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Protest may bring road work switch

Only a dispute over paving in Hills and Dales Subdivision hindered the quick agreement of provisions in the Cass City village budget for 1999 presented in a workshop meeting Monday at the village offices. The official budget will be presented Monday prior to the regular meeting.

The budget as presented called for paving Dale Street from Hill to Hunt Street at an estimated cost of \$47,000.

Trustee Matt Prieskorn said that he didn't believe that the residents in the subdivision should dictate the village's street program. He was referring to a petition received at an earlier meeting in which residents in the subdivision presented a petition signed by all home owners requesting that no curb and gutter be erected on their streets.

Councilman Mike Weaver said that unless there was an acute drainage problem, he would never vote for curb and gutter when property owners were unanimously against it.

Village Manager Jane Downing reported that there were new techniques used in other areas for drainage without curb and gutter. She said that it could possibly be used in Hills and Dales because the slope of the land made it easier to drain.

It was noted by President Lambert Althaver and Councilman Leslie Karr that the "gentlemen's agreement" with the former owners when the property was purchased for no curb and gutter work unless demanded should be honored if possible.

The controversy may cause a switch in the road resurfacing schedule. The budget presented calls for Dale Street from Hill to Hunt Street to be paved in 1999 at an estimated cost of \$47,000.

Five years down the road, Scotty McCullough Drive from Main to Church was budgeted for completion at an estimated cost of \$63,000.

Curb and gutter and drainage of this street have been

completed Under consideration is a switch of the Dale Street project to the year 2003 and the Scotty McCullough Drive project to next year.

Other street repaving plans were noted and are expected to be approved at Monday's budget hearing. Roads to be resurfaced next year and their estimated cost are: Doerr Road, Garfield to Main, \$24,000; Garfield Avenue, Vulcan to Doerr, \$16,800; West Street, Church to Huron, \$3,700; Leach Street, Pine to Main, \$3,500, and Woodland Avenue, Third to Garfield, \$10,000.

Other major items in the budget expected to be quickly approved include repairs to the municipal building heating system and work on the walls of the building for an estimated \$11,000.

The park pool bottom and siding repair is expected to cost \$45,000 and 2 items for the department of public works, truck bucket repair and laser survey equipment, will take some \$39,500.

The wastewater treatment plant is ticketed for computer laboratory equipment, plant furniture and a window replacement for \$27,500.

\$30,000 raised

United fund exceeds reduced goal

The Cass City United Way closed the books on another successful campaign last week and this year \$30,000 was raised to help area programs, Kirk Winter, president, reported.

A more modest goal of \$25,000 was set this year, well under the \$46,000 that was collected in the 1997-98 campaign.

The reason for the reduction, the first in 17 years, is the loss of jobs at Walbro Corporation, whose employ-



SANTA'S WORKSHOP, held Tuesday and Wednesday at the Cass City Middle School, provided seed money for 8th grade students planning a trip to Washington, D. C. The novelty items in the workshop and the baked goods donated netted the class \$1,459.79. It is expected that the trip cost will exceed \$500 for each participant. Jessup Hoyt, a sixth grade student, is buying a ticket for admission into Santa's Workshop, where he can use the ticket to buy from the amply stocked shelves.

ees in the past have been generous contributors to the fund.

Despite the financial hardship in the reduction in the work force at Walbro, the money collected this year exceeds the collections 4 years ago, which totaled \$29,000.

The money goes to help a variety of worthy causes, where some 85 percent of collections stay in the community. Donations are also made to the Tuscola County

United Way. Organizations and community events, a total of 22 of them, are scheduled to be given a helping hand with this year's collections.

Among them are Cass City Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Cass City and Mid-Thumb Girl Scouts, Cass City Pony and Little Leagues, Cass City girls' softball and Cass City American Youth Soccer Organization.

Several American Association of University Women's projects will benefit. They include Reading Is Funda-

mental, math, science and youth programs. Funds are earmarked for village of Cass City, Hills and Dales Hospital and Rawson Memorial Library.

Events supported include the annual community Thanksgiving dinner, Village Bach Festival, July 4 Festival and Tom Thumb Community Choir. Also helped will be Cass City Rotary's Christmas for Kids, Cass City co-op pre-school, Cass City Schools Close-Up program and Thumb Compassionate Friends.

O-G employees protest Thies' censure letters

Several community members from the Owen-Gage school district attended Monday's board of education meeting in Owendale to voice concerns over letters reprimanding 3 employees of the district.

Included among the troubled in attendance was teacher Sandy Parks.

"I am here in support of Dean, Diane and Cindy," said Parks, who contends that the school is becoming "not a nice, happy place."

Parks maintains that small incidents at the school are snowballing into huge problems.

Coming under direct criticism at the 2 1/2-hour gathering was school Supt. Manuel Thies, who wrote letters of insubordination to teachers Diane Warack and Dean Roller and school secretary Cindy Mellendorf.

"When I see Mr. Thies in the hall, I am thinking, 'Who's in trouble now?'" lamented Parks.

Warack, who serves as a junior class advisor, has received 2 correspondences for her handling of the class's concession stands that she supervises during home sporting events.

Supt. Thies asserts that Warack didn't fulfill her duties, for which she receives payment, as overseer of the concession stands that are run by the junior class.

Thies accused Warack of failing to return a table, used at the concession stand, back to the high school following the Bulldogs' last home football game as requested.

The superintendent wrote a second letter of reprimand when Warack failed to complete the cleanup after Tuesday's boys' basketball opening game. Thies was disappointed that a bag of garbage was found in the school's cafeteria after the event.

In his letter, Thies conveyed to Warack she had a deadline to remove the trash, and if

not done, he would get someone to do it and that the cost would be deducted from her salary. Further, Thies said he was trying to make a point when he had a bag of garbage delivered to Warack's classroom.

Gagetown resident Julie Perry, Warack's daughter, charged the actions by Thies lacked professionalism.

Trustee Jeff Faist told Thies that Warack shouldn't have been publicly humiliated and called for an apology by Thies. The board then voted to remove the letters from Warack's permanent file.

"People are not talking to people because they are worried about what's going to get back to the superintendent. New teachers don't have tenure and are afraid to come (forward)," said Parks. Parks also made references to letters received by Roller and Mellendorf.

Roller received a censure letter after he missed a day of school but attended driver education classes later in the same afternoon.

Roller, who is recovering from knee surgery, missed classes on the specific day but thought he could still instruct driver's education. Mellendorf received her letter of reprimand after she took a sick day and missed an in-service day to go deer hunting. Thies said the nature of his letter was that of clarification and that aides and secretaries should be at work, as staff members are, on professional days.

As the meeting turned towards a disciplinary meeting against Thies, he called for an executive session, which lasted slightly over 40 minutes.

Upon returning from the executive session, the board reversed its earlier decision and voted to keep the letters received by Warack in her permanent file.

The board also agreed in executive session to settle a grievance filed by Karen

Schuette during the 1997-98 school year. The board voted to close the case by paying Schuette \$5,000.

Parks added, "(We) could file grievances, but we don't want paperwork, we want solutions."

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

The board heard reports from principals William Britt and Thomas Wade.

Wade, the Jr./Sr. High School principal, reported 2 new computers and printers have been purchased under At Risk Funding for the math and social studies classes.

Further, Wade reported that Don Starks was hired as band teacher for both the elementary and high schools, that an informational meeting held Thursday evening was well attended and that there is interest in forming a Band Booster Club.

Britt, elementary principal, told the board that Owen-Gage Elementary School recently completed its first "Family Enrichment Program", which focused on topics on praise, behavior management, self-esteem, drug use, and improving child/parent relationships.

Both principals named their "Focus Students of the Month" based on cooperative, collaborative workers. The winners, in order, from kindergarten through 12th grade are: Alexandria Otulakowski, Nicholas Zaleski, Mitchell Adkins, Ashley Devitt, Joshua McLaren, Whitney Brown, Kayla Zaleski, Stephanie Dorsch, Don Horiski, Rebecca Hartman, Ryan Fritz, Cassie Vargo and Cara Bickel.

The board also was informed that a Goals 2000 mini grant of \$721 will go toward putting a 1990 school bus back in service. Thies said that a motor from a 1987 bus was to be put into a 1990

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Christmas tree farms—a family business



A FAMILIAR SIGHT during the Christmas tree selling season at Lubaczewski Tree Farm is this group of family and a family friend. From left: Ernie Auernhamer, Nick Lubaczewski, Ted Lubaczewski and Larry Millazo.

Growing trees a part-time job that requires year-round attention

The competition between artificial and real Christmas trees isn't much of a problem for 2 area growers who retail the trees from their tree farms in the area.

It's not that customers aren't lost from time to time to home owners who switch to the artificials, say both Bob Sims, Hidden Hollows, 7692 Rossman Road, Kingston, and Ted Lubaczewski, of Lubaczewski Tree Farms, 2 1/4 miles north of Cass City Road on Green Road.

What keeps the business thriving, the operators are quick to point out, is that many persons who have switched to artificials switch back after a year or so to real trees because they long for the sight and the smell that real trees add to the joy of the season.

There may be as many as 50 percent of the residential customers who have artificial trees, Lubaczewski estimates, but that hasn't

stopped us from selling about all that we produce.

Tree farming at the Lubaczewskis is a family affair. It was started by the late Walt Lubaczewski and his son, Ted, has been connected with the business for 28 years.

While tree farming is a part time job, it does consume many of the weekends for the owner. Each year about 1,000 new trees are planted. Of these many are used for nursery stock, and losses to deer and the weather over the 9 years or so it takes to bring the trees to market cut the total to about 400 each year.

The farm offers blue, white and Norway spruce and Scotch pine that are grown on 17 acres.

Most of our customers like to browse the selection that is cut fresh every week, Lubaczewski points out, but we will cut a tree if the customer wants one from the plantation.

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AT HIDDEN HOLLOWES Christmas tree retailing is a family affair. Helping out are Angie and Wendy Sims, children of (pictured) Bob and Kaye Sims.



Cindy and Brent Bowen

Bowen-Peyerk wed in Hawaiian ceremony

Cindy Lynn Peyerk and Brent Thomas Bowen, both of Grand Rapids, were married May 16, at The Westin Gardens, Maui, Hawaii.

Parents of the couple are James and Janis Peyerk of Cass City, and Thomas and Jackie Bowen of Saranac.

Pastor Robert McCollor of Keolahou Congregational Church, Kihai, Maui, officiated. Organist/soloist was Nuida Vanderker, also of Keolahou Congregational Church.

The bride wore a satin A-line gown. It featured a removable jacket with accents matching those of the gown.

The bride chose a bouquet of white lilies, calla lilies, stargazer lilies, snapdragons, brovium orchids and myrtle greens.

A reception honoring the bride and groom was held at the Thomas Bowen residence.

The bride is a graduate of Uby High School and Ferris State University. She is employed as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist at Spectrum Health-Downtown Campus and Grand Valley Cardiology, Grand Rapids.

The groom is a graduate of Saranac High School and Ferris State University. He is employed as a project manager with Midwest Cleanroom Associates, Grand Rapids.

After a 10-day honeymoon in Maui, the couple is residing in Grand Rapids.

Lutheran ladies aid donates to projects

Twenty-one were present when the Ladies Aid of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church met Monday, Dec. 7, for a Christmas potluck dinner and meeting. The meeting was opened by Adeline Butler with a reading entitled "The Senses of Christmas." The group decided to send a \$25 Christmas gift to each of the following mission projects: Project Compassion, Lutheran Braille Workers, Lutheran Special Education Ministries, Positive Alternatives of Caro, Lutheran Bible Translators, Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots, Bethesda Lutheran Home and missionaries Merilee Krucker and her husband.

