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**WALBRO CORPORATION** officials last week announced the company is changing its corporate headquarters from Cass City (above) to Auburn Hills. However, officials assured workers that the decision is essentially an address change and will not result in any additional job losses.

## Walbro: corporate move an "address change" only

Walbro Corporation officials last week announced they are changing the company's corporate headquarters from Cass City to an existing Walbro facility in Auburn Hills.

At the same time, officials emphasized the change will not result in any additional job losses, and that the company remains committed to its operations in the Thumb.

The announcement was made Friday by Frank E. Bauchiero, president and chief executive officer, Walbro Corporation.

"This change will allow us to better serve our growing automotive customer base in the Detroit area as well as in the rest of the world," Bauchiero said. "It will also provide easier access to the extensive technical and business resources available in Detroit.

Walbro has maintained a facility in Auburn Hills for several years at 1227 Centre Rd. This facility houses the company's Systems Engineering Center and North American Regional Headquarters. Walbro's Global Headquarters will be located in the same facility.

"The move affects only a few corporate executives and will not result in any layoffs," Bauchiero said. "We will maintain corporate support staff functions in Cass City. No other operations in Cass City or nearby Caro, Michigan, will be affected."

Mike Leopold, Walbro's vice president of human resources, Auburn Hills, also emphasized the nature of Friday's announcement, saying the decision to move corporate headquarters "really amounts to an address change. It's not going to af-

fect the operations we've got in the Thumb."

A big part of the decision was based on location — availability of airports and other facilities and services in and around the Detroit area — as well as Walbro's growth in the automotive industry and Detroit's recognition as the world's automotive capital, Leopold said.

In terms of local impact, he added, Mike Shope, chief financial officer, is the only executive who will be affected by the corporate office move, and Shope along with Bauchiero will continue to maintain offices in Cass City as well as in Auburn Hills.

Dan Hittler, Walbro's chief administrative officer, will remain in Cass City, Leopold said.

"This action does not reflect any diminishing of Walbro's commitment to Cass City,

which is evidenced by the many Walbro operations based there," Bauchiero noted. "These include extensive engineering, administrative and manufacturing operations, as well as Walbro's Aftermarket Division, Advanced Technology Group and Machine Tool Center.

"The talent, skill and experience of our people in Cass City and nearby Caro remain an important asset to Walbro Corporation."

It has been a year of uncertainty for Walbro and the company's employees in Cass City.

Company officials last May announced the decision to relocate Walbro's lawn and garden product manufacturing line in Cass City to the corporation's existing operation in Nogales, Mexico.

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### Repairs, paving, technology

## O-G board eyes bond issue for improvements

Owen-Gage School officials have set the wheels in motion for a bond issue vote this summer in hopes of funding thousands of dollars worth of major improvements to school facilities.

The board of education, during a monthly meeting Monday night, voted to include 3 projects in the bond issue to be presented to voters: replacement of the junior/senior high gymnasium floor, paving the north parking lot at the junior/senior high school in Owendale and the west lot at the elementary school in Gagetown, and technology upgrades designed to meet students' needs now and in the future.

The board authorized school Supt. Manuel Thies to seek estimates for the projects, which are expected to be presented in a single proposal to voters next summer.

"I want the people to be voting on it at the June election," Thies said after the meeting.

Monday's action follows some discussion in recent months over the need to repair the junior/senior high gym floor, which is bulging under one of the basketball hoops due to trapped moisture under the wood.

School board members, concerned that someone might trip and injure themselves, asked Thies to look into repairing the problem. The superintendent reported that the school could probably afford a "band-aid" repair, as has been done in the past, but replacement of the floor is the only way to really fix the problem.

And to do that, he said, will take a voter-approval of a bond issue.

Thies reported Monday that he consulted with the district's law firm regarding

the paperwork needed to prepare a bond issue. It was their opinion, he said, that school officials should take a look at the district's other needs and include funding for some of those projects as well as the gym floor.

Thies had no firm estimates, but guessed the gym floor replacement will cost \$200,000 to \$300,000. The paving work will probably total more than \$100,000, he said.

As for the technology upgrades, school officials plan to form an ad hoc technology committee, composed of administrators, teachers, board members and residents, to assess the equipment and monetary needs at both the elementary and junior/senior high buildings.

### Y2K CONCERNS

Turning to other matters, the board briefly discussed the implications of the Year 2000 problem for the school district after Trustee Randy

Howard asked school administrators if the school's computers would be affected.

Principals Bill Britt and Tom Wade responded the problem has not been addressed yet, but will be in the near future.

"In the next few weeks we're going to be getting a program...to check all the computers at the elementary school," Britt said, adding the relatively inexpensive diagnostic software, which costs about \$50, will then be sent to the junior/senior high to determine if the computers there are in danger of collapsing in the year 2000.

"We do want to find out where we stand, and if there are corrections that need to be made, we want to make those corrections."

The school has several older Apple computers, but over the past decade the district has purchased only IBM and IBM-compatible computers

for both buildings, school officials said.

The Year 2000 problem, also known as the Millennium Bug, involves computer programs and their use of the date in their coding sequences. The date often appears as a series of 2 digits, including the month, the day and the year, so 1998 becomes 98 in computer codes.

The problem is this: as the year 2000 arrives, computer codes will read 00, and computers that haven't been "fixed" or are not Y2K compliant will read the code as the year 1900.

With the new millennium coming fast and many agencies, governments and others behind in their efforts to fix the problem, experts vary on their predictions of what will follow. Some say it will result in minor inconveniences, while others say it will shift the world's technology into chaos.

### Faces up to 20 years

## Filion pleads no contest

The last of the so-called "school bandits" has pleaded no contest, closing the books on a string of 1997 burglaries in nearly a dozen counties, including Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac.

Melissa A. Filion, 21, Bad Axe, entered the plea last week in Huron County Circuit Court, just minutes before jury selection was to begin at the start of her trial Jan. 5 on a charge of conducting a criminal enterprise.

A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt, but still constitutes a criminal conviction.

Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 25 in circuit court.

Filion, who faces up to 20 years in prison, is expected to appeal her conviction based on a belief that her conduct does not fall within the parameters of the state's Criminal Enterprise Statute.

Just the same, Assistant Prosecutor Steve Allen said, "We're very pleased with the outcome."

Allen noted the fact that Filion entered a plea saved taxpayers "probably thousands of dollars" related to the cost of a trial, which was expected to last 4 or 5 days.

He said the prosecution had planned to call 50 witnesses and present 70 exhibits during Filion's trial.

Prosecutors say Filion assisted 2 other suspects, including the father of her child, in a string of burglaries targeting schools, businesses and churches.

The other defendants, Donald J. Kowalski Jr., 22, Bad Axe, and John V. Champagne, 25, Kinde, both testified against Filion during her preliminary examination in October.

Prosecutors say the men, who have both pleaded guilty to conducting a criminal enterprise and have been sentenced to prison, were responsible for at least 50 break-ins between Sept. 29 and Dec. 20, 1997. Filion was charged with assisting the men in 22 of the burglaries.

Most of the crimes — 19 — took place in Tuscola County, where the men targeted the Deford, Gagetown and Kingston elementary schools and the Gagetown Cooperative Elevator.

Investigators reported the crime spree resulted in a Please turn to back page.

## Caro teen charged in break-ins

A Caro teen was recently arraigned in Tuscola County District Court in connection with a trio of break-ins in Indianfields Township last month.

Court records state Matthew J. Gennrich, 18, Caro, is charged with 2 counts of conspiracy to commit home invasion, second degree, 2 counts of second degree home invasion, conspiracy to commit first degree home invasion and attempted first degree home invasion.

The charges stem from break-ins Dec. 9, 12 and 15 and involved 3 Weeden Road residences. Bond was set at a combined \$45,000. Gennrich faces a preliminary examination on the charges Friday at 9 a.m.

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### A good job in a great town

## Seeley marks 40 years in banking

Sherryl Seeley is somewhat of a rarity in this age of mobility and career changes.

She was born and raised in the Cass City area, graduated from the local high school, spent a short time away from the area studying business, then returned home to start a career in banking that is still going strong after 4 decades.

And she wouldn't have it any other way.

"Actually, it doesn't seem possible that it's been 40 years, in many ways. I love the people and I love banking," Seeley commented last week at her desk at Chemical Bank in Cass City, where she has served as branch manager since Chemical Bank bought out Cass City State Bank in July 1989.

Seeley isn't ready to retire yet, but she was treated to cake and plenty of congratulations just the same Thursday.

"The bank has been good to me," she said. "I like Cass City. I was born and raised here. I always thought I had it made — a good job in a town that I loved."

Seeley started her banking career earlier than expected when she decided to cut short her business studies.

"I was attending business college in Saginaw, and I was doing fine in school, but I just really wanted to get to work," she recalled, adding she talked to Jim Wallace at Walbro about applying for an office work job, but no positions were available. As luck would have it, Wallace's dad, Buzz Wallace, a cashier at Cass City State Bank, mentioned the bank was looking for someone.

"I think I went to work 2 days later. That was in 1959," Seeley said.

Seeley's first duties involved posting savings and checking account entries in the afternoons. "I thought I really had made it. I was in the real business world," she said.

