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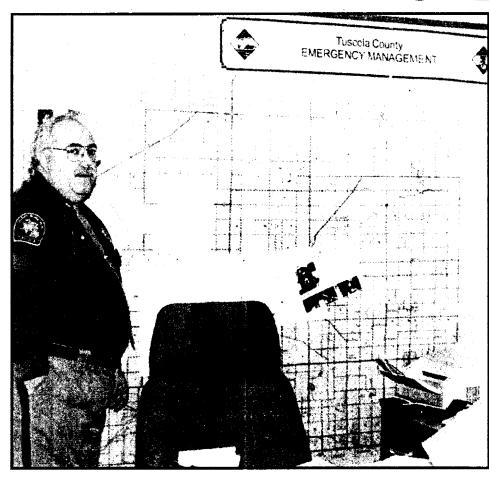
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with the state officials who

will, in turn, report to the

Federal Emergency Man-

Please turn to page 6.



Y2K OKAY – Tuscola County Emergency Services Director Patrick H. Finn (above) says he's confident the county has prepared adequately for any potential problems that could occur with the arrival of the new Millennium. Finn and other officials will be on the job when 1999 becomes the year 2000.

At Monday board meeting

School hiring sparks debate

A routine hiring to fill a vacancy at Cass City Schools sparked a vigorous debate and a criticism of the hiring procedure at the school during the regular monthly meeting of the school board Monday night.

A half-hour-long debate ended with the board unanimously approving Shari Bock as new food service supervisor.

Robert Piaskowski, Cass City, voiced several concerns. He said that the job was not advertised and that hiring from the current staff should receive priority. He also feels that the person hired should be from within the district, from persons who pay taxes to the district.

Joan Helwig, Cass City, protested the filling of the position without advertising

A Sanilac County man ar-

rested in late November for

allegedly holding his wife

with a gun and a knife in their

Decker residence has been

cleared of all felony charges

Charges of assault with a

dangerous weapon, domestic

violence and possession of a irearm by a felon were all

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in the case.

Parker cleared

of felony charges

that the hiring is done should be revised and offered to write a new regulation for the board to look at. Her offer was accepted by the board for future consideration.

Supt. Ken Micklash explained that he had several applications for the position on file and said in the past job candidates were screened from this group. He also said that at the beginning of the school year it was advertised in the Chronicle, and possibly in the student report that goes to families in the district, that applications for any school post are accepted for filing at any time. He also pointed out that the position was offered to 2 staff members who declined the job.

A committee that included Carol Parrott, Jeanne Lohela, Jody Miklovic and Micklash

Bond was set at \$2,000 for

the defendant, who was or-

dered to have no contact with Andrew Parker. She faces a

preliminary exam Jan. 3 at 2

Andrew Parker's arrest stemmed from a call to 911

made by Ruth Ann Parker

during the early morning

Sanilac County Sheriff's

deputies said Parker claimed

her husband was holding her

at gunpoint. Dispatchers

kept her on the phone while

sheriff's department and

state police units responded

to the couple's Church Street

Ruth Ann Parker told detec-

tives that her husband also

held a knife to her throat, and that he was armed when he

hours of Nov. 27.

home in Decker.

fled in a vehicle.

it. She thinks the current way interviewed 6 candidates for the position.

CHOICE EXPANDED

Under new state regulations school of choice options are voted at the end of each semester. Although when school started this year, 2 grades were restricted for new students, the school is open to students from outside the district in any grade as long as they do not violate the school's contract.

Waiting for admittance are applications from 5 students. Three are in the fifth, and one each in the fourth and eighth

SCHOOL SAFETY

The school has entered an agreement, together with other schools in Tuscola County to cooperate in an effort to maintain a safe school environment. The agreement reached with the Michigan State Police, Tuscola County Sheriff's department and the Cass City Police Department calls for an exchange of information.

The school will report to the police all information regarding students involved in criminal activities and the police will advise the school of criminal activities involving students from their schools.

Planning meetings will be held as needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chad Daniels was granted tenure on the recommendation of the administrative staff. He was on his fourth year of probation.

Danny Haag, Teresa Rabideau and Dave Knight were appointed to a committee to discuss and review curriculum issues with members of the teaching staff.

Forms for evaluation of the superintendent and for the The potential loss of power board to review its operation is the biggest concern for as a group were distributed Finn, who is encouraging and are expected to be refamilies to prepare just as turned near the end of Januthey would for a snowstorm or tornado. He also suggests

County officials ready

Y2K plans face big test

Months of planning and preparing locally and on the county level will be tested Friday night at the stroke of midnight.

"I hope it's the biggest nonevent we've ever had," Tuscola County Emergency

Management Director Dep.

Patrick H. Finn commented

last week, referring to fears

stemming from the so-called

The concerns center around

whether some computers will

incorrectly read the new year

as 1900 instead of 2000,

causing problems ranging

from loss of electricity and

phone service to chaos in the

Utility companies, hospi-

tals, banks, governmental

banking industry.

Millennium or Y2K Bug.

agencies and other organiza-

tions nationwide have spent

billions on software updates and system checks to ensure the new year is ushered in with few problems. Still, no one really knows what will happen when 1999 becomes

Which is why county offi-

cials have spent months de-

veloping back up plans to

cover a variety of potential

emergency situations, from a

loss of communications to

ensuring shelters are avail-

able in the event of a power

this for over a year," said

Finn, who has been working

closely with the American

Red Cross, central dispatch,

local fire departments and

other groups. "It's been a lot,

"We have plans in place to

ward off any type of emer-

gency. We have a back-up

system where we're going to

have people at each of the fire

departments in the county

from 11 p.m. (Friday) to 1

a.m. (Saturday) just to make

sure there are no problems,"

he added. Finn explained

that ham radio operators have

been assigned to each fire

department, where they will

be able to communicate with

an emergency operations

center set up at central dis-

In the worst-case scenario

- no power or phone service

- residents could go to their

closest fire hall for commu-

nications in the event of an

In addition, Finn said, po-

tential shelters with genera-

tors have been identified

throughout the county and

will be available if needed.

Officials have also devel-

patch.

emergency.

a lot of work.

"We've been working on

"I hope it's the biggest

Although it is unlikely that the year 2000, non-event we've ever had."

that residents check on their

family members and neigh-

bors if any problems de-

Such interruptions are expected to be short-lived, like temporary problems in service caused by storms, and while inconvenient, are not expected to cause long-term

you and your neighbors prepare for any difficulties that may occur:

*Food, Water and Other Supplies:

—Prepare as you would for a long holiday weekend by having at least a 3-day supply of food and water (one gallon per person per day). The food industry is not only ready for Y2K, but it is resilient and accustomed to dealing with unexpected disruptions (storms, etc.).

*Important Records: Keep copies of important records – particularly your bank and financial statements, medical records and prescription drug information - prior to and after Jan. 1, 2000. When you receive a transaction receipt, check it for accuracy and save it to compare against your

Y2K preparedness checklist

Each of Michigan's coun-

ties must have emergency

Y2K plans in place, and they

will be in frequent contact

or Y2K, issue will create significant problems in the United States, according to experts, no one can say for sure that there won't be temporary disruptions in some

problems.

The following recommendations will help

*Cash: If you decide to withdraw cash,

hold only as much as you would for any holiday weekend. Withdrawing large amounts of cash is unnecessary and may invite theft. Remember that financial institutions are well prepared for the date change and vou have more than one payment option (checks, credit cards, debit cards, traveler's checks).

*Medicine: As always, refill prescription medications when you have a 5- to 7-day supply remaining. The pharmaceutical and health care industries are confident, based on experience, that following this standard practice is all that is needed for Y2K.

*Gasoline: As you would in preparation for a winter storm, keep your automobile gas tank above half full. Service stations are re-supplied regularly - sometimes as often as every other day.

*Telephones and Internet: Use telephone and the Internet only as necessary on Jan. 1. "Testing" the systems to see if they work, or engaging in long conversations could create delays greater than those experienced during high volume usage periods such as Mother's Day.

*Scams: Beware of Y2K scams. Be skeptical if someone tries to sell you a product, service or investment that is "Y2K safe" or wishes to sell you Y2K insurance. Never give out your bank account, credit card of Social Security number unless you initiated the call or contract.

33rd annual sing in Cass City

New Year's concert set

Area residents are invited to ring in the new Millennium with a full evening of gospel music and fellowship, continuing a tradition in Cass City that began more than 30

years ago. The 33rd annual New Year's Eve Gospel Sing, sponsored by the Cass City Laymen's Club, will get underway Friday at 8 p.m. at Cass City High School.

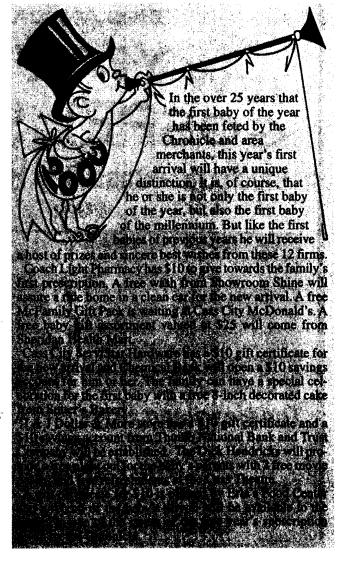
This year's concerts will oped a plan to check on resiagain feature "Michigan's dents with special medical Goodwill Ambassadors", the Flint-based Calvarymen, who appeared at the first New Year's concert and have returned every year since. Also featured will be the Heartland Boys Nicholasville, Ky., and a Pigeon area group, One Ac-

There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

The layman's club, a small group of area men dedicated to serving God as laymen, first organized the concert in an effort to offer residents an alternative to traditional New Year's parties. The goal was, and still is, to provide a full evening of Gospel music for the whole family.

The event, which is paid for largely with freewill offer-Please turn to page 6.

Gifts await first newborn of 2000





SEASON'S GREETINGS were delivered Wednesday afternoon by coaches and players of the Cass City Red Hawk athletic teams during a sing along performed to the residents at Tendercare.

Later the same day, police returned to the Parkers' neighborhood and evacuated about 20 people from nearby residences before arresting Andrew Parker at his home.

"Greatest Events of the Cen-

tury" that everybody's been

reporting, a lot of us are

mighty thankful for mun-

dane items like canned tuna,

Scotch tape, Crisco and zip-

pers. And where would we

be without teabags, micro-

Here are some of the other

less touted innovations of the

century that are significant to

1900 - Hershey manufac-

tures a milk chocolate bar.

(For which I am personally

1901 - Victrola "talking

1902 - Animal crackers de-

1904 - Thomas Sullivan in-

vents the teabag. The St.

