

Area schools report no flu epidemic

Flu-like symptoms prompted 2 Tuscola County school districts to cancel classes for much of last week, however, the bug has proven to be much less of a problem in the Cass City area.

At least so far. School officials in Mayville and Akron-Fairgrove made the decision Jan. 20 to close their doors for the remainder of the week. Officials in each district reported more than 20 percent of their student enrollments home sick.

Friday night's basketball games pitting Cass City against Mayville and Owen-Gage against Akron-Fairgrove were canceled as a result of illness.

Cases of flu are also popping up among Cass City students, but the number of kids affected isn't extraordinary, according to Geri Tonti, school nurse.

"We're getting about 7 percent in the schools, which is about normal for this time of the year," she said. "To me, this hasn't been anything out of the ordinary for January."

Tonti, who saw more cases of flu before the holidays, said she sent home 10 students from the elementary schools and 2 from the middle school last Wednesday, and most of those in-

involved cold-like symptoms rather than the gastrointestinal variety of flu.

Supt. Ken Micklash was keeping a close eye on attendance last week.

"I've been watching the enrollment the last 3 days, and our absentee rate has been between 7.5 and 8.5 percent," he said Thursday. Micklash pointed out the rate takes into account all absences, including those due to circumstances such as dentist appointments, etc.

"Normally, our attendance would be running 3 to 4 percent absent," Micklash added, "but it is the flu season."

Officials in the Owen-Gage, Kingston and Ubyly school districts all reported average absentee rates last week.

Owen-Gage officials reported few flu cases and normal absentee rates. The percentage of students absent Thursday in the Kingston School district was 8 percent (elementary) and 10 percent (high school), while Ubyly School officials reported 17 percent of their elementary students were absent, however, the rate was 8 percent overall in grades K-12.

County health officials say the problems experienced

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HOLDING THE PLAQUE presented by Keith Hammis, construction manager for R.C. Hendrick and Son, Inc., of Saginaw, is school board President Randy Severance. Participating in the presentation were members of the school board, James Turner, David Knight, Beverley Auten, Danny Haag, Allan Hartwick and Marilyn Peters. Also participating were Joan Helwig and Fred Matthews, board members when the new school was planned and approved by the voters. The plaque listing the school board members and the architect will be installed near the building entrance. (Story, pictures page 11)

Plan school auction

Seek bids for new child care center

With the new middle school completed and dedicated, the Cass City School Board authorized the next step in the modernization and enlargement of school facilities at its regular meeting Monday night at the high school.

The first steps for the removal of the former middle school building were discussed and plans set for taking bids for construction of the Early Childhood Center.

Keith Hammis, construction manager for R. C. Hendrick & Son, told the board that the preliminary estimate for the work will be \$268,000, but predicted that the final cost would be less than that. The project is budgeted at about \$230,000.

Bids for the work will be accepted at the Cass City Public Schools by Supt. Ken Micklash and will be accepted until 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18.

The entire project will be funded from the operating budget at the school over a 2-year period. It is anticipated that much of the work will be by local contractors.

Plans for the removal of the old school building will include an auction. Two Cass City auctioneers will be invited to submit bids for the work together with available dates.

President Randy Severance and David Knight were appointed to a committee to investigate and report back to the board at a special meeting scheduled to be held Monday, Feb. 9.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

George Bushong presented a technology update to the board and suggested areas for expansion discussed by the technology committee. He presented a summary that showed that there has been a 39.4 percent increase in the technology equipment at the school in the last 5 years.

It included a total of 414 computers as compared to 106, and 737 calculators as compared to 664. There are now 4 fax machines at the school compared to one in 1993.

The continuing increase in technology at the school has

the board considering hiring a full-time computer technician. Presently the school pays \$30 an hour on a contract basis and Bushong also has been working extensive overtime on weekends.

The job will be posted at a salary of \$15 per hour for 215 8-hour days for an esti-

mated cost of \$25,000. It will be a permanent position.

OTHER BUSINESS

*In honor of school board recognition month, Andrew Hartwick, student council president, presented each board member with 2 carnations from the students in
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Few attend Deford MMPA annual meet

Prices paid to dairy producers for their milk should be more stable in 1998, averaging around \$13.25 per hundredweight (cwt), the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) predicts.

The key is milk production, according to Sheila M. Burkhardt, MMPA's director of member relations and public affairs.

Burkhardt talked about milk pricing trends during the annual meeting of the MMPA's Deford Local, held Saturday at the Shabbona United Methodist Church. Burkhardt said most experts predicted prices would be

decent in 1997. However, those projections didn't materialize, largely due to a drop in the consumption of fluid milk and cheese, which caused the Basic Formula Price to fall. At the same time, she explained, milk production increased significantly.

The Basic Formula Price dropped to under \$11 cwt. during the May, June and July period of 1997. In the fall, prices were back up to \$12.50 to \$13 cwt.

The average milk price for the year was \$12.05 cwt., compared to \$13.39 in 1996, a year that saw a peak price of \$15.50 cwt.

SUPER POOL

A big concern in 1997 was the drop in Class I premiums in September following the pullout of 2 major dairies from the state's voluntary "super pool," Burkhardt said.

The super pool is a program that paid some \$2 million per month in premiums to

Michigan farmers, who shared equally in the top prices paid for Class I milk.

Without the support of the large processors — some of whom have struck their own deals with larger dairy farms, circumventing the super pool — officials predicted the program would collapse.

Efforts to keep the pool together on a voluntary basis have not been successful to date, Burkhardt said, adding officials are now hoping state lawmakers will approve a state milk marketing order, making it mandatory for all processors to pay the premium.

If the state order isn't implemented, and soon, farmers will receive no premiums at all, predicted Harold Gremel, a state MMPA Board member from the district.

"That's how serious this is. The push should be made right now" for passage of the state order, said Gremel, who urged Deford Local members to contact their legislators.

Despite the likely loss of the super pool, Burkhardt assured farmers that MMPA membership remains strong.

MMPA, which represents more than 2,000 farmers and markets about 60 percent of the milk in the state, lost 24 members who produced a combined 2.9 million pounds of milk per month in 1997. However, she added, the cooperative gained 40 members whose combined production totals 5.2 million pounds of milk per month.

Burkhardt explained an
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Rehabilitation stressed

Hospitals join in cardiac center

Hills & Dales General Hospital, Caro Community Hospital and Saginaw General

Hospital have joined hands to open a Cardiac Rehabilitation Center. The Cardiac

Rehab Center is located at the Michigan Athletic & Rehabilitation Center at 1186

Cleaver Road in Caro. The program will be administered by registered nurses, social worker, dietitians and pharmacist, all working together under the medical direction of Jeffrey Carney, M.D., Saginaw Heart Group.

The cardiac rehabilitation program is designed to help patients with heart disease recover faster and return to full and productive lives. Cardiac rehab includes exercise, education, counseling, and learning ways to live a healthier life.

Together with medical and surgical treatments, cardiac rehab can help patients feel better and live a fuller life. Persons can benefit from cardiac rehab if they have heart disease (angina or heart failure), have suffered a heart attack, coronary bypass surgery, balloon angioplasty,

heart transplant or implantable cardiac defibrillator. If you have any questions about the services, call 517-673-4222.

Hills & Dales also has a new Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Board certified physician on board. Muhammad S. Jilani, M.D., is working at the Michigan Athletic & Rehabilitation Centers (M.A.R.C.) in Cass City and Caro. Dr. Jilani is available for any rehabilitation and physical medicine needs. He deals with musculoskeletal and neurological problems, spinal cord and brain injuries, strokes, multiple sclerosis, cancer, amputations and any acute and chronic pain.

John G. DeSantis, M.D., orthopaedic surgeon, has

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Dee McKrow, (center) Chief Executive Officer, Hills & Dales General Hospital; Pat Miller, (left) Chief Executive Officer, Caro Community Hospital, and Mary Gray, (right) Director of Cardiac Evaluation & Rehabilitation, Saginaw General Hospital.

Deford teen captured after high speed chase by police

A 14-year-old Deford area boy with a history of run-ins with police is in hot water again after leading sheriff's deputies on a high speed chase Thursday.

The chase began at about 2:45 p.m. in Ellington Township and ended about 30 minutes later south of Cass City near the corner of Elmwood and Doerr roads.

No one was injured, but the youth rammed into 2 sheriff's patrol cars while trying to escape.

The youth, who was living in a foster care home in Millington, reportedly left school Thursday morning, then took a Ford pickup truck from a Millington residence. Reports indicate the truck owner left his keys in the vehicle.

Police were also told there was a knife and a 9mm handgun ammunition clip in the pickup, but not a gun.

Deputy Glen Skrent reported he was on routine patrol at 1:30 p.m. when he learned of the search for the suspect. Skrent noted he was familiar with the teen, and that the youth previously assaulted deputies when they attempted to apprehend him in an unrelated case.

Skrent also knew the boy had previously lived in the Shabbona Road area near Cass City. He joined the search by driving to the area along with deputies Gary Dunham and Gary Miller.

Deputies later learned the teen had made a stop in Cass City, where he allegedly stole \$35 worth of diesel fuel from

the People's Choice Market, 6144 Cass City Rd.

Skrent reported he was southbound on Keilitz Road at 2:45 p.m. when he spotted the suspect vehicle at the Shabbona Road intersection. The suspect stopped when he saw the officer, then put the truck into reverse, spinning its tires.

Skrent called for assistance, then left his vehicle, approaching the pickup and ordering the youth out, but the teen locked his door and sped off.

Reports state the teen continued westbound on Shabbona Road, turned south onto Hurds Corner Road, then east onto Deckerville Road. He then suddenly spun around and headed west, narrowly miss-

ing Skrent's patrol car. The chase continued westbound at speeds of 70 to 100 miles per hour.

Skrent said Caro Police Officer Paul Strasz stopped his marked police unit on Deckerville Road near Colwood Road, and the youth drove around him, continuing westbound.

When the teen reach M-81, he turned eastbound and swerved as he drove, forcing several vehicles onto the road shoulder, reports state.

As the boy approached Cass City, he drove around another road block, this one set by Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson at M-81 and Koepfgen Road.

The chase continued into Cass City, where police followed
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A DEFORD AREA teen led deputies on a high speed chase through 4 townships Thursday. The incident ended just south of Cass City near the corner of Doerr and Elmwood roads, where the youth, driving a stolen pickup truck, rammed 2 patrol cars.



Vivian and Clarence Rumpitz

Pair honored for 60th wedding anniversary

Clarence and Vivian (Leppke) Rumpitz celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 20, 1997. They were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville in 1937. A reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe Nov. 23. Guests attended from Missouri, California, Hawaii, Nevada, northern Michigan, Detroit and the Thumb area. Their children are Patricia Adams and her husband, Dean, of Missouri. Joan Jackson and her husband, Robert, of California. Marie Grifka and her husband, Jerry, of Ubyl. Linda Tittjung and her husband, Tony, of Sterling Heights. Virginia Bukowski and her husband, Richard, of Lake Orion. Michael Rumpitz and his wife, Linda, of Ubyl. Susan Mergl and her husband, John, of Lake Orion. Deborah Kulish and her husband, Donald, of Shelby Township. and Edward Rumpitz (deceased). They also have 21 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Cass City Social Items

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Patti Timmons, home for the weekend from the University of Michigan, was a Friday evening dinner guest of her grandmother, Charlotte LaPeer.

Named to the dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University were Ann M. Koepf, Mark J. Kubacki, Tracy L. Moore, Keri L. Santos, Melissa Toner and Wendy J. Vatter, all of Cass City; Mike L. Czewski and Susan M. Peruski, both of Ubyl; David W. Cumper, John F. D'Are, Ryan H. Walker and Michael S. Walkiewicz, all of Kingston; and Shannon J. Jacques and Benjamin A. Strait, both of Deford.

Named to the president's list at Saginaw Valley State University (all As) were Tracey M. Burns, Whitney S. Osentoski, Karen E. Powell, Cheryl E. Rienstra, Joel A. Shagena and Bradley D. Speirs, all of Cass City; and Kathryn J. Anthony and Jacqueline S. Weber, both of Ubyl.

Shannon Dohnng and Jaime Parsell (All As), both of Cass City, were named to the dean's list for fall semester at Bethel College.

Richard Robinson, Cass City, was named to the dean's list (3.5 or better grade average) at Western Michigan University.

O-G seniors air meeting

Twenty-eight members were present Jan. 15 when the Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met at the St. Agatha's Parish Hall for their potluck dinner. The table prayer was given by Ruth Kaake. President Mallory opened a meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Mary and Alma Wald. Happy birthday was sung for Stella Errer and Jack Doerr, and Jack and Irene Doerr celebrate their anniversary in January.

The door prizes were won by Berenice Sowden and David Ashmore. The meeting was adjourned and euchre played.

Winners were: Men's high - Louis Ouvry; low - Don Craig. Women's high - Lillian Jacoby; low, Marie Clincke. Traveling prize went to Jack Harbec.

Ice cream and cake were served at break time by Stella Errer and Irene Doerr for Jack's and Stella's birthdays.

The February committee members are Berenice Sowden, Lillian Jacoby and Stella Errer.

Meg's Peg Typos

by Melva E. Guinther

Our typo collection file is once again overflowing. Before emptying it, we'll pass a few of them along for your amusement.

