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**LEARNING TOGETHER** — Campbell Elementary second grader Nikki Thane (left) and third grader Terra Czekai were among the students paired Friday for a multi-age project on estimating and graphing using crayons, paper and breakfast cereal. Next year, students in different grade levels will be combined full-time in multi-age classrooms.

## Group seeking approval for new O-G boosters club

Owen-Gage School sports programs will be the big winners if a newly-formed boosters club comes anywhere near to achieving the success of its predecessor.

Plans to form the Owen-Gage Athletic Boosters were announced during a March 10 Owen-Gage School Board meeting.

District resident Deb Edler told board members that a handful of parents, boosted by their success in raising funds for the school's new junior high football program, would like to establish a formal organization that would continue to contribute to athletic programs.

Fewer than a dozen parents were able to raise more than \$3,300 in 5 weeks through various fund raising activities, including bake sales, pop can drives and raffles, Edler said. "There aren't many of us, but we made a big difference."

Edler, who has 3 sons herself, added the parents feel sports are an important part of school for students in all grade levels.

"There's a lot of other things they (kids) could do to get into trouble," she said, "so we want to make sure we include everybody."

Edler noted the new athletic booster organization hopes to take over the corporate license now held by the Owen-Gage Boosters, which is disbanding.

Formation of the new club drew praise from school officials, including Athletic Director Joe Candela. A big plus, he said, is individual coaches won't all have to organize and run their own fund raising activities.

"I think it's a good benefit to community," he told the board.

Longtime board Trustee Ron Good, a member of the Owen-Gage Boosters, agreed. "I think you deserve a lot of credit for coming on board," he said.

Edler stated the \$3,300 already raised by the athletic boosters will be used to fund the new junior high football program, so the group will be starting out with a zero fund balance. She asked if the school board would consider starting the organization out with a contribution.

School Supt. Manuel Thies asked Edler to return to the board with a funding request in July, when the district begins the new fiscal year.

The next step, Edler said later, is to encourage other residents in the community to join the new athletic boosters group. An organizational meeting is slated for April 1 starting at 7 p.m. in the Owendale Junior-Senior High School library.

"It's going to be an invitation to anyone in the district, regardless of whether they have kids in sports or not," she said.

"We feel we can make a big

difference," she added.

Anyone interested in joining the Owen-Gage Athletic Boosters can learn more about the organization by contacting Edler at (517) 665-2204.

The Owen-Gage Boosters, which has been in the process of disbanding since the fall of 1996, leaves some big shoes to fill.

The organization poured more than \$215,000 into the Please turn to back page.



**CASS CITY VFW Post 3644 Women's Auxiliary member Pat Brooks (right) recently presented 9 lap robes she made to residents at Tendercare, Cass City. Above, Brooks presents one of the robes to resident and VFW women's auxiliary member Martha Blehm.**

### 3 grades combined

## "One-room" school at Campbell Elementary

Cass City Schools will be taking a trip back into time next year with a teaching approach reminiscent of the one-room school house.

But the program is anything but a step backwards, experts say.

It's called multi-age classrooms, and the teaching concept will be implemented at Campbell Elementary School in the 1998-99 school year.

"Multi-age grouping is a classroom organizational structure in which students of various ages and abilities work and interact together in a developmentally age-appropriate learning environment," explained Campbell Elementary Principal Jody Miklovic.

"Children are encouraged and expected to learn at their own rate and level. The classroom and curriculum are structured to eliminate failure and promote successful learning for all children."

"Teaching professionals recognize that children learn at different rates and in different ways," Miklovic continued. "The curriculum will be presented to students utilizing a number of different learning styles and techniques. This will help to insure that the students are able to understand and process the information presented, and learn in a way that is the most comfortable to them."

"An emphasis on the development of the whole child in the intellectual, social, emotional, artistic, aesthetic and physical realms will be offered in these classrooms."

### **2 SETTINGS**

Two multi-age settings will be offered at Campbell next year. One setting will be made up of 3 classrooms with the teachers team teaching. Each of the classrooms will have a combination of students in grade one, 2 and 3.

The other setting will combine students from grade levels 3 and 4, and the teachers from these rooms will team teach as well.

School officials said multi-age classrooms will initially be set up at Campbell Elementary only, however, the program may be offered at Deford Elementary in the future.

"The classrooms will be set up to have an equal number of students from each grade level, gender, race, learning abilities and interest," Miklovic said. "Special needs will be equal to the other traditional classrooms."

"The classroom composition will reflect the population of the greater school community. As with the other classrooms at Campbell, parent requests will be honored whenever possible."

Miklovic emphasized that multi-age classrooms are an option for Cass City students and their parents.

"It's a voluntary thing; nobody's being forced," he said. "Not all kids fit into it, not all teachers fit into it, and not all parents are comfortable with it."

Miklovic pointed out the multi-age concept offers a host of advantages to students.

"Multi-age encourages children to fulfill their potential as active, independent, self-regulating individuals," he said, adding multi-age classes reflect the range of

social situations in which individuals will find themselves throughout their lifetimes.

"It meets the needs of individual learners by allowing them to progress at their readiness level," he explained.

### **ADVANTAGE**

"I think the biggest advantage is every child can go as far as his or her ability," commented Jeanie McGee, who along with fellow teachers Rosie Bushong and Kathy Iseler will be instructing the combined first, second and third grade classrooms.

"It's a much more individualized program. You take them (students) as far as they can go," Iseler said.

McGee, who attended a one-room school for 7 years, agreed. McGee recalled her one-room school experience, saying students were taught in sections based on their grade levels. In contrast, she said, students in the multi-age classroom work and learn together through lessons that are tailored to meet

each students' level of ability.

"And they learn so much from each other," noted Iseler, who said the multi-age classrooms offer continuity to the students, who could have the same teacher for 2 or 3 years.

With a traditional classroom, Iseler said, "It takes you 6 weeks to get to know your children and for them to get comfortable with you." In multi-age classrooms, however, many of the students are already familiar with their teacher and many of their classmates. "You start the children where they were the previous year, and you continue their education."

School officials say the multi-age classrooms will utilize a variety of teaching strategies, including flexible small and large groupings, individual learning, learning centers, projects, exploration time, and hands-on experiences. Thematic units will be used to help students learn in areas that are of interest to them while meeting state Please turn to back page.

## School board petition deadline is April 6

Area residents interested in running for a seat on their local school board have less than 3 weeks to collect signatures and file nominating petitions.

Four-year terms are expiring on the Cass City, Kingston, Owen-Gage and Ubyly boards of education.

The deadline to file nominating petitions is 4 p.m. Monday, April 6. Petitions are available at school administration offices, which can also provide information regarding the minimum number of signatures required.

The annual school election is scheduled for Monday, June 8.

Prospective candidates must be at least 18 years of age, reside in their respective school district and be a registered voter.

The pay for school board trustees is modest at best — \$40 per year for trustees in Cass City, and \$30 per meeting in the Kingston, Owen-Gage and Ubyly districts — but the responsibilities are great.

School boards are charged with setting goals and policies and defining strategies for their districts, hiring a superintendent to implement policy, and monitoring and assessing the performance of their districts as it relates to students and staff.

The following is a listing of area school board members whose terms are expiring this year:

In Cass City, the 4-year term of board President Randy Severance is expiring. Severance has indicated he will seek another term.

Also expiring are the 4-year

terms of Kingston Board of Education trustees Richard Zyrowski and Sherri Diegel.

Three trustee terms are expiring in the Owen-Gage School District. They include seats now held by board President Paul Hunter and Trustee Jack Brinkman, who are both completing 4-year terms.

The other seat, now held by Trustee Mary Ann Abbe, will be elected to a 2-year term. Abbe was appointed to the seat following the resignation of James Albrecht.

In the Ubyly Community Schools, the terms of board members Kenneth Dekoski and A. James Philp are expiring. Both incumbents have indicated they will seek reelection to 4-year terms.

### "Fire of Genius" award

## Honor Tuckey for inventions

The Saginaw Valley Patent Law Association recently announced the 1998 winners of the Inventor of the Year Award and the Fire of Genius Award.

The winner of this year's Fire of Genius Award is Charles H. Tuckey, Cass City, a consultant to Walbro Corporation of Cass City.

The Fire of Genius Award is given in recognition of a significant contribution to an area of technology and continuing contributions in that area.

Tuckey has been working with Walbro since 1957, developing fuel delivery systems for vehicles, marine engines and small engines such as those found in chain saws and motorized string trimmers. In that time he has had more than 125 patents

issued in his name, 57 of which have been issued since 1990.

Tuckey pioneered the first gerotor-type pump designed for use in fuel delivery systems which has become the standard in the industry.

He also designed and patented a turbine-style fuel pump that will soon be in production and is expected to set the trend for a new generation of fuel pumps.

Much of Tuckey's recent work has been devoted to designing fuel systems that control the handling of the fuels to reduce raw hydrocarbon emissions to the atmosphere. Much of this global technology is in place in today's automobiles and contributes toward the global effort of producing cleaner, environmentally friendly au-

tomobiles.

Most remarkable is that Tuckey has accomplished all that he has without any formal education beyond high school. The son of a farmer, he took a job early on with Walbro Corp. and, through hard work and dedication, beat the odds to become an indispensable contributor to the company.

Tuckey was nominated by Robert Stearns of the firm Reising, Ethington, Learman & McCulloch, Saginaw.

Aleksander J. Pyzik of Dow Chemical was named the winner of this year's Inventor of the Year Award.

Both inventors will be presented with their awards at a luncheon scheduled for today (Wednesday) at the Ashman Court in Midland. The Saginaw Valley Patent

Law Association is an organization of patent attorneys and agents from the Midland, Bay City and Saginaw areas.