Louis World's Fair intro-

duces puffed rice, popcorn,

burgers on buns, iced tea, ice

cream cones and peanut but-

ter. The "Campbell Kids"

1911 - Procter & Gamble

develops hydrogenated veg-

etable shortening called

1912 - The Oreo cookie

1913 - Gideon Sundbach

invents the "Hookless 2",

better known as the zipper.

Pyrex baking dishes.

election returns.

'born.'

1915 - Corning introduces

1920 - First scheduled ra-

dio broadcast in the U.S., the

Harding-Cox presidential

1920s - Electric home re-

1921 - Betty Crocker is

1927 - A Nebraska chemist

concocts Kool-Aid. Milk is

frigerators replace ice boxes.

1903 - Tuna is canned.

waves and hamburgers?

homemakers.

very grateful!)

but.

machine" introduced.

tucky Medical Center in Lex-

ington, Ky., before coming to

The Village. She has a degree

in music education from

Michigan State University

and a Master's degree in

counseling from Asbury

Dornbush is originally from

Cass City, the daughter of

She and her husband. Bill,

have 3 children and reside in

Don and Anita Loomis.

the St. Cloud area.

Seminary in Wilmore, Ky.

Pastor ordained into ministry

The First Baptist Church of Cass City has announced that Pastor Gordon L. Hawkins has successfully completed



Pastor Gordon Hawkins

his ordination examination. After thoroughly questioning the candidate, the council voted unanimously to recommend that the church give formal recognition to Pastor Hawkins' call to the Gospel ministry by his Lord and

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During the ordination service, church members voted unanimously to ordain Pastor Hawkins into the Gospel ministry. The special speaker at that service was the candidate's father, pastor Charles Hawkins of Mt. Ayr Regular Baptist Church, Mt. Ayr, lowa, who gave the charge to his son.

Chorus welcomes members

The Lake Huron Chorus of Sweet Adelines International meets every Monday evening from 7-9:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

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Cass City Social Items

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Sixty members of the Holik family met for their annual Christmas dinner at Brentwood Dec. 19. The afternoon was spent visiting.

The Marion McClorey family had a late Christmas dinner Sunday at the Owendale Fire Hall. Thirty-four people attended the potluck dinner. Games were played and gifts exchanged.

Guests of Dale and Mary Damm Christmas Eve were Carmen, Jason and Ethan Damm and Tim and Susan Wooster of Flint. The Woosters spent overnight with her parents and spent Christmas Day and overnight with Nancy Frederick in Caro. They attended the McClorey Christmas dinner



When female elephants try to bite off each other's tail. fight, it is said, they usually

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The century by Melva E. Guinther While they may seem trivial in comparison with all the

1930 - Ruth Wakefield invents the chocolate chip cookie at the Toll House, her historic inn in Massachusetts. Bird's Eye introduces "frosted foods." Scotch tape invented by Dick Drew, a researcher at 3M in Minnesota. 1931 - General Mills develops Bisquick

Meg's Peg

1937 - Kraft begins selling its "instant" macaroni and cheese dinner. Hormel introduces Spam.

1945 - Raytheon engineer Percy Spencer creates the Radarange microwave oven. 1947 - First Polaroid camera, invented by Edwin Land, is sold.

1946 - Minute Maid launches frozen orange juice concentrate.

1947 - Tupperware introduced. Pillsbury and General Mills mass produce cake

1953 - Eggo frozen waffles hit the market. Swanson's introduces the frozen TV dinner.

1964 - Nachos are introduced at the Dallas State Fair. Buffalo chicken wings created at the Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York.

1965 - Gatorade and Tang

appear. 1973 - The universal product code and supermarket scanners begin to be used.

1978 - Ben & Jerry's premium ice cream is distributed.

1995 - Blue M & Ms replace the tan colored candies introduced in 1949.

1998 - Permanent historical exhibit opens at Jell-o Museum near Rochester, N.Y.

It just makes you wonder what wonderful things the 21st century will bring,

Registration set at Saginaw Valley

Registration for Saginaw Valley State University winter 2000 classes in the Thumb area will take place Jan. 4 and 5 in Cass City and on the main campus in University Center. Additional on-campus registration will take place through Jan 14. Classes begin Jan. 11.

Among the courses offered in the Thumb are art, chemistry, computer science,

criminal justice, English, history, humanities, math, political science and sociology. For additional information, or to register, contact Jerry Cleland, Thumb area coordinator, at (517) 658-8767, or the Registrar's Office at SVSU at (517) 790-4085. Additional information on the course offerings is available at SVSU's web site: www.svsu.edu.





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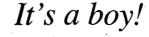
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Mason and Evan Carosella

Mason Alexander Carosella of Marshall announces the birth of his brother, Evan Walker Carosella. He is the son of Tim and Kathy (Connolly) Carosella.

He was born at 8:20 p.m. Nov. 3 and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are John and Connie Connolly of Cass month the meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 11. Meetings com-

Writers to meet

Dornbush joins

Elk River staff

The Thumb Area Writer's Club meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Sandusky High School, located at 191 Pine Tree in Room Number 259. This

the staff at The Village Fam-

ily Service Center in Elk

River in their Family Based

She will be a therapist

working with families in

their homes providing coun-

seling, information and refe

ral, education and commu-

nity interventions that work

toward resolving difficulties

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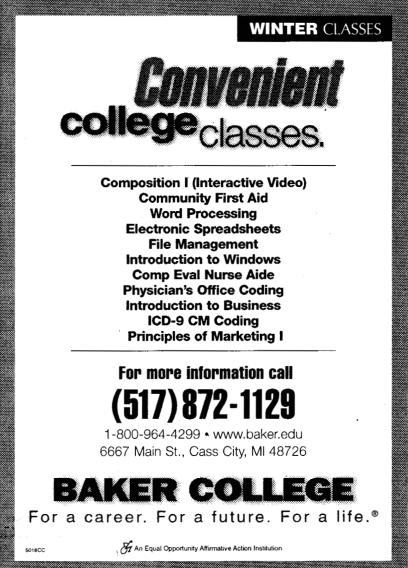
lain at the University of Ken-

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mence at 7:30 p.m.

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ize everything is okay -

you've survived what must

have been a stupid, poten-

tially dangerous thing to do.

And you promptly get back

in line and do it all over

Pair enter

last week

Court.

guilty pleas

A pair of area residents en-

tered pleas in separate crimi-

nal cases last week in

Tuscola County Circuit

Jason A. Waltz, 23, Cass

City, pleaded guilty to deliv-

Bond in the case was con-

tinued at \$10,000, a pre-sen-

tence investigation was or-

dered and sentencing was

scheduled for Feb. 18 at 8:30

Under a plea agreement 3

other counts of delivery

would be dismissed, accord-

ing to court records, which

state the charges stem from

incidents that took place

Sept. 8 and Aug. 3, 11 and

13 in Caro, Cass City and

Also entering a plea of guilty was Shane K. Orton II,

26, Caro, who was initially

charged with 6 counts of

writing a no account check

between Aug. 30 and Sept. 6

in Caro. Orton pleaded to 2

of the counts involving

checks of \$74.17 and

A pre-sentence investiga-

tion was ordered, bond was

continued and sentencing

was scheduled for Feb. 18 at

\$116.59.

8:30 a.m.

Elmwood Township.

ery of marijuana.

through.

Rabbit Tracks by John Haire (And anyone else he can

You have just until New Year's Eve to see the awesome Christmas display with its panorama of lights at the John and Gayle Nicol farm. The display closes down for this year with the arrival of the new century.

get to help.)

Fortunately, according to a family member, the rumor that this was the last year the area would be able to enjoy what many feel (including this writer) is the finest display in the Thumb is not true. We can look forward to this celebration of the season next Christmas.

If you haven't been there yet, from Cass City go 8 miles east, on M-81-Cass City Road to Germania Road, then right 1 mile to Robinson Road and left about a half mile to the Nicol residence.

While reviewing the leadership provided by outstanding community persons (see the "Haire Net") one of the shortcomings of the column was that it failed to establish that all the folks that were pushing the community forward were building on the efforts of the folks who came before them.

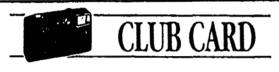
Fifty years ago Cass City was one of the first Thumb communities to have a zoning law on the books making it easy for the folks that followed

One of these leaders was Herbert Lenzner, the publisher of this paper since it was organized. When he handed the paper over to me he made my job easy because the paper was high in community interest and respect.

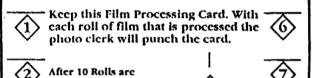
That start is one reason, I feel, that the paper is still able to serve the community while others all around us in the Thumb are now nothing but memories.

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Looking forward to the new Millennium (Force)

by Tom Montgomery **Editor**

I suppose I should be spending more time worrying about Y2K than I have, although we've put some time into preparing for what we hope will be minor inconveniences at worst.

Personally, I'm looking forward to many things in the year 2000, including joining a lot of other kooks on the Millenium Force.

Well, after a warm-up or 2 on the Gemini, Magnum, Mantis and Raptor.

If you're not a roller coaster freak, you probably have no idea what I'm talking about, but hang on for just a few more lines and I'll explain (eventually convincing you that: 1 - I am a thrill-seeking dare devil, despite nearing my 38th birthday, or 2 — Your suspicions about my mental balance really are true).

The Millenium Force is the latest ride planned at the Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio.

Cedar Point - one of the nation's premier coaster parks - has been one of the leaders in developing taller and faster wooden and steel roller coasters, including the newer stand-up coasters.

According to published reports, the Ohio park will once again claim to be home

Haire

The

to the world's tallest and fastest roller coaster, at least for a while, when Millenium Force debuts in the spring.

For comparison purposes, Millenium Force will dwarf Cedar Point's Magnum XL-200 coaster, which was touted the world's tallest steel coaster at 205-feet high when it was built a decade

Millenium Force reportedly will be 310 feet high - that's 5 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty, folks. The first hill will climb to 310 feet on a 45-degree angle, then drop 300 feet at an 80-degree angle, reaching speeds up to 92 miles per hour. A series of sharp climbs and turns, some through tunnels, fol-

In all, 2 minutes and 45 seconds of pure white-knuckle adrenaline.

Few experiences compare with the rush of riding today's roller coasters. There's a certain underlying fear and excitement - for some, it's outright terror when you reach the crest of that first hill, knowing there's no backing out (it's at that precise moment that you're reminded of the tragic coaster accident that occurred hundreds of miles away at another park a week or 2 ago).

But you don't think for long, because in a couple of seconds you're in a dive so

The media-radio, television and print is awash with stories looking back at the events and the people of note in the last 100 years.

