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## House fire damage set at \$50,000

Escaping injury in a house fire may well be the most remembered gift of this Christmas season for an Ubyly family.

Flames ripped through the Greg Keller residence early Sunday morning, forcing the family out of their home for the holidays, according to Bingham Township Fire Chief Lloyd Booms, whose department was called to the scene at 2:43 a.m.

"Keller's wife was wakened up in the middle of the night when she heard a crackling noise, and she woke her husband up," Booms said, adding the crackling sound was fire inside an upstairs bedroom wall of the 2-story wood frame house. "They got out with their 3 children and called" the fire department.

"By the time we got there, it was burning into the house."

An electrical wiring problem was the apparent cause of the fire, according to Booms, who estimated the damage at \$50,000. Please turn to page 5.



**SECRET SHOPPERS** - Elise Nicol, 8, and Kelsey McMillen, 6, were among dozens of area youngsters who flocked to Santa's Secret Workshop at Cass City Middle School Monday to pick out those special gifts for everyone on their list. The youngsters were guided by a small army of eighth grade students, including (above) Amy Howard and DeAnna Newby, whose trip to Washington, D.C., will benefit from the event. The workshop continued Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

## 2.76% pay hike

# O-G board okays new teacher pact

The Owen-Gage Board of Education unanimously approved a new certified staff contract Monday night for the district's 21 teachers, who will receive a 2.76-percent pay hike this school year.

The action followed an hour-long executive session. The pact has already been ratified by the teachers, whose pay increase is in line with the county average, according to Owen-Gage Education Association President Sandy Parks.

The new contract replaces a 2-year labor agreement that gave the district's teachers raises of 3.75 percent and 2.8 percent in 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively.

Under the pact, teachers' pay will range from \$26,538 for a new staff member with a bachelor's degree to \$42,791 for a teacher with a master's degree and 12 years of experience.

Parks, who serves as the union's chief negotiator, said there are few changes in the teachers' fringe benefit package.

There has been a shift away from retirement incentives, Parks said. Now, she added, that money is being put into longevity pay, which rewards long term service. For example, teachers receive \$500 in longevity pay after 12 years with the district, \$1,700 at 15 years and \$1,900 at 21 years.

In a related matter during the monthly meeting, Board President Paul Hunter appointed himself along with trustees Randy Howard and Brenda Kretschmer to a committee charged with making recommendations for non-certified staff contracts. Trustee Jeff Faist will serve as an alternate on the committee.

In other business Monday, the board:

- Approved 3 of 4 additions

to the district's recently approved Internet Use Policy.

Added were a provision in which students who accidentally access improper information will not be disciplined if they immediately notify a teacher or supervisor.

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Recommended but rejected by board members was a plan to charge students \$5 for lost or forgotten computer passwords.

- Approved an Anti-Violence Resolution as required by the state.

School Supt. Manuel Thies explained the resolution designates school officials such as superintendents to serve as the official contact with law

enforcement, prosecutors and the courts regarding incidents of violence within school districts.

- Learned district officials will propose the sale of a small piece of school property to the village of

Gagetown for the purpose of drilling a new well. The land is located at the southwest corner of the school's property in Gagetown, near the village park. A price has not been set.

- Voted to again purchase holiday hams for the school staff.

- Recognized a student in each grade for best exemplifying the December adult role focus of being "cooperative, collaborative workers."

The students, in grades K-12, respectively, are: Erika Mroz, Lauren Mandich, Please turn to page 5.

# Board fine tunes millage wording

Novesta Township officials fine tuned language for a special road millage request during a monthly township board meeting last week.

Township Clerk Kathy Newell reported the board decided to request 1.5 mills for 4 years. The proposal, which would raise about \$35,000 per year, will be placed on the February ballot.

If the request is approved, Newell said, one mill would be used for road maintenance and the remaining half mill would go towards road construction projects.

Township voters approved a special one-mill road tax for 3 years in August 1996. The vote was the township's third attempt in as many

years to secure additional funding for road improvements.

In a related matter, the board voted to seek cost estimates from the Tuscola County Road Commission for paving Kelly Road, from Englehart Road to Crawford Road, and Dodge Road, from Shabbona Road to Severance Road. Newell, who reported the board will also request estimates for gravel on Phillips and Elmwood roads, said no final decision will be made to proceed with the work until the township receives the estimates.

In other business during the Dec. 6 meeting, the board:

- Tabled a request from MMR Ambulance officials to

increase the fees paid for ambulance service in the township.

"We're paying \$2 (per resident) and they want to double it to \$4," said Newell, who estimates the township population at about 1,500 residents. "They were very adamant that if they didn't get it, there would be no ambulance because they couldn't keep it going," she said.

- Tabled a ditch clean-out petition submitted by Englehart Road resident Francis Delong, pending clarification on the specific location of the ditch.

- Discussed residents' requests to extend a culvert and replace a guardrail at the intersection of Cemetery and

Severance roads. The existing guardrail has been knocked down repeatedly, and residents feel the structure is too close to the roadway, Newell said.

- Noted there are 2 vacancies on the township's board of review. Anyone interested in serving a 2-year term is asked to contact the township.

- Voted to pay the \$135 registration fee for any township official who wishes to attend the Michigan Township Association annual meeting scheduled for Jan. 19-21 in Lansing.

- Discussed the search for an individual or group to man the township's recycling trailer one Saturday each month. Officials are still

looking for a replacement for the local Boy Scouts, who will no longer man the trailer after this month. Newell said the job pays \$240 annually.

- Received a request from cemetery Sexton Connie Benitez, who asked that VFW Post 3644, Cass City, remove 2 stumps and plant 2 new trees at the cemetery. Newell explained that post members received permission from the township to remove the trees in an effort to prevent damage to a memorial.

Newell said the stumps in question are flush with the ground and don't represent a hazard, however, the board has been asked to pass on the request to the local VFW post.

# Teen sentenced in fatal crash

A Millington teen was sentenced to jail Friday in the 1998 traffic death of a Millington youth.

Matthew M. Mays, 18, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with 90 days deferred, and 24 months probation for his plea of no contest to attempted vehicular manslaughter. He was also ordered to pay \$900 in costs and fines.

The charge stemmed from the Sept. 27, 1998, death of Evan Paul Johnson, 12.

Johnson was riding his bicycle in a residential area near his home when he was struck by a car driven by Mays, who was 17 at the time. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported the boy was then struck by a pickup truck driven by Joshua Long of Millington, who was also 17 at the time.

Mark Reene, Tuscola County chief assistant prosecutor, has argued that the teens were racing and passing. Please turn to page 5.

# Grinding out success

## Vatter turns hobby into successful business

Joe Vatter got his first taste of sausage making years ago in the kitchen at Erla's Food Center and Meat Packing in Cass City.

Since then, the Ubyly area resident has used his skills and experience to transform a hobby into a unique business of his own.

In short, Vatter is grinding out success thanks to a supportive family and the discriminating tastes of customers who will accept nothing short of "Joe's Recipe" when it comes to enjoying the fruits of their hunting labors.

"Every product that we make is distinctly different from the others," Vatter commented Friday in the custom processing facility at his East Cass City Road residence, where he and a handful of family members transform venison into a variety of treats, including summer sausage, smoked brats, smoked Polish and Italian sausage, breakfast sausage and jerky along with BBQ, snack stick, pepper, jalapeno and Cajun meat products.

"That's the key - this business offers a unique alternative to venison steaks and

roasts. We have such a great variety.

"One of the big reasons we're successful is that we're very particular about what comes in here," added Vatter, who accepts only boneless venison from his customers. "The meat has to be clean and fresh."

"The quality of meat coming in is good, so the product is good."

Vatter, who has 20 years in the sausage-making business, recalled his start in Cass City. He had worked construction for a couple of years after school, and was getting ready to leave Michigan's oppressive employment picture at the time when Richard Erla hired him and introduced him to the sausage kitchen at Erla's.

Vatter, who has also worked for Maurer's Meat Processors near Ubyly, took a job with Marshall's Distributing in Cass City 10 years ago. But the demand for his sausage recipe, recently renamed "Joe's Smokin Recipe", prompted him to set up shop at home while continuing to work for Marshall's.

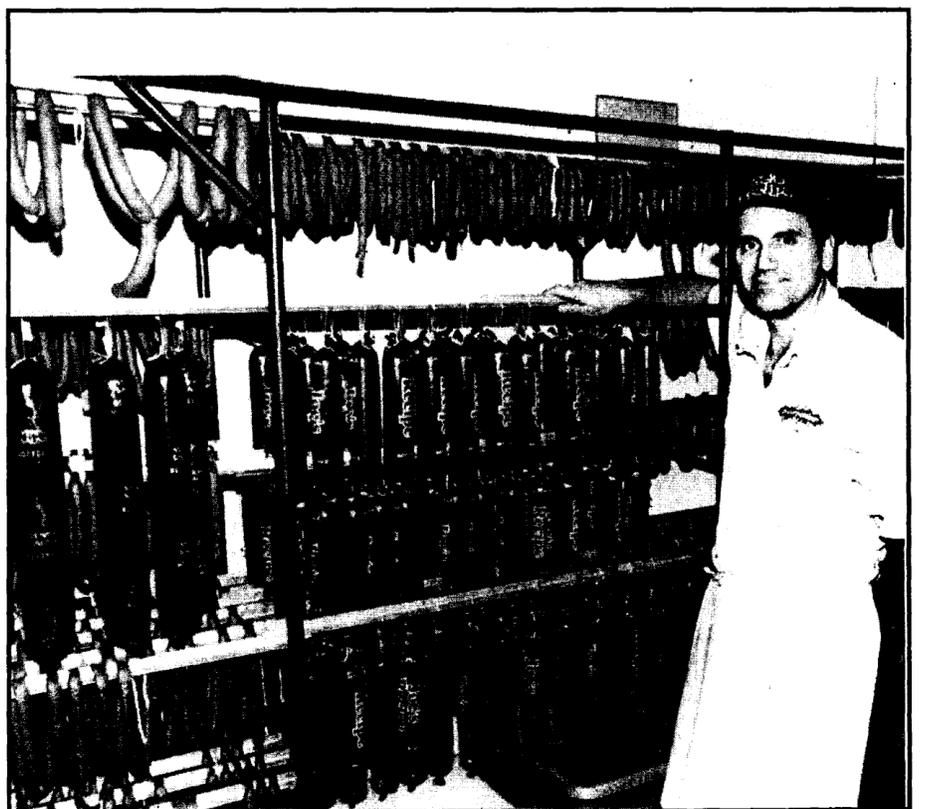
With the blessing of his employer as well as his wife, Ann, and daughter Rhea, 12, Vatter transformed a 25-foot by 12-foot garage into a processing facility with a single smokehouse.

"It started out as a hobby, but it turned into a full-time business 4 months out of the year. I average an additional 40 hours a week for sure" during the hunting seasons, he said.

"Every year, we expand - we've grown that much," he said during a tour of the facility, which now measures 50 feet by 25 feet and includes a reception area, processing and packaging rooms, and 4 smokehouses, including one with a maximum capacity of 500 pounds of meat. Another 12-foot by 12-foot area serves as a cooler.

The facility is state inspected and licensed, according to Vatter, who said he incorporates inspectors' recommendations into his operation. During production, he added, when you aren't working, you're cleaning.

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**VETERAN SAUSAGE** maker Joe Vatter says his original recipe is still the most popular, but the barbecue stick is a close second. Vatter has turned a hobby into a growing family business that is expected to process some 50,000 pounds of venison this year.

# Movies set at the library

Rawson Memorial Library Senior Citizens movies will be shown Friday, Dec. 17, at 1:30 p.m. They are:

**American Road Trips: Montana** - Begin your trip through Montana's splendid wide-open spaces in Missoula and then visit a cattle ranch. Partake in some of the country's best fishing in Great Falls and check out the tranquil beauty of Glacier National Park. Idaho & Wyoming - Relive the glory days of the railroad at Golden Spike, Idaho, where the Central Pacific and Union Pacific meet. Travel through the Snake River Canyon and don't forget to taste the potatoes. Then cross into Wyoming to experience 2 of America's greatest treasures: Yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks. Washington - Start off at Seattle's Farmer's Market and take a ferry to the San Juan Islands where you can join a whale watching expedition and visit an oyster farm. Also visit shipbuilders and then on to St. Helen's to see the aftermath of the volcanic eruption.

(60 minutes)

**Restoring the Everglades:** This video explains some of the problems facing the Everglades because of Florida's population growth and pollution. The need for main-

taining what is left of the Everglades and restoring the ecosystem is emphasized. (20 minutes).

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

## Deford Honor Roll

The Deford Christian Academy first quarter honor roll has been announced.

### ELEMENTARY

**A Honor Roll** - Jonathan Allen, Shane Bloomfield, Roy Ceci, Chase Collins, Joey Cotton, Andrea Hollosy, Whitley Mercer, Ashleigh Moore, Jared Parker, Jordan Pennington, Tristin Pennington, Ashley Shutz, Melody Tait, Chantell Toner, Justin Toner, Adam Torres, Trent Willis.

### KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE

**A Honor Roll** - Josie Moore, Jessica Parker,

Dustin Pennington, Zak Syacsure, Allyson Torres, Tyler Wice, Dillon Hollosy, Ethan Mercer, Michael Parker, Casi Spear, Nicole Willis.

### JUNIOR HIGH

**A Honor Roll** - Candy Collins, Jordan Cotton, Amanda Torres.

**B Honor Roll** - Amanda Little, Whitney Monson, Zachary Monson.

### SENIOR HIGH

**A Honor Roll** - Bethany Baughman, Laura Rudich.

**B Honor Roll** - Jeff Craig, Verda Craig, Lindsey Kilbourn, Alecia Little.

## Christmas services scheduled

Area residents are invited to attend 3 special Christmas services at First and Fraser Presbyterian churches of Cass City.

A children's Christmas program featuring children from both congregations will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Fraser church, located at M-53 and Huron Line Road.

Two services will be held Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, one at each church.

A candlelight service featuring Christmas music will be held at 7:30 p.m. that evening at the First Presbyterian Church at Seeger and Church streets. That will be followed by a Christmas Eve service with communion at 11 p.m. at the Fraser church.

The Rev. David L. Blackburn is pastor of both churches and will participate in the services.



We really appreciate all the clever Christmas articles, as well as others, passed along to us by readers. If we don't print them all this year, we'll keep them on file for next.

Fred MacKay of Columbus, Ga., who must still be a northerner at heart, sent us this letter by author Chris Johnson last year, and we saved it for this Christmas season.

