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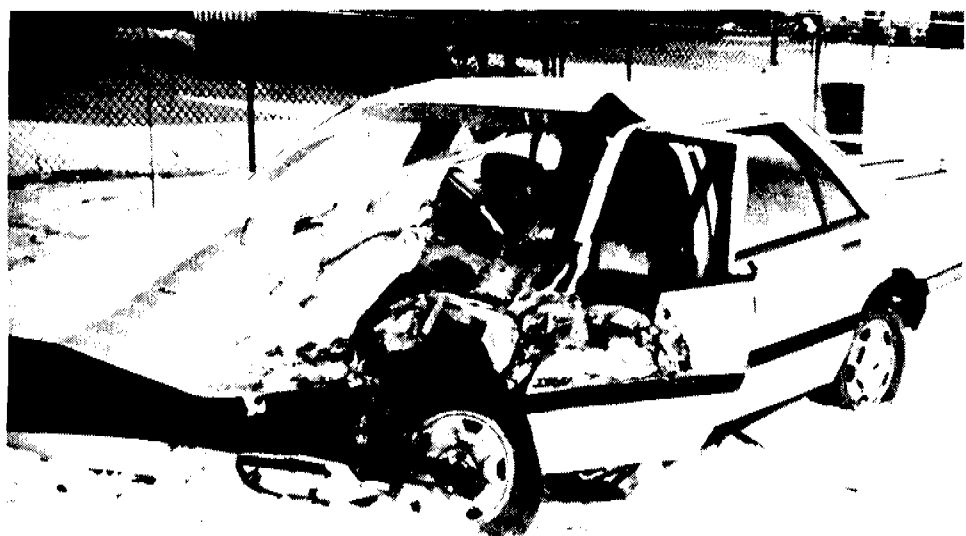
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CASS CITY fire fighters work to extricate Emma Nichols, 75, Decker, from her car (above) following a head-on collision about 3 miles east of Cass City Sunday morning. Miraculously, the 2 occupants of the other car involved (left) escaped serious injury. Both were treated and released.

East of Cass City

3 hurt in head-on crash

Three people were injured, one seriously, in a 2-vehicle accident about 3 miles east of Cass City Sunday morning. Troopers at the state police post in Sandusky reported the driver of one of the cars, Emma Rachel Nichols, 75, 5340 Argyle Rd., Decker, was transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital, then transferred to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw. A spokeswoman at St.

Mary's said Nichols was listed in "serious" condition. The driver of the other vehicle, Jeffrey S. Larsen, 30, Rochester Hills, and his passenger, Amanda J. Larsen, 28, Rochester Hills, were also transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital. Both were treated and released. All 3 occupants were wearing seat belts, reports indicate. The accident occurred at

about 10:20 a.m. on M-81 just east of Greenland Road. Troopers said the Larsens and 2 Redford residents were traveling together in separate vehicles, both eastbound, with the Redford residents in front in a van. Witnesses said Nichols was traveling westbound in the eastbound lane, and that she appeared to be looking down or bent forward as if she were adjusting her radio or picking something up.

The driver of the van was able to swerve and avoid impact with the Nichols vehicle, which then collided head-on with the Larsen vehicle. Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Elkland Township fire fighters and the department's Jaws of Life, Cass City police, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, and MMR and Marlette EMS personnel.

Auten among 52 school board members honored

The National School Board Association (NSBA) will honor 52 Michigan school board members, including a member of the Cass City Board of Education, next month in Lansing. Beverley Auten, a member of the Cass City Board of Education for 13 years, is among the state school board trustees selected for recognition. Only one other Thumb school board member — Virginia Leipprandt, representing Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools — was chosen for the honor.

Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) officials noted the 52 elected school leaders are the first in Michigan to receive this honor from the Arlington, Va.-based NSBA. About 4,200 citizens serve on Michigan school boards, providing leadership to 560 local and 57 intermediate school districts as elected school board members. Auten, who currently serves as treasurer of the local board

vice agency. All are active beyond the local level, many as elected officers in county school board associations or as MASB committee members. Auten, who currently serves as treasurer of the local board

4 who attend Cass City Schools. As a board member, she said her goals include keeping up with new trends in education and teaching methods in an effort to ensure local students aren't left behind. Towards that end, she typically spends a week of vacation — sometimes 2 weeks — each year attending school-related workshops, conferences and training. Serving as a board member is "very time consuming" but well worth it, Auten said. "I feel that we are a very progressive school," she added. "We have good teachers, we have good administrators and we have a good working relationship between the board and staff."



Beverley Auten

NSBA's recognition program highlights school officials nationwide who make "a significant contribution to the advancement of education as evidenced by leadership at and beyond the local level." NSBA President Barbara Wheeler will present the awards in Lansing when the MASB holds its annual Mid-Winter Conference in February. Each honoree is a "certified" school leader in Michigan who has completed a 24-credit training program offered by MASB. In addition, each board member has held county or statewide education posts, and some serve on 2 school boards simultaneously — in both their local district and the intermediate school ser-

of education, has been active in a host of educational activities, including a role in the Michigan Educational Leadership Collaborative 5 years ago. The grant project involved teams from 14 schools that underwent training geared towards exploring systemic changes in education. The topics included incorporating technology in the classroom. Auten has also been active on the Cass City School Improvement Committee and has represented the local board at the Michigan Association of School Board's annual fall conference for the past several years. A registered nurse employed at the Caro Regional Center, Auten is the mother of 4 grown children and the grandmother of 9, including

"You couldn't ask for a more dedicated school board member than Bev Auten," he said. "She loves our school and she loves our community. She's just a top-notch person."

Hampton charged in area teens' deaths

A Deford man was formally charged last week in connection with a traffic accident that claimed the lives of 2 Kingston area teens and injured a third last November in Novesta Township. Richard A. Hampton, 37, 1205 Phillips Rd., who recently began serving a prison term on an unrelated conviction in Monroe County, was arraigned Friday in Tuscola County on 2 counts of second degree murder in the deaths of Joshua Earl Kratz, 15, Silverwood, and Jeffery Allen Randall II, 13, Kingston. The offense carries a penalty of life or any term of years in prison. Hampton's preliminary examination was scheduled for Feb. 19. Bond was set at \$20,000 cash. The accident occurred Nov. 14 on Phillips Road, one-half mile north of Deckerville Road.