Why should the Chronicle be different? But I won't attempt to go back the full 100 years, just the nearly 50 years I have been on the scene. Bringing to you the best of the best leaders in the Cass City community.

The original plan was to rank the top 10 based on their contributions to the Cass City community while ignoring the valuable service of outstanding residents like Elsie Hicks of Deford who was a force on the county level.

That plan was scrapped as I started to list candidates. I just couldn't rank one over the other. All of them played or are playing significant roles.

Two obvious choices for the best of the best list have to include Fred Pinney and M. B. Auten, presidents of the Pinney State Bank and Cass City State Bank. There is no doubt that Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City was the direct result of Auten's tireless effort in its behalf. The Pinney Foundation funded project after project that may never have gotten off the ground without it. And is continuing to do so. Both men staunchly supported every civic project proposed.

Time may have dimmed the luster of these men, many of their achievements are unknown by a good share of the community today.

W. E. Walpole who moved Walbro Corporation to Cass City belongs on any list. He belongs not just because he brought jobs to the community. It's because he insisted that everyone connected with the company take an active role in the community, making it grow and prosper.

That company role was continued by Lambert Althaver. He makes the list for his personal involvement as well as the company's devotion to the community while he was president and CEO.

We include 2 members of the Rawson family for leadership. Audley Rawson was active in township, county and state politics and in Cass City activities. Dr. D. E. Rawson served on the village council and his dental practice drew patients from a wide area. It was the initial

donation from the Rawson family that helped the Rawson Memorial Library on its way to what it has become today.

Cass City Schools have had outstanding leadership for the last 50 years. It remains in enviable financial condition today. That leadership has been provided by Willis Campbell, Don Crouse and Ken Micklash. They rank equally high on my outstanding list. Each maintaining and then adding to what his predecessor brought to the table.

No list would be complete without Dr. H. T. Donahue. He carried the load when Cass City and most rural areas were desperate for physicians. Nearly every family in the area during his tenure was touched one way or the other by the inexhaustible

physician. Making it to the list is Tom Herron. That may be controversial to many and, yes, his contribution was made because of the business he is in. Nevertheless who can deny the boost to the community that the condos have brought to the village. It's sometimes overlooked that he was quick to help in furnishing equipment and help to any civic project and that he led the revival of the homecoming while he served as head of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

The final entry to the list will be a man that the odds are great that you have never heard of unless you have been around 25 years or

You won't find his name on any public buildings in his honor. His name is Cliff Croft. He was a tireless worker in campaigns to improve Cass City as a business center. He was one of the prime movers in landing Walbro and led the charge for financing for the fledging company as it struggled to get on its feet.

You can't put the names on a leadership list but as a group they are more important, more effective for making Cass City what it is than any individual. The movers and shakers may head any plan for a better Cass City. but it's the people who do the drudge work without public-

ity that make it go. We all are benefiting because we have had more than our share of these kinds of people than we could reasonably expect.



The back forty by Roger Pond

We should have seen this "I knew a guy in a study like

coming. A study at the University of Washington suggests cell phones may contribute to memory loss.

Everybody knows that! That's why people have cell phones; because we forgot to call from home. A news report says a study

by professor Henry Lai at UW showed a reduction in long-term memory and navigational skills in rats that were exposed to microwaves similar to those emitted by cell phones.

Professor Lai's rats were trained to swim to a submerged platform in a pool of water. Powdered milk was added to the water to ensure the rats couldn't see the platform and had to memorize the route. Constant repetition allowed the subjects to store the location of the platform in their long-term memory.

Then, some of the rats were exposed to microwaves similar to those emitted by cell phones. These rats had much more trouble finding the submerged platform than those who weren't exposed to microwaves.

Microwave-exposed rats spent more time trying to climb the walls of the pool. This leads some folks to believe cell phones might lead to long-term memory loss, an aversion to powdered milk, or both.

I don't know much about rats, but the study's conclusions are a bit shakey in my opinion. Nobody said how many rats were in the study, for example. There's always a chance a

few rats enjoy just swimming around in powdered milk. Maybe they just don't give a Where did the microwaved

rats get their radiation? Were they put in an oven and baked? Or was each rat given a tiny cell phone and allowed to call some friends? What if a rat's friend said,

that, and I'd get my rear end out of that powdered milk if I were you!" That would explain trying to climb the

Maybe exposure to microwaves makes a rat's legs shorter. It doesn't matter where the platform is if you can't reach it. I'd measure the

The microwaved rat study reminds me of the game we used to play as kids. The game had something to do with long-term memory, but I can't for the life of me remember the name of it.

This game required finding someone who had never played it before - much like snipe hunting. It entailed placing a bunch of magazines and newspapers on the kitchen floor, allowing spaces that a person could step into without touching the papers.

The subject/suspect/sucker was supposed to memorize these spaces so he or she could walk through the maize blindfolded. Sometimes we'd even give them a trial run without the blind-

Then, while the player was being blindfolded everyone was talking and laughing. This allowed a couple of people to pick up all the papers and magazines without being heard.

Now the blindfolded person tiptoes, walks sideways, and generally makes a fool of himself as he navigates this non-existent maize. "Don't step on the newspapers,' we'd say. "We'll need them for the outhouse in the morn-

ing."
I'm afraid some of these folks never did return to normal. Their memories are O.K., but they still try to climb the walls on occasion.



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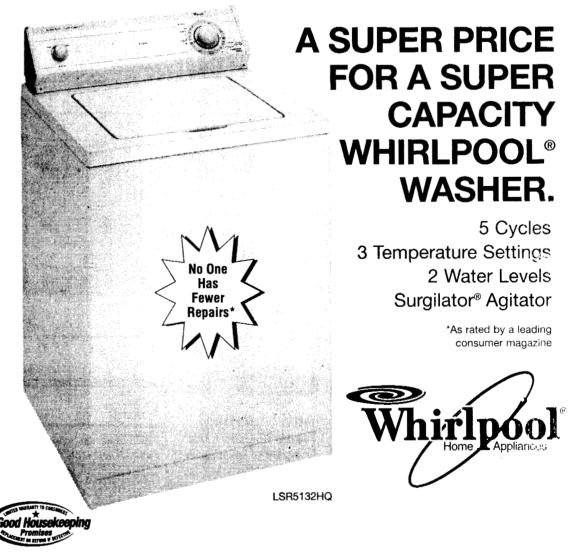
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Bennett's Beat Only time

will tell



It's just a couple of days before the new year and the scare of Y2K is building. Is anything really going to happen is the question. Some say yes, but most of the kids I've talked to say no.

The scare of Y2K started many months ago with speculations of the loss of power, computer failure, dead phones, the possibility of no gas and things like that.

I believe that something might happen, but it would be very minor if it did. We might lose power for a couple of minutes but nothing too serious. With all of the technology we have these days we would be able to fix it in no time at all. I think that the TV stations that've played shows about what life might be like when the clock strikes 12:00 haven't helped the situation either.

Knowing this hasn't eased the minds of some people who are worried about it. Generator stocks have plummeted, people are buying generators left and right. The question is, if you can't get gas how are you going to run your generator? They also have stocked up on food and water.

When I asked a couple of

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high school students what they thought about Y2K I got about the same response from everybody, "nothing serious is going to happen."

Katie Wood said, "It's just one big scare, nothing is going to happen.

"Nothing is going to happen, if anything the power might go out but it will be fixed in no time," said Stephen Yax.

When I asked Alyssa Glaspie if she thought anything was going to happen she laughed and said, "If anything is going to happen it would be the computers, plus if something were going to happen, why didn't it in the year 1900. The world is not going to end." Amy Polega said, "I don't think anything is going to happen, maybe a glitch if anything. If anything happens it wouldn't take long to fix."

Out of all the kids I talked to the majority said that nothing is going to happen, I guess we will have to wait until the clock strikes 12:00. As they say, only time will tell. I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and that everyone has a Happy New Year. See you in 2000!

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LAMBERT ALTHAVER, left, congratulates Ben Varney and Valarie Hartel and presents each with a medal and certificate on becoming Paul Harris Fellows. The presentation was made Tuesday at the regular meeting of the Cass City Rotary Club.

\$2,000 for maintenance

Playscape grant awarded

Funding for maintenance of Cass City's new playscape has received a \$2,000 boost from the York Children's Foundation.

John H. Burns II from the York Group presented the check Friday to Friends of the Playground co-chairmen Teresa Rabideau and Rose Martin, who said the money will be used for maintenance, sealing and refinishing the playground.

Kranz Funeral Homes of Cass City and Kingston nominated the Friends of the Playground to receive the grant. Burns, who noted grant applications must be sponsored by a funeral director, explained that non-profit organizations that spend at least 50 percent of their total income and resources to benefit children are eligible for funding from the foundation.

Welfare caseload drops

The welfare caseload in Michigan has dropped below 80,000, according to State Rep. Mike Green (R-Mayville).

Since 1994, Green reported, the Family Independence Agency Program

people in Michigan on welfare now stands at 79,427, the lowest level since July

"By helping people overcome barriers to self-sufficiency, Michigan's reform measures have ensured that more people are getting pay checks than welfare checks,'

dation, established in 1992 by the York Group Inc., and its network of casket distributors, has to-date distributed more than \$1 million to charitable organizations across the country that promote the health and well being of children. York and its distributors

The York Children's Foun-

make a donation in the name of the deceased to the foundation every time a funeral director advises the company that a family has selected a York casket. Four times a year, the foundation's board of trustees, comprised of funeral service industry professionals from across the country, selects the agencies that will receive a grant. Funding amounts range from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

More information about the York Children's Foundation is available by contacting Debra Kranz at (517) 872-2195 or Debra Elizondo, administrator of the York Children's Foundation, at (713) 984-5500.

Varney, Hartel named **Paul Harris Fellows**

the ranks of Paul Harris Fellows Tuesday, sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club. Honored were Rotarians Ben Varney and Valarie Hartel. Persons become Fellows when \$1,000 is contributed by them or in their name to the Rotary Foundation.

Varney and Hartel earned entry because of donations made by Cass City Rotary in their names in honor of their service to the club. The Foundation uses the money for projects such as the program that has been successful in a battle to eradicate polio worldwide.

Varney joined Rotary in 1993 and Hartel joined in 1994. There are now 26 Paul Harris Fellows that became members under the sponsorship of Cass City Rotary. Included in this group are several Rotarians with multilevel membership, indicating that \$2,000 or more has been contributed in their names.

Lambert Althaver is included in this group. He was presented with a pin Tuesday by Thomas Proctor indicating that he now is at level 2 in the program. Althaver joined Rotary in 1965.

