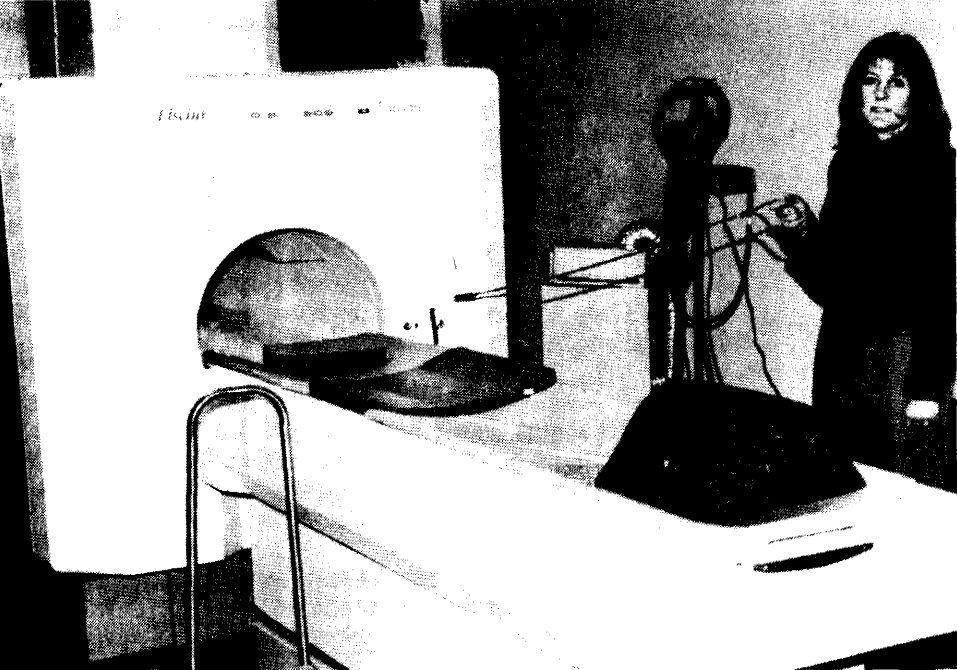
In contrast, patients who attempt to schedule an appointment with the other nearest MRI facility — a mobile unit — face a wait of up to 4 weeks to get an appointment, plus another week for their physician to receive a printout of the patient's scans.

Richard called the Thumb MRI Center a major victory for small town hospitals, which along with ADM fought for more than 2 years to establish an MRI center in the Thumb.

The fight began in 1995, when ADM formed a coalition with 6 Thumb hospitals. For 2 years the coalition lobbied for state legislative changes necessary to allow the area hospitals and residents access to the same MRI technology previously granted only to large urban and research hospitals. With support from the health care field and legislators, the effort was a success.



THE THUMB MRI Center has scanned an average of 10 patients a day since it opened Dec. 29. The center is the result of a cooperative effort between American Diagnostic Medicine and 6 Thumb area hospitals.



THUMB MRI CENTER Manager Linda Socier uses a metal dog leash to demonstrate the strength of the magnet used in the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) exam.

Colony House meeting draws 30 to 40 people

An effort to form a cooperative to purchase the Colony House drew 30 to 40 people to an informational meeting and tour held at the Cass City area banquet hall last week.

"We think it went okay," said Carl Osentoski, executive director of the Huron County Economic Development Corporation.

Osentoski helped to organize the meeting, including sending out about 100 letters inviting community leaders as well as business, agriculture, manufacturing and banking representatives to the Jan. 13 session.

The goal was to find out if enough investors would be willing to combine resources to buy the Colony House, which was recently closed by owners Marv and Janice Winter.

Osentoski said he was satisfied with the amount of interest shown by those who attended last week's meeting.

"I was really pleased," he added. "It's really hard to gauge these things. You never can tell how many people are going to show up."

Osentoski, who noted Marv Winter gave the group a tour of the facility, said there was good discussion. "We presented some ideas that we came up with, such as forming a limited liability corporation or a cooperative, hoping to spark some interest."

Also discussed were ideas on how the facility would be managed, which is a key issue in the proposal, he added.

After the meeting, all of those still interested in pursuing the idea were asked to submit their names in writing. Osentoski said about a dozen people indicated they are still interested.

The next step will be to

schedule another meeting to further discuss proposals. "We're going to close the door, put on a pot of coffee and see what happens, he added."

Osentoski pointed out the Huron County EDC has plans to take an active role in purchasing the Colony House, however, the agency will continue to help organize discussion of the proposal. "What we're going to do, basically, is facilitate the meeting."

Thumb Electric Cooperative General Manager Mike Krause, who is spearheading the effort to form a cooperative, indicated he's optimistic following last week's informational session.

"We're encouraged," he said. "I think there's a good possibility" the proposal could become reality.

Melissa Vargo O-G "Student of month"

Owen-Gage High School senior Melissa Vargo was recently named "student of the month" for January.

Vargo, the daughter of Reginald and Peggy Vargo, 9193 Sebewaing Rd., Sebewaing, has been active in the school pep club, Reading Buddies, the yearbook and newspaper staffs, 3.0 Honors Club, Student Council and National Honor Society, and she has participated in basketball, volleyball and softball throughout her high school career.

tending Saginaw Valley State University to study elementary teaching.



Melissa Vargo

A teacher's aide, she was a homecoming representative and was recently nominated as a snowball queen candidate.

Her future plans include at-

HDC seeking drivers

Once again, the Human Development Commission

(HDC) is looking for individuals to deliver meals to senior citizens around the Thumb area. The Home-Delivered Meal Program has delivered hot meals to homebound elderly citizens

for over 30 years, and is continuously looking for volunteers.

"We have spots within our communities where we need more drivers," said Tom Veneziano, nutrition director at HDC. "We're looking for people to give us a couple of hours - even one day per month. That would be helpful."

Areas particularly in need of drivers are Bad Axe (in Huron County), along with Lexington and Deckerville (in Sanilac County). However, Veneziano states that no area in HDC's 3-county program (including Tuscola County) enjoys an overabundance of drivers. The program, which delivers 1,400 meals a day, currently depends on the service of about 40 drivers.

Drivers are volunteers to the program, but can be reimbursed for mileage. Each driver also receives a meal prepared by the HDC nutrition staff.

For more information, or to volunteer as a driver, call Veneziano at the Human Development Commission Nutrition Department at (517) 673-4121, or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.

Sugar beet herbicide meet set

Dr. Karen Renner, MSU weed specialist, will discuss Sugarbeet Herbicides at a meeting slated for Jan. 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Gateway Sportsman's Club on M-25, just west of Unionville, according to Harold Rouget, extension agricultural agent for the Tuscola County MSU Extension office.

Dr. Renner, as well as Steve Poindexter of the Sugarbeet Initiative, will visit with growers about new herbicides in 1998 and answer any questions that growers may have.

There is no pre registration. A small fee will be collected at the door to cover refreshments and materials.

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Treasurer Joyce LaRoche recently completed education sessions through the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association.

•Designated Downing as the village's coordinator to receive federal surplus property.

•Approved regular 1998 meeting dates for all village boards. They are: village council, last Monday of the month at 7 p.m.; Economic Development Corporation, second Tuesday of the month at 8:15 p.m.; Planning Commission, third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.; Zoning Board of Appeals, May of each year and as required at 7 p.m., and Downtown Development Authority, second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Tuscola County's 9-1-1 emergency telephone system, along with identical systems in Huron and Sanilac counties, will be fully functional beginning March 23.

Gary Drabek, 49, a 25-year postal service veteran, began his duties as Cass City's new postmaster last Wednesday.

A tip called in to the Crimestoppers hotline helped police recover a snowmobile stolen from Brian Kelley, 4207 Doerr Rd., Cass City. Police have 2 suspects in the case.

The Cass City school board Monday okayed the first step in a long range plan to keep Cass City school buildings in good repair and avoid the need for new construction. The board authorized the hiring of the architect firm of Toshach, Sobczak, Spencer and Forsythe of Saginaw to help with the plan for updating the buildings with special emphasis on the middle school.

Cass City VFW Post 3644 and Auxiliary hosted the 10th District Voice of Democracy banquet Jan. 9 with 186 in attendance. Twenty-four students sponsored by various VFW posts and auxiliaries were honored.

10 YEARS AGO

A 37-year career in education, all but 5 years of it in the Cass City Schools system, comes to an end next week for Robert "Bob" Stickle, Cass City Intermediate School principal.

A meeting will be held at the Cass City VFW Post 3644 Jan. 21 to determine whether there is enough interest to start a women's VFW auxiliary chapter in Cass City.

Three-year-old Amber Richards of Cass City escaped injury Friday morning when she put her mother's parked car in gear and then went on a brief "joy" ride, crashing into a fence and a parked vehicle. Amber's mother had gone into the post office and left the girl in the car with the motor running. The Richards' vehicle sustained extensive damage.

Two new staff members have been announced at B.A. Calka Realty. They are Brian Allen Pellizzaro and Lori Sue Calka.

Lillian Lamke and Irene Guigar hardly ever miss a day of school in the Ubley Elementary School. They are among some 50 senior citizens who work part time as "foster grandparents" in Tuscola, Huron and Tuscola counties.

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City's local television personalities go on the air again Jan. 28 over WNEM channel five. The school's 4

Read Meg's Peg

science quiz contestants and the 2 alternates previously defeated Freeland 160-130, Beaverton, 300-40, and Grand Blanc McGrath, 260-230. Members of the team are Carl Palmateer, Jesse Groth, Pam Bryant and Tom Brinkman. Coach is Julie Kile.