**Charles Tuckey  
More than 125 patents**



## Senior citizen movies scheduled at library

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

**Building the Mighty Mac:** In only 42 months, engineers, politicians, architects, foundation workers and iron workers were able to construct the "bridge that couldn't be built" across the straits of Mackinac, spanning 5 miles of some of the most treacherous waters in

the world. Film maker Mark Howell takes you back to the 1950s and presents in living color the story of how the Mackinac Bridge became a reality, and one of Michigan's greatest icons. (50 minutes)

**The Milwaukee Clipper, A Legend Saved:** Imagine packing for a cruise and driving down to a dock...on Lake Michigan! You check into your stateroom while your vehicle is stowed below. For 5 hours you enjoy a wonderful cruise, full of fresh air, dining and dancing, and even a movie in a real movie theater. The Milwaukee Clipper made this dream come true. Built in 1905 as the SS Juniata the ship was rebuilt in 1941 and became the Milwaukee Clipper. She carried passengers to Milwaukee, Muskegon and Chicago. In 1989, the legendary vessel became a national historic landmark. (40 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

## Catholic council sets meeting at St. Agatha

The East Region Council of Catholic Women will hold their Spring Meeting Wednesday, March 25, at St. Agatha Parish, 4618 South Street, Gagetown.

Registration will start at 9 a.m. cost for the day is \$5. the meeting will close at 3 p.m.

Reservation must be made by Wednesday, March 18, by calling Evelyn Borodychuck at (517) 665-2597 or Joanne Dzilinski at (517) 872-3683.

Reservations are a must for the luncheon.

Morning speaker will be Kim Wasik, M.S.W., who will speak about the concerns of "Family Care Giving/Alzheimer's Disease."

Afternoon speaker will be Veronica Maher, M.S.W., A.C.S.W. Her topic will be "Your Sacred Life based on the Scripture."

## Marriage licenses

William Bentley McMullen and Deana Marie Laurin, both of Vassar.

Bryan Joseph Taylor, Vassar, and Jennie Leigh Cousins, Millington.

Nicholas Charles Dooley and Rickie Jean Martin, both of Caro.

Scott Michael Bukoski and Nancy Lee Allen, both of Mayville.

Brian Louis Smith and Debra Elizabeth Smith, both of Vassar.

## Address signs still available

Area residents still have time to purchase reflective address signs that are designed to make it easier for police, ambulance and fire crews to find a home in an emergency.

The signs, pre-drilled and easy to mount, are being sold by the Elkland Township Fire Department Women's Auxiliary. The activity is a fund raiser, with all proceeds going to purchase specialized fire fighting garments.

The cost is \$12 for a house sign and \$15 for a rural mailbox sign.

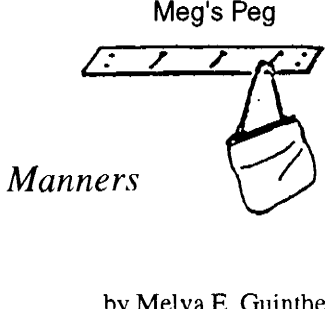
The sale began last month and has been a big success, according to auxiliary member Sue Pawloski, who reported sales of 200 signs to date.

She said the nearly \$1,200 earned so far has allowed the auxiliary to purchase 10 "Nomex" shirts for Cass City fire fighters. The garments are designed for use at grass fires and similar warm weather incidents, where the lighter weight fabric protects firemen and at the same time prevents heat exhaustion.

## It's a boy!

Bill and Erica Graham, of Snover, announce the birth of their son, Alexander Joseph. Alexander was born Feb. 14, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measuring 21 inches in length.

His grandparents include Joe and Kate Graham and Gordon and Nora Frederick.



Manners

by Melva E. Guinther

Although often not evident in today's casual society, there is still a skeletal set of rules for appropriate human behavior called manners.

Do you ever wonder who made the rules?

According to "Panati's Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things" by Charles Panati, the first code of correct behavior recorded comes from a book written about 2500 B.C., "The Instructions of Ptahhotep", grand vizier under the pharaoh Iesi.

It seems to have been written as advice for young social climbing Egyptian men, and encouraged them to "laugh when he (the boss) laughs, so thou shalt be very agreeable to his heart." (I think there's another term for that these days.)

Another bit of timeless wisdom from Ptahhotep is "Let thy mind be deep and thy speech scanty."

As for table manners, it seems that before the 16th century, everybody ate with their hands, which can be tricky if you're eating soup. But there was a distinction from Roman times onward.

An etiquette book from the 1530s advised that when dining in "good society, it is most refined to use only 3 fingers, not 5. This is one of the marks of distinction between the upper and lower classes."

The use of forks, which began in 11th century Tuscany, was not readily accepted. The clergy condemned them, saying that only human fingers, created by God, were worthy to touch God's bounty.

(A point to keep in mind the next time we're in a quarry about tackling that chicken drumstick.)

Up until the 1700s, everybody shared communal bowls, plates and drinking glasses.

An etiquette book from that period warns that "when everyone is eating from the same dish, you should take care not to put your hand into it before those of higher rank have done so." (A real incentive to improve one's social status, I would think.)

Panati cites instructions from various books on manners over the centuries.

From the 13th century: "A number of people gnaw a bone and then put it back in

the dish — this is a serious offense."

"Refrain from falling upon the dish like a swine while eating, snorting disgustingly and smacking the lips."

"Do not spit over or on the table in the manner of hunters."

From the 14th century: "A man who clears his throat when he eats, and one who blows his nose in the tablecloth, are both ill-bred, I assure you."

"You should not poke your teeth with your knife..."

Christian philosopher and educator Erasmus of Rotterdam is credited with instilling proper manners into the children of the 16th century. Among his instructions:

"If you cannot swallow a piece of food, turn around discreetly and throw it somewhere."

"Retain the wind by compressing the belly."

"Turn away when spitting lest your saliva fall on someone. If anything purulent falls on the ground, it should be trodden upon, lest it nauseate someone."

"It is not seemly, after wiping your nose, to spread out your handkerchief and peer into it as if pearls and rubies might have fallen out of your head."

I don't know about you, but after reading all this, I'm thankful that somebody took it upon himself to make up some rules, however arbitrary they may be.

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## Bogart named to dean's list

Jeremy Bogart was recently named to the dean's list at Davenport College, Lansing Campus.

Bogart, a 1992 graduate of Cass City High School, achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average while carrying 27.5 credit hours of graded work. He is studying criminal justice.

An employee at Huron Casting Inc., Pigeon, Bogart is the son of Larry and Deborah Bogart of Cass City.

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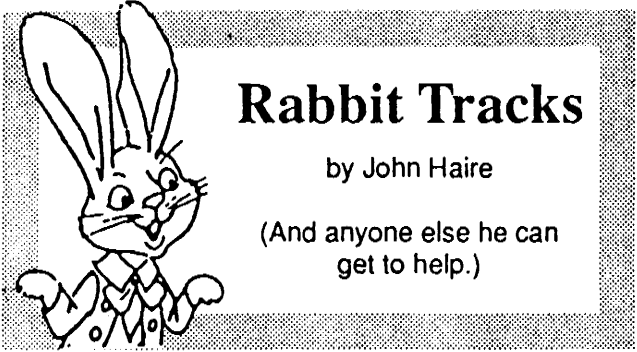
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by John Haire

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The guy that offers this, according to the flyer that came through the mail, is Nick Merola, who says he was a slots mechanic for many years.

No, he does not promise to fix the machines. He has a system. He guarantees the information 100 percent. "If you can't win at the slots with this information, then you can't win at all."

I wonder how many will actually bite on this one?

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Although no official observances of National Agriculture Week, March 15-21, were announced for Thumb schools, there will be programs conducted in schools in 13 counties.

The educational effort will be under the Michigan Department of Education staff and representatives of Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan State University and the Future Farmers of American in Michigan.

One of the sessions will be conducted by Farm Bureau President Jack Laurie, Cass City, who will present "Ag in the Classroom" lessons to elementary students at Walnut Street Schools in Lansing.

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This may or may not surprise you. According to an "Antique Shop Directory" book, there are 1,006 shops in Michigan. There are 10 listed in Tuscola County, the closest in Kingston and Caro. Sanilac County has 22 and Huron County, 9.

Each shop is listed with at least its name and location and often with its specialty in the antiques field.

# Red Hawk Recap

by Rachel Hoard

The Natural Helper Organization was created a few years ago to help students in need. It is all about students helping students.

Cheryl Kilbourn and Nancy Folk, Cass City High School teachers, are the advisors for the organization. During the summer, the group visits a 3-day camp. During that time they are able to learn new ways to cope with problems they come in contact with. The students involved are freshmen through seniors.

All the students in the organization are voted in by their fellow classmates. They are chosen because they are easy to talk to or because people look up to them as a role model.

This year the group has started a new program working with middle school students. 19 Natural Helpers are mentors to students in the middle school. Joan Helwig, middle school counselor, explained that the program is similar to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters. "I think the kids are excited", Helwig commented, "it's too bad we didn't start the program earlier". The students meet with their mentors at least once a week. The high school students are not allowed to take the students off middle school grounds, but they are allowed to sit in different rooms. Helwig said, "I

would like to expand the program for next year."

Most of the students meet during lunch time. Many of the high schoolers even pick up lunches for them to eat together. Michelle Derfiny, freshman, meets with her student during lunchtime every Thursday. Derfiny and her student sit in the cafeteria to talk about anything they want to discuss. Derfiny commented that it's a mutual thing for them, they get to know each other.

Every Tuesday and Thursday senior Josh Brinkman, the only male mentor, meets with his student. They eat lunch together and discuss school work. "His friends like me, too," commented Brinkman. Brinkman and his student also talk about playing the guitar and what's new in their lives.