Snowmobile safety classes set

The Sanilac County 4-H 37 Austin St., Sandusky, Program and the sheriff's department will be sponsoring a free snowmobile safety course beginning Sunday, Jan. 9, Sunday, Jan. 16, or Sunday, Jan. 23. Participants must attend one of the 3 listed above and Jan. 30 is mandatory.

Classes will be held in the County Conference Room at

from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (bring a sack lunch).

Students must pass all hands-on safety tests and a written final exam to earn their certification card.

These classes are open to all youth and adults. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Youth must be at least 12 years old by March 1 of this year.

For more information and enrollment forms contact the MSU Extension office at (810) 648-2515 or Deputy Jaskowski at the Sheriff's Department at (810) 648-

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CASS CITY'S new playscape received an early Christmas present Friday in the form of a \$2,000 grant from the York Children's Foundation, which approved an application submitted by local Funeral Director Debra Kranz. Pictured above are (front row, from left) Friends of the Playground co-chairmen Teresa Rabideau and Rose Martin, Debra and Jim Kranz, (back row, left) playscape organizers Kate VanAuken and Paula LeValley, and John H. Burns II, sales representative for The York Group.



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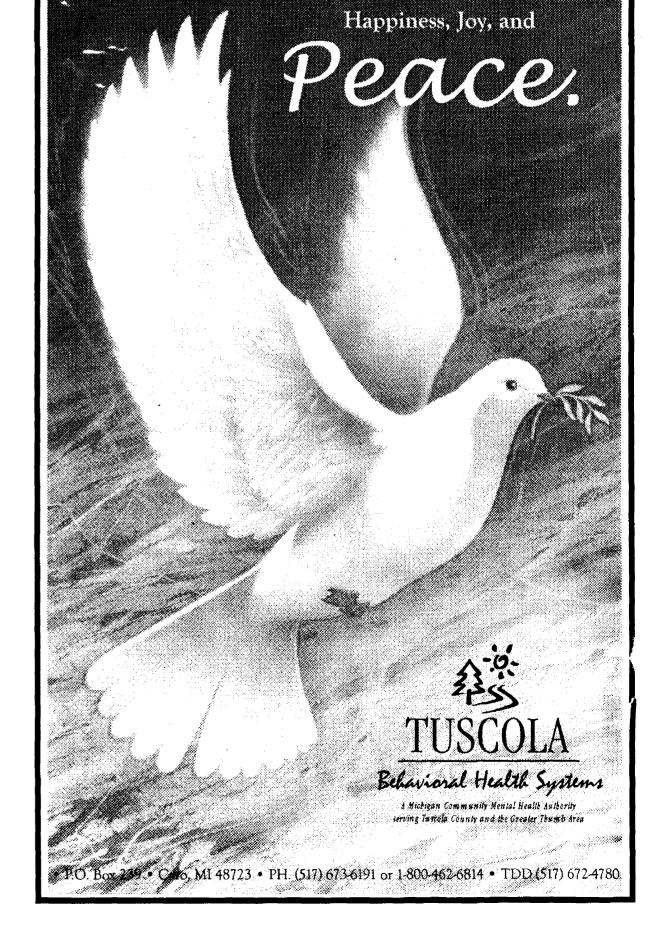
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Top stories of '99 shaped Cass City

Review" story is a staple in the newspaper business, but few years have generated the kind of excitement — not to mention anxiety — 1999 has as people everywhere look forward to the beginning of a new Millennium in their lifetime.

In the midst of that anticipation over the past 12 months, area residents have gone about the business of living and working, celebrating new life and grieving the loss of loved ones, basking in each success and struggling with the challenges.

And their community has continued to change and evolve.

Many of those changes were reflected on the pages of this newspaper, just as they have been for the past century.

Although one person's opinion of the most important stories invariably differs with those of another, we feel it's appropriate to take one more look back at some of the top stories that have helped to shape the Cass City area in 1999.

he so-called Year 2000 or Y2K Bug has been one of the most widely debated issues of the year.

The anticipated computer glitch has spawned predictions ranging from minor inconvenience to utter chaos perhaps even the end of the world as we know it.

The problem sounds simple. In short, many computer programs use the date in their coding sequences, and the date often appears as a series of 2 digits, including the month, the day and year. So, 1999 becomes 99 in computer codes.

As the year rolls over to 2000, however, the computer codes will read 00. The problem is this: some computers will read the year

Which has led some to predict the party of the century will be followed by disaster - electricity dead, financial records wiped out, bedlam in

The truth is, no one really knows what will happen when Dec. 31, 1999, becomes Jan. 1, 2000.

A variety of businesses, governments and police agencies across the country have literally spent millions of dollars in an effort to ward off any serious problems. Locally, Detroit Edison and other utilities have assured residents they have tested their systems and there should be no problems. Local banks and hospitals have done the same, and county and local authorities have plans "just in case."

Residents are being encouraged to keep a short-term food and water supply on hand, as well as to keep a lookout for the many scam artists out there, hoping to make a buck off the fear generated by Y2K.

BUSINESS

7he Cass City business community enjoyed a bit of a recovery from the earlier loss of 2 of the town's longstanding businesses -Kritzman's and the Ben Franklin Store — although downtown store owners continue to face an uphill battle against the giant retailers.

Fairway Distributing, Vassar, opened up shop in the Ben Franklin building, and long-time Coach Light Pharmacy owner Mike Weaver's decision to sell was eased by the vow of new owners Fred and Tim Grice to continue the business in the tradition built by Weaver and his wife, Toby, over their 31 years of ownership.

Also welcomed were Pat and Matt Curtis, who not only purchased the Chrysler/ Plymouth/Dodge dealership, but have also worked hard to contribute to the community in a variety of ways.

Sadly, the year saw the oldest business in the community to be operated by the same family – Fort's Store – closed by Ralph and Becky Retherford. They sold their inventory to the Quaker Maid store, which has since undergone extensive renovations. The Fort's building was also sold and the new owners have opened a Christmas outlet store, with plans to convert the building to a pet supply business next Hills and Dales General. year.

Cass City's industrial community watched as Walbro moved its corporate headquarters to Auburn Hills. Later, in May, Walbro and British manufacturing conglomerate TI Group plc. entered into a merger agree-

At General Cable, officials in April announced an agreement to acquire all of the assets of BICC plc.'s worldwide energy and cable systems business, creating the third largest wire and cable company in the world.

RENAISSANCE

7 t came late in the year, but the designation of 260 acres, including portions of Cass City and Caro, as Michigan Renaissance Zones, is expected to bear significant fruit in the form of economic growth and new

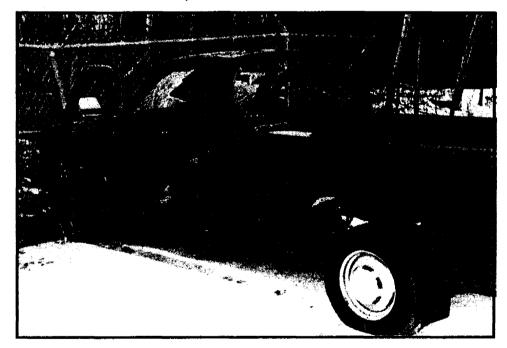
The coveted designation enables selected communities to offer prospective businesses to locate and operate virtually tax free for a set number of years.

Thumb Economic Development Corp. officials along with representatives of 7 communities did their homework, improved on an earlier, unsuccessful application to the state, and presented their proposal, including a promise to market themselves as

State officials evidently were impressed. Now, it's up to the communities to make the most of this valuable opportunity.

LOCAL GROWTH

The Renaissance Zone aside, there were a number



VANDALS broke into the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant last spring and caused some \$10,000 in damage while joy riding in a village-owned truck (above). The case was closed after a successful investigation that led to 4 arrests.

of positive notes in Cass City over the past year, including opening of the newly-constructed Thumb Area Dialysis Center to residents of Tuscola, Lapeer, Sanilac, Huron and St. Clair counties. The 7-station facility is the result of a partnership among several hospitals, including

Also completed was a new office building for the Michi-Department of Transportation's Thumb Service Center just east of Cass

Major improvements are underway at Thumb National Bank, where workers are progressing with an \$845,000 expansion/renovation project.

A more modest but equally noticeable improvement was the renovation of the old Ryland & Guc building. Gary and Michele Wills turned what was an eyesore into an attractive storefront and recently opened Golden Pheasant Gifts.

The business venture was aided, in part, by a new, low interest loan program created through a partnership of the local DDA and local banks. The program was designed to encourage downtown business owners to complete façade makeovers and other improvements.

AGRICULTURE

Hgriculture has long been an intrinsic ingredient in the Thumb economy and, therefore, an important part of the top stories of the year.

In 1999, nearly idea weather enabled farmers to realize outstanding yields for many crops, but commodity prices remained in the basement with no significant improvement seen in the near

Still, farmers have created their own silver lining in the form of "value added" cooperative ventures in which producers have invested in ownership of businesses in which they collectively grow, process and market their

A highlight of the year was construction of the Thumb Oilseed Producers Cooperative plant in Ubly, where the newly formed co-op is creating high-energy extruded soybean meal, as well as new, environment-friendly engine oil called AMG 2000. The co-op is also exploring production of a soy drink and natural cooking oil.

Aside from the soybean venture, alfalfa and edible bean cooperatives are well on their way to enjoying similar success.

CRIME FIGHTERS

ocal crime fighters chalked up a number of successes in 1999, starting with the indictment of 7 suspects - 5 from Indiana and 2 from western Kentucky - on federal charges stemming from the largest marijuana growing and processing operation in memory in the Thumb. Although a federal investigation, The Sanilac County



HE THUMB Oilseed Producers Cooperative began production at its new plant in bly. Among the year's highlights was a cross country trip designed to test AMG 00, a new motor oil produced, in part, with soybeans.

Drug Task Force and sheriff's deputies played key roles during the 28-month probe that began at a 75-acre farm in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township.

Closer to home, Cass City police made quick work of an investigation into thousands of dollars of damage at the village's wastewater treatment plant in March. A routine traffic stop led to 4 arrests and additional investigation into burglaries in the

Likewise, quick work by Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies led to the arrests of suspects in several break-ins in the fall and the recovery of stolen property. Deputies, Cass City police and state police combined efforts last month to quickly locate and arrest a trio of young suspects in a smash and grab burglary at Cass City Hardware.