A couple years later, she became a teller and began working days. Eventually, she became assistant cashier and, in 1989, was named branch manager. Today, she oversees and assists 8 employees at the local bank branch.

"Banking has changed a lot in 40 years. A lot of the change has been for the good, though," Seeley said, adding the biggest changes

have involved regulations and the introduction of technology. "There's so much more paperwork today."

For some people, a job change or 2 and new scenery are a must over the course of a lifetime. But Seeley figures she hasn't missed anything by staying put, both in terms of her job and hometown.

In fact, she has enjoyed becoming a part of her community and the lives of her customers.

"I never had a desire for city life," she said. Here, she added, "you know most of the customers. You have more of a personal contact with the customers."

And customers develop the same kind of familiarity with those who work at the bank, according to Beverly Perry, vice president of Chemical Bank - Thumb Area, who has known Seeley throughout much of her banking career.

"She's been very good at her job," Perry said. "A lot of people look for her when they come in."

"Every job has its days, but I thoroughly enjoy it, definitely," Seeley concluded. "It provides the quality of life I like."



AMONG THOSE HELPING Sherryl Seeley (seated) celebrate her 40th year in banking Thursday were Chemical Bank employees (from left) Beverly Perry, vice president, Ellen Schmidt, customer service, Carolyn Westerby, teller, and Samantha Farver, secretary.



Dr. and Mrs. Rocky Spencer

## Spencer, Dietzel wed in Saginaw

Dr. Rocky Lee Spencer and Mary Edith Dietzel were married Dec. 28, 1998 at Bethel Assembly of God in Saginaw with the Rev. David Dietzel officiating.

Matron of honor was Julie Dietzel, sister-in-law of the bride and bridesmaid was Sylvia Spencer, daughter of the groom.

Best man was Rodney Spencer, brother of the groom and groomsman was Rocky Spencer II, son of the groom.

Dietzel is formerly of Cass City and a 1990 graduate of Marlette High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dietzel of Cass City. Before her marriage she was

employed by Plastech Manufacturing Company in Caro.

Dr. Spencer is a 1977 graduate of Corunna High School and a 1982 graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Bible Theology and a 1984 graduate of Lansing Community College in Electronic Technology and recently received his doctorate in Christian Counseling from Missouri Bible College. He is employed at Buick Experimental Lab as an Experimental Lab Technician. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ace Spencer of Durand.

After a honeymoon in Frankenmuth, the couple will reside in Bancroft.

## Magazine sale set Feb. 10-13

Are magazines piling up around your house, your basement or garage? Give them a second chance to be useful and give yourself some space by donating them to the Friends of the Library Magazine Sale set for Feb. 10-13.

Bring your used magazines to Rawson Memorial Library by Feb. 6. Decorating, hobby, hunting, home, travel, antiques, country living and crafts magazines are especially popular. Please do not bring old news magazines, Reader's Digest, National Geographic or magazines in poor condition because they do not sell.

## Genealogy society to meet Jan. 26

The Cass River Genealogy Society will meet Jan. 26 at James E. Wickson, 359 S. Franklin, Frankenmuth, at 7 p.m. The program will be a speaker from the Saginaw County Clerks Office who will tell about what is available from the County.

The Slate of Officers will be presented at our meeting in January and will then be voted on in February. The meeting in February will be informal.

## 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.

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**Monday** - Closed - Martin Luther King Day.

**Tuesday** - Golden baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas, variety bread, mandarin oranges.

**Friday** - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, broccoli & carrot mix, French bread, oatmeal cookie.



Meg's Peg

Post-holiday thoughts

by Melva E. Guinther

It's kind of nice, after the flurry of holiday activity, to kick back and read a book or work on a needlework project, unhurried.

It's good not to have to go anywhere or meet any deadlines. By the end of the month, we'll have cabin fever and be rarin' for activity, but for now we're content.

All of our family members got back to their respective places before the winter storm hit, for which we're thankful, and we're gradually getting the house back in order, replacing all the stuff that was shoved aside in favor of Christmas decorations.

The problem with having a big old house is that there are so many places to put things. I try to keep track of what went where, but sometimes it's the following Christmas before a missing picture or candleholder turns up.

We're at the point now when the frozen leftover turkey and ham can be thawed and enjoyed once again. During the holidays you can easily reach the saturation point, even for good food.

We appreciate all the column fodder sent our way over the holidays. Readers supplied us with so many clever Christmas items that we didn't have the opportunity to print most of them. The plan is, if we're still around, to devote next December's columns to them.

Fred MacKay, who lives in Columbus, Ga., sent a clever item about "Bubba Claus." Another was entitled "We 3 Cats of Orient Are," which is sure to be appreciated by all cat lovers. There's the new policy regarding the "12 Days of Christmas", and one

beginning "Twas the night after Christmas."

We may share the timely "Twas the Night Before Impeachment" at a later date.

A couple of groaners we received are so bad there's no way they'll keep for a year. See if you don't agree.

It seems a group of chess enthusiasts had checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why?" they asked as they moved off.

"Because," he said, "I never could stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

You think that was bad? Try this one.

A man went to his dentist because he felt some discomfort in his mouth. The dentist examined him and said, "That new upper plate I put in 6 months ago is croding. What have you been eating?"

The man replied, "The only thing I can think of is that about 4 months ago my wife made some asparagus with some stuff on it that was delicious...Hollandaise sauce. I loved it so much that I now put it on everything—meat, toast, fish, vegetables, everything."

"Well," the dentist said, "That's probably the problem. Hollandaise sauce is made with lots of lemon juice, which is highly corrosive. I'll make you a new plate and this time use chrome."

"Why chrome?" asked the patient, to which the dentist responded, "Everyone knows there's no plate like chrome for the Hollandaise."

## AAUW makes donation

The American Association of University Women recently donated a selection of videos and books to Rawson Memorial Library on parenting middle school age girls. Book titles are "Venus in Blue Jeans: Why Mothers & Daughters Need to Talk About Sex," "The Middle School Maze: A Parent's Survival Guide," "Wonderful Ways to Love a Teen...Even When it Seems Impossible," "School Girls: Young Women, Self-Esteem, and the Confidence Gap," "Celebrating Girls: Nurturing and

Empowering Our Daughters" and "Things Will be Different for My Daughter: A Practical Guide to Building Her Self-Esteem and Self-Reliance."

Videos are "Girls Can," "Girls in the Middle: Working to Succeed in School" and "Parenting Today." These materials, along with other parenting books and videos, are available to be checked out at the library.

## "Valentino" raffle set Feb. 12

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a raffle of the Beanie Baby, "Valentino," from now until Feb. 12. Proceeds from the raffle will go to Rawson Memorial Library.

Tickets may be purchased at the library. The cost is \$1.00 each or 8 for \$5. The drawing will be held Feb. 12 during the magazine sale.

## Ballroom dance slated

The United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association will hold its monthly dance Jan. 16, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Cass City High School.

The first hour is dance lessons. Beginners are welcome and will be helped to get started. The program will include line dances, mixers and dance exhibitions. Admissions is \$5.

Membership is open to singles as well as couples. New persons who become members at the dance are admitted free. Appropriate attire requested.

For further information, please contact Beth Spencer, (517) 872-4943.

## Lioness club plans bazaar

The Ugly Lioness Club will be sponsoring their 10th Annual Spring Bazaar Saturday, March 6, at the Ugly Fox Hunters' Club from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The bazaar will include a luncheon, raffles and a wide variety of crafts. In addition, the Easter Bunny will be present for the children from 10 a.m. to noon.

If interested in renting table space, please call Karen (517) 658-2693.



Clifford and Joyce Ann Bemus

## Bemus, LaRoche exchange vows

A candlelight ceremony for Clifford G. Bemus of Flint and Joyce Ann LaRoche of Cass City was performed by the Rev. Louise Wright at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Cass City, Dec. 29.

They welcomed 50 guests from Cass City, Fenton, Flint, Detroit, Pontiac, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Denmark.

The bride and groom were attended by Mrs. Joanne Morell, friend of the bride, from Cass City, and Gayle Ryker, friend of the groom from Bancroft.

The bride wore a cream suit of brocade, with a jacket of Italian lace encrusted with pearls and designed by Jessica McClintock. She carried

a single cream poinsettia and pine bouquet.

The bridesmaid wore a green silk Matka City suit trimmed in satin, and carried a single red poinsettia and pine bouquet.

The ceremony included solo by granddaughter Mandy Vatter of Cass City who sang, "From This Moment."

The bride and groom were toasted with champagne and a 2-layer wedding cake for guests.

Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, shrimp cocktail and meat and cheese tray following the ceremony.

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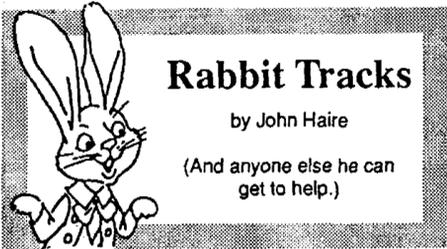
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

You can't call them a harbinger of spring. Not in Michigan in January with temperature hovering around the zero mark. Joanne O'Dell, Cass City, said that last week she spotted not one, not 2, not 3, but 4 robins on an Oriental tree in her yard.

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Elkland Township Fire Department Chief Ron Pawloski reports that residents will be giving a helping hand to fire prevention in the village if they clear the snow away from hydrants.