The sixth through eighth grade students seem to be enjoying the time that they have with the "older kids."

"Most of the kids can't wait to see us, it's going really well," replied senior Lindsay Maharg. She hasn't seen any problems with the program so far. Maharg's student is able to come to her for help with anything. They meet every Wednesday during the last 20 minutes of the day to talk about how their week is going.

Caro boy, 11, killed in 3-vehicle crash Friday

An 11-year-old Caro boy was killed a 3-vehicle traffic accident Friday evening in Tuscola County.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the crash occurred at about 7:30 p.m. on M-81 west of Garner Road in Denmark Township.

Reports state Mary Ann Messer, 34, Caro, was driving westbound on M-81 when she lost control of her vehicle and crossed the road center line. Messer's vehicle entered the eastbound lane and was struck by a vehicle driven by Norman L. Coates, 56, of Cass City. Troopers said the Messer vehicle was then struck by a second vehicle, driven by Holly Jo Bass, 45, Caro.

Troopers said Messer's son, Devin Thomas Seigo, 11, who was seated in the rear of her vehicle, was killed in the accident. Reports state he was wearing a seat belt.

Another passenger, Mat-

Damage estimated at \$2,000 in chimney fire

Damage is estimated at \$2,000 in a chimney fire Monday night at the Kurt Tuckey residence, 3844 Cedar Run Rd., Cass City.

Elkland Township fire fighters were called to the home, located south of Elmwood Road, at about 6:50 p.m.

There were no injuries, according to Fire Chief Ron Pawloski, who reported damage to the chimney as well as some smoke damage inside the residence.

Elkland Township firemen remained at the scene for about 45 minutes. They were assisted by the Elmwood Gagetown Fire Department.

Approve culvert repairs

The Elkland Township Board last week approved some ditch and culvert work.

Township Clerk Norma Wallace reported the board voted to request that the county road commission replace a culvert, clean out a ditch and add a culvert on Milligan Road.

A cost estimate was not available.

In other business during the March 9 monthly meeting, the board:

- Approved spending up to \$1,500 for a future commercial land appraisal.
- Learned the township fire department has been awarded a \$500 Department of Natural Resources grant. Fire Chief Ron Pawloski announced plans to purchase floodlights with the money.
- Heard a request from Novesta Township resident Ben Gruber, who asked that Elkland Township chip in some funding to help repair a portion of Elmwood Road that borders both townships. No action was taken on the request.

Youth groups invited to presentation

The Teen Ranch, Inc., Clendenan Campus in Marlette has invited area youth groups to a 30 member cast drama presentation, The Book of Life. This play is presented by Full Gospel Temple of Westland, and focuses on the question, "Is my name written in the Book of Life?"

The performance will take place at Kingston Elementary School Saturday, March 21. For further details or questions, call Joy Long at 517-761-7041 or 517-683-2812.

thew J. Hill, 25, Caro, who was not wearing a seat belt, was transported to St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw, where he was admitted with serious injuries.

Reports state Messer was treated for minor injuries at St. Luke's and then released. She was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

Troopers said Norman Coates and his passenger, Theresa Coates, suffered minor injuries but were not transported to a hospital. The pair, who were not wearing seat belts, told officers that a load of lumber they were hauling inside their vehicle kept them in their seats at the time of the collision.

Holly Bass and her passenger, Sara Bass, 8, were both wearing seat belts. Troopers, who noted Holly Bass suffered minor injuries when the airbag in her vehicle deployed, said they believe seat belts enabled the mother and daughter to escape serious injury.

The accident remains under investigation.

## The Haire Net

It was a disappointing end to the high school basketball season if you count yourself among the Cass City Red Hawk fans.

What made it so dismal at the end was that it was so unexpectedly great in the beginning.

After roaring off to an 11-1 start, the team faded to a 4 win, 5 loss regular season record the rest of the way.

Why was it that teams that fell before the Hawks in the first round reared up and defeated them the second time around? There are a variety of reasons, but the major one was that after Cass City got off to its flying start, teams started to take notice. Instead of Cass City being a game teams overlooked, it became one that other schools pointed towards.

And as the season progressed, coaches had a key to the school's strengths and weaknesses. No longer could Andy Edwards get open, unhurried looks from 3-point range.

The Cass City guards were constantly pressured and it wasn't necessary to double team the post players to keep the Cass City offense in check.

It's easy to forget that Cass City started the season without one key player returning. The kind of players that teams can build around.

Next year there will be a pair. Heath Zawilinski and Craig Emmert should form the core of the team with enough returning role players to put Cass City among the league favorites entering the season. Not prohibitive favorites certainly, but with returning personnel that should measure up to other good teams in the league.

It goes without saying that if the team is to be successful, marked improvement from post players will be necessary and a point guard to come to the front to take charge.

In today's fast moving game with the myriad defenses, a ball-handling point guard is as essential as the big stud under the boards.

Fans can regret the Hawks' final statistics and their on-game and out in the district tourney.

But step back a bit and take the long view. If most of us

The back forty by Roger Pond

I'm learning how to predict the weather. I've watched the TV folks all winter, and now I've got it down pat.

First I look outside to see if it's raining. If it is, I predict a wet spell. If it's not raining, I forecast a drought.

Then I explain that the rain and the drought are both caused by El Nino. I knew this months ago, but wasn't quite sure where these things were going to happen.

The weather forecasters have been getting away with this all winter. Except for California: They were right about California.

Meteorologists and Vice President Gore all predicted California would be a disaster this year. I'll give them credit for that.

Let's remember, though, former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz said California was a disaster 30 years ago. Earl wasn't talking about the weather and got very little credit as a result.

I wish I had some old newspapers from last fall when this El Nino phenomenon got rolling. I know California was supposed to get drenched, but readers will have to recall what was predicted for their areas.

The northwestern states were supposed to be warmer and dryer than normal with a shortage of snow in the mountains. This winter was warmer but wetter than normal in the northwest, and the mountains got plenty of snow. (Even I can get one out of 3).

The central states were supposed to have some bad weather as I recall. The plains were predicted to suffer blizzards, floods, droughts and ice storms, depending upon location. That forecast was a year late.

The south and east coasts were hammered by snow and ice this winter. The meteorologists and I predicted that immediately after it hap-

pened, and implied we knew it was coming.

The TV forecasters found a big ice storm in Quebec around the first of the year. "Oh, no!" I thought to myself. "We're really in trouble now. When was the last time we had to report Canada's weather to find something interesting?"

Then, California got splashed and everyone was happy for awhile. By late February my TV was reporting El Nino was actually good for most of the country: California and the south-east being major exceptions.

The national news said Florida had a nice winter because hurricanes were held off the coast by the unusual wind patterns. Two days later tornadoes ripped through Florida, and the weather forecasters said, "See what did we tell you? We knew El Nino was going to hit Florida."

I've tried to be discreet, but I'm going out on a limb for next winter's forecast. I'm predicting California will be a disaster, just like Earl said it would.

The rest of the country will have rain, snow, ice and drought, along with cold spells and warm stretches. I'll explain those things after they happen.

Tune in tomorrow for the rest of today's forecast.

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Thies expresses concern

# O-G eyes technology upgrade

Proposals designed to upgrade technology dominated discussion during a rescheduled monthly Owen-Gage Board of Education meeting last week.

The proposals involve participation in a countywide 2-way video and data distance learning system, and a grant application that, if approved, would bring computers into the junior-senior high school library.

School Supt. Manuel Thies outlined the 2-way video and data distance learning system being proposed by the Huron Intermediate School District.

The system would enable all Huron County schools to share curriculum offerings via video monitors and specialized "distance learning" technology, Thies explained. For example, he said, one school could offer an advanced math or foreign language class, and the class could be simultaneously broadcast to classrooms in other districts.

The start-up cost for equipment was initially estimated at \$90,000 per school district, however, that figure has since been revised to about \$50,000, Thies told the board.

In addition, each school would share in the \$177,000 cost for a "multi-point conferencing unit" to be located at the Huron Area Technology Center.


Thies indicated he has mixed feelings about the proposal, which would enable all districts to expand their curriculums by sharing instructors.

"I'm not against this, but I do have a couple of problems with it," he said, adding one concern is whether enough students would utilize the system to justify the cost.


In order for Owen-Gage to consider participating, he continued, the district would have to be allowed 5 years to pay its share of the cost. "I (also) think that for this to work, the K-12 districts and the tech center have got to be on a common calendar and a common daily student schedule."

In spite of those concerns, Thies told the board that he doesn't want Owen-Gage to be left out if the proposal becomes reality.

He asked the board to carefully consider the plan before taking action on a formal resolution committing the school district to participating in the system.



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School District for the 1998-99 school year.

- Approved a motion to hire John Roemer as junior-senior high school custodian.
- Authorized Thies to purchase carpeting for a typing classroom.
- Voted to begin regular meetings at 6:30 p.m. during the months of December through May. The board will continue to meet at 7:30 p.m. during the summer months.
- Commended the varsity volleyball team, which repeated as league and district champs. Also recognized were the seventh and eighth grade, junior varsity and varsity basketball teams.
- Recognized a student in each grade for being selected as best exemplifying the March "Adult Role Focus" of being critical, creative thinkers.

The students are: Dustin Harp, Andrea Zimmerman, Daniel Shepherd, Grant Champagne, Evan Laurie, Kevin Komonowski, Jonathon O'Harris, Jennifer Sparkes, Dale Minkler, Kendall Kretschmer, Clint Sheufelt, Jennifer Loewe and Daniel Dorsch.

- Approved the nomination of Tonya Smith as the senior "student of the month" for March.
- Recognized a State Board of Education resolution proclaiming March as "Parenting Awareness Month."

