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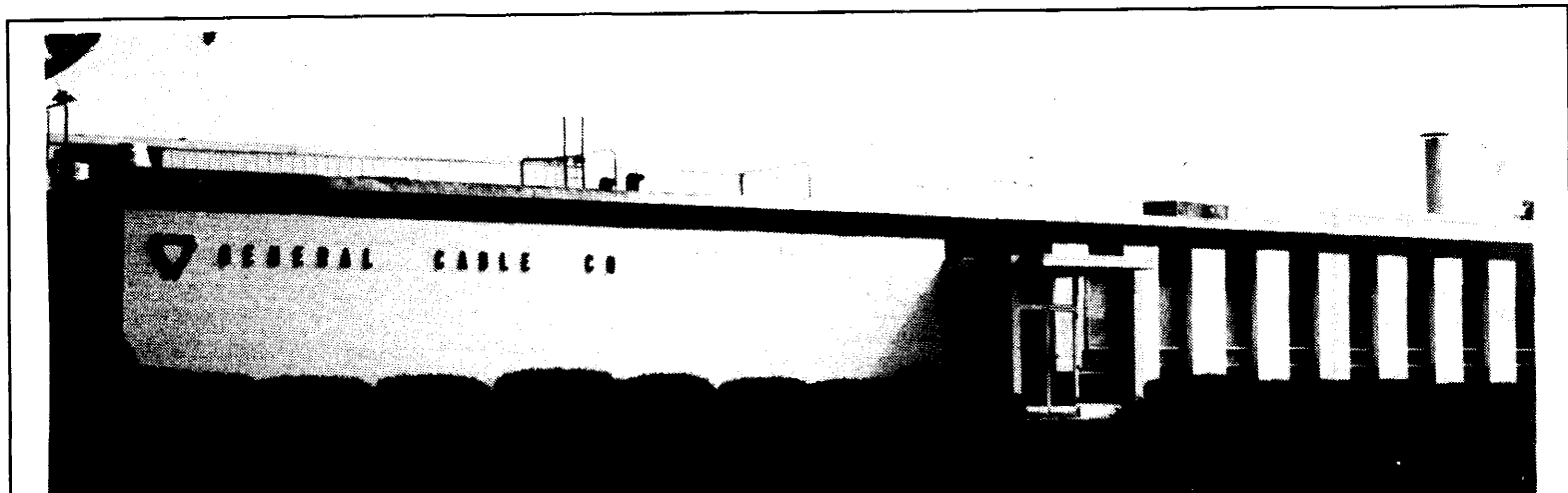
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Labor dispute halts General Cable expansion



GENERAL CABLE'S planned expansion is halted, at least for now.

45 new jobs lost at Cass City plant

A dispute between union representatives of the AFL-CIO local 622 and General Cable Corporation, Cass City, has killed, at least for this year, a \$2.2 million expansion that would provide 45 additional jobs. That represents about a 23 percent increase in employment over the 200 jobs the company now provides.

General Cable has been operating for more than a year on a 6 or 7-day schedule with lots of overtime. In August last year the company began negotiating with the union to switch to a 7-day, 24-hour-per-day work schedule. The plan, Lisa Lawson, vice-president of communications at corporate headquarters at Highland Heights, Ky., explained was to have 4 crews working. Essentially, it calls for employees to work 4 days one week and 3 days the next, guaranteeing a 3-day vacation every other week. Each work day would be for 12 hours with time-and-a-half paid after 40 hours in any week.

Under this work schedule employees would gain 8 hours at time-and-a-half every other week. And that's the trouble, says Deborah Elliott, president of local 622, who leads the union bargaining committee and has worked in the plant for 12 years.

We are all for new jobs in the plant, she adds, but they are asking us to give up too much. Presently we get paid time-and-a-half after 8 hours and on Saturday no matter how many hours worked during the week. Sundays we are paid double time.

Elliott was quick to point out that when the plant was on shaky financial grounds, the workers agreed to concessions, but shouldn't be expected to do so now.

Lawson said that union representatives were invited to see the plan in operation at other plants, but declined. Elliott said

she visited 2 plants in Texas.

Now the \$2.2 million investment has been transferred to other plants. Cable has 19 manufacturing locations and 5 regional distributing centers including Chicago which services the Cass City plant.

While there will be no investment in Cass City this year, we still hope to get approval for 1999, Lawson points out.

The present contract at the plant expires in May.

Enrollment up at O-G, Cass City

More students, more cash for schools

Cass City School officials won't know until fall, but the district could be in for another increase in state aid funding based on student numbers.

Schools throughout the state last week conducted one of 2 official enrollment counts which, combined, will determine each district's per-pupil state aid in the 1998-99 school year.

In Cass City, the most recent count, conducted Feb. 11, revealed a total of 1,675 students. Broken down, there were 96 students at Deford Elementary, 573 at Campbell Elementary, 512 at the middle school and 494 at the high school.

Schools receive much of their funding in the form of a state foundation allowance, which is applied to the number of students enrolled in each district. The enrollment is determined by "blending" 2 separate counts — one conducted in September and the other conducted the previous February.

For example, Cass City's

enrollment count last Wednesday will be blended with another student count on the fourth Wednesday after Labor Day to determine the school's per-pupil funding in 1998-99.

Last week's count translates into an increase of 11 students over the fall of 1997. The 1,664 students counted then was combined with 1,634 students counted the previous February, giving the district a blended enrollment of 1,649 students for 1997-98, an increase of 19 students over the previous school year.

The extra 19 students translated into an additional \$98,553 in per-pupil aid this year based on the 1997-98 foundation allowance of \$5,187.

Supt. Ken Micklash said last week's student count confirms a trend of enrollment stability in the school district since the 1984-85 school year, although student numbers are now the highest they've been in more than a

decade.

Cass City's enrollment peaked in the mid-1970s, when student numbers reached a high of 2,168. Since then, the number has dropped but remained in the mid-to-low 1600s.

Modest enrollment increases over the past couple of years are reason for optimism, according to Micklash. "I think there's a positive outlook about our educational system, and I think that's pretty helpful," he said.

Micklash pointed out there's no way to predict how many students will be counted next fall and, subsequently, whether there will be a net increase of students.

But school officials are hopeful because additional students will be the only source of increased per-pupil aid next year. Settlement of the statewide Durant Case this year resulted in a freeze on next year's student foundation allowance, which means Cass City will again receive \$5,187 per student in

state funding.

Among other area school districts, Owen-Gage School officials reported a Feb. 11 count of 310 students — 162 at the elementary and 148 at the junior-senior high.

The total represents a slight increase over last fall, when 306 students were counted. The district, which receives \$5,870 per pupil in state funding, had a 1996-97 blended count of 309 students.

Kingston School officials,

meanwhile, saw a drop in student numbers last Wednesday. The district, which receives \$5,282 per pupil, counted 751 students — 338 in grades 7-12 and 413 in grades K-6. The district's enrollment last fall totaled 777 students.

In the Ugly Community Schools, officials reported there were a total of 920 students in class Feb. 11, which is identical to the district's count last fall.

Owendale incumbents win nominations

Barring write-in campaigns, incumbent Owendale Village officials will be re-elected in the spring.

Incumbent trustees Martin Blondell, Richard Glidden and Robert Ricker emerged the victors in Monday's GOP primary. Ricker received 42 votes, while Blondell and Glidden each garnered 40

votes, and challenger Rodney McCallum received 12 votes.

Seeking election unopposed are Village President Walter Howard, Clerk Randy Howard, Treasurer Lois Blondell and Assessor Katherine Ricker.

The spring election will be held Monday, March 9.

33-year teaching career ends

Tibbits resigns, but still cares for "her kids"

Geraldine "Gerry" Tibbits has left her classroom for good, but the veteran Cass City educator hasn't stopped caring for her "kids."

After more than 33 years of teaching youngsters and, in some cases, their children years later, it isn't easy to say goodbye, she recently confided.

"I just love the kids," she said. "And my colleagues, too. I worked with super people."

Still, it's time, Tibbits added, referring to her recent decision to retire. "I have great peace about my decision."

Tibbits has devoted much of her lengthy career to educating middle school students, although the past 4 years found her focusing her time and energies helping troubled students as Title I At-Risk supervisor for the middle school.

She has seen many changes in the job of teaching and in the young people who have passed in and out of her classes.

But some things haven't changed. Tibbits recalled some sage advice former Campbell Elementary School Principal Marie Murray offered her during her first year of teaching. Kids will come into your class from all different backgrounds, Murray told her, but every kid has beautiful eyes. "And you know," Tibbits said, "they do."

"I am very in tune with middle school students. I think that is the most exciting age," she added. "They're independent, some more than they should be, but they need security. They need you so much and yet don't want to admit it."

"In my opinion, I don't think children have changed as much as what parents do and society shows them. "Everybody needs someone to believe in them."

STARTING OUT

Tibbits was just 21 years old when she was hired to teach fifth grade students at Campbell Elementary. She continued to teach until the birth of her son, Todd, in February 1968.

"I had intended to stay home," she recalled, "but (then-Principal) Jackie Freiburger called me in August and said, 'Gerry, I really need a third grade teacher.'"

Tibbits taught third grade for one year, then moved to the fourth grade. She returned to the fifth grade a couple years later. In the late 1970s, illness forced her to take off one semester.

Tibbits taught seventh and eighth grade students for a period of time, but she returned to the fifth grade. She made another change — teaching the sixth grade — when the intermediate school principal's post changed hands from Bob Stickle to Don Schelke.

Tibbits has nothing but fond

memories of Stickle. "I was very fortunate. He was a super person to work with," she said. Likewise, she added, Schelke's administration style made it easy for teachers to do all they could for the students.

Aside from teaching, Tibbits has been active in the local education association, serving as president of the union when teachers hit the picket line for 3 days in 1978. She was bargaining chairman in 1986, the last year Cass City teachers went on strike.

Tibbits recalled negotiations in one of the strikes were concluded at the Tuscola County Courthouse.

LOWEST POINT

"I think the lowest point in my career was bargaining at the courthouse, and I looked out a window at the Caro elementary school and saw the kids," she said. "It just broke my heart. I thought, get me out of here."

Tibbits has also played a key role in School Improvement efforts, which, she says, have resulted in significant improvements in learning and teaching.

"The plus we had was (Su-

perintendent) Ken Micklash because he brought such a flavor of support for the teachers," she said. "I have so much respect for him."

Four years ago, Tibbits was asked to apply for the Title I At-Risk position, although she was content teaching. "I went through the interview process, thinking I didn't want to leave the classroom," she recalled.