This one is from a story in one of the dailies regarding prearranging a funeral. "If you wish to be created, include disposition preference." (Do people into reincarnation get a choice?) [cremated]

He had a duel major in marketing and management. (A little fencing on the side is good.) [dual]

Real Estate ads: Home with one bedroom, new widows, deck... (How many widows can live in a one bedroom house?) [windows]

A stately country hoe. Nice yard. (A stately hoe would be an asset to a nice yard, I'm sure.) [home]

Home with large loving room... (How large would it have to be?) [living]

For Sale - Canape bed. (Probably intended for a gingerbread house.) [canopy]

Large bunny hatch for sale (Easter eggs?) [hutch]

For Sale - Marlin 22 caliber rifle with liver action. (Sounds a bit messy, doesn't it?) [liver]

The awards were offered to undeserved communities. (Better than giving them to undeserving communities.) [underserved]

The students made obscene jesters. (As opposing to merely absurd jesters.) [gestures]

The archers were homing their skills. (Wouldn't all that noise scare the deer?) [homing]

The band will perform in the high school gym. (And that's a very sticky operation.) [gym]

He breads and raises white-tail deer. (Seems like they should be raised before being breaded.) [breeds]

The goal is to help producers increase the probability of the crop. (As any farmer can tell you, the probability of the crop is often in doubt.) [profitability]

The cooperative enables farmers to market soybeans as mean and oil products. (I didn't know soybeans had a mean streak.) [meal]

Wet, heavy snow resulted in downed power lines. (Takes a lot of energy to heave it, too.) [heavy]

The Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met Thursday for a potluck lynch. (Wonder if they ate before or after the lynch.) [lunch]

Activities Coordinator wanted - Tenderizer. Cass City. (Just what kind of activities are they planning?) [Tendecare]

Mrs. Moore received the first prize for her jewelry. (Boxing gloves, maybe?) [first]

ABATE members meet monthly. (Other times they just turnip.) [meet]

Help Wanted - Must have knowledge of physician billing. (Doctors have been known to get a bit irritable at times.) [billing]

He is suing the doctor formal practice. (Wonder what informal practice is like.) [for malpractice]

Youths completing the tractor operation course will get a certificate. (Don't know whether that's an oral course to be mastered or if the operation itself is a curse.) [course]

The couple play to be married... (They'll find out soon enough that it's not a game.) [plan]

Marriage licenses

Eugene James Ryers and Emily Cecelia Lockart, both of Reese.

Randall Lee Wilmoth and Jane Frances Cox, both of Caro.

Travis Edward McComb, Mayville, and Stacy Kay Halsne, Fostoria.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

FEB. 2-3-6

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

Tuesday - Stuffed cabbage w/tomato sauce, parsley potatoes, glazed carrots, variety bread, fruit cocktail.

Friday - Oven roast pork, roasted potatoes, diced beets, wheat rolls, apple crisp.

New books at the library

And Then You Die by Iris Johansen: Photojournalist Bess Grady has worked in many trouble spots of the world. When she and her sister Emily arrive in the small town of Tenajo they stumble into a scene of chaos and confusion during which Emily disappears. Ruthless conspirators have selected Tenajo as a testing ground in a game designed to spread terror in the heartland of the United States. Bess joins forces with a stranger to find her sister and stop the conspirators from completing their plan of destruction.

Bitter Harvest by Ann Rule: This is the story of the disintegration of a family that culminates in a fire at their home that kills 2 of the children. Dr. Deborah Green and her husband Dr. Michael Farrar seem to have the perfect life and family until their lives start to fall apart. Their son becomes rebellious and physically violent towards his father. Michael has bouts with illness and Deborah undergoes personality changes. There is a killer in their midst and the story of how he is brought to justice is intriguing.

Sooner or Later by Elizabeth Adler: Ellie Parrish Duveen, sole heir to her family's once considerable fortune, divides her time between running her small restaurant and taking care of her beloved grandmother. She isn't interested in men. Dan Cassidy, a former New York City cop and winery owner, thinks he is also too busy for love. When he walks into Ellie's eatery a friendship develops that appears to be headed for romance. But the attraction between them can't compete with a scary secret from the past that could have deadly consequences.

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Owendale Women to pack Valentine boxes

Owendale Women's Club met Tuesday evening in the Owendale school with a small attendance. The ladies had fun using beauty products and polishing nails under the guidance of Jodi Reinhardt.

Door prize for having the most buttons went to Joyce Sheldon.

Members are reminded to bring 2-3 decorated boxes and cookies or goodies for the annual Valentine packing of fruit boxes given to many citizens in the community. A dessert was served by Pat Enderle.

Members issue a reminder to the community of the annual blood drive that will be conducted Tuesday, March 31, in the Owendale school cafeteria. 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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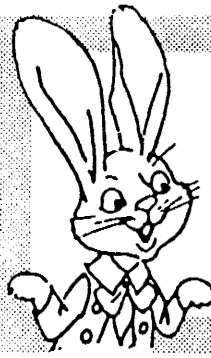
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

When Cass City High School played basketball at the Palace recently, it appeared to be an ideal time to visit one of two favorite restaurants in Lake Orion.

The restaurants were Pete's and Vanellis. Fine dining has been enjoyed at both. But time changes things. Pete's is no more and Vanellis was closed and appeared to be in the throes of remodeling.

Because time was a problem, we continued down M-24 to about a mile or so past the Palace and stopped at Hoop's.

It's a sports bar and if you want to watch sports on TV, it's an ideal spot. Each booth comes equipped with a small television set. There are sets scattered around near the ceiling that are perhaps 24-inch size.

Dominating one wall is a giant screen, probably as big as they come. Each set was tuned to the same sports station.

The menu included a fish dish and various sandwiches. We ordered clam chowder and a vegetable-type soup. Both were tasty.

Also included were a Reuben and hamburger with onion rings. I didn't note the cost, but remember that they were about average.

Serving food is not the number one priority. It's a sports bar first and a restaurant second. For instance, I tried to order milk and found that none was available.

Hoop's is not for elegant dining, but I judge that it is a good spot for the customers it is designed to serve.

Janet and Art Severance report that folks planning a trip to Chicago might well consider taking the train. It can be boarded at Lapeer, the ride takes about 6 hours and lands you in the heart of town.

The cars are modern, the seats comfortable, comparable to first class on planes, the Severances say.

Best of all, the price is right. Round trip for 2 people, \$128.

Red Hawk Recap

by Rachel Hoard

This winter season has not been very favorable for the Ski Club at Cass City High School. The club has made only two trips to ski resorts so far this season. The first trip was cancelled because of the warm temperatures and lack of snow.

Dennis Meck, high school English teacher and Ski Club advisor, rounded up a group of students in mid-December for their first ski trip to Mt. Crystal. Meck said the reason he enjoys taking students on these one day excursions is because "It keeps students busy and having fun in the winter."

Many students enjoy being outside during the warmer months, but once winter rolls around they tend to stay inside. Skiing allows students to get out in the fresh air with fellow students to experience winter in a different way.

Tara McNeil, a second year veteran Ski Club member, went on her first ski trip of the year Saturday, Jan. 17. The club traveled 3 1/2 hours to Sugarloaf Resort in Traverse City. The cost for the one day trip was \$30 for a lift ticket plus \$26 to rent skis.

The Ski Club sponsored a dance earlier in the year and raised \$300 to defray the cost for members. During their last trip to Sugarloaf, each student that attended got \$20. In McNeil's case, she then only had to pay \$36, for the full day. McNeil commented, "It was really fun, but it took 2 hours to get my lift ticket and rent skis. Then I only had 3 1/2 hours to ski."

The only complaint that McNeil had was that there were not many beginner hills. Meck has two other trips planned for the rest of the school year.



MORE THAN 100 people attended a candlelight vigil at the Tuscola County Courthouse Thursday night to remember the 25th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. The vigil was organized by Tuscola County Right to Life. Among the guest speakers were State Sen. Joel Gougeon (above) and State Rep. Mike Green.

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thanks for their efforts for the school.

Micklash gave each member a certificate for their work and said that the community was fortunate to have a board that works together, despite difference, for a better school system.

•Karin Pearson, director, was granted permission to hold the final of 4 class plays on Sunday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m.

•An additional school crossing guard to work afternoons at the corner of Ale and Rose Streets was authorized. The cost will be split with the village of Cass City and will cost each \$741 for the year.

•Because there have been no unexpected weather cancellations, the board authorized early releases for staff training and curriculum planning Wednesday, March 18, and Friday, May 8.

•John Maharg was named to represent Cass City as a Friend of Youth at the Thumb Meet of Champions at Caro. He has a long history of helping the golf and other athletic programs at the school.

•Ethan Nicol was granted permission to enter the Young Five's program in Marlette. His parents, Jerry and Karen Nicol, plan to send him to Cass City as a kindergartener.

•Jim Makowski, industrial education teacher, was released from his contract as of Jan. 30 to accept a position in industry in South Dakota.

Cardiac center opening

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also joined the Hills & Dales team. Dr. DeSantis has a clinic and performs surgeries at Hills & Dales. He is available for all orthopaedic care: arthroscopic surgery, knee reconstruction, total knee and hip replacement, sports medicine, hand surgery and fracture care, making it possible to have orthopaedic needs and your total health care services handled in the local community.

The

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Net

When it's hard to come up with a story topic, turning to the news of the day usually solves the problem. Last week, a couple of stories on the front page of the Detroit News turned the trick.

The first concerned the most recent accusation against President Clinton. It's an ongoing saga that distracts from the important venues that the president must deal with. It's almost like the affairs of the nation are secondary to the affairs in the bedroom.

Meanwhile, the president denies the most recent charges that he tried to influence the testimony of Monica S. Lewinski in her testimony in the Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit.

Among chief executives, sexual liaisons are far from unusual. If you believe what you read, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt and John Kennedy were among the bedroom cowboys.

You never read about them when in office and certainly they were well regarded leaders of the country. Their private life remained private and they were allowed to do what they were elected for, lead the country.

If the president actually broke the law, then he should be held to account, but making titillating sex out of his private life is a trend that goes way past what is best for the country.

Whether Lewinski did or did not sleep with the president should be between the Clintons and her. Why should this woman have to answer questions about her personal life? She is an unfortunate political pawn.

The second story hits closer to home. It involves Denny McLain, former Detroit Tigers' pitching ace.

He's in a Pennsylvania prison for looting the pension fund of the now-defunct Peet Packing Co. Now he's accused of having links with mob boss John Gotti Jr. He once served 29 months in jail for racketeering, drug dealing and extortion.

Not as generally known is that he took over a radio broadcasting network, to the sorrow of the previous management, including Jim Rayl, originally from Gageton.

I'll never understand what possesses guys like McLain. Certainly he was not forced into a life of crime. Before

he became involved in any of his post-prison nefarious schemes, he had made it big in Detroit radio.

He ran a popular talk show and was important enough, had listeners enough, so that his name was plastered over billboards on Detroit expressways.

In other words, he wasn't forced into breaking the law to make a living.

He was guilty of telling many conflicting stories when he was a premier pitcher, the last to win 30 games in a season.

He got away with it then, but reality set in soon after, but he never realized it then and, it appears, still doesn't.

The back forty

by Roger Pond



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The discovery of a 10,000 year old human skeleton in central Washington has created a rhubarb among archaeologists, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Native American tribes. The skeleton, dubbed "Kennewick Man," was found more than a year ago on the banks of the Columbia River.

One side of this debate says the skeleton is an ancestor of native Americans and should be turned over to the tribes for burial. Some folks think Kennewick Man might be Caucasian — migrating from Europe when the exchange rate was better.

I don't know who Kennewick Man really is, but he's not an environmentalist; I can tell you that. Some years ago cowboy poet Jon Bowerman of Fossil, Oregon, held a contest asking his readers to explain how archaeologists would identify an environmental extremist if they dug one up 10,000 years from now.

I wrote the following poem and titled it "The Specimen". (It netted me one of Jon's books, Milkshakes and Mustang Bulls.)

THE SPECIMEN

It's hard to explain the old fellow's brain
Or his penchant for digging up bone.

But we heard the Prof say that he'd find one someday.
And he'd give it a name all its own.

"Stand back now, don't crowd her.
These bones are like powder. It looks like a female," he said.

"The skull's fine of feature and such a small creature,
No telling how long she's been dead."

He checked his skull manual, and searched for a handle,
Then groped for his skeleton key.

But search as he may, the

Prof couldn't say
For sure what this one might be.

The students were dusting,
The Prof was a-busting
To tell us what he had found:
A specimen rare, in his little pit there,
A relic from deep in the ground.

The skull was so thick, it weighed like a brick;
The eye holes were round like an owl.
The leg bones were small, she might have been tall,
And thin, like a free-ranging fowl.

The bones were all softened, as happens so often
When someone thinks to fix it neat.

Her teeth were all holey like a Winnipeg goalie,
And pointy from not eating meat.

With ferns so nutritious, and veggies capricious,
Her cooking was surely a breeze.

Her pelvis was roughened,
The thigh bones were scuffed
And damaged from sitting in trees.

The Prof was so weary,
His speech became bleary;
When he spoke his eyes filled with tears.