An open letter to the citizens of the Bi-City area from Santa Claus:

Dear ya'll:

I regret to inform you that, effective immediately, I will no longer be able to serve your area on Christmas Eve. Due to recent changes in my union contract renegotiated by North American Fairies and Elves Local 209, I now serve only certain areas of northern Wisconsin and west Michigan. I also get longer breaks for milk and cookies.

However, I'm certain that your children will be in good hands with my replacement, my third cousin from the South Pole, Bubba Claus. He shares my goal of delivering toys to all the good boys and girls, but there are a few differences between us, such as:

\*There is no danger of a Grinch stealing your presents from Bubba Claus, who has a gun rack on his sleigh and a bumper sticker that reads "These toys insured by Smith & Wesson."

\*Instead of milk and cookies, Bubba prefers that children leave an RC and pork skins on the fireplace. And Bubba doesn't smoke a pipe. He does dip a little snuff, though, so please have a spit can handy.

\*Bubba Claus' sleigh is

pulled by floppy-eared flyin' coon dogs instead of reindeer. I loaned him my reindeer one time and Rudolph's head now rests over Bubba's fireplace.

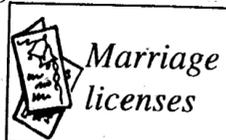
\*You won't hear "On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen" when Bubba Claus arrives. Instead you'll hear, "On Earnhardt, on Wallace, on Martin and Labonte. On Rudd, on Jarrett, on Elliot and Petty." \*"Ho, ho, ho!" has been replaced by "Yeehaw!" And you also are likely to hear Bubba's elves respond, "I heard that!"

\*The usual Christmas movie classics such as "Miracle on 34th Street" and "Ernest Saves Christmas" will not be shown in your area. Instead, you'll see some lesser known movies about Bubba Claus made in the late 1970s. Many feature Bert Reynolds as Bubba Claus, Jackie Gleason as a Grinch who says "You scumbum!" a lot, and dozens of state patrol cars crashing into each other.

\*Bubba Claus doesn't wear a belt. I'd turn the other way when he bends over to put presents under the tree.

\*Lovely Christmas songs have been sung about me, including Elvis' "Here Comes Santa Claus" and Madonna's remake of "Santa Baby." Until this year, songs about Bubba Claus have been played only on AM stations in Mississippi. They include such classics as Mark Chesnutt's "Bubba Claus Shot the Jukebox", David Allan Coe's "Willie, Waylon, Bubba Claus and Me" and Hank Williams Jr.'s "If You Don't Like Bubba Claus, You Can Kiss My Icicle."

(If you happen to be from the south, just remember that I didn't write it.)



Nick Edward Socier and Raelyn Marie Burgett, both of Caro.

Scott Edward VanOchten and Stacie Lynn Poirier, both of Reese.

Eric Charles Hayes, Cass City, and Crystal Leigh Collins, Kingston.

Frank Ned Easlick Jr. and Connie Kay Taylor, both of Deford.

Eric Irish Russell, Akron, and Maureen Dolores Czevwinski, Caro.

Matthew Robert Kern and Tiffany Ann Gordon, both of Reese.

David Everett Williams and Jodi Lee Sasser, both of Vassar.

David Gustaaf Kolacz, Caro, and Pamela Mary Stoll, Clarkston.

John James Redwanz Jr., Vassar, and Julie Ann Lindner, Reese.

James Louis Matzke Jr. and Sheila Jean Myron, both of Vassar.

# Choir to perform

The adult choir at Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., will perform the cantata, "A Christmas Invitation", Sunday, Dec. 19, at their 10:45 a.m. service.

"A Christmas Invitation" invites all to come and celebrate the day that JOY came to our world! It's a standing invitation, and all God asks is that we come... not later, but now... not after we've tried to change things by ourselves, but just as we are. The story of Jesus' birth will

be told by various narrators, solos, duets, a trio and a number of young people as well as the choir's numbers.

The public is cordially invited to come hear the timeless story of Jesus' birth brought through song.

A nursery will be provided and for more details call 872-3658.

At 7:00 p.m. the church's young people will perform the cantata "Rip Van Christmas." All are invited to hear them sing as well.

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## Services coming up

Special Christmas services are scheduled at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church beginning Sunday, Dec. 19, at 9:30 a.m. with the Christmas cantata, "Songs of Christmas," performed by the junior and adult choirs.

The children's Christmas program, "A Star of Wonder," is also on the 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve services are set for 7:30 p.m. and Christmas Day services at 9:30 a.m.

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

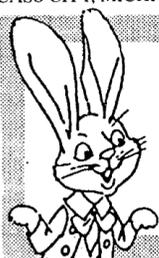
**December 19, 7:00 p.m.**  
Chancel Choir Pageant

**Christmas Eve, December 24, 5:00 p.m.**  
"Blessing of the Animals"

All animals must be on leash or in a cage. Large animals will be blessed in the parking lot. Your opportunity to have your complete family attend a Christmas Eve Service.

**7:30 and 11:00 p.m.**  
Communion/Candlelight Services  
**Sunday, December 26, 11:00 a.m.**  
Student Sunday Worship  
Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. each week

**Cass City United Methodist Church**  
5100 N. Cemetery, P.O. Box 125  
1 1/4 mile north of the stop light  
517-872-3422



### Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Among the best cartoons scanned this year is one that appeared in a mid-Michigan weekly. It pictured a farmer with a broad smile looking out a picture window at his barn. In the foreground are two women drinking coffee and chatting. One woman says, "George is convinced the Y2K bug will wipe out our Christmas bills."

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It will be a little merrier this Christmas for at least 73 families who will receive gifts in the annual "Christmas for Kids" program sponsored again this year by the Cass City Rotary Club. Jeanne Lohela, Rotarian who is spearheading the drive, said that there is \$3,413 in cash and many toys already collected.

New unwrapped toys can be deposited in convenient containers spread around town. Cash gifts can be sent to or deposited at this year's headquarters at Buds & Blossoms, 476 Main Street.

The toy collection program was given a big boost last week by Cass City High School students at a school dance when the gift of a new toy was the price of admission.

Deadline for contributions to the program is Dec. 18 and the gifts will be distributed Dec. 21-22.

Persons who are aware of families that need to be included in the program and may have been overlooked can contact Lohela (872-4397).

We want every child in the area to have a gift this Christmas, Lohela concluded, and with the fine cooperation received from the entire community, we can make it so.

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Not complaining, you understand, but it doesn't seem like Christmas is less than 2 weeks away. The gorgeous fall weather is the reason. Until the ground is covered with that mantle of new white snow, mentally it's October, not December 14.

You, too?

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Just a reminder kids: the deadline for Santa letters is Friday noon. Remember to include a photo of yourself.



**FIRE DESTROYED a 1996 Dodge Caravan at a Deford area residence Monday morning. Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski reported the fire started in the engine compartment of the vehicle, owned by Don Weiss, 1633 N. Crawford Rd. The vehicle, valued at about \$16,000, was a total loss, he said.**

## Break-in suspect pleads

One of 3 suspects charged in the Nov. 20 burglary of Cass City Hardware pleaded innocent to several charges last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Rudolfo Nuncio Jr., 23, Sebwaing, pleaded innocent to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, larceny of firearms, conspiracy to steal firearms and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Bond was continued at \$50,000 cash for the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department. A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case.

Investigators say Nuncio and 2 other suspects, Nicholas C. Leitmann, 18, of Sebwaing, and Lauro T. Trevino, 17, of Elsa, Texas, used bricks to smash a window and a gun display case at the Cass City business, located at 6092 E. Cass City Rd., sometime between 2 and 3 a.m.

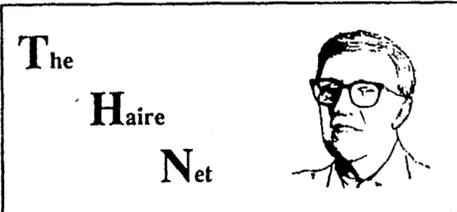
A cooperative effort among local police, Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, state police and Bad Axe police resulted in the arrests of all 3 suspects a short time later. Leitmann and Trevino were located in a field just

### Concerts set

Owen-Gage students will showcase their talents during a pair of holiday concerts scheduled for this week.

The kindergarten-third grade Christmas program will be held Thursday in the Gagetown Elementary School gymnasium starting at 6 p.m., and the annual junior-senior high holiday band concert will be held the same day, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Owendale gymnasium.

west of the village, and Nuncio was picked up by state police troopers. Officers also recovered 6 stolen handguns.



It's human nature to look for simple answers to complex problems. That's ever so true when it concerns us directly. Forces a change in lifestyles.

A story about the dwindling number of salmon available to fishermen on the west coast brought that into focus again.

The fishermen claim that the increasing number of protected sea lions and harbor seals are decimating the salmon. Sea lions have increased from 80,000 to 250,000 during the last decade. They want the animals removed from the protected list and a return to the pre-1994 policy that enables commercial fishermen to shoot them.

While it's undoubtedly true that sea lions gorge on salmon, there is a group of ocean advocates that claim that drawing of water from streams and logging along creeks are the major problems. There's no consensus that sea lions are the cause of declining numbers.

A similar debate raged in Michigan 40 years or so ago. It concerned the decimation of the pheasant population. There was a group of discouraged hunters who proclaimed far and wide that the pheasant scarcity was due to an increase in foxes.

While it's true that foxes were feasting on pheasants, like the salmon problem now in the west, it was a simplistic answer to a complex problem. It's now generally agreed that the pheasant loss was due to many factors, with changes in farming practices heading the list.

Sometimes a simplistic agenda metamorphoses into a broad program. That proved true when a group of fly fishermen organized Trout Unlimited. When it started some 3 decades ago, the emphasis was on trying to promote streams restricted to fly fishing and catch and release fishing.

From that start it soon became apparent that these concepts were helpful, but a

far cry from being the answer to the preservation of trout.

Trout Unlimited now emphasizes stream improvement, watershed improvement and education as the way to achieve its goal.

The organization has come a long way since its beginning, but still has a long road to travel.

Preserving wild trout for succeeding generations promises to be a never-ending task. Preserving salmon on the west coast promises to be equally difficult.

Shooting a few thousand sea lions won't get the job done.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I guess I'll never get used to fancy equipment. I wouldn't mind trying, of course, but a little Scotch streak in my ancestry eliminates any chance of extravagance.

This crossed my mind last week as I sat in my 33-year-old tent cooking on my 30-year-old stove. I realized my boat has passed its fortieth birthday, also, and my tractor is nearly as old as I am.

I'm not complaining, though. There's something about old equipment I find reassuring.

Old equipment is like old friends. You have a pretty good idea what they will do and what they won't do.

I own a new tent and a modern camp stove, but the new stuff will never replace the old-timers. The old tent and stove have been through thick and thin, and I've witnessed every bit of it.

My wife and I bought the umbrella tent from Sears the year after we were married. We loaded our '64 Chevy with camping gear, tied a boat on top, and headed for Canada on a fishing trip.

The worst thing about that trip was my constant fretting about where we were going to freeze our fish. The second worst thing was we didn't catch any fish.

A few years later I noticed campgrounds in my home state of Ohio were empty all winter. Maybe I should buy a woodburning stove like the shepherders used? Then I could go camping in the winter.

I ordered my stove from Ira Testor in Spokane, Washington. Mr. Testor called these stoves the "Firey Ireys."

They're firey alright. A guy who fires-up this stove in a 9x11 tent will be down to his

underwear in a matter of minutes.

Old Ireys nearly smoked us out the first time my cousin and I took him grouse hunting. That was because we knew nothing about stove pipes or smoke behavior. We got along fine, once we got the pipes straightened out — and our eyes stopped watering.

Firey Ireys taught my cousin and me a few things about wood stoves and winter camping. Things like, "Never go camping with a man who has a new stove." And, "Wet wood smokes a lot more than dry wood."

We also learned it's hard to find tent rings for shepherder stoves in a state that doesn't have shepherders. Folks in Ohio get kind of cross-eyed when you tell them you're planning to put a woodburning stove in your

After years of trial and error, Ireys and I have become good friends. I've considered replacing the old stove and the umbrella tent, but they don't make them anymore. (Like most of the things I own.)

A person can't put a stove in one of those nylon taffeta tents they try to sell us these days. The whole thing would melt down around your ankles.

I'll probably just stick with my old stuff and not worry what the modern world is doing. My tent can stand a couple more patches, and the stove works fine once I get the warped spots pounded out.

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**Bennett's Beat**

*Students share holiday spirit*



Christmas is right around the corner and Cass City High School students are gearing up so that everyone in Cass City has a meal on their plate and a toy under their tree.

Members of the Honor Society are getting ready to go door to door to collect food. They will be heading out Saturday, Dec. 18, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. They are going to get to as many houses in town as possible. They call their annual event F.E.T.C.H., which stands for Feed Everyone This Christmas Holiday.

Dave Hoard, advisor for the National Honor Society, said, "It is a good opportunity for kids in NHS to help the needy people in the Cass City area."

This event has been going on now for years. The event used to be run by the high school student council but they recently turned it over to the National Honor Society. NHS hosts it, but they count on volunteers from the high school to help.

This year they even put boxes in each of the English classes grades 9-11 and in the government class for the seniors. The grade with the most food will win a prize.

They will also be running things a little differently this year. Along with going door to door, they will be riding on a hay wagon. The students will be singing Christmas carols to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. Everyone is encouraged to save a canned good or 2 to donate to program F.E.T.C.H.

Amber Dunn, head of the F.E.T.C.H. committee, said, "We're going to try something new and hope to get a lot more people involved if possible."

If you have a high school son or daughter, encourage them to come and help out. It's a great feeling knowing

that you helped put a meal on someone's table "I hope the community participates and all goes well," said Leann Otulakowski.

As I mentioned in a previous week's article, the high school recently held a Christmas dance. In place of money, students had to bring a toy at a minimum of a \$5.00 value.

It was a huge success. The high school collected around 100 toys and \$90 in cash. The toys were delivered to the former Kritzman's building where the Christmas for Kids station is headquartered.

"It was really cool taking all of the toys. I had 3 garbage bags full of toys plus a box full. I was surprised to see how many kids brought toys. When I dropped them off at the Kritzman building, Mrs. Lohela was so excited", said Ashley Ouvry.

"Our Student Council had worked very hard to become more giving. As a result it has led the student body to be more giving. The result was displayed at the dance", said Mrs. Sean Zawilinski, advisor of the high school student council.

I would like to say that a lot of credit goes to Mrs. Zawilinski. Her example of hard work and dedication to school activities and school spirit has definitely influenced students to be better leaders and harder workers.

I attended the Christmas dance and it was a lot of fun. It's a lot more fun knowing that you are there having a good time and it is for a good cause. I couldn't believe all the toys I saw when I arrived at the dance. I also plan on attending F.E.T.C.H. You get to bond with classmates and collect food. I hope that a lot of kids come and help and that everyone has a great time.