According to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, Hampton ran out of his home, jumped into his van and chased a vehicle occupied by the teens after a family member witnessed the teens smashing his mailbox. Hampton chased the car, driven by Kratz, on Phillips Road north to Mushroom Road, then east for a short time before both vehicles turned around and headed west, then north again on Phillips Road, where investigators say Hampton

rammed the car with his van, causing Kratz to lose control. The car left the roadway in a broadside skid and struck a tree. Investigators say both vehicles were traveling at an estimated 80 miles per hour just prior to the crash. Kratz and Randall, both students in the Kingston Community School District, were pronounced dead at the scene. A backseat passenger in the car, Keven Smith, 15, Kingston, survived. He was treated at Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, and then released. Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies transported Hampton to Caro Thursday from a state correctional facility in Jackson, where he recently began serving a sentence of 2 1/2 years to 10 years. Hampton was sentenced on a fraud conviction last month in Monroe County Circuit Court. Tuscola County au-

thorities decided to wait until he was processed into the state prison system before extraditing him back to the Thumb. Hampton was expected to be returned to the state correctional facility this week, then returned to the county to appear for his court dates.



Richard Hampton

Brother, sister charged

Marlette trio arraigned in Sanilac armed robbery

Three Marlette residents, including a brother and sister, were charged last week in connection with the armed robbery of a Sanilac County business. Jeremy Ray Parker, 21, and his sister, Sheilah Renee Parker, 18, and Rodney Allan Keller, 20, were formally arraigned Thursday in Sanilac County District Court on 2 counts of armed robbery, one count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery and one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Armed robbery and conspiracy each carry maximum penalties of life or any term of years in prison. Possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony carries a sentence of 2 years in prison to be served consecutively to sentencing on another felony conviction. Jeremy Parker waived his preliminary examination in district court. An arraignment date is to be scheduled

for him in Sanilac County Circuit Court. Judge James Marcus set his bond at \$200,000. Rodney Keller's bond was also set at \$200,000, and he faces a preliminary exam Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. Bond was set at \$20,000 for Sheilah Parker, who faces a preliminary exam also scheduled for Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. The armed robbery was reported Jan. 12 at 9:37 p.m. at the G & R Country Store located at M-46 and Germania Road, about 3 miles southeast of Decker in southern Lamotte Township. Detective Sgt. Dave Hall of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department said the male suspects, who were armed with a shotgun, entered the store and pointed the weapon at the 2 employees on duty. He noted the female suspect waited outside in the vehicle. No one was injured. Hall reported the suspects stole "approximately \$400 in

cash and several cartons of cigarettes." According to Sgt. Michael Redman, the suspects left the store, entered their vehicle and fled southbound on Germania Road. Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene and split up in an attempt to locate the suspect vehicle, he said, adding one of the deputies located the vehicle at Juhl Road and Miller Road in Elmer Township. A brief pursuit ensued, ending on Cooper Road about a quarter-mile west of Elmer Road, where the suspect vehicle was stopped, Redman said. He noted the suspects, still armed with a loaded shotgun, were taken into custody without incident. Sheriff's deputies were assisted by troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky, and officers from the Sandusky, Marlette and Brown City police departments.

Apparent heart attack claims Dr. Shawbitz

An ophthalmologist who has practiced in Cass City since 1993 died over the weekend, the victim of an apparent heart attack. Dr. Stephen D. Shawbitz, M.D., 43, Saginaw Township, one of the owners of Great Lakes Eye, P.C., collapsed Saturday while on a cross country skiing outing in the Roscommon area. Shawbitz, who also maintained a practice in Saginaw, where he lived, was a very avid skier, according to Gayle Nicol, who has worked as Shawbitz' scrub nurse since he joined the Great Lakes Eye office in Cass City. Shawbitz, born Dec. 14, 1955, in Ironwood, was a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Medical Association, Michigan State Medical Society, the American Society of Cataract and Retraction Surgeons, Michigan Ophthalmological Society and the Saginaw County Medical Society. Among his survivors are his wife, Anita, and the couple's 2 daughters, Adrienne and Halley Shawbitz, both at home. Mass of Christian Burial will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, with the Rev. Loren M. Kalinowski and the Rev. Dale Orlik officiating. Entombment will follow in Oakwood Mausoleum. Friends may call at the Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Rd., Saginaw, to Please turn to back page.



THERE'S 'SNOW' BETTER way to get around in the Thumb following storms that have dumped more than 22 inches of snow in the Cass City area so far this month. Above, Victor Pohlod, Cass City, gasses up at Mr. Chips Food Store, 6553 Main St., last Wednesday morning.

New books at the library

The Big Bad City by Ed McBain: This is the story about a big city with many evil things happening at the same time. A dead girl is found 7 blocks from the 87th precinct and the late news reports the latest exploits of The Cookie Boy, a professional thief who leaves a box of chocolate chip cookies as a trademark at the scene of his robberies. Detective Carella and Brown soon find out that the dead girl has an unusual past. Detectives Meyer and Kling search pawnshops for items stolen by The Cookie Boy. While the detectives are investigating their cases, one of them is being stalked by the man who killed his father. The novel is very complex and filled with memorable characters and breathtaking violence.

Seize the Night by Dean Koontz: Children are disappearing from their homes and from the streets of Moonlight Bay, Calif. The police cannot be trusted to solve the mystery because they do their best to conceal crimes instead of trying to catch the guilty. Christopher Snow believes the children are still alive and sets out to find them. He is convinced that their disappearance has something to do with the secret research being conducted at nearby Fort Wyvern. Powerful forces will do anything to keep the secret from being revealed. Snow has a rare disease that requires him to stay out of the light, so darkness is a friend to him and he knows the friend well. He uses the darkness to find out what is happening to the children.

Billy Straight by Jonathan Kellerman: Twelve-year-old Billy Straight, having fled the chaos and abuse of his home, is trying to survive on the streets of Los Angeles. He's made a life for himself and managing pretty well until he witnesses a brutal murder. The victim is the ex-wife of a TV personality and there is a history of domestic violence. Billy becomes the center of attention from the media and from the murderer himself. As Billy runs for his life he is tracked by a potential savior, Petra Connor, a homicide detective with a past of her own. The story of Billy's fight for survival is terrifying and compelling at the same time.

Cass City Social Item

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

Stan and Melva Guinther were in Cranberry Township, Pa., last week from Tuesday until Saturday, helping daughter-in-law Shelley Guinther, Drew and Spencer prepare for their move Friday to California. Mark Guinther has been in California since October, working for Xylan Corp.

Trip topic of slide presentation

A slide presentation of a 1997 trip to South Africa and Kenya will be presented by Roger Marshall Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library. Marshall, his wife Linda and daughter Jeanne spent several days in Durbin, South Africa, with Kerri McIlrath VanSelm, a Rotary exchange student hosted by the Marshalls in 1984-85.

They visited Capetown, Victoria Falls and an animal preserve in Kenya. The public is invited to enjoy an armchair vacation via these slides.