Who knows, the home that a little extra effort saves may be yours.

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To be recognized at the annual Tuscola Soil Conservation District meeting Jan. 21 in Caro for their participation in the 1998 Michigan Envirothon will be 2 teams from Cass City. The Fighting Caribou team members are Dave Hobbs, Ryan Downing, Becky Oesch, Steve McIntosh and Jim Dale.

The Tuscola Chameleons team includes Jessica Apel-Mifsud, Amanda Morrish, Ashley Carlisle, Danielle Laming and Julie Westfall. Their coach is Nancy Weippert.

## Vassar mother bound over in death of baby

A Vassar area mother charged in the death of her baby daughter was bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court following a preliminary examination in district court last Wednesday.

Jody L. Haynes, 20, faces arraignment in circuit court Friday at 8:30 a.m. on charges of open murder, felony murder and child

abuse, first degree, in the Nov. 20 death of Sidney Ann Haynes, 14 months.

Haynes remains jailed on a \$500,000 bond.

Prosecutors allege Haynes assaulted the child, causing fatal head injuries, at a Millington Township home where her former boyfriend and the father of the child, Noel P. Lloyd Jr., 24, resides with his parents.

## State seeking area volunteers

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on the Saginaw/Tuscola Counties Foster Care Review Board.

The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board Program in 1984 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state utilizing citizen review boards.

The 5-member board meets one day each month to re-

view a representative sample of cases of children who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. At these reviews, board members interview parents, foster parents, caseworkers, attorneys, and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the ward. Advisory recommendations are formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents, and other interested parties.

## Read Meg's Peg

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The men and women serving Cass City Public Schools and their years of service are:

- President - Randy Severance, 5 Years
- Vice-President - James Turner, 12 Years
- Secretary - David Knight, 3 Years
- Treasurer - Beverley Auten, 13 Years
- Trustee - Allan Hartwick, 14 Years
- Trustee - Marilyn Peters, 8 Years
- Trustee - Danny Haag, 3 Years

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

## June 19 annual meeting Village to host TEC

The closing of a popular Cass City area banquet hall a year ago has prompted another organization to change its annual meeting plans.

The closing led to a change in location for the annual Ag in Action show (formerly Thumb Ag Day) in Decem-

ber 1998, with organizers moving the event to Uby Heights.

Now, Thumb Electric Cooperative (TEC) officials have announced plans to hold their 1999 annual meeting June 19 at Cass City Recreational Park in Cass City. The new time and location

were necessary due to the closing of the Colony House, according to TEC General Manager Michael Krause.

"The Colony House provided us a location that could accommodate over 1,000 people in an indoor setting. With its closing that option is no longer possible," Krause explained.

"It is also difficult to find a school available that will allow meals to be served in their gymnasiums. Therefore, the board of directors elected to change the (annual meeting) date from March to June and go to an outdoor format under a large tent.

"The new location will allow us to return to a more central location in our service area and provide us with new opportunities to make the day a special event for TEC members of all ages," Krause added. "We hope that all TEC members and their families will plan on attending this year's annual meeting to experience the sharing of ideas and enjoy the day's activities."

The meeting will feature a lunch as well as entertainment and attendance prizes, all under the protection of a large tent.

## Novesta board okays amendments to budget

The Novesta Township Board approved several amendments to this year's budget during a monthly meeting last week.

Township Clerk Kathy Newell reported the board voted to increase office supply expenses by \$2,000, to \$4,000, after spending \$1,095 more than what was budgeted for 1998-99.

Other amendments affected cemetery expenses (\$4,050 was originally budgeted and \$4,086.20 was spent, so the fund was increased by \$500), burials (\$3,500 was budgeted and \$3,860 was spent, so the fund was increased by \$2,000), and elections (\$1,000 was budgeted and \$1,417.25 was spent, so the fund was increased by \$500).

Township officials are preparing to approve a new spending plan, which will be presented to electors at the township annual meeting in late March.

In other business during the Jan. 4 monthly meeting, the board:

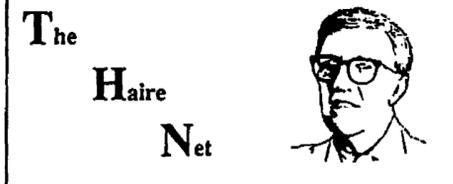
- Voted to pay Roger Trisch \$30 for plowing at the township cemetery.
- Reviewed the township's

nearly 30-year-old junk ordinance, then tabled action to the next meeting.

•Discussed road work to be done in the township. No specific projects have been approved yet, according to Newell, who noted action was tabled.

•Noted 1999 trash permits are available for purchase by township residents. The cost remains the same at \$60.

Newell said the permits allow residents to deposit trash in a dumpster at the township hall in Deford on the second Saturday of December, January, February and March, and on the second and fourth Saturdays in each of the remaining months of the year.



**The Net**  
by John Haire

I made 2 mistakes in college when I took French, or to be accurate, French took me.

The first was assuming that French was the second language to learn in 1940. Making a judgement on the correct pronunciation of a name on a bottle of wine really isn't of much practical value to a guy who can't tell the difference between a glass of the finest Bordeaux and a glass of table wine.

It was wrong to assume that a couple of years of French would play big with a few of my friends who spoke French as a second language.

When I said "How are you?" in my book French, I might well have been speaking German. Any resemblance to my book French, such as asking, "How are you?" (*comment allez vous*), to their conversational French, which sounded in English like "Commassa va?" was hardly noticeable.

Today, of course, in this global economy, a second language is a prime addition to any resume. Daimler-Chrysler executives need a second language to be considered for the upper echelons of the company. I'd guess that any language would do — as long as it's German for Americans and English for Germans.

1 digress. Back to my poor choice selecting French. Reading the weather report in a daily paper suggested that Spanish would have been the way to go. Our unusual weather patterns are El Nino and La Nina.

One is a benefactor to all guys and dolls who pine for Florida as soon as the first frost hits and the other is a cause for rejoicing to those who feel Alaska is the promised land.

Quick now, which is which? El Nino pushed the warm dry air up to Michigan and La Nina pushed the arctic blasts from the north into Michigan. Ask me tomorrow and it's only about 50-50 that I'll get the names right.

There has to be a lot more of you like me than there are erudite folks who understand all about Spanish and where the names for these weather patterns originated.

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## The back forty

by Roger Pond



It's hard for younger generations to appreciate the changes electricity brought to rural areas. Those who milked 30 cows by hand can tell us about it, but we can't fully understand.

Most of us will never experience the exhilaration of opening a feedbox and confronting a big, yellow cat with a coal oil lantern. (The farmer has the lantern.) Doing chores in the dark was just part of living, but that didn't make it any easier.

My Dad used to tell about a young man who walked down the road past Grandpa's farm to visit a neighbor before cars were common. This fellow was afraid of the dark, but would return after dusk some nights, carrying an old lantern and whistling to take his mind off the darkness.

Dad said the young fellow would be whistling softly and walking at a leisurely pace when he left the neighbors' but by the time he traveled a mile or so he would be jogging along briskly and whistling at a much higher pitch. One night the lantern went out, and folks heard the young man pass in the darkness, whistling like a tea kettle and running 20 miles an hour.

I'm too young for coal oil lanterns, but I can remember when farms weren't lighted like they are today. We had lights, but they were all inside buildings and there weren't that many.

Adults didn't seem to mind the darkness between the house and the farm buildings, but the kids did. My brothers and I learned to scope out the path to the house before flipping any light switches.

One kid would hold the barn door open while the other flipped the switch. Then we would run like mad so nothing could catch us.

My scariest moments in the dark were when friends from town came to visit. Fear is contagious, and the town kids seemed afraid of everything. Of all the things they feared, being bitten was probably the worst.

Town kids would see a cow and ask, "Does she bite?" This seemed ridiculous to us. A person might get bitten by

a dog, cat, or even a pig; but nobody gets bitten by a cow!

The combination of cows and darkness really put these kids on edge. If we wanted to play basketball in the barn, we had to assure our guests there weren't any cows around; or if there were, they didn't have any teeth.

One dark and scary night my friend Willy and I decided to play some basketball in the hay mow. We got to the barn alright; but I could see Willy was getting nervous when I opened the door to the milking barn.

Willy stuck with me like syrup on a pancake as I felt along the wall for the string to the light switch. Then, just as I reached for the light, something in the corner said "Baa!" Willy leaped through the barn door and was gone before I could even turn around.

I wanted to tease my friend for being scared by a harmless, little calf. I would have, too, if I hadn't passed him 3 times between the barn and the house.

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# Owen-Gage board okays pay raise

The Owen-Gage Board of Education Monday approved a raise for the district's veteran elementary school principal.

A unanimous vote on the 3.75-percent pay hike for Bill Britt came after a 45-minute executive session.

Britt, who has been with the district for 34 years, currently earns \$46,964, including \$1,600 in longevity pay. With the increase, he will earn about \$48,665 in 1999-2000.

In other business during the monthly meeting, the board:

- Approved a bid of \$700 from Elenbaum Used Truck Sales, Pigeon, for a district-

owned 1987 school bus.

- Recognized a student at each grade level for best exemplifying the district's January adult role focus of being "responsible learners".