It was reported that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Thumb Zone is planning a retreat with the Franconian Zone Feb. 19-20 at the Bavarian Motor Lodge in Frankenmuth. Pastor Galen Grulke, former district pastoral counselor, will be the featured speaker.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

The meeting was closed with a reading about the hymn Silent Night led by Adeline Butler and Donna Schuette. Adeline Butler, Ada Hutchinson and Donna Schuette were hostesses for the evening.

Services set for Lutherans

Special worship services are slated for the next 2 weeks at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. A Christmas cantata, "The King in the Stable," will be presented by the junior and senior choirs Sunday, Dec. 20, at 9:30 a.m.

The children's Christmas program, "Jesus Lights the Way," is set for 7 p.m., also Dec. 20.

The Christmas Eve service will be at 7:30 p.m. and the Christmas Day service at 9:30 a.m.

A special service is planned for New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m.

The community is invited to attend any of these special services during the Christmas season.

Sing-Along set at library Monday

The public is invited to enhance their enjoyment of the holiday season by joining Don Greenleaf for a community concert and Christmas Sing-Along Monday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Pinney Room at Rawson Memorial Library.

Cathy Sullivan will lead singing. The program will feature old favorites as well as requests from the audience. Everyone is invited to this event, co-sponsored by the Cass City Historical Society and the library. There will be refreshments following the singing.

So that no one misses this special occasion, anyone who would like to attend but doesn't drive at night is asked to call the library by noon Dec. 21, and arrangements will be made to provide transportation.

The Hammond organ is a recent addition to the library. It was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rayl, and will be used for the first time at the sing-along.

Cass City Social Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

Stan and Melva Guinther spent from Wednesday until Sunday with their daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Andy Welter, in West Carrollton, Ohio.

Frank and Karen Schoonover of Harsens Island visited their aunt, Marion McClorey, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 8.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 9:00 a.m., on the day of the meal, by calling Clara Gaffney, 872-2875.

DEC. 21-22-25

Monday - Oven fried chicken, roasted potatoes, lima beans, French bread, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday - Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, tomato wedges, variety bread, apple pie.

Friday - Closed for Christmas.

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Meg's Peg

Computer 101

by Melva E. Guinther

Did you see the Frank and Ernest cartoon in which Frank says, "TV may insult your intelligence, but it takes a computer to rub it in?"

In case a computer is on your Christmas list, here are some basic instructions you'll probably need. They were sent by our daughter, a computer engineer.

How To Install Software - a 12-Step Program

1. Examine the software packaging until you find a little printed box that explains what kind of computer system you need to run the software. It should look something like this: SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: 2386 PROCESSOR OR HIGHER. 628.0 MEGAHERTZ MODEM. 719.7 MB FREE DISK SPACE. 3546 MB RAM. 432323 MB ROM. 05948737 MB RPM. ANTILOCK BRAKES SYSTEM. 2 TURTLE DOVES.

Note: This software will not work on your computer.

2. Open the software packaging and remove the manual. This will contain detailed instructions on installing, operating and troubleshooting the software. Throw it away.

3. Find the actual software, which should be in the form of either a 3.5-inch floppy disk or a CD-ROM, located inside a sealed envelope that says:

LICENSING AGREEMENT: By breaking this seal, the user hereinafter agrees to abide by all the terms and conditions of the following agreement that nobody ever reads, as well as the Geneva Convention and the U.N. Charter and the secret code of the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks and such other terms and conditions, real and imaginary, as the software company shall deem necessary and appropriate, including the right to come to the user's home and examine the user's hard drive, as well as the user's underwear drawer if we feel like it, take it or leave it, until death do us part, one nation indivisible, by the dawn's early light... finders keepers, losers weepers, thanks you've been a great crowd, and don't forget to tip your servers.

4. Hand the software to a child aged 3-12 and say, "(Name of child), please install this on my computer."
5. If you have no child age 3-12, insert the software in the appropriate drive, type "SETUP" and press the Enter key.
6. Turn the computer ON, you idiot.
7. Once again type "SETUP" and press the Enter key.
8. You will hear grinding and whirring noises for a while, after which the following message should appear on your screen: The Installation Program will now examine your system to see what would be the best way to render it inoperable. Is it OK with you? Choose one (and be honest): YES SURE
9. After you make your selection, you will hear grinding and whirring for a very long time while the installation program does who knows what in there. Some installation programs actually alter molecular structures, so that when they're done, your computer has been transformed into an entirely new device, such as a food processor. At the very least, the installation program will create many new directories, sub-directories, sub-sub-directories, on your hard drive and fill them with thousands of mysterious files with names like "puree.exe," "fester.dat" and "doo.wha."
10. When the installation program is finished, your screen should display the following message: Congratulations, the installation program cannot think of anything else to do to your computer and has grown bored. You may now attempt to run your software. If you experience any problems, electrical shocks, insomnia, shortness of breath, nasal discharge or intestinal parasites, you should immediately *!@!\$#@&6)!/\$#@^

11. At this point your computer system should become less functional than the federal government, refusing to respond even when struck with furniture.
12. Call the toll-free Technical Support Hotline number listed on the package and wait for a representative, who will explain to you in a clear, step-by-step manner how to adopt a child aged 3-12.

Engaged



Jhane Rebibes and Ed Hewitt

Clemen and Fermin Rebibes of Waialua, Hawaii, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jhane, to Ed John Hewitt, son of Amor West of Cass City and Lyle Richardson of Appleton, Wis.

An April wedding in Hawaii is planned.



Bud and Jeannette McDonald

McDonalds to celebrate 45th anniversary Dec. 26

Bud and Jeannette McDonald of Owendale will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary Dec. 26. Bud McDonald of Gageton and Jeannette Faust of Pigeon were married Dec. 26, 1953, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Linkville by Pastor E. Vetter. They are the children of the late Richard and Anita McDonald and Paul and Bertha Faust. The couple has lived in the Owendale area all of their married lives, except for the period that Bud served in the U.S. Air Force,

stationed in Texas and Korea. The couple had 6 children. Richard Paul, Kevin Scott and Angie Marie died within days of their birth. Their living children are Darren and his wife Martina and step-son Brandon of Marshall, Mark and his wife Carol, and daughters, Katie and Becky of Grand Rapids, and Dena Lynn of Berkley. Bud is semi-retired, but still works at Ordus Ford of Bad Axe. Jeannette retired in 1992 from the post office in Owendale.

Marriage licenses

John Allen Merchant Cass City, and Laura Lee Skinner, Frankenmuth.

David Clayton Allen, Deford, and Shannon Leah Fleming, Kingston.

Gary Michael Stoddard and Kay Lorraine Sulicki, both of Caro.

Gabriel Xavier Sanger and Cheryl Lynn Roach, both of Caro.

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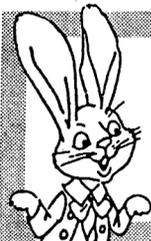
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

When Ben Franklin Store, Cass City, completes selling its stock in its going out of business sale, the word is that the building will not be empty long.

Negotiations are about complete for a small variety-store chain to open in the building. Stay tuned.

The steady increase in the cost of water and sewer service in the village will continue under the 5-year plan adopted a year ago. Projected hikes in fees for next year will be 10 percent per quarter for water and 5 percent for sewer.

That's less than the first year of the sharp price boosts when both sewer and water increased 10 percent. In 1999, folks who paid \$152.00 a quarter in 1998 will be paying \$161.79. The increases were mandated to bring the system up to a pay as you go status, including depreciation.

There's still time to get letters to Santa published (no charge), together with a wallet-sized picture. But hurry, the deadline is Friday, Dec. 18.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	41	24	0
Wednesday	47	32	0
Thursday	42	30	0
Friday	47	37	0
Saturday	49	25	0
Sunday	46	19	0
Monday	44	35	0

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 16

Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m., at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Dot and Joe Viger.

Thursday, December 17

Anyone going to the Fox Theatre should meet at St. Pancratius parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, December 18

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

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, December 19

Christmas Story Time for children age 4 and up, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Monday, December 21

Christmas Community Concert and Sing-Along, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7:30 p.m., municipal building.

Tuesday, December 22

Rotary Club, noon, Charmont.

Santa Letter

Dear Santa,

My name is Mitchell Langlois. I'm 5 1/2 years old. Mom and Dad said I couldn't ask for a dirt bike so I'll have to ask for other things like Rescue Heroes, a John Deere tractor and Legos. Please bring something for my brother Anthony and my sister Bethany. We will leave some goodies for you and your reindeer. Thank you!



Mitchell Langlois

Love,
Mitchell Langlois



CASS CITY resident Karen Haire and her 14-month-old son, Parker, were among several who donated toys and money Saturday during a Christmas for Kids drive at McDonald's restaurant. Seated are members of the Cass City Rotary Club, which sponsors the event, Mary Oesch (left) and Val Jamieson Hartel.

Charge pair with Gagetown Bar break-in

James E. Smith, 23, and Allen N. Zimmerman, 35, both of Gagetown, were charged Friday in district court in Caro with breaking and entering, larceny and conspiracy to commit larceny after they were arrested for breaking into the Gagetown Bar.

Gagetown Police Chief Ken Currey investigated and helped Michigan State Police compile evidence that led to the charges. If convicted of one or more of the charges, the pair face a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail.

Under consideration was an additional charge of safe breaking, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Currey asked for help from the State Police at Caro and the Thumb Narcotics Unit after he became suspicious of Smith and Zimmerman.

With search warrants, 2 Gagetown homes were searched and a shotgun stolen in a break-in in Huron County in November was found. Later a safe stolen from the Gagetown Bar on Dec. 4 was recovered.

It is anticipated that more criminal charges will be filed against Smith and Zimmerman by other law enforcement agencies.

Soybeans once used as ballast

Soybeans — they were first used as ballast in 1804 aboard a Yankee clipper ship bound for the United States. Today, the soybean is treated with a little more respect. Nearly 400,000 farmers grow soybeans and, at a record \$17.7 billion, it's the second most valuable cash crop after corn.

The Haire Net



There are 2 schools of thought in determining what is the proper use of our penal system. Jail them for retribution and society's safety or put them away only as long as necessary for rehabilitation.

Every once in a while a case comes along in which there is no right or wrong answer no matter how you look at it. Alfred Martin was sentenced to 10 years for selling \$10 worth of marijuana 25 years ago. The judge suspended all but a year of the sentence and Martin would probably have been released in about 3 months.

He was in a low security prison and walked away after 2 days.

Since that time he has been a good, productive citizen in Detroit, sending his kids to a private school and caring well for his family.

If he is extradited to Virginia, as it appears likely, he could be required to fill out the full 24 years of his sentence plus another 5 years for the escape.

Now if you believe that the purpose of jail time is to rehabilitate, then it's a no brainer. You leave him with his family and his job.

Yet the man did break the law and is it really right that he escape any penalty for doing so? What kind of message does that send to the next person to walk away from confinement?

See? There are no easy answers. There's probably not one reader who doesn't have sympathy for a man who has spent 25 years as a good citizen and is now threatened with jail for a relatively minor offense.

Martin was arrested when stopped for a minor traffic offense 2 years ago and the fugitive warrant discovered. Gov. John Engler refused to send Martin back to Virginia for 2 years until a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision ruled that governors cannot refuse valid extradition requests.