# Letters to the editor

## Time running out

# Stop canal give-away!

Dear Editor, The Cass City Chronicle:

I wish to comment on a significance of the date of December 31, 1999, which I fear most Americans are unaware of. For if we do nothing to prevent it, our U.S. Canal in Panama, one of the world's most strategic waterways, will pass from our hands at the close of this year. I fear that the vast majority of Americans are unaware that Russia, China, and Cuba are already positioned to take control of our canal that is so vital to U.S. economic and national security.

As Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, former chairman of

the joint chiefs of staff, pointed out in the March 29, 1999, issue of the New American Magazine (headquartered at P.O. Box 8040, Appleton, Wis.): In 1996 while China was illegally pouring millions of dollars into Clinton's re-election effort, it was also funneling huge amounts of cash to Panamanian politicians to ensure that its front company, Hutchison Whampoa of Hong Kong, could move in when we vacate.

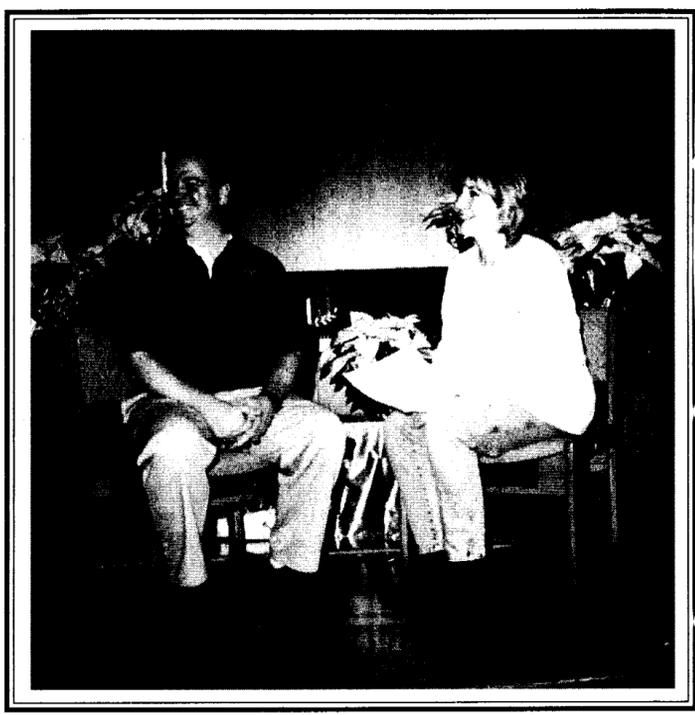
In 1997 Panama turned over the American-built port facilities at both ends of the canal to Hutchison. Hutchison also has options on Rodman Naval Station, Howard Air Force Base, and

other military facilities of ours to be relinquished this year, thus giving communist China not only the ability to deny us access to the canal at times when our national defense requires it but will put us at risk of Chinese missiles launched from Panama bases just 900 miles from our borders!

In view of media reports that the canal give-away treaties have never been legally ratified in violation of Article IV of the Constitution since the House of Representatives was by-passed when the senate and White House transferred the canal and zone alone, violating the separation of powers doctrine of our system of government, let's contact our congressman immediately and demand that this illegal canal give-away be stopped now!

Sincerely,

Ed Nemecek  
P.O. Box 3263  
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## Pageant practice

DAN AND Janelle Dickinson enjoy a light moment during a rehearsal of the pageant, "The Real Spirit of Christmas", which will be presented by the chancel choir of the Cass City United Methodist Church, Sunday at 7 p.m. Actors will form a living nativity scene and the choir will sing Christmas anthems, while narrators read scripture and poems. Refreshments will follow the pageant, and everyone is welcome.

## Give workers a break

As the 1999 road construction season winds down, I'd like to take this opportunity to say I appreciate the motorizing public for their patience and understanding while MDOT and our contractors repaired and rehabilitated our roads. It continues to be our goal to have 90 percent of our roads and bridges in good condition by 2007 and with the record amount of work completed this year it is safe to say we are well on our way.

Now with winter weather upon us, I'd like to remind everyone, on behalf of all snow removal crews, to adjust their driving habits to help make the season safer for all.

Please give all snow removal equipment as much room as possible when you're out sharing the road. Snow and salt trucks are large, heavy machines, making them more difficult to maneuver than smaller vehicles, especially on slippery roads. Their job is to clear the way for motorists, often working around the clock and week-ends. It is important for drivers to remember not to crowd the plow, as there is often snow, ice and salt coming off the trucks and being discharged from the ends of the plow. When in doubt, slow down and give the drivers extra room.

Lastly, please remember it is against the law in Michi-

gan to deposit any snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway, including the shoulders. With the increase in the number of pickup trucks with plows, the incidence of snow being pushed into or across the roadway or shoulders has increased. This can make driving conditions more hazardous for everyone.

Working together, we can have another safe and successful winter season. Sincerely,

Larry Tibbitts  
Bay Region Engineer

### 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.

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# Vatter grinding out success in home business

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"I would say the first year we started out with about 10,000 pounds" of venison, he said. "We've grown 10,000-plus pounds every year. We're hoping to hit 50,000 pounds this year."

At the peak of the firearm deer season, Vatter along with a sister-in-law, brother-in-law and father all work side by side, grinding, stuffing, smoking and packaging. Vatter's wife mans the reception area, which sees an average of 500 customers during the 16-day regular firearm season, while daughter Rhea operates the till.

"If it weren't for my family and Marshall's, I couldn't do this on the side," he noted.

Vatter credits word-of-mouth with much of his new business.

"We have people coming as far as Lansing and Grand Rapids, and we have people who are as local as Uby. There are a lot of people from the Detroit area who hunt up here," he said.

Vatter says he listens to his customers' suggestions and tries to offer new services, such as vacuum packing, whenever he can. "The customers are number one to me. Marshall's has taught me that and I've learned that," he said.

"What I really love about this business is it really brings the family together," Vatter added. "It's a lot of work and a lot of hours, but the rewards are great."



**THIS ATTRACTIVE sign points the way to "Joe's Recipe" on East Cass City Road. Vatter (above) calls the venture a full-time business 4 months out of the year.**



**JOE VATTER transformed a small garage at his home into a venison processing room 5 years ago and has since expanded the facility as demand for his custom recipe has grown.**

# Green calls drain code bill balanced

Legislation approved by the Michigan House of Representatives last week adds environmental safeguards and increases public input concerning the state's drain code, according to the bill's sponsor, Rep. Mike Green (R-Mayville).

"This legislation represents a fair and balanced approach to a complex issue," Green said. "We have made common-sense reforms and brought the drain code up to date."

House Bill 4803 was designed to replace Michigan's current drain code, which dates back to 1956.

The new code would improve environmental safeguards by requiring drain commissioners to examine the environmental impact of building new drains and maintaining existing drains, according to Green.

He said the legislation would also increase public participation; residents would have more opportunities for public hearings, and drain commissioners would be required to provide more information up front, including preliminary engineering analyses and cost estimates.

The measure would strengthen residents' rights by improving the appeals process by allowing resident appeals in circuit court, which would have access to all information presented at public hearings regarding a specific project, Green continued. Currently, he explained, drain commissioners are permitted to select which information is presented in court.

The legislation also provides for improved maintenance of existing drains, which must be inspected at least every 3 years. Under the measure, maintenance funds would increase from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per mile, giving drain commissioners greater resources for repairs.

Homeowners' property rights would also enjoy increased protections, according to Green. Currently, drain commissioners do not have to report property easements, but the legislation would require them to do so for all property easements in

the register of deeds office within 10 years of the law taking effect.

Finally, Green said, House Bill 4803 would establish a fairer assessment process.

Under the current system, he explained, there is no requirement for drain commissioners to consider the effect of the drain when making an assessment. Under the new legislation, however, drain commissioners would be required to base assessments on whether property will benefit from a new drain. Property improved by a new drain would, therefore, have a higher assessment than property not improved or damaged.

"For 3 years I have worked to build a comprehensive and thoughtful legislative package," Green said.

He acknowledged some criticism of the bill, but maintained the legislation is sound.

"The drain code is a very complex issue," he added. We have put together a package with bipartisan support. I understand that certain special interest groups are unsatisfied with some provisions. The nature of compromise is that no one gets everything they want. Considering the scope of the issue, this legislation represents a fair and sensible approach.

"I am more than willing to work with anyone who has substantive suggestions for improvements."

Among the bill's supporters is Tuscola County Drain Commissioner Sarah Pistro, whose office is responsible for 554 county established drains and 75 inter-county drains.

"I believe that Rep. Green should really be applauded for his handling of the bill," she said, adding it's evident Green has done his homework and understands the "nuts and bolts" of the drain code.

"This was a much-needed change," she said, adding the legislation, if approved, will not mean any drastic changes in how her office operates. "It's going to be a workable bill for Tuscola County."

# Teachers contract approved

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Samantha Ingram, Amanda Faist, Lauren Bennett, Derek Ricker, Nathan Rogers, Mary Ellen McKee, Tim Kain, Warren Hunt, Josh Errer, Tom Minkler and Derek Howard.

\*Approved the nomination of senior Crystal Pillsbury as the December "student of the month."

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# Millington teen sentenced

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ing one another when the accident occurred.

Long, who stood mute to a charge of manslaughter with a motor vehicle earlier this year, will be tried on the charge in February. If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison.

In other circuit proceedings last week:

A Millington teen was sentenced to jail Friday in the 1998 traffic death of a Millington youth.

Matthew M. Mays, 18, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail, with 90 days deferred, and 24 months probation for his plea of no contest to attempted vehicular manslaughter. He was also ordered to pay \$900 in costs and fines.

The charge stemmed from the Sept. 27, 1998, death of Evan Paul Johnson, 12. Johnson was riding his bicycle near his home when he was struck by a car driven by Mays, who was 17 at the time, on Murphy Lake Road west of Fuller Road. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported the boy was then struck by a pickup truck driven by another Millington teen.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Keith M. Cowles, 17, Vassar, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail (deferred to the end of probation) for his plea of guilty to escape from a juvenile facility and resisting and obstructing a police officer July 2 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,020 in court costs and fines.

•Michael S. Wisenbach, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail for his plea of guilty to 3 counts of forgery involving \$200 checks drawn on Chemical Bank last May-June.

The defendant was also ordered to pay \$560 in costs and fines.

•Theodore G. Dorics, 53, Mayville, pleaded innocent to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and driving with an expired license plate Nov. 5 in Fremont Township.

•Gary D. Rowley, 27, Millington, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 120 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his conviction on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Feb. 19 in Vassar. A jury handed down the verdict following a trial in circuit court.

Rowley's motor vehicle was ordered forfeited by the court, which also ordered the defendant to pay \$560 in costs and fines plus restitution totaling \$85 and a \$150 forensic fee.

•Laurie J. Talbot, 39, Flint, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 180 days in jail (deferred), with work release, for her plea of no contest to writing an insufficient fund check of \$500 or more Feb. 25-March 4 in Akron Township.

The defendant was also ordered to pay \$1,000 in costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

•Robert C. Treneman, 17, Vassar, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 5 months in jail, with school release, for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny and larceny of firearms Aug. 13 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$700 in costs and fines and undergo mental therapy/counseling.

•Roger D. Wilson, 47, Flint, was sentenced to 45 days in jail for his conviction on a charge of probation violation. The court revoked his probation.

•Kimberly S. Hess, 44, Millington, was sentenced to 6 months probation and 180 days in jail (deferred pending her completion of resi-

dential treatment) for her plea of guilty to obtaining a controlled substance by fraud between December 1998 and June 1999.

She was also ordered to pay \$460 in costs and fines and reimburse the county \$456.

•Mark A. Brewer, 38, Millington, was found guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony March 14. A jury handed down the verdicts last week following a 2-day trial.

Brewer's bond was continued at \$50,000 cash and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was scheduled for Jan. 21 at 8:30 a.m.

•Peter L. Jacobson, 23, Saginaw, was given 60 days to pay \$3,204.18 in outstanding court costs and fines, or face sentencing for his plea of guilty to probation violation.

•Susanne M. Plain, 43, Bay Port, was sentenced to 45 days in jail for her plea of guilty to probation violation. Court records state the sentence will be deferred 60 days provided Plain pays a \$500 fine.

# Blaze

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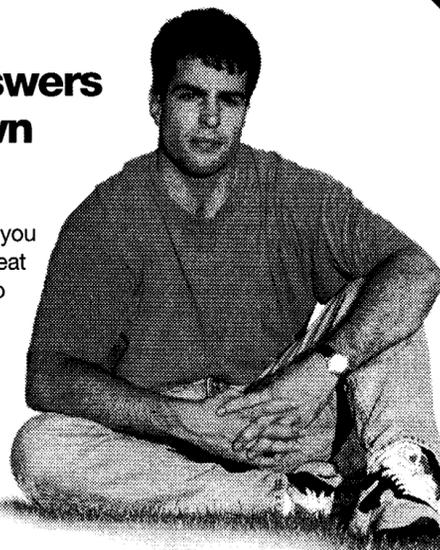
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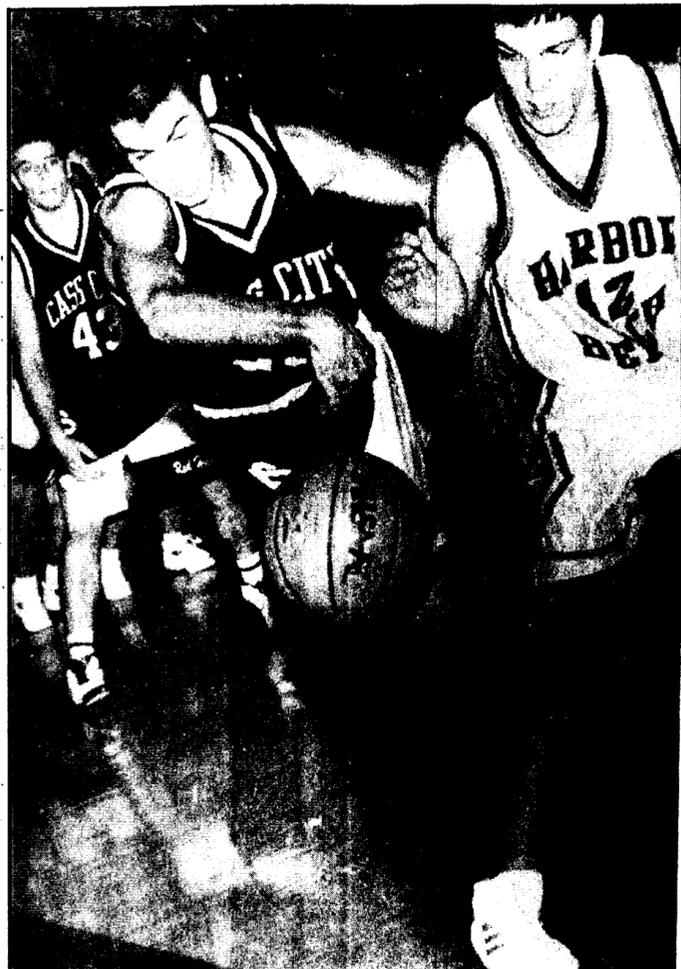
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**RED HAWK** Ryan Holmgren hustles to save a loose ball Friday against visiting Harbor Beach during the final half of GTC play. Cass City recorded a 53-51 win despite the play of Harbor Beach's (42) Nathan Wruble, who led all scorers with 29 tallies.