## Cass City scouts busy learning

This winter Cass City Boy Scout troop #594 has been busy with many learning experiences.

They completed the Citizen in the Community Merit Badge with tours of the fire hall and municipal building. They attended village council meetings and Katie Jackson presented the history of Cass City to the group. To complete the requirements, each scout gave individual reports on various aspects of the village.

The Boy Scouts had another successful popcorn sale throughout the community.

Santa came to the Christmas party, where gifts were exchanged and refreshments of pizza, pop and cookies were enjoyed.

The scouts and scoutmasters received B-class uniform T-shirts from the troop committee.

In January Tom Lounsbury attended the troop meeting and talked about his caribou hunting trip to Quebec, Canada.

The boys went to Klondike in February, where they worked on outdoor winter activities. The theme was "Lost in the Frost." They invited the Cass City Cub Scout Webelos to enjoy the day's activities with the anticipation of becoming Boy Scouts. The troop then camped out overnight to earn Polar Bear Camping patches.

There have been many advancements in the troop this winter including: Jeremy Weippert from 1st Class to Star, Dustin Mallory from Scout to Tenderfoot, Eric Hanby from Scout to Tenderfoot and then to 2nd Class, Robert Damoth to Scout, Chad Wolschlagler from Star to Life; he also became Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Kari Lohela advanced to Scoutmaster, Chuck Golinvaux advanced to Assistant Scoutmaster, and Bob Wolschlagler moved to Assistant Scoutmaster.

The troop will soon be finishing the requirements for Family Life Merit Badge under the council of Lora Kulinski.

The boys are planning to attend a Merit Badge Workshop to earn additional badges in several categories. They will be joining scout troops from all over the Thumb district.

## Letters to the editor

### Don't stop compassion

# Tragedies leave mark

Dear Editor,

I want to say a few things in regards to the two young men, Nathan and Matt, who because of an untimely death

will not be at the 1998 graduation. Neither will they be at any class reunions or any future important events of family and friends.

Death is not an easy thing to deal with no matter what your age. It can wreak havoc in our lives and tear our emotions to shreds. This makes me remember my high school years at Cass City. A year and very few days before our graduation in 1969, there was a car wreck and one of my classmates, Don Wernette, was killed out on Kelly Road. Every time I passed the spot, I felt sorrow for his family and also that someone my age could be alive one moment and dead the next. It was very traumatic to me.

We were not that close; in fact, we probably did not say more than two or three words in four years time to each other. Nonetheless, he was part of the same class as 106 others were, including myself.

Another young man, Gerry Whittaker, met the same fate while we were still in school. If any of you have a 1969 annual, you can see that we were indeed allowed the decency of mourning in a very small way.

As I think back on "my" class, I have a very tender spot for every one of them in my heart. Those tragedies have left a permanent mark on my life.

Mr. Kuntz, shame on you for trying to stop a very normal function and life experience for the class of 1998. How else will they be allowed to grow and learn and become tender-hearted people? God forbid that no one would care.

My sympathy and prayers go out to these families and friends who have lost precious loved ones. Don't stop something as beautiful as compassion!

Mary (Spear) Wilson  
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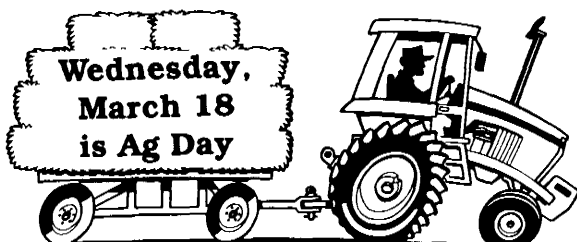
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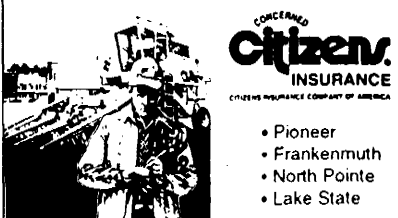
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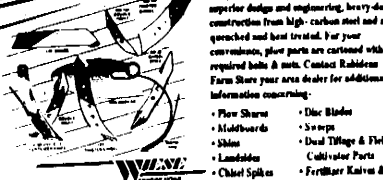
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# Down Memory Lane

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## 5 YEARS AGO

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Firefighters from 6 departments braved bitter cold Sunday morning as they fought a blaze that gutted the Ray and Kim Smutek residence about 2 miles west of Shabbona. This marks the fourth time the family has

lost nearly everything to a fire.

To help improve discipline on school buses, the Cass City School Board has taken a suggestion that cameras be installed on the buses under consideration. A box to house the camera would be attached to the front of each bus. Two cameras would be purchased and placed in different buses each day. Neither the students nor the driver would know where the camera was placed.

The Cass City Middle School band received a first division rating — the highest mark possible — for its performance at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association District 3 Festival March 6 in North Branch. This is the first time in 32 years the middle school band has earned the top rating. Mindy Nash is the band director.

"New Beat on an Old Drum," slated March 24 and 25.

The Cass City Red Hawks rolled to the district title by defeating the Mayville Wildcats Saturday afternoon, 85-72. The last district title that Cass City brought home was won in 1984 at the same gym that netted this year's championship.

Stormy relations in recent years between the Owen-Gage Board of Education and the district's high school principals were again evident Monday night, when the board refused to renew Principal Robert Andrews' contract. Andrews has been with the district for less than 2 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Auten and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Buehly arrived home Saturday after spending 10 days in Hawaii.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Tuscola County and the Cass City area are reeling under winter's heaviest blast of the season and the worst snowstorm in 6 years. Winds clocked up to as high as 65 miles an hour whipped nearly 2 feet of snow into mountainous drifts, closing virtually every road in the county Saturday.

General Development Corporation of Florida and the management of the Ramada Inn of Port Charlotte, Fla., have invited Roger Parrish to entertain at the Colonial Ramada Inn of Port Charlotte. Contracts have been signed and he is scheduled to begin April 12.

A Jefferson mammoth unearthed in Huron County last summer has been carbon-dated at 9600 years old. The mammoth skeleton was uncovered on farmland of Dolan Sweeney by a group

of volunteer workers under the direction of Don Weston, an archaeology student at MSU.

Cass City came to the end of the tournament trail last Wednesday as it bowed to the superior height of Saginaw St. Stephen, 78-60, in the first regional competition at Grand Blanc.

## 35 YEARS AGO

After an absence of one year, Cass City will again stage its annual Homecoming.

Cass City Public Schools opened the first special education room last fall, transferring later from the high school art room to the newly built special education room. The class met minor opposition from some parents at the beginning but has since proved itself an aid to the children, Mrs. Lois Binder, teacher, relates.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce board elected the first woman ever to lead the organization Tuesday night when they named Mrs. James Bauer president for 1963-64.

George Rolston, a fox hunter who lives northeast of Cass City, says he would like to see the state take the bounty off the pups and leave it on the mature fox. Despite more hunters than ever and a bounty for years, nearly all fox hunters agree that there are more fox today than ever before.

Miss Betty Jean Spaulding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Spaulding, Elmwood, was injured in an accident Friday, when the car she was riding in collided with a gas truck in Saginaw. She was taken to Saginaw General Hospital, where she is a student nurse, where minor surgery was performed.

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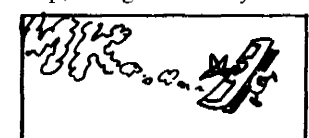
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CARDINAL JEFF CHAPPEL looks for an outlet pass after clearing the boards in Kingston's 74-48 district win over Owen-Gage.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast				
	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
Last Week's Totals Final Percentages	(9-11) (170-66) 72%	(12-8) (177-59) 75%	(9-11) (177-59) 75%	(9-11) (162-74) 69%

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# Kingston wins, 76-48

## Bulldogs' season over

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs cage team's season ended Wednesday night during Class D district action with undefeated Kingston.

The Cardinals' fine tuned offense resulted in a 76-48 win, which puts Owen-Gage in the record books with a 5-16 mark.

Coach Jim Brinkman's troops stayed close throughout much of the opening half, as Kingston had trouble finding its shooting eye in the early stages. However, the North Central Thumb League champions were able to turn to the inside play of Chad Spencer during the contest's opening 8 minutes. Spencer responded by recording 7 of his 17 markers during the frame.

Bulldog Joel Bolzman supplied Owen-Gage with its only lead, 10-7, on a short jump shot early in the initial frame. However, Kingston ended the period with a 7-3 run and were never headed.

Leon Kaniszewski poured in 12 of his game high 25 points during the 2nd frame that helped put Kingston in front 38-23 at the intermission. Kaniszewski netted 4 treys on the night and connected on 9 of 10 foul shots. The Cardinals outscored Owen-Gage 38-25 over the final half.

Besides Kaniszewski and Spencer, Kingston had Tim Lyons, with 21 points, in double digits.

Owen-Gage received 16 points from Derek Howard. Bolzman chipped in 12.