Lamke completes training

Navy Airman Apprentice Kyle A. Lamke, a 1998 graduate of Uby Community School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 8-week program, Lamke completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Lamke joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the navy this year from all over the country.

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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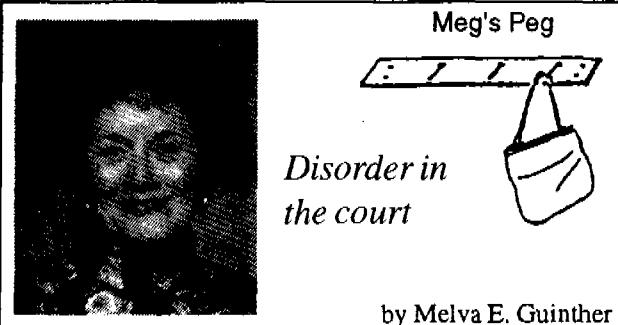
Monday - Stuffed cabbage w/tomato sauce, parsley potatoes, baby carrots, variety bread, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday - Ham and noodle au gratin, peas & pearl onions, roll, peanut butter cookie.

Friday - Crispy fish, baked beans, cream style corn, variety bread, cherry pie.



The word rabies comes from the Latin and means rage or fury.



Disorder in the court

by Melva E. Guinther

Here are a few more examples of "Disorder in the Court", claimed to be things people actually said in court, word for word, from a collection compiled by someone whose name I can't remember.

*Q. What is your date of birth?

A. July 15th

Q. What year?

A. Every year.

*Q. What gear were you in at the moment of impact?

A. Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

*Q. This myasthenia gravis — does it affect your memory?

A. Yes.

Q. And in what way does it affect your memory?

A. I forget.

Q. You forget. Can you give us an example of something you've forgotten?

*Q. How old is your son — the one living with you?

A. Thirty-eight or 35, I can't remember.

Q. How long has he lived with you?

A. Forty-five years.

*Q. What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning?

A. He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q. And why did that upset you?

A. My name is Susan.

*Q. Where was the location of the accident?

A. Approximately milepost 499.

Q. And where is milepost

499?
A. Probably between milepost 498 and 500.

*Q. Sir, what is your IQ?

A. Well, I can see pretty well, I think.

*Q. Did you blow your horn or anything?

A. After the accident?

Q. Before the accident.

A. Sure, I played for 10 years. I even went to school for it.

*Q. Trooper, when you stopped the defendant, were your red and blue lights flashing?

A. Yes.

Q. Did the defendant say anything when she got out of the car?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What did she say?

A. What disco am I at?

*Q. Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A. No.

Q. Did you check for blood pressure?

A. No.

Q. Did you check for breathing?

A. No.

Q. So then, it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A. No.

Q. How can you be sure, doctor?

A. Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q. But could the patient still have been alive nevertheless?

A. It is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

Hewitt earns degree

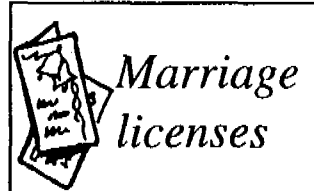
Aaron J. Hewitt graduated Saturday, Dec. 19, from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, with a bachelor's degree in Sport Medicine.



Aaron Hewitt

The 1994 Cass City High School graduate is the son of Amor West, Cass City and Ervie Hewitt, Saginaw.

After graduation, Hewitt will be working on his master's degree and returning for the third summer to work with the NFL Minnesota Vikings.



Marriage licenses

Scott James Smith and Laura Ann Green, both of Akron.

Jamie Castillian Rogers, Vassar, and Anne Theresse Vizanko, Flint.

Richard Keith Martin and Pamela Jo McCuc, both of Caro.

Jason Dean Klein and Keri Leigh Santos, both of Cass City.

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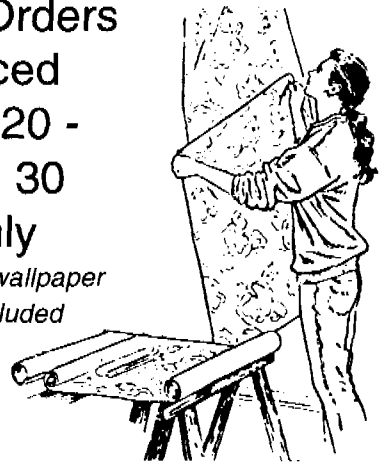
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Secretary of State offices will close Feb. 15 statewide

All 175 Secretary of State branch offices will be closed in observance of state holidays during January and February.

The branch offices will be closed for:

* Presidents Day Monday, Feb. 15.

Motorists whose drivers licenses or license plates expire over the holiday week-

end should renew early. Customers can expect fastest service midmorning, midafternoon, midweek and midmonth.

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Motorists renewing license plates can avoid a trip to the branch office by renewing by mail, by fax and, if eligible, by touch-tone telephone or Internet. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within 7 business days.

Dinner Feb. 6 in Caro

Whitetails Unlimited is sponsoring a Tuscola County fundraising dinner slated for Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 903 Ryan Rd., Caro.

This special event will feature a buffet dinner, auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, and WTU collectibles. Proceeds will go toward hunter safety education.

The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The deadline for ordering tickets is Feb. 1, and tickets will not be sold at the door.

To order tickets call Roland or Mike at Homes American Made (517) 672-1400, Troy Parcell, 673-0644, or WTU National Headquarters at 1-800-274-5471.

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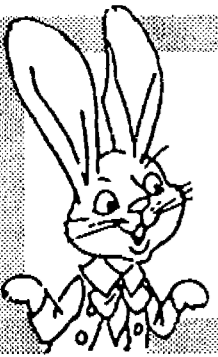
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Two years ago when Josh Asselin of Caro was signed by the University of Michigan to play basketball, it was the consensus that he wouldn't be much of a factor at the college. Big Ten, level.

Now as a sophomore he has proved all who shared that belief very wrong. He is described by a Detroit News writer as the most improved player in the United States in his last 3 games.

To my knowledge he is the only player from the Upper Thumb in the last 40 years to become a starter and regular on a Big Ten team.

We are now just 2 years away from assessing the validity of the 101 predictions made by experts about 9 years ago in the JTE booklet, "2,001 Imagine the Possibilities."

Some of them already appear to be right on, others not so far the mark. In education, one correctly assessed the future and another missed the mark. Right on was this one. "An unprecedented push to raise the quality of public school education will begin paying dividends. Current annual spending of \$170 billion (highest in the world) will increase by 50 percent, but public pressure for better programs will be the driving force in boosting quality."

On the other hand this hasn't happened: More U.S. schools will be operating on year-around academic calendars with three-week breaks every quarter (400 plus do so now). The reason: Their students achieve much higher test scores than kids who take long summer breaks."