The students, in grades K-12, respectively, are Aaron Bosley, Zachary Mroz, Katie Rhodes, Johnny Villarreal, Rebecca O'Harris, Tiffany Glaza, Mary Ellen McKee, Heidi Scott, Ashley Pawlak, Corbin Swiastyn, Nicholas Warack, Theresa Richmond and Chad Mellendorf.

- Approved the nomination of senior Cara Bickel as the district's "student of the month" for January.

# Sex crimes net prison sentences

A pair of Tuscola County residents were sentenced to prison Friday for convictions on separate charges of criminal sexual conduct.

William A. Enos, 42, Mayville, was sentenced to 14 1/2 years to 22 1/2 years in prison for his plea of guilty to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years last June in Dayton Township.

Also sentenced in Tuscola County Circuit Court was Jesse L. McQueen, 49, Vassar, who was ordered to serve 7 1/2 years in prison for a plea of no contest to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion in December 1997 in Vassar.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•William L. Armstrong, 27, Marlette, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 180 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of no contest to fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree, between September 1988 and October 1992 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$400 in court costs and fines plus \$1,395 in attorneys fees.

•Thomas F. Ridley Jr., 23, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (90 days deferred without a date) for his conviction on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and resisting and obstructing a police officer Sept. 26 in Vassar Township.

Ridley was ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy and pay \$1,060 in fines and costs plus \$235 in restitution.

•Dawn DuRussel, 22, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 30 days in jail for her plea of guilty to attempting to report a false felony (armed robbery) Sept. 13 in Caro.

She was ordered to pay \$200 in costs and \$512.50 in attorneys fees.

•Michael K. Hall, 37, Davison, was sentenced to 5 years probation and 365 days in jail (6 months deferred to the end of probation), with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and furnishing false identification to a police officer Sept. 20 in Kingstons.

He was ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy and pay \$1,000 in costs and fines plus restitution totalling \$235.

•Joshua E. Darbee, 19, Lapeer, pleaded guilty to home invasion, second degree, involving a dwelling at 3458 Linden St., Kingstons, Nov. 27.

Bond in the case was continued at \$10,000 and a presentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 12.

•Robert T. Miller, 22, Vassar, pleaded guilty to attempted receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100 April 15, 1997, in Millington.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 12.

•Ernest M. Congdon, 19, Millington, pleaded guilty to unlawful use of a motor vehicle July 13, 1997, in Watertown Township.

Bond was continued at \$5,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 12.

•Marcus C. Garvin, 17, Vassar, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of attempted breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Dec. 15 in Mayville.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000 for the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 12.



**MICHIGAN AUTHOR John Mitchell visited with Cass City third and fourth grade students Friday in conjunction with the school's annual Young Author's program. Mitchell, a Suttons Bay resident who specializes in books on the history of Michigan and the Great Lakes, recently completed his fourth book.**

## Obituaries

### Geraldine Caig

Geraldine (Gerry) Caig, 70, of Deckerville, died Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, in St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw.

She was born Jan. 27, 1928, in Delaware Township, the daughter of Charles and Myrtle (Bowlsby) Wright.

She was a member of the Port Sanilac VFW Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Lyn and Terry Caig of Cass City; 2 daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra Graff and Sheila and Bob Barham, all of Palms; 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Benjamin Wright of Sandusky, Gerald Wright of West Branch and Elwood Wright of Lapeer; 3 sisters, Mrs. Mary Keys and Mrs. Wilma Hunt, both of Sandusky, and Fannie Chappel of Marlette, several nieces and nephews, and a special friend, Wally Duggan of Bad Axe.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 11, in the Apsey Funeral Home, Deckerville. Pastor Henry Malone officiated. Burial was in Downing Cemetery. Memorials may be given to United Hospice.

### Troy Diebel

Troy Gary Diebel, 26, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Cass City, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999, after struggling with cancer for the last 2 1/2 years.

He was the son of Gary Diebel and Kathy (Turner) Charles. He and his brother, Todd, lived with their parents and attended Cass City Public Schools until 1983, when the family relocated to Georgia.

For the past 6 years, he had been employed by Gibbs Landscaping in Georgia. He was a foreman in charge of his own work crew.

Surviving are his wife of 2 years, Erin Kathleen (Rupe) Diebel; his mother and stepfather, Kathy and George Charles; his father, Gary Diebel, and his brother, Todd Diebel, all of Atlanta, Ga. Also surviving are grandparents, Clayton Diebel of Elkton and Marion Com-

### ment of Gagetown.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 10, at St. Simon's Episcopal Church in Conyers, Ga.

Memorials may be made to St. Simon's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 102, Conyers, Ga. 30012.

### Irene Ruggles

Irene Ruggles, 93, of Kingstons, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999, at her daughter's home in Caro.

She was born Aug. 26, 1905, in Ellington Township to Melville and Jane Ann (Henderson) Graham. She married Bruce E. Ruggles Nov. 11, 1931, in Caro. He died Dec. 27, 1978.

Ruggles graduated from Caro High School in 1922 and from County Normal in 1923, and taught school for 7 years before her marriage. She was a member of the Kingston United Methodist Church, where she served as treasurer for over 30 years and Sunday School teacher for most of her life. She was also a 4-H leader and held offices in both the county and state Women's Farm Bureau. She was a charter member of the Woman's Study Club and a former Kingston School Board member, worked with the Tuscola County Soil

Conservation and was a member of the Kingston Area Senior Citizens.

Surviving are 6 children, Clayton (Virginia) Ruggles of Frontenac, Minn., Barbara Lou (Keith) Green of Caro, Albert (Glennadine) Ruggles of Kingstons, Fred (Nancy) Ruggles of Kingstons, Patricia (Bob) Lewis of Stanwood, and Arlo (Ann) Ruggles of Kingstons; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; a brother, Henderson (Esther) Graham of Caro; 2 sisters-in-law, Maxine Graham of Caro and Leta Haver of Punta Gorda, Fla., and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Gladys Mae; brother, Kenneth Graham, and brother and sister-in-law, John and Mildred Graham.

Funeral services were scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Kingston United Methodist Church with the Rev. Margaret Passenger officiating.

Interment will be in Kingston Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Kingston United Methodist Church Elevator Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingstons.

## CHAPPEL'S CORNER

by Amanda Chappel

Buy 'em while they're hot!



This school year is flying by so fast! Cass City's High School's publications class is currently working on the 1998-1999 Perannos Yearbook to capture all of the fantastic memories of the year. Fourteen students are currently on the Perannos staff.

This year's book has 168 pages, with 28 colored. Every current student will be pictured at least once. Sports, drama, band, choir, honor societies, student life, and much, much more will be featured. Local businesses have also sponsored the yearbook by purchasing ads.

This year's publications class overflowed with students. The 27 students were divided in half into staffs for Perannos and the Hawk Herald, the school paper.

Susan O'Hara is editor of the yearbook, with Melissa Meyers as the junior editor. Both attended Yearbook Camp at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. The camp prepared them to make creative layouts and learn to use the new yearbook computer programs.

"I learned how to ship pages and prepare them for printing," said Susan.

"Basically I learned how to create a great layout," said Melissa.

As a member of the Perannos staff, I believe that Yearbook Camp was a great opportunity for the editors. They have learned many different skills and have obtained great ideas to lead us into producing the best book that we possibly can.

The rest of the staff has been assigned many different features. Leann Otulakowski is covering wrestling, football, the foreign language trip and the talent show.

"I think that it is neat that I can be a part in putting together a great book that will last forever," said Leann.

There are 4 different deadlines throughout the school year that the staff has to meet so the yearbook will be published for distribution at the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year. Perannos staff members are busy attending all sorts of different events to gather information and photos.

For the last few years, George Bushong has taken over the position as Perannos

and Hawk Herald advisor. He does a great job! He never has a hard time conceiving a catchy headline or a neat caption for a photo. He also has experience working with cameras. That helps students learn how to compose photos and take great pictures much more easily.

One of the special features offered to parents of senior students is called a parent ad. Parents may purchase an ad that will be placed in the back of the book. Parents are asked to write a special note and put in a photo of their child. Letters will be going out to all parents of senior students. If you receive a letter from the school in the mail, it's not junk mail. Take a look at it and purchase a parent ad. Parents must remember that when the student leaves the house, so does the yearbook. If you would like a yearbook with a senior photo of your son or daughter in it, you should purchase one for yourself too.

Last fall the Perannos staff visited businesses all over the Thumb area. Many businesses purchased ads. There are 4 sizes available, from an eighth of a page to a full page. Advertisements pay for most of the book. These advertisements are a great way for businesses to gain publicity. Their advertisement will not be thrown away with the mail. It will be contained in a yearbook

that will last forever. Many businesses, such as Walbro and General Cable, help Perannos by purchasing advertisements year after year. It also gives new businesses like Silhouette Limousin Service in Cass City a super start in promoting their new business.

If you would like information about purchasing one of the yearbook advertisements call the school and ask for George Bushong, Melissa Homakie or myself.

Perannos are currently on sale and have been all year. If you purchased a yearbook before Thanksgiving, they were only \$30. Currently they are \$35. If you or your student waits to buy one until the end of the year, they will be \$40.