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State plan costly

County rejects road take-over

Tuscola County officials have rejected the state's latest proposal to take over more than 100 miles of county roads, saying the plan just doesn't add up.

It's simple mathematics; the state wants roughly one-third of the county's primary roads and two-thirds of the funding the county receives to maintain those roads, according to Jim Miklovic, director of finance for the Tuscola County Road Commission.

"We're not slamming the door on the proposal 100 percent," he said. "(But) we can't support something where we're going to give up one mile of road and 2 miles of funding."

Currently, the state collects

gas and weight tax funds, then distributes them under a formula known as Act 51. Miklovic explained the formula is based on county population, with more populated counties receiving larger amounts of funding. The state average distributed to counties is about \$12,000 per mile of primary road.

The problem, Miklovic said, is Tuscola County currently receives about \$6,100 per mile to maintain 350 miles of primary roads, and the Michigan Department of Transportation is proposing to take away the state average of \$12,000 per mile in funding for roughly 106 of those miles.

If that happens, the county would be responsible for 244

miles of primary roads, but receive only about \$3,400 per mile to maintain those roads.

"Now, \$3,400 may be enough to do some of the work... but when it comes to patching and resurfacing and doing culvert work, that funding would not be available," Miklovic said.

"The only alternative the road commission would have would be to go back to the local taxpayers. We don't think that's fair to the people of Tuscola County."

Many other Michigan counties are in the same boat and oppose the MDOT proposal, according to Miklovic. Likewise, he said, Tuscola County officials haven't heard much in the way of

support from the county's city and villages.

In Cass City, officials expressed concern over the possible loss of funding as well as whether the state would continue the village's high level of maintenance on local roads.

In 1996, Cass City received \$88,393 in gas tax funds to maintain 5.58 miles of major streets. That breaks down into \$15,841 per mile, and one of those miles, Seeger Street, is on the state's proposed take-over list.

Miklovic said local control is another concern. Once the state takes over these roads, he explained, the county will have no control over major repairs.

In addition, most of the roads the state is proposing to take over in Tuscola County are on the federal aid system, meaning the roadways are eligible to receive federal funding. Miklovic pointed out there are no guarantees that federal money captured by the state for county roads would be used to improve roads within the county.

Tuscola County roads included in the proposed MDOT takeover are: 1.96 miles of Millington Road, from M-15 to Sheridan; 12.95 miles of Sheridan Road, from Willard to M-46; 10.21 miles of Saginaw Road, from M-15 to M-24; 16.52 miles of Vassar Road, from M-15 to M-25; 3.51 miles of Fairgrove Road, from M-38 to M-24; 16 miles of Bay City-Forestville Road, from M-25 to East County Line; one mile of McEldowney Road, from Bay City-Forestville to Huron Line; 18.02 miles of Hurds Corner Road, from M-46 to Bay City-Forestville; 8.79 miles of Cemetery Road, from Deckerville to Bay City-Forestville; one mile of Deckerville Road, from Kingston to Cemetery;

12.37 miles of Kingston Road, from Marlette to Deckerville, and 3.99 miles of Clifford Road, from M-24 to Marlette.

Whether the state will take over the roads is uncertain, Miklovic said. The MDOT proposal is strongly supported by the governor, but state officials may not have anticipated the amount of opposition to the plan.

No flu epidemic locally

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last week in the Mayville and Akron-Fairgrove school districts haven't spread to the county's other schools.

"From what we're hearing, it sounds like the other schools are not seeing a large amount of absenteeism," said Jan Labiak, health services director at the Tuscola County Health Department.

Labiak pointed out the type of gastrointestinal symptoms reported in Mayville and Akron-Fairgrove are not linked to the strain of flu targeted by this year's flu vaccine. "The influenza that you get the vaccine for is a respiratory illness," she explained.

Still, she added, "There's a lot of stuff out there. It is the season and it's the peak time of year for this sort of thing."

"We are encouraging people, if their kids are sick, to keep them home," Labiak said, noting it typically takes 48 to 72 hours for the flu to run its course.

In the meantime, she added, wash hands well and often, drink plenty of fluids, and use over-the-counter remedies for aches and pains as needed. "And if their symptoms persist, they should see their family doctor."



DON HOWARD (center) displays the .22 caliber rifle he won from the Cass City Lions Club to commence their 12-gun raffle. Lions Club member Ken Martin Jr. (left) presented the Marlin Model 60 to Howard. Also pictured is John Trepkowski, owner of Wild John's Party Store, where the guns were purchased.

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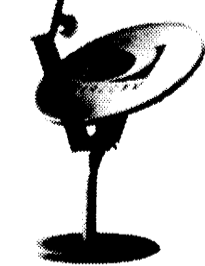
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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Earl Sockow of Akron was on his way to work at the Caro Eagles Club Friday when he saw smoke coming out of a house in Caro. He spotted a 3-year-old with his hands sticking out of the front door. He pulled the boy out and then called authorities. Tragically, the boy's mother, Sherrie Ford, 34, perished in the blaze that gutted the 2-story family residence.

Firemen were called to the Arthur Severance farm Friday morning after fire erupted in a grain dryer. Damage was minimal and most of the corn was saved and transferred to a pair of wagons.

General Cable Co. recently made a \$200 corporate donation to the Cass City Mercy Ambulance Service, which used the money to purchase a car seat and 2 glucose monitors (used to analyze the blood sugar of an unresponsive patient).

Dale and Mary Damm attended the birthday party for his aunt, Emma Wing, at the long care center in Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon Friday. Mrs. Wing was 106 years old.

10 YEARS AGO

Chemical Bank Cass City will change its name and lose its president Saturday when the bank becomes a part of Chemical Bank Bay Area and Robert H. Keating, 63, retires.

The Cass City Ambulance Board has announced that the Saginaw Mercy Ambulance Inc. will replace Cass City Ambulance Service Inc. The board also received a proposal from Hills and Dales General Hospital, but the proposal was not received until after the board had made a verbal agreement with Mercy.

Before its entire manufacturing and corporate work force Monday afternoon, Gov. James J. Blanchard lauded Walbro Corporation for its growth in Michigan and cited its use of the state's job skill program as an excellent example of what the program is designed to do.

David McPhail, 15, of Cass City, is among only 4 Special Olympic athletes in Michigan who have been chosen to receive a 5-day all-expense-paid trip to the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. McPhail will be accompanied on the trip, slated for Feb. 16-20, by Area 10 Special Olympics Director Doug Blasius.

Cpl. Ed J. Hewitt has returned to West Germany after a month-long visit with his mother, Amor West. He is an attack helicopter repairman with the U.S. Army.

25 YEARS AGO

Six persons escaped serious injuries in a 2-car crash which ripped the cars apart. Two remained hospitalized Tuesday with injuries sustained in a late Saturday

night crash east of Cass City on M-81. John Palmer, 66, of Leach St., Cass City, driver of one of the cars, was listed in satisfactory condition in Port Huron Hospital, where he was expected to undergo surgery for a fractured leg. A passenger in Palmer's car, Augusta Brown, 44, of Cass City, is listed in good condition in Hills and Dales Hospital. Other passengers in the car, treated and released, were Wanda Seczik, 48, of Cass City, and Helena Adams, 69, of Drayton Plains. Gary L. Pringle, 19, of Deford, driver of the other car, was also treated and released. His passenger, Jim P. Daley, 18, also of Deford, escaped injury.

Fritz Neitzel, "Mr. Fireman" of the Elkland Township Fire Department, was honored for his 25 years of service to the department at the annual firemen's banquet held at Wildwood Farms Saturday evening. Chief Richard Root presented him with a mantel clock. Maynard McConkey was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his work in the behalf of the department when he was supervisor of the township.

Wreckers demolished the old fire hall early this week. The building housed the Cass City Fire Department for over half a century. Owner Tom Proctor said a new building will be erected on the spot as soon as possible. Irv Claseman, who coached at Cass City High School from 1951 to 1962, jumped back into coaching this week when he accepted a position as baseball coach at Port Huron Central.

35 YEARS AGO

An apparent case of starvation and neglect of livestock on a farm located on Cass City Road, just east of M-53, is under investigation by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department. Sanilac Under Sheriff Ross Douglass of Sandusky found 7 head of cattle, one horse and 8 chickens dead on the floor of the barn. Also in the barn, but still alive, were 26 head of cattle, a calf and 3 hogs.

The village will purchase a new police car and radio. Total cost of the units is expected to be about \$3,000. The village will try to sell their old car and expect to receive around \$900 or more for the unit.

Mrs. James (Tresa) Tutwiler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Konwalski, made a long distance call Sunday to her husband stationed in French Morocco with the U.S. Air Force. The call, routed first through France and Spain, took one hour to make. While talking to her husband, Mrs. Tutwiler learned that she will be able to join him at his next assignment in 5 months.

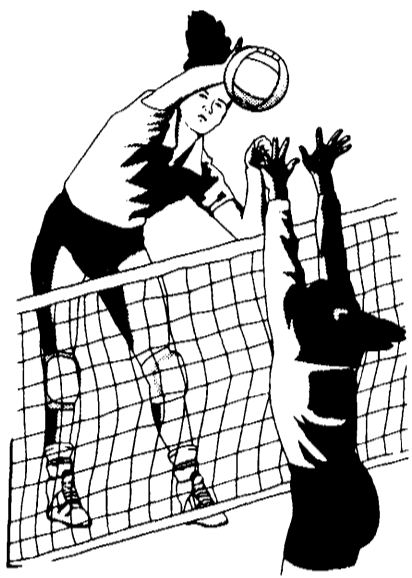
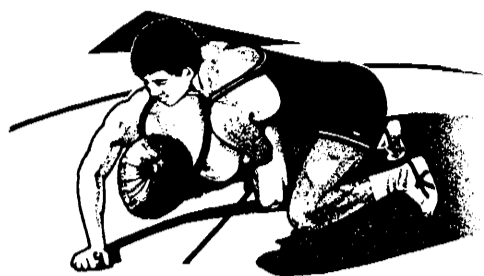
One of Cass City's oldest landmarks passed into history this week with the dismantling of the former General Telephone office on South Seeger Street. Mrs. Willis Campbell, wife of Cass City High School's superintendent, was installed Monday night as the 1963 president of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Women's Auxiliary. She replaces Mrs. Almer Krueger.

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SCHEDULES

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING - GYMNASTICS



BASKETBALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27
Cass City at Sandusky

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**WRESTLING**  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28  
Cass City at Marlette/Brown City  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31  
Cass City at Imlay City Tournament

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GYMNASTICS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Midland High/Dow at Cass City

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**VOLLEYBALL**  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29  
Reese at Cass City

### 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  
28 ..... 4 p.m. Mayville  
March 6 ..... Lakers  
**Home games in bold**  
Freshman games at middle school, 6 p.m.  
JV games at high school, 6 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

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

### WRESTLING

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

### GYMNASTICS

Dec. 11 ..... Vassar  
Jan. 10 ..... Plymouth Salem  
14 ..... Midland Dow  
17 ..... Hartland  
22 ..... Vassar  
26 ..... Midland HS  
Feb. 2 ..... Midland High/Dow  
7 ..... Freeland Inv.  
10 ..... Hartland  
14 ..... Saint Johns  
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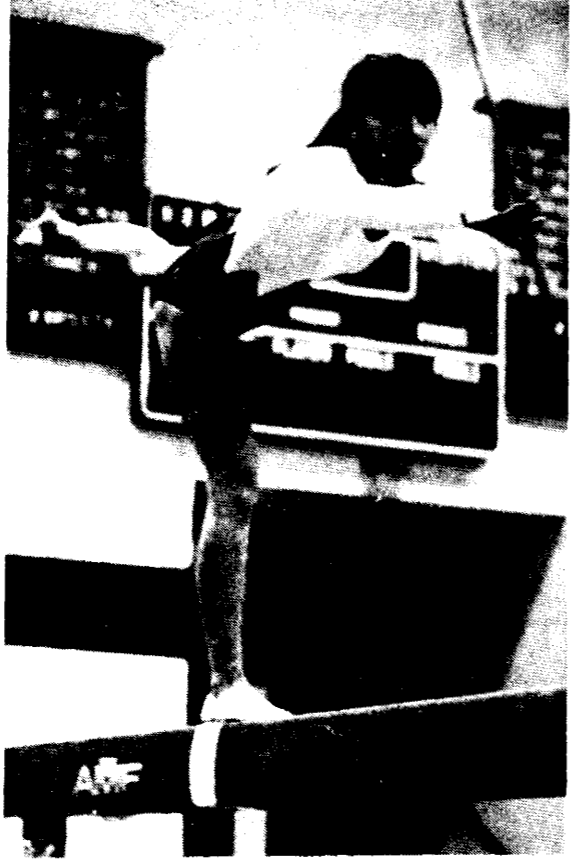
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# Vassar defeats Hawk gymnasts in home tilt

In one of only 2 home meets, the Cass City gymnastic team was defeated Thursday night by visiting Vassar, 130.55-109.40. Both schools competed on the night without full rosters due to injury or illness.

Cass City, who lost high scoring Courtney Turner and Gia Mellendorf via graduation from last year's team, received solid outings from Michelle Kropewnicki and Manisha Raythatha.



RED HAWK Manisha Raythatha displays her style on the beam Thursday against visiting Vassar. The Vulcans recorded a 130.55-109.40 win.