### Weak finish, tie marks four forecasters' finish

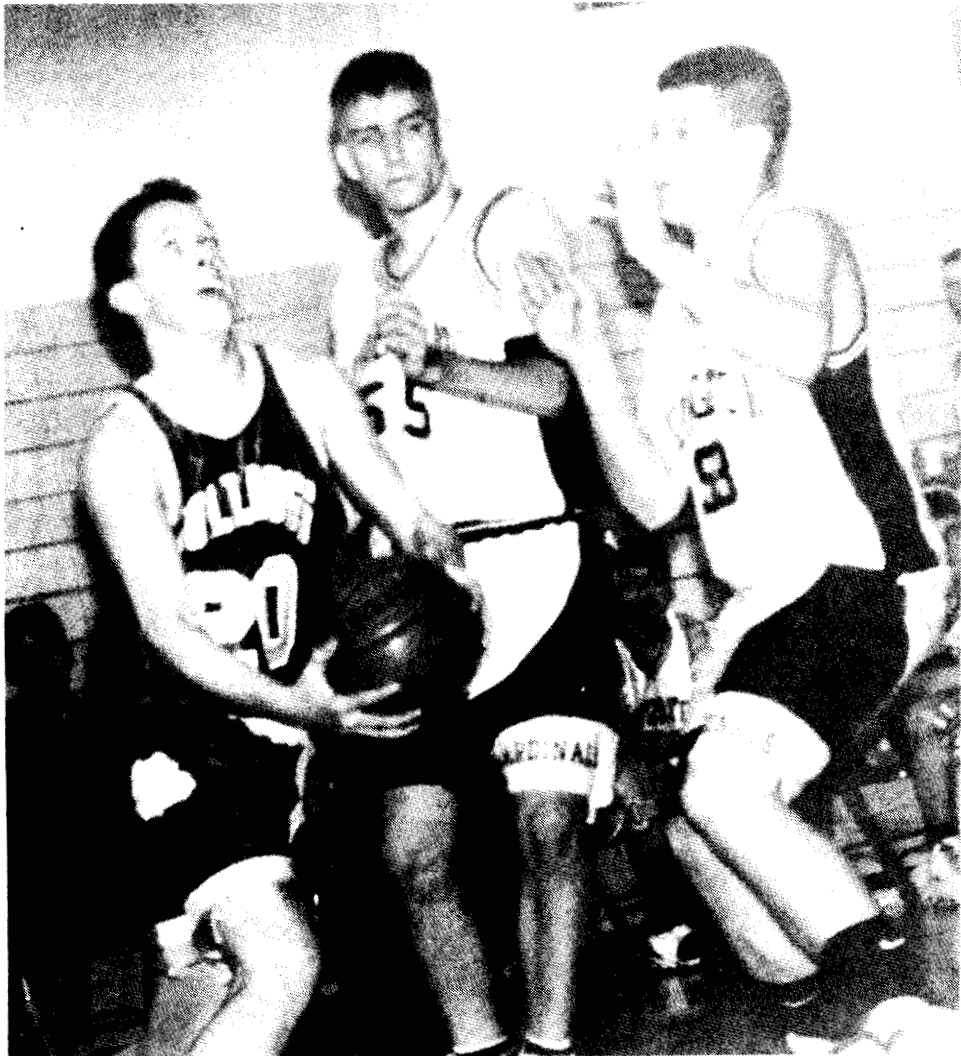
It's over and the question is, shall we put away the crystal ball until next fall or just dump it in the ashcan and get a new one not as obviously flawed as the one used in predicting the outcome of the tournaments.

Of course, you can point out that the crack was bigger for some of us than for others. Clarke Haire peeked into it to climb into a tie for the year with Tom Montgomery, each with a 75 percent ratio for the year.

Now a 12-8 record is nothing to write home about unless you compare it with the rest of the Fab Four, which were 9-11 in tournament game predictions.

Man, you can throw darts at the names and do better than that. The old man of the group, John Haire, who ended with a 72 percent average, was thinking that perhaps he had had it and should hang it up.

But he won't. After all, he has Doug Hyatt to buoy his spirits. Doug started strong a couple of years ago with victories but he has been playing a strictly morale-building role this year while making the rest of us, if not look good, at least a little better.



OWEN-GAGE'S JOE SALCIDO looks for operating room against the defensive pressure applied by Kingston's Tim Lyons (55) and Kent Kramer during Class D district play in Caseville.



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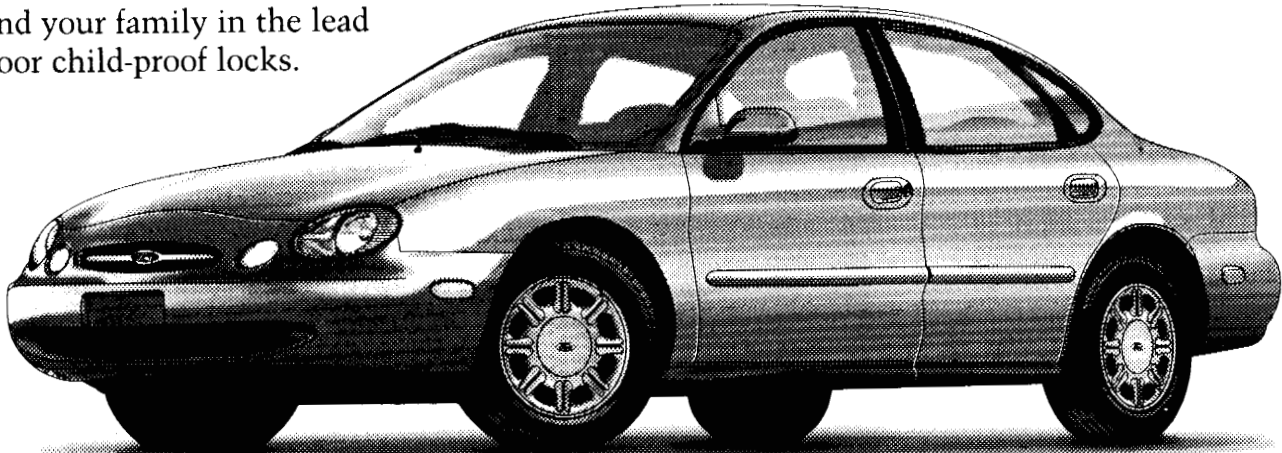
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## 5 earn college degrees

Five persons from Cass City were among 284 students to earn degrees during the fall semester at Saginaw Valley State University.

Cheryl E. Rienstra graduated magna cum laude with a BA degree in sociology. Stephanie M. Szarapski received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing. Jeremiah A. Hulburt earned a BA degree in criminal justice.

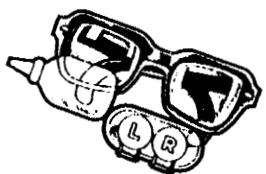
Kimberly J. Wegener, formerly of Cass City, received a masters in education in principalship, and Toby K. Wegener, formerly of Cass City, earned a masters in education in educational leadership.

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## In district tourney

# Red Hawks bow to Harbor Beach

Get out the baseballs and the track shoes. It's all over for the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team. The Hawk hoop team bowed to the Harbor Beach Pirates 63-57 Thursday in the district tournament at Laker High.

It was a sorry end to a season that started out gloriously with a win over these same Pirates. There were myriad reasons for the loss. For one of the few times this year Cass City was decisively beaten on the boards, 31-23.

Cass City's rebounders had to be at top strength to counter the 2 big Wruples, Matt, 6-6, and Nathan, 6-4, and Todd Wehner, 6-3. Craig Emmert hurt his ankle in pregame practice and it appeared to be at least a mental hazard during much of the first half.

Coach Jeff Hartel said that the team played nervous and uptight. The effort by the kids was there, the execution was not. We need to play better defense without fouling. Despite the poor shooting, the Hawks were still within shouting distance until the end. With 1:09 left to the play, Harbor Beach was in front, 57-52.

But playing catch up against the Pirates is a difficult proposition, at least it was Thursday. In the critical last quarter Harbor Beach converted 14 of 16 tries from the charity circle and one of the misses was in the final seconds when the game had been decided.

Cass City, which all season had been a good outcourt shooting squad, was unable to hit a basket from 3-point land in the first 3 quarters and for the night was 4 of 19.

The team finally hit its stride in the last quarter as Andy Edwards and Heath Zawilinski both notched a pair of treys and the Hawks chalked up 28 points. That came within a point of matching the total output of the team in the first 3 periods. But it came too late as the Beachers stayed comfortably ahead with their great free throw shooting.

The game was actually decided in the third period when the Beachers outscored Cass City 17-10 to take a lead they never lost.

While a nucleus of a fine team will be returning next year, there are 5 seniors who will be missed next season.

They include tri-captains Tim Micklash, Josh Brinkman and Chad Lenhard, Andy Edwards and Ryan Brinkman.

Hartel said that he would like to thank the fans for their fine support during the season.