The Cass City Red Hawks chalked up their sixth victory in a row Tuesday night with a 70-61 decision over the Ubley Bearcats. Dave Hillaker and Scott Hartel whipped in 15 points each and Kim Glaspie added 10.

Harland Lounsbury, service manager at Ouvry Chevrolet-Olds for 4 years, has resigned to take over a milk route. Replacing him will be "Bud" McDonald.

Robert Becker of Cass City was listed in fair condition in Saginaw General Hospital Tuesday, where he is being treated for 6 broken ribs sustained in a fall Thursday. Becker, who works for the Cass City office of General Telephone, was injured while working on Elmwood Road near Cass City. He fell approximately 20 feet while removing old telephone wires there. One of his lungs was punctured by a broken rib.

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35 YEARS AGO

Richard Palm, administrator at Hills and Dales General Hospital, said that a new rate in the obstetrical department of the hospital has been established. Total cost for a normal delivery is now \$100 for all hospital expenses. This includes all regular hospital care for a 3-day stay at the facility, Palm explained.

A "Womenless Wedding" is the title of a joint Rotary-Lion sponsored comedy program slated for Thursday and Friday, April 25-26, at the high school.

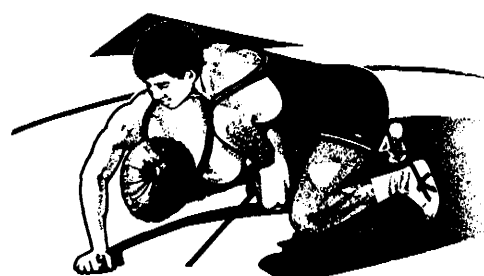
A series of classes in Civil Defense Medical Self-help will be held starting Friday evening. The project is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Basil Wotton will be the instructor, with Mrs. Leo Tracy as co-instructor.

The community lost 2 longtime residents this month. Fred Maier, 74, died Monday. A lifelong resident of Cass City, he worked 50 years at Gross & Maier. He was an employee 17 years for Harry Young, became a partner in the business for 17 years, and after this worked with Jim Gross, the present owner, for another 10 years.

Donald McLachlan, 53, died Saturday after a long illness. He was a businessman since 1939 with a 3-man partnership with Dave Mathews and the late Leonard Urquhart.

CASS CITY RED HAWK SCHEDULES

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASTICS



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

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JV games at high school, 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Deckerville at Cass City

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

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WRESTLING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Cass City at Bad Axe/Sandusky Tourney

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Cass City at Mayville Tourney

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

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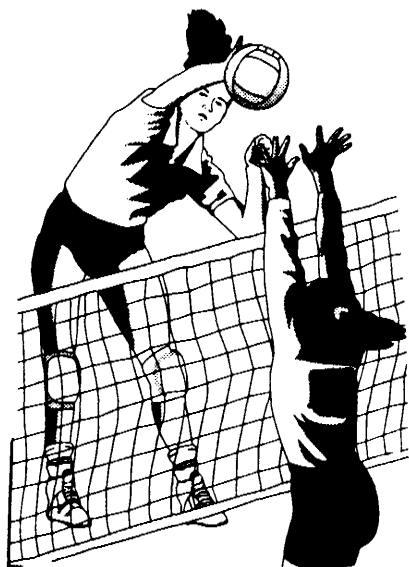
MONDAY, JANUARY 26

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Cass City at USA



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
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Bench sparkles as Hawks' team effort lands big win over Cougars

There was a special significance to the Cass City Red Hawk win at Bay City All Saints Friday in addition to being a Thumb West League game that keeps the Hawks tied for the lead with Lakers.

That's because the victory was notched with Heath Zawilinski, the team's leading scorer, out with illness and Chad Lenhard out with an injury.

Coach Jeff Hartel said that both players would probably

miss Tuesday's game with Deckerville and should be back for Friday's league clash with Mayville.

While the Hawks won comfortably at the end, 71-57, it was a tight game for most of the first 3 quarters.

Cass City was off to a roaring start in the first period and it was a veteran guard, Tim Micklash, and a newcomer to the starting 5, Nick King, that did the damage.

Micklash scored a trey and a pair of twos for 7 of his 10 points. For the night he controlled the offense, picked up 6 assists and 4 rebounds.

King poured in 9 of his 15 points for the night in the first

period. For the night he contributed 9 rebounds and 3 assists. At the end of the first 8 minutes the Hawks were in front 21-8.

In the opening quarter and all the time he was in the game, Craig Emmert controlled the boards to anchor the Hawk defense. But he picked up 3 early fouls and spent the second quarter on the bench.

The Cougars were quick to take advantage of his absence and worked the ball in to Brad Guano who, along with Craig Francis, sparked the All Saints' rally which moved their team into a half-time lead, 32-29.

Cass City took control of the game in the third period and it was Andy Edwards who contributed the spark that sent the Hawks flying.

He connected on 3 straight treys and Cass City took a 40-36 lead at the 5:34 mark and never trailed again.

When the Cougars shifted their defense to control Edwards, Emmert took over in the post with 5 baskets and 10 of his 15 points for the night. Despite sitting out for a quarter, he collected 13 rebounds and blocked 2 shots.

The game remained in doubt until midway through

the final quarter. With 6:45 left in the game, the Cass City lead was 53-49.

In the next 5 minutes Cass City outscored All Saints, 11-4, to put the game on ice.

Hartel said that Ryan Brinkman played well coming off the bench, with 6 rebounds, 2 blocks, an assist and a steal. The coach stressed that it was a great team victory on the road and pointed to the defense which held the Cougars, who average 71 points a game, to 57 points.

CC - BCAS

CASS CITY - Goodall 0-1 (0-0) 3; Cuddie 1-0 (0-0) 2; Micklash 3-1 (1-2) 10; King 6-1 (0-0) 15; Brinkman 2-0 (5-5) 9; Edwards 1-5 (0-0) 17; Emmert 7-0 (1-1) 15. TOTALS - 20-8 (7-8) 71.

BCAS - McCulloch 1-0 (0-0) 2; Grange 1-0 (1-1) 3; Francis 8-1 (1-3) 20; Wenglikowski 0-1 (0-0) 3; Biskup 1-0 (0-0) 2; Meissner 2-0 (1-1) 5; Guano 9-0 (2-2) 20; Horner 1-0 (0-0) 2. TOTALS - 23-2 (5-11) 57.



JOSH BRINKMAN missed this short shot, but helped the Hawks with 9 points and aggressive defense.

Hawk grapplers 6th in tourney, first in league

It looks as if the fans of the Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team will have much to be happy about now and for the next 2 years as Coach Don Markel's charges continue to sparkle in league competition and invitational meets.

Last week the Hawks ran their dual meet undefeated string to 6 (2-0 in Thumb C West) with victories over Mayville and Lakers.

Cass City also placed well in the Ironman Wrestling Classic at Bridgeport Saturday, finishing 6th among 17 teams. The Hawks' student enrollment was the smallest in the meet, which was loaded with class A and B schools.

The results also bode well for the future as the 6 Cass City grapplers that earned medals are all sophomores. Cass City finished with 98 points. Flint Carmen-Ainsworth was the winner with 184 1/2 points.

The results: Mount Morris, 152, Sterling Heights, 143, Haslett, 120 1/2, Saginaw High, 104, Cass City, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 95, Flushing, 92 1/2, Saginaw Swan Valley, 78 1/2, Saginaw Heritage, 72 1/2, Midland Bullock Creek, 63, Pinconning, 62, Bridgeport, 48, Merrill, 45, Saginaw Arthur Hill, 32, Lansing Waverly, 29, Cadillac, 25.

Medal winners for Cass City were: Roy Davis, 103 pounds, 4th; Travis Schneeberger, 112 pounds, 6th; Scott Moore, 119 pounds, 4th; Adam Dorland, 130 pounds, 3rd; Jalal Khouri, 189 pounds, 5th, and Chris Dubai, 275 pounds, 4th.

MAYVILLE MEET

The Hawks had little



trouble defeating the Lakers, 65-18, and Mayville, 60-21, in a double dual meet Wednesday.

Cass City used a strong showing in the middle and heavy weights to top the Wildcats, who started strong with 3 wins in the first 5 events. Roy Davis, 103 pounds, pinned Leah Preston to start the meet, but Schneeberger, Scott Moore, and Anand Raythatha lost and Mayville took an early lead. After that it was all Cass City.

Dorland, 130 pounds, pinned Greg Hudie and Mayer, 135 pounds, pinned John Ralesh. Three more pins followed by Gibbard, 140 pounds, over Mark Bodeis; Nathan Matt, 145 pounds, over Ben Andersen, and Dave Sutter, 152 pounds, over Joe McKeage.

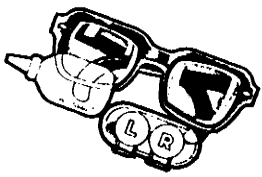
Cass City had no wrestler in the 160-pound class and then won the rest of the classes with pins by Ricky Zeien, Khoury, Wolschlagler and McIntosh.

LAKER MEET

Cass City's victory over the Lakers was made easy as the losers had 5 weight classes without wrestlers, giving forfeit wins to Jeremy Klinkman, Schneeberger, Raythatha, Phil Mathewson and Dorland.

The Lakers' wins were recorded by Justin Peterson over Scott Moore, in the 119-pound class, Jason Diebel, 171 pounds, over Zeien, and a forfeit in the 160 pound class to Charles Krohn.