He signed the extradition papers, but Martin's attorney



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Christmas is loaded with memories. Most of us can recall a plethora of events and traditions that seem to go with Christmas.

I can't speak for others, but I remember a few things that probably never happened. That's the thing about traditions. They generally aren't as deeply-rooted as we'd like to believe.

Christmas is loaded with emotions, as well as memories, and folks should remember not to point it at themselves or anyone they don't plan to hurt. A recent newspaper article reminds us how stressful the holidays can be if we let our traditions get us down.

The author suggests a different approach to the holidays. He says we should concentrate on relationships and let other things take care of themselves. Rather than planning for the best Christmas ever, we should strive to survive.

Now wait a minute, before anyone yells "Grinch!" or sics Martha Stewart on me, let's take a closer look at what this man is saying. He suggests we remain flexible and remember some things won't happen the way we had planned.

My family is a good example of this. We try to keep things in perspective and respect everyone's tradition to be sure no one feels left out.

My wife's siblings, for example, always opened their presents on Christmas morning, whereas mine opened ours Christmas Eve. After we were married, Connie and I had to compromise.

Our kids woke up at 4:30 a.m. every Christmas morning for more than 20 years, while I laid in bed and groaned, "It's too early to open presents. Why can't we do this on Christmas Eve?!" (Some compromise, huh?)

Do I resent this deference to family tradition? Of course not.

Why do I keep bringing it

up? Never mind about that.

One year I convinced Connie and the kids we should be allowed to open presents on Christmas Eve. They said, "Fine, you can if you want to." That's when I realized, it only takes a few years to ruin your kids.

Then, we might consider my family's tradition of sending Christmas cards. I hate to get Christmas cards the first part of December. That's too early.

So I send mine closer to Christmas — before Christmas if possible. Some folks get theirs a little later.

If you didn't get a card from me last year, you'll just have to hold your braches on. It's probably stuck in the mail.

I feel the same way about Christmas letters. I don't really like them, but I always enjoy reading them.

I don't care whose kid graduated from medical school and who pulls his sailboat behind his Mercedes. They probably didn't catch any more fish than we did.

Last year I wrote a Christmas letter of my own, and I hated it. From what I can tell, folks who got them felt the same way.

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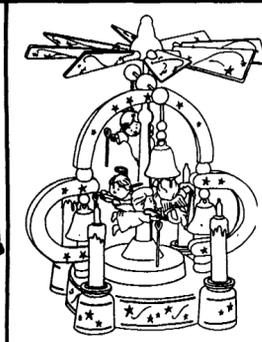
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- Smile at them. Answer their questions.
- Listen to them. Hold hands during a walk.
- Play with them. Listen to music with them.
- Read aloud together. Thank them.
- Be nice. Ask for their opinion.
- Be honest. Have fun together.
- Hug them. Make time to be with them.
- Surprise them. Talk openly with them.
- Trust them. Help them learn from mistakes.

Finally, and best of all, "love them." Have a wonderful holiday season together.

Questions can be sent to me at 4868 N. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726. Thank you!

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Health authority changes name

Tuscola County Community Mental Health Authority announces that it will change the name under which it does business, effective Thursday at 1:00 p.m. At that time, telephones at the Caro-based services agency will be answered by the new name "Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems" (TBHS).

The change comes about after planning sessions in September when a new mission statement was adopted to more accurately reflect the types of services offered. These include services not only for persons who are developmentally disabled and mentally ill, but also others for persons in need of substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

The concept of "behavioral health" is now generally accepted as an indicator of this mix of services. The word "systems" was added to emphasize that TBHS operates on several levels in today's competitive markets, and in several different functions at one time, all with the goal of providing quality service to consumers and the general public. The word "Tuscola" was, obviously retained to identify the main service area.

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems remains a Michigan Community Mental Health Authority serving Tuscola County and the Greater Thumb area. Its new logo, as described by Chief Executive Officer Robert E. Chadwick II, incorporates "some of the best features of our local geography, such as sunlight, trees and water. At the same

time, it suggests that our job is to help people find their way toward the light of understanding and acceptance."

A copy of the logo can be found in a display advertisement elsewhere in this issue. Chadwick further emphasized that only the name of the organization is being changed.

"Those who have come to rely on us for quality service can rest assured that we will continue our dedication to this principle. We have no intention of altering the trust that we have spent years building with our consumers and the citizens of Tuscola County."

For more information, contact Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems at (517) 673-6191 or 1-800-462-6814.

Scholarship for Sweeney

Marissa S. Sweeney will be a freshman at Northwood next fall and is recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic year.

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

Marissa will graduate from Cass City High School this spring and will work toward a business degree from Northwood University. She is the daughter of Harold Sweeney and Helen Salas, both of Cass City.

CHAPPEL'S CORNER

by Amanda Chappel



Entertaining and exciting their audiences is what the Cass City High School choir is all about. The high school choir, under the direction of Mrs. Connie Iwankovitsch, is going places this year...literally. Recently being added as a class offering, the choir class is traveling, fund raising, and best of all, singing.

At a student council leadership forum four years ago, many high school students asked that more classes in the music department be offered. Students who were hoping to attend college in the field of music wanted to gain more experience with their talents. After presenting the issue, the board members felt that it would be a great opportunity for students.

"It's great to have the opportunity to offer choir. There is a need for the arts," said Mrs. Marilyn Peters, school board trustee.

The 1998-99 choir has 44 members, including 53-year members. Senior Jessica Henderson is one of the 3-year vets. Jessica plays varsity volleyball and works at Big Boy in Bad Axe. Even though she is busy with choir, she still has time to work.

Jessica says, "My favorite part of choir is getting to perform for the people at Tendercare and for the kids in the schools. Our concerts are a lot of fun too. Choir is a fun class, but it's hard. A lot of kids come into it thinking that they can goof off and joke around, but you can't. You have to work hard. This year we only have 3 guys. We need more to sing next year."

Two-year member Kandie Hansen loves to sing. "I love the songs we sing. Singing every day helps me prepare for a career in the future," says Kandie.

A member of the 1997-98 choir, Melissa Homakie said, "Getting to sing every morning put me in a great mood the rest of the day. Sitting next to Andrea Rea was a blast too."

There have been many requests for the choir to sing at community events. The kids sing the national anthem at home wrestling, gymnastics, girls and boys basketball, and volleyball games and meets. They have entertained at the Chamber of Commerce dinner the past few years.

Many choir students will be auditioning for the school musical, "Grease," planned for this spring. They are hoping to be able to compete in the vocal solo ensemble next year. They also perform at Evening with the Arts at the high school, graduation and a spring concert.

"We appreciate all of the support from community and the students for making a successful choir," said Mrs. Connie Iwankovitsch.

If there are any groups interested in having them sing at a local event, call Mrs. Iwankovitsch at the high school.

Getting the opportunity to travel is a benefit of being a

choir student. Last spring students had the opportunity to see "The Wizard of Oz" at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. This spring they hope to attend a music clinic at Mackinac Island.

Fund raising helps defray the cost to travel for the students. Cassette tapes and CDs will be sold at the upcoming Christmas concert and a fund-raiser is in the making for this spring.

There will be a joint middle school and high school Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Secular and spiritual pieces will be performed.

"I hope everyone comes to the concert enjoys and it," said Jessica Henderson. In some pieces the audience will be invited to sing along. Liza Smith, Sara Sabo and Heather Waltz will be featured soloists in one song.

These Christmas tunes will get you jingling and jolly. This concert will be going on the road as well. They will be singing at Tendercare, the middle school and Campbell Elementary as well.

State testing new road anti-icer

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is preparing to test a new weapon that could be added to its arsenal against the annual onslaught of snow and ice. Ice Ban, a liquid anti-icer, prevents ice and snow from bonding to the road surface, allowing easier removal by MDOT snow plows.

"Our staff is always looking for ways to do their jobs more effectively, more efficiently and less costly," said State Transportation Director James DeSana. "That applies to winter maintenance as well as repairing roads. We have heard some very good things about the potential of these products."

Ice Ban is the concentrated residue that remains after processing agricultural products and distilling beer and wine. The nontoxic material is used regularly as an animal food additive. The liquid is mixed with magnesium chloride for roadway applications.

MDOT's Southwest Region will be using the product on US-31 near Niles this winter, while the Superior Region tries it out in Mackinac and Baraga counties. The US-31

The middle school choir, under the direction of Mrs. Michelle Anscomb, is in their first year in the music department. "Just being added, students are just now getting used to singing in 2 part harmony. We are trying 3 part harmony. The students are having a rough time now, but they will catch on soon," said Mrs. Anscomb.

There are 30 girls in the middle school choir and they are having a lot of fun so far. They are invited to sing at the Capitol next April. They sang at the Veterans Day service and they sing the National Anthem at junior high sporting events. The girls are very excited about the things that are happening.

Mrs. Anscomb said, "We are looking forward to the concert Dec. 20. We hope to get the hebebees out. They get so nervous."

Mr. Smigell has a classroom next door and gets to hear them practice. He says, "They sound great!"

Take his word for it. Please attend the concert and continue to support these young musicians.



THESE CASS CITY Middle School students received first place medals for their recent performances at the MSBOA solo/ensemble festival. They are (front l-r): Andy Veneziano, Gail Dyer, Amanda Frederick. Back row: (l-r) Allyson Bell, Deanna Newby, Megan Toner and Allison Emmert.



BROWNIE TROOP #633 members entertained an audience at Tendercare Wednesday night with skits and songs. They are (front l-r): Jennie Thorp, Cassandra Parker, Hayley Thorp, Jessica Proctor, Sarah Kelly, Elizabeth Michalski, Deidre Bowen. Back row: (l-r) Anna Deel, Adrianna Devine, Ashley Deel, Cassie Simpson, Ashley Hutchinson, Amanda Miller, Kim Proctor.

MSU bulletin helps to identify weeds

Early identification of weeds and more effective weed control will be easier with a new bulletin from Michigan State University Extension.

"Common Weed Seedlings of the North Central States" (NCR 607) is designed to help growers accurately identify weeds that can be troublesome to manage once they become established in the crop.

Jim Kells, MSU Extension agronomist and one of the bulletin authors, says failure to identify weed problems accurately may mean time wasted and money lost on excessive applications of herbicides.

"Because most weeds are most effectively controlled at a very young stage, it is important to identify them as early as possible," Kells says. "The guide is intended to help growers make the identification while time remains for efficient and effective control."

The publication contains several color photos of each of the 54 weed seedlings that are found in all or various parts of the North Central Region — Michigan, Ohio,

Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The bulletin costs \$2 per copy. It can be ordered from the MSU Bulletin Office, 10B Agriculture Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824-1039. Make check payable to

MSU. All international orders should be increased by 20 percent to cover postage, and handling. Visa and MasterCard are accepted — call 517-355-0240 or fax Halina Marek at 517-355-1804. Her e-mail is marekh@msue.msu.edu.

New books at the library

The Citadel and the Lamb (The Seekers vol. 3) by Ethel Herr. In the sixteenth century Holland revolts against the occupation and religious oppression of King Phillip II of Spain. Artist Pieter-Lucas van den Garde continues the dangerous mission of being a messenger for Willem van Oranje. In the middle of the war Pieter-Lucas' wife gives birth to their second child. To protect his family, Pieter-Lucas takes them to Leyden where he finds the only painter still there is Joris who is afraid to let anyone know he is an artist and Jew. The Spaniards lay siege to Leyden and the entire community fears for their lives.