## Cass City gymnasts earn regional marks at Vassar

The Red Hawk gymnastic team opened its 1999-2000 season Thursday with a dual meet in Vassar and suffered a 125.8-117.4 defeat by the host Vulcans.

Despite the setback, rookie Coach Cathy Kropewnicki received several fine indi-

vidual performances, including 6 regional qualifying scores.

The Hawk ladies will get another opportunity to record a regional score this Saturday during the Troy Athens Invitational. To reach the regional level, each gymnast must achieve 4 qualifying scores during the season.

Cass City's Katie Wood and Johanna Hoelzle collected the visitors' top finishes at Vassar with 2nd place showings in the vault and floor events, respectively.

Wood recorded a regional qualifying mark of 8.3 in the vault, finishing behind Vassar's Kim Donnelly, who won the event with a mark of 8.35. Red Hawk Michelle Kropewnicki and Hoelzle also met the regional qualifying standard in the vault, 8.0 and 7.9, respectively, that resulted in 6th and 7th place.

Hoelzle's 2nd place finish came on the floor exercise,

where she posted a score of 8.5, the visitors' highest score on the night. Vassar's Kristi Schluckbier won the event with a tally of 9.2. Besides Hoelzle, Red Hawk Kropewnicki posted a regional qualifying mark of 8.4 in the event that was good for 4th place.

On the balance beam, Lyndi Trischler's mark of 7.8 earned her a 3rd place finish and another regional qualifying score.

The Hawks' best effort on the uneven bars was recorded by Wood with a mark of 6.7, while Kropewnicki and Laura Laming recorded scores of 6.65 and 6.55. The event was captured by Vassar's Kristi Schluckbier with a mark of 8.6.

In the all around event, Kropewnicki finished 4th with a score of 29.65 to lead the visitors. Hoelzle finished 5th in the all around event with a total of 29.40.

# Hawk cagers top Harbor Beach

The preliminaries are over for the Cass City Red Hawk basketball team. Tuesday's game with Ubyly was the last of 3 home games in a row. Now the Hawks go on the road Friday for the first Greater Thumb West league game of the season against the Lakers, one of the pre-season favorites for the title.

Coach Jim Green's Hawks should be entering the game on a high note after the team posted a satisfying victory over visiting Harbor Beach Friday, 53-51.

The game was every bit as close as the final score indicates although both teams had sizable leads during the game. In the second quarter the Pirates forged in front behind Nathan Wruble, who scored 7 points in a 10-0 run to push the Beachers in front 25-16. Wruble was a one-man offensive force for the visitors and ended the night with 29 points.

At the half Cass City trailed 25-20 but the third quarter belonged to the Hawks. Craig Emmert came to life with 3 hoops and a free throw. Nathan Brinkman added a trey and 2 2-pointers in the drive that pushed Cass City in front by as many as 10

points as the Pirate offense was able to score just 7 points in the quarter.

Cass City maintained its lead early in the last period and looked ready to claim a comfortable victory. With 4:46 left to play, the Hawks were in front 48-37. But Wruble then led a Pirate rally with a pair of buckets and 6 of 8 free throws to propel Harbor Beach to within 2 points with 32 seconds left to play.

Helping the Pirates close the gap was poor free throw shooting. Cass City missed 6 charity tosses in a row in the last 2 minutes.

Cass City was ahead 53-51 with 18 second left and a wild shot by the visitors missed the mark and Cass

City got the rebound. However, the rebounder stepped out of bounds and the Pirates had one second left. The pass was into the post and a desperation shot was launched as the final whistle sounded. It didn't come close and the Hawks' first win of the season was assured.

Green singled out Nathan Brinkman for providing a real spark off the bench and pointed to the defensive guard play of Zach Glaspie, Bryce VanVliet, Joel Brinkman and Paul Langmaid as keys to the game. Harbor Beach committed 21 turnovers.

### JV GAME

Hoop fans were treated to

2 close games. In the preliminary, the Pirate JV team topped Cass City, 62-58. The

visitors won with a surge at crunch time. With 30 seconds left, the score was tied.

**CASS CITY** - P. Langmaid 0-0 (1-2) 1; Z. Glaspie 0-0 (1-5) 1; C. Holmgren 1-0 (0-0) 2; R. Holmgren 3-0 (2-4) 8; B. VanVliet 0-1 (4-8) 7; J. Storm 4-0 (2-2) 10; N. Anthony 1-0 (0-0) 2; C. Emmert 5-0 (1-2) 11; N. Brinkman 3-1 (2-2) 11.  
**TOTALS** - 17-2 (13-25) 53.

**CASS CITY** - Z. Glaspie 0-2 (0-0) 6; C. Holmgren 1-0 (0-0) 2; R. Holmgren 3-0 (0-0) 6; B. VanVliet 2-0 (0-0) 4; J. Storm 3-1 (0-0) 9; C. Emmert 6-0 (4-4) 16; N. Brinkman 3-1 (0-0) 9.  
**TOTALS** - 18-2 (4-7) 52.

**HARBOR BEACH** - P. Miller 1-0 (0-0) 2; E. Mausauf 0-0 (1-2) 1; T. Burkhard 1-0 (2-2) 4; K. Wehner 1-0 (1-2) 3; N. Wruble 8-2 (7-10) 29; D. Cupery 2-0 (2-2) 6; J. Siemen 2-0 (2-4) 6.  
**TOTALS** - 15-2 (15-22) 51.

## Tigers handle Hawks in opener

The visiting Caro Tigers withstood a late Cass City rally last Tuesday to win the opening hoop game of the season for both teams, 58-52.

The Tigers moved into an early lead in the first half, helped by the loss of Craig Emmert, who sat out much of the first half with foul trouble.

It was Emmert who sparked the Hawk surge after the intermission. Shut out in the first half, he scored all 16 of his points in the last 2 periods. Coach Jim Green said he was "happy with how we were able to come back, but Caro made the big plays at the crucial times."

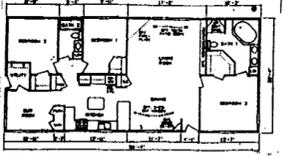
The first of these key times came with 4:13 left in the third quarter. Trailing 25-16 at the intermission, Cass City, sparked by 3 baskets by Emmert, went on a 13-5 run to move within a point, 30-29.

The Tigers answered that challenge to score 10 unanswered points. Tek Wiegert and Pat Lewtschany shared the scoring load in the drive with 5 points each.

The Hawks made a second serious run at the Tigers late in the final period. With 2:46 left in the game, Cass City trailed by a point again, 47-46, and had the ball. The first of 2 turnovers proved fatal as Lewtschany and Mike Osborn were deadly from the foul line, converting 7 of 8 opportunities, to propel Caro to the win.

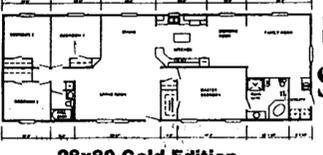
The Hawks showed considerable strength on the boards, out-rebounding the Tigers, 40-19. But the team had trouble finding the basket, shooting just 33 percent from the floor. Cass City also had trouble taking care of the ball and committed 24 turnovers.

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Cass City	0	0	0	0	0
BCAS	0	0	0	0	0
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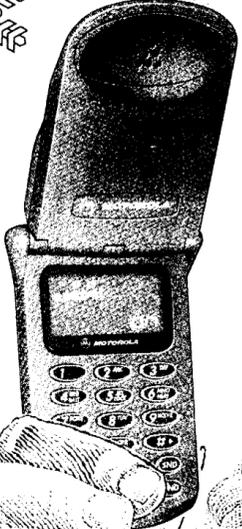
  

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Sandusky	0	0	0	0	1
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**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**  
Cros-Lex 75, Bad Axe 70 OT  
Cass City 53, Harbor Beach 51  
EPBP 39, Brown City 37  
Deckerville 56, Peck 39  
Reese 64, Marlette 44  
Mayville 62, Ubyly 44  
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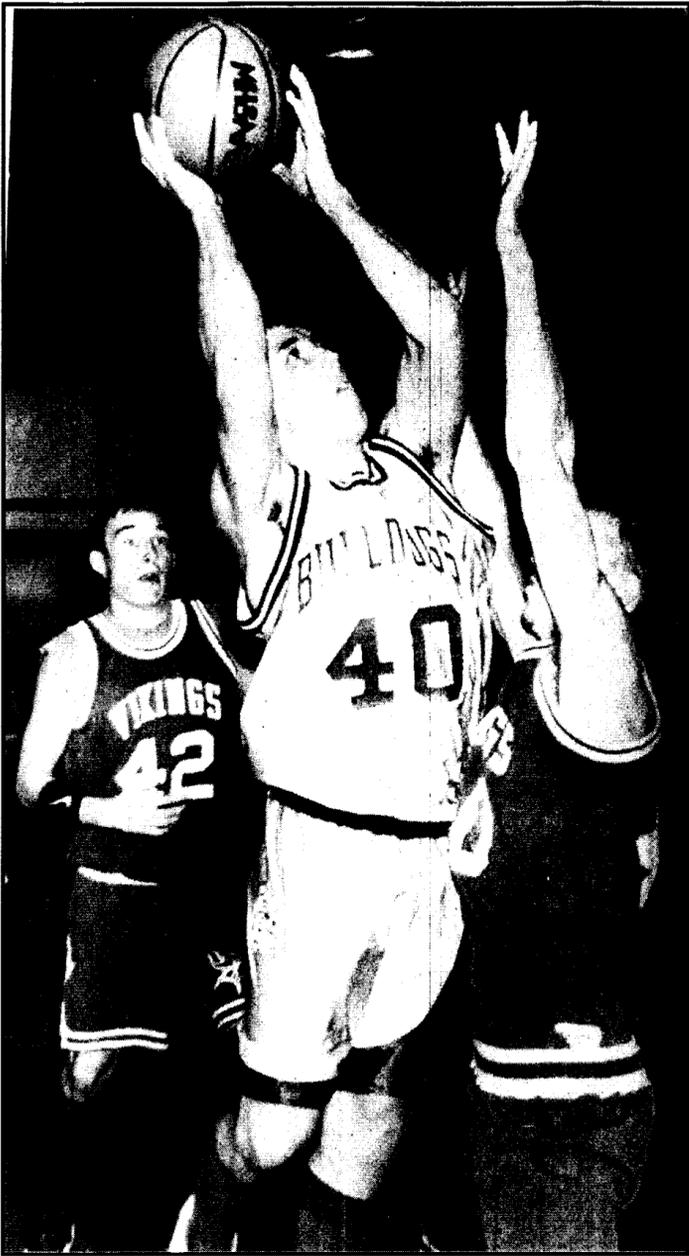
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**OWEN-GAGE'S NICK WARACK shoots one of his team high 5 rebounds Friday at Akron. The Bulldogs improved to 2-0 with an exciting 61-59 NCTL victory.**

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**Fritz hits game winner**

**Bulldogs win sneakers at Au Gres and Akron**

Cory Fritz became a household name in the Thumb over the weekend when he lifted visiting Owen-Gage to an exciting 61-59 North Central Thumb League win at Akron.

With the win, Coach Leon Westover's squad improved to 2-0 on the early campaign heading into this week's games with conference foes Port Hope and Peck. Friday's contest with the Pirates will mark the Bulldogs' home cage opener.

In Westover's gang's opening 2 tilts, the youthful Bulldogs have proven they can win the tight contest. They opened the season with a 79-71 overtime win at AuGres, before dropping Akron-Fairgrove Friday.

Against the Vikings, the 2 schools traded hoops for most of the opening half that ended with the visitors in front 31-30. Bulldog senior Derek Howard, who finished with 12 points and 4 assists, gave the visitors the one-point margin when he swiped a Viking inbound pass and banked home a 25-footer at the buzzer. Howard's effort gave the visitors some needed steam heading into the break.

The Bulldogs added to Howard's theatrics with a 20-8 run to kick off the final half. Nathan Kain paced the visitors with 8 of his 12 points in the frame following the intermission.

However, the Vikings used a 21-8 spurt of their own to draw even with the Bulldogs at 59.

Fritz then accounted for the game winner in the final moments when teammate Kain drove the baseline and delivered a beautiful bounce pass to Fritz, who had established position on the weak side.

Fritz and Corbin Swiastyn led the Bulldogs' offensive charge with 14 points apiece. Swiastyn tossed in 3 of his team's 6 triples and added 3 of 4 charity tosses in a fine shooting display.

Akron-Fairgrove received a team high 19 tallies from

Todd Squires.

**AUGRES**

A balanced Bulldog scoring attack led to an opening game win Tuesday at AuGres, where 5 players reached double digit scoring totals in a 79-71 overtime victory.

As could be expected, the Bulldogs looked rusty in the early going, and trailed 21-9 entering the 2nd period.

"We need to take better care of the basketball," said Coach Westover. "Thirteen of our 18 turnovers came on bad passes."

AuGres' Steve Stiff, how-

ever, appeared to be in mid season form and tossed in 14 of his game high 34 points in the initial half that ended with the Bulldogs trailing 33-29.

The Bulldogs erased a 7-point AuGres advantage in the final period where they nailed 4 shots beyond the 3-point arc, including a pair from guard Shane Mellendorf to draw even at 66 at the end of regulation play.

Owen-Gage outscored the hosts 13-5 in the overtime period to earn the win.

Kain led the Bulldogs with 15 points. Swiastyn added 13 points, while Fritz and Mellendorf split 22 markers.

Howard contributed 10 points and Warack 9 for the winners.