Finkbeiner guest speaker

Annual SCD meeting slated

The Tuscola Soil Conservation District will hold its 55th annual meeting Thursday in the Caro High School cafeteria with a dinner meeting at 7 p.m.

The business meeting will begin approximately 8 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Larry Finkbeiner will give a video presentation on "Moose Hunting in Alaska". Finkbeiner left on his trip to Alaska in July 1996 and stayed until October. The

moose hunt took him 1,200 miles down the Yukon in a homemade plywood boat. There were 5 men in the boat including the man who built the boat. It was a successful hunt — the hunters returned with 4 moose and have on video a moose with a 75-80-inch horn spread.

The trip also consisted of hunting for caribou, fishing for salmon, dolly varden, arctic grayling, lake and rainbow trout, and flying for the scenic view of the beautiful

Coffee hour Tuesday in Bad Axe

Michigan State University Extension will host a Coffee Hour, Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Huron Area Technical Center, Bad Axe.

According to Barbara Neuman, Extension Home Economist, this is an opportunity for agencies, food pantries and others in the community that work with limited income individuals and families to learn more about

the Family Nutrition Program and what it offers.

The Family Nutrition Program is open to everyone and free to those eligible for food stamps. The educational program is designed so those participating can learn more about how to prepare nutritious meals and still stay within their food budget. The classes are taught in the home as well as in community sites.

Fire destroys Caro area business, residence

Damage is expected to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars in an early morning fire that destroyed a Caro area business and home last Wednesday.

Caro fire fighters were called to the Lloyd Trisch residence, 3052 N. Colwood Rd., about 5 miles northeast of Caro, at 2:50 a.m.

Several inches of fresh snow and a stiff wind hampered fire fighters' efforts to reach the scene, but county road crews quickly responded to clear drifts from the road.

The blaze involved 2 adjacent structures, including a cement block shop used by Trisch Septic Tank Service and Tuscola County Vault.

"Upon arrival, we encountered the business that was fully engulfed, and the fire consumed about half of the residence before we were able to get it under control," Caro Fire Chief Dave Mattlin said.

Trisch and his wife escaped without injury. "Because of the brutal cold,

it was ungodly conditions under which to fight a fire," Mattlin said. "The wind really hampered us because it was blowing the fire right into us."

Caro firemen received support from 6 other fire departments that sent manpower and/or tankers to the scene. In all, about 50 fire fighters assisted, including members of the Cass City, Elmwood-Gagetown, Unionville, Fairgrove, Akron and Mayville departments.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Mattlin said he planned to request assistance from the State Fire Marshal's Office in Saginaw.

The fire chief estimated the combined loss will total at least \$200,000. The contents

of the shop building included a brand new pickup truck, an inventory of fiberglass burial vaults and septic tanks, and manufacturing equipment, he said.

"You just hate to see something like this," commented an exhausted Mattlin, whose department spent 5 hours at the scene after assisting at another major Tuscola County fire earlier in the week.

Wednesday's blaze on Colwood Road started hours after several fire departments cleared the scene early Tuesday afternoon of a fire in Richville, where flames destroyed Norm's Market and an attached catering business along with the business owners' adjacent residence Monday night.

Board reappoints Pawloski chief

The Elkland Township Board last week approved the 1999 slate of township fire department officers.

The board, acting during its Jan. 11 monthly meeting, reappointed Ron Pawloski as fire chief.

Pawloski, who has served as chief since February 1997, is a 25-year veteran of the local department. An emergency medical technician-

specialist (EMT-S), he is also employed as supervisor of the Mobile Medical Response base in Cass City, and at General Cable Co.

Other fire department officers appointed last week are: Jack Hartwick, assistant chief; Mick Kim, first captain; Glenn Guilds, second captain; Ross McCallum, first lieutenant; and Scott Wright, second lieutenant.

The Haire Net



A little of this and that as seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets.

There's no reason why we should not take Walbro officials at their word that the shift of the world headquarters from Cass City will have minimal effect on employment in the Thumb.

But the effect is bound to be more than minimal on Caro and especially Cass City. For 40 years now, Cass City has been in the cat bird seat because of its relationship with Walbro.

Seldom have the interested residents and the businessmen who financed the move of the company to the community realized a better return on their investment than those that Walbro has provided.

The company has survived some rocky times in the past and hopefully will get its debt under control and bounce back as it did previously. It's probably 25 years ago now that a major company defaulted on its bill, and Walbro had only a group of employees and the unbounded faith of the president, the late W. E. Walpole, to extricate it from the financial morass. I can hear him yet, saying, hang on to your stock, John, and buy more. It's going to be worth a lot.

This at a time when the stock was selling for \$2 a share and there were darn few buyers.

All through these critical years, the company remained a solid source for leadership in the village. On all the civic clubs, on the village council, on several township boards, on the board of the hospital and in all community drives, Walbro employees were there.

It was, and I'd judge is, company policy to be good corporate citizens in the communities in which they are located.

But no longer will some of the top people have a vested interest in schools, churches, businesses and governmental operations.

Cass City has enjoyed that perk for 40 years and now it has come to an end. It's sad, but certainly not fatal, that the bonds between the company and the community are

not quite as tight as they were.

Although she is now well past 4 score and 10 years old, nothing much escapes Lois Folkert, Cass City, the mother of Geraldine Prieskorn. I called her Clara Folkert in a personal item a couple of weeks ago and received this card:

"Clara Folkert, Geraldine's grandmother, would have been 120 years old had she not been deceased for 41 years." Boy, do I regret that error.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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"Ah, here's one," I thought. "This might be lunch, or maybe a snack?"

Actually, I can't tell what it is. It's one of those meals I packed months ago.

I found them in my coat, in the glove box, and under the boat seat. Some are dry and chewy looking. The majority are green and hard to identify.

Some of these meals are partially eaten. Others haven't been touched. Apparently judged too bad to eat, but too good to throw away.

My son says the Army has some food they call MRE's, "Meals Ready to Eat." He claims they are pretty good.

The food in my coat pocket could be called SIF's, "Stuff I Found." It might have been good when I packed it, but it's pretty bad when I find it weeks later. If I packed better lunches to begin with, I probably wouldn't find so many leftovers.

There's an art to packing a lunch. One can't just throw a baloney sandwich in a bag and expect it to look appetizing at lunch time.

The best lunches I can remember belonged to my old friend, Steve. Steve's lunch always featured a main course and at least 4 side dishes.

He would have fried chicken, ham and cheese on sourdough, pork tenderloin wrapped in a dinner roll, gourmet potato chips (with dip), 2 kinds of pickles, smoked salmon for a snack, and chocolate pudding for dessert.

Nobody ever found one of Steve's lunches ripening under a boat seat. He ate every bit of them.