The young Hawks will entertain Midland High and Midland Dow this Monday in their only other home match of the season. Weber continued to shine for Coach Walt Purigroski's squad, winning the vault with a score of 8.95, the balance beam with a tally of 9.2, the uneven parallel bars with a mark of 8.5, and the floor exercise with an impressive 9.3 score from the judges.

Besides Weber, the visitors received fine showings from Nicole Sullivan and Rachel DeLand. Sullivan placed 3rd on the bars and floor exercise with a score of 7.3 and 8.35, respectively. Her total of 8.15 on the balance beam was good for 2nd place honors.

# Hawk spikers seek to break loss string at home game

Coach Beth Howard's Cass City spikers will seek their first Greater Thumb Conference win this Thursday when they host the Reese Rockets.

Another first for the Cass City volleyball team Thursday will be home court advantage.

The contest will be the Hawks' first of the season on their home turf. An unfavorable early schedule has had Howard's inexperienced spikers open their campaign with 4 consecutive road trips.

For Cass City to be successful against the Rockets, they will have to learn to take better care of the ball and cut down on errors, according to Howard.

At Unionville Thursday, poor passing plagued the Hawks as they were defeated in straight games.

"Eighty percent of USA's points were made by Cass City errors," said Howard as her squad fell to 1-3 in dual meets.

In the initial game against the Patriots, the visitors were guilty of 4 reception errors that helped the hosts gain a 15-7 win. During the loss, Cass City received a boost from senior Lindsay Maharg, who was substituted to the service line and responded with a pair of timely ace serves.

In the middle game, Cass City sent over too many free balls that the Patriots were able to capitalize on for a 15-8 victory.

"USA attacked on us all night. Our passing hurt us big time," lamented Howard. "We didn't set the ball up very much."

Cass City also committed 10 reception errors to aid the hosts during game 2.

In the final game, Cass City never got started and fell 15-

3. "Even though our hitting and receiving percentages were low, the girls did play the net well and communicate better. The girls are improving," said Howard.

Shelly Ulfig led Cass City with 4 kills, while Kara Mellendorf added 3 kills in vain.

Melissa Albrecht and Cara Graichen each recorded 4 service points for the guests.

## BROWN CITY

Earlier in the week on Monday, Cass City battled host Brown City before bowing in a hard fought 4-game match.

After splitting the opening 2 games by identical scores of 15-9, the Green Devils topped the Hawks in the final games by the scores of 15-5 and 15-8 to capture the win.

After a promising showing at the service line (91% & 95%) in the opening games, faulty serving proved too

much to overcome in games 3 and 4. Cass City could only connect on slightly over 70% of their serves down the wire.

Albrecht made her season debut for Cass City and performed well, says Howard. "Melissa is a transfer from Owendale and had to sit out one semester. She's going to be a great asset to the team. She's a good all around player."

On the attack for the Hawks at Brown City were Ulfig, Mellendorf and Lori Brown, who responded with 8, 4, and 5 kills, respectively. The Hawks' top scorer was Graichen with 12 points.

Cass City did show improvement around the net where they registered a season team high of 15 blocks. Going into the contest, the Hawks were averaging only 6 blocks per match.

"Our biggest problem with Brown City was not being able to keep our serve to keep the momentum going," said Howard.

## Over Peck, Caseville

# O-G volleyball team notches wins

Just like snow in February, the wins keep piling up for Coach Judy Campbell's Owen-Gage spikers.

In their latest triumph, the Bulldogs traveled to Caseville Thursday and recorded a pair of North Central

Thumb League victories. The wins put Campbell's spikers on top of the conference standings with an un-

blemished mark of 6-0. Against the Eagles, the defending NCTL champs recorded wins of 15-2, 15-8

and 15-9 in the opening match, and wins of 15-2, 15-5 and 15-3 in the final match. "We played a double league match (at Caseville), so we can have an extra tournament date," explained Campbell on the Bulldogs' rare double-header.

Despite the straight game wins by the bay, Campbell had plenty of praise for their NCTL foe.

"Caseville has the best league team we have met so far. There was much more volleying in these games than the scores indicated," said Campbell. "I look for them to win the rest of their league games and probably the districts."

A pair of Bulldog seniors had strong showings against the Eagles. At the net Melissa Vargo put away 18 of 41 spike attempts to lead all players. Vargo also added 20

assists and 17 digs for the guests.

Tonya Smith helped the Bulldog cause with 7 aces and 23 digs, both tops among the Bulldogs, who possess an overall record of 11-2-2.

## PECK

The Bulldogs traveled to Peck last Monday and came away with straight game wins of 15-5, 15-7 and 15-5.

This time it was the Bulldog underclassmen who paved the way for the visitors.

Freshman Steph Lowry topped all scorers with 13 tallies. Lowry was helped at the net by classmate Erin Salcido, who posted 4 kills, and sophomore Cassie Vargo, who was credited with 6 kills and 8 assists.

Another freshman, Jenna Root, had a team high 7 kills.

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OFFICIALS IN THE newly forming Cass City Soccer League reported that 169 persons have signed to enter the league. Denise Hallwood, one of the leaders, says that many calls have been received by persons not attending the 2 previous sign-up periods. For that reason another sign-up will be held Saturday, Feb. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the middle school. Players can be between 4 1/2 and 18 years old. One of the first to join last week was Andrew Martin, left, as Roselyn Martin and Ben Varney supervise.

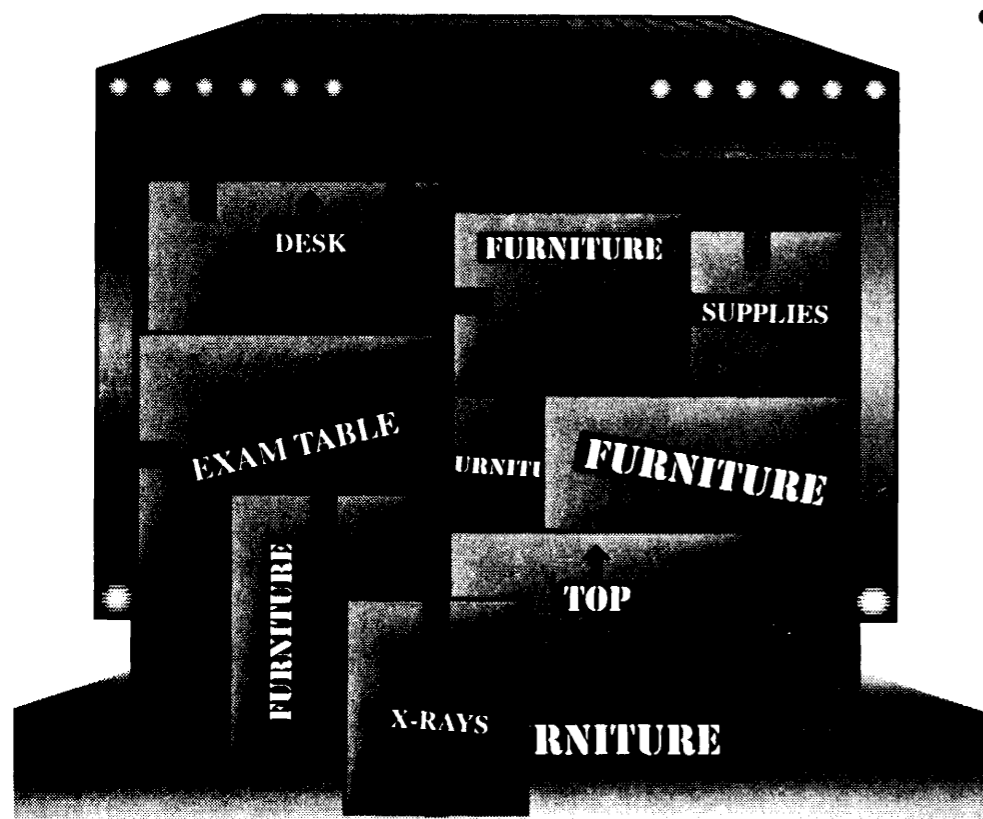


CASS CITY'S Melissa Albrecht makes a pass against USA Thursday in Greater Thumb Conference volleyball action. The Hawks suffered defeats of 15-7, 15-8 and 15-3. Also pictured for Cass City is Shelly Ulfig.

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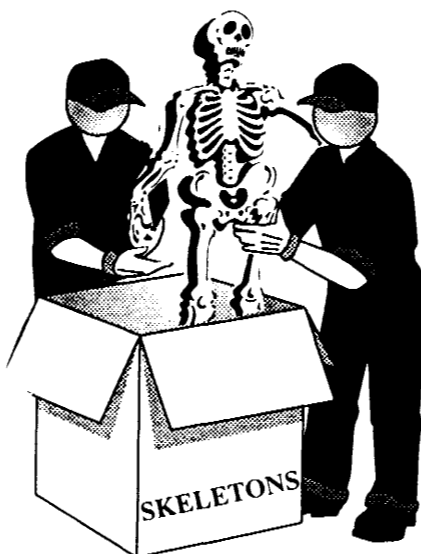
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# Bulldogs bow to Caseville, meet C-PS

The Owen-Gage basketball team received some much needed time off Friday when their North Central Thumb League tilt with Akron-Fairgrove was postponed due to the flu virus that had spread through the Viking school system.

And although it was the Viking students that were feeling sick, it's the Bulldog basketball team that's looking ill.

In last week's only contest, Coach Jim Brinkman's Bulldogs suffered their 6th straight defeat Tuesday, 66-39, to visiting Caseville.

Owen-Gage (1-7 overall) will complete the first half of their campaign this Friday when they travel to face Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

Caseville's defense held the hosts to just 2 field goals in the opening stanza of their NCTL tilt and grabbed a commanding 19-6 edge entering the 2nd frame.

Behind the offense efforts of Matt Bednerek and Jordan Wroblewski, the Eagles expanded their advantage to 32-17 by the intermission. Bednerek did most of the damage early, scoring 11 of his 13 points in the first half.

The Eagles put the game away with an 18-10 spurt to open the final half. Wroblewski tallied 11 of his game high 21 points during the run.

Caseville continued to have its way in the final frame,

adding to their advantage behind the shooting of Brad Buczynski, who scored half of his 12 markers in the game's final 8 minutes.

Owen-Gage was led by Derek Howard, who tossed in 10 points and passed for 4 assists. Joe Salcido was next on the Bulldog scoreboard with 9 points.

No Bulldog was able to register more than a single hoop in any period against the Caseville defense. Anthony Brinkman and Chad Mellendorf each snagged 7 rebounds to lead the hosts.

On the night, Owen-Gage shot just 32% from the field and made 4 of 13 tries from behind the 3-point arc.

## O-G - CASEVILLE

OWEN-GAGE - Brinkman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Salcido 1-2 (1-2) 9; Howard 3-1 (1-2) 10; Anthes 3-0 (1-2) 7; Mellendorf 0-0 (4-6) 4; Boltzman 0-0 (1-3) 1; Rochefort 0-1 (0-0) 3; Dorsch 1-0 (1-2) 3. TOTALS - 9-4 (9-17) 39.

CASEVILLE - Herrin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gettel 1-0 (2-6); Schultz 3-0 (3-6) 9; Buczynski 5-0 (2-2) 12; Wroblewski 6-1 (6-6) 21; Williams 1-0 (0-0) 2; Bednerek 6-0 (1-2) 13; Lisowski 1-0 (1-4) 3. TOTALS - 24-1 (15-26) 66.