**OWEN-GAGE** - C. Swiastyn 2-3 (0-0) 13; S. Mellendorf 1-3 (0-0) 11; D. Howard 2-2 (0-0) 10; M. Rogers 1-0 (1-2) 3; N. Kain 6-1 (0-0) 15; R. Fritz 0-1 (0-0) 3; N. Warack 4-0 (1-3) 9; J. Story 0-0 (2-2) 2; C. Fritz 4-1 (0-0) 11; E. McKee 1-0 (0-0) 2.  
**TOTALS - 21-11 (4-7) 79.**

AuGres had Noah Fields with 15 and Mike Seabright with 10.

**OWEN-GAGE** - Howard 4-1 (1-2) 12; Warack 2-0 (0-0) 4; Mellendorf 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kain 6-0 (0-3) 12; Rogers 0-0 (1-2) 1; Fritz 4-2 (0-0) 14; Swiastyn 1-3 (3-4) 14; Story 0-0 (2-2) 2.  
**TOTALS 18-6 (7-13) 61.**

**AKRON-FAIR.** - Aeder 1-2 (0-0) 8; Brink 2-0 (4-5) 8; Turner 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hickey 0-0 (1-2) 1; Tetil 2-0 (0-0) 4; Squires 8-0 (3-5) 19; Donovan 2-0 (0-0) 4; Blohm 3-1 (4-5) 13.  
**TOTALS - 19-3 (12-19) 59.**

**Hawk wrestlers continue winning ways**

The Cass City High School wrestling team continued its winning ways last week with a double dual victory over Cros-Lex and a strong second place finish in the annual Marlette Invitational.

At the invitational Saturday the Hawks finished behind Imlay City, which finished with 198 1/2 points. Cass City scored 159 points. Others in the 10-team meet finished in the following order: Marlette, 135; Brown City, 103 1/2; Lakers, 79; Bad Axe, 72 1/2; North Branch, 54; Almont, 51; Sandusky, 40 1/2; Burton-Bentley, 33.

At Marlette, Cass City had 4 individual champions and all won their championship match with pins. They were: Travis Schneeberger, 103 pounds; Roy Davis, 119 pounds; Adam Dorland, 135 pounds, and Aaron Dorland, 145 pounds. Aaron Dorland has an 8-2 record and all of the other meet champions are undefeated this season.

Besides the winners, finishing second for the Hawks were: Scott Moore, 125 pounds, and Chris Dubay, 275 pounds. Three other Cass City wrestlers placed.

Anand Raythatha, 130 pounds; Jeremy Klinkman, 140 pounds, and Chad Wolschlagler, 189 pounds, finished fourth.

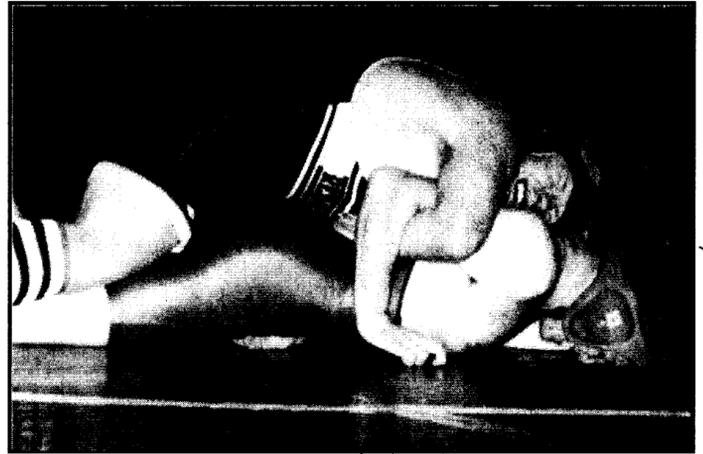
The Hawks posted wins over Cros-Lex, 64-18, and

Mt. Clemens, 45-33, in the dual meet at Imlay City.

Cass City won 11 of the 14 matches against Cros-Lex, 9 of them with pins. Against Mt. Clemens, Cass City took 8 events and lost 6. Seven of

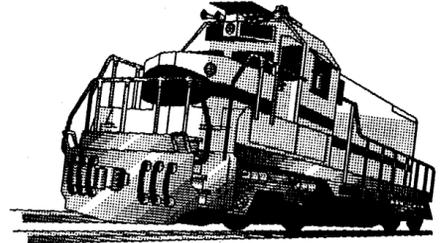
the Hawk wins were by pins.

Double winners for Cass City were: Schneeberger, Davis, Moore, Adam Dorland, Klinkman, Aaron Dorland, Dave Sutter and Dubay.



**RED HAWK Chad Wolschlagler works towards an overtime decision, 12-10, against Marlette's James Bishop Saturday at the Marlette Invitational. Wolschlagler recorded a 4th place finish, wrestling in the 189-lb. weight division.**

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THE RED HAWK varsity volleyball team members are: (front l-r) Becky Hartel, Becky Bulla, Kayla Wolschlager, Deidre Deering, Jaime Fluegge, Sherry Luana, (back l-r) Atalie Marshall, Holli Cooper, Amy Polega, Heather Edwards, Sara Homakie, Monica Dorland, Coach Beth Howard.

# Spikers set to lift season curtain

Coach Beth Howard's rebuilding of the Cass City volleyball program enters its 3rd year Saturday when the Hawks travel to compete at the Caro Invitational tournament.

Howard, who inherited a program that won just 3 games in 1997, compiled 6 victories in 1998 and a career high 14 wins last season. She expects her squad to improve on its win totals again this season.

And although the Hawks will sorely miss the front court presence of Shelly Ulfig and Kara Mellendorf from last year's squad that compiled a 14-19-8 overall record, Coach Howard is excited about the upcoming campaign. Ulfig was a first team all-conference performer in her senior year, while Mellendorf earned honorable mention recognition.

"We are young and only have 3 returning players, (but) we have 3 strong attackers and also the height to stop other team attackers," says Howard.

Leading the list of returnees is sophomore Sara Homakie. Homakie, a sky high leaper, finished 2nd to Ulfig in kills last year and is expected to be the team's best offensive weapon. In her freshman season, Homakie received honorable mention all-conference honors.

Also expected to add strength on the front line to the Hawk lineup is returnee Heather Edwards. Edwards, a junior, is an up and coming hitter according to Coach Howard.

Both of the Hawks' front

line hitters will benefit from the play of junior setter Monica Dorland. Dorland will be asked to pick up the void left by graduate Carrie Wentworth. Wentworth was selected a Greater Thumb West Conference honorable mention choice in 1999.

Nine juniors make up the bulk of the Red Hawk roster. Becky Bulla and Amy Polega are strong all around players who should see plenty of playing time in the early portion of the season. Kayla Wolschlager and Sherry Luana will add consistency to the Hawk lineup when on the court, while Holli Cooper will offset the loss of the Hawk twin towers along the front line. Junior Jaime Fluegge is the team's quickness player.

Coach Howard has added a pair of freshmen to the roster in Becky Hartel and Deidre Deering. Both are untested, but have impressed Coach Howard with their strong aggressive style of

play. Howard sees Bad Axe as the team to beat in the Greater Thumb West Conference.

### RED HAWK VOLLEYBALL

Dec. 18	Caro Invitational	Caro	8:30 a.m.
20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubly (Varsity)	Home	6:00
20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubly (JV)	Akron	6:00
22	Laker Invitational (Freshmen only)	Lakers	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 5	Caro	Away	6:00
6	Birch Run (Varsity/JV only)	Home	6:00
7	Bad Axe Invitational (JV/Freshmen)	Bad Axe	3:30
8	Bad Axe Invitational (Varsity)	Bad Axe	9:00 a.m.
10	Sandusky	Home	6:00
13	Lakers @ CCMS	Home	6:00
15	Laker Invitational (JV only)	Laker	9:00 a.m.
17	Brown City	Away	6:30
20	Bad Axe	Away	6:30
22	Cass City Invitational	Home	10:00 a.m.
27	USA	Away	6:00
Feb. 3	Reese	Home	6:00
5	USA Invitational	USA	8:30 a.m.
7	Brown City	Home	6:00
10	BCAS	Away	6:00
11	Tuscola Co. Invitational (JV only)	Vassar	4:15
12	Laker Invitational	Lakers	9:00 a.m.
17	Mayville	Home	6:00
19	League Invitational (JV)	Home	TBA
26	League Invitational	Bad Axe	TBA
31	Vassar	Home	6:00
March 6	Districts	TBA	TBA

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Dec. 17 Cass City at Lakers Frankenmuth at USA North Huron at Kingston Peck at Owen-Gage Reese at BCAS Vassar at Caro Caseville at Port Hope Brown City at Ubly Cros-Lex at Harbor Beach Deckerville at Yale	Cass City Frankenmuth Kingston Owen-Gage Reese Vassar Port Hope Brown City Harbor Beach Yale	Lakers Frankenmuth Kingston Peck Reese Caro Port Hope Brown City Harbor Beach Yale	Lakers USA Kingston Owen-Gage Reese Caro Port Hope Brown City Cros-Lex Yale	Marlette Yale Reese O-G Millington Kingston Cass City Nouvel Bad Axe Peck

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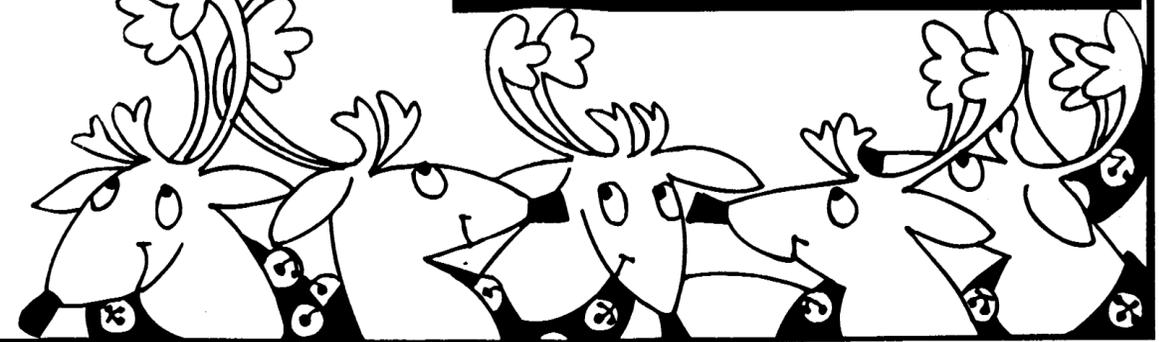
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## Police investigate damage

Cass City police investigated incidents of vandalism and theft over the past week.

According to reports, Michael H. Sines, Cass City, reported damage to a 10-foot by 5-foot office window at Gilligan's, 6436 Main St., last Wednesday. The damage was estimated at \$400.

Over the weekend, George E. Lynch reported someone smashed the rear window of his 1988 Ford Tempo while the vehicle was parked in the driveway of his Garfield Avenue residence.

Also filing a report was Dale J. Peters, who told police Sunday that thieves stole several items from a pair of work vans parked at his Houghton Street home. Stolen were a cellular phone, radar detector, 4 nail guns, a miter saw and a tool box. The property is valued at \$2,000.

# Obituaries

## L. Elna Kelley

L. Elna Kelley, 91, died Monday, Dec. 6, 1999, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville, Ind.

Born at Otter Lake, she was a teacher in Cass City schools for 15 years, retiring in 1971.

Her husband, Harley L., died in 1988.

Surviving are 3 sons, the Rev. Dr. Arleon Kelley of Albany, N.Y., Bernard Kelley of Harietta and William Kelley of Indianapolis; a daughter, Marjorie Bowser of Kendallville, Ind.; 7 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Services also were conducted Friday at Deford United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing home, Kendallville.

years ago.

Surviving are his daughter, Donna (Wayne) Connolly of Caro; 3 grandchildren; a brother, Jerold (Phyllis) Little of Cass City; 2 sisters, Freda (Dale) Parrish and Nancy (Maynard) Helwig, both of Cass City, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert of the Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Elsie McKee

Elsie Joan McKee, 69, of Cass City, died Dec. 10, 1999, at her home.

She was born Feb. 11, 1930, in Detroit, to John H. and Ellen (Redfern) Hibberd.

She attended St. Benedict's school in Detroit. She married Earl McKee June 27, 1952, in Centerline. They moved to Cass City from Detroit in 1969.

Surviving are her husband, Earl; 3 sons, Terry and Doreen of Cass City, Larry and his wife Debbie of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Roger and his wife Vicki of Cass City; 7 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; 3 sisters, Sue Delinski of Port Huron, Hanna Eno and her husband Ed of South Branch and Florence Steele and her husband Phillip "Bud" of Roseville, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, John S. Hibberd.

Funeral services were scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe.

Burial was to be in St. Columbkille Cemetery.

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**JIM HILKER** (above) of the MSU Agricultural Economics Department presented a market report during Thumb Ag Day.

## Parrish collection on display

The year around displays of historical items presented by the Cass City Historical Society at the Cass City Municipal Building is now featuring items on loan from the Roger Parrish collection.

Items include an original turn of the century antique "Feather Christmas Tree" made in Austria or Germany of feathers dyed green and trimmed with red holly berries at the end of each branch. Other items on display in-

clude a large early oil painting on canvas of "The Christ Child", early framed large Lady Portrait prints, a water color painting of "Red Pointsettias", Roseville Pottery, crockery butter churn, 1902 "turkey feather" pattern glass kerosene lamp, toy telephone, and a red satin glass "Gone With the Wind" lamp.

In addition, a very special item on display is a complete poetic description of every Christmas display of "Cass

City Christmas Town - 1952" written by the late Mrs. William (Elena) Parrish, mother of Roger and Dale Parrish of Cass City, and Mrs. Kenneth (Waunita) Parker of Watertown, Wis.

Copies of these poems have been given to the Cass City Historical Society and the Rawson Memorial Library of Cass City.

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# Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

## 5 YEARS AGO

The Cass City School Board will rent a room in the Jordan College building on Main Street if details can be worked out, and use it for an alternative education program designed to curb drop-outs in the system.

Linda Guza, a special education teacher at the local school, is spearheading an effort to place donation canisters in area businesses for cancer stricken Arthur Thorp, 7, of Cass City. Arthur had a tumor removed from his brain in November 1993. Last month, a year later, a second tumor was removed. This time, it's been labeled as a form of cancer. After he had the surgery for the first tumor, he had 2 strokes, and there is a possibility that he will be blind.

Dr. Thomas Zguris, regional director for southeastern Michigan, will serve as medical director for Hills and Dales' emergency department and a new ambulatory center based within the hospital. The arrival of ECI will enable the hospital to offer on-site emergency staffing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Liz Phillips, daughter of Milt and Brenda Phillips of

Cass City, was on national television briefly Sunday night. "America's Funniest Home Videos" showed Liz opening a gift for her birthday. The box contained a Vietnamese potbelly pig.