One day I was marveling at Steve's lunch and questioning how he got his wife to pack it, when I recalled a story by outdoor writer, Gene Hill. Hill's story describes his friend who always shows up with a beautiful lunch and all of the garnishments:

"Hill's hunting buddy wouldn't think of venturing into the field without a perfectly packed lunch and a little glass of wine to go with it."

"That's the only thing missing," I told Steve. "You wife packs a nice lunch, but she forgets the wine. I guess it's pretty hard to carry a glass of wine when you're chukar hunting."

A couple of weeks later, my friend and I were climbing

along the same ridge, hunting the same chukars, when we decided to stop for lunch. Steve stifled a grin as he unpacked his fried chicken, pickles, potato chips, a little cheese roll (with crackers), and a cupcake for dessert. Then, he pulled out 2 wine glasses, and one of those

little bottles like they serve in expensive restaurants. Next, he fished out his cork screw and said, "I'm sorry we don't have a better selection of wines today."

"I just wasn't sure what would go with your baloney sandwich."

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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

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During the weeks of Jan. 26-29 and Feb. 2-4, students in grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 will be taking the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests. The tests will be given each morning during the days of testing. Make-up testing will be during the week of Feb. 8-12 on an "as needed" basis. All testing must be completed by Feb. 12, 1999.

It is very important that your children be in attendance during these 2 weeks to eliminate the need for make-up testing. Please avoid scheduling doctor or dental appointments during the testing times, if at all possible.

We plan to serve the students breakfast each day before they take the tests to provide energy and nourishment to help boost their "thinking power." Receiving adequate rest and eating properly will also help ensure that your child is able to give his/her best effort on the tests.

We are confident that our students will perform to the best of their abilities on the MEAP tests and we look forward to sharing your child's results with you after we receive them later this year. Your encouragement and support of your child's efforts is very important to his/her success.

Additional information regarding the tests will be provided to all parents of students involved in the testing. If you have any questions or concerns about the MEAP tests, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you for your cooperation.

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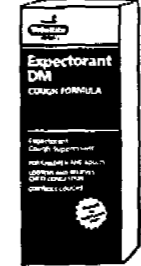
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August festival uncertain

Non-profit status prompts barn group to make changes

The future of the Thumb Octagon Barn Festival apparently rests with the village of Gagetown.

Members of the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn re-

Hirn said. He noted a decision was made to expand the Fall Family Day, established in 1996, from a one-day to 2-day event, and to withdraw from the barn festival.

"We were doing more and more out there, it seemed, but with the same numbers of volunteers."

cently notified village officials that the barn committee will no longer be organizing and running the summer festival, which has grown in popularity since it was started in 1994.

The decision was based in part on the growing workload on a handful of faithful volunteers, particularly when it comes to planning the festival, according to friends' Vice-President Bob Hirn.

However, he said, the biggest factor involves the friends' efforts to secure permanent status as a non-profit organization.

"We had applied back in '97 for our tax-exempt/non-profit status," Hirn said, adding the committee's application for 501.C3 status was approved last March for a 3-year probationary period.

To qualify as a tax-exempt/non-profit group, Hirn explained, the bulk of an organization's activities must be of an educational or museum-type nature.

The problem, he said, is while the barn committee's annual Fall Family Day in September fits that description, with tours and educational activities offered at the site of the historical round barn near Gagetown, the committee's other major event — the Octagon Barn Festival — does not.

Both events have raised significant revenue over the years, but the barn festival, held in August both at the barn and in the village, was seen primarily as a fund-raising activity.

"We had to, then, rethink our 1999 schedule of events,"

In addition, the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn Committee will continue to sponsor school tours of the Octagon Barn and adjacent farmhouse each May. "Last year we had a thousand grade school students out there. It's become a very popular end-of-the-year activity," Hirn noted.

"If the town chooses to continue with some type of festival (in August), the barn committee has gone on record as saying we will host tours out at the barn, but there will not be any other activities," Hirn said.

The advantages of obtaining the 501.C3 status include an ability to receive donations, both individual and corporate, that are tax deductible. In addition, 501.C3 organizations are exempt from sales tax.

"Also, it opens up a greater

number of grants we can apply for," Hirn pointed out. "So, there's a lot of reasons for us to adhere to these guidelines."

At the same time, Hirn said, the committee's volunteer ranks haven't grown with the popularity of the 2 festivals, each of which drew 3,000 or more people from across the state last year.

"We were doing more and more out there, it seemed, but with the same number of volunteers."

Hirn noted the barn committee has had probably 50 to 65 volunteers on hand to help out on the days of festivals. However, in terms of the organization and planning necessary in the weeks before the events, "it probably has come down to a nucleus of 6 to 10 people. It's a lot of work."

Although the barn committee won't be organizing future Octagon Barn Festivals, the celebrations may continue.

Charles Wright, village president in Gagetown, said members of the community are already looking into ways to keep the festival going.

"As far as the village council, no (action has been taken)," he said, "but the fire department has been contacted and they've been trying to get different representatives of the village together for some meetings."



FIRE DESTROYED a 1985 Buick Century owned by Teri Ann Sieradzki of Cass City Thursday. Elkland Township fire fighters were called to Agri Sales Inc., 6210 Main St., where Sieradzki had become stuck, at 11:20 a.m. The loss was estimated at \$3,000. The cause of the fire was not determined.

HDC announces pilot bus schedule for area villages

Human Development Commission officials and the Caro Transit Authority remind area residents traveling between Caro and Cass City that a pilot public transportation program between the 2 villages is currently operating.

Caro Thumbody Express is providing transportation from Caro to Cass City Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and may expand to 5 days per week in early February. Bus fares are \$3 each way, with service available within the village of Cass City for 75 cents.

Route schedules are as follows:
Route 1

* 8:30 a.m. depart Thumbody Bus Depot;
* 9 a.m. arrive in Cass City;
* 9 to 10 a.m. service within Cass City Village limits;
* 10:30 a.m. depart Cass City for Caro;

* 11 a.m. arrive at Thumbody Bus Depot.
Route 2
* 1 p.m. depart Thumbody Bus Depot;
* 1:30 p.m. arrive in Cass City;
* 1:30-2:30 p.m. service within Cass City village limits;
* 2:30 p.m. depart Cass City for Caro;

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To make reservations or for additional information, please contact Caro Thumbody Express at (517) 672-1767, or toll-free at 1-888-5-THE-BUS (1-888-584-3287).

Thumb oilseed cooperative signs meal agreement

The Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative board of directors recently announced the signing of a 5-year soybean meal marketing agreement with Furst-McNess Company of Canada Limited.