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

| GREATER THUMB WEST |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team               | W | L | W | L |
| Cass City          | 4 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| EPBP               | 4 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| BCAS               | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| Reese              | 1 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| Mayville           | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| USA                | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| Bad Axe            | 0 | 4 | 1 | 8 |

| GREATER THUMB EAST |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team               | W | L | W | L |
| Brown City         | 5 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| Marlette           | 4 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| H. Beach           | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| Cros-Lex           | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Ulby               | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Sandusky           | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Yale               | 0 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| Deckerville        | 0 | 5 | 0 | 8 |

| NORTH CENTRAL THUMB |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Team                | W | L | W | L |
| Kingston            | 6 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| North Huron         | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| Peck                | 5 | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| CPS                 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| Caseville           | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Owen-Gage           | 1 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| A-F                 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Port Hope           | 0 | 6 | 2 | 8 |

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**  
Reese at Bad Axe (PPD, sickness)  
\* Rescheduled for Feb. 11  
Mayville at Cass City (PPD, sickness)  
\* Rescheduled for Feb. 28  
A-Fairgrove at Owen-Gage (PPD, sickness)  
\* No make-up date set  
BCAS 74, USA 64  
Brown City 47, Deckerville 46  
Cros-Lex 50, Sandusky 36  
Harbor Beach 59, Yale 47  
Marlette 63, Ulby 51  
North Huron 72, Caseville 49  
CPS 65, Port Hope 43  
Kingston 62, Peck 50

## WEDNESDAY'S GAME

Pinconning at BCAS

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Bad Axe at BCAS  
EPBP at Mayville  
USA at Reese  
Sandusky at Brown City  
Deckerville at Cros-Lex  
Harbor Beach at Ulby  
Marlette at Yale  
Caseville at A-Fairgrove  
Owen-Gage at CPS  
North Huron at Kingston  
Peck at Port Hope

# Hawks dominate boards to top winless Eagles in sloppy game

A quirk in the schedule and the weather has the Cass City Red Hawk hoop squad sitting on the sidelines for 2 Fridays in a row. The team can use the rare time off to prepare for the schedule ahead in the drive towards a possible Greater Thumb West title. Last Friday's game with Mayville was postponed and will be played Saturday, Feb. 28, starting at 4 p.m. with the

freshman game. All games will be played at the high school. The Hawks were to have played at Sandusky Tuesday and at Yale Tuesday, Feb. 3. Playing last Tuesday, the Hawks looked anything but sharp against Deckerville, which is winless this season. Coach Jeff Hartel used the game to start some of the

players who have seen limited playing time this year and the bench responded by playing the visitors on even terms while in the game. The Hawks moved in front in the second quarter and were never behind after that, although the Eagles stayed within shouting distance throughout the game. Cass City was coasting along with a double digit lead

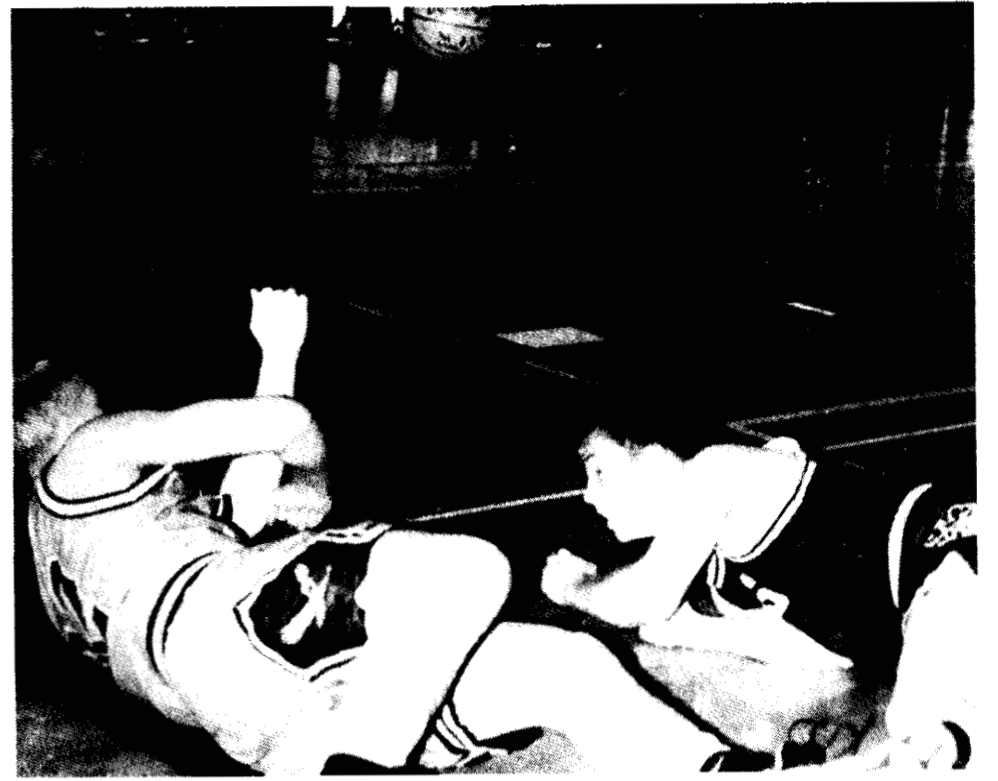
throughout most of the last half, but Deckerville made it interesting in the last period, one time closing within 5 points with a rally sparked by a couple of Hawk turnovers and some fine outside shooting with 4 hoops from 3-point range, 2 by Eric Estrada. The key to the Hawk win was domination of the boards. Cass City outboarded the Eagles, 31-19, led by Craig Emmert with 8.

the team's usual good free throw production fell to 60 percent, making 9 of 15 shots.

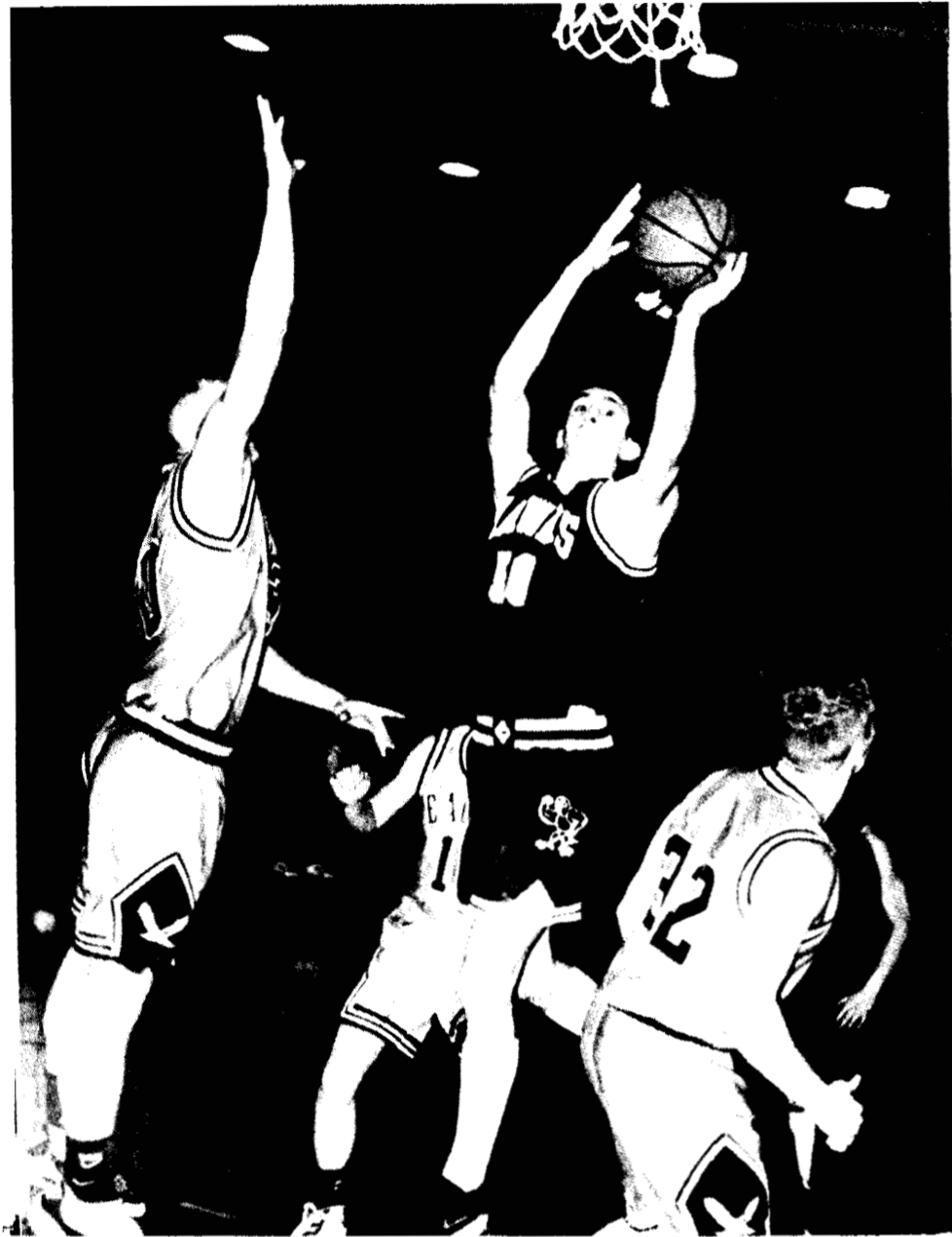
## CC - DECKERVILLE

**CASS CITY** - Goodall 0-0 (1-2) 1; Micklash 0-1 (0-0) 3; Lenhard 1-0 (0-1) 2; Zawilinski 4-0 (0-0) 8; King 1-0 (1-2) 3; Hobbs 0-1 (0-0) 3; Brinkman 2-0 (2-4) 6; Edwards 2-2 (1-2) 11; Emmert 3-0 (4-4) 10. **TOTALS - 13-4 (9-15) 47.**

**DECKERVILLE** - Ballentine 1-1 (1-2) 6; Williams 0-1 (0-0) 3; Keinath 1-0 (3-4) 5; Schumacher 2-1 (0-0) 7; Estrada 1-3 (2-2) 13; Ross 0-0 (2-2) 2; Klaus 0-1 (0-0) 3. **TOTALS - 5-7 (8-10) 39.**



**BASKETBALL CAN BE** a contact sport when teams go after a loose ball. Ryan Brinkman, right, hit the floor trying for a recovery, but the ball bounded away from both players and went out of bounds.



**CRAIG EMMERT** scored from close in on this shot against Deckerville. He also had 8 rebounds and 3 blocked shots for the Cass City Red Hawks.

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

|                                       | John Haire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Clarke Haire                                                                                                             | Tom Montgomery                                                                                                       | Doug Hyatt                                                                                                        |
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| <b>January 27</b>                     | Marlette BCAS<br>Cass City<br>Lakers<br>Mayville<br>Reese<br>Harbor Beach<br>Arenac East.<br>Kingston                                                                                                                                                 | Marlette BCAS<br>Cass City<br>Lakers<br>Mayville<br>Reese<br>Harbor Beach<br>Arenac East.<br>Kingston                    | Marlette BCAS<br>Cass City<br>Lakers<br>Mayville<br>Reese<br>Harbor Beach<br>Arenac East.<br>Kingston                | Marlette BCAS<br>Cass City<br>Lakers<br>Yale<br>Reese<br>Harbor Beach<br>Akron-Fair.<br>Kingston                  |
| <b>January 30</b>                     | Bad Axe at BCAS<br>Lakers at Mayville<br>USA at Reese<br>Sandusky at Brown City<br>Deckerville at Cros-Lex<br>Harbor Beach at Ubley<br>Marlette at Yale<br>Caseville at Akron-Fair.<br>Owen-Gage at C-PS<br>N. Huron at Kingston<br>Peck at Port Hope | BCAS<br>Lakers<br>Reese<br>Brown City<br>Cros-Lex<br>Harbor Beach<br>Marlette<br>Akron-Fair.<br>C-PS<br>Kingston<br>Peck | BCAS<br>Lakers<br>Reese<br>Brown City<br>Cros-Lex<br>Harbor Beach<br>Yale<br>Akron-Fair.<br>C-PS<br>Kingston<br>Peck | BCAS<br>Lakers<br>Reese<br>Brown City<br>Cros-Lex<br>Ubley<br>Marlette<br>Akron-Fair.<br>C-PS<br>Kingston<br>Peck |
| <b>Last Week's Totals Percentages</b> | (15-1) (71-25) 74%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | (14-2) (73-23) 76%                                                                                                       | (15-1) (75-21) 78%                                                                                                   | (14-2) (72-24) 75%                                                                                                |

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# Grapplers 2nd at Wildcat, Hawks 8-0 in league play

The Cass City Red Hawks continued to dominate in the Greater Thumb C West with wins over Sandusky and host Bad Axe Wednesday, but Coach Don Markel was far from pleased about the team's performance at the Wildcat Invitational Saturday at Mayville.

which won the tourney with 189 points. The Hawks finished with 182 1/2 points. Other teams finished in the following order: Brown City, 159; Vassar, 109 1/2; Almont, 86; Mayville, 84; Burton-Bentley, 74; Lapeer East, 54; Sandusky, 53; Bad Axe, 22 1/2; Lakers, 17.

**BAD AXE MEET**  
Cass City extended its undefeated meet record to 8 (4-0 in the Greater Thumb C West) by defeating Sandusky, 60-21, and Bad Axe, 75-6.

Hawks had victory assured after the team scored pins in the first 3 matches of the day: Jeremy Klinkman over Garrett Knoll; Davis over Dusty Mauer and Scott Moore over Mike Booms.

Cass City finished second in the invitational, but Markel said it was a tournament that we should have won. Our over-all performance was lackluster and it was by far the worst performance by the team this season.

Cass City wrestlers won 2 classes and 10 wrestlers earned medals. The winners were Roy Davis, 103 pounds, and Dave Sutter, 152 pounds.

The win over Sandusky was a foregone conclusion as the Redskins failed to have wrestlers in 7 of the 14 weight classes.

Other Hawks with pins included Nathan Matt over Corey Bersinger, 145 pounds; Sutter over Josh Rosenthal, 152 pounds; Steve McIntosh over Dan Baxter, 275 pounds. Khoury decided Greg Smith.

Markel said we will go back to the drawing board this week and promises intense practices for the team this week.

Other medal winners were: Jon Fritz, 125 pounds, 4th; Adam Dorland, 130 pounds, 2nd; Cory Mayer, 135 pounds, 2nd; Wes Gibbard, 140 pounds, 4th; Nathan Matt, 145 pounds, 3rd; Phil Mathewson, 171 pounds, 4th; Jalal Khoury, 189 pounds, 2nd, and Chad Wolschlagler, 215 pounds, 3rd.

Scoring pins for the Hawks were Davis, Jon Fritz and Phil Mathewson. Khoury lost in a decision to Sandusky's Mike Stolicker. Sandusky's other points came when Chad Wolschlagler was pinned by Matt Steinkopf and Steve McIntosh was pinned by Ryan Geraldo.