Last year senior Beck Oesch waited until the end of the school year. "I was so foolish to wait to buy my Perannos! This year I didn't make the same mistake as I have already purchase mine. I can't believe I didn't try to save \$10 and buy yearbook earlier!" said Becky. I hope you and your students don't make the same mistake by paying more than you have to.

Yearbooks are available every Tuesday and Thursday: lunch in the high school. If you have any questions, call the high school and ask for Mr. Bushong. Remember Perannos is a great memory book that will last forever!

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## Holbrook Area News

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Mrs. Martin Sweeney returned home Wednesday from a 10-day trip to South Lyon, where she spent one day with Kevin Sweeney before leaving for Busch Gardens and K and K Park in Florida, where they visited friends. Then they went to Kathryn Wozniak's at Davie, Fla., for 4 days. Other Christmas Day guests were Julie and Craig Detman of Florida and Jennifer Wozniak of Ohio. They returned to Kevin Sweeney's at South Lyon Tuesday. Mrs. Sweeney visited Annie McIntosh at Sterling Heights before coming home Wednesday.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski and Ervin Sunday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Sunday lunch guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly, Grant, Lee and Heath were Sunday evening guests of Allen Farrelly.

### EXTENDED HOMEMAKERS

Fourteen members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Charmont in Cass City for lunch Thursday, where they collected dues for the coming year and projects were discussed. The next meeting will be at

the United Methodist Church in Cass City Feb. 10, with Mrs. Arnold LaPeer as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were New Year's Day dinner guests of Thelma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly were New Year's Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Allen Jr.

New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weise and Stephanie of Virginia Beach, Va., Mrs.

Marty Chockley, Christopher and Amy of Algonac, Anna McCartney, Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, Doug Cleland, Sarah and Michael, Jeff Doerr, Sarah and Savannah.

Dr. and Mrs. John Zauner of Los Altos, Calif., spent a few days with Jack Pelton. Dr. Zauner left Monday to return to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Ron Wolschlagier and Dan Franzel were Monday afternoon guests of Allen Farrelly.

# Selected for band tour Owendale teen sets sights on Europe

Josh Error probably isn't the only area teen who's looking forward to summer vacation, especially with so much snow on the ground and so many classes yet to attend this school year.

But the 14-year-old has more to look forward to than most of his classmates at Owen-Gage High School. Error, the son of Ken and Faye Error, Owendale, will spend a portion of his summer in Europe, performing with some of the state's top young musicians.

Error was selected to tour with the Blue Lake International Symphony Band after turning in a winning performance on his trumpet last summer.

The European trip is organized by Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, a well-known fine arts camp near Muskegon that will also be taking an orchestra, jazz band, choir and ballet troupe on the 3-week tour.

"I've been going to the (Blue Lake) camp for 3 years, and this last summer they told me I had a good chance to make it, so I auditioned," Error said.

He added the audition was tough and the competition stiff, with only 15 trumpet spots available in the 98-member symphony band, which is composed of students in grades 9 through 12 from throughout the state. "I think they said it was

something like a thousand (auditioning students altogether), but I'm not sure," he said.

"There's probably 75 trumpet players at each camp session, and there's 4 sessions, so that's close to 400 people that I competed against."

Error has been playing the trumpet for just 4 years. "I practice about a half-hour a day," he said, adding he is a member of the Owen-Gage High School Band, marching band and pep band, Tri-County Honors Band, USA Community Band and the St. Paul Lutheran Church Band.

Final preparations for the trip will begin June 10, when band members will gather for an intensive week of rehearsals. The group is scheduled to fly out of Metro Airport June 18.

"During the 3 weeks we'll travel to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany and Holland," Error said, adding the performance schedule won't be finalized until April. "I think we practice for half a day and then present a concert that night."

Error is understandably excited about the trip, which is why his attention is focused on fund raising.

"It costs \$1,999 for the plane tickets, and then we have to buy uniforms, luggage and all that stuff. Altogether, it's going to cost roughly \$3,000," he explained. "We have until May to raise the money."

There are no scholarships available, but Error hopes to raise the cash with some help from the community. Already the Owendale Lions Club, Owendale Women's Club and Owen-Gage Schools have donated some money towards the teen's expenses.

"We've paid probably close to \$1,000 already and that's with the donations we've received so far," he noted. Provided the fund-raising efforts are successful, the upcoming tour will be Error's first trip abroad. To-date, he said, the furthest he's been away from home is Niagara Falls, and that was on a family vacation a couple years ago.

These days, Error's family is offering all the support they can in hopes of seeing all of his work pay off with the trip of a lifetime. "They're really excited," he said.



**MUSICAL TALENT** has proven to be Josh Error's ticket to the trip of a lifetime. The Owen-Gage High School freshman is currently working to raise the \$3,000 he'll need to participate in a performing tour of Europe next summer with the Blue Lake International Symphony Band.

## Cass City to host financial aid meet

Cass City High School will host a financial aid meeting today (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the high school speech room.

Students who are planning to attend college or a trade school after graduation are strongly encouraged to attend the session with their parents.

Christie Rahn, Great Lakes College director of admissions, will go through financial aid forms and answer questions. Financial aid forms will be handed out at the meeting.

In addition, Robert Tuckey of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Co. P.C. will present tax information regarding the Hope Credit Life Time Learning Credit Educational IRAs, borrowing from you IRAs and deductible interest program. Tuckey's presentation will begin at 8 p.m. and is appropriate for parents of any school age student.

Everyone is welcome to the presentation. Additional information is available by

contacting Wayne Dillon, high school counselor, at 872-2148.

## Candlelight vigil set for Jan. 22

Tuscola County Right to Life will host its fourth annual candlelight vigil Friday, Jan. 22, on the steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro.

The vigil, scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., is held to commemorate the anniversary of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision of Roe versus Wade, which legalized abortion in this country.

The vigil is expected to last about 20 minutes and will include an introduction by state Senator Joel Gougeon and state Representative Mike Green.

More information is available by calling (517) 683-3264 or 673-5782.

# Caro airport to receive \$20,000

Several improvements to Michigan's public use airport system got off to a flying start Thursday with the Michigan Aeronautics Commission approval of 23

grants, including one to the Caro Municipal Airport.

The aeronautics commission authorized \$14.7 million in federal, state and lo-

## Piaskowski on destroyer

Navy Chief Petty Officer Raymond D. Piaskowski, son of Mary E. Piaskowski of Cass City, recently completed a 6-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Cape St. George, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

During the deployment, Piaskowski's ship made significant contributions in support of national interests,

both through participation in military operations and by engagement activities with foreign nations.

Piaskowski had the opportunity to visit France and Greece, which allowed crew members to experience the French Riviera as well as the beaches and caves of Santorini, a popular island for vacationers in Greece.

The 1979 graduate of Cass City High School joined the Navy in August 1979.

cal funds for new runways, design engineering, pavement resurfacing, land acquisition and other safety and operational improvements.

Included in the grants is a \$20,000 award to be used for the design of a new apron and connecting taxi-way at the Tuscola Area - Caro Municipal Airport in Caro.

"These grants support the vital role aviation plays in Michigan's total transportation system," said State Transportation Director James DeSana. "While roads and bridges are our top priority, airports both large and small provide the necessary exit and entrance ramps to our skyways, contributing billions to our state economy."

The airport in Tuscola

County was established in the 1930s and was owned by the village of Caro until the early 1990s, when the village sold the operation to the Tuscola Area Airport Authority Board.

The board is composed of representatives of 5 members — the villages of Caro, Cass City and Kingston, and Almer and Elkland townships, all of which contribute a share of funding for the airport based on each municipality's state equalized valuation. In addition, Indianfields Township and the county contribute funding.

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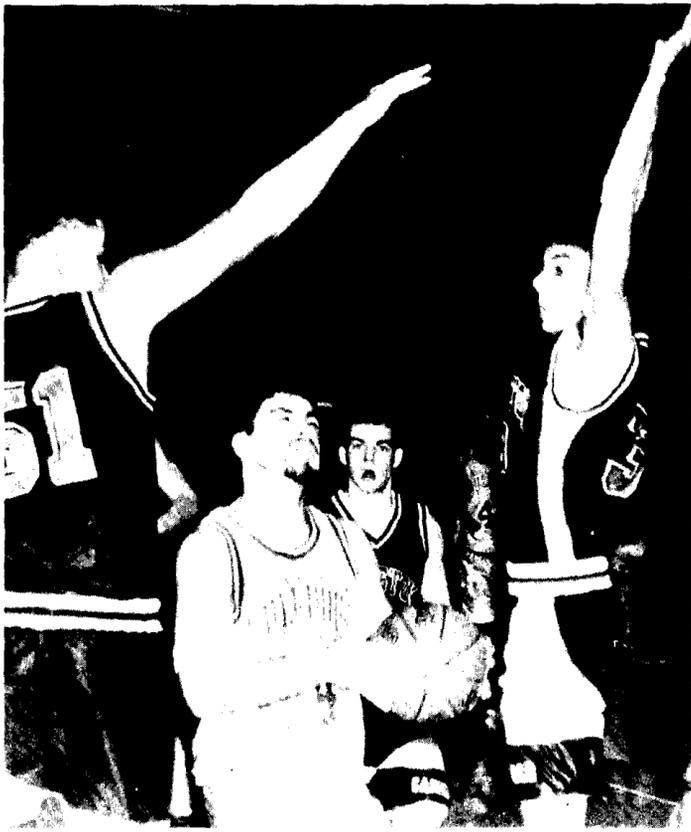
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**PUTTING THE SQUEEZE** on Bulldog Derek Howard during Friday's NCTL tilt are Cardinal freshman Eric "Tree" Marquardt (51) and Jeff Chapel. Howard scored 12 points for Owen-Gage.