Under this agreement, Furst-McNess will have exclusive distribution rights for the high-energy, naturally extruded meal, which will be processed at the Thumb Oilseed Producers' new plant located north of Ubly.

The processing plant is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion late this spring or early summer, depending on winter construction conditions. The plant will have the capability of extruding and expelling over 800,000 bushels of locally grown soybeans into more than 20,000 tons of soybean meal per year.

The Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative is a contract cooperative comprised of 185 members located in the Thumb and Saginaw Valley area.

Furst-McNess Company of Canada Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Furst McNess Company of Freeport, Ill., which was established in 1908. Furst-McNess has livestock feed consultants throughout Canada and the United States, strategically located to service the needs of the livestock producers.

Traders located in Freeport, Ill.; Cordell, Ga.; Winston Salem, N.C.; Longview, Texas; Surrey, British Columbia; London, Ontario, and Mercier, Quebec, allow access and flexibility to domestic as well as international markets.

A technical staff of Ph.D. specialists and other degree graduates in ruminant and non-ruminant nutrition uti-

lize the latest feed programming techniques.

John Knoerr, chairman of the Thumb Oilseed Producers' Board, noted the partnership and the importance to the newly-formed cooperative.

"This contract was essential for the TOPC project as it assures a market for the meal through a respected, and established feed company," he said. "The board looks forward to this alliance and its positive effect on the Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative."

The Thumb Oilseed Producers board is continuing to look at other value-added opportunities in the industrial oil markets and is also exploring possible food ventures. It is the goal of the board to enhance the value the members receive for their soybeans by establishing profitable alliances and partnerships that provide direct access to the customers.

Morell elected president

The Sanilac Mutual Insurance Company recently elected the following officers: President Lynn Morell, Ubly; Vice-President Dale Seiler, Deckerville; Secretary-Treasurer Annetta Barr; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Michael Haggerty, and Associate Secretary-Treasurer Jean Haggerty.

Morell has been a director for the past 18 years and vice-president for the past 11 years. Seiler has been a director for the past 21 years. Sanilac Mutual Insurance Company is observing 99 years in the insurance business.

Compare, contrast benefits

Choice in the air for gas customers

If you are a natural gas customer, you could be contacted by one or more marketing companies offering you savings or rebates on your future natural gas utility bills.

In the past, your current natural gas utility company purchased and delivered natural gas to your home or business. Today, however, you may be able to save money on your monthly bills if another company can purchase natural gas more cheaply.

Your first reaction if approached by a marketing company representative or alternative gas supplier might be to question if it is legal or if you really do have a choice in determining which company supplies your natural gas needs. The answer to both is "yes."

As is currently happening just as in the telephone and electric utility industries, choice is in the air for natural gas customers.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) recently approved Customer Choice Programs for 3 of the state's natural gas utilities — Consumers Energy Company, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (MichCon), and SEMCO Energy Gas Company. These company programs offer residential and small business customers the choice of a different natural gas supplier.

Traditionally, your natural gas utility company purchased natural gas on behalf of their customers and delivered it to homes and businesses. With the choice option, you can select a different company to purchase the gas you need and have your present natural gas utility company deliver it to your home or business using its existing pipeline system.

It is important for you to recognize that you will be signing a contract with the

new company that gives it the right to purchase your natural gas requirements instead of your present gas utility company. Your present gas utility company, however, will continue to deliver your natural gas and provide the services which it does today.

Benefits of natural gas customer choice programs include:

- The opportunity for other companies to sell natural gas in competition with Consumers Energy, MichCon, and SEMCO;
 - The opportunity for consumers to obtain natural gas at a lower price.
- Before switching to a new gas company, customers should ask:
- What is the price of its natural gas?
 - What are the potential benefits or risks of switching to the new company?
 - Is there a charge for switching suppliers?
 - Is there an early cancellation penalty and, if so, when does it apply?

•Where are the new company's offices located?

•What are the billing options, and when is payment due?

The following are standard precautions customers should take when entering into new agreements or switching gas suppliers:

- Read all materials provided by the potential natural gas supplier before signing anything.
 - Make sure to shop around and compare the prices of participating natural gas suppliers' with those of your current gas company.
 - Compare and contrast all benefits and options between the suppliers.
 - Know all the terms of the contract, including its length, and if there is a price change during the contract period.
 - If a discount is offered, ask where it applies and whether taxes are included in the total price.
- For more information about natural gas customer choice, contact the MPSC at 1-800-292-9555.

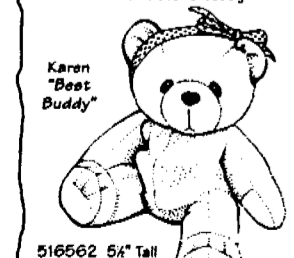
Information is also available through the Internet at the MPSC's Web site under Gas Division: <http://ermisweb.cis.state.mi.us/mpsc/gas/choice.htm>.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

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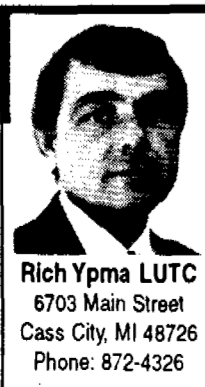
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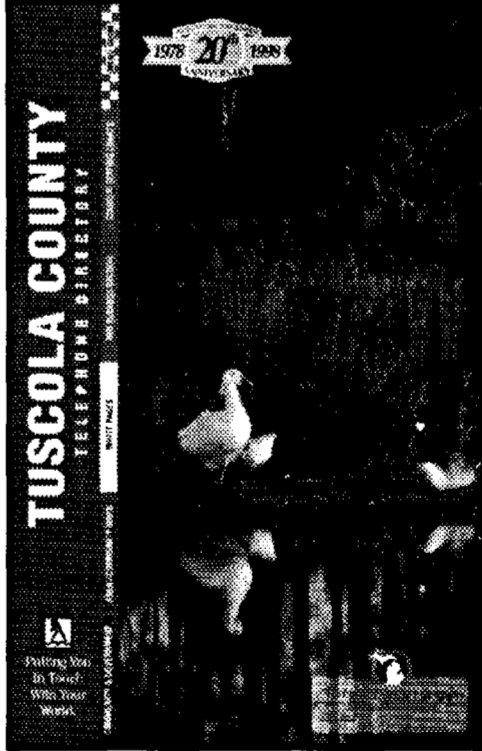
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One man's trash is treasure to Cass City's Richard Brooks



RICHARD BROOKS SR. and Nancy Cuddington, both of Cass City, display a few examples of his unique artwork. Some big-name greeting card companies, including Hallmark, have invited Brooks to submit some of his work for their consideration.

Andaria Communications

New computer services firm is a family affair

Andaria Communications, a computer services company, has opened its doors for business in Cass City.