Tibbits accepted the job and started out working with fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes. Her responsibilities shifted to the fifth through eighth grades in the second year.

Thanks to the help of dedicated teacher's assistants, Tibbits said, the program addressed needs in the classes as well as in small groups of students. The goal, she explained, was to help kids with academic or attendance problems, and to improve communication between the school and parents.

The work proved rewarding, but also frustrating for Tibbits, who observed many children need more help than the program can offer.

Tibbits' responsibilities continued to grow, and she found herself taking her

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VETERAN CASS City educator Gerry Tibbits is setting up shop in her home at Bay Shore Camp, Sebawaing, following her retirement from teaching after 33 years. Tibbits' new job title is Christian education consultant for 96 United Methodist churches in the Port Huron District.



Meg's Peg

Embarrassing moments



by Melva E. Guinther

Melva Guinther is on vacation. This is a reprint of a previous column.

The names have been changed to protect the writer, who was threatened with great bodily harm if real identities were divulged. The anecdotes, however, are embarrassing but true.

The Baxters were awakened at 2 a.m. when their old but faithful dog, George, fell down the stairs.

Rushing to his aid, they could see at a glance that his leg was broken. Of course, they had to call the vet.

After carefully wrapping the dog in a thick towel as instructed over the phone, they sped to Pet Emergency in the middle of the night.

Anxiously, they awaited the prognosis as the vet unwrapped their beloved pet. To their relief, and embarrassment, they discovered that old George was fine. He had simply got his foot caught in his flea collar.

Automobiles can be a major source of humiliation. Myrtle and her daughter, Sarah, had stopped for lunch

at a restaurant one blustery day.

When they came out, Myrtle couldn't get the car door unlocked. The key went in but refused to turn. She tried the passenger door with the same result.

At the height of her frustration, Sarah noticed an identical vehicle parked 2 spaces down, and a group of people inside the restaurant laughing like crazy.

Betsy's embarrassing moment came when she found herself at a self-serve gas station with the needle on the gas gauge way beyond the big E.

Normally, Betsy adheres to the philosophy that "real women don't pump gas." However, in an exigent situation, she figured she was equal to the task.

Confidently, she got out of the car and looked for the gas tank. There wasn't any!

There had to be! She'd circled the car twice when another customer suggested she look under the license plate.

She was tugging desperately at the plate when an amused employee emerged and nonchalantly flipped it, revealing the elusive cap.

Space prohibits relating the antics of Nancy, who got stuck in her car seat belt, and her would-be rescuer, who was heretofore but a casual acquaintance.

Suffice it to say that what looks like hanky-panky in a parking lot may be perfectly innocent. It would have made a very funny video.

Everybody has those moments when you'd like to crawl in a hole. But if you can get a good laugh out of life's embarrassing moments, they're not a total loss. After all, it's better to laugh than to cry.

Surplus food distribution dates set

The Human Development Commission will hold its Tuscola County Temporary Emergency Food Distribution (TEFAP - yellow card registration) Friday, March 6.

The distribution will be conducted at the HDC Warehouse located at 165 Butler St., Caro, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

In addition, surplus food distributions will be conducted March 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bad Axe Fairgrounds in Huron County, and March 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Civic Center, Sandusky, in Sanilac County.

The surplus commodities have been made available to HDC by the federal government and are intended for consumption by eligible low-income families.

Persons who wish to participate in one of the distributions are invited to appear in person at the designated sites and times mentioned above.

Additional information is available by calling the Human Development Commission at (517) 673-4121.

Add Veneziano to Rawson library staff

Julie Veneziano is the newest addition to the staff at Rawson Memorial Library. She was hired to fill the position of Library Assistant specializing in programming for children and adults.

Veneziano, originally from Columbus, Ohio, has been a Cass City resident for almost 4 years. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Ohio State University with a major in photography and cinema and has had experience in planning programs for children and adults. With this addition to the staff, the library will offer more activities for all age groups.



Nelda and Howard Irrer

60th wedding anniversary set

Nelda Elaine and Howard Gerhardt Irrer will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Feb. 26.

Howard Irrer, the son of Jacob and Ida Irrer, married Nelda Roller, daughter of Jacob and Florence Roller, in the bride's parents' home in Unionville. Their attendants were Eldine Roller and

Roland Irrer.

The couple has 6 children, Ray, Ronald, Barbara, Beverly, Marvin and Joyce.

They also have 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

The Irrers have resided at 4359 McAlpine Rd., Cass City, the majority of their marriage.

90th birthday



Irene Bader

Irene Bader was born in Evergreen Township Feb. 1, 1908, to Daniel and Ethel McNaughton. She married Lloyd Bader June 16, 1931. He died in 1997.

She has 7 children, Robert (Shirley) Bader, Marjorie (Art) Caister, Helen (Newell) Hubbard, Donna (Gerald) Auten, Dale (Sandra) Bader, Wanda (Ronald) Parrott, and Audrey Halas. She has 25 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A potluck dinner was held in the Shabbona Methodist Church basement Feb. 8. Attending, along with here family, were 2 sisters, Belva McIntosh and Margaret Burns, and a brother, Elwyn and Mary McNaughton, and Pastors Jim and Jean Rencontre. Seventy-seven people attended.

Everyone enjoyed visiting with Irene and one another on a very special day.

New books at the library

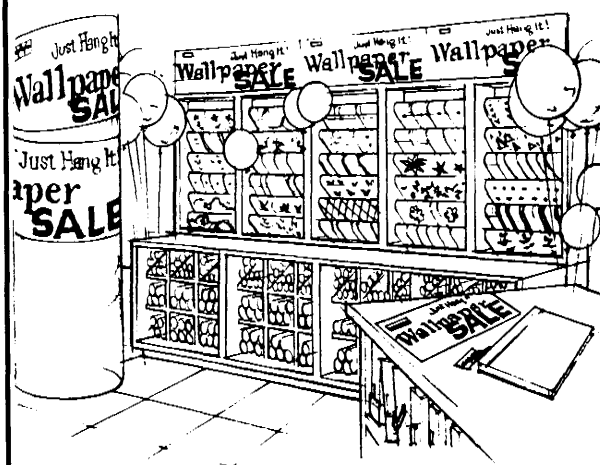
Cuba Libre by Elmore Leonard: Just 3 days after the sinking of the battleship Maine in the Havana harbor, Ben Tyler arrives with a string of horses to sell, which is a cover for the boatload of guns he is running to Cuban insurgents. A firing squad could await him if he is caught. During his first day ashore he sells the horses to Roland Boudreaux who is making a fortune in Cuba, meets Boudreaux's mistress, Amelia Brown, and falls in love and makes an enemy of a guard officer named Tavalera. He then is forced into a gunfight and thrown into prison by Tavalera who is determined to show that Ben is a spy. Tyler knows he needs to get out of this prison or be killed and his daring escape and subsequent train ride across Cuba makes for an exciting story.

Fear Nothing by Dean Koontz: Christopher Snow is different from all the other residents of Moonlight Bay because he has a rare genetic disorder shared by only 1,000 other Americans - a disorder that leaves him dangerously vulnerable to light. He knows the night as no one else ever will because he can only go out safely at night. One night he witnesses a series of disturbing incidents that seep him into a violent mystery that only he can solve. He must rise above his fears and confront the many-layered strangeness of the community of Moonlight Bay and its residents.

Into the Unknown, Solving Ancient Mysteries by Brian Fagan: (nonfiction) Into the Unknown journeys into the human past by using the diverse techniques of modern science. Archeologists today concentrate on the latest high-tech methods to analyze minute and seemingly trivial, but often very important clues to ancient civilizations. Learn how these archaeological detectives use space age imagery, ground-penetrating radar and other modern tools to re-create long-vanished landscapes and the people that inhabited them.

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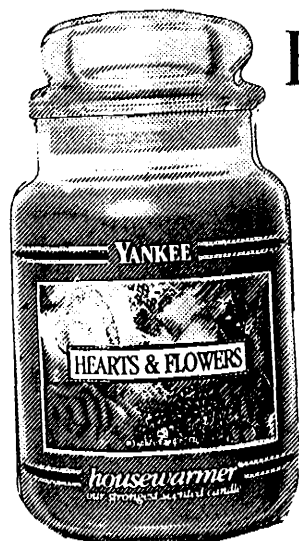
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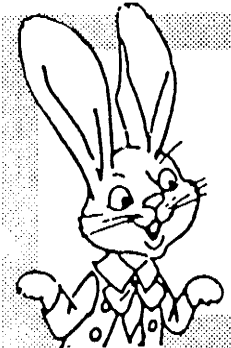
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Geraldine Tibbits has a deserved reputation for caring about the school and the kids she taught at Cass City Schools.

When she announced her resignation at a recent special board meeting, it immediately brought to mind an incident in 1978 in union negotiations. I sat in on all the negotiations.

First let me set the stage. She served on the bargaining committee in 1978 and 1986. It was a time of long, turmoil-filled negotiations with a strike and numerous appearances in court. It was brutal.

By the time a contact was reached in 1986 Tibbits was a hardened, veteran negotiator.

The technique in the talks then was for each side to propose outrageous terms that neither side expected to be accepted, to be used as a basis for long, torturous talks.

In her first session that I witnessed, Tibbits came up with terms and ideas for a better school including wages. No hyperbole, just an honest proposal.

No one said a word for a moment and a few minutes later the teachers went into caucus.

That was the last anyone heard of these honest ideas until a settlement was reached with the terms hammered out outside of the regular negotiations.

There is a roof-top restaurant at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids. It has a gorgeous view of the city and a pleasant decor. You pay for it.

The food is good and on this Saturday night, anyway, there was a 3-piece combo furnishing a variety of music.

There is a good selection of entrees, fish, pasta and meats all with a special sauce.

They won't let you in without a jacket, but, as we found out, will furnish one if it's needed.

If you go, plan to make it for a full evening of festivities and figure that the tab will be about \$50 each.

Monday was President's Day. While it's most often forgotten here until the mail fails to arrive, it's not that way everywhere.

One year we were in Salt Lake City over President's Day and found not only the post office, but most of the other businesses closed for the day.

So what? So, nothing. Remember this is a column of trivia and if this gem doesn't qualify, what does?



Red Hawk Recap

by Rachel Hoard



Cass City High School has many different educational extracurricular activities that take place throughout the school year. Academic Games is just another one of them.

Academic Games is divided up into five different subject areas. They are Social Studies coached by Sean Zawilinski, Math coached by Marilyn Walsh, English coached by Dennis Meck, Science coached by Nancy Weippert, and Technology which will not be represented y Cass City this year. Dorland Kuntz, principal, opened the position to any teachers that would be interested, but there was no response.