The Hawks scored pins by Mayer, 135 pounds; Gibbard, 140 pounds; Matt, 145 pounds; Sutter, 152 pounds, Wolschlagler, 215 pounds, and McIntosh, 275 pounds.



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BASKETBALL									
GREATER THUMB WEST									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
Cass City	4	0	7	1	2	1	2	1	2
EPBP	4	0	7	1	2	1	2	1	2
Reese	1	2	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
BCAS	1	2	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mayville	1	2	4	3	5	5	5	5	5
USA	1	2	2	5	5	5	5	5	5
Bad Axe	0	4	1	7	5	5	5	5	5

GREATER THUMB EAST									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
Brown City	4	0	5	1	4	4	4	4	4
Marlette	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Uby	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
H. Beach	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cros-Lex	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Sandusky	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Yale	0	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	4
Deckerville	0	4	0	6	4	4	4	4	4

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
Kingston	4	0	7	1	2	1	2	1	2
Uby	4	0	6	1	2	1	2	1	2
North Huron	3	1	6	2	2	2	2	2	2
CPS	2	2	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cassville	1	3	2	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cassville at Owen-Gage	1	3	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
A-F	1	3	1	6	7	7	7	7	7
Port Hope	0	4	2	6	4	4	4	4	4

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Mayville 93, Bad Axe 67
Cass City 71, BCAS 57
EPBP 62, Reese 58
Saginaw Buena Vista 46, USA 37
Brown City 55, Harbor Beach 37
Cros-Lex 41, Uby 37
Marlette 67, Deckerville 62
Sandusky 35, Yale 30
North Huron 45, A-Fairgrove 39
Cassville 50, Port Hope 42
Kingston 59, CPS 44
Peck 63, Owen-Gage 50

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Bad Axe at Uby
Deckerville at Cass City
Marlette at EPBP
Sandusky at Mayville
Yale at Reese
Brown City at USA
Peck at A-Fairgrove
Cassville at Owen-Gage
CPS at North Huron
Port Hope at Kingston

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Reese at Bad Axe
BCAS at USA
Mayville at Cass City
Brown City at Deckerville
Cros-Lex at Sandusky
Yale at Harbor Beach
Uby at Marlette
A-Fairgrove at Owen-Gage
North Huron at Cassville
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Hawks bow in straight sets to Bad Axe

Communication plays a vital role in the success of any good team.

And until the Cass City volleyball team can learn to do just that, they may be destined to repeat the errors of the school's lackluster program in recent history.

A lack of court chatter was never more evident than in Thursday's Greater Thumb West conference opener in Bad Axe where the Hawks suffered straight game losses of 15-11, 15-5 and 15-7.

"(The) lack of communication and hustle lost the game for Cass City," said first year Coach Beth Howard.

Howard hopes her squad will communicate better this Thursday when they travel to face conference rival Unionville-Sebewaing.

In the opener against the Hatchets, Cass City displayed it has the talent to compete with some of the best talent in the area.

Cass City served an impressive 80% and recorded 5 kills against an always tough Bad Axe team.

Shelly Ulfing recorded 3 of

the Hawk kills, while Lori Brown recorded the Hawks' other 2 winners at the net. Jessica Henderson was credited with 3 assists.

"We have some good hitters, but until our passes get to the setter, we won't be able to use our hitters to the best of their abilities."

The Hawks' serving dropped off (63%) in the middle game and that proved fatal for the guests. Also adding to the Hawks' woes was shabby passing that cost the Hawks 5 points in the game.

"Bad Axe is a good team and they have good receivers," said Howard as her team recorded only one ace, by Ulfing, in the game.

In the final game, passing again hurt the Hawks. Despite 6 great passes from Lindsay Maharg, the Hawks were hurt from 6 passing errors. However, when Cass City was able to set up its offense, Ulfing cashed in at the net with 4 kills.

"We had problems setting up the ball. Bad Axe was able to attack against us all night."



BULLDOG MELISSA Vargo gets ready for a shot against visiting Kingston in Thursday's NCTL volleyball contest. Vargo had 10 points and 9 digs for the winners. Also pictured are Bulldogs Tonya Smith (4) and Kristie Radabaugh.

O-G to host A-F Friday

Peck hands O-G 5th straight loss

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs entertained the league leading Peck Pirates Friday and suffered their fifth straight defeat, 63-50.

For Coach Jim Brinkman's Bulldogs, the loss marks a welcome end to a stout North Central Thumb League schedule that included the conference's best 3 squads over a 10-day span. The stretch, that included games with Peck, Kingston and North Huron, featured NCTL teams that hold a combined league record of 11-1.

This week the Bulldogs host Akron-Fairgrove Friday in the school's annual

Snowbowl contest, preceded by a Tuesday meeting with Caseville. Both the Vikings and Eagles hold 1-3 league marks.

In the contest with the Pirates, Sophomore Josh Presnell led the guests with a game high 21 points that included 5 triples.

The Bulldogs played the Pirates tight for the initial half that ended with the visitors clinging to a 33-28 advantage. Presnell registered 9 tallies in the opening half. The Pirates opened the third period connecting from all spots on the court and outscored Owen-Gage, 18-10. Presnell nailed 3 from behind the 3-point arc to help the Pirates take a 46-33 margin into the final game.

Chad Mellendorf and Derek Howard started to heat

up for the Bulldogs in the final period, where they combined for 12 points. However, the Bulldogs couldn't overcome the outside shooting of Peck, who added 3 treys in the final stanza, including 2 from Jason Leonard. On the night, the Pirates scored 8 times from 3-point land.

Mellendorf led Owen-Gage with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Howard's 9 points were next best for the hosts. Howard also passed for 6 assists. High scoring guard Joel Bolzman was held to just 4 points by the Pirate defense. Bolzman, however, passed for a team high 9 assists and added 13 rebounds.

Rich Worth scored 10 for Peck, while Leonard and Tom After split 18 markers.

OG - PECK

PECK - Haist 3-0 (0-2) 6; Leonard 1-2 (1-1) 9; Stafford 1-1 (1-2) 6; After 4-0 (1-2) 9; Presnell 3-5 (0-0) 21; Gerts 1-0 (0-0) 2; Worth 4-0 (2-4) 10.
TOTALS - 17-8 (5-11) 63.

OWEN-GAGE - Brinkman 3-0 (0-2) 6; Salcido 1-1 (0-0) 5; Howard 4-0 (1-2) 9; Anthes 3-0 (0-0) 6; Mellendorf 5-0 (2-4) 12; Bolzman 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rochefort 1-2 (0-0) 8.
TOTALS - 19-3 (3-8) 50.

MSU pair to speak Feb. 3

Dr. Karen Renner and Dr. Chris DiFonzo, both from Michigan State University, will discuss with growers weed control and insect management in their crops during a day-long program set for Feb. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Brentwood in Caro.

Dr. Renner will visit with growers about predicting weed losses, managing weeds with herbicide resistance crops and new herbicides for 1998. Dr. DiFonzo

will discuss battling bores with Bt corn; hybrids and the new corn rootworm strain that has been found in Michigan.

There is a \$25 fee for the program if registered by Jan. 25. After that date, the fee is \$30. This fee covers materials, meals, etc.

For more information regarding this program or to register, call the Tuscola County MSU Extension office in Caro at (517) 672-3870.

Report theft of 2 doors worth \$200

A Cass City woman reported a pair of doors stolen from her apartment last week.

According to Cass City police reports, Mary Olsway, 4391 Seeger St., reported the doors missing last Wednesday. The doors are valued at a total of \$200.

Undefeated in league

O-G spikers top Kingston and N-H

Coach Judy Campbell's Owen-Gage spikers ran their leading North Central Thumb League record to 3-0 last week with a pair of straight game wins over Kingston and North Huron.

In their latest match Thursday, the Bulldogs disposed of visiting Kingston easily with wins of 15-4, 15-5 and 15-10.

"We're playing decent defense right now, but our offense has a long ways to go," said Campbell, heading into this week's NCTL matches.

The defending NCTL champions will take their unblemished conference mark to Caseville this Thursday for a rare doubleheader meeting against the Eagles.

"We're coming along, but we still make little skill mistakes," says Campbell.

Freshman Erin Salcido paced the Bulldogs against Kingston with 12 points that included 4 aces. Salcido also added 9 digs and was credited with 3 kills and 9 sets.

Also scoring double digits for the hosts was senior Melissa Vargo. Vargo registered a team best 5 aces that helped her net 10 points. Vargo was also responsible for 9 digs and a team high 34 sets.

Despite the lopsided win, Campbell noted the lack of net play from her squad.

"We don't have a big gun at the net. Blocking is probably our biggest weakness," Campbell said, adding, "We hope to get some help at the net from freshman Jenna Root."

"Jenna is the team's best jumper. She has a vertical jump of 18.5 inches."

Campbell also praised the efforts of Tonya Smith and Melanie Lemanski in the Bulldog win. Smith posted a team best 13 kills and added 4 digs. Lemanski pitched in 7 kills for Owen-Gage.