When the Wind Blows by James Patterson. Frannie O'Neill, a young and talented veterinarian living in Colorado, is very upset by the mysterious murder of her husband, David, a local doctor. Frannie tries to forget her problems by getting more involved with her work, but it isn't long before another murder occurs and FBI agent Kit Harrison arrives in town. Then late one night Frannie meets a strange phenomenon named Max who helps her and Kit uncover one of the most diabolical and inhuman plots of modern science.

Santa & Pete by Christopher Moore and Pamela Johnson. Many years ago Santa Claus had an African partner named Pete. These 2 changed forever the way families celebrate Christmas. But over the years Pete has been forgotten. The story starts with a bus driver who takes his grandson along on Saturdays as he travels a historical route in New York City. The pair have many magical adventures which culminate on Christmas Eve when the bus gets stuck in a snowstorm. That's when the grandfather tells the story of Santa and Pete.

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Cass City hosting state's best debate teams Saturday

Some of Michigan's best debate teams will invade Cass City Saturday for a long day of competition in a meet pitting the top teams in the various leagues around the state.

The unique competition allows just the top 2 teams in any league to enter. Chad Daniels, debate coach, sees dozens of teams seeking top honors, including Portage Central, Detroit and Livonia.

Despite the competition, Daniels says Cass City should be one of the teams favored to win. The tournament is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. and should last well into the evening, Daniels predicts.

Representing Cass City will be Rose Hoelzle, Becky Oesch, Kristy Ryan, Brenda DuQuesnay and Manisha Raythatha.

Saturday the novice debate team competed in the state finals and was eliminated in the quarterfinals. We were in a tough flight, Daniels reported, and finished second in class B. The tourney was won by Holland, a large Class A school.

Debating on the novice squad for Cass City were Manisha and Anand Raythatha, Shaun Engler, Tanya Woidan, Chrystal Sattlegger and Erin Creason.

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Letter to the editor

Nature lover addresses council

Cass City Village Council:

I would like to protest spending money to destroy bird and animal habitat by clearing dead trees and brush from the woods back of the Cass City Recreation Park.

Over 40 species of birds nest in dead trees and brush provides cover for small animals and birds. These birds eat pounds of insects in a

year. The beauty of a woods is in the natural progression of life and death of plant life. Taking a machine into the woods to clear out the brush would also kill all the beautiful wild flowers growing there. This small plot of forest is the last anywhere around and I would like to see it remain natural.

From a nature and bird lover.

Dorothea Quick
Cass City

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Marlette receives \$650,000 grant

Governor John Engler announced recently that the Michigan Jobs Commission has approved a \$650,000 economic development infrastructure grant to the City of Marlette, Sanilac County. The grant will be used for the proposed Lear-Donnelly Infrastructure Project. The Michigan Renaissance Fund grant will be used for the reconstruction of a road including improvements to accommodate semi-truck traffic. The project is expected to result in the creation of 105 new, full-time jobs.

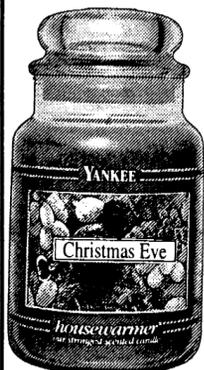
"By improving the quality of infrastructure, the City of Marlette will have the resources it needs to accommodate Lear-Donnelly Overhead Systems, L.L.C., as well as benefit from the new jobs created by this project," said Governor Engler.

Lear-Donnelly Overhead Systems, L.L.C., is a joint venture between the Lear Corporation and the Donnelly Corporation. The Marlette facility is one of 4 plants in the joint venture. The Marlette plant is engaged in the manufacturing of automotive interior trim parts. The primary product produced is sunvisors.

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Hawk cagers record 2nd win against Bad Axe Friday, 81-73

The Cass City Red Hawk basketball team chalked up its second win of the young season Friday at the expense of the Bad Axe Hatchets. The visitors never led, but challenged all the way before losing 81-73 in a game much closer than the final score indicated.

Tuesday Cass City was favored to extend its win streak at Ubyly and then will face the USA Patriots Friday in the first of pivotal challenges in the Greater Thumb West league.

The first home test was a game of surges. Cass City used balanced scoring to work the lead to 8 or 9 points only to have the Hatchets close the gap to tie or just miss tying the score throughout the game.

Each of the rallies was led by Joe Drossos and Josh Ruth with shots from the perimeter. They countered a fast start by Craig Emmert, who was a force inside with 3 hoops and 6 of 10 free throws in the first quarter. When the fireworks ended,

the score was knotted at the end of the period, 24-24.

It was anybody's game after a slow second quarter with Cass City in front 37-34 at the intermission.

Cass City, which hadn't made a trey all season, rectified that as the third period opened. Dan Cuddie hit a trey from the top of the key, Heath Zawilinski followed with a 3-pointer from the right corner and then added another after Cuddie connected for a 2-pointer.

With that splurge Cass City went in front 50-40 and it looked like the game was under control.

But that lead was quickly dissipated as Drossos launched a pair of treys and Ruth added a bucket and 2 free throws. Cass City maintained a slight, 57-55, margin going into the final period helped by Bill Goodall, who netted 7 of his 21 points in the quarter.

The Hawks ran off to another 10-point lead midway through the final quarter, led by Cuddie and Zawilinski,

only to have the Hatchets charge back to within a point with less than 2 minutes left. Zawilinski and Goodall then collected key hoops and 3 of 6 free throws by Cuddie were enough to chalk up the victory.

Coach Jeff Hartel said that fans will be seeing more of the up-tempo style shown in the game. We plan to run every chance we get and opponents are doing the same.

We have given up a lot of treys in the first 2 games but 16 out of 58 is only 28 percent and we can live with that, he adds.

The coach said that Goodall and Zawilinski stepped it up against Bad Axe. Goodall handled the ball well and was 7 of 11 for 21 points. He also added 11 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals.

Zawilinski was 6 of 10 for 20 points with 9 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals. One of his hoops was a tip in at the end of the third quarter when the Hatchets were threatening to take the lead.

Drossos shot 35 percent and

scored 21 points and Ruth hit 39 percent for 27 points to keep the Hatchets challenging all the way.

In the junior varsity game, a Hawk rally fell short and Bad Axe won 61-48.

CASS CITY - Cuddie 7-1 (6-9) 23; Zawilinski 6-2 (2-3) 20; Goodall 7-0 (7-11) 21; Emmert 5-0 (7-12) 17. **TOTALS** - 25-3 (22-35) 81.

BAD AXE - Young 1-0 (0-2) 2; Drossos 4-4 (1-3) 21; Briggs 3-0 (0-0) 6; Ruth 4-3 (10-12) 27; Neeb 2-0 (2-2) 6; King 1-0 (0-0) 2; Rogers 3-1 (0-1) 9. **TOTALS** - 18-8 (13-22) 73.

Basketball Standings

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Cass City	1	0	1.000
Reese	0	0	.000
EPBP	0	0	.000
BCAS	0	0	.000
Bad Axe	0	1	.000
Mayville	0	1	.000

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Deckerville	1	0	1.000
Sandusky	1	0	1.000
Brown City	1	0	1.000
Cross-Lex	1	0	1.000
Harbor Beach	0	1	.000
Marlette	0	1	.000
Ubyly	0	1	.000
Yale	0	1	.000

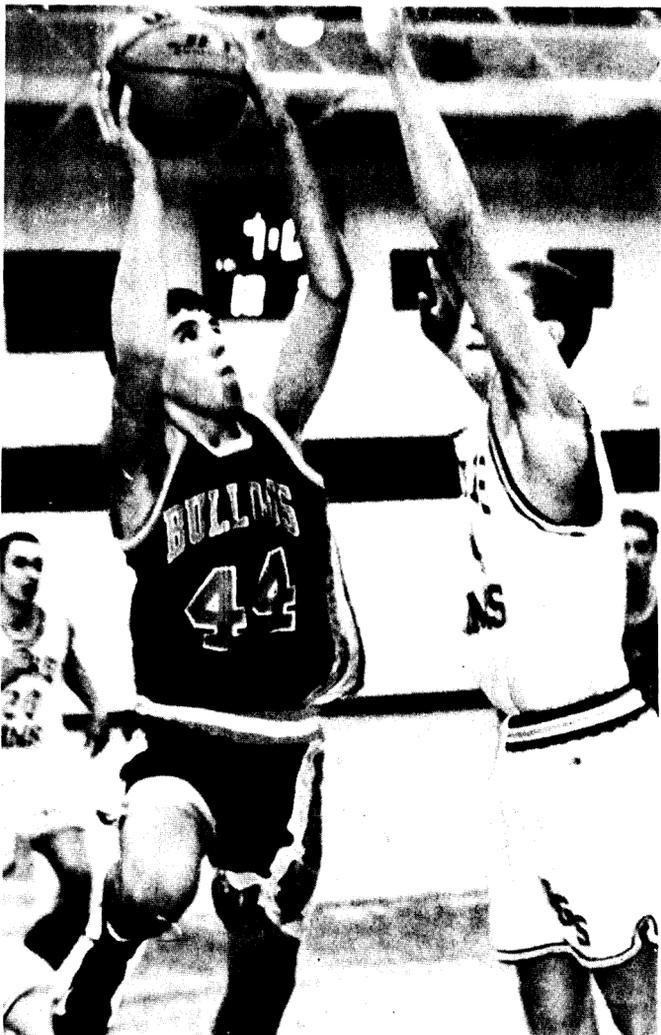
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Team	W	L	Pct.
Caseville	1	0	1.000
North Huron	0	0	.000
CPS	0	0	.000
A-Fairgrove	0	0	.000
Owen-Gage	0	0	.000
Peck	0	0	.000
Port Hope	0	0	.000
Kingston	0	0	.000

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
 Cass City 81, Bad Axe 73
 Reese 67, Mayville 40
 Harbor Beach 57, Deckerville 44
 Brown City 82, Marlette 56
 Sandusky 70, Ubyly 25
 Cross-Lex 54, Yale 42
 Caseville 53, Kingston 40
 North Huron 55, Port Hope 44 (N-L)
 NBW 75, Peck 46

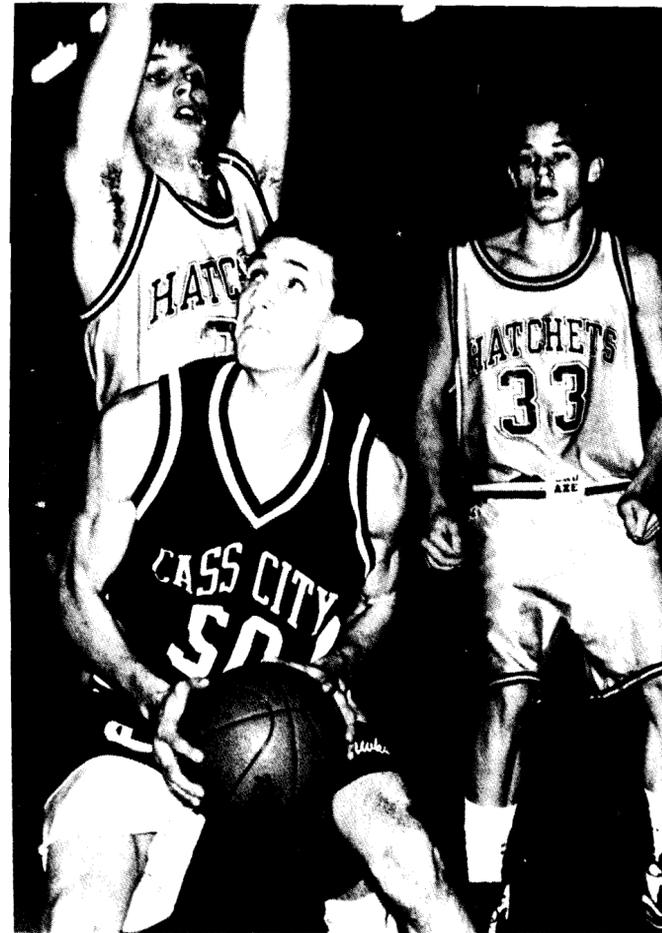
TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Brown City at Bad Axe
 Harbor Beach at EPBP
 Cass City at Ubyly
 W-PreScott at Reese
 Yale at USA
 Marlette at Mayville
 Memphis at Cross-Lex
 BCAS at Sandusky
 North Huron at Caseville
 Capac at Peck
 CPS at New Haven

THURSDAY'S GAME
 Freeland at BCAS

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 EPBP at Bad Axe
 USA at Cass City
 BCAS at Mayville
 Ubyly at Deckerville
 Vassar at Reese
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 Port Hope at Owen-Gage
 Kingston at A-Fairgrove



SOPHOMORE NICK WARACK gets a shot off Tuesday against visiting AuGres for Owen-Gage, who suffered a 55-54 defeat. The Bulldogs will open NCTL conference play Friday, when they entertain Port Hope.