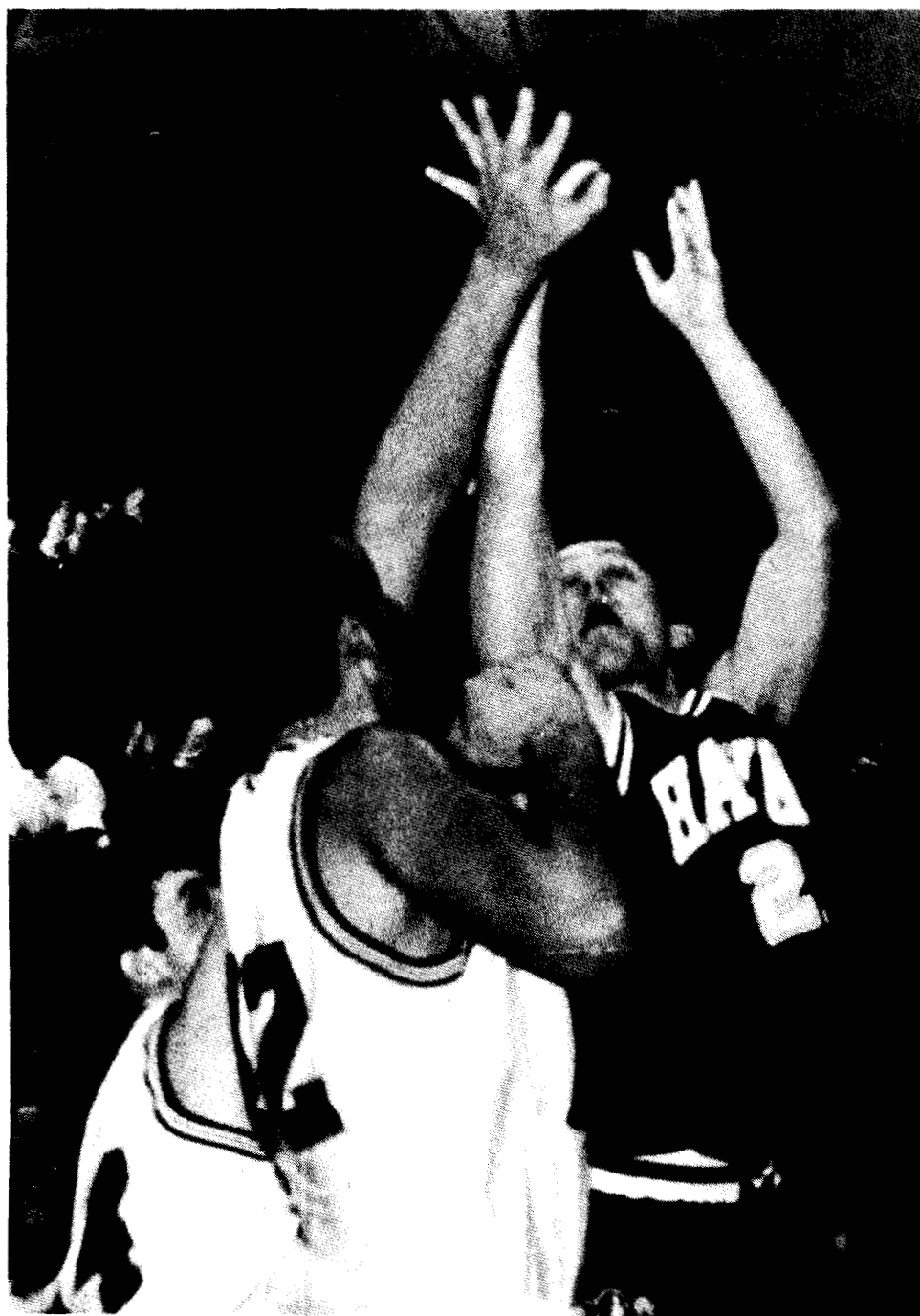
Cass City converted more 2-point baskets than Harbor Beach, 18 to 17, and had the advantage in treys, 4 to 2, but Harbor Beach's big advantage from the free throw line, 23 of 29, to Cass City's 9 of 13 was the difference.

Edwards led the Hawks with 17 points and Zawilinski was in double figures with 10. Harbor Beach had 3 players in double digits: Todd Wehner, 19; John Zang-Bodis, 18, and Erik Krueger, 10.

## Applications available

Applications for the Cass City Early Childhood Program (also known as the 4-year-old program) will be available at all Cass City Public Schools beginning April 1.

Applications must be returned by June 1, and all applicants should be notified by Aug. 14.



CHAD LENHARD puts up a shot during the Hawks' Class C district action Thursday against Harbor Beach. Lenhard scored 6 points during the 63-57 loss.

# Sophomores advance to state finals

For the first time in Cass City Red Hawk wrestling history, sophomores advanced to the state wrestling finals and Cass City had 2 of them, Roy Davis and Adam Dorland.

Wrestling Friday and Saturday at Western Michigan University, Davis finished fifth in the state at 103 pounds in division IV.

Davis won both Friday matches by pins to advance to Saturday's semi-finals. Davis lost to John Lopez of Shelby, 21-6, who finished

2nd, and then to Gabe Ewers of Cassopolis, 16-11. Ewers finished third.

Davis then pinned his final opponent to place fifth in the state. For the season he posted a 46-6 record.

The other Hawk at the finals was Adam Dorland, who was decided in both of his matches, 13-6 and 4-2, and did not place. He gained valuable experience, Coach Don Markel said, for next year. He finished with an outstanding season's record of 40-15.



State wrestling finalists Adam Dorland (left) and Roy Davis.

## Round-up set April 7

Spring kindergarten round-up for parents only has been scheduled at Cass City schools.

At Campbell the meeting is April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Campbell gym.

At Deford the meeting is April 7 at 1 p.m. at the Deford gym.

Parents need their child's birth certificate and immuni-

zation record. Birth certificates are available at the county clerk's office in the county where the child was born.

Applications for the 4-year-old program will be available April 1 at both elementary school offices.

Parents unable to attend are asked to call 872-2158 for an appointment.

# Young Bulldogs come up short in regional play

The Owen-Gage volleyball team came up just short Saturday in their attempt to return to the Class D regional at Bay City All Saints. With the win, Wesleyan, 21-

16-5, advances into tonight's (Tuesday) quarterfinals at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest. Owen-Gage completes their season with a 29-5-2 mark that includes a North Central Thumb League crown.

"We came out in this game (the finals) with rubber legs," said Coach Judy Campbell. "Our minds wanted to win, but our bodies were tired."

The Bulldogs reached the finals by eliminating hosts All Saints in a grueling 3-game match.

Following an opening game loss, 13-15, the Bulldogs roared into the finals with wins of 16-14 and 15-12.

Coach Campbell's spikers fought off 3 match points during the middle game, after losing an early 8-point lead. The Bulldogs rallied for the game's final 5 points to record the 16-14 win.

"We had 100 attacks compared to 79 for Bay City," noted a pleased Campbell. Campbell felt the comeback win was her team's best of the season.

"We moved well and probably played the best match of the season."

The Bulldogs served and attacked at 90% against their Greater Thumb West Conference foe.

In the finals, North Branch turned back the defending champions by the scores of 14-16, 15-13 and 15-6.

Wesleyan reached the finals with easy wins of 15-3 and 15-4 over Burton Valley.

"North Branch had an easy warm-up match, so they

were fresh in the finals. It really showed in the stretch," said Campbell.

Owen-Gage charged back from a 12-3 deficit in game one with the Broncos behind the serving of senior Melissa Vargo. Vargo served for 8 points during a 12-1 run that sealed the win. In her final appearance, the 4-year performer had 17 kills and 34 digs.

In the middle game, North Branch came from 5 points back to register a 15-13 win. In the deciding game, the Broncos jumped out in front 10-2 and were never seriously challenged.

"We're very proud of our young team to go this far and do so well," added Campbell.

Freshman Erin Salcido recorded scoring honors for Owen-Gage on the day with 19 points. Salcido also chipped in with 15 kills, 33 digs and 7 assists.

Tonya Smith, the team's other senior class member, posted 15 points, 20 kills, and 37 digs.



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Brentwood	21
Gemini Plastics	19
New England Life	19
Wickes	19
R & H Body Shop	16
Cass City Sports	15
Independent Bank	9

Team High Actual Series and Game: Charmont 3163 (1142).

Individual High Series and Games: M. Jackson 737 (256-247-234), R. Salcido 690 (252-231), M. Lutz 677 (256-227), L. Morgan 657 (247-234), D. Roth 649 (219-215-215), C. Anthes 597 (229), J. Lefler 594 (254), R. Hull 590 (220), W. Guinther 589 (211), D. Englehardt 589, V. Trisch 585 (257), D. O'Dell 581

(220), M. Gettel 575, C. Zimmerman 566 (214), B. Rutkoski 562, C. Kelley 561, R. Witherspoon 557, B. Kingsland 555 (210), P. Voss 555, T. Pattengill 554 (226), R. Roberts 554 (212), J. Krol 217, D. Wallace 215, P. Martin 210.

## THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE

Golden Oldies	30
K R E W	29
Alley Cats	23
Dee's M.P. Rockets	20
S T A R	16

High Team Series: Dee's M.P. Rockets 1579.  
High Team Game: Golden Oldies 562.  
High Individual Series & Games: W. Skakle 487 (178), D. Mathewson 476 (162), L. Wolak 465 (168), V. Bilicki 170, S. Kohl 164.

N. Rabideau 161, M. Veldman 155, M. Opanasenko 152.

## MERCHANETTE LEAGUE March 12, 1998

Hills & Dales	8
Health Mart Pills	8
Detroit Edison	8
J.B.'s Crew	7
All Season Rental	6
Thumb Auto Wash	5
Silver Birch Kennel	3
Caro Chiropractic	3

500 Series: S. Hutchinson 516, J. LaRoche 511, D. Potrykus 511.  
200 Games: J. LaRoche 215, C. Brown 212, R. Mallory 201, D. Zdrojewski 200.  
High Actual Team Series & Game: Caro Chiropractic 1859 (647).

## THURSDAY NITE TRIO March 12

Pioneer Seeds	13
Babich Farms	12
Thumb Auto Wash	11
General Cable	9
Hyatt Farms Two	9
Hyatt Farms One	9
Marlette Oil & Gas	8
N E I C	8
Schmaltz Construction	5
Martin Electric	5
Mycogen Plant Sciences	4
Robin King Builders	3

High Team Series & Game: Pioneer Seeds 1907 (686).  
High Individual Series & Games: K. Pichla 677 (234-210-233), D. Beecher 653

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(226-221), D. Heleski 659 (244-223), R. Pringle 649 (234-236), G. Smith 640 (232), S. Osentoski 629 (212), E. Schmaltz 628 (254), D. Roth 611 (237-216), W. Laming 593 (212), T. Betzold 588 (215), Doug O'Dell 584 (236), J. Baker 578, E. Champagne 578 (234), R. Doerr 222, T. Babich 212.

## CHARMONT LADIES

Wild John's	23
Dott Manufacturing	21 1/2
Cable-ettes	18
Live Wires	17
Cass City Tire	16
Pizza Villa	14
Sister Act	14
Dee's M. P. Rockets	13
Team # 7	12
J.B.'s Crew	11 1/2

Team High Series & Game: Cable-ettes 3114 (1129).