NORTH HURON

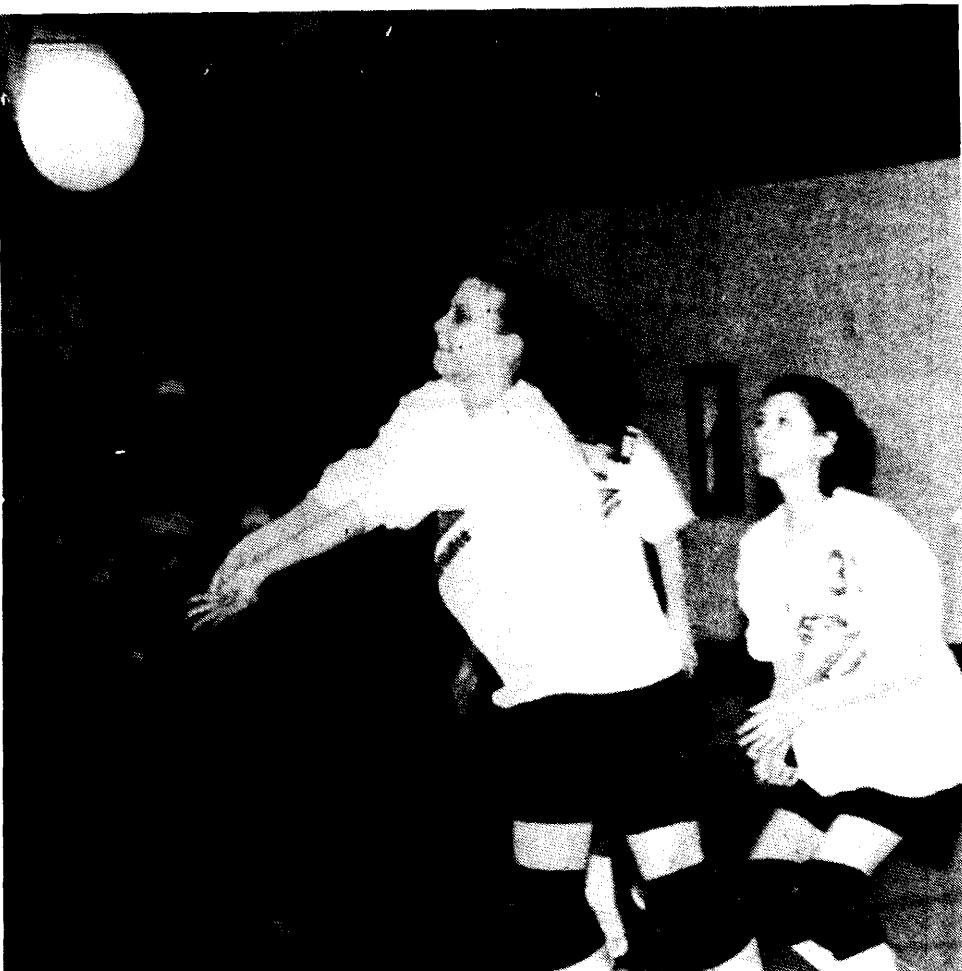
Earlier in the week on Monday, the Bulldogs traveled to North Huron, where they recorded wins of 15-4, 15-2 and 15-10.

Cassie Vargo led all scorers with 20 tallies that included 8 aces. The sophomore contributed 6 kills and 17 sets in one of her best showings to date.

Smith continued her fine play on the season for Owen-Gage as she added 10 kills and 3 digs for the winners.



OWEN-GAGE'S 1998 SNOWBOWL king and queen will be selected from this group of seniors during halftime of Friday's basketball contest with Akron-Fairgrove. They are: (front, from left) Melissa Vargo, Tonya Smith, Brandy Halasz, Amy Joles. Back row (from left) David Sheufelt, Aaron Baker, Chadd Rhodes, Donimetre Davis.



KINGSTON'S LISA KING sends a shot over the net during Thursday's NCTL tilt in Owendale. Kingston was defeated in straight games by the scores of 15-4, 15-5 and 15-10.

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Team High Actual Series & Game: Charmont 3092 (1115).

Individual High Series & Games: M. Jackson 742 (267-238-237), T. Pattengill 675 (248-229), J. Storm 647 (253), J. Langenburg 640 (246-213), D. Englehardt 619 (236), M. Gettel 608, C. Kelley 605 (210), D. Roth 597 (235), M. Lutz 585, J. Krol 580 (226), M. Zawilinski 579 (234), D. O'Dell 578 (213), G. Robinson 578, J. Lefler 576, B. Rutkoski 576, R. Witherspoon 566 (216), L. Morgan 562 (219), T. Kuck 559 (211), B. Joseph 242, P. McIntosh 224.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Jan. 15, 1998

Health Mart Pills	7
Thumb Auto Wash	6
Detroit Edison	5
All Season Rental	4
Caro Chiropractic	4
Silver Birch Kennel	3
J.B.'s Crew	2
Hills & Dales	1

High Actual Team Series: Thumb Auto Wash 1912.

High Actual Team Game: All Season Rental 692.

500 Series: D. Williams 533, L. Erla 526, D. Potrykus, C. Smith 514, S. Hutchinson 506, J. Dickinson 504, J. LaRoche 501.

200 Games: D. Williams 244, J. Dickinson 205, S. Hutchinson 203.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Jan. 15

General Cable	23
Martin Electric	22
Marlette Oil & Gas	18

NEIC	16
Pioneer Seeds	15
Mycogen Plant Sciences	15
Hyatt Farms One	13
Hyatt Farms Two	11
Schmaltz Construction	10
Babich Farms	10
Thumb Auto Wash	9 1/2

High Team Series & Game: General Cable 1817 (680).

High Series & Games: D. Roth 643 (217-224), Duane O'Dell 628 (277), G. Smith 621 (223), R. Doerr 589 (211-212), D. Beecher 580, R. Kilbourn 236, B. Biebel 221, D. Doerr 214, Doug O'Dell 211.

CHARMONT LADIES End of 2nd Round

Live Wires	27 1/2
J.B.'s Crew	26
Team #7	24
Wild John's	24
Cable-ettes	21 1/2
Cass City Tire	21
Pizza Villa	16
Dee's M.P. Rockets	15
Sister Act	14
Dott Manufacturing	11

High Team Game: J.B.'s Crew 1061.

High Team Series: Team #7 3000.

High Series: D. Mathewson 499, D. Wilson 492, D. Sweeney 490, E. Romain 471, M. Moore 477, B. Ware 466.

High Games: D. Sweeney 192, D. Wilson 214, D. Mathewson 194, E. Romain 186, M. Moore 185, V. Patera 180, B. Ware 172, W. Jensen

186.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE

KREW	8
Alley Cats	6
STAR	5
Golden Oldies	3
Dee's M.P. Rockets	2

High Team Series: Alley Cats and Dee's M.P. Rockets 1718.

High Team Game: Dee's M.P. Rockets 623.

High Individual Series & Game: D. Mathewson 514 (188), D. Grifka 462 (171), C. Slaughter 467 (167), W. Skakle 476 (165), L. Dibble 450 (159), M. Veldman 159, J. Furness 157, M. Keller 156, C. Kloc 154, M. Opanasenko 153.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Jan. 16

The Family	22
Dodgers	18
Gators	17
Easy 7	17
Rolling Thunder	15
Grumblers	10
New Team	9
Men of Steel	4

Men's High Series & Games: T. Potrykus 628 (146-257-225).

Women's High Series & Games: C. Smith 580 (195-189-196), D. Potrykus 503 (181).

High Team Series & Game: Gators 2011 (718).

Appoint Erla to board

The Elkland Township Board last week approved appointments to the township Board of Review and Cass City Ambulance Board.

Township Clerk Norma Wallace reported the board appointed Elwyn Helwig, John Maharg and Roy Waggs to the review board.

Named to the ambulance board was township Supervisor Dan Erla. He fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Dave Milligan, former township supervisor. In other business during the Jan. 12 monthly meeting, the board:

• Approved a service contract with R and R Fire Truck Repair, Northville, for the

township fire department's 1978 tanker. Cost of the contract was not available. Also approved was an agreement to share with the department the cost of purchasing a refrigerator for the township fire hall.

• Voted to purchase a new mower through an annual trade-in agreement with Laethem Equipment Co., Caro. The agreement allows the township to trade in an older mower for a new model at a cost of \$450.

• Set a rate of \$125 to be paid to Rabideau Septic, Cass City, for winter burials at the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Letter to the editor

Resolution: look on the inside

As the holiday sparkle has lost its shine and objects of Christmas unity have been put away, the 'New Year' is still considered new along with its resolutions.

Resolutions; the purpose of intention.

We hear of these resolutions of being more happy and sound, to eat less chocolate, or the desire to be in shape for '98. As customary, the above wishes usually fall by the wayside never to be heard again — for another 12 months.

If so, how about the suggestion of a spiritual resolution; for each one's self. As a society we spend so much time on the outside, we never seem to want to look on the inside to see what really makes us tick or what is or could be a matter with each of us. In other words...listening to that inner voice.

For example, did we take the time to look around with loving heart—this past Christmas to comfort the teary-eyed widow in church, who is spending her first Christmas alone? Did we pay attention to the broken hearted child from a broken home, or that neighbor, whose life hasn't been all that easy this past year? It all seems a little too time consuming when there is the wrapping of gifts or the baking of important Christmas cookies.

Maybe this year could be a year of healing. The first step is to learn to 'let go' and not to live in denial (not an easy task, but is possible). That means a choice to walk with God or not to walk with God. For some of us who know, it is much easier (and natural) to walk with him. That is true whether going through a harsh divorce, accepting a verdict from a jury, or the long and painful death of a loved one. It is the choice to take that pain in a constructive manner and begin a healing process, rather than to be "damned unhappy" (in the words of others) and turn into bitter haters themselves.

In a world where honesty and love don't seem to be the

best policy (yet they are God's greatest gifts), it can be misused by those giving a false hand of love and/or friendship to the most sincere and innocent. This only for a moment of instant gratification (be it personal, sexual, or otherwise). When such abuse happens, hurt and humiliation usually follow. There is the choice to forgive of one's self and the one with ignorant intent. As in the words of the poetic Desiderata....Neither be cynical of love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass....