OTHER STORIES

here were, of course, many other stories that are worthy of mention. Here are a few of them:

•Tuscola County residents - well, 5.7 percent of the county's registered voters narrowly rejected a \$7.7 million proposal to expand and renovate the county's 41year-old Medical Care Facility. The vote was 1,460 to

•A cast of hundreds turned an idea into an expansive playground in what was truly a community effort this fall. Bolstered by organizers who worked tirelessly during months of planning and fundraising, Cass City's new playscape was constructed by volunteers - young and old - in less than 5 days at the site of the old middle

 Construction of Cass City's first Habitat for Humanity home became a reality, thanks to volunteers, a \$20,000 AAL grant and the generosity of Pat Gee, who

donated the building site. •A 50-year tradition came to an end as the Cass City United Way organization merged with the Caro and Tuscola County United Way groups in an effort to combine resources. The local United Way, which started in 1948 as the Elkland Township Community Chest, built a strong tradition of meeting and exceeding its annual

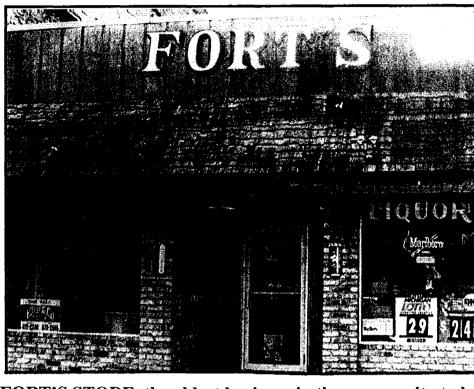
•Michigan Sugar Company's Caro plant enjoyed a sweet 100-year birthday celebration this fall and the claim of being the nation's oldest operating

sugar beet factory. •The year marked victory for the Novesta Bible Bowl Team and the Cass City High School Debate program.

The Bible bowlers claimed the 1999 National Championship title in Denver, Colo., in July, and the high school debaters continued a growing tradition of dominance under the leadership of Coach Chad Daniels, whose novice team recently was named best in the state in Class B.

•The year marked a number of retirements or announced retirements by residents whose contributions to their communities will live on for years to come. Among them - Cass City Village President L.E. Althaver, who will step down in the spring after 37 years on the council, 31 as president; veteran Cass City teacher and coach Larry Robinson, whose career spanned 30 years, 21 in Cass City; veteran educator Wayne Wright, whose career included 13 years as principal in Kingston; and longtime DNR wildlife Biologist Bud Jarvis, who ended his career after 33 years.

The year also saw the passing of longtime civic and business leader Frederick B. Auten in September, and of Deford resident Ron Phillips, a former sheriff's department detective and 28 year department veteran.



FORT'S STORE, the oldest business in the community to be operated by the same family, closed its doors, ending a tradition started by Al and Gladys Fort in 1921.



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In Elkland Township

Board okays headstone rules

The Elkland Township Board recently approved a plan to allow above-ground head stones and family stones in the new section of the township cemetery. The standards were drafted

and proposed by an ad hoc committee composed of residents who approached the board several weeks ago with their request, according to Township Clerk Norma The following are the

guidelines families must fol-

*Maximum width of 16 inches for head stones or family markers. *Two lots will be necessary

to have a family stone, which can be placed at the foot end of the lot (head stones at the head of the lot). *Military markers will be

placed in the center or foot end of the grave or in back of the headstone.

*Family markers on unfilled lots can be placed at the sexton's discretion so they will not interfere with additional burials. If the family wants, they can purchase an additional lot to avoid any future burial problems or they may need to wait until all lots are full.

*Only upright or flush markers on a single lot (no family stone allowed on a single lot.)

*A double lot can have 2 head stones and one family stone. *Flat markers will be

placed on a foundation or be flush with the ground, whichever the family prefers. *If anyone wants current flat stones raised, they will

a new foundation. *Unusual sized markers will need the approval of the board and sexton.

have to pay the expense for

*Planters can be placed at the ends of the headstone, but need to allow for a 4-inch clearance on all sides for mowing. Additional cement will be poured with a minimum of 10 inches to allow

room for a flower vase or pot. The 4-inch clearance still applies from the edge of the

*Shepherds staff or permanent vase holders must be

formed into the foundation if requested.

*Weed killer will be used when the sexton deems it

*Trees (non-leaf bearing)

will be allowed in full plots (of 4 or more) if the family wants to purchase the tree and pays the expense to have it planted, with approval of the sexton.

Y2K planning faces test

Continued from page one.

agement Agency (FEMA),

Finn explained. In spite of all of the preparations, no major problems are expected in Tuscola County.

"At this point and time, no. But we still have to be ready just in case," he said. "It's a precautionary measure."

And it won't be wasted, according to Finn, who suggested that publicity focusing on Y2K preparations hopefully has made people more aware of the importance of being ready for any type of emergency.

Cass City Village Manager

Jane Downing agreed.

"I think there was a lot of hype about it (Y2K), but if nothing else, it made people aware of just how reliant we have become on technology and automation. It's created an awareness with a lot of people."

Like the county, Downing said, Cass City officials have put a lot of effort into prepa-

"We probably, this year, have spent at least 40 hours reviewing equipment, thinking about what could happen, checking things out," she added.

"There's probably been more planning and thought about how we could poten-

tially be impacted," she said. "We felt that we were already prepared because at different times we have lost power."

In the event of a power loss, a number of generators back up various village facilities, including village wells, ensuring a continued supply of water. Wastewater treatment plant operations will also continue with the facility's own generator system.

Downing said she has met with Finn, police and other officials to discuss planning. "We've also communicated with the 911 director and assures us that everything will be okay with the 911 sys-

Edison: utility

2000, after spending 3 1/2 years and \$87 million to provide its customers with a seamless flow of electricity, is now down to watching the

Although the utility reported publicly July 1 that it has all systems critical to generating and distributing power ready for the transition to the new year, Detroit Edison since then has been developing and finalizing contingency and emergency plans to address the Y2K fac-

"Our focus now is monitor-

Nearly 2,000 Detroit Edison employees will be available to work the holiday weekend, more than tripling the usual complement that work the 4-day stretch, to respond to isolated emergencies that may arise from any unknown situation. Even employees not scheduled to work will remain ready to report for emergency work

After concentrating on the

prepared its "back office" systems such as customer billing and employee payroll for the Y2K rollover. The first batch of bills with a 2000 due date were processed without incident.

"All of the indicators are that Jan. 1, 2000, will be like any other day," Childs said. "Detroit Edison will provide safe, reliable electric service to our more than 2 million customers in Southeastern Michigan like we do every other day of the year."

Detroit Edison expects no widespread power outages resulting from Y2K, but Childs warned that history indicates there will be power outages in the wee hours of Jan: 1, and even later that

"The first thing is for people not to panic," he said. "There are many reasons for power outages, from animals getting into our equipment to drunk drivers hitting our poles and power lines, to inclement weather. On average, we have about 2,000 of our customers who experience an outage for some reason on New Year's Day, so there's no reason to assume

an outage is Y2K-related." Power outages should be reported to Detroit Edison by calling 1-800-477-4747.

For more information about Detroit Edison's Y2K program, call toll-free (888) 464-3376, or visit Detroit Edison on its Website - http:/ /www.detroitedison.com.

ready for Jan.1 Detroit Edison's rollover to ness. Detroit Edison has also

ing our systems New year's Eve and making sure we're in a position to respond to the unlikely event of the unknown," said Paul A. Childs, Detroit Edison Y2K program manager. "We've reached the culmination of our program and everything is in place so that our customers will receive the same kind of electric service they have on past New Year's Days."

should the need arise.

electric generation and distribution sides of the busi-

Poster contest set

need for being prepared in the event of severe weather, the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest, open to all students currently enrolled in fourth or fifth grades.

The deadline to enter is Feb.

Posters must emphasize the importance of being prepared in the event of Michigan severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms, severe cold, lightning and thunderstorms, according to contest sponsors.

The first place winner will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond; second place will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond; third place will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond, and honorable mention will be awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

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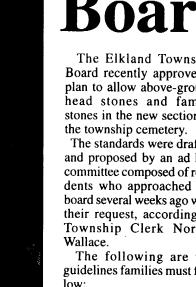
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Owen-Gage handed first loss at CPS during tourney

The Owen-Gage cagers fell from the unbeaten ranks Monday night during the opening round of the annual Tom Thumb Tourney being played in Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

The host Tigers handed Coach Leon Westover's Bulldog squad its first defeat with a hard fought 59-52 decision. The Tigers will now face Caseville, who defeated Port Hope 51-37 in the tourney's opener, for the Tom Thumb Tourney championship tonight (Tuesday) at 8 p.m. Owen-Gage will meet Port Hope in the early consolation tilt slated for a 6 p.m. tip-off.

If the Bulldogs hope to avenge the CPS defeat when the same 2 schools meet to open North Central Thumb League play next Tuesday, they will need to find a way to contain Tiger Brad Calahan.

Calahan recorded a game high 19 points, including the winners' final 8 markers when the Bulldogs were seeking to pull out another tight contest.

Of the Bulldogs' first 4 wins this season, 2 are by a single field goal and the 3rd needed an overtime period. Their largest margin of victory has been just 5 points in regulation play.

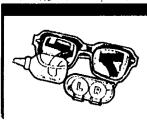
The Tigers held the Bulldogs to a season low output, despite 17 points from senior Derek Howard.

Owen-Gage jumped out quickly and gained a 9-2 edge by the 5-minute mark of the opening stanza. However, the hosts would out score their NCTL conference foe 13-6 to draw even entering the next period at 15-all. Nathan Kain contributed a pair of field goals, one off an offensive rebound and another off the dribble, to aid the visitors in the initial frame. Kain would finish with 9 tallies.

The Tigers used triples from Mark Kelly and Ryan Hutter during the 2nd quarter to help move in front 28-26 at the break. The lead would have been much larger without the heads up play from

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Bulldogs Shane Mellendorf and Howard who closed out the visitors' scoring in the first half with a nice steal and subsequent lay-in by Mellendorf, and a buzzer beater by, Mr. Clutch, Howard.

The 2 schools battled to 5 lead changes after the break and would enter the final frame dead-locked at 40. Mellendorf and Howard each tossed in treys from an identical spot deep in the corner, while teammate Corey Fritz delivered some quality work inside the paint area for the guests leading into the contest's final 8 minutes.

The visitors received an 8 jumper by Kain and another shot from beyond the 3-point arc from Howard to begin the final period and take a 45-42 edge, but trailed 53-47 on 7 straight points registered by Hutter and Calahan.

After a steal and an old fashioned 3-point play by Howard drew the visitors to within 53-50, Calahan took the game into his own hands and provided the hosts' final 6 markers to seal the victory. Mellendorf finished with 13 points for the Bulldogs and Fritz added 7.

The Tigers had Hutter with 15 and Paul Nagelkirk with a dozen.

Cass City Bowling

Robinson rolls 300

Christmas came a few days early for one area bowler at the Charmont Lanes.