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| <b>SUNDAY NO ROLLERS</b><br>Jan. 18, 1998             | Raz-ma-taz 7<br>CWD's 7<br>Leftovers 5<br>We'll Get Back To You 4<br>C B' 4<br>The S.H.L. 2<br>Smithsky & Hutch D & J's 1                                                                                                                                                                       | Rutkoski 642 (246), D. Orton 617 (221-212), C. Kelley 615 (248-211), C. Zimmerman 607 (226), D. Roth 596 (210), T. Pattengill 588 (219), T. Kuck 582, R. Salcido 579, D. Englehardt 578, P. McIntosh 574, W. Guinther 570, P. Voss 563, M. Jackson 562, D. Wallace 222, S. Fobear 211, M. Zawilinski 211. | NEIC 17<br>Hyatt Farms One 17<br>Hyatt Farms Two 15<br>Mycogen Plant Sciences 15<br>Schmaltz Construction 13<br>Thumb Auto Wash 10 1/2<br>Babich Farms 10                                                                                                                                     | High Games: B. Peyerck 213, D. Mathewson 200, B. Ware 188, V. Patera 188, D. Wilson 182, T. Avery 186, V. Humes 176.<br>T. Skripy bowled a triplicate and B. Peyerck rolled 75 pins over her average. |
| Men's High Series & Games: B. Brown 637 (236-202).    | Women's High Series & Games: J. Meredith 607 (242), T.M. Rabideau 539, D. Williams 211.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | High Team Series & Game: Leftovers 2070 (716).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | High Team Series & Game: General Cable 1934 (700).<br>High Series & Games: G. Smith 711 (225-284), Doug O'Dell 669 (258), D. Roth 669 (278), Dennis Hyatt 650 (246-225), Doug Hyatt 621 (230), K. Pichla 598 (238), G. Robinson 246, G. Pringle 219, D. Beecher 213, Duane O'Dell 211.        | <b>FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES</b><br>Jan. 23                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>MERCHANTS LEAGUE</b><br>Jan. 21, 1998              | Charmont 6<br>R & H Body Shop 5<br>Wickes 5<br>Cass City Sports 4<br>Brentwood 4<br>New England Life 3<br>Gemini Plastics 3<br>Independent Bank 2                                                                                                                                               | Men's High Series & Games: L. Dibble 562 (206), D. Mathewson 546 (192), V. Bilicki 494 (173), D. Grifka 458 (174), M. Veldman 175, E. Kloc 161, M. Gyomory 160, M. Opanasenko 159, L. Zajak 157, E. Bell 154, J. Furness 153.                                                                             | High Team Series & Game: Dee's M.P. Rockets 1767 (641).<br>High Individual Series & Games: L. Dibble 562 (206), D. Mathewson 546 (192), V. Bilicki 494 (173), D. Grifka 458 (174), M. Veldman 175, E. Kloc 161, M. Gyomory 160, M. Opanasenko 159, L. Zajak 157, E. Bell 154, J. Furness 153. | Easy 7 24<br>The Family 22<br>Gators 20<br>Rolling Thunder 20<br>Dodgers 20<br>Grumblers 14<br>Men of Steel 11<br>New Team 9                                                                          |
| High Actual Team Series & Game: Charmont 2949 (1022). | Individual High Series & Games: M. Lutz 665 (244-215), J. Krol 664 (256), B. Kingsland 662 (254-236), B.                                                                                                                                                                                        | High Team Series & Game: Dee's M.P. Rockets 1767 (641).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | High Team Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 1835 (665).<br>500 Series: L. Erla 534, J. Lapp 526, J. Krol 509.<br>200 Games: J. Krol 204.                                                                                                                                                       | <b>MERCHANETTE LEAGUE</b><br>Jan. 22, 1998                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE</b>                 | Men's High Series & Games: S. Hammett 602 (216), T. Potrykus 573 (226), P. Smith 571 (221), T. Smith 511 (200), J. Arnold 503 (200).<br>Women's High Series: B. Watson 525, L. Dibble 521.<br>Women's High Games: D. Potrykus 187, C. Smith 188.<br>High Team Series & Game: Gators 2057 (774). | High Actual Team Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 1835 (665).<br>500 Series: L. Erla 534, J. Lapp 526, J. Krol 509.<br>200 Games: J. Krol 204.                                                                                                                                                            | Thumb Auto Wash 9<br>Health Mart Pills 8<br>Silver Birch Kennel 6<br>J.B.'s Crew 6<br>All Season Rental 5<br>Caro Chiropractic 5<br>Detroit Edison 5<br>Hills & Dales 4                                                                                                                       | <b>Merchanette League</b><br>Jan. 22, 1998                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>THURSDAY NITE TRIO</b><br>Jan. 22                  | General Cable 26<br>Martin Electric 23<br>Marlette Oil & Gas 20<br>Pioneer Seeds 18                                                                                                                                                                                                             | High Team Game: Wild John's 1101.<br>High Team Series: Dott Manufacturing 3085.<br>High Series: V. Patera 521, V. Homes 485, D. Mathewson 478, B. Peyerck 475, B. Ware 468.                                                                                                                               | High Team Series & Game: Wild John's 1101.<br>High Team Series: Dott Manufacturing 3085.<br>High Series: V. Patera 521, V. Homes 485, D. Mathewson 478, B. Peyerck 475, B. Ware 468.                                                                                                          | <b>CHARMONT LADIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Dott Manufacturing 4<br>Pizza Villa 4<br>Dee's M.P. Rockets 3<br>Live Wires 3<br>J.B.'s Crew 2<br>Wild John's 2<br>Sister Act 1<br>Team # 7 1<br>Cable-ettes 0<br>Cass City Tire 0                    |

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, January 28

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

### Thursday, January 29

Magazine Sale January 29-31 at Rawson Memorial Library.

### Friday, January 30

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

### Monday, February 2

Novesta Twp. Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Lions Club 7:00 p.m., Charmont.

### Tuesday, February 3

Rotary 12 noon, Charmont.

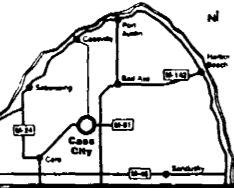


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## Holbrook Area News

### Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Florence Watson and Velma Cleland visited Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Velma Cleland were among a large group of friends and relatives who helped Dalton Puterbaugh celebrate his 95th birthday Sunday.

Bill Cleland and Alex of Walled Lake visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osantoski Sunday.

### EUCHRE CLUB

The Euchre Club met at Charlotte LaPeer's. High prize was won by Ronnie Gracey. Leonard Buella won the low prize. Frank Laming won the traveling prize. The club had lunch at Charmont. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker Feb. 14.

Bertha Sweeney visited Mary Louise Booms at Harbor Beach Thursday afternoon.

### EXTENDED CLUB

The Greenleaf Extended Club met at Charmont Thursday with 12 members and 2 guests present.

Guest speaker was Rick Coleman from Tri County Youth for Christ. He explained their program and how groups could get involved.

The next meeting will be at Charmont Feb. 12. Charlotte LaPeer will be hostess. New member is Midge Clemons.

Martha Keyser and Velma Cleland attended the Friends of the Library meeting Thursday morning.

## Area delegates attend Farm Bureau meet

Tuscola County Farm Bureau members recently joined 1,000 other Michigan farmers in Traverse City for the 78th Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Representing Tuscola County were Virginia Schluckebier, Bonnie Bergdolt, Marion Mossner, Karen Goodchild, Nancy Ruggles, Norman Bergdolt, Nancy Ortner, Viola Bierlein, Gordon Bierlein, Leroy Schluckebier, Myron Ortner, Richard Starkey, Earl Mossner, Ron Bernia, Fred Ruggles.

Delegates representing each county discussed and voted on 180 policy resolutions developed from 850 recommendations submitted by county Farm Bureau groups. The policies approved by the delegates will guide the activities of the organization through the next year. The policies addressed issues

such as wildlife crop damage, tuberculosis in white-tailed deer, local control of roads and land-use planning.

Farmers attending the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting had the opportunity to explore the ideas of value-added cooperatives and farmland preservation during educational sessions.

Tuscola County Farm Bureau also brought home awards from the state annual meeting. The organization earned gold stars in Local Affairs, Membership, Policy Execution, Group Purchasing and Young Farmer; silver stars in Commodity & Marketing, Information, Policy Development, and Promotion and Education; and Image 2000 awards for Logo & Color Coordination, Professional Image, Overall Impression, and Improvements.

Dr. Milo Tesar and Dr. Martin John Bukovac, both Michigan State University crop and soil science professors and researchers, earned the Distinguished Service to Agriculture honor. Gloria

Brady, a retired Kalamazoo schoolteacher, was named Michigan Farm Bureau Educator of the Year. Saginaw News reporter Rhoda Miel earned the Agricultural Communicator of the Year award.

Young farmers took center stage as 38 people competed for the title of state Discussion Meet winner and 12 others competed for the Young Farmer Achievement, Outstanding Young Agricultural Leader and Outstanding Young Farm Employee awards.

More than 125 farmers acted as teachers for the day. They were in Traverse City second- and third-grade classrooms, teaching 1,400 children about agriculture.

Michigan Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization, with 161,366 member families.



REPRESENTING Tuscola County at the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting were (front row, from left) Virginia Schluckebier, Bonnie Bergdolt, Marion Mossner, Karen Goodchild, Nancy Ruggles, (second row) Norman Bergdolt, Nancy Ortner, Viola Bierlein, Gordon Bierlein, Leroy Schluckebier, (third row) Myron Ortner, Richard Starkey, Earl Mossner, Ron Bernia and Fred Ruggles.

## Several honored at 54th annual SCD meeting

Tom Lounsbury gave a slide presentation on his experiences hunting caribou in the Land of the Inuit to over 130 persons at the 54th annual Tuscola Soil Conservation District meeting held in the Caro High School cafeteria Jan. 22.

John Gjomory of Cass City conducted the election of 2 directors. Gerald Hicks of Deford and Rick Seidler of Kingstons were both reelected for a 3-year term.

Michael Findlay and Gerald Hicks presented the following poster awards: Division I: James Weber, 1st place; Amber Greer, 2nd place; Division II: Jessica Backus, 1st place; Kristina Zuzga, 2nd place; and Jocelyn Stevenson, 3rd place. Division III: Ashley Farnum, 1st place; Lindsay Lowry, 2nd place; and Jessica Smith and Larry Bills, tied for 3rd place.

James Weber and Ashley Farnum also received a plaque from the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts for placing first in

their division in the state competition. Their posters are entered in the National Association of Conservation Districts competition to be judged in February.

Findlay and Henry Gruber presented trophies to the following FFA individuals for land judging: Shannon O'Connor, 1st place; Theodore Papesch, 2nd place; and Christy Dinmore, 3rd place, all from Akron-Fairgrove FFA. The students, along with Vo-Ag Instructor Renee McCoey, accepted the \$25 check.

USA FFA students Terry Schulz, Shaun Hodder and Shane Prime accepted the \$25 check for their chapter.

Findlay and Judy Long presented the Environment awards to Cyrus Healy, Shawn Henn, Josh Lounsbury, Jessica Apel-Mifsud, Julie Eral, Amber Rienstra, Lori Brown, Tom Fulcher, Jonathan Fobear,

Chris Irvine, George and Jason Wright and Team Advi-

sor Nancy Weippert. James Graham presented the first "Wildlife Conservationist of the Year" to William Kirk of Fairgrove.

Findlay and Hicks presented the "1997 Conservationist of the Year" award to Starkey Farms, accepted by Larry Starkey. They also presented the Goodyear Award of Merit to Curt and Tod Fackler of Vassar.

Chairman Rick Seidler presented a plaque to Director Gerald Hicks for 15 years of dedicated service to the district.

A slide presentation on "What's Happening in the Tuscola SCD" was given by Resource Conservationist James Graham.

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Dr. Awerbuch - Neurologist - 6  
Dr. Bartnick - Oncologist - 17  
Dr. Carney - Cardiologist - 4, 11, 18, 25  
Dr. DeSantis - Orthopaedic - 6, 13, 20

Dr. Jilani - Psychiatrist  
Dr. Jung - Neurologist - 10, 24  
Dr. Rayes - Infectious Diseases  
Dr. Roberts - Dermatologist - 11  
Dr. Swong - Eye, Ear, Nose - 5, 19  
Dr. Tuckey, OB/GYN - 25

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Advance directive forms are available through state, legal and medical associations. If you have considered completing an advance directive but have questions or need assistance, the Social Worker at Hills & Dales General Hospital would be glad to assist you. Please call 517-872-2121, Kerry Brown.

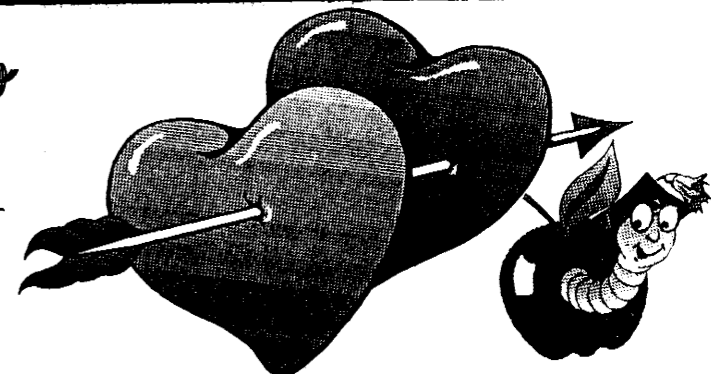
A message from Hills & Dales General Hospital Ethics Committee

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# Circuit court proceedings

Four people were sentenced Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

•Malcolm J. Heath, 18, Millington, was ordered to serve 2 to 5 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100, attempted breaking and entering a building and breaking and entering a vehicle with intent of stealing more than \$5 worth of property Aug. 13 in Millington Township.