For if healing doesn't take place there is an attitude of "An Eye For An Eye and A Tooth For A Tooth" (or in the words of a violent society—Blood For Blood—no matter who it is). For some it is the desire to pretend they are God without leaving the judgement to Him or the desire to have faith in HIM.

Faith is never easy...when you are human. We clothe ourselves in denial thinking we cannot undo an emotional pain or evil against us. Yet we sit in church or other spiritual places of worship believing we all can move a moun-

tain with that of the faith of a mustard seed. How sad, for when we leave our buildings of worship, we also leave that beautiful thought/belief there when we close the doors behind us. As if it won't work in this 'real world' of ours.

Maybe through experience of our hurts we learn to be better thinkers for our own good, rather than being forced by those (friends, employers, media and our 'helpful' political leaders) around us "who seem to know what is best for us". So before we label a person or persons 'as those blessed with bad luck' or living the role of a scapegoat we should stop and think...that there are some people God put on this earth to do difficult jobs for us to learn truth and make way for peace—if we are willing to be wide awake to watch and understand. For it is better for a person to arm himself with the truth in order not to be misled. For in most cases (sad to say) individuals are better prepared to entertain themselves than to be prepared or equipped in educating themselves with the laws our Creator set before us.

Now for some it is 'unpleasant' to talk of such topics or there is the need to tell this writer (me) to put on a pair of rose-colored glasses and hum a few bars of "This Little Light of Mine" in order to feel better...yeah right. Sorry, God didn't design me that way. In the long run, it is much better to recognize a

problem than to ignore it—thinking it will go away in a matter of time. In many cases, that seems to be a growing hobby in this country.

For those who don't care for this type of thought...so be it...it is of personal decision. But there is one question/challenge I will leave with you....Are you listening to your inner voice—the one you have been ignoring for so long or your ego—which probably continues to eat at your soul to this day????????????

Kathy M. Volz

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Obituaries

Albert Auslander

Albert Clair Auslander ("Pitt"), 85, Decker, died Monday, Jan. 19, at Tendercare, Cass City.

Born May 19, 1912, in Evergreen Township, he was the son of Paul and Sabie (Hyatt) Auslander.

He married Virginia Meredith Sept. 12, 1936.

Auslander farmed and was a logger in the area all of his life. He was a longtime member of the Michigan Dynamometer Association and pulled horses at fairs all over the state of Michigan and Canada. He was a member of the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Auslander is survived by his wife; one daughter, Janet (Arthur) Severance, Decker; one son, Dale Auslander, Daytona Beach, Fla.; 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren; 5 sisters, Iris (William) Butts, Flint, Zeldia Hem, Flint, Marie (Charles) Osentoski, Flushing, June (Jim) MacDonald, Troy, and Jean Cohen, Flint, and one brother, Clark (Gladys) Auslander, Cass City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Donna, one sister, Mabel Itchue, and a brother, Walter.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m. at the Shabbona United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jean Rencontre officiating.

Burial will be in Evergreen Township Cemetery.

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

Memorials may be given to the Bay Shore Campers' Fund of the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Nellie Caister

Nellie A. Caister, 85, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Jan. 1, 1998, in Phoenix.

Born Nellie Pringle, in Decker Sept. 7, 1912, she was a teacher and homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, G. Maurice Caister; 3 daughters, Sharon Hatfield, Joyce Fenwick and Shirley Morris; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and 2 sisters, Helen Hamilton and Doris Billman.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 5, at Greenwood Memory Lawn Mortuary in Phoenix, with the Rev. Gilbert Ablard and the Rev. Burleigh Willard officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to Dorcas Ministries, 4002 N. 18th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85009.

Marie Clara

Marie L. Clara, 70, of Caro, died Jan. 12, 1998, at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw following a brief illness.

She was born April 19, 1927, in Greenleaf Township, Sanilac County, the daughter of Howard and Lois (Moss) Hill. She married Francis A. (Bud) Clara Jan. 24, 1946. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to the Gagetown area and have lived in Tuscola County since.

She had been employed at Walbro Corporation, at the Cass City plant for 32 years, retiring in 1987.

Surviving are her husband, Bud Clara of Caro; 2 sons, one daughter and their spouses, Randal D. and Susan Clara of Caro, Dennis P. Clara of Caro and Pamela M. Clara of Bay City; one grandson, Paul R. Clara of Caro; one brother, Howard Hill of Cass City; 3 sisters, Edna May Mitchell of Cass City, Veras Cipparone of Houghton Lake, Ella Jean Ware of Otter Lake, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Eldon Hill in 1969.

Funeral service were held Thursday from the Ransford Funeral Home in Caro with

the Rev. David J. Bostrom of the Caro Evangelical Free Church officiating.

Interment was in Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or to the Caro Evangelical Free Church.

Louis O'Connor

Louis G. O'Connor, 74, of Caseville, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998, in his home.

Born Nov. 6, 1923, in Deford, he was the son of Dennis Patrick and Mable Blanch (Wickware) O'Connor. He never married.

A United States Navy veteran, he worked in the automotive industry.

Surviving are a brother, Thomas "Ike" (Ruth) O'Connor of Port Austin; a sister, Marion Thomas of Plymouth, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 4 brothers, Alton, Francis, Maurice and Vincent O'Connor, and a sister, Genevieve Bartle.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 18, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Todd of Living Word Worship Center officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Ray Davison

Ray James Davison, 74, of Caro, died Friday, Jan. 16, 1998, at Pathways Transition Care, Sterling Heights, after a long illness.

Born March 12, 1923, in Fairgrove, he was the son of

Orrie and Olive (Kenny) Davison. He married Stefanie Bratkowski June 25, 1948, in Utica.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served in the military police during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He worked for Centerline Metal, now Regal Stamping, for many years, and was a member of the Caro American Legion Post.

Surviving are his wife, Stefanie; 2 daughters, Karen and Jacob Dasho of Caro and Debra and Walter Kaltz, also of Caro; 3 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; 3 sisters, Betty Matthews of Clinton Township, Mary Lou Teets of Shelby and Donna Lee Wineman of Otisville; a brother, Don and Helen Davison of Sterling Heights, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Floyd Davison, Robert Davison and Orrie Davison Jr., and a sister, Maida Martin.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 19, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Michael Bell of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Caro, officiating. Interment was in Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Louise Harding

Louise Harding, 83, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Sunday, Jan. 11, 1998, in her home.

Born in October 1914 in Gagetown, she was the daughter of Adolph and Matilda Thiel.

She graduated from Gagetown High School and became a nurse, working in Bank and Nestle Milk Company. She married Glen Harding in 1936. After retiring, they moved to Florida and then to Phoenix to live with their daughter, Kay. Her husband died March 2, 1997.

Surviving are 3 sons, Tom Harding (Mary Lou) of Traverse City, Paul (Gerry)

Harding of Lake Orion, and Bill (Mary) Harding of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 2 daughters, Kay (Steve) Andrews of Phoenix and Glenda (Phil) Gaddis of Arkansas; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Arthur Thiel of St. Clair Shores, William (Benny) Thiel of Pontiac and Paul (Jeanne) Thiel of Royal Oak and Homosassa, Fla., and 3 sisters, Marie (Joe) Lapak of Lake City, Rita Stewart of Waterford, and Margie (Harold) Muegge of Cass City.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; 3 brothers, James, Leo and Joseph, and 2 sisters, Eileen and Pauline.

Cremation and a memorial service have taken place in Phoenix.

Mary Janowiak

Miss Mary Frances Janowiak (O'Berski), 85, of Ubyly, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 1998, at Huron Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Born March 9, 1912, in Paris Township, she was the daughter of Peter and Margaret (Jaskowski) Janowiak. She never married.

A graduate of Ubyly High School, she received her teacher's certificate from Michigan Normal College and taught at Ubyly Elementary and the Sparling Country School. She also worked in the offices at the Hubbard State Bank, Community Bank and Nestle Milk Company, and retired from Lyntex Company of Ubyly. She was a lifelong parishioner of St. John's Church of Ubyly and a member of the Huron County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Bernice O'Berski of Ubyly; 3 nieces, Barbara Ann Wyrenbelski and her husband, Edward, of Sterling Heights, Kathy Kelly and her husband, Larry, of Bad Axe, and Diana Adriane and her husband, Ron, of Oscoda; 3 nephews, Dennis O'Berski and his wife, Anita, of Cass City, Kenneth O'Berski and his wife, Christine, of Ubyly, and Garret O'Berski of Ubyly, and 8 great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Lillian Walker, a half-brother, Elmer O'Berski, and one great-niece.

Funeral services were scheduled Tuesday at St. John Catholic Church of Ubyly with the Rev. Randy Kelly, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in the church cemetery.

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

Albert Schuette

Albert H. Schuette, 93, of Pigeon, died Sunday, Jan. 18, at Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

Born in Elkton Feb. 17, 1904, he was the son of Christoph and Sophia (Bergman) Schuette. He married Matilda Schulz at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon June 14, 1928. She died Nov. 12, 1937. He married Frances Loeffler Feb. 19, 1938, at New Salem Lutheran Church in Sebawaing. She died March 8, 1990.

A crop and dairy farmer throughout his lifetime, he was a member of the "Just-a-mere" Farm Bureau. He served for 45 years on the board of directors of the Sebawaing Mutual Fire Insurance group, and was a lifelong member of Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon, where he was baptized and confirmed.