Individual High Series: T. Middaugh 509, M. Treumner 504, J. Stevens 501, N. Davis 480, E. Romain 477, R. Copeland 469.  
Individual High Games: E. Romain 213, N. Davis 201, T. Middaugh 201, J. Stevens 186, R. Copeland 180, F. Witherspoon 178, M. Treumner 176, H. Perkins 171, B. Kilbourn 176, J. Merchant 161, D. Gibson 161, V. Patera 165, B. Betzold 163.

## FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES March 13

Easy 7	60
Gators	54
The Family	53
Grumblers	40
Rolling Thunder	36
Men of Steel	32
New Team	32
Bye	4

Men's High Series & Games: S. Hammett 725 (210, 257, 258), T. Potrykus 590 (214, 202).

Women's High Series & Games: S. Soldan 611 (192, 172, 247), D. Potrykus 555 (195), B. Watson 517 (200).  
High Team Series & Game: Gators 2332 (809).

# Alfalfa co-op meeting scheduled

The start-up board of the Michigan Alfalfa Processors' Cooperative (MAPCO) have assessed the interest in continuing to investigate the establishment of an alfalfa processing enterprise following a series of 6 meetings.

Over 300 Mid-Michigan farmers attended the meetings to learn about the feasibility study conducted by AgriTech, Columbus, Ohio, according to Harold Rouget.

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## EUCHRE CLUB

The Euchre Club met Saturday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker. High prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming, Mrs. Leonard Beulla and Ronnie Gracey. Frank Laming won the traveling prize.

The group had supper at Charmont.

The next party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming April 5.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Keyser and Mandy of Fenton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser.

Myron Wruble, Steve Peruski and Allen Farrelly spent Thursday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mrs. Fred Black of Sandusky was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Bobbie Allen and Allen Farrelly visited Cheryl Allen Friday.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser was a Thursday guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney spent the weekend with Kevin Sweeney at South Lyon and Sunday she met Mrs. Tom Collins and Sara at Metro Airport and took them to Lansing Sunday.

She was a Monday lunch guest of Annie McIntosh at Sterling Heights.

The Traveling Breakfast

Club met at Stephano's in Bad Axe Thursday morning. Auggie Rinn and Allen Farrelly were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Jim Hewitt attended the wild game dinner Saturday at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church.

Bryce and Betty Hagen were Saturday afternoon guests of Donelda and Ben Meske at Port Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rubey and Paul, Brian Sweeney, Roger Bouck, Morris Brown and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mrs. Clifford Jackson.

Allen Farrelly visited Cheryl Allen Tuesday afternoon.

## Helen M. "Hewitt" Schuette

Word has been received of the death of Helen M. "Hewitt" Schuette of Shelby Township, Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998.

Mrs. Schuette, a former Greenleaf Township resident was born in Cass City April 4, 1928.

She is survived by her husband, Werner T.; sons, Rick of Shelby Township, Bryan of Eastpoint, Rex of Sherborn, Mass., and Bruce of Shelby Township; 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a brother, John Hewitt, and her parents, Earl Hewitt and Eleanor "Moss" Hewitt.

A funeral service was held Feb. 25 at the Christian Memorial Center of Rochester Hills.

Michigan State University Extension agricultural agent for Tuscola County.

The study was funded by Project GREEN money from Michigan State University Agricultural Experiment Station and the Huron County Economic Development Corporation. The project is being coordinated out of the MSU Extension Project Office in Bad Axe.

Based on the interest expressed at the meetings in February, the board decided to move forward into the membership phase of the project. Interested producers are invited to attend a local meeting March 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the Brentwood in

Caro. Dave Russell of Caro and Stuart Bierlein of Vassar are the local representatives on the MAPCO board.

Additional questions will be addressed and a video will be shown that illustrates how 4,500 French producers have formed a cooperative to produce 32 different products from alfalfa.

The membership drive will be discussed and membership applications will be available. The money raised during the membership drive will be used towards the development of a business plan, assist with legal fees and other activities related with moving the project forward.

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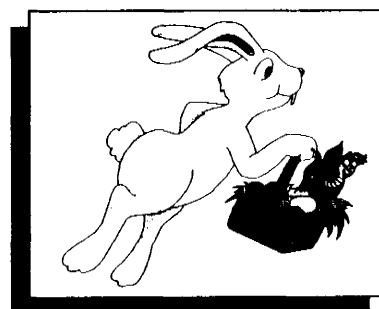
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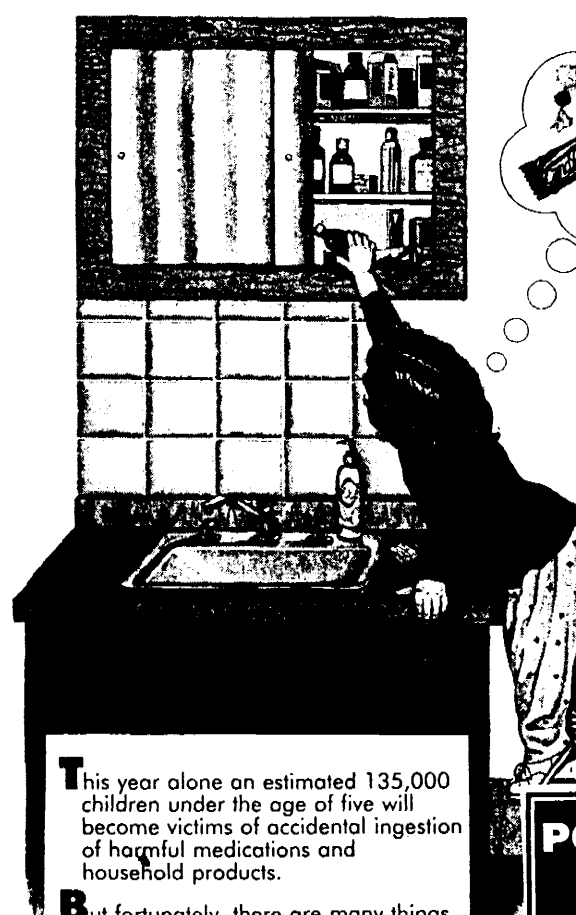
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### Wednesday, March 18

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

### Friday, March 20

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

### Saturday, March 21

Country Dancing on wooden floor at Sebewaing Sportsmen's club. Dance lessons, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., dancing, 8:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Spring Craft Show, Cass City VFW Hall, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch served by Cass City 8th grade and half of admission fee donated to 8th graders Washington, D.C., trip.

### Monday, March 23

Cass City Women's Club, 6 p.m., Charmont.  
Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.  
Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 24

Rotary, 12 noon, Charmont.

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## 4 appear in Tuscola County Circuit Court

The following people appeared Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court on various criminal charges:

• Victor P. Racosky, 26, North Branch, was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to second degree home invasion stemming from a Jan. 14 incident at 5944 Denhoff Rd., Kingston.

Racosky, who was re-manded to the custody of the sheriff's department, was also ordered to pay \$1,344.65 in restitution.

• Jenny L. West, 26, Cass City, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 120 days in the county jail (deferred) for her plea of no contest to resisting and obstructing a police officer Aug. 22 in Vassar.

West was ordered to write an apology to the officers involved, and pay \$400 in court costs and fines plus \$819 in attorneys fees, \$240

in oversight fees, \$150 in forensic fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

• Augusta L. Gronda, 23, Bay City, pleaded innocent to probation violation — failure to report to her supervising probation agent.

Bond was continued at \$5,000. A hearing is to be scheduled in the case.

• Louis Surles Jr., 41, Vassar, pleaded innocent to probation violation — failure to return to the county jail following work release.

Surles was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department and his bond was continued. A hearing is to be scheduled in the case.

## 3 face felony charges

Three people were recently arraigned on separate felony charges in Tuscola County District Court.

• Dennis L. Jones, 18, Caro, faces charges of first degree criminal sexual conduct and second degree criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between October 1996 and January 1997.

Bond in the case was set at \$50,000. A preliminary examination was scheduled for April 3 at 9 a.m.

• Kimberly S. Hess, 42, Millington, was arraigned on one charge of attempting to possess a controlled substance and 10 counts of possession of a controlled substance by fraud between October 1997 and March 1998.

Bond was set at \$25,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for March 26 at 8 a.m.

• Louis E. Neal, 63, Saginaw, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving while license was suspended or revoked, subsequent offense, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle March 3 in Reese.

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### Benjamin Benkelman

Benjamin Franklin Benkelman Jr., 98, died at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Tex., Sunday, March 8, 1998.

Born Nov. 17, 1899, on the JC Ranch in Jacqua, Kans., he was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Wilhemina "Minnie" Jesse Benkelman.

When he was 2, Benkelman's family returned to his father's hometown of Cass City, where his father was owner and operator of B. F. Benkelman Dry Goods and Grocery for nearly 20 years. Benkelman started to work for his father as soon as he was old enough to see over the counter.

A graduate of Cass City High School, he attended Kalamazoo College on a football scholarship, returning to Cass City to help his parents close their store. He studied dental technology at the Chicago Institute of Technology and managed the dental laboratories of Dr. D.E. Rawson and Dr. P.A. Schenck for 42 years. He married Avis Augusta Smith in 1926.

Benkelman served as village councilman for 11 years and as village president for 2 terms, and was active in community organizations. He was a member of the Cass City Gavel Club and a past master and life member of Tyler Lodge F&AM.

The Benkelmans retired to Florida in 1968. Mrs. Benkelman died Nov. 7, 1981. He moved to Houston, Tex., in 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie McLemore and her husband Tom of Houston; 3 granddaughters, and 4 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rawson Memorial Library or the Alzheimer's Association.

### Democrats to meet March 18

The Sanilac County Democratic party will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, March 18. The 7 p.m. meeting will be held at the Apple Tree Restaurant, 12 North Howard, Croswell.