Cass City's Gary Robinson became the first left-handed bowler, and most likely the last of the century, to reach the alley's 300-game honor wall. Bowling in the sanctioned Thursday Night Trio League, Robinson's gem came during the 2nd game of a 634 series.

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BULLDOG DEREK Howard uses a screen from teammate Nick Warack to record 2 of his team high 17 tallies in Monday night's Tom Thumb Tournament tilt in Carsonville-Port Sanilac. Howard's efforts weren't enough, however, as the host Tigers handed Owen-Gage its first loss of the cage season.



THE RED HAWK freshman basketball squad consists of: (back I-r) Joe Hawley, Nick Turner, Chris Maharg, Brenden Fredrick, Coach Mark Havens, (front l-r) Noal Powell, Brandon Speirs, Josh Sherman and Aaron Diegel.



THE BULLDOG JV Basketball squad consists of: (front l-r) Matt Edler, Donny Perdue, Jeremy Kady, Matt Gaeth, Jim Wise, (back 1-r) Coach Brett Cramer, Zachary Fritz, Justin McLaren, Donald Horiski, Adam Kain, Warren Hunt, Devin Papkey, Coach Allan Dadacki.

MSU Extension website popular

Michigan State University Extension officials announced that the Tri-County MSU Extension website recently celebrated its second anniversary.

In its 2-year existence the site has had over 6,000 visitors. Dr. Craig Thomas, MSU Extension dairy agent for Sanilac and St. Clair counties, is the webmaster of the site. The 3 counties involved in the site are Sanilac, Huron and Tuscola counties.

The site contains information, or links to information sources, on about every subject imaginable pertaining to agriculture, children youth and family, farm and financial management, weather,

With Dr. Thomas's expertise in dairy, the dairy section of the site is particularly well-developed. This section contains information pertaining to every aspect of dairy farming from nutrition to mastitis control to farm financial management to how to get maximum performance from your milking parlor.

Just recently, Dr. Thomas has revamped the dairy marketing section of the site since many farmers are now involved in using the dairy marketing section of the site since many farmers are now involved in using the dairy futures and options market. This section contains links to all the important USDA reports, market commentaries, and other sources of informa-

In addition, he has summarized key dairy market indicators such as top 20 states milk production, dairy product prices, dairy product production, dairy product consumption, etc. This information has been summarized from 1995 to the present and is presented in tables and graphs so dairy producers can track these dairy market

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Another popular area on the website contains graphical summaries of financial information from Michigan dairy

Each year approximately 150 Michigan dairy farms contribute their financial information to MSU Extension so that a Dairy Farm Business Analysis Summary can be created by the MSU Dept. of Ag Economics faculty. These data show key business performance parameters for dairy farms of average, low and high profitability. This section of the website allows you to view this information in a graphical format.

To access the Tri-County MSUE website type: www.canr.msu.edu/ msue_thumb into your web browser. If you have any questions about the site, contact Dr. Thomas at the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, 810-648-2515.

Hawk cagers surprise of early hoop wars

An unanswered question today is just how good this year's Cass City High School's basketball team is. There's no doubt, no doubt at all, that in the few games played before the holidays, the Hawks are the surprise team of the league.

You would be hard-pressed to find anyone who would have predicted that Cass City would be 3-1 in its first 4 games and one of the victories would be over arch rival Laker High.

After all, in the pre-season rankings coach Jim Green's charges were predicted to be at or near the bottom in the rugged Greater Thumb West

It's possible that Cass City benefited because of its preseason ranking. Defeating Cass City was not a high priority because of the way the team was rated.

That's all changed now. Teams know that they will face a challenge, not an easy



Coach Jim Green

win, when the game is with Cass City.

That Green is well aware

of this is apparent as he points out quickly that the team has to continue to improve to be competitive in the league.

He's pleased with the balanced scoring and intensity that his team has shown in the early games. The Hawks have been rugged on the boards in every game.

While the record is pleasing to all Hawk fans, it's fair to point out that Cass City hasn't blown out any opponent and games with the Lakers, Harbor Beach and Caro went to the wire before a winner emerged.

Games next week on the road at Bad Axe and USA will provide a more definite gauge of the team's chances this season.

Until then Hawk fans can enjoy and applaud the unexpected prowess of the team in the opening games.

Bulldogs post come-back victory over Port Hope

In over 2 decades of coach- up at the buzzer for the game ing, Owen-Gage mentor Leon Westover believed he had seen it all.

But, his Bulldog cagers proved differently in their final tilt before the Christmas break, Tuesday, during a North Central Thumb

scored 19 of his team high 21 points in the final frame, including the game winner, to lift the visitors to an unbelievable 82-80 come-frombehind win over the Blue Stars.

ible come-from-behind win in my 20 years of coaching basketball," commented Westover.

Trailing 57-41 entering the final frame, the Bulldogs poured in 41 points to escape with the NCTL win. The visitors used 5 treys, all by different players, and connected on 20 of 25 charity tosses to post the victory. With the win, Westover's cagers improved to a league leading 3-0, 4-0 overall.

"I still can't believe how hard we were working in the 4th. They played beyond their years in the last quar-

While Kain had the hot hand in the final frame, teammate Corbin Swaistyn was cool. Swaistyn helped set-up the Bulldogs' come-back effort when he went to the foul line and converted 3 tosses after being fouled on a 3point attempt. Swiastyn's final toss evened the game at 80 with about 40 ticks re-

After a Blue Star miscue, the Bulldogs opted to hold the ball for the final 28 seconds. That strategy paid off when Kain hit a driving lay winner. It would be the Bulldog's only lead of the night.

League thriller in Port Hope. Sophomore Nathan Kain

"(It was) the most incred-

ter," said Westover.

maining on the clock.

Corbin Swiastyn



Nathan Kain

Port Hope took control of the game early, as the guests fell behind 17-5 after one period. The Blue Stars limited the Bulldogs to 2 hoops from the floor, both by Shane Mellendorf, in the initial

Blue Star center Kyle Mausolf paced the hosts throughout the night and recorded game scoring honors

with 32 tallies. Mausolf helped the hosts to a 30-22 advantage at the intermission with 5 hoops around the paint, including 4 in the game's opening 8 minutes.

'We couldn't stop Mausolf inside, At 6'5", we just didn't have an answer to that tonight," said Westover.

Mausolf and Mark Iseler combined for 20 points after the break, giving the hosts their largest lead, 57-41, entering the final stanza. Iseler, who was perfect in 6 attempts at the stripe, tossed in 9 markers during the hosts 27-19 scoring margin to open the final half. Iseler collected 26 points as the Blue Stars only other player to reach double digits.

Besides Kain's antics in the final frame, Westover pointed to the Bulldog's defensive effort down the stretch.

"Our defense was suspect for 3 quarters, but was much better in the 4th quarter," said

Mellendorf and Swaistyn plit 32 points, while Corey Fritz added 13. The trio combined for 7 of the Bulldogs ten 3-pointers.

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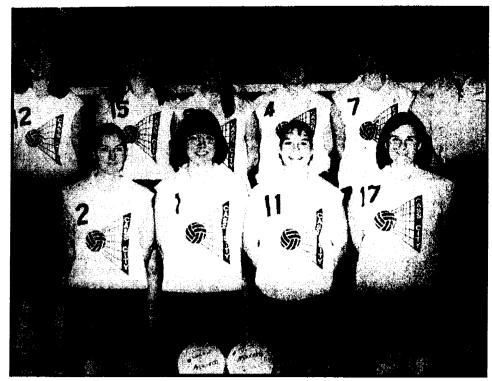
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THE RED HAWK junior varsity volleyball team consists of members: (front l-r) Amy Russell, Rochelle Dohn, Elise Pasant, Tara Lenhard. (back 1-r) Jessica Tenbusch, Robin Messing. Stephanie Stevens, Jamie Leiterman, Jennifer Tenbusch, and Coach Sally Howard. Missing are Melissa Martin and Kristina Edwards.

Statewide baiting ban proposed

Michigan Farm Bureau officials are calling for a statewide ban on baiting and feeding deer as the DNR awaits test results on a pair of suspected TB-infected deer shot outside the existing TB-quarantined zone in northeast Michigan.

The 2 deer are being classified as "highly-suspect" for the respiratory disease.

A TB-suspect deer in northwest Antrim County, about 40 miles outside of the current TB-quarantined zone, and another deer in northeast Mecosta County, about 75 miles southwest of the TB zone, both had visible gross lesions and tested TB-positive on an acid staining test and a DNA Probe, according to the DNR.

Tissue samples from both animals are now being cultured at the National Animal Disease Center in Ames, Iowa. Results are expected in early January.

"We highly suspect the deer will culture TB-positive,' Dale Rabe of the DNR Wildlife Division said of the Mecosta deer.

In addition, 3 TB-suspect deer have been identified outside of the infected area. but within the surveillance (buffer) area of the quarantined zone, Rabe noted.

According to Kevin Kirk, Michigan Department of Agriculture animal health liaison, the TB-infected/surveillance zone boundaries currently defined as north of M-55 and east of I-75 - may have to be redrawn if the hunter-harvested deer are confirmed TB-positive.

"If they come back positive, we will draw a 10-mile radius around them and try to get a handle on where dairy and livestock operations are and who owns them," Kirk said. "If they're positive, we will begin livestock testing in that 10-mile radius."

The yet-to-be-signed Memorandum of Understanding, between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and MDA, currently states that if a TB-positive deer is confirmed outside of the quarantined zone, the zone boundaries must be redrawn. However, MDA Director Dan Wyant says he's not in a hurry to do that.

"We need to talk with USDA and rethink what that means (if the Mecosta deer is confirmed TB-positive)," he said. "With the Antrim deer, we were prepared to do that (redraw the lines), but this Mecosta deer changes that. We need better information. We're not going to make a knee jerk reaction and we're not changing the lines until we have some good information.'

This year, about 500 deer were tested from Antrim County and 60 were taken from Mecosta County. The DNR has tested more than 16,000 deer statewide. Todate, the Antrim and Mecosta deer are the only animals outside of the quarantined zone to test positive on the acid-staining test.

If Michigan loses its TBfree status entirely, the state stands to lose millions, as many states accepting Michi-

Internet pharmacies' safety questioned

For thousands of consumers, ordering prescription drugs has gotten a little easier.

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What can you do to safeguard your health? The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises consumers to be wary of prescription web sites that claim to have doctors on staff. These are doctors who have never examined you and might therefore prescribe a drug that could be inappropriate. Some online pharmacies are known to sell

powerful drugs based on nothing more than a consultation with an online doctor.

If you wish to purchase prescription drugs on the Internet, first visit with your doctor and obtain a prescription. Look for a pharmacy web site you're familiar with. Also, look for sites that display the Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites' (VIPPS) seal of approval from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (http://www.nabp.net).