His survivors include 2 sons, Elmer (Nancy) Schuette, Pigeon, and Clare (Donna) Schuette, Cass City; 4 daughters, Eunice Richmond of Bay Port, Gertrude (Ben) Crump, Hemlock, Beatrice (Willson) Marsh, Imlay City, and Alice (Cary) Marsh, Stevensville; 17 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Olga (Fred) Renn, Pigeon, and Hulda Baur, Bay Port; 2 brothers, Carl (Caroline) Schuette and Walter S. Schuette, both of Elkton; 2 sisters-in-law, Ann Schuette and Viola Schuette; a

brother-in-law, John (Merrill) Loeffler, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 5 brothers, Otto, Herman, Edward, Ernst and Ervin, and a son-in-law, Fred Richmond.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon. The Rev. Raymond E. Orth, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cross Lutheran Church or to the Huron Medical Care Facility.

Arrangements were made by Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Ernestine Thiel

Ernestine E. (Klee) Thiel, 83, died Jan. 2, 1998, of complications from Alzheimer's Disease and a stroke in Lakepointe Villa in Clinton Township.

She married Arthur N. Thiel of Gagetown Jan. 25, 1936.

Her parents were Edward and Matilda Klee of Kinde.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur N. Thiel; daughters, Cynthia (George) Schwartz, Edwina (Edward) Gebauer, Ruth (Warren) Peters, Joan; a son, Edward (Virginia) Thiel; 21 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; a sister, Elizabeth (George) Cyr, and a brother Emil Klee.

She was preceded in death by a grandchild, George Schwartz Jr., and a great-grandchild, Dylan L. Adsett.

She and her husband would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary Jan. 25.

A mass was celebrated at St. Lucy's Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Roseville.

Alma Wald

Mrs. Alma Wald, 90, of Gagetown, died Thursday morning, Jan. 15, 1998, at her residence.

Born in Gagetown July 3, 1907, she was the daughter of Patrick and Mary Jane Phelan Wald, and remained a lifelong resident. In April of 1932 she married Vincent Wald. He died Dec. 7, 1974.

She was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown and its Ladies Society, the Elmwood Extension, and the Elmwood Quilting Circle.

Surviving are 3 sons, George Wald of Gagetown, Mike (Nel) Wald of Cass City, and Joe (Pat) Wald of Gagetown; a daughter, Mary Lou Merz of Saginaw; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 2 nieces; 2 nephews, and a very special friend, Gary Zissler of Saginaw. She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, William Merz; grandchildren, Mary Sue Merz and Jim Merz; 2 brothers, and 2 sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Agatha Catholic Church Monday, Jan. 19, with Fr. George Serour and Fr. Paul Bala officiating.

Interment was in St. Agatha Cemetery.

The family has suggested contributions to St. Agatha Ladies Society or Elmwood Township Fire Department in her memory.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

Mary Wald

Mary Catherine Wald, 102, of Gagetown, died Thursday morning, Jan. 15, 1998, at her residence.

Born in Gagetown Oct. 2, 1895, she was the daughter of George and Theresa (Mall) Wald and remained a lifelong resident.

She never married, but was a "second mother" to George, Joe, Mary Lou and Mike, and a very special great-aunt to Debbie, Billy, David, Richard and Sara Merz.

She was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, and its Ladies Society, the Elmwood Extension and the Elmwood Quilting Circle.

Surviving are 2 nieces, 3 nephews, 16 great-nieces and nephews, 13 great-great-

nieces and nephews, and a very special friend, Gary Zissler of Saginaw. She was preceded in death by a brother, 3 sisters, one great-niece and one great-nephew.

Mass of Christian Burial took place at St. Agatha Catholic Church Monday, Jan. 19, with Fr. George Serour and Fr. Paul Bala officiating.

Interment was in St. Agatha Cemetery.

The family has suggested contributions to St. Agatha Ladies Society or Elmwood Township Fire Department in her memory.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

Bill Wojtaszek

Boleslaus (Bill) Wojtaszek, 81, of Deford, died Friday, Jan. 16, 1998, in Columbia North Hills Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

Born Oct. 30, 1916, in Milwaukee, Wis., he was the son of John and Victoria (Zynzawa) Wojtaszek. He never married.

Having worked on the railroad for many years, he also worked in construction, and was a member of the Laborers International Union of North America.

Surviving are 5 nieces, Caroline Sosinski of Roseville, Christine (Jerry) Strieth of Fort Worth, Texas, Rosalie Szczepanski of Roseville, Florence Galletero of Walled Lake and Theresa (James) Toner of Warren, and many great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Genevieve Szczepanski.

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 20, in St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmet, with the Rev. Paul Bala and Sr. Ruth Adamites officiating.

Interment was to be in St. Michael Cemetery, Wilmet.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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

Floyd Ziehm

Floyd E. Ziehm, 85, of Owendale, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998, at the Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit, Pigeon, after a long illness.

He was born in Brookfield Township March 23, 1912, son of William "Billy" and Eva (DeBolt) Ziehm. He was married to Madeline Good at the Bay Port RLDS parsonage May 11, 1930. She preceded him in death Sept. 5, 1991.

He was a dairy farmer in Brookfield Township until his retirement in 1977. His Holstein cows received recognition for their milk production in both the county and the state. He was a life member of the Tyler Lodge #317, Free & Accepted Masons in Cass City and a

member of the Farm Bureau. He was also a former member of the Brookfield Township Board of Review.

He was a member of the Owendale Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and was treasurer of the congregation for many years.

He is survived by 5 daughters, Donna (Frank) Sageman, Bad Axe, May Ziehm, Essexville, Leann (Glen) Rogers, Bad Axe, Phoebe (Jerry) Bernhardt, Caro, and Aileen (Bill) Ziehm-Kunisch, Sebawaing; 6 sons, D. Duane (Jeannine) Ziehm, Owendale, Israel "Bill" (Sophie) Ziehm, Fraser, Nile Ziehm, Houghton Lake Heights, Fred (Johanna) Ziehm, Ubyly, Barry (Linda) Ziehm, Port Sanilac, and Roger (Anne) Ziehm, Kansas City, Mo.; 26 grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters-in-law, Ellen Good and Frieda Ziehm, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Basil, Fred, and Ellsworth, and 2 sisters, Myrtle Alexander Sasser and Aileen Gregg.

A Masonic Service was held Saturday evening at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Jan. 18, from the Owendale Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Elder Donald Richards and Elder Ellis Gardner officiating.

Burial was in Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care, the American Diabetes Association, or the Owendale RLDS Church.

Arrangements were made by Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Edward Zmierski

Edward John Zmierski, 78, of Warren, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1997, in St. John Hospital, Detroit, following a 4-month illness.

Born Dec. 17, 1918, in Detroit, he married Ila Elizabeth Moore in Cass City Oct. 27, 1951, and they made their home in Warren.

He was retired from Chrysler Corporation and Alcoa Aluminum. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen (Troy) Miller of Warren; a son David (Judy) of Eastpointe; 2 granddaughters, and 2 brothers, Walter of Cass City and Chester of Delaware. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ila, in 1985.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 12, at the S.K. Schultz Funeral Home, Eastpointe, with the Rev. Chester Dundas officiating.

Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Clinton Township.



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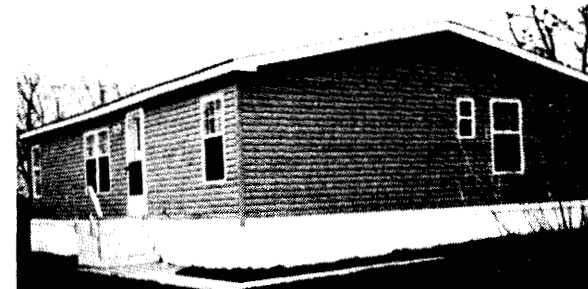
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Calendar of Events

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

- Tuesday, January 20
- Soccer registration at Cass City Middle School, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 21
- Soccer registration at Cass City Middle School, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Bill Dupuis and John Haire.
- Friday, January 23
- Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, January 24
- Rawson Memorial Library will be closed.
- Sunday, January 25
- Potter House Church will be having a Holy Ghost Revival with Pastor Ace Newsome, 6 p.m.
- Monday, January 26
- Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.
- Cass City Women's Club, 6 p.m., Charmont.
- Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m.

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In the Cass City Schools

Barnes, crew keep things running

It was another typical morning for Cass City Schools Maintenance Supervisor Dave Barnes. That is, until Barnes arrived at the high school shortly after 6 a.m. recently to find both boilers down; one was leaking and a pump bearing on the other was badly worn, causing the unit to fail.

"It took me 40 minutes to tear one boiler down, take the parts from it and repair the other boiler. Before 7 o'clock I had that boiler up and running," he recalled.

"It was a fluke. That's never happened before," he said. "In all the time I've been here, I've never had the school close because of boiler problems."

Still, Barnes has come to expect the unexpected during his 12 years as head of maintenance.

"There is no typical day for me. All of my days change, like the weather," he said.

It's no wonder, as Barnes' job covers a lot of territory. In short, it's his job to make sure everything is in working order, from countless electrical fixtures to the heating systems at the high school, 2 elementary schools and, now, a brand new, \$6.8 million middle school.

Barnes is quick to point out that he has a lot of help. "I depend highly on our custodians to back me up on everything because there's no way I can do everything in all the buildings," he noted.

Armed with his ever-present walkie-talkie, Barnes briskly moves from one area of a school building to the next, from boiler room to heat exchange room, checking gauges and motors.