John and Jane Luana of Cass City have "adopted" a wild horse, one of several captured in Eureka, Nev., and given away via lottery by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Ethel Collier, who died in Cass City in 1987, is making a difference in the lives of 27 college students from Tuscola and Sanilac counties via a scholarship fund established in her will. Each of the recipients, who were selected on the basis of academic performance, financial need and character, has received a \$1,000 grant for the fall semester. The scholarships are being issued from the \$1.547 million endowment left by the one-time Snover teacher, who made her fortune in the stock market.

A host of family members, neighbors and friends gathered Saturday in Kingston for a surprise welcome home and belated birthday party for Deford youth Rodney

King, 14, who lost both his legs in a farm accident last August. The Cass City VFW Ladies Auxiliary sent well wishes and a check for \$135 to benefit the area teen.

Cass City police are investigating a string of license plate thefts. Those reporting the thefts were Kevin Bliss, Brenda Dr.; Timothy Jewett, Elizabeth St., and Gary F. Guilds, Elizabeth St.

For years Cass City had higher gasoline prices than most Thumb communities, including Caro. Now the price in the village is lower than any place in Michigan. Monday morning, it sold for 79.9 at one station.

Tuscola County commissioners were expected to decide Tuesday the fate of a long-time health department policy requiring teens to obtain parental consent before getting contraceptives.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Dr. and Mrs. Efen Dizon, husband and wife pediatrics team and natives of the Philippines, will begin their medical practice around Jan. 1, and will work from the same office. They are the first known husband-wife team to practice in this area and will be the only pediatricians in the entire Thumb region. Their office will be in the recently completed clinic which also houses Dr. Kim and Dr. Lee.

Dennis Hurley, of rural Cass City, was in serious condition Tuesday following what police described as a beating he suffered early Monday night just outside Jack's Bar in Cass City. Hurley told police 2 men jumped him as he was going out the back door. Hurley was taken to Hills and Dales Hospital, where he was treated for head injuries. Police have no suspects and their investigation of the incident continues.

A group from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City fasted for 24 hours prior to Thanksgiving to help raise funds to feed the world's hungry. Participating were Gordon Okerstrom Jr., Diane Stine, Debby Broecker, Mari Butler, Teresa Holstedt, Karen Krug, Mrs. Loretta Hacker, Paula Butler, Liz Vargo, Pastor James Van Dellen, Ken Kerbyson and Denise Okerstrom.

The Cass City Red Hawks posted their second victory to put them in a tie for the Thumb B lead following Tuesday night's upset victory over Sandusky, 58-53. High scorers were Ken Lowe with 13, Chuck Bliss, 12, and Dave Zawilinski, 8.

Mrs. James Bauer has donated 2 scrapbooks to the Rawson Memorial Library. One depicts the Christmas town displays of the early 1950's and features newspaper clippings of that era. The other is a collection of clippings of Cass City's Centennial celebration in 1965.

## 35 YEARS AGO

Tom Proctor, Cass City

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Thousands of area residents have viewed the "Singing Tree" program over the years, and many are expected to attend this year's, which will be presented Dec. 18 and

19 at 7 p.m.

In connection with the musical program, a drama will be performed entitled "Then Jesus Came." The story told in this play has a humorous element, but delivers a strong and clear message. The songs that will be sung are both new and familiar, and will be heard before and dur-

ing the drama.

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# VanAllen on deployment

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Spain. During the visit sailors and marines on board participated in local community relations projects and events including basketball games against local teams, tours of Barcelona, and a medieval feast. During their visit, over 6,000 guests toured the ship, purchased memorabilia and talked with sailors and marines.

VanAllen, a 1974 graduate of Cass City High School, joined the Navy in November 1975.

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Thumb Auto Wash	19 1/2*
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## High Team Actual Series & Game: Cass Tavern 1704 (655).

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Hollywood & Vine	15
Trisch Septic	14
New England	14
Charmont	12
S S Builders	9
T Furness Builders	9
R H Body Shop	8

## SATURDAY SPINNERS YOUTH As of Dec. 11

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Tiggers	12
The Pinheads	11
4-Pins	10
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High Team Game: All Season 1039.

210 Games or 575 Series: G. Robinson 664 (227-233),

J. Langenburg 658 (228-235), B. Anthes 639 (252), R. Salcido 634 (215-226), L. Tomaszewski 629 (216-217), L. Prime 625 (210-259), D. Hyatt 622 (212-228), M. Putnam 620 (234), D. O'Dell 618 (213-235), L. Morgan 614 (215-231), S. Jones 614 (213-214), M. Lutz 601 (219-233), J. Krol 596 (217), J. Finkbeiner 595 (231), T. Patingill 594 (223), P. McIntosh 586, R. Koch 576 (215), T. Furness 219, T. Summers 219, R. Diebel 218.

## CHARMONT LADIES As of Dec. 7

J.B.'s Crew	12
Dee's M.P. Rockets	11
Live Wires	10
Cable-ettes	9
Cass City Tire	9
Dott Manufacturing	8
Wild John's	8
Team # 7	7
Apra Healthcare	4

High Team Series & Game: Dott Manufacturing 2973 (1053).

High Series: B. Kilbourn 520, T. Schuette 483, M. Haley 496, B. Ware 482, M. Burns 483.

High Games: M. Haley 203, B. Peyerck 181, B. Kilbourn 189, M. Burns 179, T. Schuette 185, M. Mathewson 172, B. Ware 170.

**Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas**

# Cass City pair honored in Who's Who

A pair of Cass City High School seniors is among the students included in the 33rd annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

They are Brooke Ouvry and Aaron Volz.

Ouvry, the daughter of Ron and Karen Ouvry, is a member of the National Honor Society, student council and Natural Helpers. She is a third year Walbro Corp. co-op employee and a second year participant in the dual enrollment program with Saginaw Valley State University and Great Lakes College.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Cass City, she has been involved in various sports teams throughout her high school career.

Volz, son of Chuck and Linda Volz, has been active in various community service projects and is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Youth Group.

Volz traveled to the Midwest to help with flood clean up and assisted with clean up in the Thumb after a tornado struck. Also involved in the Adopt a Highway program and Habitat for Humanity, he is a second year Walbro Corp. co-op employee and has been a member of the high school golf team for 2 years.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications Inc., Lake Forest, Ill., is the largest recognition pro-



Brooke Ouvry



Aaron Volz

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based on the students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

# Calendar of Events

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

## Wednesday, December 15

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Bridge winners Dec. 1, Bill Dupuis and Toby Weaver, Dec. 8, Bill Dupuis and John Haire.

## Thursday, December 16

Bus trip to Fox Theater. Meet at St. Pancratius Church parking lot at 9:30, bus leaves at 10:00.

## Friday, December 17

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

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

## Saturday, December 18

Kids, Crafts and Christmas Hour 10:00-10:45, Rawson Memorial Library. To pre-register call 872-2856.

## Sunday, December 19

Cass City United Methodist Church Choir Christmas Pageant, 7:00 p.m., 5100 N. Cemetery Road.

## Monday, December 20

"Sing Thru the Century" 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Building.

## Tuesday, December 21

Thumb Area Parkinson Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital.

# Holiday pet tips

String saturated with juice and bits of meat can mean danger for your pet, especially a cat, according to Tuscola County Humane Society officials.

Cats can't spit things out because of those barbs in the back of their mouths. If the string stops moving through the tract, it can create an accordion effect that literally saws a hole in the intestines. Peritonitis follows and, often, death. Baking string should be placed in a plastic bag before disposing of it in a sealed trashcan.

People food such as table scraps and other fatty or sugary foods can cause gas-

trointestinal upset. Chocolate can be toxic, and even fatal.

Decorations such as tinsel, ribbon, electric cords, wire or plastic decoration hangers, string and treated Christmas tree water can cause fatal intestinal damage if eaten.

Extra activity around your home with guests can cause additional stress for your pet. Try to keep your pet's routine as normal as possible.

Several holiday plants can be poisonous, Christmas cactus, Christmas rose, English holly, mistletoe, cedar, pine, poinsettia, juniper, elderberry, to name a few of the most popular ones.



**SANTA 'PAWS',** alias Tim Woern of Vassar, helped the Tuscola County Humane Society raise \$539 recently by posing for pet pictures at the Tractor Supply Co. store in Caro. Santa proved to be a good sport, posing with 3 cats, 78 dogs and one snake.

## "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantel, just boots filled with sand, on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a somber thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, it was dark and dreary, I found the home of a soldier, once I could

see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, not how I pictured a United States Soldier.

Was this the hei of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play, and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom

each month of the year, from the cold night's chill because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, my life is my God, my country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours, so silent and still and we both shivered

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night, this guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right, "Merry Christmas, my friend, and to all a good night."

*This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan. The following is his request. I think it is reasonable... PLEASE, would you do me the kind favor of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try to do this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small seed.*  
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**OWEN-GAGE Junior High students who participated in solo and ensemble are (back row, from left) Jonathon Bennett, Laura Enderle, Nicole Schmidt, Jennifer Czewski, Wendy Errer, (front row, left) Kate Swiastyn, Nashia Prich and Amanda Pillsbury.**

**Owen-Gage musicians shine at competition**

Junior High Solo and Ensemble (District III) was held Saturday, Dec. 4, at Caro High School. Eight students from the Owendale-Gagetown Junior High Band participated, with all of the students receiving a I or II rating.

so-lo-II, Nicole Schmidt and Amanda Pillsbury - flute/clarinet duet-II, and Nicole Schmidt and Nashia Prich - flute/clarinet duet-II. The soloists were accompanied by Faye Errer.

The Owendale-Gagetown Bands will be presenting a holiday band concert Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Owendale gymnasium. The sixth grade band, junior high band, senior high band and jazz band will be performing a variety of Christmas music. Owen-Gage Bands are under the direction of Don Starks.

**Pet support group forming**

The Humane Society announces it is now operating a Pet Grief Recovery Group to assist pet owners with the pain and anguish of bereavement experienced during the loss of a beloved pet companion.

the grief associated with that death is as real as any death of a family member would be.

Support group meetings, information or literature will be made available to anyone who is interested in assistance in working through the grieving process. The Pet Support Hotline is (517) 673-7847, or you may call the Humane Society at (517) 672-PETS.

Many people consider their pet a part of their family. When that pet dies, or a difficult decision concerning the pet's life has to be made,

**Cass City Middle School Honor Roll**

The Cass City Middle School honor roll has been announced.

**5TH GRADE**

Nicole Baker, Ryan Biddinger\*, Dennis Bowen\*, Whitney Braun, John Brown, Brent Cooper, Alyssa Cryderman, Kristen Curtiss, Joseph Daneault, Jill Dillon, Aaron Fent, Jeremiah Fritz, Jimmy Froede, Courtney Hacker\*, Jennifer Hacker\*, Jennifer Hadd, Bradley Hartel, Danielle Hartel, Kyle Hartwick, Kati Hill\*, Allison Hillaker, Joseph Homrooky, Stephanie Jamieson\*, James Ketterer, Meredith Kirn, Whitney Kirn, Kathryn Klo, Lysa Knight\*, Galen Kuebli, Andrew LaFave, Jessica Lange\*, Andrew Langlois, Cameron Lautner, Ricky Lovejoy\*, Andrew Martin\*, Laura McComas\*, Brandon Miller\*, Thomas Mittlestat, Kevin Ouvry, Angela Parks, Andrew Peruski, Katelyn Pine, Kevin Phillips\*, Ashleigh Rabideau\*, Courtney Rabideau\*, Kyle Reif, Allyn Richards\*, Nicholas Sattelberg\*, Emily Schinneer\*, Bradley Severance, Beth Spencer, Kari Spencer, Michael Stevens, Philip Strong, Rebecca Sweeney\*, Nancy Thane, Sheila Wasserman, Brent Weaver\*, Adam Wentworth\*, Leah Whittaker\*, Tyler Whittaker, Bobby Windsor.

**6TH GRADE**

Dustin Bader, Caitlin Barnes, Racheal Biebel, Dustin Bitzer, Lauren Brzuchowski, Eric Bullock, Donna Bushong, Danielle Dickson, Libby Doerr, Andrea Erla, Mitchell Ertman, Jerica Fenningsdorf, Ross Forrest\*, Nicole Froede, Justin Glaza\*, Ashley Hendrick, Aimee Hennessey\*, Alexander Hiatt, Ivy Hiatt, Rob Hoxie, Amber Hughes, Matthew Koepf, Bradley Langenburg\*, Evan Laurie, Derrick Mallory, Katie McIntosh\*, Philip Nahernak,

Nicholas Nanney, Stephanie Nizzola, Brandon Otulakowski, Ivan Peruski\*, Tara Powell\*, Ashley Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed\*, Jamie Ryan, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs, Ryan Storm, Jarod Stoutenburg, Jeffrey Stoutenburg\*, Brandi Talaski, Jenna Timko\*, Michael Todd, Kalen Trischler, Heather Vatter, Janelle Venema, Amber Weiss, Jeffrey Wills.

**7TH GRADE**

Ashley Barrigar, Tasha Bryant, Patricia Dale, Jared Ferris, Chad Francis, Samantha Glaspie, Caleb Hanby, Bryan Hill, Carrie Hillaker\*, Paul Hoelzle, Krista Homakie\*, Elizabeth Hoxie, Corey Johnson, Rose Krug\*, Luann Laming\*, Bethany Langlois\*, Timothy Mills, Daniel Mittlestat, Christina Montgomery, Christina Osentoski, Delores Rabideau, Jesse Rader\*, Patrick Reed, Stephanie Richards\*, Lauren Rowe\*, Sean Severance, Leah Sherman, Kristina Spaulding, Jason Speirs\*, Nicholas Stoutenburg, Jessie Tuckey, Aime Warack, Jake Wilder, Tara Whittaker\*, Michael Zmierski II.

**8TH GRADE**

Allyson Bell, Jacob Brinkman, Justin Darr, Krystee Dorland\*, Alison Emmert\*, Tyler Erla, Nathan Fisher, Kristi Fluegge\*, Gavin Frederick, Leslie Hacker\*, Adam Haag, Eric Hanby, Erik Helwig, Sara Hobbs\*, Amy Howard\*, Kayla Karr, Erika Karavas\*, Adam Kessler, Kevin Kulinski, Nathan Laming\*, Maegan Laurie\*, Kevin Lowe, Tiaja Lowrey, Dustin Mallory, Timothy Martin, Jeff McMahan, Henry Metzger, DeAnna Newby, Mallory Powell\*, Elizabeth Sobczak, Brandon Stec, Nicholas Swanson, Megan Toner\*, Zachary Toner, Teresa Woodward, Sarah Zebolsky, Kaylene Ziehm\*.