Offerings include Internet web site design and publishing, technical document editing, ghost writing, resume production, instruction of various computer subjects, general computer support and trouble shooting, and, in the near future, web site hosting. All services are currently being performed on weekends and during evenings.

"Our goal is to offer high quality, highly personalized support at an excellent price. We want controlled, steady growth with a reasonable number of customers to keep our individualized services at their best," states Jim Veneziano, owner and creative director.

"We want to focus on the Thumb area, since there's currently a lack of our kind of company and a great increase in the number of

people with computers. Beyond that, the area has a growing group of people who have had computers for a while and want to expand their uses."

Veneziano, a full-time library automation specialist with the Public Libraries of Saginaw, is experienced with technology. He has been working with computers for nearly 20 years and has been teaching computer subjects steadily for 5 years. Overall, his teaching experience in many subjects spans 16 years.

His duties at Public Libraries of Saginaw include managing all technology, including staff and public computer systems, telecommunications systems, networks, even computerized heating and cooling. Other duties include managing the Internet functions of the library system, including being its webmaster, developing new technology programs for both the library staff and the public, and teaching staff and public courses in a new computer training center that he assembled.

This is the second computer services company that Veneziano has founded. The first one was in the Seattle area, where he specialized in supporting small businesses

and in desktop publishing projects and resumes.

Instruction and computer support services are offered only in Michigan's Thumb area, while all other services are available worldwide. Veneziano commented that Thumb residents should have many more computer services available to them than they currently have. Completely personalized one-time or multi-session classes tailored for the individual customer, professional resume production, Internet web site creation and hosting, on-site computer help, and editing and writing documents are just the beginning.

"Who knows where we'll be in 5 years, or what services we'll be offering?" Veneziano said. "Whatever they'll be, though, I'll be proud to represent Cass City and Michigan's rural residents to the world. I moved here from a pretty fast-paced metropolitan area on the outskirts of Seattle, and I really enjoy the quality of life here, even if there aren't as many shopping malls."

The business is a family venture. Andy Veneziano, 13, a student at Cass City Middle School, is involved with providing computer trouble shooting support and teaching Internet procedures to the public. Besides those talents, he enjoys making web sites, programming in BASIC, and playing every computer game he can get his hands on.

Andaria Communications is on the World Wide Web at www.andaria.com. In the real world, though, they can be contacted at 872-2843.

One man's trash is another man's treasure.

Just ask Richard Brooks Sr., a Cass City man whose drawing skills have been turning the Chronicle's scrap paper into works of art for years.

Brooks is a familiar sight in town, where he takes frequent walks and regularly meets friends for coffee at McDonald's. He also stops each week at the dumpster behind the Chronicle in search of scraps of stock used in various print jobs at the newspaper.

The area resident spends hours at home transforming the scraps into unique geometric designs of all shapes

and sizes, using only a couple of simple circle and square patterns, a ruler and a collection of colored pencils and markers.

And lots of imagination. Today, many of the designs go to family members, including his 13 grandchildren. But for many years, he simply returned the transformed scraps where he found them — in the trash — when he got tired of looking at them.

Brooks is quick to say his artwork is no more than a hobby that has provided hours of enjoyment at the kitchen table of his home. "Anybody can do it," he adds. "It's just something to

pass the time."

But another local resident, Nancy Cuddington, who has been dating Brooks for the past 3 years, disagrees.

PORTFOLIO

For months, Cuddington stored up pieces of Brooks' work in a portfolio, with plans to submit examples to some big name greeting card companies.

Since Thanksgiving she has made a number of contacts, and officials with the likes of Hallmark, American Greetings and Carlton Cards, have all invited Brooks to submit some examples of his work.

"He doesn't believe he has a talent, but everybody likes (his work)," she commented proudly last week as she and Brooks leafed through a portion of the portfolio which, like the scraps of paper he finds in the Chronicle dumpster, features artwork ranging from postcard size to large posters.

"I did it (artwork) when I was in school a long time ago, and then I got out of it," recalled Brooks, a Detroit native who lived in Houston, Texas, for 18 years before

moving to Cass City with his family.

At the age of 15, Brooks' work caught the attention of one of his teachers, who asked him to create several more pieces of art, which she entered in an art contest. "Six out of 14 won first place or second place," he said.

Years passed before Brooks did anything with the hobby, but his interest in art picked up again about 8 years ago after he happened to notice some scrap paper in the Chronicle dumpster. "I picked it and went home, and just sat down starting drawing," he said.

BIG BOOST

Brooks' indicated his "recycling" has been a big boost. Being on disability, he said, there's plenty of time to draw but not enough money for the paper.

In recent years, Brooks has regularly gleaned paper from the dumpster, and created dozens of unique designs. "I spend anywhere from 3 to 4 hours a day drawing. Some I can do in a day and others will take me a week to 10 days," he said, adding he

never really thought much of his work until he met Cuddington, who scolded him for throwing away any of his work.

"She asked what I do with them when I'm done, and I said I keep them for a couple of days and then toss them," he said.

"I started taking them away from him," Cuddington joked. "His family told him he should have done something with his drawings years ago."

"Whatever he comes up with, comes out of his head, which is why every drawing is different," she said. "All he has to do is look at something. It just fascinates me."

Cuddington said she doesn't know if any of the greeting card and paper design companies she's contacted will end up purchasing some of Brooks' designs. The important thing, she said, is to give it a shot.

"I think he thinks there's no use because we're older, but he's only 57 and he enjoys it, so why not?" she added.

"It's like I told him — you never know what this will bring, but it's foolish not to try."

Families focus of reading program

Where is your favorite place to curl up with a good book? On the couch, your favorite chair, tucked in bed, a window seat?

Rawson Memorial Library is sponsoring a program this winter to promote reading and family togetherness.

Called "Read Around the House," the program includes every member of the family and every room in the house.

During a 6-week period from Feb. 1 through March 15 families will be asked to read as many books as pos-

sible in as many different rooms in the house as they can.

When enrolling, each family will receive a reading log to keep track of books read and also book bags and bookmarks. Winners will be announced at a party set for 7 p.m., March 29. Everyone will receive a prize and a participation certificate. Special prizes will be given to the 2 families reading the most books. Fun prizes will also be given for such things as: the strangest room read in, youngest reader, oldest reader, comfiest room read in, most rooms read in, smallest family, largest family, etc.

The first place prize will be a gift certificate for pizza and bowling at Charmont. Second place prize will be tickets for a movie at the Cass Theater plus popcorn and drinks. Other prizes are gift certificates, mugs, free video rentals, etc., and of course new books!

Complete rules for the program will be available at sign up beginning Jan. 25. Every member of the family is encouraged to read this winter and win some nice prizes in the process. Come in and sign up to "Read Around the House!"