Sometimes, equipment inspections take Barnes into some unusual places, such as a 3-foot by 4-foot underground tunnel where steam lines are located at Campbell Elementary School.

Although Barnes' duties vary from day to day, he maintains a regular schedule. His day typically begins at 6:30 a.m., when he arrives to unlock school buildings and turn on the lights. He checks on the heating and hot water systems and air handling units at the high school. A similar check follows at the middle school.

Then, Barnes transports school vans to the high school for use in the district's satellite food program. Afterwards, he takes care of various maintenance tasks before returning to the kitchen to help load the vans.

Barnes also shovels snow when needed, and he's in charge of ordering all custodial supplies, from cleaning products to brooms and dust pans.

"No job is too big or too small. We do it all," he joked.

In recent days, Barnes has spent more time at the new middle school, where workers are putting the finishing touches on his "office," a room equipped with a computer and control boxes. He calls it the nerve center of the new facility's state-of-the-art heating system.

"This new middle school is a highly technical building. The building itself is more of a computerized school."

For example, he explained, the classrooms, gymnasium,

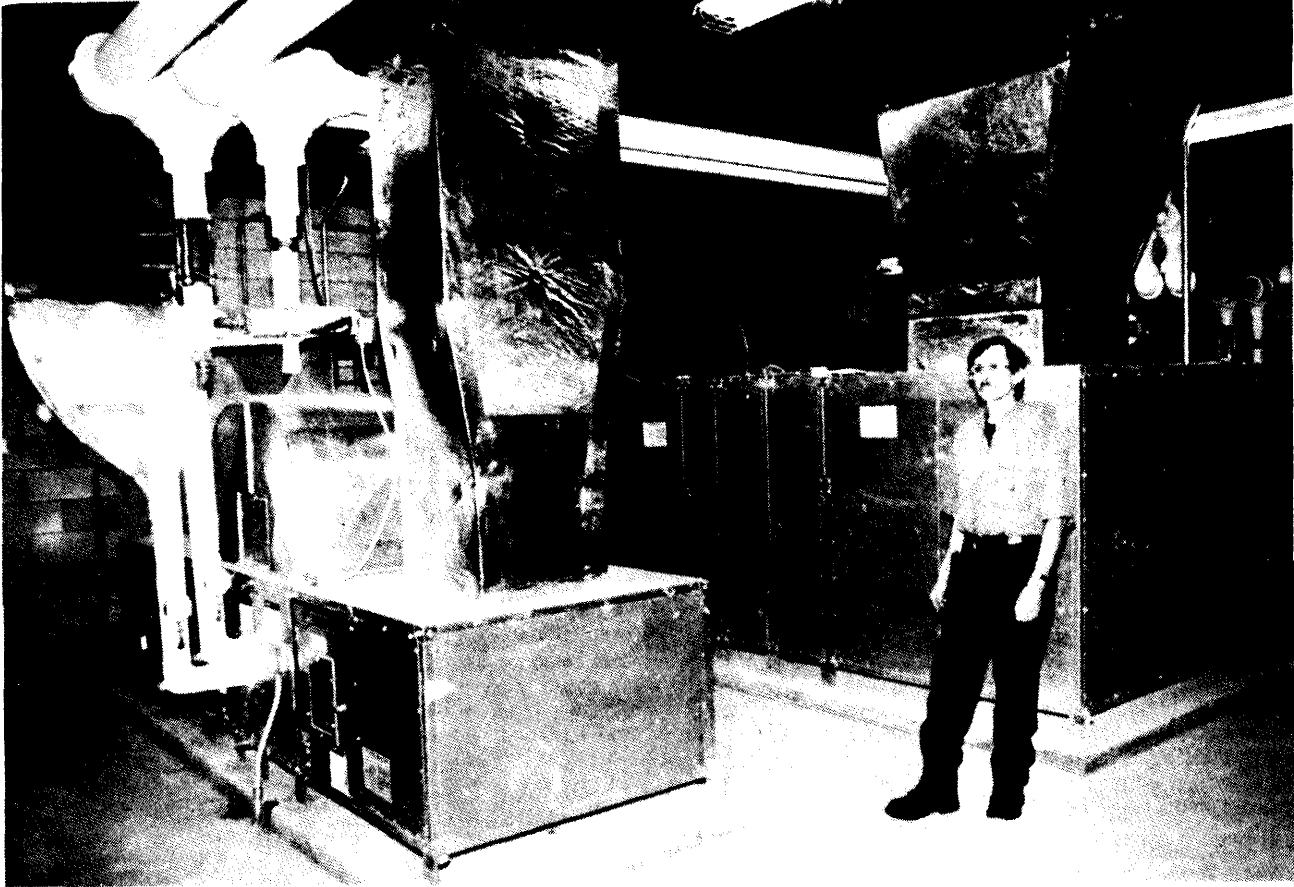
hallways and other areas in the new facility have no thermostats. Instead, sensors located throughout the building monitor temperatures, which are adjusted and maintained through the computer system.

If something goes wrong, Barnes noted, a quick call can be made to the company that provides technical support for the system. Using a dedicated telephone line installed at the school, the company can pinpoint the problem by directly accessing the school's computer.

Barnes has had just a few weeks to become acquainted with the new school.

"I'm still learning the major controls and what I need to do," he said. "But I don't think I'm going to be overwhelmed. I like it. I think once it's done and everything is smoothed out, it shouldn't be too complicated."

"This is a fantastic facility," he added. "I really hope the kids take care of it."



CASS CITY SCHOOLS Maintenance Supervisor Dave Barnes has many "offices", including the heat exchange room at the new middle school (above). Barnes, along with his staff, is responsible for keeping everything from boilers to the plumbing in working order in each of the district's school buildings.

Top-yielding soybean to be released in '98

Posting a top yield of 63.5 bushels per acre in Saginaw County last summer, Olympus, a group II soybean, appears to be a good competitor with other varieties and is being released for the 1998 planting season.

Developed by Michigan State University research agronomists, Olympus has been under field evaluation since 1990. Seed sources are available through the Michigan Crop Improvement Association (MCIA).

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The new variety originated from a cross made in 1986 between Conrad and MSU experimental line E84108. Olympus has good lodging resistance and a moderate tolerance to white mold, according to Brian Diers, MSU Department of Crop and Soil Sciences agronomist.

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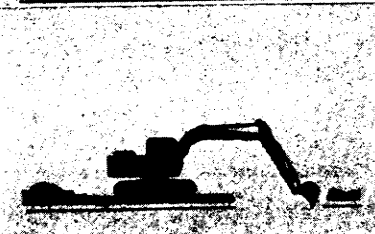
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Dedication

Sunday, January 25, 1998



Cass City Middle School



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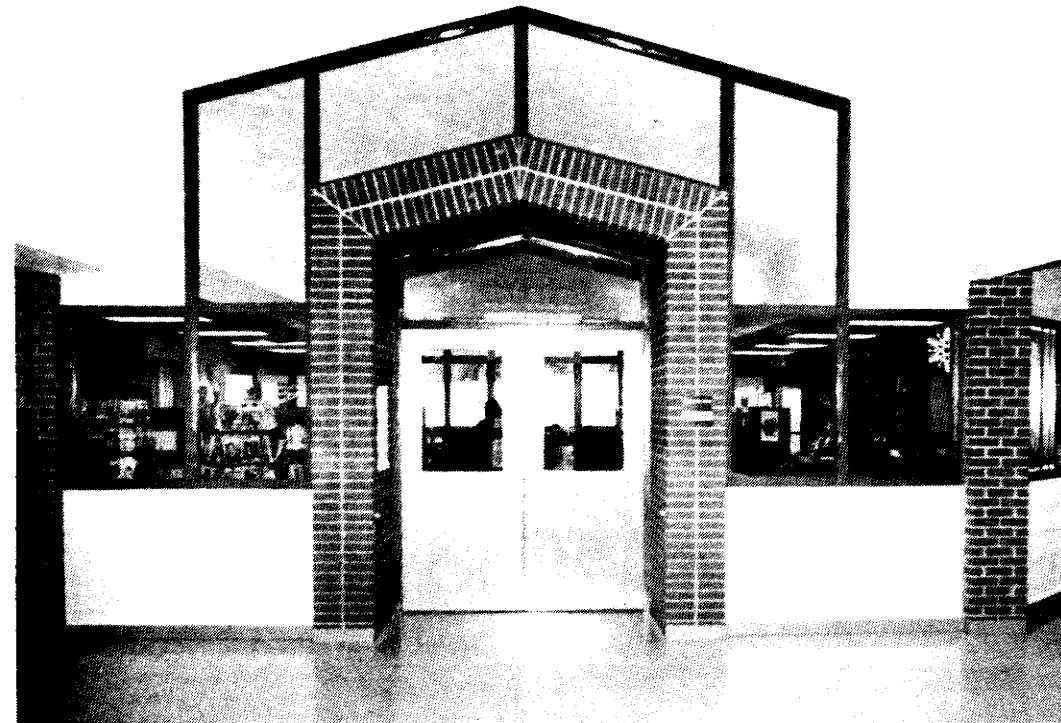


During March of 1996, our community was asked to show its pride for our students. Once again, Cass City took a step forward with our voters' decision to provide a new middle school for our children. This facility will provide wonderful educational opportunities for many many years to come.

Since ground breaking in September of 1996, we have observed the construction of this outstanding school building move along like clock work, with no major unforeseen problems at all. It is with a strong sense of "Cass City Pride" that the Board of Education presents this facility to the community. This school, along with our other well-maintained facilities, represents this community's commitment to providing our children with a comprehensive 21st century education.