Heath, who was ordered to pay \$395.50 in attorneys fees, was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Keith S. Statler, 33, Genesee, was sentenced to 5 years probation and 90 days in the county jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a

motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 20, 1996, in Vassar.

He was ordered to undergo substance abuse treatment and pay \$1,500 in court costs and fines plus \$335.50 in attorneys fees, \$1,200 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•Jason W. Hoover, 18, Millington, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 180 days in jail, with school release, for his plea of guilty to attempted delivery of marijuana Oct. 9 in Arbella Township.

Hoover received a one-year driver's license suspension. He was ordered to undergo substance abuse counseling and complete his high school education, and pay \$500 in costs and fines plus \$240 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

In other recent circuit court proceedings:

•Timothy J. Cessna Jr., 19, Caro, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with worksite privileges, and continued probation for his plea of guilty to probation violation — failure to report to his supervising probation agent.

•He was also ordered to complete his high school education (GED).

•Rudie H. Frank, 69, Cass City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 26 in Millington.

Bond was continued and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered for the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jonathan D. Fetterhoff, 19, Cass City, pleaded guilty to probation violation (conviction in Sanilac County Circuit Court of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny).

Fetterhoff was remanded to

the custody of the sheriff's department. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be set.

•Michael A. Palmer, 20, Cass City, pleaded guilty to attempted breaking and entering a building Dec. 10 in Akron Township.

Palmer was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department by the court, which continued bond at \$10,000 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Charles A. Lawrie, 31, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana with intent to deliver Aug. 12 in Caro.

Bond was continued at \$2,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be set.

•Troy L. Callahan, 32, Lapeer, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 1 in Vassar Township.

Callahan's driver's license was revoked by the court, which remanded him to the custody of the sheriff's department. Bond was continued at \$50,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Dennis C. West, 41, Imlay City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 7 in Millington Township.

West's driver's license was revoked and his bond was continued. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Jackie J. Jackson, 48, Millington, was sentenced to 8 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct in 1993 and 1995 in Arbella Township.

Jackson was ordered to undergo mental and sex offender treatment. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•Jesse A. Clampitt, 25, Millington, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 60 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to resisting and obstructing a police officer Oct. 26 in Arbella Township.

Clampitt was ordered to undergo substance abuse treatment and pay \$700 in costs and fines plus \$383.50 in attorneys fees, \$278.22 in restitution and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•William L. Vanderpoel, 39, Kingston, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 6 months in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 18 in Kingston Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,500 in costs and fines plus a \$60 victim crime fee.

•James D. Strickler, 21, Fostoria, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 6 months in jail for his plea of guilty to attempted third degree criminal sexual conduct May 15 in Watertown Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$600 in costs and fines, \$835 in attorneys fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

# Obituaries

### Elsie Blades

Elsie Loretta Blades, 82, of Cass City, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 1998, at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, after a short illness.

Born July 20, 1915, in Greenleaf Township, she was the daughter of David and Kate R. (Brown) McComb. She married Jack C. Blades March 1, 1935, in Detroit. He died March 18, 1985.

Growing up in the Cass City area, she moved to Livonia, where she lived for 40 years, and then moved back over 21 years ago. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Cass City, Cass City Historical Society, Cass City Retired Persons, Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary and United Methodist Women.

Surviving are 2 sons, James Blades of Cass City and Edward and Patricia Blades of Whitmore Lake; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Blades of South Lyon; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Leone and James Pearson of Baldwin; a stepbrother, William Robinson of Pontiac, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, John; a brother, George W. McComb, and a stepsister, Grace Roberts.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 26, at the United Methodist Church of Cass City with the Rev. Philip Rice officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library or United Methodist Church of Cass City.

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

### Ernest Nicol

Ernest A. Nicol, 94, of Marlette, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 1998, at Marlette Community Hospital in Marlette.

Born Nov. 22, 1903, in Cass City, he was the son of Thomas and Mary (Beck) Nicol.

He married Mildred C. Agar Nov. 24, 1926, in Caro. She died Oct. 31, 1997.

Formerly a Cass City resident, he had lived in the Marlette area since 1927. He owned and operated Nicol Motors Sales for 60 years, and maintained Marlette School buses for 47 years, retiring in 1979. Nicol served on the Marlette Fire Department from 1929 to 1978, where he was former chief. He was a member of the Marlette United Methodist Church, and county and state fire associations.

Surviving are a son, Carl and Joyce Nicol of Marlette; a daughter, Mary Lou and Paul Prowse of Marlette; 7 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brothers, Leland and Earl.

Funeral services were scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 3:00 p.m. at the Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette with the Rev. John R. Allan officiating.

Interment was to be in Elkland Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be given to Marlette United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.

### Esther Spencer

Esther Susan Spencer, 76, of Deming, New Mexico, died Dec. 23, 1997, in Deming.

She was born May 22, 1921, in Michigan, lived in Michigan most of her life and operated a nursing home in Oakland County for many years. She had been a resident of Deming for the past 11 years.

Survivors include 3 sons, Harold and Barbara Spencer of Deford, Richard and Ila Spencer of Drummond Island and Orton Spencer of Hesperia; 3 daughters, Harriet Curtis of Lapeer, Shirley and Jerry Smith of Mesick and Susan and Willie Hinski of Roseville; one sister, Evelyn Daubon of Wisconsin; 19 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Spencer, and a sister, Mavis Minard.

Cremation has taken place and no service is planned.

Arrangements were made by Boca's Funeral Chapel of Deming.

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Alan W. Ott, chairman of Chemical Financial Corporation, recently announced net income of \$6,833,000 for the fourth quarter of 1997, an increase of 6.2% over 1996 fourth quarter net income of \$6,435,000. Earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 1997 were \$0.63, up 5% over the \$0.60 per share earned in the last quarter of 1996. The fourth quarter 1997 earnings increase, as compared to the fourth quarter of 1996, was due primarily to a 1.6% increase in net interest income and a 10.6% increase in other income and fees.

For the year ended Dec. 31, the corporation had net income of \$23,889,000, an increase of 8.6% over 1996 net income of \$22,003,000. For the year of 1997, net income per share was \$2.22, up 8.3% over 1996 earnings per share of \$2.05.

### Kohr named to bank board

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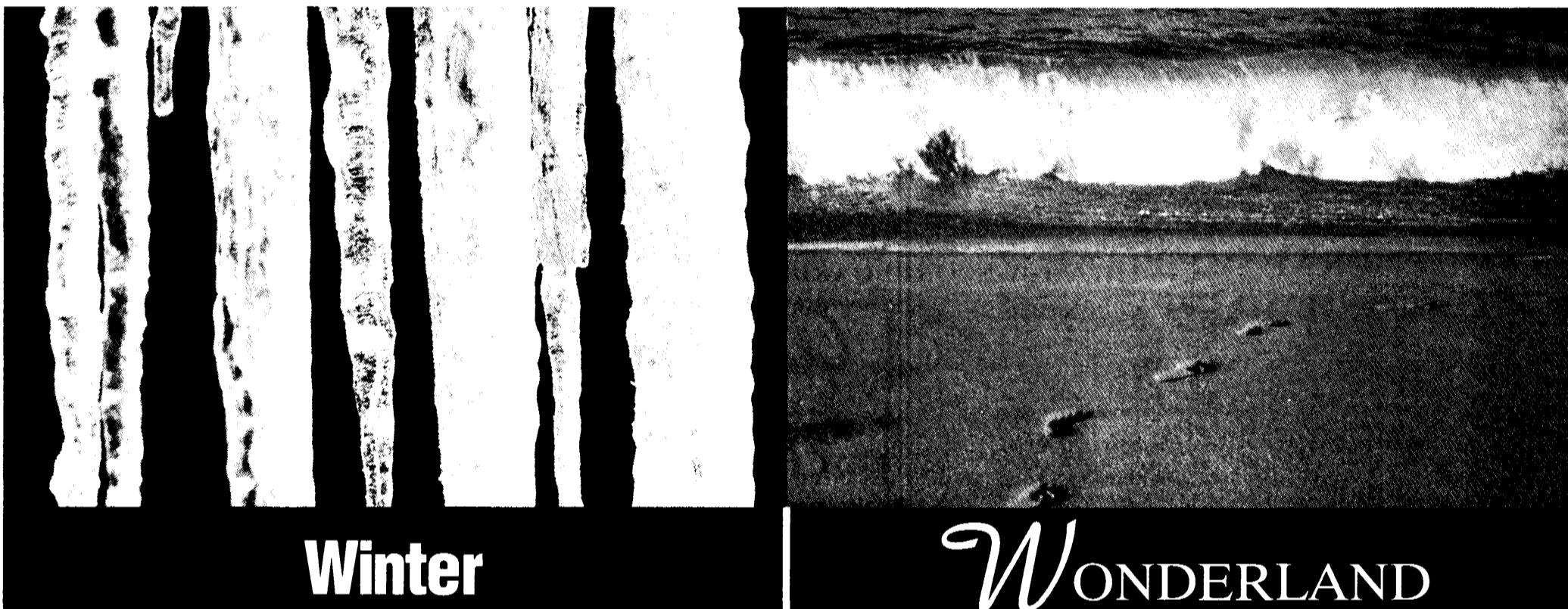
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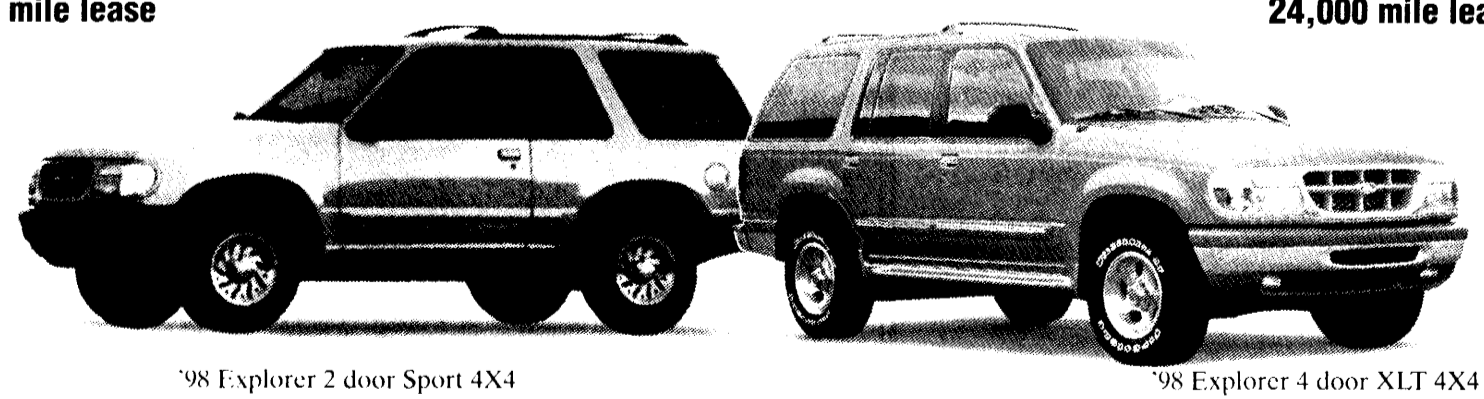
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# Dedication!

## 600 attend ceremony at new middle school



**HOLDING THE SYMBOLIC KEY** to the new middle school is board President Randy Severance. It was presented by Keith Kosik, one of the architects for the building. Observing are, from left: board members Allan Hartwick, James Turner and Dave Knight. Participating in the ceremony out of camera range were the rest of the board: Beverley Auten, Danny Haag and Marilyn Peters.

An estimated 600 persons comfortably filled the new middle school gym Sunday for the dedication of the new middle school building.

The dedication was highlighted by the presentation of the building by Fred Eurich and Keith Kosik from TSSF Architects of Saginaw, and Keith Hammis, project superintendent for R. C. Hendrick and Son Inc. of Saginaw, the construction managing firm.

Supt. Ken Micklash, middle school Principal Jeanne Lohela and selected teachers from the middle school explained the advantages of the new school.

Micklash stressed the cooperation that was received from Hammis and the subcontractors that worked on the building. He pointed out that the building was completed on time and within budget.

Board President Randy Severance pointed out some of the advantages of the new building and recalled how a visitor to the building who is connected with school build-

ing projects in the north remarked how good he thought the construction was. He had no idea I was connected with the school, Severance added.

Lohela invited anyone in the community to visit the school at any time to see the students and the staff at work.

Teachers from each of the grades in the school then outlined some of the advantages that the building brings to the students. The speakers were: fifth grade, Barbara Kirn; sixth grade, Linda Derfny; seventh grade, Lloyd Schinnerer; eighth grade, Geraldine Tibbits, and exploratory, Linda Edwards.