I spoke with Walsh about how the program actually runs. She explained that all the schools in Tuscola county are involved. There are seven students on each team, including two alternates. The one day event is scheduled for Friday, March 27 on the Saginaw Valley State University campus.

Practices begin Feb. 20 and are usually held during lunch time. As the meet day approaches, the students hold practices after school. During their practices the coaches go over sample questions with the students.

During the actual test day there are professors from SVSU that present the questions to the students. Two schools at a time compete against each other. They are seated at two round tables. The students are asked 16 questions and have three minutes to answer each question worth three points.


The team with the highest score wins. If there happens to be a tie, a tie-breaker is given. The over all winners for the day are established by double elimination. The teams that receive first place get a medal and a team trophy. The second place and consolation winners also receive a team trophy.

In conclusion, Walsh reported that "It's a fun day!"

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CHILDREN'S BOOK Illustrator Ralph Masiello, affectionately known as "the icky bug man", paid a visit to Campbell Elementary School students last Wednesday. Masiello, of Boylston, Mass., has won numerous awards for his work with children's books. His art has been purchased by collectors and exhibited in fine galleries as well as both the Los Angeles and New York Art Expositions.

Reappoint Pawloski fire chief

The Elkland Township Board last week approved several appointments, including another term for Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski.

This will be Pawloski's second year as chief. The post is filled on a yearly basis, according to Township Clerk Norma Wallace.

Also appointed during the board's Feb. 9 monthly meeting were Roger Root, Dan Erla and Ed Karr to one-year terms on the Elkland Township Zoning Board of Appeals, and Linda Hanson to a 3-year term on the Elkland Township Zoning Board.

In other business, Wallace reported the board approved a motion stating land owners must pay for expenses incurred by the township in land splits.

"Walk For Warmth" Saturday


The Human Development Commission (HDC) will be holding its Eighth Annual Walk For Warmth Saturday.

The walk will begin at the HDC Office in Caro at 429 Montague Ave. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the one mile walk is expected to begin at 9:30 a.m.

Walk For Warmth is a voluntary effort on the part of area citizens who gather pledges and walk a one-mile route. The money raised by the event aides Tuscola County residents, including seniors, handicapped and the "working poor" with fuel and utility emergencies.

For additional information please contact the Caro HDC Office at (517) 673-4121.

The Haire Net



A little bit of this and that as seen from the corner of Main and Oak Street.

Two statements about sum up the controversy swirling around the president.

First from Jim Sherman of the Oxford Leader. "A leader is one who can be trusted with our daughters as well as with our land".

From Barbra Streisand, "We elected a president, not a pope.

Does it matter that Sherman is a Republican and Streisand a Democrat?

Oh, yeah.

Regardless of what turns up about the president's personal life, it's easy to see why his popularity remains high.

The nation today is more prosperous today than it has been in 30 years.

The numbers: the Dow at 8,295, all-time high. Unemployment at 4.9 percent, the lowest in 24 years. Inflation at 1.7 percent, lowest in 11 years. Economic growth, 3.9 percent, the best in 9 years.

Regardless of the way the president is perceived, there is near unanimous desire for the legal beagles and the politicians to get on with it. Get it done and put the whole issue in moth balls where it belongs.

It's really a black mark on the media and the nation's population that a prurient episode like these sex cases could overshadow the important news of the day.

One day last week, while surfing the boob tube, I came across 3 talk shows dedicated to the sex controversy. At the same time, when the

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I still enjoy watching basketball, although it's really not much of a game anymore. Some folks marvel at the big college players and the pros who go flying through the air and slam the ball through the hoop, but that doesn't do anything for me.

We used to make shots like that every day when I was a kid. We didn't call it the "high lob" or the "Alley Oop", but the play was the same.

We had a special signal for that play in the old dairy barn. One kid would holler "off the wall" and another would run up on the hay bales, grab a rafter, and lean toward the hoop.

He takes the high pass and jumps for the basket, stuffing the ball through on the way down. It was just one of those plays a guy had to make if he wanted to play in that league.

Our barn had a big hay loft with a wood floor and baskets at both ends. The off-the-wall play was good in the early part of the season when there was still plenty of forage on the court.

By January, the hay near the basket had been fed, and nobody could climb high enough to get the slam dunk. That's when the pure shooters came into their own. And in those days we had shooters!

There were 2 handed set shots, and several variations of the hook. Our barn had cows below the court, and the ball would go down the ladder or through the manger; so everyone learned to shoot with a wet ball, as well as a dry one.

Each kid had his own shot. It wasn't like today when they just jump up in the air and let fly. A kid's shot was dependent on what kind of barn his goal was in, as well as all the stuff his dad had stored there.

You could see it at the high school games. The guy with

the high-arching shot had a barn with a beam about 6 feet in front of the basket. He learned to arch it over the beam.

The player with the driving hook shot was used to shooting around the corn-picker when going to his right. The kid who took all of his shots from 19 feet practiced with a hay rake on the barn floor and was limited to lay ups or the long bomb.

Scouting reports described what kinds of barns were common in the community, how much hay the players baled (strong under the basket) and how many cows they milked (quick hands). We could shoot from anywhere in those days, and quite often we did!

Barnyard basketball could be rough, but it was nothing compared to what we faced

in those old gymnasiums. Most courts had bleachers clear down to the floor, and the in-bounds play was called "excuse me — two". The ref gave you 5 seconds to in-bounds the ball, but the crowd often permitted less than that.

Each gym was different. Some had a stage at one end, and the home team would fill that with junior high students and other sorts of undesirables.

Ceilings were low, but sometimes you could arch your shot at the end with the stage. Size and brawn meant nothing in those days. We did it all with finesse.

Those big guys playing basketball today would have brained themselves on the light fixtures when I was a kid.

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Obituaries

Bernice Ciupa

Bernice Ciupa, 78, of Cass City, died Friday, Feb. 13, 1998, in Tendercare Nursing Facility.

She was born Aug. 6, 1919, in Poland. She married Joseph Ciupa in Germany. He died in Poland several years ago.

Bernice is survived by her son, Joseph Ciupa of Farmington Hills.

Prayers of Committal were held Monday, Feb. 16, at St. Agatha Cemetery, Gagetown, with Sr. Joan Maher of St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, officiating.

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

Susie Francis

Susie Laine Francis, 87, of Kingston, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City. She was born Oct. 10, 1910, in Kingston Township to Elmer A. and and Laura E. (Legg) Thorp. She married Ray E. Francis Aug. 27, 1930, in Cass City. Ray died March 3, 1992.

Mrs. Francis was a member of the Gold Star Mothers, White Creek Floral Club and the Kingston United Methodist Church. She served as a 4-H Leader for 15 years.

Susie is survived by her children, Elmer (Janet) Francis of Cass City, Madeline (Karl) Marker of Saginaw, James (Sharon) Francis of Millington and Punta Gorda, Fla., Edward (Alice) Francis of East Lansing, Stuart (Gloria) Francis of Reese, Vivian (Bryce) Updegraff of St. Louis; 26 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Hettie Currie of Caro, Nelda (Cecil) Osgerby of Caro, Beatrice Gomyori of Detroit; sisters-in-law, Mabel Francis, Laura Thorp, Ella Thorp, Rowena Thorp, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Paul Francis; granddaughter, Ranae Jean Francis; brothers, Ambrose, Paul and Duane (Cub) Thorp; sister, Mary Warren; sisters-in-law, Mary Eastman and Mary Thorp; brothers-in-law, Carl Curry, Harold Francis and Julius Gomyori.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in Kingston United Methodist Church with the Rev. Margaret Passenger officiating.

Interment will be in Kingston Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston Community Library, Kingston United Methodist Church of the Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Genevieve Freiburger

C. Genevieve Freiburger, 75, of Cass City, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. She was born April 11, 1922, in Gagetown to Wesley and Agatha (Walsh) Downing. She married Alger C. Freiburger June 27, 1942, in St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown. He died Aug. 19,

1991. Mrs. Freiburger was an elementary school teacher for 30 years in the Owen-Gage School District. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Central Michigan University. She was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church and was named Cass City Woman of the Year.

Genevieve is survived by her children, Robert (Virginia) Freiburger of Matthews, N.C., James Freiburger of Cass City, Diane (Terry) Rosinski of Kalamazoo, Paul (Jackie Lenhard) Freiburger of Sebawaing and Joan (Richard) Sattelberg of Gagetown; 6 grandchildren; sister, Joan (James) Doyen of Lansing; brothers, Gerald (Joyce) Downing of N. Muskegon and Jack (Harriet) Downing of Gagetown; many nieces and nephews, and a close friend, Dorothea Quick. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Joy Walker, and brothers, Robert, Tom, Richard, Paul, Bill and Jim Downing.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 16, in St. Pancratius Catholic Church with Fr. Paul Bala, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Leader Dog School or Rawson Memorial Library.

Fred McEachern

Fred A. McEachern, 89, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998, in his home. He was born Sept. 2, 1908, in Greenleaf Township to Archie and Lucy (Dew) McEachern. He married Iris Bird Feb. 25, 1933, at the Westminster Presbyterian Manse in Flint. Iris died Nov. 25, 1991.

McEachern worked for the Greenleaf Elevator and farmed. After marriage he worked for Purina Feeds and lived in Indiana for several

years. He moved his family back to Cass City after Iris McEachern's father died. McEachern sold Jamesway Equipment and Real Estate with B.A. (Curley) Calka for a number of years. He had been a member of the Masonic Lodge in Cass City for over 60 years. He is survived by a niece, Kay (Marshall) Bean; great-nieces, Marsha (Bob) Shallack and Melinda Bean; a great-nephew, Kenneth (Kathy) Bean. Beverly (Bird) Rochefeller has been a big help to Fred. Bill Benkelman and Arnold Messing have been faithful friends, visiting and helping him on a regular basis. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert McEachern; sister, Mary Hoff, and an infant brother.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Feb. 14, in the First Presbyterian Church of Cass City with Arnold Messing, former pastor of St. Pancratius Catholic Church and long time friend, officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Fraser Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Cass City, or the Rawson Memorial Library.

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

Ernest Meinke

Ernest Meinke, 79, of Deford, died Friday, Feb. 13, 1998, in his home after a short illness.

He was born July 15, 1918, in Detroit to William and Adeline (Teck) Meinke. He married Alice Russell June 2, 1939, in Detroit.