On behalf of the recipients of this facility, I would like to thank the entire Cass City area community for your past, present and future support. Our children are our future. Thank you very much!

Kenneth J. Micklash, Superintendent of Schools



TSSF ARCHITECTS have made the entrance to the media center an inviting focus point for visitors entering the building.



THE MEDIA CENTER is headquarters for team teaching with the teachers. It has an automatic card catalogue on computer providing easy access for student use. There are 4 computers in the room for student use.

Middle school's outstanding features

The finishing touches in the construction of the new Cass City Middle School were completed just a few days before the official dedication of the building, Sunday, Jan. 25, starting at 2 p.m. The work was completed in the media-library center which greets visitors as they enter.

TSSF Architects pointed out that the building was designed with features to meet the needs of students as expressed by the board of education, superintendent, teachers and support staff.

The building is situated on the highest area of the site and is designed with sloping roofs which minimizes both maintenance and the apparent size of the facility by "wrapping" around the large gymnasium portion of the structure, TSSF spokesmen point out. In the brief period the building has been serving the district, it has drawn almost universal approval from students and from the teaching staff.

Many of the outstanding features of the building are apparent to the casual observer, including the increased sizes of the rooms. The regular classrooms are 950 square feet as compared to 500 to 600 square-feet in the building being replaced. The science room has 2,000 square feet and the band room 1,600 to 1,700 square feet.

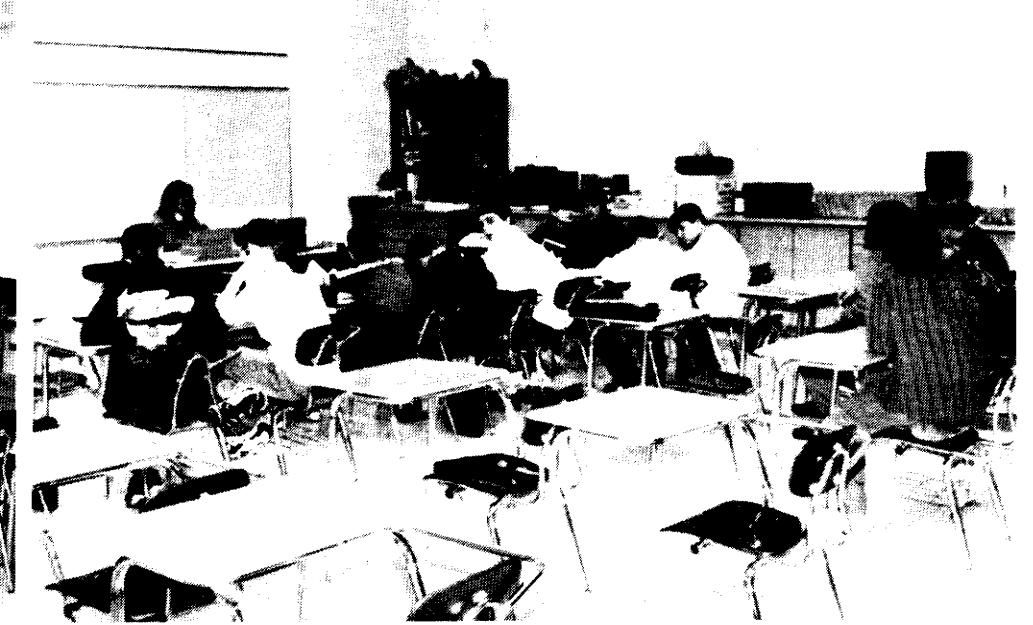
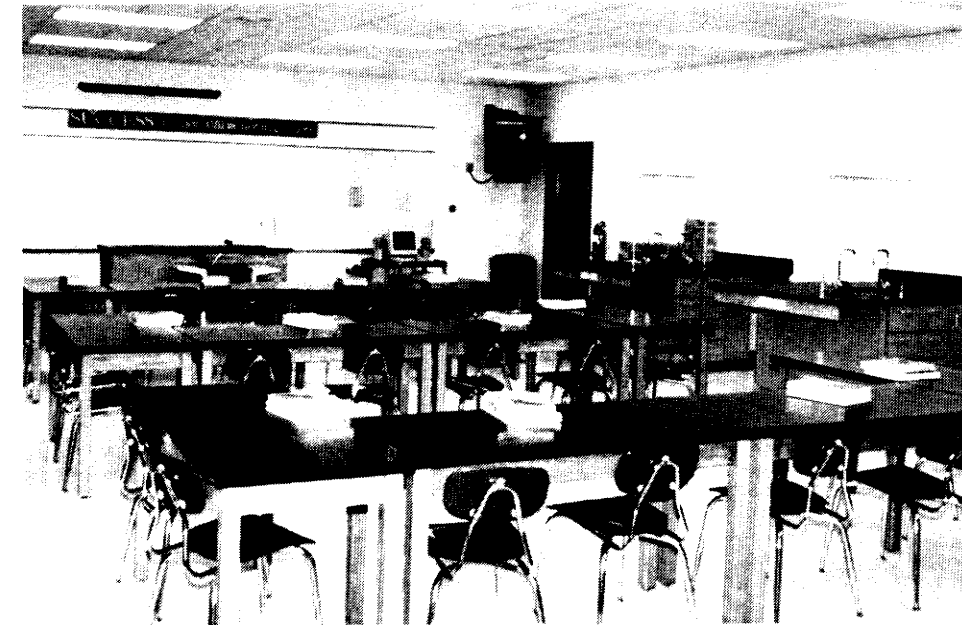
Several of the rooms have removable partitions to combine 2 rooms into one for special requirements.

Although computers are sprinkled everywhere, at least one in every room, the state-of-the-art electronics of the building don't show as you walk through.

The new school is wired so that phone communication between the building and the high school can be conducted without going through regular phone company channels.

All of the rooms have digital clocks that

Please see page 3.



Science laboratory

(at left)
THE SCIENCE LABORATORY is completely equipped. It's size, about 2,000 square feet, is ample to conduct experiments.

Classrooms

(at right)
THE LARGE CLASSROOMS, with 950 square feet as compared with the 500 to 600-square feet in the former building makes teaching more efficient, says the school staff.

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THE CAFETERIA SERVES primarily as a satellite to the food prepared at the high school. However, the pizza oven and deep fryer are used, says Tena Rabideau, cook. The serving method hasn't changed much, Rabideau added, but it's much better, easier and the kids all like it.



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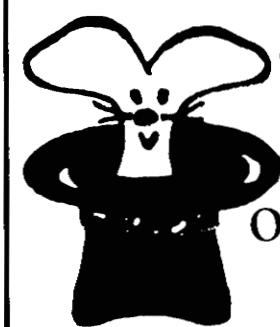
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Students find school "cool"

eliminate minor variations in class dismissal time because clocks in the former building could vary by up to 3 minutes, room to room.

Another big boost to teaching with the "middle school" concept is the division of the classes by wings in the building, keeping the grades separate. There are 4 wings, one each for grades 5-6-7-8.

Some of the advantages of the new school from the students' view were listed in an assignment requiring the students to tell what they liked about the new school.

With many of them, little things make the difference. The best feature of the building is the new bathrooms, says Crystal Moss.

She echoed the thoughts of many students who frequently listed better bathrooms and drinking fountains as features they like best.

Jessica Lester said that she feels everyone is happy and cheerful.

New is cool, says Waylon Jordan. I like the computer room, says Melissa Woodward, because I don't have to share with anyone or not get done because my time was up.



CRYSTAL MOSS

Student

Applauds clean bathrooms



MELISSA WOODWARD

Student

Likes computer room

THE COST

The building has 78,806 square feet. The cost is funded by a \$6.825 million bond issue to be paid for in 12.9 years. The total cost of the building comes to \$91.92 per square foot.

The construction cost is \$75.81 per square foot. The building was constructed within budget and on time.



THERE IS PLENTY of room in the 1,600-plus square feet band room which is clustered with other rooms with sound-making activities away from the regular classrooms.



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Welcome and Remarks ----- Kenneth J. Micklash, Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance ----- Cass City Middle School Student Council

Board of Education Remarks --- Mr. Randy Severance
President of Cass City Board of Education

Special Recognitions ----- Mr. Kenneth J. Micklash, Superintendent

Principal Remarks ----- Mrs. Jeanne Lohela, Principal

Faculty Remarks ----- Fifth Grade - Barbara Kim
Sixth Grade - Linda Definy
Seventh Grade - Lloyd Schinnerer
Eighth Grade - Geraldine Tibbits
Exploratory - Linda Edwards

Presentation of Building ----- Mr. Fred Eurich, Architect
Mr. Keith Kozek, Architect
TSSF Architects, Saginaw

Mr. Keith Hammis, Project Superintendent
Construction Manager
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Musical Selection ----- Cass City High School
Instrumental Ensemble
Mr. Jason Smigell, Director



RANDY SEVERANCE
School board president
Remarks



KENNETH MICKLASH
School superintendent
Open house information
and special recognitions



JEANNE LOHELA
Middle school principal
Remarks



KEITH HAMMIS
Construction manager
Presentation of building

ONE OF THE STUDENTS described the window with a sliding glass that the office has as going to the bank. Students can be helped without having to enter the office proper. Brenda Parrish helps Tyler Harp, left, and Rajen Raythatha.



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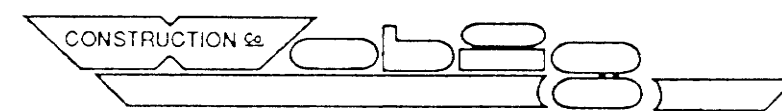
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