HAWK CENTER Craig Emmert was active around the basketball early Friday during Cass City's Greater Thumb Conference home opener. Emmert tallied 17 points in the hosts' 81-73 win. Crowding Emmert near the basket are Bad Axe's Colby Briggs and Josh Ruth (33).

ABATE collects \$1,121 in donations

The 8th Annual Toy Run for area motorcycle enthusiasts of ABATE of Michigan, Region 7, was held Oct. 3. About 85 motorcyclists collected over \$1,121 in cash donations and 125 large toys to give to the Family Independence Agencies of Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties for distribution to needy children. Volunteers will be buying toys with the cash and wrapping the gifts.

Spokesperson for the group, Sharon Swalwell, secretary and public relations, states that the bikers collect the donations and contact their local FIA offices in order to keep the toys in their own communities. She said, "We are aware that many organizations that collect for the needy send them to the inner city. We wanted to keep them within the tri-county area. It is so much fun to watch the mound of toys grow throughout the event, and know that you are helping to brighten a child's Christmas."

Other events hosted by ABATE Region 7 are the annual Evergreen Park Benefit, Hospice Bowl-a-thon, Ubyly Drag Days, Pigeon Hawk Wild Days, a food drive year round, trash pickup along M-53 for MDOT, and the AWARENESS program that goes into area high schools during drivers training sessions to help new drivers be more aware of motorcycles on Michigan highways.

Monthly meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at Ralph's in Owendale at 4 p.m.

Bulldogs lose season opener to visiting AuGres, 55-54

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs fought back from a double digit deficit Tuesday in their season opening tilt with AuGres, but couldn't deliver the knock-out basket against the Wolverines, who registered a 55-54 non-conference win.

Trailing 33-24 at the intermission, Coach Leon Westover's squad used a 16-8 scoring advantage during the 3rd period, which narrowed their guests' advantage to 41-40 entering the final period.

Owen-Gage's Derek Howard was able to draw the Bulldogs even with the Wolverines at 47-all on the junior guard's 2nd triple of the night late in the final stanza. However, trailing 55-54, Owen-Gage failed to score on their final possession, which enabled AuGres to escape with the win.

Owen-Gage will open its North Central Thumb League schedule Friday when they entertain Port Hope. The Blue Stars will be looking for their 1st win on the season as they have suffered losses to Kingston and North Huron.

To be successful against Port Hope, Coach Westover feels the Bulldogs will have to better rebounding. The Wolverines out-boarded the hosts 30-26, that included a dozen offensive boards.

Owen-Gage's northern foe took a commanding lead in the initial half as they connected on 4 of 6 shots from 3-point range. Jeremy Gies helped the visitors to a 22-12 edge with 2 treys in the game's opening 8 minutes.

However, to the Bulldogs' credit, they never quit.

Westover noted concern that the Bulldogs had trouble breaking down the AuGres defense on the night. The Bulldogs weren't able to penetrate the Wolverines' defense with consistency and were forced to settle for shots from the perimeter. On the night, Owen-Gage converted just 2 of 8 attempts from 3-point land.

The Bulldog defensive pressure picked up after the break that helped hold the Wolverines to just one trey on 12 attempts.

Howard led the hosts' 2nd half comeback with 13 of his

game high 19 markers. Howard also led the Bulldogs in rebounds with 8, and added 3 steals in vain.

Justin Anthes helped the Bulldogs keep pace during the 2nd frame when he hit for 7 of his 11 points, including a 5-6 showing at the stripe. On the night Owen-Gage shot a lofty 75% at the line in 24 tries.

The Bulldogs were guilty of 19 turnovers.

Also in double digits for Owen-Gage was senior Joel Bolzman. Bolzman accounted for 5 rebounds and added 4 assists.

AuGres had a team high 15

points from Noah Fields. John Carrie chipped in with 10 points for the winners.

OWEN-GAGE - J. Salcido 1-0 (2-4) 4; Howard 4-2 (5-7) 19; Anthes 2-0 (7-8) 11; C. Mellendorf 3-0 (0-0) 6; Bolzman 4-0 (2-3) 10; Warack 1-0 (2-2) 4. **TOTALS** - 15-2 (16-22) 54.

AUGRES - Wiltse 1-1 (2-6) 7; Freehling 2-0 (1-5) 5; Conrad 0-0 (2-2) 2; Taylor 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gies 6-3 (0-0) 9; Perkins 1-0 (0-0) 2; Fields 6-1 (0-0) 15; Currie 4-0 (2-2) 10; Leinar 1-0 (1-2) 3. **TOTALS** - 16-5 (8-17) 55.

Churches set Christmas programs

The children of the Cass City and Fraser Presbyterian churches will present a Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. "The Birth of Christ" is a slide program featuring children and animals recreating the Christmas story, with a narration by the senior highs.

The program will be held at Fraser church, at the intersection of Huron Line Road and M-53.

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Cass City Bowling

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Dec. 10

Health Mart Pills	13
Silver Birch Kennel	11
J.B.'s Crew	10
Caro Chiropractic	10
Hills & Dales Hospital	10
LaFave Steel	9
All Season Rental	5 1/2
Thumb Auto Wash	5
A Cut Above	4 1/2
Detroit Edison	2

(219-232-241), M. Gettel 680 (212-274), B. Kingsland 662 (221-242), M. Jackson 637 (253), M. Lutz 628 (229-244), L. Prime 620 (222), J. Beyette 598 (234), T. Potrykus 595 (223), D. Engelhardt 589, G. Robinson 588 (211), T. Humes 220, V. Trisch 216, T. Kuck 210.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Dec. 10

Cass Tavern	36
New England Financial	32
Mycogen Plant Sciences	31
Schmaltz Construction	30 1/2
Terra	29
General Cable	27 1/2
Martin Electric	27
Hyatt Farms	26
Marlette Oil and Gas	25
Thumb Auto Wash	21
Babich Farms	18
Generally Low	9

CHARMONT LADIES

Dott Manufacturing	14
Pizza Villa	11
J.B.'s Crew	10
Live Wires	10
Sister Act	10
Wild John's	9
Cable-ettes	5
Dee's M.P. Rockets	5
Team # 7	4
Cass City Tire	2

High Team Series: Pizza Villa 2992.
High Team Game: Wild John's 1116.
High Series: S. Hutchinson 494, N. Davis 480, B. Watson 478, B. Kilbourn 460, B. Ware 460.
High Games: S. Hutchinson 186, H. Karr 175, R. Copeland 184, D. Gibson 177, D. Jamieson 174, M. Horne 173, B. Watson 171, A. Skrent 175, V. Patera 173, N. Davis 178, D. Wilson 176.

Men's High Series & Games: D. Roth 661 (236-214-211), G. Smith 607 (236-224), J. Krol 607 (235), G. Robinson 646 (225-222), K. Pichla 632 (229), Doug O'Dell 592 (223-215), Duane O'Dell 630 (211-239), S. Osentoski 575 (212), E. Schmaltz 623 (210-222), A. Witherspoon 225, D. Doerr 598 (230), W. Laming 213, T. Babich 222, D. Hyatt 215.
Greg Smith bowled 710 the week of 12-3-98.
High Team Series: General Cable 1879.
High Team Game: New England Financial 638.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Dec. 11

Rolling Thunder	66
Easy 7	62
Pinheads	56
The Family	47
Rocketeers	47
Bye	23

Men's High Series & Game: T. Smith 600 (219).
Women's High Series & Game: B. Watson 465 (175).
High Actual Team Series: Easy 7 1795.
High Actual Team Game: Rolling Thunder 665.
Phil Smith bowled a 246 game the week of 12-4-98.

YOUTH SATURDAY SPINNERS Dec. 12

JR's.

Team # 4	31
Pinheads	29
Team # 2	7
Tazmanian Devils	1

PREPS

Pink Ladies	28
Deford Dollies	19
Rolling Rug Rats	16
Disney Kids	9

MERCHANTS LEAGUE

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Thumb Welding	11
Charmont	10
New England	9
S.S. Builders	9
Wickes	9
Trisch Septic	8
Gemini Plastics	8
Hollywood & Vine	3
Triple R	2

Jr. High Games: E. Hanby 106-99-97, J. Guc 76-158-107, G. Tuckey 59-77-93, B. Vargo 106-109, J. Ruffing 102-84-72.
Jr. High Series: E. Hanby 302, J. Guc 341, G. Tuckey 229, B. Vargo 303, J. Ruffing 258.
Prep High Games: J. Gage 51-58-53, M. Dooley 60-67, R. Biebel 93, S. Frappart 59-62-59, D. Wade 67-44-47.
Prep High Series: J. Gage 162, M. Dooley 171, R. Beibel 207, S. Frappart 180, D. Wade 158.



RED HAWK wrestler Adam Dorland (on top) pinned Vulcan Ricky Martin in the opening period of the 135-lb. weight class Wednesday in Vassar. Cass City defeated their hosts 58-24.



THE RED HAWK junior varsity volleyball team members are: (front l-r) Jessica Papp, Sherry Luana, Tisha Gardner, Amy Russell, Kayla Wolschlager, Sara Sabo, Kandance Hansen, Becky Bulla. Back row: (l-r) Coach Sally Howard, Tara Lenhard, Amy Polega, Carrie Woodruff, Jamie Leiterman, Atalie Marshall, Heather Edwards, Tara Sabo.

Fearless Forecast

December 15

Bad Axe vs. Brown City	Brown City	Bad Axe	Bad Axe
Ubyly vs. Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Lakers vs. Harbor Beach	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
C-PS vs. New Haven	New Haven	New Haven	New Haven
North Huron vs. Caseville	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville
Reese vs. Whitmore-Prescott	Reese	Reese	Reese
USA vs. Yale	Yale	USA	USA
Marlette vs. Mayville	Mayville	Mayville	Mayville
BCAS vs. Sandusky	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
Capac vs. Peck	Peck	Peck	Peck

December 18

Bad Axe vs. Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Caseville vs. C-PS	Caseville	Caseville	Caseville
Cass City vs. USA	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
BCAS vs. Mayville	BCAS	BCAS	BCAS
Sandusky vs. Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Sandusky	Sandusky
Owen-Gage vs. Port Hope	Port Hope	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Ubyly vs. Deckerville	Deckerville	Ubyly	Deckerville
Kingston vs. Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fair	Kingston	Akron-Fair
Peck vs. North Huron	Peck	Peck	Peck
Memphis vs. Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Memphis	Cros-Lex

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Hawk wrestlers dispose of Buena Vista, Vassar

Coach Don Markel's Cass City wrestling team improved its non-tournament record to 4-0 last Wednesday by defeating a pair of Class B schools at Vassar.