Meinke served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He worked as a truck driver for 40 years for Red Star Transit and Jones Motor. He was a member of Grosse Pointe Masonic Lodge #584. He was a member of the Detroit Knights Templar, Valley of Detroit Scottish Rite and Detroit Moslem Temple Shrine. He drove bus for the Shriners Crippled Children.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Meinke of Deford; children, Carolyn and Robert Kropog of Allen Park, Lyle Meinke of Wyandotte, Gloria and Charles Firestone of Sterling Heights, William and Judy Meinke of Harrison Township, Ronald Meinke of Deford, Larry, Paula Meinke of Detroit and Phyllis Meinke of Woodhaven; 11 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers and 3 sisters. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 16, in Little & Kranz Funeral Home with the Rev. David Mercer of Deford Community Church, Deford, officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Helen Pawloski

Helen Pawloski, 82, of Cass City, formerly of Parisville, died Thursday morning, Feb. 12, 1998, at Tendercare of Cass City after a long illness. She was born July 30, 1915, in Goshen, N.Y., daughter of Jacob and Natalie (Grabinski) Tarasinski. She married Walter A. Pawloski Sept. 30, 1933, at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Parisville. He preceded her in death June 9, 1990.

She was a graduate of the Grace Country School. She farmed with her parents and her husband until 1966. She had been a parishioner of St. Mary's since 1925 and she was a member of the St. Mary's Rosary Sodality.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Helen "Jane" Sweeney of Cass City; Cynthia McCormick and her husband, Mark, of Byron; 5 sons, Robert Pawloski and his wife, Ann, of East Tawas, Alger Pawloski and his wife, Sharon, of Greenbush, Richard Pawloski and his wife, Judy, of Rochester, Mich., Gerald Pawloski of the Ukraine, Leonard Pawloski and his wife, Kathy, of

Castro, Calif.; 26 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; many step-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Frances Powko and her husband, Paul, of Detroit, Virginia Masich and her husband, Mike, of Royal Oak, and Irene Molski and her husband, Ben, of Royal Oak. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Alan Pawloski; one great-granddaughter, Leigh Ann Pawloski; one sister, Mary Tarasinski, and one brother, Joseph.

A rosary was held Friday by the St. Mary's Rosary Sodality at the funeral home.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday, Feb. 14, at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Parisville. The Rev. Paul Xuereb officiated.

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

Jesse Timmins

Jesse C. Timmins, 69, of Caro, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky.

He was born Oct. 17, 1928, in Cass City and was a lifelong Tuscola County resident.

Jesse married the former Betty Jacot Jan. 16, 1948, at Bay City.

He was employed for 32 years at the Caro Regional Center, and at the time of his retirement, he was the grounds supervisor. Following retirement he and his wife enjoyed traveling with their travel trailer. He was a member of the Caro United Methodist Church and an usher for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Timmins; twin sons, Terry and Maryann Timmins of Cass City, and Garry and Ronda Timmins of Caro; a daughter, Kathy and Robert Anderson of Vancaville, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; a brother, Gordon Timmins of Texas; a sister, Lorraine Harpe of Muskegon; best friends, Bob and Sandy Walmsley of Midland, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Caro United Methodist Church Saturday, Feb. 14, with the Rev. Calvin Blue officiating.

Burial was in Indianfields Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Caro United Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Collon Funeral Home in Caro.

Leona Trzeczalski

Leona M. Trzeczalski, 88, of Kingston, died Friday, Feb. 13, 1998, in Saginaw General Hospital.

She was born June 8, 1909, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Anthony and Angeline (Zamariaski) Gielarowicz. She married Andrew Trzeczalski April 30, 1933, in Detroit. He died Sept. 2, 1966.

Leona was born in Pittsburgh but moved to Poland at the age of 2 because of the depression. She moved back to Boston at the age of 21. At the age of 24 she married and moved to Detroit, then Saginaw, then later to Kingston.

She is survived by her children, Jeanie Brandibur of Caro, David and Ruth Trzeczalski of St. Clair, and Virginia and Daniel Pohlod of Kingston; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sister, Janina Sosnova, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 16, in St. Michael Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Bokinskie and Sr. Ruth Adamites of St. Michael Catholic Church, Wilmot, officiating.

Interment was in St. Michael Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson and Jeremy of Anaheim, Calif., Steve Jackson of Sheridan, Wyo., and Cindy Jackson of Provo, Utah, spent a few days with Mrs. Clifford Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and attended the funeral of Clifford Jackson at the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney attended a luncheon at Franklin Inn in Bad Axe before attending a card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ellicott.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rumpitz were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Mrs. John O'Henley, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Clara Bond and Mary Beardsley visited Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Ten members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at Stephano's in Bad Axe next week.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited

ited Susie Grzybowski in Ubyly Tuesday.

Velma Cleland was a Sunday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Donna Knight visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt Monday evening.

Linda Kubaki of Brown City spent Wednesday with her mother.

Margaret Cleland and Carol were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland and son.

Shirley Bedrow visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt Tuesday.

Mrs. Douglas Cleland of Ubyly visited Judy Doerr and Velma Cleland Sunday.

Mary Edith Jackson was a Tuesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

GREENLEAF GROUP

Ten members of the Greenleaf group met at Charming for lunch Feb. 12. Guest speaker was Debra Kranz, Funeral Director in Cass City.

Next meeting will be March 12 at Charming with Martha Keyser and Geraldine Laming, hostesses.

Lutheran Ladies Aid sets agenda

The Ladies Aid of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church met Monday, Feb. 2, with 13 members present. Jackie Gunther read an opening from Portals of Prayer. A soup and sandwich supper is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 5:30-7 p.m. prior to the Ash Wednesday worship service.

The Thumb Zone LWML Day of Prayer will be held at Good Shepherd Monday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. A soup supper will be served by the youth of the church at 5:30 p.m.

The LWML spring rally and retreat are slated for April.

A pre-spring fling will be held at the March Ladies Aid meeting. All women of the congregation are invited to come and join in the fun.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Jackie Gunther and Connie Britt.

Kingston pair on dean's list

A pair of Kingston residents have been named to the dean's list at Lake Superior State University, Sault Sainte Marie, for the fall 1997 semester.

They are Dustin M. Jones, a junior majoring in business administration, and Jeffrey M. Zajac, a senior majoring in environmental science.

Students named to the dean's list have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

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	1997	1996	1997	1996
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Net Income	(38,987)	(475)	(36,627)	11,229
Net Income Per Share	(4.50)	(.05)	(4.23)	1.30
Average Shares Outstanding	8,673,034	8,639,311	8,661,432	8,608,837
EBITDA*	(\$29,212)	\$11,323	\$17,879	\$57,255

* Earnings before interest and taxes, plus depreciation and amortization.

But sales increase

Walbro reports loss

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nate under-performing operations, lower our cost structure and enhance shareholder value."

"Fourth quarter results were also affected by a non-recurring charge of approximately \$6 million pretax for warranty reserve," Althaver noted.

"The in-sourcing of fuel pump and modules by a major domestic automotive customer affected the first half of 1997," Althaver said. "In addition, a 29-day strike at Chrysler Corporation's Mound Road engine plant reduced earnings in the second quarter."

"Steel fuel rail shipments were down for the year, due to a market shift to plastic rails. Walbro is divesting itself of its steel fuel rail plant in Ligonier, Ind., as part of the restructuring," the chief executive noted. "We will continue to manufacture plastic rails at our plant in Meriden, Conn."

"Our fuel tank plant in Ossian, Ind., ran below capacity in 1997, but will ramp up to more efficient produc-

tion levels in 1998," he said.

"Currency exchange rates affected Walbro's automotive and small engine operations in Europe and Asia in 1997, reducing both sales and profits. Sales of automotive fuel tanks in Europe were down 6 percent, primarily due to exchange rates," the Walbro executive noted.

"Walbro's operations in Korea, Mexico and Argentina all incurred significant start-up costs during 1997," Althaver said.

"Our new fuel tank plant near Sao Paulo, Brazil, reached full production by the third quarter of 1997. However, the Brazilian economy suffered serious disruption during the fourth quarter, causing that plant to operate at a loss in that period," he said. "We expect to return to efficient production levels in 1998."

"Walbro's 2 carburetor plants in China operated at reduced levels during part of 1997, as manufacturers of 2-wheeled vehicles tempo-

rarily reduced production levels to control inventory levels. We expect significant improvement in 1998," he said.

"While 1997 was a difficult year, we anticipate a gradual turnaround in 1998, beginning with the first quarter and continuing throughout the year as new programs come on-stream and production levels rise in our facilities," Althaver said.

"We are confident that, aided by our restructuring, our focus on core activities and our renewed emphasis on the bottom line, the coming year will begin to pay off the significant investment in plants, equipment and people that we have made over the past few years, and will enhance stockholder value in the process."

Walbro Corporation's Annual Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wed., April 29, 1998 at Walbro's North American Regional Headquarters, 1227 Centre Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan.



CASS CITY HIGH School students whose art was recently selected for display at the Saginaw Art Museum are (left to right) Isaac Ponder, Roy Davis, Jonathan Fobear, Danielle Laming and Jessica Apel-Mifsud. Ponder's art was selected to go on for further judging at the Michigan Youth Art Festival at WMU in May.

Owendale women meet

The Owendale Women's Club met a week early, Feb. 10, to pack their annual Valentine fruit boxes for the elderly and shut-ins of the community.

A good attendance helped pack the 23 boxes.

The March 17 meeting will be at the home of Linda Roe for a hot tub party.

On March 31 the annual blood drive will be held at the school from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

Tibbits retires

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work — including worries and concerns about some students — home with her.

"It got to be tough, very tough," she said. "And I haven't been well."

Which led to her decision to go on medical leave and retire from the school district.

Tibbits will have plenty to do in the months ahead, however, as the new Christian education consultant for 96 United Methodist churches in the Port Huron District.

She will also continue her active role at Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing, where husband Lew has served as director since 1981.

And, she and Lew will no doubt spend some time with their children, Todd, a YMCA program director in Lansing, and Tammy, a sixth grade teacher in the Holt Public Schools, and their families, including grandchildren Hilary, 5, and Lindsay, 8.

But no amount of activity will keep Tibbits from enjoying the many fond memories of her years in education.

A few plaques on the wall of her home serve as reminders of some of the highlights, including her selection for the honors of Tuscola County's Teacher of the Year and a Celebrate Literacy Award, both in 1992; being named Cass City's "Friend of Youth" representative at the Thumb Track and Field Meet of Champs a few years ago (Lew was nominated for the same honor by the USA School Board the year before); and her selection by the Cass City High School Student Council as grand marshal of last year's homecoming parade.