**BULLDOG CASSIE VARGO** races towards a shot Saturday during the Bad Axe Invitational volleyball tournament. Owen-Gage advanced to the semifinals before being ousted by champions Cros-Lex, 15-1 and 15-3. Also pictured is Bulldog Erin Salcido.

## Hawk gymnasts earn regional marks Saturday

The Cass City Gymnastic team traveled over 2 1/2 hours Saturday to compete in the Plymouth Salem Invite. In the Hawks' first outing of 1999, Coach John Waltz's squad finished 18th among 21 teams entered at the event, that included mostly Class A schools.

Taking top honors at the invitational was the team from Rochester with a score of 141.15. Finishing in the runner-up spot was Brighton with 140.70 points. Rounding out the top 5 places, with their points total were: Troy - 138.7, Holt - 134.95, and Hartland with 134.9 points. The Hawks tallied 113.95 while competing in their 2nd match of the season.

The journey earned several Cass City gymnasts individual regional qualifying scores.

In the vault, 3 Hawks recorded scores of 7.6 or above which is the regional qualifying standard. Earning the top marks for the Hawks in the event were Katie Wood and Johanna Hoelzle with a performance that scored 7.9. Manisha Raythatha's score of 7.6 also was good for a regional qualifying mark. Each athlete must record 4 qualifying scores over the course of the season to compete at the regional level.

The Hawks also had 3 girls record regional qualifying scores on the beam. The team's best showing was earned by Lyndi Trischler who posted a total of 7.35. Teammates Michelle Kropewnicki and Hoelzle both recorded scores of 7.3,

which is the regional qualifying standard in the event.

During the floor routine, Hoelzle and Raythatha earned marks of 7.95 and 7.85 respectively. Both marks better the regional standard set at 7.8.

The Hawks will have 2 opportunities this week to register regional qualifying scores. On Wednesday, Coach Waltz's squad travels to Midland Dow before participating Saturday in the Hartland Invitational.



**CASS CITY** gymnast Manisha Raythatha earned a regional qualifying score Saturday at Plymouth, during a 21-school invitational, with her floor routine that scored 7.85.

# Kingston hands Bulldogs first North Central Thumb League loss

The Kingston Cardinals rallied from a 40-36 third quarter deficit Friday to hand the Owen-Gage Bulldogs their first North Central Thumb League defeat.

Coach Leon Westover's Bulldogs (3-3 overall) were outscored 28-12 during the game's final 14 minutes that resulted in the Cardinals' 64-52 victory.

With the win, Coach Mike Rea's squad evens their conference mark at 2-2. The Cardinals have suffered a pair of defeats from NCTL front runner Caseville, who the Bulldogs are scheduled to meet Friday.

After a Tuesday meeting Carsonville-Port Sanilac, the Cardinals travel to face winless Port Hope this Friday.

Coach Westover call the next few games a critical stage for his young Bulldog squad, "We should know if we're going to be in it (the league title chase) or not after the Caseville game," said Westover.

The contest in Kingston showcased the future for both schools.

Cardinal freshman Eric "Tree" Marquardt and Tyler Lyons combined for 24 points to help offset a balance offense for Owen-

Gage. The Bulldogs, who play 3 sophomores, were paced by Derek Howard and Joel Bolzman who split 24 markers.

Howard gave the visitors a 12-11 edge when he converted on a full court lay-in late in the opening period. Kingston, however, grabbed a 14-12 led entering the next period as Nathan Bruce closed out the maiden period with a pair of baskets in the paint.

Bolzman took control of the Bulldog offense in the 2nd stanza where he poured in 11 points. But Kingston was able to answer with the outside shooting of Lyons who helped the hosts build a 25-20 margin with a pair of long range shots, including one in 3-point territory. The Kingston offense also benefited from timely jump shots from senior Jeff Chappel who recorded 19 points and game scoring honors.

The area behind the 3-point arc haunted the Bulldogs throughout the night. Kingston made good on 4 of 8 releases from 3-point land in the opening half, while Owen-Gage shot blanks in 9 attempts over the course of the game.

Kingston, held to 35 percent shooting from the floor, enjoyed a 44-27 rebounding edge, including 18 on the offensive end of the floor. Bruce collected a game high 12 rebounds for Kingston, one better than teammates Marquardt and Derek Flikkie.

According to Coach Westover, the Bulldogs rushed too many shots. That led to just 8 team assists, including 3 by Howard.

Rounding out the top scorers for Owen-Gage were

Chad Mellendorf with 11 points and Justin Anthes with 9 points.

### NORTH HURON

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Bulldogs defeated visiting North Huron 62-58, earning their 2nd North Central Thumb League victory on the way.

The hosts took a 13-8 first quarter lead and expanded it to a 31-24 margin by the intermission.

Guilty of 27 turnovers, the

Bulldogs were able to hang on to victory despite being outscored in each of the final 2 periods. The game was partly decided on the free throw line where the hosts connected on 20 of 31 attempts to only 14 of 23 tries for North Huron who is still looking for that first conference win.

Howard tallied 20 points for the 2nd straight contest to lead the winners while Nick Warack chipped in 11.

Tim Souva topped all Warrior scorers with 15 points.



**KINGSTON'S NATHAN BRUCE** recorded 2 of his 8 points despite the defensive pressure supplied by Owen-Gage's Joel Bolzman in the opening half of Friday's North Central Thumb League tilt. The Cardinals evened their conference mark at 2-2 with a 64-52 win.

## O-G spikers need teamwork

Bulldog Coach Judy Campbell is a firm believer that teamwork wins championships, and that concerns the veteran mentor heading into this week's North Central Thumb League schedule.

Campbell charged her team was lacking as a unit during her squad's maiden outing of the new year Saturday in Bad Axe.

"There is no unity among the team this year, and no hard hitters. I'm having a hard time getting them to get along," says Campbell.

At the Hatchet Invitational, the Bulldog spikers advanced to the semifinals before bowing to eventual champions Cros-Lex.

The Bulldogs advanced from the pool play rounds at the event, despite compiling a record of just 2-4 in 2-game sets against Sandusky, North Huron and tournament runner-up Bad Axe.

"Not a stellar performance," said Coach Campbell. "We play together for awhile, then quit."

The Bulldogs opened the day splitting with the Red Skins. Owen-Gage moved well on the court in the initial game and registered a 15-6 win. However, errors let their Greater Thumb Conference foe bounce back and record a 15-12 victory in game 2.

The Bulldogs continued to make errors in their next match, against North Central Thumb League opponent North Huron, and suffered a 15-11 setback. Owen-Gage cut back on their miscues in game 2 with the Warriors and earned a 15-7 decision.

In the Bulldogs' final pool play match, host Bad Axe recorded wins of 15-2 and 15-4.

Campbell is confident that the talent on this year's squad is capable of adding to the rich volleyball tradition in Owendale.

"We could still win a lot (of games) if they come together as a team," says Campbell.

The Bulldogs displayed some of that unity in their quarterfinal match with Uby, where they recorded wins of 15-11 and 15-7. In the semifinals, the Pioneers had too much talent for the defending NCTL champions and ousted the Bulldogs with wins of 15-1 and 15-3.

Campbell cited several Bulldogs for their efforts on the day.

Leading the Bulldogs on the service line were sopho-

mores Danielle Fritz and Erin Salcido, who recorded 22 and 21 points, respectively. Salcido's total included a team high 13 ace serves.

At the net, Salcido earned a team best 20 kills. Also playing well in the front row was junior Cassie Vargo, who registered 19 kills and Jenna Root, who had a team best 5 blocks. Vargo's total also included 79 sets.

Defensively, Stephanie Lowry topped her squad with 54 digs.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to begin the defense of their conference title this week in matches with North Huron and Kingston. Following a Monday tilt with North Huron, the Bulldogs will travel to face Kingston Thursday.

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# Cass City Bowling Leagues

*But consistency a concern*

# Red Hawk netters defeat Caro

The Cass City volleyball team has displayed both promise and inconsistency during their first 2 outings of the new year. And that leaves Red Hawk backers wondering which team will show up Thursday when the Hawks

open their Greater Thumb Conference campaign. Coach Beth Howard's squad started the new year with an impressive win in straight games Wednesday over visiting Caro, but then struggled Saturday at the Bad Axe Invitational.