Members of the administration and all of the teachers expressed appreciation to the people in the district for their concern for the children as expressed in the approval of the bond issue for the new building.

In addition to the donors pictured, it was announced that a donation for a new building sign was made by Mary Jane and Rick VanVliet

in memory of Marian Croft. Before and after the ceremony, an instrumental en-

semble under the direction of Jason Smigell entertained. A tour of the facility fol-

lowed the dedication program and light refreshments were served.



**RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS** from Superintendent Kenneth Micklash are Kally and John Maharg. Together with Nell Maharg, they made a donation for a new flag pole in memory of Kenneth Maharg.



**THE NEW SCOREBOARDS** in the middle school gym were donated by Shirley and Curt Strickland in memory of Grant Strickland. She examines the plaque telling about the gift.



**RECEIVING A PLAQUE** from Superintendent Kenneth Micklash honoring General Cable of Cass City for the donation of wire for the new middle school were, from left, John Cooper, personnel manager, and Jesus Valdez, plant manager.

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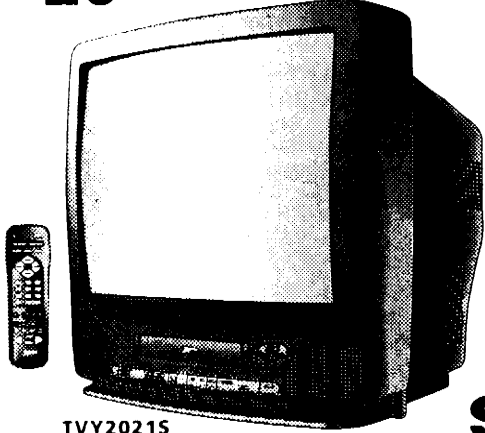
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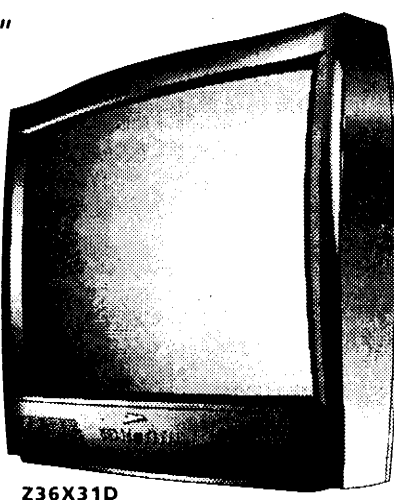


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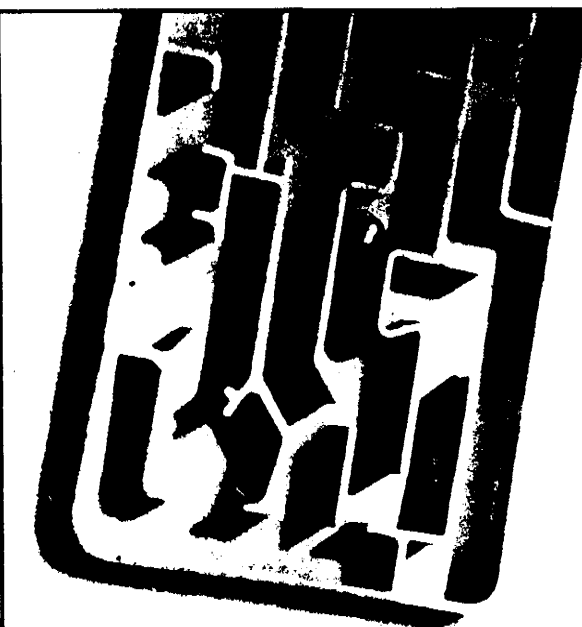
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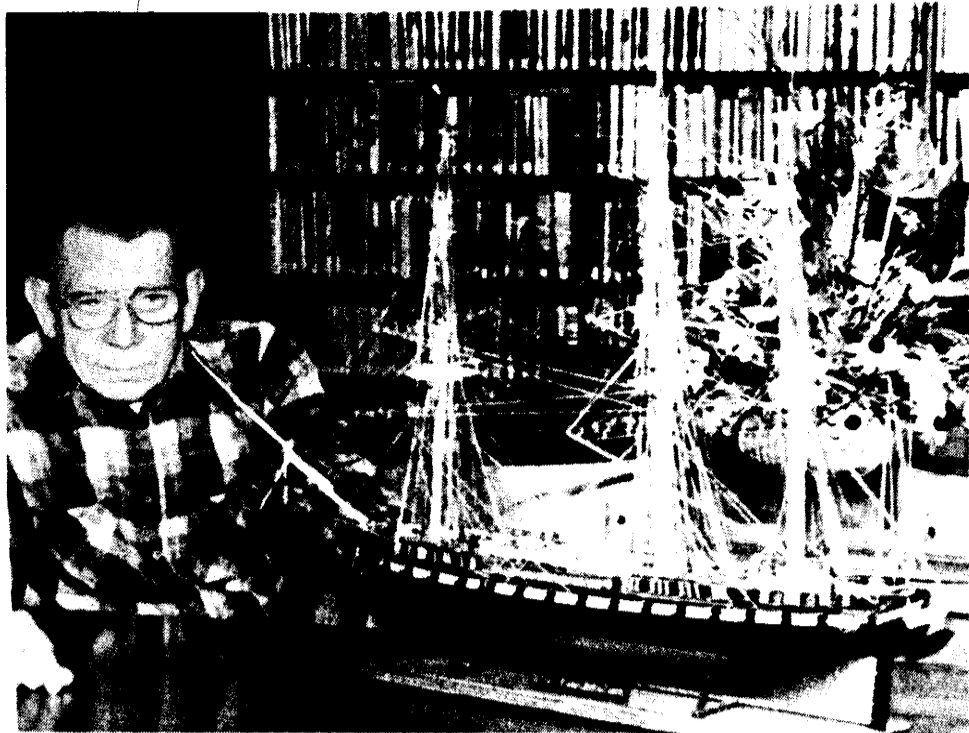
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MODEL SHIPS and planes built by Sigmund Pieper of Caro are on display at Rawson Memorial Library. Above, Pieper displays a model of the U.S.S. Constitution built by himself and Terry King of Cass City.

# Ship display at library

Three model ships and 2 model airplanes put together by Sigmund Pieper of Caro, along with a model of the U.S.S. Constitution started by Terry King of Cass City and finished by Pieper, are on display at Rawson Memorial Library through the month of February.

Besides the U.S.S. Constitution, models of the Cutty Sark, the Royal Ship Wasa, 1628, and the Sea Witch can be seen at the Cass City library.

Pieper has completed a dozen model ships over the years all of which he has ei-

ther sold or given away. He derives great satisfaction in completing the projects and seeing how much others enjoy viewing the finished product.

Members of the community are invited to come in and view these models during regular library hours.

# Phone discount available to residents

"The Michigan Public Service Commission urges qualifying low-income residents to apply for a Lifeline telephone discount of nearly \$100 a year by calling Ameritech at 1-800-621-8650, or calling their local telephone company," Chairman John Strand announced last week.

monthly telephone bills by \$8.25 and cuts the cost to install a telephone by 50 percent, up to a \$30 reduction," said Strand. All local telephone companies in Michigan offer the discount. To be eligible for the program, a person's household income must not exceed 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Currently, for Lifeline eligibility,

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- | No. of Family Members | Monthly Income Cap |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1                     | \$ 986             |
| 2                     | 1,326              |
| 3                     | 1,666              |
| 4                     | 2,006              |
| 5                     | 2,346              |
| 6                     | 2,686              |
| 7                     | 3,026              |
| 8                     | 3,366              |

thoroughly investigated the suspect southbound on Doerr Road. As the teen reached the curve at Elmwood Road, he spun the vehicle into a ditch. Deputies moved in, and as the teen attempted to get out of the ditch, he rammed into one patrol car, then backed into another.

Skront reported the boy fled on foot into a field to a house and barn. Deputies, who were assisted by Cass City police, state police and the DNR, followed and found the teen lying down next to a trailer. The homeowner, an unidentified woman, was standing nearby with a large dog. The youth was apprehended without further incident.

Damage to one of the patrol cars was estimated at \$400 to \$800. The other car sustained more than \$1,000 in damage, according to Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske.

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office had not filed formal charges as of Monday, but Jashinske said the juvenile will likely face 4 felony counts, including resisting and obstructing, fleeing and eluding and unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle. He is also expected to be charged for stealing fuel in Cass City.

No decision had been made whether to prosecute him as a juvenile or an adult.

The boy, who was transported to an Oakland County juvenile lock-up facility, was arrested last spring after driving away a front end loader belonging to the Tuscola County Road Commission.

He took the equipment from a gravel pit area near Warner Road, then struck several fences, a barn and an older, vacant farmhouse before he was apprehended.

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# Youth leads cops on chase

thoroughly investigated the suspect southbound on Doerr Road. As the teen reached the curve at Elmwood Road, he spun the vehicle into a ditch.

Deputies moved in, and as the teen attempted to get out of the ditch, he rammed into one patrol car, then backed into another.

Skront reported the boy fled on foot into a field to a house and barn. Deputies, who were assisted by Cass City police, state police and the DNR, followed and found the teen lying down next to a trailer.

The homeowner, an unidentified woman, was standing nearby with a large dog. The youth was apprehended without further incident.

Damage to one of the patrol cars was estimated at \$400 to \$800. The other car sustained more than \$1,000 in damage, according to Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske.

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office had not filed formal charges as of Monday, but Jashinske said the juvenile will likely face 4 felony counts, including resisting and obstructing, fleeing and eluding and unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle. He is also expected to be charged for stealing fuel in Cass City.

No decision had been made whether to prosecute him as a juvenile or an adult.

The boy, who was transported to an Oakland County juvenile lock-up facility, was arrested last spring after driving away a front end loader belonging to the Tuscola County Road Commission.

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MMPA THUMB Area Supervisor Michael Marvin (left) presented an Outstanding Milk Quality Production Award to Les Severance, president of the MMPA's Deford Local, during Saturday's annual meeting in Shabbona.

# Attendance concerns local

the local members: \*Briefly discussed ways to improve attendance at the annual meeting. The Deford Local has 21 voting members, but only 7 attended Saturday's meeting. Last year's attendance included 9 voting members.

Established in June, the program offers producers a volume premium of 8.3 cents cwt. and a quality premium of 2 cents cwt., she said. Burkhardt also discussed a number of MMPA activities, including a 4-H Milk Marketing Tour, Michigan Milk Political Action Committee, Outstanding Young Dairy Cooperator program, Dairy Communicator program, and the MMPA Scholarship program.

\*Learned Timothy Rayl and Harold Pettinger each scored 95 percent or better on state Grade A Milk Surveys, and that Les Severance and Robert Lowe were both chosen to receive Outstanding Milk Quality Production awards. Plaques were presented by Michael Marvin, MMPA's Thumb area supervisor.

\*Voted to keep membership dues at \$15. \*Learned the cooperative remains strong financially. MMPA marketed 3 billion pounds of milk in 1997, according to Gremel, who reported a combined \$6.8 million was paid to members last year.

\*Held their annual election of officers. Severance and Keith Brown were reelected president and vice-president, respectively, and Alice Zajac was reelected as secretary-treasurer. In addition, Keith and Jane Wood were named the local's Outstanding Young Dairy Cooperator representatives, Keith Wood and Martin Venema were elected delegates, and Randy Severance was named to the nominating committee.

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James R. GASSER, a married man and Christine M. GASSER, his wife, to Great Lakes Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated March 21, 1997 and recorded on March 21, 1997 in Liber 707, on Page 435, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the STANDARD FEDERAL BANK, as assignee by an assignment dated March 21, 1997 which was recorded on March 21, 1997 in Liber 707, on Page 442, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One and 85/100 dollars (\$38,581.85), including interest at 8.50% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard M. DILLERE, JR. and Sharon K. DILLERE, husband and wife to GREAT LAKES NATIONAL BANK MICHIGAN (f/k/a Great Lakes Federal Savings and Loan Association), Mortgage, dated December 9, 1983 and recorded on December 9, 1983 in Liber 537, on Page 845, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and 34/100 dollars (\$48,390.34), including interest at 6.84% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith R. BECKROW and Kristine M. BECKROW, his wife as tenants by the entireties to ASSOCIATES HOME EQUITY SERVICES, INC f/k/a Ford Consumer Finance Company, Inc., Mortgage, dated August 4, 1995 and recorded on August 22, 1995 in Liber 677, on Page 1296, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Six and 95/100 dollars (\$32,776.95), including interest at 13.80% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on March 6, 1998.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on March 13, 1998.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on March 13, 1998.

Said premises are situated in Village of Caro, Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

Part of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 31, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point N 00 degrees 08' 12" W, 1311.74 feet and N89 degrees 59' 39" E, 535.86 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 31; thence continuing N89 degrees 59' 39" E, 524.00 feet to the occupational East line of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of said section 31; thence along said East line, 800 degrees 37' 41" E, 415.67 feet; thence N00 degrees 37' 41" W, 524.00 feet to the point of Beginning. (Parcel D of survey recorded in Liber 478, Pages 482-488).

Commencing at a point 350 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 30, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence South 28 rods; thence West 100 feet; thence North 28 rods, thence East 100 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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