"I was given so many awards, and I always felt every honor I received reflected who I worked with as well as the students," she said.

Although Tibbits shies away from accepting personal credit, those who know her well say she was a special teacher.

"For what it's worth, there was never a more dedicated teacher. And I know," Lew commented.

Micklash agreed, saying Tibbits will be missed by her students and peers alike. "She's the master teacher," he said. "She's the educator everybody respected."

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Hawks top Brown City, Bad Axe

Cass City in must win game at Reese

Fresh from 2 victories in a row, the Cass City Red Hawks will be tested in 2 league games this week. On Tuesday USA will be in town and Friday the Hawks travel to Reese. Both games are conference tests and are must wins for Cass City to remain in the Greater Thumb West title chase.

The battle at Reese will be a good test of the team's progress this year. In the first meeting between the schools, Cass City edged the Rockets in a game that was undecided until the final whistle.

Close games this season have been the rule and the Hawks experienced another one last Tuesday when visiting Brown City was defeated in overtime, 59-55.

It was a see-saw game all the way between 2 fine teams. Brown City used some great outside shooting

to overcome Cass City's superiority on the boards.

At crunch time in the final moments of regulation time and in the overtime some faulty decisions had a direct result on the game.

Cass City had bounded into a 4-point lead when an ill-advised shot from the perimeter gave Brown City the ball for a quick basket by Gaynot Kohler and with 1:34 left in regulation the visitors trailed by 2 points. A pair of foul shots by Dan Cuddy missed and Kohler tied it with a field goal.

Cass City then missed a go-ahead bucket and Brown City had the ball with 38.9 seconds left. Brown City kept the ball for the last shot which missed to send the game into overtime.

After Heath Zawilinski gave the Hawks a brief lead with 2 quick baskets, one on

Brown City game picture on page 12

City had the most horses, winning a laugher, 89-54, over visiting Bad Axe Hatchets in a league game Friday.

The Hatchets used a variation of a full-court pressing defense all night and the Hawks solved it with ease and the points rained down like tree leaves in a hurricane.

Cass City controlled the offensive boards to start the game. They scored half of the team's 12 points on second shots and raced off to a 12-2 lead in the first 4 1/2 minutes of the game.

It was a night when all phases of the game came together for Cass City. After jumping off to the early lead, the Hawks continued to add to the margin throughout the game.

Cass City-Brown City

CASS CITY - Goodall 1-0 (2-3) 4; Cuddy 1-0 (0-2) 2; Micklash 2-0 (4-4) 8; Lenhard 1-0 (0-2) 2; Zawilinski 8-0 (4-6) 20; Edwards 3-2 (1-2) 13; Emmert 2-0 (6-8) 10.
TOTALS - 18-2 (17-27) 59.

BROWN CITY - Weavel 0-6 (1-2) 19; G. Kohler 4-2 (3-6) 17; A. Kohler 0-1 (0-0) 3; Collins 1-0 (1-2) 3; Rhodes 4-0 (0-0) 8; Wilcox 1-0 (3-4) 5.
TOTALS - 10-9 (8-16) 55.

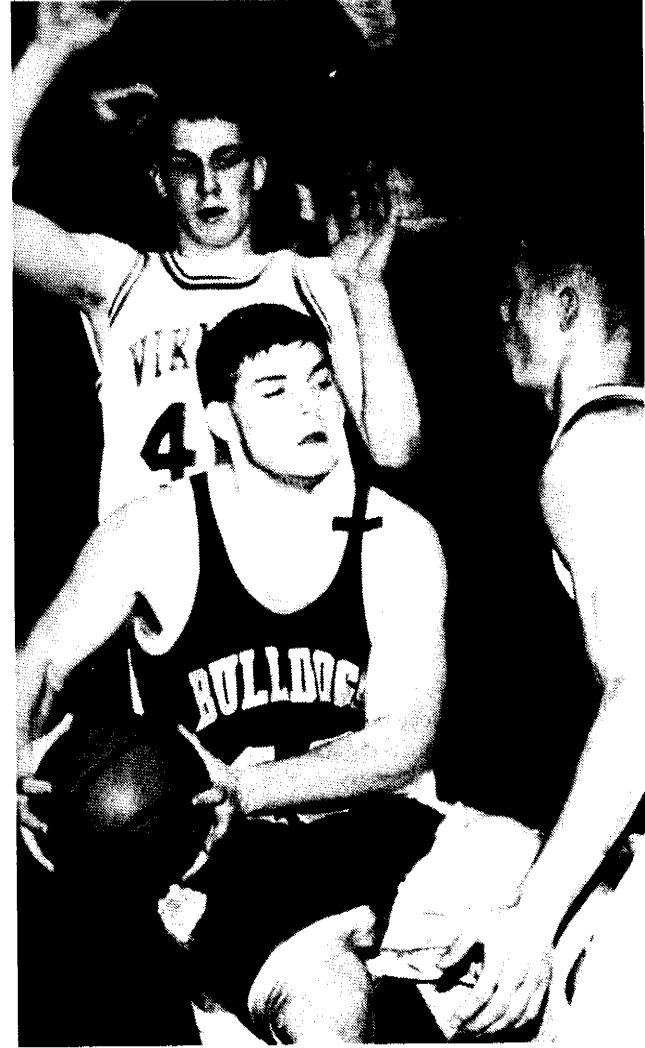
Cass City-Bad Axe

CASS CITY - Goodall 0-0 (1-2) 1; Cuddy 2-0 (0-0) 4; Micklash 1-1 (6-7) 11; Lenhard 3-0 (0-1) 6; Zawilinski 10-0 (2-6) 22; King 2-0 (0-3) 4; Hobbs 0-0 (1-2) 1; Brinkman 3-0 (3-5) 9; Edwards 0-3 (0-0) 9; Brinkman 2-0 (1-2) 5; Emmert 8-0 (1-1) 17.
TOTALS - 30-4 (15-29) 89.

BAD AXE - Heintz 0-2 (0-0) 6; Rogers 2-0 (1-2) 5; Geiger 6-0 (1-1) 13; Drossos 3-1 (3-5) 12; Brickel 3-1 (0-0) 9; King 1-0 (2-2) 4; Eskau 2-0 (0-0) 4; Puvalowski 0-0 (1-1) 1.
TOTALS - 17-4 (8-11) 54.

Bulldogs post 68-61 win over A-F

Most basketball coaches will contend that playing good foul shooting is essential to winning. That formula guided Owen-



BULLDOG CHAD MELLENDORF finds little operating room Friday against Akron-Fairgrove in NCTL action. Mellenndorf scored 8 points in Owen-Gage's 68-61 win.

Gage to a 68-61 North Central Thumb League win Friday over Akron-Fairgrove.

With the win, Owen-Gage escaped from the basement of the conference standing. If Coach Jim Brinkman's cagers could pull off an upset in either of this week's contests with league foes North Huron (9-5) or Peck (11-4) it would go a long way toward turning around a season that has included only 2 victories.

Following a scheduled meeting Tuesday with the Warriors, the Bulldogs travel to meet the Pirates this Friday.

A balanced attack by both squads in Owendale saw Akron-Fairgrove jump out to an early 13-9 advantage. Only Viking sophomore Kyle Brink was able to connect on more than one attempt from the floor in the game's opening 8 minutes.

Owen-Gage was able to gain a 31-29 edge by the intermission as Bulldog sophomore Derek Howard led a 22-16 run with 9 of his game high 21 points.

Following the break, the 2 schools traded baskets for most of the 3rd period. The hosts, however, extended their edge to 50-46 entering the final frame. Justin Anthes did most of the damage offensively for the hosts in the period posting 10 of his season high 17 markers. Anthes closed out his scoring in the

period with a pair of shots from behind the 3-point arc. On the night the Bulldogs hit on 6 shots - 3 by Anthes, 2 by Joe Salcido, and 1 by Howard - from 3-point land.

Viking Jordan Ball, who scored 13 of his 15 markers in the final half, tried to bring his team back with a pair of treys in the final period. But Owen-Gage converted 11 of 15 free throw shots down the wire to preserve the win.

Howard nailed 7 of 8 attempts from the line and backcourt partner Joel Bolzman connected on his

O-G spikers rack up 2 more wins

The Owen-Gage spikers remain on top of the North Central Thumb League standings following Thursday's straight game win over visiting North Huron.

The triumph gives the defending NCTL champions a perfect 11-0 mark in conference play heading into this Thursday's home tilt with Peck. The parents' night match-up with the Pirates will close out the careers of seniors Tonya Smith and Melissa Vargo on their home floor.

Campbell also praised the efforts of Melissa Vargo who recorded 7 kills, 15 assists, and 11 digs.



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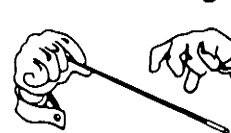
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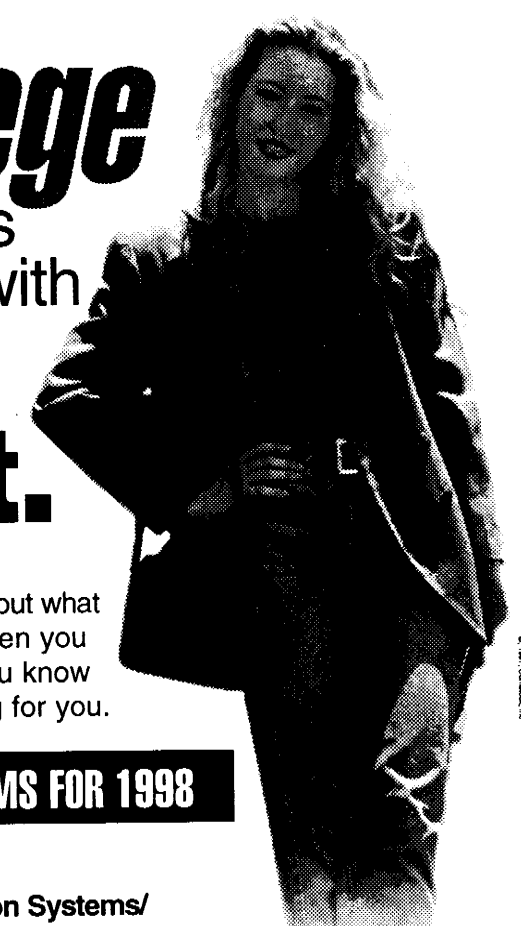


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Davis, Mayer conference champions

Hawk wrestlers capture West league crown

Regardless of what happens in the team district wrestling competition Wednesday in Cass City, the Hawks will have completed an unexpectedly fine season.