The Hawks sputtered in their opening weight bout against Buena Vista, but then captured the next 6 matches, which helped the defending Greater Thumb Conference champs record a lopsided 66-18 win.

Cass City had little trouble disposing of the hosts on the day, as the Hawks used wins in their 4 opening matches, which led to a 58-24 victory over Vassar.

The Hawks will have their

unblemished mark at stake tonight (Wednesday) in a rare home match. Joining the Hawks will be Bendle, Lake Fenton and Flint Beecher. Bendle is consistently rated among the state's best wrestling programs.

"We're doing pretty well so far," said Coach Markel. "The kids working hard in practice are doing well at the meets."

Against the Vulcans, 7 Hawks earned pins. First period pins were recorded by Scott Moore, Adam Dorland and Chris Dubay. Cass City also had Aaron Dorland, Dave Sutter, Charlie Max-

well and Chad Wolschlager with pins.

Other Hawk point winners against Vassar included Roy Davis, who earned a major decision with a 14-3 win in the 119 lb. weight class, and Steve Slosser and Travis Schneeberger, who received forfeits.

In the Hawks' match with Saginaw Buena Vista, Cass City won 8 matches by forfeits.

Adding to the route were pins by Scott Moore, Jon Fritz and Maxwell. Fritz recorded the fastest pin on the night that came just 22 seconds into the opening round.

MARLETTE INVITATIONAL

The Cass City Red Hawks earned second place honors at the annual Marlette Invitational Saturday. The tournament was won by Lapeer West with 199 1/2 points. Cass City finished with 169 1/2 points.

Other scores were: Inley City, 157; Marlette, 117; Mayville, 63; Brown City, 57 1/2; Lakers, 49; North Branch, 45; and Bad Axe, 29.

Cass City failed to win a match, but had 11 wrestlers earning medals.

Finishing second were: Chris Dubay, 275 pounds; Chad Wolschlager, 215 pounds; Phil Mathewson, 189 pounds; Dave Sutter, 152 pounds; Adam Dorland, 135 pounds; Scott Moore, 125 pounds; Roy Davis, 119 pounds.

Finishing third were Aaron Dorland, 145 pounds, and Travis Schneeberger, 112 pounds. Finishing fourth were Jon Fritz, 140 pounds, and Steve Slosser, 103 pounds.

Circuit court proceedings

The following people appeared last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court on various criminal charges.

• Michael D. Dust Jr., 19, Mayville, was sentenced to 270 days in the county jail, with work release, and 36 months probation for his guilty plea of 4th degree fleeing and eluding Sept. 19 in Dayton Township.

Dust was ordered to pay \$800 in court cost and fines, plus \$60 for Victim Crime Rights, and \$376.25 in reimbursements.

• Tim L. Mathews, 43, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with work release, and 3 years probation for his guilty plea to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 3.

Mathews was ordered to pay \$1,000 in court costs and fines, and \$60 in Victim Crime Rights.

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Obituaries

Walter Guwca

Walter Michael Guwca, 81, of Bad Axe died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998, at Huron Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

He was born Aug. 27, 1917, in Buffalo, N.Y., son of Michael and Helen (Moskal) Guwca. He married Mary Janik Nov. 11, 1950, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church of Sheridan.

Guwca attended Bad Axe High School. He was a retired farmer and also retired from Active Industries of Elkton. A life-long parishioner of St. Columbkille Parish and a former usher, he was a member of the Huron County Farm Bureau and the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, of Bad Axe; 3 sons, Chester and his wife, Linda, Adam and his wife, Cindy, and Mike and his special friend, Keri, all of Bad Axe; one daughter, Linda Guwca and her fiancée, Doug Lubeski, of Bad Axe; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death

by his parents; 6 brothers, Stanley, Michael, Ted, Joseph, Anthony and Frank, and 2 sisters, Sophie Bidock and Helen Steciak.

A Parish Wake Service will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Zinger-Smigielki Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Mass of Resurrection will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Columbkille Catholic Church of Sheridan. The Rev. William Gruden, pastor of St. Joseph's of Argyle, will officiate.

Burial will be in St. Columbkille Cemetery.

Irene Smielewski

Mrs. Irene Caroline Smielewski, 83, of Austin Township, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, at Hills and Dales Hospital of Cass City.

She was born April 18, 1915, in Harbor Beach, daughter of John and Mary (Schpinski) Konkel. She married Louis A. Smielewski April 28, 1934, at St. Mary's Church of Parisville. He died May 15, 1986.

She attended St. Mary's elementary school and was a graduate of the country school. She lived in Detroit and moved to Austin Township in 1940. She retired

from Snover Stamping in 1977 after 10 years of service and also worked for Michigan Peat Co. of Minden City for 5 years. Smielewski was a parishioner of St. Ignatius Church of Freiburg, a former member of the Altar Society, and a member of the Zurek-Graham Post 6966 Women's Auxiliary of Ubyly.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Jacqueline Hunt of Ubyly, Cynthia Flannery of Clinton Township and Dorene Osentoski and her husband, Kenneth, of Metamora; 3 sons, Alvin Smielewski and his wife, Janice, of Ubyly, Terry Smielewski and his wife, Doreen, of Ubyly and James Smielewski and his wife, Debbie, of Argyle; 24 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gerald Smielewski; 2 grandchildren, and a sister, Sophie Peters.

Mass of the Resurrection was scheduled Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg, with the Rev. William Gruden, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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

Proper yule tree care prevents fires

The odds of a properly cared for natural Christmas tree causing a holiday fire are about as great as the chances of the Grinch showing up on your doorstep with a bowl of sugarplums.

Mel Koelling, Michigan State University Extension forestry specialist, believes that natural Christmas trees have been inaccurately, perhaps even deliberately, portrayed as a holiday fire menace when, in fact, many other holiday items can be a far greater threat.

Among the latter are frayed or overloaded extension cords, faulty tree lights, candles burning near flammable material and careless smoking.

"We think that Christmas trees get a bad rap in part because people generally don't understand when it becomes a fire hazard and how much of a role proper care plays in maintaining the safety of the tree," Koelling says. "When the homeowner does the job properly, the Christmas tree can be a very safe part of the holiday."

He says that of the approximately 446,000 residential fires that occur each year in the United States, Christmas trees (natural and artificial) are involved in fewer than 500 fires — slightly less than one percent.

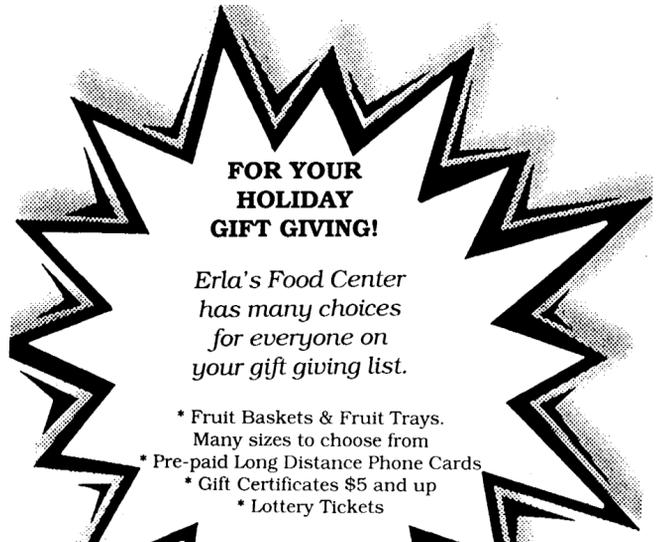
"However, when those fires do occur, the media story often seems to imply that the tree was the cause of the fire, when in reality there is no documentation anywhere of a natural Christmas tree causing a fire," Koelling says.

Natural Christmas trees tend to resist ignition as long as the moisture content of the needles does not drop below 75 percent. And this won't happen if the tree is kept indoors no longer than 3 or 4 weeks and has a constant source of water.

"At the time a Christmas tree is harvested, it contains more moisture than the actual weight of fiber, on average — around 135 percent moisture on an oven dry weight basis," Koelling says. "If we compare a Christmas tree to a sponge, the dry sponge might weigh a pound but when it is full of water, it can weigh twice that much. That would mean that on an oven dry weight basis, there is 100 percent moisture in that sponge."

Before the tree is put up for display, trim a 1/4- to 3/4-inch disk from the base. This will assure that the tree's water-transporting vessels are not sealed by pitch. The tree should be placed in a stand that holds a gallon of water or more. Given average house conditions, the tree, depending on size and species, will absorb between one and 3 quarts of water per day. Do not let the tree stand run dry. Place the tree away from direct sources of heat such as fireplaces, space heaters and heat registers.

"The Christmas tree becomes a hazard when it does not receive proper care," he continues. "It is still a living plant, transpiring and absorbing water, and that will keep it from becoming a fire hazard as long as it has a source of water."



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The Cass City High School honor roll for the 2nd marking period has been announced.

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11TH GRADE

All A's - Anthony Brinkman, Adam Dorland, Grant Gould, Melissa Homakie, Jalal Khoury, Brooke Ouvry, Brad Roche, Kristy Ryan, David Sutter. B or Better - Emily Bennett, Justin Carabello, Erin

Creason, Jason Damm, Amber Dunn, Sally Finkbeiner, Lindsey Gaszczyński, Matt Gilliam, Alyssa Glaspie, Andrea Gohsman, Kristie Haag, Jesse Hillaker, Christina Kababik, Shawn Klinkman, Michelle Kropewnicki, Paul Langmaid, Justin Miller, Lindsey Mills, Scott Moore, Kim Morrish, Melissa Myers, Melanie Nizzola, Cari O'Hara, Leann Otulakowski, Jenny Parsell, Matt Perry, Stephanie Pierce, Heather Pomeroy, Sonya Regner, Megan Romstad, Sarah Rutkowski, Kim Ryno, Travis Schneeberger, Liza Smith, Josh Sorenson, Tracy Talaski, Bryce VanVliet, Santiago Velez, Aaron Volz, Chad Wolschlagler, Katie Wood.

10TH GRADE

All A's - Branden Albrecht, Holli Cooper, Randy Diebel, Josh Dillon, Craig Emmert, Jaime Fluegge, Zach Glaspie, Katie Hacker, Emily Rayl, Anand Raythatha, Manisha Raythatha, Kyle Ross, Josh Sherman, Andy Stoeckle, Brad Ypma. B or Better - Darla Allor, Mike Bashur, Kaylee Bell, Joel Brinkman, Jamie Bulla, Ryan Cooper, Andy Dale, Michelle Derfiny, Monica Dorland, Amy DuQuesnay, Shaun Engler, Brent Goslin, Kandice Hansen, Ryan Holmgren, Brad Hueter, Eric Hueter, Stefanie Humpert, Heather James, Jeremy Klinkman, Laura Laming, Erin McMahan, Andrew Nahernak, Laura O'Dell, Carol Phetteplace, Amy Polega, Megan Powell, Theresa Raymond, Sara Sabo, Ross Sherman, Adina Speirs, Stacy Sullins, Brenda Vandemark, Joanie Westfall, Gregg Wills, Ricky Zeien.