**Seniors meet at parish hall**

Dec. 2, the Seniors gathered at St. Agatha's Parish Hall for a potluck dinner. The table prayer was given by Marge Zawilinski. Vice president Lola Chippi opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Pat Guza, the new secretary, will be taking over in January. Members are signing up for the year 2000. It was voted to play euchre instead of bingo, and money prizes given.

The committee sheets were handed out. Happy birthday was sung to Mary Blondell. The door prizes were won by David Ashmore and Lola Chippi. The February committee is

Orville Mallory, Johanna, and Estella Leyva. Euchre winners were: Men's high, Orville Mallory; low, David Ashmore. Women's high: Marge Zawilinski; low, Mary Guza. The traveling prize went to Beatrice Jones.

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'97 FORD TAURUS, BURGUNDY, GS	\$7,995
'96 PONTIAC GRAND AM, WHITE, 4 DR., AUTO	\$8,295
'96 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, WHITE, B4U, 2 DR.	\$13,195
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'93 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, LT, GREEN, 4 DR.	\$5,995
'92 PONTIAC GRAND AM, WHITE, 2 DR.	\$6,295
'92 FORD ESCORT, BLUE, 4 DR., AUTO	\$2,295
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# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Sixteen members of the Olin Bouck family met at Ubyly Heights Country Club in Ubyly for dinner Sunday to help Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary.

Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly attended the steak fry at the Port Hope Sportsman's Club Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel visited Marvel Wilcox at Huron Memorial Hospital Wednesday.

Allen Farrelly had surgery at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tschirhart attended a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Iseler and daughters for their daughter Ali's 8th birthday Friday evening.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney attended the Christian Mothers Christmas party at St. Columbkille Catholic Church at Sheridan Monday evening. Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Doris Western, Dan Franzel, Ed Schember and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning.

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

Dan Franzel and Doris Western went to Bay City to get Mrs. Dan Franzel who was returning home after spending 4 days with their daughter, Sharon Franzel, in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming for birthday cake and ice cream for Tracy Laming's 14th birthday.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Auggie Renn, Margaret Cook, Doris Western, Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's for breakfast Tuesday morning.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Jean Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ballagh when cards were played at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Leo Feebish Thursday for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Thelma Murray, Mrs. Tom O'Henley and Mrs. Dale Laming attended the St. John's Catholic Church Christmas party at Ubyly Monday evening.

Charles Bouck of Elkton was a Friday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bouck.

Margaret Cook, Doris Western, Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended the

pancake and ham breakfast at the Masonic Hall in Bad Axe Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Leone Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland enjoyed the festival of lights at Sandusky Saturday evening.

Ron Geigar, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Guigar of Minerva, Ohio, Bobbie Allen, Chuck Allen Jr. and Allen Farrelly went to Beaumont Hospital in Detroit to be with Cheryl Allen who had surgery Wednesday morning.

## Second period honor roll at Campbell Elementary

The Campbell Elementary School honor roll for the 2nd marking period has been announced.

Rodney Abasso, David Acker\*, Heather Baker\*, Isaiah Battel, Jessica Bessler, Chris Binder, Kendra Bitzer, Chelsey Bootz, Shane Brandmair, Evan Bushong, Allen Bussard, Chris Childs, Samantha Currier, Ethan Damm, Erica Darr, Ashley Deel, Andrew Deering, Rebecca Doerr, Maddie Dooley, Megan Dorland, Kim Guthrie, Jacob Hanby, Scarlett Helland, Zachary Hopper, Darrin Howard,

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# At Tuscola Recycling Center Urge recycling of Christmas trees

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Your family had a great time choosing the perfect tree for your holiday. Now complete the season by sending your tree back to nature. Gather the family together and bring your Christmas tree in for recycling. Be sure to remove all ornaments and tinsel from your trees.

Each Christmas, 34 million trees end up in the landfill. Chipping Christmas trees into Christmas Compost (mulch) is the ideal alternative to sending them to the landfill.

## Yule dinner at women's club

Ladies of the Owendale Women's Club enjoyed a Christmas catered dinner Tuesday evening at the home of Joyce Sheldon. A festive decor with Christmas dinnerware complimented the bountiful meal.

There will be no meeting in January. A discussion was had about the Valentine boxes for the February meeting. Fellowship was enjoyed the rest of the evening.

Christmas Compost can be composted for later use in the garden. Christmas Compost can also be used around trees and shrubs to help retain moisture and to suppress weeds. If you'd like to take your chips home, please

bring a bag. Bring your trees to recycle Saturday only, Jan. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to the Tuscola County Recycling Center, located at 1123 Mertz Rd., Caro, or the Vassar City Hall parking lot at 287 E. Huron St. in Vassar. Kappen Tree Service of Cass City is furnishing the

chippers and manpower to create the Christmas Compost. Also assisting in the project are Kevin Stephens, who has taken on this program as an Eagle Scout project, Boy Scout Troop #562, Cub Scout Bear Den #1, Tuscola County Recycling and Tuscola County Soil Conservation.

For each Christmas tree that you bring to the drop-off locations, you will receive a coupon for a free tree seedling that you can pick up at the Tuscola County Soil Conservation District Spring Tree Sale. Plant this free tree to replace the one you enjoyed this Christmas. Trees are a renewable resource that benefits everyone.

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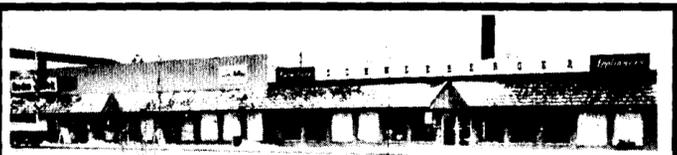
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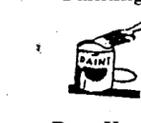
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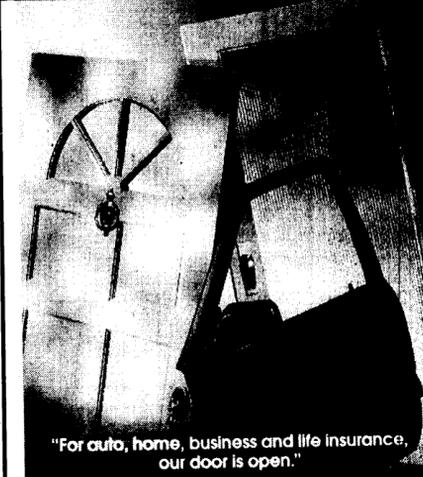
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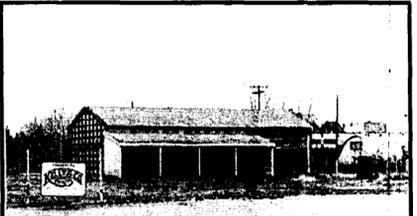
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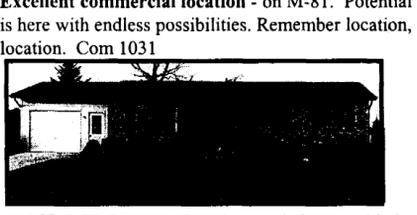
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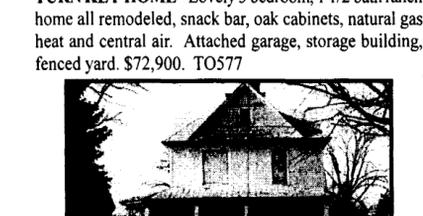
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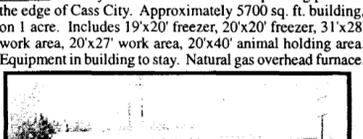
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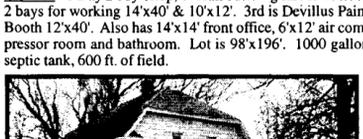
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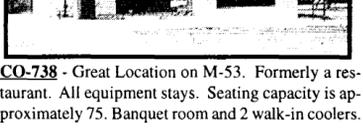
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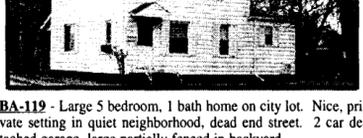
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# At Bay Shore

## Camp addition on tap

With one building project well on its way to completion, Bay Shore Camp of Sebawaing has begun another, racing the calendar to beat the firm arrival of snow and sub-zero temperatures.

According to Camp Director Lew Tibbits, the very visible Tabernacle addition has been halted at a stage he called "a little better than roughed in."

The 2-story structure duplicates the early 20th-century architecture of the original Tabernacle, and is attached at a 90-degree angle. The upper story is complete with vinyl siding and door-size horizontal shutters.

"There's still a lot of work to be done on the ground level," said Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Walter Latimer. "But we'll get back to it now and again over the winter. We've got the most of it under control."

In the meantime, Latimer

and crews of volunteer workers are concentrating on the second project slated for winter construction, the addition of a large multi-purpose room to the camp's biggest camper cabin.

The 1650-square foot addition will include a kitchenette, a large meeting/conference area and a fireplace. When finished, the entire facility will be, in effect, a self-contained mini-retreat center capable of year-round operation.

"That's something that we've needed — and this area has needed — for a long time," asserted Tibbits. "At least once a week, we turn away a group looking for just this kind of facility. They're youth groups, men's or ladies' groups, pastors trying to find someplace to take their staff members on retreat — dozens of them every year." Maximum capacity for the retreat center will be 40, a fig-

ure set by the number of beds in the now-existing living quarters. The duplex cabin holds 10 sets of bunk beds and 3 sets of bath/restroom facilities on each side. The meeting room and living quarters will be separated by an airlock designed to keep warm air in the main areas and cold air out.

Cost of the addition is projected to be somewhere in the \$50,000 range and is in hand, thanks to a donor who believes a facility of this nature will benefit countless ministry-related groups. Tibbits and Latimer agree the completed Retreat Center should be available for booking by the fall of 2000.

## House supports agriculture bill

State Rep. Mike Green recently joined House members in approving legislation protecting Thumb area agriculture.

"The backbone of Michigan agriculture is the family-owned farm," said Green, R-Mayville. "We can't afford to lose any more of them to wasteful restrictions."

Senate Bill 205 revises the 1981 Right to Farm Act and protects the property rights of farmers, allowing them to stay profitable and remain in operation.

The act was designed to prevent lawsuits between farmers and their neighbors. It created a new way to deal with noise and odor complaints, allowing the Michigan Department of Agriculture to resolve more than 1,300 complaints.

In recent years, local ordinances have increasingly hindered normal farming activities by prohibiting glare, dust or odors from crossing property lines. Because of these restrictive regulations, Michigan farms have faced growing economic hardship, often forcing them to remove land from agricultural production.

The measure supersedes

these often-confusing regulations and replaces them with a new set of Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices created by the MDA.

GAAMP's deal with site selection and manure management and set guidelines on how far farms must be from neighborhoods and schools. They will prevent large-scale "hog hotels" from locating next to a school or residential area. In addition, local governments will retain zoning control.

"I worked long and hard to find a reasonable, common sense approach to preserve the crown jewel of Michigan agriculture — its family farms," Green said. "This legislation helps protect that priceless heritage."

## New form simplifies registration

A new form available at all Secretary of State branch offices makes it easy to update the address on your voter registration.

Registered voters who are changing the address on their driver license will automatically be given a new voter registration form to update the address on their voter registration.

"This new form makes it even easier to change the address on your voter registration," Secretary of State Candice Miller said. "It is important we have accurate voter registration files to ensure the integrity of the elections process. By automatically updating the voter registration address at the time the driver license is changed, this new form further reduces the potential for fraud in our elections system."

The Department of State's Bureau of Elections reports that there are about 6.5 million registered Michigan voters.

# Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dawn L. Helm, a single woman (original mortgagor) to United Companies Lending Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 17, 1997, and recorded on March 21, 1997 in Liber 707, on Page 352, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to United Companies Lending Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated August 12, 1999, which was recorded on October 25, 1999, in Liber 785, on Page 871, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$58,560.67), including interest at 13.250% 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 7, 2000.

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) North 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 Westerly 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: November 17, 1999

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### MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by James R. Lane to the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated February 8, 1996 and was recorded on February 8, 1996 in Liber 685 on pages 1171 to 1174 of the Tuscola County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Eighty Thousand Seventy One and 66/100 (\$80,071.66) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on January 14, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan which is the location of the Tuscola County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 6 3/4% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagor before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

Commencing at a point 266 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence North on the North and South 1/4 line 100 feet; thence West at right angles 200 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence East 200 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 1, 1999

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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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

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entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro in Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock, forenoon, on Friday, January 14, 2000.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Wells, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as:

The East 144 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 26, Town 12 North, Range 10 East.

Tax Item No. 79-022-026-000-0200-05

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

Dated: December 1, 1999  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WILLIAM J. LOFBACK II AND TONYA M. LOFBACK, HUSBAND AND WIFE TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1993, in Liber 638, on page 853, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty four thousand nine hundred thirty five and 62/100 dollars (\$64,935.62), including interest at 7.750% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 7, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF WELLS, TUSCOLA County, Michigan and are described as:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 208.71 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY 166.5 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY 208.71 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE, 166.5 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 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 1, 1999  
USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

12-1-4

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 Patrick O. Hauger an unmarried man (original mortgagor) to Flagstar Bank, FSB f/k/a First Security Savings Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated July 15, 1994, and recorded on July 19, 1994 in Liber 661, on Page 1158, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 64/100 DOLLARS (\$40,841.64), including interest at 8.500% 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 7, 2000.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF CARO, TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 10, Block 43 of the Plat of Centerville (now Caro), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Pages 362-363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, now being Page 59A.

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: November 24, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1306  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
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12-8-5

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by PAUL S. FIERROS AND LEONA FIERROS, Husband and Wife, of 417 Madison Street, Caro, MI 48723, Mortgagee, to CHADWICK MORTGAGE, INC., a TEXAS CORPORATION, which is organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and whose address is 16390 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 200, Huntington Beach CA 92614, Mortgagee, dated June 11, 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on June 30, 1998, in Liber 743 Page 724 of Tuscola County Records, which mortgage was thereafter on July 13, 1999, assigned to BANC ONE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 8604 Allisonville Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46250 and recorded on August 4, 1999 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Tuscola in Liber 778, Page 765 of Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FORTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT AND 35/100 (\$46,458.35) DOLLARS.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, January 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 12.49% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 3, and the Southwest half of Lot 2, Block 5, of William E. Sherman's Addition to the Village of Caro. Part of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.  
Tax ID: 034-500-605-0300-00

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: November 24, 1999

BANC ONE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. Assignee of Mortgagee  
ELAINE W. MARDIROSIAN (P33528) Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
1373 Balfour Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 (313) 881-0296

11-24-5

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 Doris J. Ewald, a single woman (original mortgagor) to DMR Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 12, 1998, and recorded on June 12, 1998 in Liber 742, on Page 352, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated March 1, 1999, which was recorded on May 28, 1999, in Liber 772, on Page 1241, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 9/100 DOLLARS (\$71,975.97), including interest at 7.500% 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 7, 2000.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
VILLAGE OF CASS CITY**

TO VILLAGE OF CASS CITY RESIDENTS:

Notice is hereby given that the Cass City Village Council will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2000 Village of Cass City Budget Plan, which was submitted by the Village Manager to the Village Council, at its Monday, November 22, 1999 Meeting. The purpose of the Public Hearing is provide all interested citizens and elected officials an opportunity to comment on the Budget Plan, prior to adoption by the Village Council.