Cass City finished third in the Greater Thumb League meet Saturday at Brown City, trailing only powerhouse Yale, 212 points, and Cros-Lex, 151 points. The Hawks tallied 140 points.

These teams are in the east division of the league. Cass City is the champion of the Greater Thumb West. They defeated all West league teams in the regular season. They also finished in front of

West division teams in the league meet. The teams are Mayville, Lakers, and Bad Axe.

Other teams' scores in the league meet: Brown City, 139; Marlette, 126; Sandusky, 49 1/2; Mayville, 36; Lakers, 29; Bad Axe, 26. The Hawks placed well despite the absence of Wes Gibbard and Jalal Khoury, 2 key performers, with injuries. One of the highlights for Hawk fans was the performance of 4 Hawks who defeated wrestlers they lost to in previous matches.

The wins enable sophomore Roy Davis, 103

pounds, to be one of 2 Hawk conference champions. The other was senior Cory Mayer, 135 pounds.

The other 2 Hawks to win with victories over wrestlers they lost to were Travis Schneeberger, 3rd, 112 pounds, and Scott Moore, third, 130 pounds.

Other Hawks to earn medals were: sophomore Adam Dorland, 3rd, 130 pounds; sophomore Chad Wolschlager, 3rd, 215 pounds, and sophomore Chris Dubay, 3rd, 275 pounds. Others were sophomore Dave Sutter, 4th, 152 pounds, and junior Phil

Mathewson, 4th, 171 pounds.

DUAL MEET

Cass City moved its record to 12-3-1 Wednesday with a tie with Essexville-Garber, 37-37, and a victory over Vassar, 58-24, with Khoury and Gibbard on the injury list.

In the win over Vassar, Cass City won 8 of the first 9 matches, 7 by pins to take a 46-6 lead and then coast to victory. Scoring pins were Jeremy Klinkman, Roy Davis, Scott Moore, John Fritz, Adam Dorland, Cory Mayer and Nathan Matt. Dave Sutter scored a decision.

Other Hawks to win points were Luezerl Dickson, Chad Wolschlager and Chris Dubay with pins.

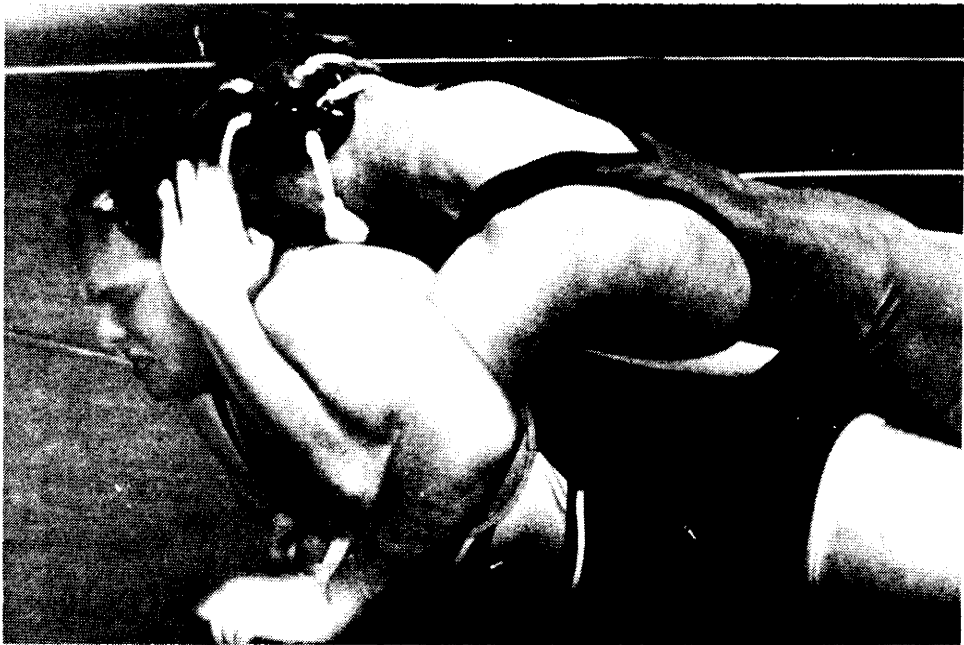
Cass City forged to an early lead over Garber, but the visitors rallied to take the last 4 matches to tie. The match between Chris Dubay, 275 pounds, and Fred Walraven was critical. Although Dubay was defeated, he was not pinned and Garber earned 3 points instead of the 6 that a

pin earns and would have lost the match for the Hawks.

The Hawks' points were earned by Davis, 103 pounds, pin over Will Clark;

Adam Dorland, 130 pounds, a decision over Mark Stefanik; Cory Mayer, 135 pounds, decision over Todd Giffel; Dave Sutter, 160

pounds, pin over Patrick Yagiela, and Nathan Matt, pin over Aaron Musinski. Jeremy Klinkman and Scott Moore won by forfeits.



RED HAWK Chris Dubay (bottom) wrestled in the 275-lb weight class for champion Cass City in Saturday's Greater Thumb Conference West league meet at Brown City.

Cass City spikers bow in Saturday's Laker Tournney

The Cass City volleyball team traveled to Pigeon Saturday and took their lumps against some of the Thumb's best volleyball programs during the Laker Invitational tournney.

Despite the whippings, rookie Coach Beth Howard hopes her spikers will benefit from the tournament this Thursday when the Hawks play host to Mayville in Greater Thumb Conference action. The contest is rated as a toss-up.

Earlier in the week, Cass City entertained Yale and suffered losses of 15-0, 15-12, and 15-2.

It was the same old story for the Hawks in the opener against the Bulldogs.

"They (Cass City) had some problems with serve reception that kept us playing defense the entire game," noted Howard.

The Hawks also had troubles at the service line, as no player served more than once during the setback.

Cass City played its best ball of the night in the middle game. The hosts served at

82% and added 11 kills in 18 attempts. Shelly Ulfig led the Hawks with 8 kills, while Lori Brown added a pair of kills.

"We lost that game on our own errors. Passing killed us," noted Howard.

The Hawks' passing didn't improve in the final game. Howard's gang was only successful in 4 of 13 attempts at the net.

"Yale has a good team. They work well together," said Howard. Adding, "We had some really long volleys. I feel the girls played better than the scores reflect."

The Hawks' top setter for the night was Heinlein with 25 sets and 7 assists. Ulfig led the Hawk offense with 13 kills in 19 attempts.



RED HAWK Melissa Heinlein dives for a shot against visiting Yale during a crossover Greater Thumb Conference match. Eyeing the action is Cass City's Carrie Wentworth (15) and Melissa Albrecht.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST						GREATER THUMB EAST					
Team	W	L	W	L		Team	W	L	W	L	
EPBP	7	0	14			Brown City	7	1	11		
Cass City	5	1	12			Marlette	7	1	8		
BCAS	4	2	10			H. Beach	6	2	11		
Reese	3	3	11			Ubyl	4	4	6		
Mayville	2	4	8			Cros-Lex	3	4	5		
USA	1	6	3			Yale	3	6	4		
Bad Axe	0	7	3			Sandusky	2	6	3		
						Deckerville	0	7	1		

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB					
Team	W	L	W	L	
Kingston	9	0	14		
Peck	7	2	11		
North Huron	6	3	9		
CPS	6	3	9		
Cassville	3	6	4		
Port Hope	2	7	2		
Owen-Gage	2	7	2		
A-F	1	8	1		

FRIDAY'S RESULTS	
Cass City 89, Bad Axe 54	
EPBP 49, USA 42	
Reese 70, Mayville 54	
Yale 60, Cros-Lex 57 OT	
Harbor Beach 53, Deckerville 46	
Kingston 79, North Huron 49	
Owen-Gage 68, A-Fairgrove 61	

SATURDAY'S RESULT	
Harbor Beach 67, Cros-Lex 46	

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

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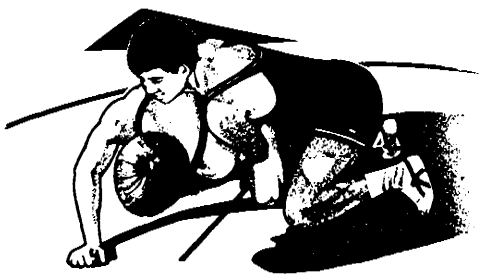
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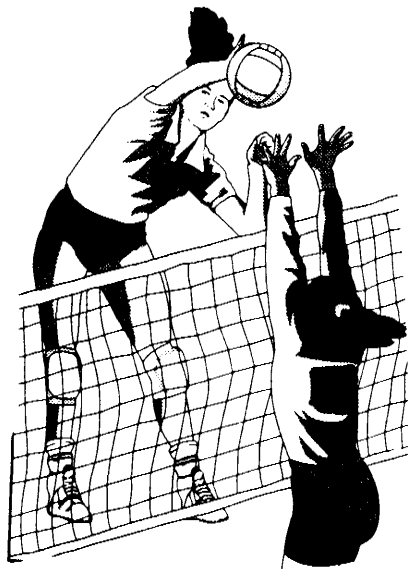


BASKETBALL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
USA at Cass City
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Cass City at Reese



WRESTLING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Cass City at Districts
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Cass City at Ind. Districts

VOLLEYBALL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Mayville at Cass City
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Cass City at Vassar Tourney



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 Uby/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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5 YEARS AGO

The Rev. Jan L. Beaderstadt, pastor of the Argyle, Decker and Shabbona United Methodist Churches was to join 9 other ministers from across the state of Michigan on a trip to the Holy Land Feb. 9.

The recent theft of a safe from a Cass City area residence remains under investigation by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department. The incident took place at the Allen Merchant home last Wednesday or Thursday while Merchant was away. The safe, described as being very heavy, measures 20 inches by 14 inches and is 2 feet high. Merchant is offering a reward for personal documents which were stored in the safe.

The Elkland Township Board has pledged up to \$3,000 in support of a proposed Airport Authority in Tuscola County.

The Rev. John Wood, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Cass City for the past 10 years, announced his retirement to the congregation in the Sunday morning service Jan. 31. His retirement will become effective April 30.

The St. Pancratius Women's Council was entertained at their monthly meeting Feb. 1 by the Cass City Cloggers, directed by Dan Hoard.

25 YEARS AGO

Frank Jordan Jr., 21, of Gagetown, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon when he lost control of his car on Richie Road, just south of Bay City-Forestville Road.

The Cass City School Board adopted a new policy regarding drugs and narcotics and agreed to censor the news in the school paper published by the Journalism class at the high school.

The walls of the \$1 million skilled nursing home under construction for Provincial House Inc. are about complete. A June opening date is targeted.