VIPPS certification requires that online pharmacies be licensed in every state to which they ship drugs. In addition, sites must meet standards for patient privacy quality assurance, authentication, and security of prescriptions and communication between patients and pharmacists.

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, ordering prescription drugs over the Internet for anything but legitimate medical purposes is illegal under both state and federal laws.

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gan cattle will now mandate testing and some may simply choose not to buy. Agriculture is Michigan's second largest industry, behind manufacturing. The cost to the producer in additional labor, testing and lost production and market share is expected to mount to \$27 million annually, according to a Michigan State Univer-

sity study. "As long as free-ranging deer continue to harbor bovine tuberculosis, the threat to Michigan's livestock industry remains," said Ron Nelson, Michigan Farm Bureau legislative counsel. "We cannot afford to control this disease, we must eradicate

The possibility of having TB-positive deer outside of the infected zone creates an even greater need for a statewide feeding and baiting ban, which is believed to be a source of disease transmission, Nelson said. "While we fully understand the serious economic issue for producers of deer feed and bait," he added, "recent USDA testing has shown that the disease is transmittable for several days on many different types of deer bait and feed. That's of major concern for all of us.'

Michigan is the only state in the nation to have freeranging deer harboring TB. Bovine TB was first discovered in the herd in 1994. Since then, more than 250 deer have tested TB-positive. In addition, 4 TB-positive cattle herds and one captive deer herd have been depopulated, and the disease has been detected in raccoons.

coyotes and a bear. Michigan Farm Bureau supports complete reimbursement for testing, lost production and indemnification. "We need to get farmers, hunters, DNR and MDA at the table to come up with some new ideas that will lead to eradication of this disease," Nelson said. "We need to be looking at more disease control permits and other means for reducing the deer population in diseased areas.

If the quarantined zone is expanded, the area will be subject to some new and additional regulations under the pending Memorandum of Understanding.

"If it becomes necessary, we would hope that the line would be reasonable, be distinguishable with landmarks - such as a road or river - and that livestock concentrations and free-ranging deer populations in certain areas would be considered, Nelson said.

In a Movement Restricted Zone (quarantined area), state-mandated TB-testing, certificates of movement and annual TB-testing for dairy

cattle are required. "It's important to note that the state should pay for all state-mandated tests," Nelson said. "Producers should rest assured that if they are required to test, the department will work with them to determine an appropriate time and will bring in a team of professionals to conduct the testing."

Hawk spikers ready for GTC volleyball play

When the Cass City volleyball team swings back into action next Wednesday to open their 2000 campaign at Caro, Coach Beth Howard would like nothing better than for her young squad to gain some confidence with a victory heading into Greater Thumb Conference play that opens Jan. 13 with the Lak-

The Hawks had the opportunity to scout the Tigers at their own Invitational, earlier in the year, and feel they can challenge their M-81 neigh-

In addition to the Cass City-Caro match, Howard's spikers should benefit in conference play from the chance to see some of its GTC opponents next Saturday when they travel to compete at the highly respected Bad Axe Invitational tournament, following a home opening tilt that Thursday with Birch

If Cass City is to be successful for the remainder of the season, it will start with the play of sophomore Sara Homakie on the front line. Homakie has looked good in early season matches during the Caro tournament and also during scrimmages before the holiday break against Akron-Fairgrove and Ubly.

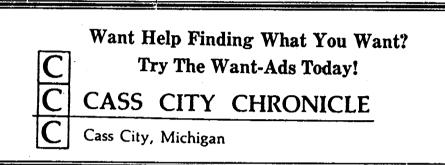
But Homakie can't do it alone. She'll need help from teammates Heather Edwards and Amy Polega near the net when the Hawk rotation sends Homakie to the back row. Edwards showed flashes of strong net play during the Hawks' sweeping of Akron-Fairgrove.

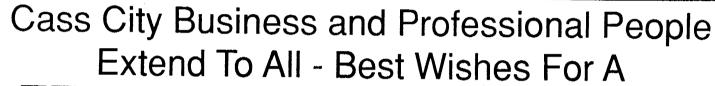
Another key in the team's success this season will be the development of freshmen players Diedra Deering and Becky Hartel. Both will need to play beyond their years for Howard's squad to excel in the league.

Howard's team has continued to show improvement at the service line, an area that hurt the Hawks during the Caro Invitational. Look for veteran Monica Dorland to lead Cass City at the line as the season progresses.



The Red Hawk Freshmen volleyball team consists of (front lr) Paula Fluegge, Brandy Cooper, Crystal Martin, Jessica Sammons, (back l-r) Coach Lori Radabaugh, Samantha Sabo, Brooke Marks, Lindsey Henderick, Aleshia Edwards, Amanda









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A host of prizes await the first baby of the year. Last year's first arrival, Nicholas Whittaker, son of Robert and Kerry Whittaker of Deford, arrived Jan. 7.

The recent death of John Maxbauer, 60, of Croswell, has been ruled a homicide. The medical examiner has listed the cause of death to

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successful campaign, with donations of 274 toys plus another \$2,251 to purchase

Winners of the Christmas lighting contest at Huntsville Trailer Park were James and Renee VanAllen, first place, and Ed and Mary Robinson, second place. They received certificates for \$100 and \$50, respectively, towards lot rent.

The combined pay for Cass City's 15 full-time employees will cost the village about \$19,500 more next year based on raises approved by the Village Council earlier this month. The council approved 4.5 percent increases for most of the employees.

Tom Guinther of Cass City was recognized recently by GTE North for completing 20 years of employment with the company. Guinther, a central office technician working out of GTE's Cass City office, started his telephone career as a switchperson in Cass City. He obtained his current po-

The Rev. Stephen R. Smith took over as pastor at Deford Community Church in September. He replaced the Rev. Gerald Rodgers, who left to minister in Columbus, Ga., after serving the Deford church for 12 years.

25 YEARS AGO

Ida Nelson, 58, of Caro, and her brother, Jacob Nelson, 48, of Standish, were killed late Wednesday night, Dec. 18, when their 8x20-foot mobile home exploded in flames on Wireline Road, 4 miles southwest of Caro.

Gagetown Police Officer Jack McCampbell was wounded in the left arm early Friday morning when the pistol he was wearing accidentally discharged. Police said the gun fired as McCampbell was leaving the car and reached into the back

Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

Monday - Hot dog with bun, winter blend vegetables, macaroni salad, sliced pineapple.

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seat to remove a briefcase. C.R. Hunt, 68, of Cass City, officially ended his career Wednesday when he sold the stock in C.R. Hunt Construction Company to Lester Ross, 60, and Grant Ball, 57.

Walbro President W.F. Walpole recently presented \$75 savings bonds to employees completing 20 years with Walbro Corporation. Receiving the bonds were Shirley Zinnecker, Bessie Muntz, Vernita Linderman, Edna Linderman, Mildred Kain and Marie O'Neil.

A group of area singers who started singing for their own amusement in neighborhood churches just 3 years ago will perform live Jan. 5 at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. The group, known as Christ's Ambassadors, are Dorland Kuntz. C.R. Smith, Dave Smith, Jerry Montei and Dean Bell. Kuntz is from Cass City and the rest are from Caro.

35 YEARS AGO

Three candidates, not previously announced, filed petitions for the office of village trustee. Two are political novices, Mrs. Gladys Albee and Glen "Scotty' McCullough. The veteran is Warren Wood. Other candidates for the office are Barney Freiburger, incumbent, and Lee Rabideau, who is stepping down voluntarily from the presidency to try to serve again as a trustee.

The Cass City Branch of the American Association of University Women will honor college women of the area at a holiday tea at Martin's Restaurant Dec. 30. Serving with Mrs. Ed Baker, chairman, are Mrs. B.H. Starmann, Mrs. Oarie Lemanski, Mrs. Ivan Mrs. MacRae, B.F. Benkelman and Mrs. Bill Wallace.

The Floyd Nicholas family were the lucky winners of a color television set in a drawing sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Thursday noon, at a drawing at the corner of Main and

Old, middle-aged and young attended the "Old Fashioned Christmas" community prom Saturday evening at the high school. Dar Williams and his combo provided dance music.

At Erla's Food Center - Jello, 5 3-ounce packages for \$1.00; 25-lb. bag of flour, \$1.88; Northern Toilet Tissue, 12 rolls for \$1.00; hamburger, 39 cents a pound.

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Kranz certified funeral celebrant

Debra Kranz, owner of Kranz Funeral Homes in Cass City and Kingston, recently attended a 3-day workshop to become a Certified Funeral Celebrant.

The training was held at the New England Institute and National Center for Death Education at Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass. Funeral celebrants is a new,

cutting edge concept presented by Doug Manning and Glenda Stansbury of In-Sight Books, Inc. A celebrant is a layperson, clergy person or funeral director who has been trained in the specific area of conducting non-religious funerals, seeking to meet the needs of families during their time of loss. They serve by providing a funeral service that is personalized to reflect the personality and the life style of the deceased.

Society has become more mobile and less tied to the church. Many people do not have a church or a clergy person on whom to call in times of death. Also, some people are not comfortable with a traditional religious funeral ceremony. Therefore, the need for funeral celebrants has become apparent, officials say.

This practice is used widely in New Zealand and Australia. In some cases, celebrants, who are licensed by the government in those countries, perform over 50 percent of the funerals and weddings.

Doug Manning, a former Baptist minister and one of the leading speakers and authors in the area of bereavement, toured these countries several years ago and brought back the idea that people in the United States needed this option.

The 3-day training included people from all over the country who will offer their services to families. The celebrants will continue with on-going training through In-Sight Books and, as more celebrants are trained across the country, will form an association for certification.

Kranz said she will offer a flexible, family centered funeral celebration to families who do not want a traditional religious funeral. This funeral is not intended to replace clergy; in fact, many of the people attending the training were clergy. It is merely a funeral with focus on personalization of the deceased and meaning to the

Cities gearing up to celebrate

Where will you be and what the eighth annual New Year will you do when the calendar turns to Jan. 1, 2000? Fireworks, dancing, toasts and city-wide alcohol-free events are just a few of the ways many Michigan cities will celebrate this very special New Year's Eve, says AAA Michigan.

"Whether you want to attend an alcohol-free, citywide party, or a skiing vacation to fireworks, millennium celebrants have a lot of choices," states Larry Dickens, AAA Michigan director of Travel Vendor Relations.

Alcohol-free celebrations have become a popular way to celebrate in Michigan's major cities.

Communities including Ypsilanti, Birmingham, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Holland, Cadillac, Lansing and East Lansing, Battle Creek, Pontiac, Grand Rapids and others, will host downtown celebrations with midnight fireworks or light shows, food, entertainment indoors and out and more.