### Franklin Hammerle

Franklin "Frank" Hammerle, 65, of Ubly, died March 15, 1998, at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe.

Born Nov. 20, 1932, in Ubly, he was the son of Martha (Helcwski) Hammerle and the late Walter Hammerle. He never married.

He attended Maurer Country School and worked on the family farm. He was a lifelong parishioner of Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Smith Corners.

Surviving are his mother, Martha Hammele of Ruth; 6 sisters, Mrs. Delores Talaski of Bad Axe, Mildred O'Parka and her husband Irvin of Ruth, Jeanette Danielski and her husband Leo of Ubly, Rose Bullock and her husband Jerry of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Elaine Varosi of Sandusky and Darlene Wilson of Cass City; 5 brothers, Harold Hammerle of Bull Head City, Ariz., Elwood Hammerle and his wife Marlene of Bad Axe, Kenneth Hammerle and Wayne Hammerle of Ruth and Gary Hammerle of Ubly; 33 nieces and nephews, and 46 great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ardis Wrubel, 3 nephews and a niece.

Mass of Christian burial was scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Smith Corners, with Rev. John Weis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly, was in charge of arrangements.

### Ali Jarman

Ali Jarman, 82, retired minister, died Thursday, March 5, 1998, in a Panama City, Fla., hospital.

A former minister of the Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, he had served for 62 years in churches in Michigan, Alaska, Georgia and Florida, and was on the Council of 70 at Johnson Bible College for several years.

Jarman had lived in Florida since 1954, moving there from Alaska.

Surviving are his wife, Marian, of Panama City, Fla.; a daughter, Mary J. McGee and her husband Devane of Springfield, Mo.; a son, James Owen Jarman and wife Susan of Evansville, Ind.; 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Walter Bruce Jarman.

Funeral services were held March 7 at the Christian Church of Panama City, Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to

the Ali Jarman Scholarship Fund of Johnson Bible College, 1814 St. Andrews Blvd., Panama City, FL 32405.

### Ervin Thompson

Ervin F. Thompson, 91, of Cass City, died Sunday, March 15, 1998, at Tendercare Nursing Facility after a long illness.

Born July 3, 1906, in Verona Township, he was the son of George and Minnie (Stone) Thompson.

Thompson retired from Ford Motor Co. after 40 years. He attended Cass City Missionary Church.

Surviving are: a son, Donald Thompson of Flint; a daughter, Donna (Richard) Ferris of Sandusky; a special friend, Florence Hazzard of Cass City; 6 grandchildren; a great-grandson; a sister-in-law, Edwinna Thompson, and 2 nephews. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Darlene Cortimilia, and 2 brothers, Gordon and Charles Thompson.

Funeral services were scheduled at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Rev. David Edwards of the Cass City Missionary Church officiating. Burial will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund or Cass City Missionary Church.

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Commencing at a point 460.00 feet South of the North 1/4 Corner of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, thence West 165.00 feet, thence South 99.00 feet, thence East 165.00 feet, thence North 99.00 feet to the point of beginning in part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33 Town 14, Range 11 East, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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Commencing at a point 328 feet West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4, thence West 200.00 feet, thence North 20 rods, thence East 200.00 feet, thence South 20 rods to the point of beginning, Elkland Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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Parcel 1 - Commencing 40 rods North of the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East, thence North 24 rods, thence East 60 rods, thence North 16 rods, thence East to the railroad right of way, thence South 40 rods, thence West to the point of beginning, Excepting all of the oil, gas and other minerals and mineral rights in and under subject land with the perpetual right of ingress and egress to and from subject land as set forth in Liber 251 of Deeds, page 251.

Parcel 2 - Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 14 North, Range 11 East thence East 60 rods, thence South 16 rods, thence West 60 rods, thence North 16 rods to the point of beginning.

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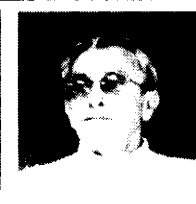
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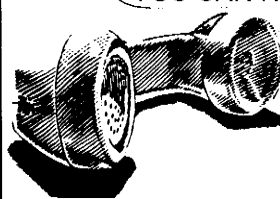
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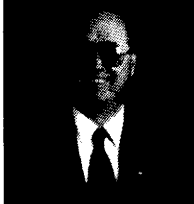
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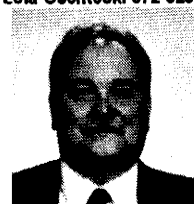
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THE STAFF AT Cheryl's Nails and Tanning Salon is composed of (from left) Christy Garrick, Cheryl Osentoski and Melanie Nicholas.

## Osentoski pleased with reception given business

Business is booming at Cass City's newest hair and nail care salon. Cheryl Osentoski, owner of Cheryl's Nails and Tanning Salon, 6529 Main St., says she's been pleased with the response since she opened for business early this year. "The customers so far have loved it," she said. "We've

had a lot of compliments. "It's the customers that make the difference, and we've got a lot of good customers. I can't complain a bit." Osentoski, an experienced nail technician, offers a full service salon. Working along with her are Melanie Nicholas, a licensed cosmetologist

with 10 years experience, and Christy Garrick, a licensed cosmetologist and nail technician.

All 3 women are graduates of Visions School of Cosmetology, Bad Axe.

The business, which retails hair care, nail and tanning supplies, provides customers with all of their hair care needs as well as nail art, including air brushing, all in a smoke-free environment.

In addition, customers will find 2 new tanning beds at the salon, including one with a facial lamp.

The business' hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Appointments may be made by calling 872-4380.



TEACHER JEANIE McGee offers some advice to students participating in Friday's multi-age project at Campbell Elementary School.

## "One-room" school returns

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curriculum outcomes.

### PLANNING

Miklovic said a great deal of time and preparation have gone into setting up multi-age classrooms at Campbell Elementary, and he lauded the efforts of the teaching staff.

"Our teachers really prepared," he said. "For the past 3 years, the teachers who will be involved in multi-age have been researching this type of educational program, visiting schools who have been successful in implementing multi-age, and attending workshops and conferences to learn more about the topic."

In addition, Miklovic said, Cheryl Fox, a Michigan Department of Education expert on multi-age teaching, has visited Campbell on 2 occasions to help the teachers begin to prepare for the 1998-99 school year.

School officials are optimistic about the future of multi-age classrooms, and the results being seen by other educators.

"What impressed me the most is the schools that are successful with multi-age find their discipline problems virtually disappear compared to what they had before," Miklovic said.

And there's more, according to Fox, who says multi-age classrooms are seeing as much as 30-point gains in Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores statewide.

Miklovic said parents will be hearing more about the multi-age classroom option in the months ahead.

"Parents will be invited to meetings later this year to hear more about, and become better informed regarding the multi-age offerings."

## O-G Boosters Club forming

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school district over a period of some 20 years. From field trips to scholarships to school equipment and supplies, the group was always there when district finances were tight.

In recent years, however, the organization's fund raising efforts were hit hard by new state laws prohibiting smoking on school property. The new law virtually killed activities such as bingo, perhaps the group's most profitable fund raiser.

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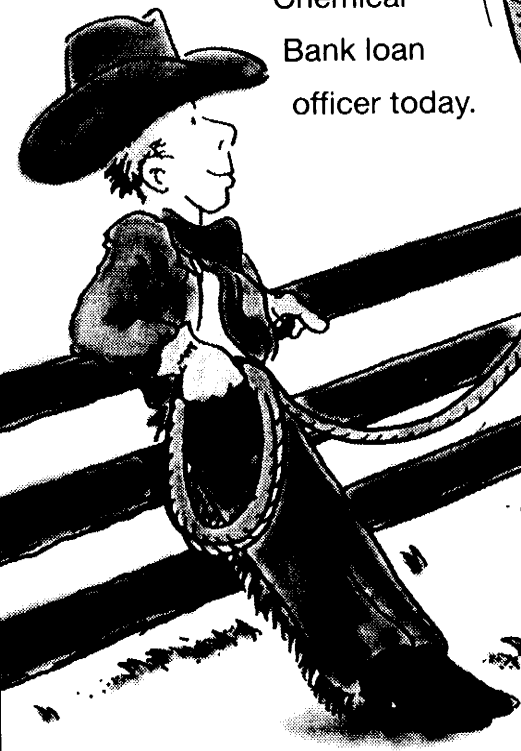
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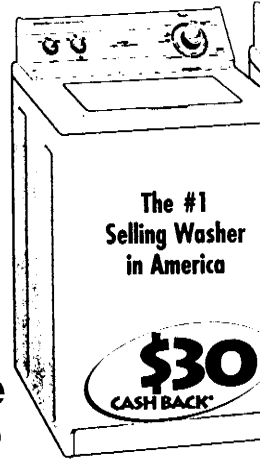
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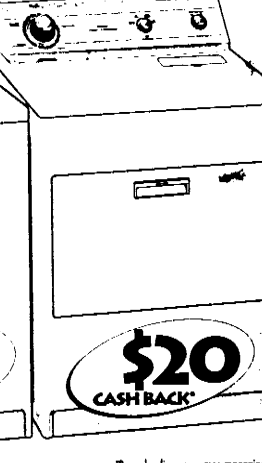
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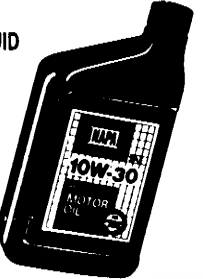
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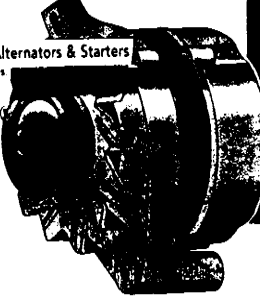
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