Two students from Cass City participated in the annual Tri-county honors band, staged this year at Laker High School. Selected to play from Cass City were Jeanne Alexander, flute, and Katherine Kloc, bass clarinet. Next year the honors band performance is tentatively slated at Cass City.

The Cass City Freshmen chalked up victories 9, 10 and 11 this week with wins over Uby, Marlette and Frankenmuth. Top scorers in the Uby game were Chuck Bliss with 16 points and Dave Zawilinski, 12. In the Frankenmuth game, Ken Lowe chipped in 22, Zawilinski 14, Clark Hillake, 16, and Bliss 10 points.

10 YEARS AGO

Employees at Evans Engineered Products Co., Gagetown, have agreed to take a wage cut in a new one-year labor contract tied to the proposed buyout of their financially troubled company.

Former Iran captive Betty Mahmoody spent a few hours talking with residents and autographing copies of her book, "Not Without My Daughter", at Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, Thursday. The library sold 167 copies of the book, which is set to be released as a movie in December.

Tammy Hurd and Al Roenstangel were crowned the Winter Carnival king and queen during the Cass City-Caro basketball game Friday.

The Cass City Red Hawks defeated the Caro Tigers, 80-60, Friday night. Paul Tuckey had the best scoring night of his career with 27 points, despite sitting out much of the final period. Also in double figures were Mike Randall with 14 points and Jeff Sontag, 10.

The continuing battle between Owendale-Gagetown School District and the Cass City district continues. The board was notified that Mr. and Mrs. James Brinkman have requested that 2.7 acres be transferred from Cass City to Owen-Gage district. The Cass City school board went on record as opposed to the transfer of any of its land to another district. Supt. Ken Micklash said, that we are opposed to the transfer of any land from our district, not just land that seeks to go to Owendale-Gagetown.

35 YEARS AGO

Carol Zellar, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zellar, Cass City, wrote President John F. Kennedy a letter early this winter. She was concerned because Cass City Public School has no girl's physical education class and asked the President if he had a solution. She received an answer late last month. It did not, however, have any suggestions for Cass City's physical education problem, but thanked her for writing.

Alan Lee Guilds, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guilds, missing since Jan. 2, and the subject of a state-wide alarm, turned himself over to authorities in Warren and was returned home Saturday. The family had previously lived in Warren.

Sparked by intense competition for the 3 open trustee posts, voters turned out in record numbers Monday to elect village officers. Incumbent Jerome Root Jr. led all candidates in the race for one of the 3 trustee posts. He polled 228 votes. Filling the other 2 open posts will be freshman Councilman Bernard Freiburger, 203 votes, and Lambert Althaver, 149 votes.

Two Cass City men have been selected as members of the casts of 3 one-act plays to be presented by the Bad Axe Little Theater March 2 in the high school gymnasium. Named to the cast of "The City Slicker and Our Nell," was Victor Guernsey as "Jed Haskins," and Ernie Schwaderer as "Stephen Brewster" in "Suppressed Desires."

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High Team Series: Thumb Auto Wash 1747.
High Team Game: General Cable 619.

High Series & Games: D. Beecher 681 (248-237), R. Doerr 660 (236-234), K. Pichla 622 (216), D. Roth 602 (213-214), Duane O'Dell 595 (246), E. Schmaltz 589 (211), Dennis Hyatt 580.

CHARMONT LADIES

Dott Manufacturing	14
Sister Act	10
Dee's M.P. Rockets	9
Wild John's	9
Pizza Villa	9
Cass City Tire	8
Live Wires	8
Cable-ettes	5
Team # 7	5
J.B.'s Crew	3

High Team Series & Game: Live Wires 3019 (1051).
High Series: M. Moore 532, B. Kilbourn 490, T. Avery 467, D. Sweeney 449, M. Mathewson 471, S. Hutchinson 463, N. Davis 461.

High Games: M. Moore 192, N. Davis 191, D. Gibson 174, D. Campbell 172, S. Hutchinson 176, M. Horne 176, B. Kilbourn 173, T. Avery 173, V. Patra 170.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE

K R E W	18
Golden Oldies	18
Alley Cats	13
Dee's M.P. Rockets	11
S T A R	10

High Team Series: Dee's M.P. Rockets 1599.
High Team Game: Golden Oldies 600.

High Individual Series & Games: D. Mathewson 512 (204), M. Gylmory 477 (185), V. Bilicki 471 (188), N. Rabideau 444 (174), M. Opanasenko 158, W. Skakle 158, M. Keller 155, L. Zajac 154.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Feb. 12, 1998

Health Mart Pills	18
Thumb Auto Wash	16
Caro Chiropractic	13
J.B.'s Crew	13
Silver Birch Kennel	9
Hills & Dales	9
All Season Rental	9
Detroit Edison	9

High Actual Team Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 1936 & 684.

500 Series: J. LaRoche 555, C. Smith 550, L. Erla 505, S. Hutchinson 500.
200 Games: J. LaRoche 222, C. Smith 214.

MERCHANTS Feb. 11, 1998

Charmont	15
Cass City Sports	10
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All Season Bank	8
Brentwood	8

Team High Actual Series and Game: Charmont 3096 (1072).

Individual High Series and Games: M. Jackson 742 (279-235-228), M. Lutz 739 (289-246), J. Langenburg 685 (267-228), J. Krol 665 (249-212), G. Robinson 626 (224-222), C. Anthes 619 (235), T. Kuck 615 (247), B. Kingsland 605 (266), D. O'Dell 600 (227), M. Zawilinski 598 (211), L. Prime 593, R. Rabideau 580 (225), M. Gettel 562 (226), T. Pattengill 560, T. Summers 556, R. Roberts 554 (235), R. Salcido 554, P. McIntosh 554, J. Storm 212, D. Englehardt 210.



SECOND GRADERS in Sandy Parks' class at Gagetown Elementary School have completed their annual quilt project. Students hand sewed 4-patch blocks and spent a lot of time tying the quilt, which will be auctioned off at the home volleyball game Feb. 23. Last year's auction raised \$220 for class supplies.

Alma study program

Burns in Costa Rica

Alma College junior Amy Burns of Cass City is one of 31 Alma students taking advantage of opportunities for international study through Alma's programs. Alma's international study opportu-

nities enrich students' lives as they pursue a liberal arts education. Students also learn about themselves through immersion in the culture and activities of people from various cultures. Burns, a 1995 graduate of

Cass City High School, is spending Winter Term at the Universidad Nacional-UNA in Heredia, Costa Rica. The course work earns academic credit through Alma College.

In Costa Rica, students study a variety of subjects, work as volunteers or interns and travel around the country. All classes and activities are conducted in Spanish and students experience everyday life and culture in Costa Rica while they live with host families.

Burns is the daughter of Jack and Sherry Burns of Cass City.

HDC collecting sweaters, shirts

The Human Development Commission (HDC), along with Delta College and other sponsors, are currently celebrating Mr. Rogers' 30th anniversary on Public Television.

To celebrate Mr. Rogers' dedicated service to young children, a community service project of collecting new or "gently worn" sweaters and sweatshirts began Feb. 1, and will continue throughout the month of February.

HDC has received an abundance of sweaters, including men's, women's and children's, which are now looking for new homes. Donated items will be given to anyone needing them. Items are available today throughout the end of February. To receive your sweater or sweatshirt, please visit the

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Movies slated at library

Rawson Memorial Library Senior Citizen movies will be shown Friday, Feb. 20, at 1:30 p.m. Showing will be:

North Atlantic, Cradle of the Continent: Join the crew of the Driftwood as they travel on a 3-year, 25,000-mile adventure along North America's historic waterways. In this segment of the journey the viewer will travel from the St. Lawrence River down to Boston Harbor as the Driftwood chronicles Acadians, boat builders, lobstermen, whale watchers, environmentalists and historians. These films combine beautiful scenery with visits with individuals working and living in the area. (55 minutes)

Building the Tunnel: Experience the construction of the world's largest international underwater rail tunnel. See excavation, site preparation and lining segment production. Watch Excaltore -- the 3-story-high tunnel boring machine -- moving by train from Toronto, assembled on site in Sarnia, boring its way under the St. Clair River to Port Huron. Observe the work of the miners inside the tunnel. Witness the biggest "breakthrough" in rail transportation. Travel through the new tunnel at 60 mph. (20 minutes)

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

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, February 18

Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Cathy Hellow and Duke Sward.
Sanilac County Democratic Party holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at Liberty Lanes, Sandusky. The Honorable Carole Youngblood Wayne County Circuit Court judge will be the guest speaker.

Friday, February 20

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.
Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, February 21

Referee training for new soccer league, new Cass City Middle School cafeteria, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Human Development Commission (HDC) will hold its 8th annual Walk For Warmth. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the HDC office, 429 Montague Ave., Caro. This is an annual event which raises money to help those experiencing home-heating emergencies. For more information call (517) 673-4121.

Monday, February 23

Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.
Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m.
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