Fire fighters assist injured hunter

The Elkland Township Fire Department aided the Cass City Ambulance Service, which was summoned to transport a hunter who had sustained injuries Friday evening.

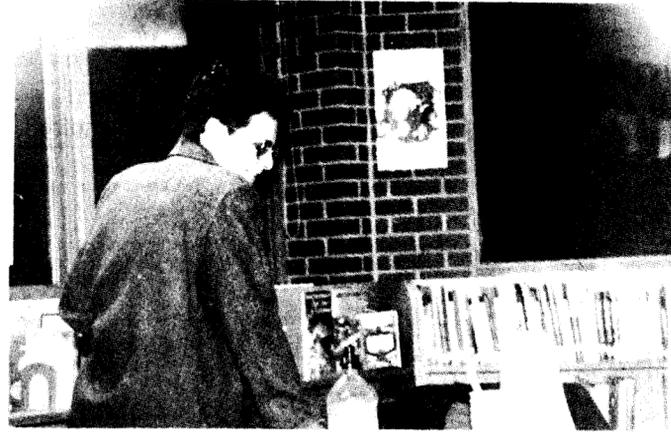
Al Pallister was held overnight at Hills & Dales General Hospital for observation after he tumbled from his tree stand while hunting near the corner of DeLong and Crawford roads.

Trischler, Erin Venema, Tessia Zawilinski. B or Better: Tyler Bader, Candi Benjamin, Joe Biskner, Jesse Bouck, Tara Bryant, Nicholas Chappel, Melissa Doerr, Rochelle Dohn, Aaron Dorland, Clint Drinkard, Nicole Drinkard, Matt Ender, Michael Essex, Jesika Ferris, Zeke Field, Jon Galloway, Jason Ganley, Robert Giddings, Jason Glaza, Noah Gould, Cason Harris, Rob Havens, Eli Healy, Jason Hill, Tim Karr, Charles Keiser, James Kilbourn, Richard Klaus, Guthry Laurie, Kari Lowe, Melissa Martin, David Mayer, Tim McFarland, Robin Messing, Chris Mills, Jennifer Montgomery, Ashley Ouvry, Kris Patera, Kayla Posluszny, Stephanie Ramsey, Amber Reese, Crystal Sattelberg, Jessica Smith, Nicole Smith, Tom Sugden, Jennifer Tenbusch, Brandon Vargo, Tosha Vatter, Heather Waltz.

Sleep disorders costly

Research has shown that nearly 40 million Americans suffer from sleep disorders, costing them an estimated 16 billion dollars in health care costs annually. In 1997 the average American got 243 hours less sleep per year than the average American in 1969.

The Sleep Research Institute in Washington, D.C., has published a booklet, "Getting The Sleep You Need". The booklet gives information and suggestions on what to do when you can't sleep. "Many people have trouble sleeping and don't know where to turn for help", says



JUDY KAPA of the Tuscola County Health Department addressed those attending the American Association of University Women sponsored program on the moods and emotions of adolescent daughters.



CASS CITY RESIDENT Dante Clemens (center) and A.A.U.W. President Janet Bryant (right) were among some 50 mothers who gathered for Tuesday night's "Empowering Mothers for Girls' Success" program at the middle school.

Police arrest Deford resident

The Cass City Police department arrested a Deford resident early Sunday morning during an otherwise quiet week.

"Nothing like a little cold weather to keep people inside," commented Police Chief Gene Wilson.

Transferred to the Tuscola County Jail was Wayne B. Redmond, 39, 1326 Englehart Road, after he was stopped while traveling on Seeger St., south of Third St., at approximately 1:55 a.m.

According to reports, Redmond was driving while his license was revoked and suspected of driving under the influence of liquor. Reports further indicated that Redmond had 2 prior convictions of OUIL within the past 7 years.

The department also handled a damage complaint Sunday filed by Sally Page, 4326 Woodland, Cass City.

According to police records, the back window of Page's 1998 Chevrolet pickup was broken while the S-10 truck was parked in her driveway.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis MARTIN, a married man and Suzanne MARTIN, a married woman (original mortgagors) to American Financial Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgage, dated June 24, 1996, and recorded on July 1, 1996, in Liber 693, on Page 143, Tuscola County records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the UNION FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS, as assignee by an assignment dated July 28, 1996 which was recorded on July 1, 1996, in Liber 693, on Page 151, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 11/100 DOLLARS (\$56,134.11), including interest at 9.500% 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, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 15, 1999.

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

Lot 6 of DAVIDSON SUBDIVISION, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 10.

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

Dated: December 2, 1998

UNION FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202
Trott and Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for UNION FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 98111334

12-2-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam D. Sherman, a single man, Individual (original mortgagors) to First Choice Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 1998, and recorded on May 28, 1998 in Liber 740, on Page 1011-1018, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Flagstar Bank, FSB, as assignee by an assignment dated May 15, 1998 which was recorded on May 28, 1998, in

Liber 740, on Page 1019-1021, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE AND 84/100 DOLLARS (\$71,369.84), including interest at 7.375% 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, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 29, 1999.

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

Lots 27 and 28 of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18. Also part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as, beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 27 of the recorded plat of Cat Lake Hills Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18, which is located from the Southwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 by the following four courses: (1) North 01 degree 27 minutes 25 seconds East (previously recorded as North 01 degree 06 minutes East), along the West line of said Southwest 1/4, 873.24 feet; (2) North 86 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds East (previously recorded as North 86 degrees 49 minutes East), along the South line of said Plat, 183.62 feet; (3) North 79 degrees 14 minutes 38 seconds East, continuing along said South line, 115.48 feet (previously recorded as North 79 degrees 08 minutes East, 115.28 feet); (4) 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds East, continuing along said South line, 99.99 feet (previously recorded as North 82 degrees 39 minutes East, 100 feet); to said Southwest corner of Lot 27; thence continuing along said South line North 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds East, 199.98 feet (previously recorded as North 82 degrees 39 minutes East, 200 feet) to the Southeast corner of Lot 28 of said plat; thence South 07 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds East, along the West line of a previously recorded survey (recorded in Liber 608, Page 1143), 100.00 feet; thence South 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds West, parallel with said South line 199.98 feet; thence North 07 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds West, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 16, 1998

Flagstar Bank, FSB

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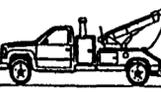
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Yule trees need year-round care

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The tree farm at Hidden Hollows is also a family affair and is just part of the business for the owners, Kaye and Bob Sims. Bob Sims is a retired school teacher who spent 23 years in the Kingston School District and now sells log homes in addition to the Christmas trees.

Helping with the Christmas rush are the Sims children, Angie and Wendy.

While there is an ample supply of cut trees available, many of the sales are to persons who want to come in and cut their own, Sims reports.

They can select from Scotch and white pine, blue and white spruce and Douglas fir.

Business remains constant, Sims points out, but a little more Christmas-type weather with snow would galvanize folks into action and perhaps cut the last minute rush.



Letters of censure

Owen-Gage board hears complaint

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bus at a cost of about \$1,000 by McCormick Motors. Previously neither bus was in working condition, but the 1990 bus is now back in service.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business:
 • The board tabled action concerning policy changes relating to the cost and conditions for use of the school's facilities.

• The board agreed to pay Coach Leon Westover \$600 for the time that he spends on Saturdays working with the basketball team.

• Athletic Director Joe Candela reported that Westover is expected to devote about 16 weeks to kids in 3rd through 12th grades and will hold open gym for the community.

• The board set a Wednesday, Jan. 6, meeting for the Administrative Salary Committee to deal with terms for Thomas Britt's contract for

next year.

• Trustee Rick Ziehm reported that tires in the ditch near the football field needed to be cleaned up. Candela, the Bulldogs' head football coach, said he wasn't aware of the problem but would get some students to take care of the situation.

• Trustee Ziehm asked Thies to start the legal process involved with obtaining a new gym floor.

• The board voted to pay monthly bills totaling \$180,879.34.

• They also voted to give Joshua Errer \$400 for his band trip slated in June of 1999.

• It was decided to give hams as Christmas gifts to all staff members.

• Joel Bolzman was named December Student of the Month.

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Investigating officers found that a vehicle driven by Michael Hutchinson of Decker was southbound on Decker Road when he struck a horse that was in the roadway. Hutchinson's vehicle then continued southbound through a farmer's field before coming to a rest. He was transported to Marlette Hospital by Marlette EMS and then airlifted to Saginaw St. Mary's via Flightcare.

The horse was destroyed. Sheriff's deputies were assisted at the scene by Marlette EMS, Marlette Echo Unit and Lamotte Fire Department. The accident is still under investigation.

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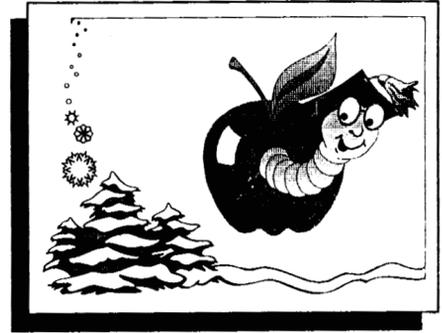


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THE RED HAWK gymnastic team is set to open the 1998-99 season. Team members include: (front l-r) Laura Laming, Manisha Rathatha, Amber Dunn, Danielle Laming, Lyndi Trishchler, (back l-r) Ashley Ouvry, Holli Cooper, Amber Angle, Johanna Hoelzle, Michelle Kropewnicki, Katie Wood, Chelsea Zimba.



LEADING THE CHEERS for the Red Hawk basketball team this season are: (front l-r) Amanda Wright, Adrainne Keller, Melissa Bliss, (back l-r) Emily Ouvry, Aleasha Field, Jennifer Wills, Autumn Helland, Liza Smith.

In loss to Vassar

Gymnasts post qualifying score

Rarely do you have 2 winners at the end of a sporting contest, but that's exactly what took place Wednesday night at the high school.

Cass City hosted Vassar in high school gymnastic competition and were defeated 130.9-119.9. However, the Hawks' total was good enough to meet regional team qualifying standards.

In fact, it's the first regional qualifying team score Cass City has ever received under Coach John Waltz in their opening meet.

The Hawk gymnasts will try for another regional team qualifying score Jan. 9 when they travel to meet Plymouth. It takes 4 scores, at 116 points or above, to reach regional play.

The top point winner on the night was Vassar's Nicole Sullivan, who took top honors in 3 events. Sullivan won the floor exercise with a score of 8.8. Her mark of 8.8 topped the field on the balance beam, and she captured the parallel bar's top honor with

a mark of 8.4.

Vassar's Nicole Sims won the vault with a score of 8.6. Sullivan just missed a clean sweep at Cass City as she finished 2nd in the event with a score of 8.35.

Cass City was paced by Johanna Hoelzle in 3 events. The Hawk sophomore recorded the team's best score in the floor exercise, balance beam and vault with marks of 8.3, 8.0 and 8.3, respectively.

Cass City's best performer in the parallel bars was Danielle Laming. Laming's efforts earned her a mark of 7.85, followed by Hoelzle with a score of 6.05, and Katie Wood, who had a tally of 5.8.

The Hawks also received a splendid showing in the floor exercise from Michelle Kropewnicki. Kropewnicki turned in a score of 8.0 that was the team's 2nd best mark.