When the Hawks kick off their league schedule entertaining conference favorite Bad Axe, Howard is hopeful the mystery will be solved. According to Howard, the Hawks put together their best outing of the young season against the Tigers, but didn't play with the same court savvy at Bad Axe.

chipped in 6 tallies. Cass City also received 10 points from Monica Dorland that included a team best 4 ace serves. At the net, the Hawks had senior Shelly Ulfig with 9 kills in 16 attempts to lead the winners. Coach Howard also received 4 kills from Wentworth and 3 kills from Kara Mellendorf. The trio benefited from crisp passing by Jessica Henderson who had 11 assists. Defensively, Ulfig came up with a team high 4 digs that was one better than teammate Homakie. Ulfig also scored twice for the hosts on blocks at the net. At Bad Axe, the Hawks won 3 of 6 games in pool play matches against Harbor Beach, Cross-Lex, and Bay City All Saints. The Hawks started the day in splendid fashion winning a pair of tilts from Harbor Beach to win by identical scores of 15-6. The Hawks then split games with the tourney's eventual champions Cross-Lex. Cass City lost the initial game 15-1 before bouncing back with a 15-8 victory in game 2. Unlike 3 days earlier, Cass City had trouble at the service line against Cross-Lex. The Hawks served 3 balls into the net, in only 8 at-

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Jan. 1

Caro Chiropractic	17
Silver Birch Kennel	16
J.B.'s Crew	15
Health Mart Pills	15
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All Season Rental	11 1/2
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Potrykus 222, M. Dooley 220, I. Haitt 210, R. Biebel 277, S. Frappart 176.

**CHARMONT LADIES**  
Jan. 5

Dott Manufacturing	22
Pizza Villa	20
Live Wires	18
Wild John's	18
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(214-227), D. Heleski 607 (222-223), P. Regnerus 607 (238), Duane O'Dell 602 (214), S. Osentoski 597 (243), D. Roth 595 (234), W. Laming 587 (223-222), R. Pringle 245, K. Martin 231, T. Furness 218, J. Roth 211.

**MERCHANTS' LEAGUE**  
Jan. 6

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R.H. Body Shop	21
New England	20
Charmont	19
Thumb Welding	18
Hollywood & Vinc	17
Trisch Septic	16
S.S. Builders	11
Gemini Plastics	8
Triple R	6

500 Series: L. Hanson 569, J. Bemus 556, C. Brown 536, P. Vaughan 526, J. Morell 525, J. Dickinson 516, B. Howard 514, B. Englehardt 501.

200 Games: J. Bemus 232, L. Hanson 226, J. Morell 206, J. Dickinson 205.

High Actual Team Series: Caro Chiropractic 1938.

High Actual Team Game: Hills & Dales/Thumb Auto Wash 684.

High Team Series: Live Wires 3063.

High Team Game: Cass City Tire 1052.

High Series: B. Watson 546, B. Kilbourn 525, S. Hutchinson 505, B. Ware 504, V. Patera 502, M. Truemmer 495, N. Davis 489, D. Mathewson 488, M. Haley 486.

High Games: M. Haley 194, B. Watson 186-194, J. Stevens 183, N. Davis 184, B. Kilbourn 188, B. Ware 180, D. Mathewson 191, D. Sweeney 192, E. Romain 182, S. Hutchinson 176, M. Moore 171, M. Truemmer 174.

High Team Series & Game: Charmont 3071 (1180).

Individual High Series & Games: M. Jackson 704 (237-257-210), M. Lutz 700 (211-235-254), G. Robinson 676 (228-245), R. Salcido 640 (213-274), D. Johnson 633 (213-215), D. O'Dell 629 (245), D. Shannon 595 (215-217), V. Trisch 594 (213), D. Salcido 610 (211-235), M. Gettel 590 (214), L. Prime 588 (213), D. Engelhardt 583 (212), J. Krol 581, P. Voss 215, R. Hull 234, C. Kelley 234.

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Jan. 9

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**DEC. 30**

High Team Series & Games: Charmont 2887 (1017).

High Individual Series & Games: D. Johnson 687 (278), D. Engelhardt 666 (223-247), J. Langenburg 658 (232-245), M. Jackson 634 (247), S. Jones 633 (223-242), C. Anthes 614 (255), T. Summers 610 (245), L. Prime 599 (222), P. McIntosh 596 (211), L. Morgan 596 (234), G. Robinson 592 (214), C. Kelley 582 (210), M. Gettel 247, T. Kuck 223, D. Steele 222, J. Storm 219, R. Salcido 217, L. Summers 213.

Jr. High Games: J. Guc 118-103, B. Vargo 120-113, J. Ruffing 94-101-79, H. Brown 81-81-73, J. Harbin 96-83-108.

Jr. Hi Series: J. Guc 299, B. Vargo 328, J. Ruffing 274, H. Brown 235, J. Harbin 287.

Prep High Games: I. Haitt 71-77-62, R. Biebel 86-97-94, B. Haley 60-56-60, M. Potrykus 77-81-63, Z. Potrykus 57-83-82, J. Gage 65-70-51, M. Dooley 64-86-70, L. Helton 63-69, D. Wade 47-46-63.

High Series: B. Haley 176, M. Potrykus 221, Z.



**RED HAWK Sara Homakie makes a pass during Saturday's Bad Axe Invitational. Cass City advanced to the quarterfinals before bowing to tourney champion Cross-Lex.**

"Too many ball handling errors," said Coach Howard of her team's showing on Saturday. Adding, the team didn't communicate or work together as a unit at the event.

Against the Tigers, the Hawks used a solid performance at the service line that helped register wins of 15-3, 15-8, and 15-5. As a team, the hosts served a lofty 88% during the non-conference affair.

Two Hawks were perfect in 24 service attempts against their M-81 foe that resulted in 19 points. Freshman Sara Homakie recorded a team high 13 markers, while senior Carrie Wentworth

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 5, 1999.

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Dated: December 23, 1998

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12-23-5

# Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

## 5 YEARS AGO

Nicholas Whittaker was the first baby of the New Year from the Cass City area. He was born at Saginaw General Hospital at 12:36 p.m. Jan. 1, and weighed in at 9 pounds, 3 ounces. He is the second child of Robert and Merry Whittaker of Deford. Here will be a host of prizes awaiting the new arrival from sea merchants.

Tom and Brenda Fulcher of Cass City were part of a 110-person group that visited Russia for 10 days last spring. Tom, a member of the Bay Choral Society of Bay City, was one of 80 choir members who performed in Petersburg. They will relate their experience Monday during a program at Rawson Memorial Library.

Iuanita Burk will retire at the end of this school year after serving 27 years as secretary at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City. A snowstorm dumped several inches of snow on the town Thursday, making roads slick and closing local schools Friday.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Decker area resident Jacqueline Heronemus, grandmother of 6, recently realized her goal to become a nurse after 14 years of employment at General Cable Co., Cass City. She recently received her practical nursing diploma from the Bad Axe Center of St. Clair County College.

Mrs. Charlotte LaPeer of Cass City expects to finish

her "quilt of many ties" within the next 2 months. The quilt features 22 ties which were donated from family members and Cass City area residents and will be given to a grandson.

Zimba Farms, Deford, has been named the 1988 conservation "Cooperator of the Year" by Tuscola Soil Conservation District officials. The 1,000-acre Kingston Township farm consists of 250 head of cattle, about 100 being milked, and crops of hay, soybeans, corn and wheat. Brothers, Jesse, 30, Ed, 26, and Matt Zimba, 21, who operate the farm, also completed installation of a lagoon-type animal waste system last year.

The Cass City Red Hawks notched their third win in 4 tries last Friday by defeating the Caro Tigers, 80-70. Paul Tuckey was high scorer with 29 points.

A high temperature of 54 degrees Saturday plummeted to a low of one degree Sunday evening as heavy rains gave way to blizzard-like conditions in the area.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Wade Robert MacFarlane is the New Year's baby for 1974. He was born at Hills and Dales General Hospital at 9:46 a.m. Jan. 3, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer of East Elmwood Road teach snowmobile classes through Tuscola County 4-H. Enrollment is down slightly this year, due partly to the fact that a large number of older students, 69, took the course last year. The 5-week course covers every aspect of snowmobiling.

Area schools are adapting to daylight savings time. Children are going to school in the dark. No one likes the idea but Michigan and the rest of the nation are stuck with DST until at least October of 1975.

The Science Quiz team goes on the air Sunday for a second match after trouncing Bay City St. James 170-70 the week before.

Dr. J.Y. Lee will begin his medical practice in Cass City in the near future. Dr. Lee is an internist from Bronx, New

York. Beagio's Pizza House is opening Tuesday, Jan. 15, next to Ouvry Chevrolet on Main St.

## 35 YEARS AGO

The home of Mrs. Mack Little, Cass City, was demolished Tuesday morning in an explosion that lifted the house at least 18 inches off its base. Mrs. Little was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital with a severely wrenched left knee and abrasions on her left leg. Don Finkbeiner, who had been working on the furnace in the basement, suffered second and third degree burns on his hands, wrists, face and neck and extensive burns on his ears.

Rabideau Motor Sales will hold an open house Thursday, Friday and Saturday as part of a formal announcement of their appointment as a Dodge dealer in Cass City. Cost of hot lunches for Cass City students will be raised 5 cents per day beginning second semester. The price will go from 25 cents to 30 cents.

Steve Frank, owner of Frank's Music Store in Cass City, says the new television program, "Hootennanny," has probably done more for folk music in recent years than any other single promotion. The program is turning many persons into guitar-picking minstrels. The guitar now outranks the accordion, largely because of the folk music craze, according to Frank.