The Public Hearing on the Proposed FY'2000 Village Budget Plan will be held on Monday, December 20, 1999 at 7:30 P.M., at the Cass City Municipal Offices, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan 49726. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the Proposed Budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the Proposed FY'2000 Village of Cass City Budget Plan is on file and available for public review during regular business hours (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM), at the Village Offices, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan 48726.

The following is the Proposed Fiscal Year 2000 Village Budget Plan:

REVENUES:		EXPENDITURES:	
General Fund	1,336,919	General Fund	1,303,645
Major Street Fund	233,770	Major Street Fund	203,339
Local Street Fund	306,100	Local Street Fund	306,079
Downtown Development	14,150	Downtown Development	11,800
Economic Development	552,500	Economic Development	552,000
Debt Service Fund	164,971	Debt Service Fund	160,000
Waste Water Fund	494,300	Waste Water Fund	491,073
Water Fund	225,500	Water Fund	274,036
Motor Vehicle Fund	192,270	Motor Vehicle Fund	271,750
<b>Total Revenues: \$</b>	<b>3,328,210</b>	<b>Total Expenditures: \$</b>	<b>3,573,722</b>

Any persons needing special assistance in order to attend the Public Hearing, should contact the Village Offices before the meeting.

Joyce A. Bemus, Village Clerk



**To protect groundwater supplies**

**Thumb to receive state funding**

Michigan Governor John Engler last week announced agricultural grants totaling \$2.5 million to protect

groundwater throughout Michigan. The grants will be awarded to 44 programs in 76 Michi-

gan counties, including Arenac, Bay, Huron, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, St. Clair, Sanilac and Tuscola.

The competitive grants are financed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Groundwater Stewardship Program, now in its sixth year. Funds for the program come from the pesticide and fertilizer registration fees that farmers, industry and homeowners pay. The grants go to farmers and programs run by local soil conservation districts, local offices of Michigan State University (MSU) Extension and other nonprofit local agricultural agencies.

"The Groundwater Stewardship Program is a great example of public and private partnerships in action which helps the state ensure that environmentally-sound agriculture practices are being implemented at the local level," MDA Director Dan Wyant said. "Since it began in 1995, the program has allocated nearly \$11 million to a variety of projects including analyzing groundwater risks at farms businesses or residences, closing old wells, collecting and disposing of unwanted pesticides and presenting educational programs."

Groundwater Stewardship

Program (GSP) grant proposals are evaluated on a number of factors including being voluntary, locally driven and addressing individual needs.

In addition, winning proposals will be consistent with GSP's mission and operational principles by focusing on real-world situations and addressing the financial and technical constraints that drive land-use decisions.

This year's recipients from the Bay and Thumb regions of Michigan include:

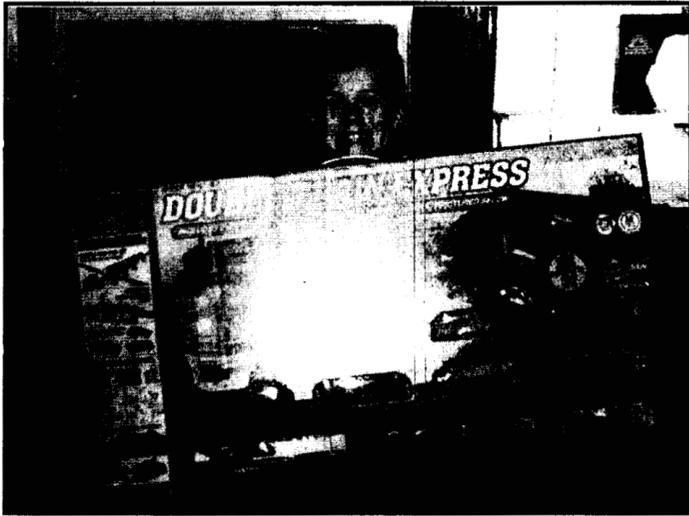
\* Huron Soil Conservation District will receive \$59,400 to promote groundwater protection through Farm\*A\*Syst evaluations, closing abandoned wells, establishing cover crops and promoting proper nitrogen application rates in Huron County. Farm\*A\*Syst is a voluntary program aimed at helping individuals identify and then correct situations and practices that carry potential risks to groundwater and surface water.

\* Sanilac Conservation District will receive \$59,040 for groundwater quality programs within Sanilac County. The conservation district will encourage groundwater protection by

offering Farm\*A\*Syst risk assessments to both rural and urban residents.

\* Tuscola Conservation District will receive \$32,932 for efforts to assess groundwater risks for rural and urban residents in Tuscola County.

The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program is a cooperative effort between MDA, MSU Extension, and the National Resources Conservation Service, as well as the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Agribusiness Association and the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts.



CASS CITY'S 9-year-old Adam Kranz is all smiles after winning the first of 3 Classic Electric Train sets, giveaways during the "All Aboard for Christmas in Cass City" promotion. The final drawing will be held this Saturday. Contest details are available at your favorite Cass City business.

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**Parrish receives ovations**

Roger Parrish was recently honored with standing ovations by the audience and choir when he played and sang his own new original Christmas song entitled: "This Child of Christmas" at the Dec. 4 and 5 concerts presented by the Tom Thumb Singers at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Parrish was the piano accompanist for the choir this year which presented a fine program of choral music under the direction of Steve Fobear.

Solos and ensembles were also presented by choir members including another original Christmas song, "Ring, Ring the Bells on Christmas Day", played and sung as a duet by composers David Smith who wrote the lyrics, and Parrish who composed the music.

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SPECIAL ENDS 12/24/99

# Ubly Schools Honor Roll

The Ubly High School first marking period honor roll has been announced.

Thomas Volmering, Alicia Walsh\*, Bradley Walsh, Rodney Warchuck, Margaret Weltin and Jeffrey Zulauf.

Mark Smith, Jennifer Susalla, Erin Tolbert, Dennis Warchuck\*, Jeremy Warner and Brian Wyrick.

Smalley\*, Nathan Stomack, Deanne Sweeney, Crystal Vieau, Lindsay Walleman\* and Dawn Young\*.

## 12TH GRADE

Carl Block, Nicole Booms\*, Travis Chinoski, Michael Cook, Carol Dekoski, Christopher Eilers\*, Jill Geiger, Laura Gentner, Candice Gliniecki\*, Courtney Gordon, Julie Heilig, Jerilyn Herp, Kathi Jackson, David Jaroch\*, Brad Klebba, Paul Kneffel, Jane Kolar, Jennifer Lautner, Steven Lautner, Jacob Maurer\*, Joshua Mausolf, Trish Mausolf, Raina Meyer, Alaina Mitchell, Renee Oberski, Paul Osantowski, Kimberly Particka, Zachary Peruski, Linda Puvaloski, Julie Puvalowski\*, Tracy Puvalowski, Rebecca Rivard\*, Timothy Roberts, Kari Roth\*, Meagan Shields, Andrew Sweeney, Ryan Symonds, Katie Vogel\*,

## 11TH GRADE

Dustin Aumann, Tiffany Badger\*, Nathan Bock, Jessica Bonnema, Stacey Brahmmer\*, Jonathan Brown, Jenni Butch, Carrie Dekoski, Andrew Duemling, Stacey Helewski, Jeffrey Jaskowski, Alicia Jehavirian, Mackenzie Kerr, Adam Klee, Andrea Kolar, Katie Kubacki, Pamela Lackowski, Heather Langley, Danielle Lautner, Jenna Link, Kyle Maurer, Nicholas M. Messing, Gina Morell, Heather Movish\*, Daniel O'Connor, Erin Oberski, Andrea Osentoski, Todd Osentoski, Leslie Peters, Jessica Pollum, Elizabeth Prill\*, Nathan Prill, Scott Romzek\*, Megan Ruthko, Brenda Rutkowski, Roman Schulze, Christina Shepherd, Scott Smalley,

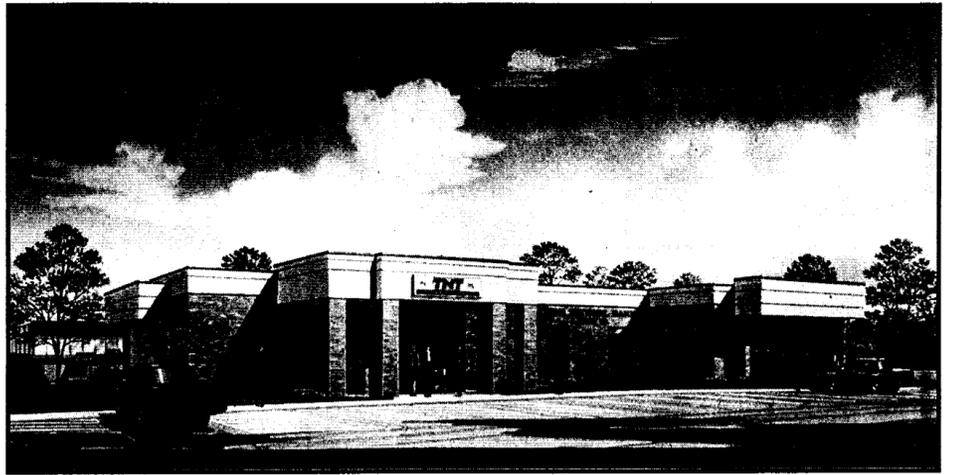
## 10TH GRADE

Kala Briolat\*, Erin Cleland\*, Megan Decker, Kelley Dekoski, Melissa Duncan, Katherine Eilers\*, Barry Essenbacher, Alayna Gentner\*, Shelda Guigar, Patrick Johnson, Tina Kincaid, Ashley Klee, Mitchell Lamke, Ryan Marks, Andrew Maurer\*, Crystal Messing, Mallori Messing, Nathan Messing, Michelle O'Berski\*, Melissa Osentoski, Joseph Partaka, Adam Peruski, Steven Peruski, Rachel Pettinger, Darcie Philp, Lesley Pionk\*, Jackie Puvalowski\*, Kyle Recker\*, Christopher Rivard, Laurie Sadro, Joshua Schumacher, Kelsey

## 9TH GRADE

Danielle Creguer, Eric Dekoski, Andrew Depcinski, Grant Farrelly, Ryan Fisher, Gregory Gliniecki, Erica Helewski, Traci Jackson, Martha Jaroch, LeAnn Kaweck, Aaron Keysser, Ryan Klawon, Brian Klee, Steven Kolar, Zachary Kulish, Kevin Laming, Kelly Link, Heather Main, Lester Maurer, Michelle Mausolf, Lindsay Messing, Amanda Naeyaert, Gregory Peruski, Matthew Romain, Jason Rutkowski, Kevin Smalley, Brandon Smith, Amanda Sullivan, Jesse Walsh, Kyle Walsh\*, Leann Walsh and Jenna Zulauf\*.

\* Denotes all A's.



THIS ARCHITECT'S rendering shows what the Cass City branch of Thumb National Bank will look like when a 2,000-square-foot expansion and renovation is completed. The bank awarded HBE Financial Facilities, St. Louis, Mo., the \$845,000 contract for the project, which began in September and is scheduled for completion in July 2000.

# Cass City Honor Roll

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

Rachel Warden, Aaron Wiles, Ben Zimba.

## 11TH GRADE

All A's - Kaylee Bell, Holli Cooper, Michelle Derfny, Josh Dillon, Craig Emmert, Jaime Fluegge, Zach Glaspie, Katie Hacker, Laura Laming, Anand Raythatha, Brad Ypma.

B or Better - Branden Albrecht, Andy Dale, Randy Diebel, Amy DuQuesnay, Kandie Hansen, Stephanie Humpert, Jeremy Klinkman, Andrew Nahernak, Carol Phetteplace, Megan Powell, Emily Rayl, Josh Sherman, Ross Sherman, Andy Stoeckle, Stacy Sullins.

## 10TH GRADE

All A's - Raymond Abasso, Melissa Doerr, Danjelle Guilds, Sara Homakie, Timothy Khoury, Guthry Laurie, Jamie Leiterman, Melissa Martin, Robin Messing, Elise Pasant, Kerry Shagene, Stephanie Stevens, Jennifer Tenbusch, Jessica Tenbusch, Erin Venema.

B or Better - Nicholas Chappel, Nicole Drinkard, Matt Ender, Zeke Field, Ryan Forrest, Noah Gould, Cason Harris, Rob Havens, Eli Healy, Autumn Helland, Jason Hill, Janice Hoppe, Charles Keiser, James Kilbourn, Richard Klaus, Kari Lowe, Jessica Metzger, Chris Mills, Ashley Ouvry, Stephanie Ramsey, Julie Roche, Rebecca Rockwell, Crystal Sattelberg, Chenelle Smentek, Lyndi Trischler, Tosha Vatter, Amanda Wright, Tessia Zawilinski.

## 9TH GRADE

All A's - Amanda Frederick, Ashley Froede, Dara Iwankovitsch, Jessica Nicol, Kristen Wiles, Melissa Zmierski.

B or Better - Jason Barrigar, Heidi Cheng, Brandy Cooper, Robert Dale, Tiffany Francis, Courtney Green, Becky Hartel, Cyndi Henn, Kurtis Hessler, Elizabeth Hoyt, Jessica Kamrad, Chris Maharg, Brooke Marks, Alissa Pasant, Noal Powell, Renee Puterbaugh, Rajen Raythatha, Cory Rickett, Jessica Samons, Brandon Speirs, Matt Stoutenburg, Talisa Talaski, Nicholas Turner, Melissa Woodward.

# Timothy Ruggles selected

Timothy F. Ruggles of Kingston, was recently selected to serve a 2-year term on the Southern States Young Farmer Advisory Board. He represents young farmers in his general geographic area.

The board will meet in Richmond, Va., Jan. 10-12.

The Southern States Young Farmer Program objectives are to:

- \* Involve young farmers in cooperative activities.
- \* Give complete information regarding the organization and function of the cooperative including its many components and subsidiaries.
- \* Let young farmers know of the interest Southern States has in them and their farming operations.
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