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nual New Year's Fest downtown includes a parade, music, magic, and theater, dance and concert music just for children. Battle Creek's substancefree New Year's celebration

includes family-oriented fun and entertainment appealing to all age groups at various downtown sites. Birmingham and Cadillac

will host First Night parties, joining scores of towns across the nation that will celebrate the event using a format of exciting nonalcoholic festivities. At Cadillac, ice sculptures, a celebration of arts including dancing, plays, concerts from classical to zydeco, will be featured. In Birmingham, enjoy either outdoor or indoor performances, from music to puppets and storytellers, then gather in Shain Park to ring in the new century. Most millennium celebrations require purchase of an event admission button to attend events. Check with each event.

The fun doesn't stop at midnight on Dec. 31, either. Jan. 1 fireworks are scheduled in Frankenmuth, for example. If you plan to ski your way

into the next century, at least 20 state ski areas plan major New Year's celebrations that range from traditional torchlight mountain parades to fireworks and free entertainment. Call your favorite area for schedule and accommodation availability. Other resorts are also cel-

ebrating with something special. At Rothbury's Double JJ Resort, for example, chose from 3 parties, including one non-alcoholic gathering at this West Michigan dude ranch.

To find out what your local community is planning to celebrate both the old and new centuries, call your local chamber of commerce or visitors bureau.

WINDOW CLEANING Lots of potatoes SUPREME

eating lots of potatoes but the way they are eating the potatoes has changed. They are turning away from fresh potatoes that are boiled, baked and mashed and consuming more potato chips and french fries. In 1973, Americans were eating about 52 pounds of fresh potatoes per person per year. That amount has now dropped to 47 pounds.

Americans today are still

day noon before publication.

Wednesday, December 29

Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Fri-

will be Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd

Saturday, January 1

Novesta Twp. Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Legal Notices

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

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a pubauction to the highest bidder. The sale

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 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 abandon 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

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made and provided, notice is hereby given entrance to the Courthouse in the Village

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HAPPY NEW YEAR Monday, January 3

66/100 (\$80,071.66) Dollars.

will be held on January 14, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front entrance of the Court House 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 mortgagee before the sale. The property to be sold is located in

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made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas P. MATAKO and Lynn M. MATAKO husband and wife (origi nal mortgagors) to National City Bank successor by merger and/or name change to First of America Bank-Michigan N.A. Mortgagee, dated February 24, 1995, and recorded on March 20, 1995 in Liber 671, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 18/100 dollars (\$56,873,18), including in-

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2000.

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

Beginning 1266 feet West of the Southeast Corner of Section 7, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, running thence North 450 feet, thence West 200 feet, thence South 450 feet, thence East 200 feet to point of beginning, subject to the right of way for Dixon Road over the Southerly side The redemption period shall be 6

nonth(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 22, 1999

Attorneys and Counselors

File No. 189.0353 12-22-5

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 mortgagors) 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

> 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 21, 2000.

> hereof the sum of FORTY THOUSAND

EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND

64/100 dollars (\$40,841.64), including

erest at 8.500% per annum.

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ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, The South 150.00 feet of a parcel of land

described as: Beginning at a point on the North-South quarter line 330.00 feet North of the South quarter corner of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence North 1006.50 feet along the North-South quarter line to the South 1/ 8 line; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes West 647.12 feet along the South 1/ 8 line; thence South 0 degrees 17 minutes East, 1005.60 feet thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 30 seconds East, 644,10 feet parallel to the South Section line to the point of beginning.

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Dated: December 8, 1999

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025

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Default has been made in the conditions

MORTGAGE SALE

of a mortgage made by Matthew Patrick Byczek, A Single Man, to Pines Mort gage Corp., mortgagee, dated July 16, 997 and recorded August 18, 1997 in Liber 718, Page 091, Tuscola County Records said mortgage is now held by Resource Bancorp Mortgage Group, Inc. by assignment dated August 7, 1998 and corded on February 24, 1999 in Liber 764. Page 393 and re-recorded on April 12, 1999 in Liber 768 on Page 520, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six and 70/100 Dollars (\$27,686.70) including interest at the rate of 13% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the ortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on Feb ruary 4, 2000.

The premises are located in the Town-ship of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, Part of the Southeast quarter of Section

10, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, thence East 208.708 feet; thence South 207.708 feet: thence West 208.708 feet; thence North 208.708 feet of the place of beginning. Right of Way for Frankford Road over the northerly side thereof The redemption period shall be 6

months from the date of such sale, un less the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption eriod shall be 30 days from the date of

Dated: December 22, 1999 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorney for Resource Bancorp Mortgage

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5-12-22-52

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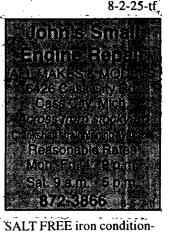
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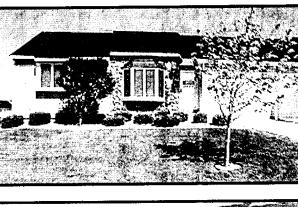
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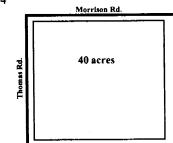






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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson Phone 658-2347

Spending an early weekend Christmas with Mrs. Michell Beardsley and son Mike, and Connie Beardsley were Mrs. Mary Beardsley, Rose Wills, Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Sr. and daughter of Dryden, and Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Jr. of Metamora.

Mr. and Mrs. David Beardsley Jr. of Metamora, Rose Wills and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wills and sons spent Christmas with Mrs. Mary Beardsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Naples of East Pointe spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel and Marney.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski spent Thursday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday afternoon guests of Susan and Greg Krozek and family at Kinde.

Clara Bond of Cass City was a Sunday dinner guest of Thelma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. and family were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family and overnight guests of Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford and came home Sunday.

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

Mrs. Bill Goretski of Grosse Point spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Adams of Springfield, Mo., arrived Saturday forenoon to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumptz. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Sunday afternoon and supper guests.

Dennis and Sharlene Hagen

were Sunday evening guests of Bryce and Betty Hagen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farrelly of Armada and Allen Farrelly had lunch at Charmont in Cass City Sunday.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford and David Matthews of Bad Axe were Tuesday guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming. Mrs. Tom O'Henley and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the Ubly Band Con-

cert Tuesday evening.
Edith Jackson was a
Wednesday afternoon guest
of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon was a Thursday overnight guest of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Rita Depcinski attended the Daughters of Isabella and Knights of Columbus Christmas party and potluck supper at the Bad Axe K of C Hall Thursday evening. Bingo and cards were played and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Thelma Jackson was a Friday lunch guest of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming spent from Tuesday till Sunday with Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford.

Mrs. David Hacker spent Tuesday with Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Margaret Cook, Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Albert Depcinski came home Monday after having surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw Thursday.

Mrs. Bob Harris of Auburn

Hills, and Frances and Louis Bentley of Hartland were early Christmas guests of Ben and Donelda Meske in Port Hope Sunday and later visited Bryce and Betty

Hagen.
Margaret Cook, Ron
Wolschlager, Mr. and Mrs.
Dan Franzel, Doris Western
and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad
Axe Friday morning.

Thirty-five members of the Cleland-Doerr families met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Sturgill and family for a pizza Christmas party.

Kevin Sweeney of South Lyon and Mrs. Martin Sweeney were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney and family.

Obituary

Sigmund Pieper

Sigmund Pieper, 67, of Caro Senior Commons, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1999, at Aleda E. Lutz V.A. Medical Center in Saginaw.

He was born Aug. 27, 1932, in Detroit.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired journeyman die maker for Chrysler Corporation. He was a model builder with a special interest in the great ships and sold many of the ships he built. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City and the Cass City VFW post #3644.

He is survived by 3 children, Anthony Pieper and Margaret Mary Pieper, both of Detroit, and Laura Ann Pieper of Florida; one sister, Doris O'Day of Caro, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 23, at Collon Funeral Home, Caro, with Pastor Gerald Meyer of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, officiating.

Burial was in Elkton Town-

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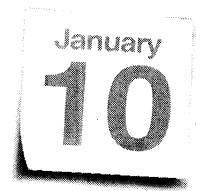
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200 attend TOPC annual meeting

The Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative Board of Directors recently hosted its second annual meeting at Ubly Heights Country Club. About 200 members and guests attended the meeting.

man, welcomed the shareholders and provided a brief update on construction activities and current production information. After the financial report, the shareholders voted on the nominations for board positions.

John Knoerr, board chair-

A management report was provided, reviewing the status of the meal and oil production facilities, marketing efforts and the status of the motor oil and soy drink project.

Chris Peterson, Michigan State University Agriculture Economics Department, was the guest speaker and out-

The United States Postal

Service wants residents to

create a little history on the

last day of the millennium

for someone special. Write a

letter to a child, a family

member or a friend. You can

even write one to yourself!

"What better way to leave

your stamp on 1999 than

with a letter. Look back on

this year and ahead to the

year 2000," said Chuck

Howe, manager, Greater

Michigan District. "It will be

your last chance to receive

that 1999 postmark."

Create history

lined the characteristics of a successful cooperative and discussed some of the strengths of the Thumb Oilseed Producers' project. Peterson also provided some key issues that need to be watched so the cooperative could avoid problems down

Rob Gerstenberger of Sandusky, Ron McCrea of Bad Axe and Scott Bernia of Akron were re-elected to a 3year term to the Board of Directors.

Following the annual meeting, the board of directors held a re-organizational meeting.

The officers were re-nominated for the coming year. For the 1999-2000 year, John Knoerr of Sandusky will serve as chairman, Vern Reinbold of Caro as vice-chair and Scott Krohn of

mail more than 20 billion

cards, letters, and packages

during this holiday season,"

explained Senior Plant Man-

ager Jim Defilippis. "Make

sure your important thoughts

are sent before the last post-

mark of the century is gone

When you mail your letter

on 12-31-99, you will create

a keepsake with the official

USPS postmark identifying

it as being mailed on the last

day of the millennium. Con-

tact your local post office for

collection times and loca-

forever."

Elkton as secretary-treasurer.
The remaining board members are Don Schluckbier of Bridgeport, Rob Gerstenberger of Sandusky,

Ron McCrea of Bad Axe and Scott Bernia of Akron. The Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative is comprised of 198 farmer shareholders. The processing facility is located north of Ubi and will be processing mor than 900,000 bushels of soy beans during this fiscal yea



CASS CITY RESIDENT Clara Gaffney was the lucky winner of this Classic Electric Train set, one of 3 giveaways during the "All Aboard for Christmas in Cass City" promotion sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and several local businesses.