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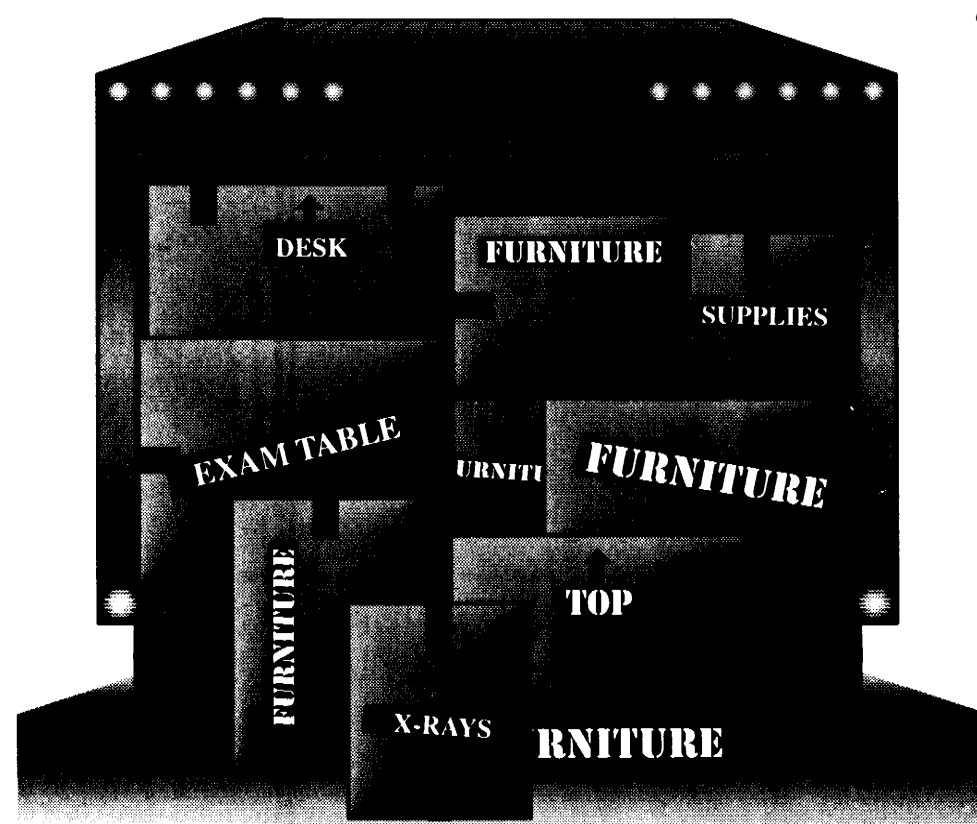
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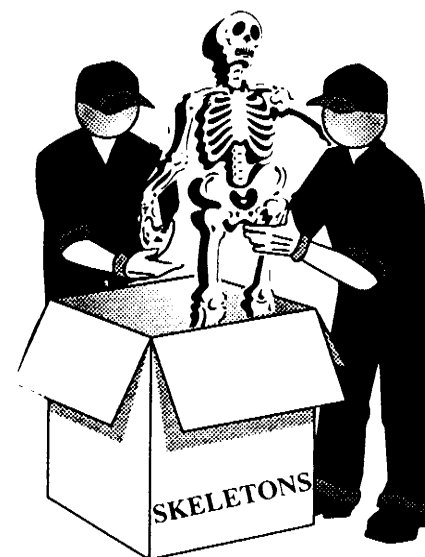


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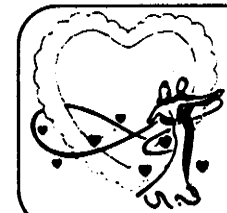
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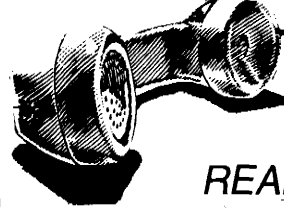
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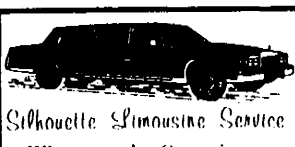
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Parties after Friday night ball games can strike fear into the heart of any parent who has a teenage son or daughter.

And for good reason; headlines and news reports of youth gatherings involving drugs, underage drinking, fighting and worse appear with frightening regularity.

But a traditional Friday night game party held at a Cass City area church offers a positive alternative.

It's called the Fifth Quarter Party, and the Novesta Church of Christ has hosted the gathering after Friday night home football and basketball games for the past 4 years.

The event hasn't been well publicized, but it's proven popular among area teens.

How popular?

Attendance has averaged 60 or more teens, with as many as 80 young people gathering after some games. The students come from many different churches and towns. In fact, a handful of Laker students attended the Feb. 13 Fifth Quarter Party following the Cass City-Laker basketball game.

The parties are informal and open to junior and senior high students. There's food and music as well as plenty to do; basketball, volleyball, ping pong, air hockey, board games, etc.

The rules are simple; teens have to sign in and sign out, and everybody is required to show common courtesy.

"We're trying to provide a positive alternative, really to give the kids an alternative to going out and having nothing to do after a Friday night ball game," said Jim Chamberlin, Novesta Church of Christ youth pastor.

The goal has been to encourage teens to avoid drinking, climbing into the back of a car or making other poor choices, by offering them an

evening of enjoyable, safe activity.

"It's a chance to play basketball. It's something other than going to a party and getting drunk," Nathan Fritz, 16, commented during a Fifth Quarter Party held Friday night.

"And fellowship with friends," added Nathan Haag, 16. "It keeps us out of trouble."

Chamberlin noted the parties are not held for the purpose of recruiting new church members, although anyone interested in attending services is welcome.

"The main focus is to provide the community with an alternative where there isn't going to be any monkey business and the kids are going to have a good time and use up a whole lot of energy," he said.

"And it works. I feel like it makes a huge difference. It's well attended and I'm seeing kind of a growth in the Christian kids coming together and getting to know each other."

Chamberlin said attendance varies. "On our low nights it's around 40 (teens), and on our big nights we have 80. And that's not counting the adults," he said, adding 8 to 12 adults are typically on hand.

Young people from all church affiliations and denominations are welcome.

"We have, on any given Fifth Quarter Party, kids from the Missionary church, we have kids from the Mizpah Church, the Lutheran Church, the Catholic Church. We've had kids from the Presbyterian Church," Chamberlin said. "We have kids from all over

and from different backgrounds.

Despite their differences, the teens always seem to have a good time. "They're always on their best behavior. I can't think of one time where we've had any problems."

And while the parties bear

no resemblance to a revival meeting, organizers hope time spent with other Christian teens will help some teens to feel more comfortable in a church setting.

"It makes a church a friendlier place, even if it isn't this church," Chamberlin concluded.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Otto C. NIMBACH and Cindy A. NIMBACH, his wife to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 1994 and recorded on January 18, 1995 in Liber 669, on Page 510, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to NATIONSBANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION successor by merger to NationsBanc Mortgage Corporation of New York as assignee, by an assignment dated October 27, 1995 which was recorded on February 23, 1996 in Liber 686, on Page 500, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six And 25/100 dollars (\$55,346.25), including interest at 10.00% 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 20, 1998.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF MARLETTE, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 25, T11N-R11E; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds West 350.0 feet along the South line of said Section 25 to the point of beginning; running thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds West 443.0 feet along the South line of said Section 25; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 07 seconds East 450.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 53 seconds East 447.01 feet, thence South 0 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds West 450.02 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, T11N-R11E.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 21, 1998

GREAT LAKES NATIONAL BANK MICHIGAN

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1-21-5

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Dated: February 4, 1998

NATIONSBANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION successor by merger to NationsBanc Mortgage Corporation of New York

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2-4-5

Referee training slated

In conjunction with the start of the new Cass City AYSO Soccer League, a free referee training seminar will be provided Saturday, Feb. 21, from 8-4 p.m. at the new Cass City Middle School cafeteria. Lunch will be provided.

Participants will learn the rules of the game that make it safe, fair and fun for the players. Parents, high school students and any other interested community individuals are welcome.

For further information contact David Dyer at 872-3249.

Speaker available

The Tuscola County Humane Society has a speaker who is willing to speak to various children's groups about pet care programs and humane education.

If you would like to find out more about having a speaker at your meeting, please call (517) 872-2255 for more information.

Driver arrested

Cass City police reported making one traffic-related arrest over the past week.

Reports state officers arrested Dean C. Alexander, 37, Cass City, on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. A vehicle driven by Alexander was stopped on Elmwood Road near Doerr Road Friday at 7:35 p.m.

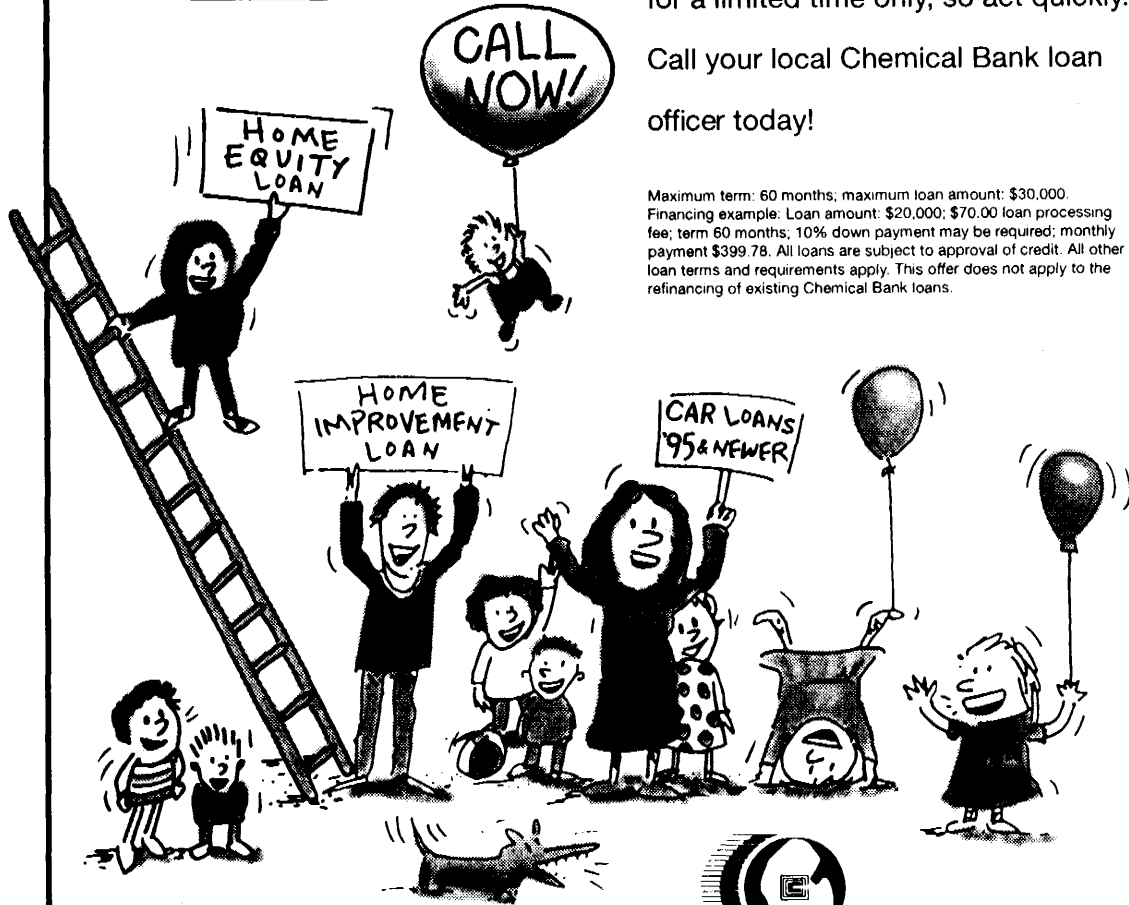
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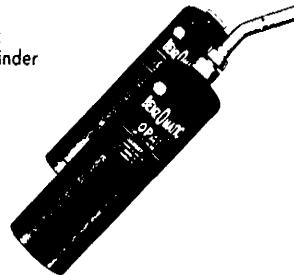
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