On the balance beam, Lyndi Trishchler recorded a score of 7.85, and in the vault, Laura Laming scored an 8.2. Both scores were the hosts' 2nd best marks.



THE CASS CITY gymnastic team opened its season Wednesday and earned its first regional qualifying team score in a meet with Vassar. Above, Red Hawk Ashley Ouvry competes on the parallel bars.

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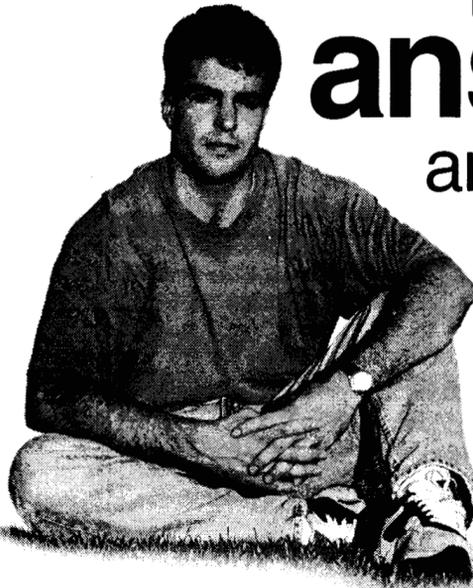
December 20, 8:30 & 11 a.m.
 Chancel Choir Cantata "Shepherds Rejoice"
6:30 p.m.
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7:30 & 11:00 p.m.
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Sunday, December 27, 11:00 a.m.
 Student Sunday Worship
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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Volunteers were on the scene early Wednesday morning, armed with tools, tape, wire, staplers and paint to repair the wrecked Storytime display at the park. Teacher Karen Wallace sent students who had some experience with papier mache. Also helping out were a number of Dave Hoard's shop students.

A 59-year-old man from Gageton said he "couldn't believe it" when he realized he had just won the \$100,000 "cash 5" top prize in Friday night's drawing. The winner, who requested anonymity, is a general maintenance employee for General Cable Company in Cass City.

Fifteen representatives of the Peoples Republic of China, representing 8 different corporations, visited the Orbital Fluid Technology

plant in Cass City Thursday. Veteran kegler Doug O'Dell rolled his second 300 game recently while bowling for the Deford Country Grocery Team at Charmont Lanes. O'Dell carries a 207 average.

The Trinity United Methodist Women met for a potluck buffet Dec. 6. The Jordan College Choir, under the direction of Jan Moore, presented a program of Christmas music. Helen Baker led the remembrance service for Virginia Hartwick, Bertha Shagena and Helen McGrath.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City won't be considered for a second traffic light, despite concerns regarding congestion at the village's west side. The State Department of Transportation says it's not necessary.

There will be many winners in connection with the grand opening of Peoples Choice Market Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the corner of Main Street and Doerr Road. For each gallon of gas purchased Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m., Peoples will give 20 cents to the Rawson Memorial Library. For each gallon of gas purchased Friday from 2 to 5 p.m., 20 cents will be given to Cass City Schools, and for each gallon purchased Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m., 20 cents will be donated to the Cass City Student Council.

Animated papier mache beasts of all kinds are part of the "Kenya Animal Circus", created by Cass City residents Lloyd Vyse and Carl Schell. The display is set up in front of Vyse's home at 6769 Main Street.

The Cass City Red Hawks posted a key win at Imlay City Friday night, 71-58. During the game the Hawks converted 27 of 30 free throws and in the last quarter converted 19 of 20. Mike

Randall was high scorer with 26 points. Paul Tuckey and Jeff Krol each had 17 points.

Ethel Pinkston of Seattle, Wash., reads the Chronicle avidly every week. She hasn't been around the village for awhile. When she left, there were no streets with names. Mrs. Pinkston is 103 years old.

25 YEARS AGO

State Police from the Bad Axe Post have tentatively identified 3 area men who allegedly abducted a Snover man early Sunday at the Cumber Bar, forced him into their vehicle and drove him, much of the time with a shotgun at his head, some 2 1/2 miles. Ronald Grifka, 27, of Patterson Road, told police the subjects drove him to a point on E. Cass City Road before releasing him, advising him to forget the incident.

Cass City Lions Auxiliary met for dinner and a Christmas party Monday night at the home of Linda Herron. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Ketchum. A drawing was held to choose the winner of a 9-inch portable television set. Winner was Ruth Whittaker of Cass City.

The Keith Mitchell farm at 6125 Wright Road in Greenleaf Township has been designated a centennial farm by the Division of Michigan History of the Department of State. The farmhouse was reconstructed after the Great Fire of 1881. The Mitchells have lived on the centennial farm since 1960.

The energy crisis has created a boom for Mrs. Virginia Osentoski of Cass City. She has made 24 quilts for customers since August, up 3 times from a year ago, and no end is in sight.

Twenty-six from the Novesta Church of Christ, including youth and adult guides, went to Melvindale

United Methodist Church and spent the night Friday after the basketball game. Saturday they visited the museum and had lunch in the Garden Room before touring Greenfield Village.

35 YEARS AGO

Tom Proctor is starting a fund for improving the facilities at Cass City Hospital and Hills and Dales Hospital. In an unusual announcement this week, he has pledged 10 percent of his gross sales for 3 days for the projects.

Work began on the \$200,000 Farm Produce Company elevator Wednesday, Dec. 11. The new 175,000-bushel elevator, slated for completion next June, will be the most up-to-date of its kind.

Larry Shagena, 17, of Cass City, who was hospitalized at Hills and Dales General Hospital Dec. 5 when a .22 automatic rifle he was cleaning discharged and the bullet hit him in the stomach, may be home for Christmas. A 3 1/2-hour operation was required to correct the damage. Dr. H.T. Donahue, attending physician, reported Wednesday that Shagena was up and around and improving nicely.

The Needles and Kettles 4-H Club met Friday at the home of Mary Beth Esau for their regular meeting. Mrs. Henry Blasie presented a lesson on cake decorating. The Jan. 10 meeting will be at the home of Paula Karr and the cooking meeting will be at Susan Tuckey's home Monday, Jan. 20.

The Cass City Home Economics Extension Club met Monday at the Crossroads Restaurant with 26 members present. A trip to Washington, D.C., by bus is being sponsored by the Extension Service April 13-20. Mrs. Ralph Gauer read the Christmas story from Matthew.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Regular December meeting of the Cass City Village Council will be held December 21, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan.

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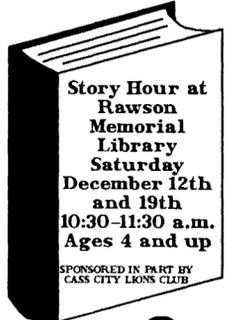
Contest entry boxes can be found at participating sponsors. Winners of the bikes may claim their prize on Christmas Eve. No purchase necessary. Need not be present to win. Enter as often as you like.



This week's feature
Steven Spielberg's "Mouse Hunt"

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EXTENDED HOMEMAKERS

Fourteen members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers and one guest met at the home of Marilyn Rosenberger for a Christmas potluck luncheon Thursday. Christmas carols were sung, games were played and crafts were done. There was also a Christmas gift exchange. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 7, at Charmont.

Jeff Doerr was a Thursday supper guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Stanley Otulakowski visited Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard Saturday.

Mrs. Melvin Particka attended the Tree of Remembrance service at the Ugly St. John's Catholic Church hall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Adam and Andrea Hill of Ruth were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Maurer while their parents attended their 20 year class reunion at St. Columbkille hall Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goretski of St. Clair Shores spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton and Saturday attended the wedding of Kimberly Bader and Cory Wayne Harmon at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gageton and the reception at Ugly Heights Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry of Elkton met Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney for lunch Sunday at Elias Brothers.

Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had lunch at Veronica's in Cass City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker visited Thelma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray

Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the Ugly School Christmas program Wednesday afternoon.

Eleven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at McDonald's Food and Family Delicatessen next week.

Allen Farrelly was a Thursday afternoon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Kim Gibbard of Bay City spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard.

Mrs. John Zauner of California spent from Monday till Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goretski at St. Clair Shores and the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Larry Silver of Brighton spent the weekend with Reva Silver.

Allen Farrelly and Bobbi Allen had dinner at Cousins in Bad Axe before spending the afternoon with Cheryl Allen Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Iseler, Gina and Ali for cake and ice cream for Ali's 7th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson were Friday afternoon guests of Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer.

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the Masonic breakfast in Bad Axe Sunday and later went to the home of Bernard and Violet Holdwick at Ruth, where they were supper guests.

Mrs. Alex Particka and Mrs. Melvin Particka went to the Great Lakes Crossing outlet shopping mall at Auburn Hills and to the Canterbury Village and had dinner at the Rain Tree Forest.

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CASS CITY RED HAWK

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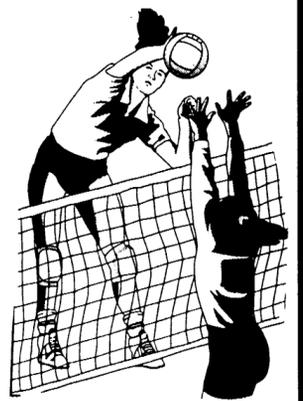


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Cass City at Ugly
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22
Cass City at Caro



WRESTLING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
Cass City at Flint Bendle

VOLLEYBALL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
Caro Invitational



1999 Boys' Basketball Schedule

Home games in bold

Dec. 8	Harbor Beach
11	Bad Axe
15	Ugly
18	USA
22	Caro
Jan. 5	Marlette
8	Reese
12	Deckerville
15	BCAS
19	Sandusky
22	Mayville
26	Yale
Feb. 2	Brown City
5	Lakers
12	Bad Axe
16	USA
19	Reese
23	BCAS
26	Mayville
March 5	Lakers
8-13	Districts

1999 Wrestling Schedule

Home games in bold

Dec. 3	Caro/Brandon	6:00
5	Cros-Lex Tourney	8:00
9	Vassar/BV	6:00
12	Marlette Tourney	10:00
16	Bendle	6:00
Jan. 9	Yale Inv.	9:00
13	Cros-Lex/Yale	6:00
16	Bridgeport Inv.	9:00
20	Mayville/Lakers	6:00
23	Mayville	
27	Sandusky/Bad Axe	6:00
30	Imlay City Inv.	TBA
Feb. 3	Brown City/Marlette	6:00
11	Garber/Branch	6:00
13	League	TBA
17	Team Districts	
20	Ind. Districts	
24	Team Regionals	
27	Ind. Regionals	

1999 Girls' Volleyball Schedule

Home games in bold

Dec. 12	Laker Inv. JV/Fr	TBA
14	Ugly/AF Var @ AF, JV @ Ugly	
19	Caro Inv.	8:30
Jan. 6	Caro	6:30
8	JV/Fr Bad Axe Inv.	3:30
9	Bad Axe Inv. Var	8:00
11	Yale	6:00
14	Bad Axe	6:00
16	Laker Inv. JV	9:00
18	Brown City	6:00
21	USA	6:00
28	Reese	
30	Laker Inv. Var.	9:00
Feb. 4	BCAS	6:00
8	Brown City	6:00
11	Mayville	
12	Vassar Inv. JV	4:15
13	Laker Inv. Var.	9:00
20	Bad Axe JV/Fr League	
20	Vassar Inv. Var	9:00
25	Lakers	
27	League @ USA	
March 3	Vassar	6:00
5, 6	Districts	TBA
13, 14	Regionals	TBA



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