Dianna Zawilinski, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zawilinski of Cass City, was presented a citation by Elkland Township Fire Chief Al Avery commending her bravery in the fire that gutted her home Oct. 17, 1963. Dianna is credited with leading her 8 brothers and sisters to safety.

Cass City area residents have been invited to attend an open house Sunday, Jan. 19, at Murray's M-81 Motel. Four of the motel's 8 units will be open to let area residents see what the village motel looks like. Mr. and Mrs. George Murray purchased the motel in August from Charles Goff.

# CASS CITY RED HAWK SCHEDULES

## BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING



### BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12  
Cass City at Deckerville  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15  
BCAS at Cass City

### WRESTLING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13  
Cass City at Cros-Lex/Yale  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16  
Bridgeport Invitational

### VOLLEYBALL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14  
Bad Axe at Cass City  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16  
Cass City at Laker Invitational, JV  
MONDAY, JANUARY 18  
Brown City at Cass City

### 1999 Boys' Basketball Schedule

Home games in bold

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

### 1999 Wrestling Schedule

Home games in bold

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

### 1999 Girls' Volleyball Schedule

Home games in bold

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

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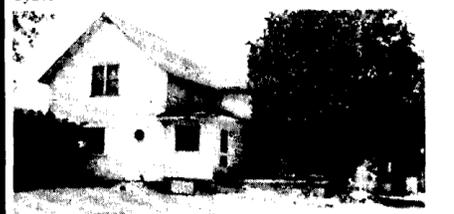
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**CCT-205** - Very nice 2 story Colonial style home in sub. Large living room with fireplace. Patio doors off dining area to deck. 3 bedrooms, den. Neat & clean, newer carpeting throughout. Mud room by garage entrance. 2 car attached garage. Utility shed in backyard. Nice size corner lot. A PLEASURE TO SHOW!

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# Filion enters plea

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In other recent felony arraignments:

- Bobby W. Redmond, 39, Deford, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving with a suspended or revoked license Dec. 13 in Cass City. Bond was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for Friday at 9 a.m.
- Brian L. Hockey, 32, Cass City, was arraigned on charges of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, and driving with a suspended or revoked license, subsequent offense, Dec. 15 in Ellington Township. Bond was set at \$2,500 for the defendant, who faces a preliminary examination Friday morning.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, January 13

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Don Warner and Jim Herndon.

### Friday, January 15

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

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

### Saturday, January 16

Heritage Arts Fiber Guild, Caro Library, 10:30 - 2:00. Will meet the third Saturday of every month.

U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association monthly dance, Cass City High School, 7-11 p.m. Admission \$5. For information call Beth Spencer, 517-872-4943.

### Tuesday, January 19

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

## Letters to the editor

### Few will carry "Freedom's End"

## Book sales have not died

A letter to my friend John,

Concerning your "Rabbit Tracks" comment Jan. 6, 1999 about my book, "Freedom's End: Conspiracy In Oklahoma." To be honest, I was surprised by your concerns that we have been unable to achieve the distribution level that the information in this book deserves. "Freedom's End" is, without question, the most accurate, informative and objective book written about the Oklahoma City bombing, bringing to the reader's attention many alarming details that the national media failed to mention, the prosecutors failed to disclose and that Judge Richard Matsch conveniently excluded from the trials of both Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

Although I appreciate your concerns, your statement that "Freedom's End has died on the shelves" is not accurate. The book has never made it to the "shelves." Only a few small bookstores across the country have agreed to carry it and the sales have been decent considering their size. Selling the book to those who are aware that it exists has never been a problem. The problem has always been promotion and distribution. Before we published "Freedom's End", we were interviewed and challenged on many national television

### Caro teen charged

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estimated \$119,000 in property damage and the theft of a combined \$67,000 in checks and cash.

Prosecutors say Kowalski, who once lived with Filion, was the ringleader of the criminal enterprise.

He was sentenced in September to 20 to 40 years in prison on the criminal enterprise charge as well as for being an habitual offender (third felony conviction). Kowalski was also sentenced to 5 to 15 years for second degree home invasion in connection with a July 1996 crime in the Bad Axe area, and 5 to 10 years for probation violation stemming from a 1993 break-in in Huron County. He is serving all 3 prison terms concurrently.

Champagne, meanwhile, was sentenced in November to 5 to 20 years in prison for his role in the break-ins.

More than 30 law enforcement agencies, including investigators with the Huron and Tuscola County sheriff's departments and state police posts in Bad Axe and Caro, participated in the year-long investigation that led to the trio's arrest.

"It's a wonderful example of how the criminal loses and the citizen wins when police officers work in cooperation, when they work as a team," Allen said.

news shows including Geraldo Rivera, Larry King, Charles Grodin, Hannity and Colmes, etc. They all wanted us back on when we had the book in hand. After my wife and I published it ourselves with loans from friends and family, we sent all of our dozens of media "connections" a copy of our book. Haven't heard a peep from any of them except Hannity and Colmes and they wouldn't broadcast our 800# on television. After reading "Freedom's End", it became obvious to those hosts who take great delight in beating up on their politically unpopular guests that most of the information in our book was irrefutable. Media and government representatives finally (and wisely) concluded, "if you can't beat 'em, ignore 'em," which they've done very successfully. But their problem won't go away simply because their "problem" is "the

truth." I certainly owe the Cass City Chronicle and Tom Montgomery a debt of gratitude for the objective article written last year about our book. The information for my second book is piling up just like the first one. With persistence and assistance from my wife, we will eventually organize it into book form. And regardless of the fate of "Freedom's End", we will find a way to finance its publishing, just like the first time. The American people deserve the truth and we will fulfill our responsibility by writing the truth. If they refuse to read or to listen and are just too busy to care or get involved, then it's their problem. If people want to live their lives with their heads in the sand there's not much I can do about it...but I'll keep trying.

Your persistent critic, Robert Papovich

## Unwanted kitten deserved better

To Whom it May Concern,

Last week we had a small, half grown grey kitten appear on our steps. It looked well cared for, so we assumed it had just wandered over from somewhere in the neighborhood. We tried to ignore it despite the sub-zero wind chill, and its cries at the door. We finally fed it and put out a box so it could have shelter from the weather, waiting for it to head home.

The next day our neighbors said that they saw it thrown out a passing car's window.

We already have 2 cats, a dog, 2 guinea pigs and 10 fish. The cats and dog acquired on their way to the pound. We didn't feel we could take in another pet. However, it was finally too much to see it suffering. A trip to the vet for an exam revealed our fears, (the car tips had started to curl), she had suffered frostbite. She

will lose part of her tiny ears. We will have to wait to see if there is any other damage.

I started this letter wanting to place a little well deserved guilt on the party involved. It seems to be such a cared for animal. You would think that they would have considered the consequences in this kind of weather. She didn't deserve this.

Neutering solves unwanted litters. Please consider the Humane Society or the pound first. It is much more inhumane to dump an animal in this kind of weather. At least there it will be warm and fed its last days, not starving and frozen to death.

A Cass City resident

**Editor's note: the name of the letter writer was withheld due to concerns that others would attempt to drop off unwanted animals and strays at her door step.**

## Wanted: July 4 volunteers

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your recent article covering the first 20 years of Cass City's Fourth of July Festival.

It is now time to begin planning for "Festival '99". We, who have participated in prior years' festivals, are hoping to broaden the base of community support for the future. To meet this objective, Cass City citizens are invited to provide greater participation in the organizing and operating of the 4th of July celebration.

There are openings at all levels for those interested in volunteering: administration; fund raising; publicity; volunteer recruitment and scheduling; vendor coordination and relations; site

setup and maintenance; community relations; craft show setup and crafter relations; entertainment recruitment and scheduling, and service club and civic organization coordination and relations.

Volunteers may determine the scope of responsibility depending on interest and availability. The more volunteers the less work for each and, more importantly, the greater potential for broader community input.

Sincerely,

Bob and Gail Cnare,  
Jane Hitler,  
Doug Hyatt,  
Duke Sward

Please contact us through the Cass City Chamber of Commerce office.

# Walbro Corp. moving corporate address

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The decision, resulting the loss of 12 office and 100 factory jobs, was based on what officials described as "a response to increasing competitive pressures and continued demands from customers for further price reductions."

A month later, Walbro announced the company's recreation and marine manufacturing operations would remain in Cass City. The news meant retention of 120 jobs, not including salary employ-

ees, although no guarantees were made for the future.

Another piece of good news was reported in November, when employees represented by UAW Local 213 and the Walbro officials reached agreement on a new, 5-year labor agreement. Again, there were no guarantees, but Walbro officials indicated the cooperative spirit exhibited by workers during contract talks bodes well for Walbro's future in the Thumb.

Cass City has served as home of Walbro's corporate

headquarters throughout much the company's history. Founded in 1950 in Fenton, Mich., by Walter E. Walpole, Walbro moved to the village in September 1954. The

move was made possible largely through the efforts of the Cass City Economic Development Corporation, which provided a 6,000-square-foot building and 5

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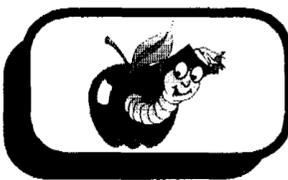


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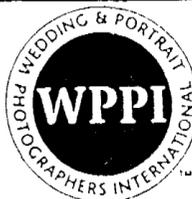
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