9th annual Walk for Warmth Feb. 20

The Human Development Commission is looking for volunteers to participate in its Ninth Annual Walk For Warmth, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20.

Walk For Warmth is a voluntary effort on the part of area citizens who gather pledges and walk a pre-determined one-mile route. The money raised by the event aids residents with fuel and utility emergencies. The funds are returned to the communities from which they were raised, assisting seniors, the handicapped, and the "working poor".

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Human Development Commission, 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Walking will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m., and refreshments will follow.

Designated walkers will be provided for those who collect pledges but are unable to walk.

Individuals interested in additional information, or participating in the event are invited to call Brenda Bigam at (517) 673-4121 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.



BROOKS' ARTWORK, created with scrap paper gleaned from a dumpster, is limited only by his imagination. Pictured above are some of his postcard-size geometric drawings.

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Bulldog spikers win conference opener against North Huron

Will the real Owen-Gage volleyball team please stand up?

After lackluster showings in a pair of season opening tournaments, Coach Judy Campbell's Bulldogs' defense of their North Central Thumb League title commenced last week with an impressive win over North Huron.

"It was like watching a brand new team. Much better than our practices or previous games have been," says Campbell.

In Monday's meeting, the Bulldogs recorded straight game wins over the visiting Warriors of 15-4, 15-1, and 15-8. Coach Campbell cited teamwork as key to the victory.

"They put aside their differences and played like a team, backing each other up and supporting each other."

It was a performance that Campbell hopes the Bulldogs will repeat in upcoming matches, including next Monday's meeting in Akron.

"Sure hope they remember the feeling and keep it going for the next 2 months."

Sophomore Danielle Fritz recorded game scoring honors against the Warriors with 18 points that included 6 ace serves. Fritz received plenty of help at the service line from junior Cassie Vargo, who added 14 tallies and 4 ace serves.

Erin Salcido turned in a strong showing at the net for the hosts, recording 14 kills in 19 attacks.

Campbell also credited several back row players for the team's turn around, singling out senior Kristie Radabaugh.

According to the veteran mentor, Radabaugh played the best game of her career.

Also playing well on the back line was Stephanie Lowry, who came up with a team best 17 digs.

CHARMONT LADIES Jan. 12

Dott Manufacturing	26
Wild John's	21
J.B.'s Crew	21
Pizza Villa	20
Live Wires	19
Cable-ettes	17
Dec's M.P. Rockets	17
Sister Act	17
Team #7	12
Cass City Tire	10

High Team Series & Game: J.B.'s Crew 3112 (1116).

High Series: B. Kilbourn 544, D. Mathewson 540, S. Hutchinson 507, M. Horne 506, D. Wilson 493, J. Stevens 496, R. Copeland 487, B. Ware 478, M. Truemner 478, B. Peyerk 476.

High Games: D. Wilson 213, D. Mathewson 213, M. Horne 207, B. Kilbourn 202, T. Skripy 199, B. Ware 196, M. Haley 184, R. Copeland 179, E. Romain 178, J. Stevens 175, S. Ondrajka 179, T. Middaugh 175, S. Hutchinson 170, M. Truemner 172, T. Avery 174.

MERCHANTS LEAGUE Jan. 13

Wickes	28
New England	24
R.H. Body Shop	22
Thumb Welding	21
Charmont	19
Hollywood & Vine	18
Trisch Septic	16
S.S. Builders	15
Gemini Plastics	12
Triple R	6

High Team Series & Games: Thumb Welding 3144 (1114).

High Individual Series & Games: G. Robinson 690 (243-256), T. Potrykus 668 (216-216-236), T. Humes 663 (214-215-234), J. Krol 653 (224-246), R. Salcido 652 (214-254), M. Lutz 651 (226-226), B. Anthes 648 (213-235), L. Morgan 648 (220-223), B. Rutkoski 645 (257), P. McIntosh 626 (256), T. Pattingill 621 (239), M. Jackson 608 (217), C. Kelley 607 (213), C. Anthes 588 (227), M. Zawilinski 587, M. Gettel 587 (213), R. Diebel 585, G. Pattullo 582 (210-223), M. Putnam 595 (216), D. Engelhardt 226, K. Desimpelare 222, S. Jones 213.

MERCHANETTE LEAGUE Jan. 14

Caro Chiropractic	20
Health Mart Pills	19
J.B.'s Crew	18
Silver Birch Kennel	17
Hills & Dales Hospital	15
LaFave Steel	14
All Season Rental	12 1/2
Detroit Edison	9
Thumb Auto Wash	9
A Cut Above	6 1/2

High Actual Team Series: Caro Chiropractic 1907.

High Actual Team Game: Thumb Auto Wash 673. 500 Series: C. Wallace 560, J. Bemus 557, S. Hutchinson 525, J. Morell 502. 200 Games: C. Wallace 222, K. Lackowski 201.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO Jan. 14

Schmaltz Construction	9
Cass Tavern	8
Terra	8
Mycogen Plant Sciences	7
General Cable	7
Marlette Oil & Gas	7
New England Financial	6
Babich Farms	6
Thumb Auto Wash	5
Martin Electric	4
Hyatt Farms	3
Generaly Low	2

High Series & Games: D. Hyatt 670 (255-213), Doug O'Dell 667 (222-255), K. Pichla 648 (222-236), B. Biebel 629 (245), P. Regnerus 626 (210-225), R. Rabideau 608 (224), G. Pringle 593 (217), J. Roth 584 (256), D. Roth 583 (236), D. Beecher 223, R. Hull 220, G. Smith 233, R. Root 216, G. Robinson 212, R. Doerr 213, D. Heleski 210.

High Team Series: General Cable 1788. High Team Game: Cass Tavern 682.

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Jan. 15

Rolling Thunder	11
Easy 7	10
The Family	7
Pinheads	7
Rocketeers	5
Bye	2

Men's High Series: P. Smith and Leonard Gaszczyński 495.

Beet meetings scheduled

A series of 3 half day meetings have been planned and will feature the latest information on growing sugar beets. These meetings will be held at the Brentwood Restaurant in Caro Jan. 21, Feb. 2 and Feb. 17.

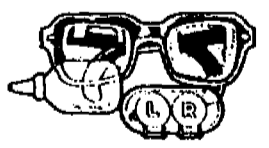
The Jan. 21 meeting will be held at the Brentwood from 1:00-3:30 p.m., and will feature Dr. Al Cattenach, agronomist with American Crystal in North Dakota. Dr. Cattenach was formerly the sugar beet specialist at North Dakota State University.

The Feb. 2 meeting will be held at the Brentwood from 9-11:30 a.m. This meeting will feature Dr. Fred Warner and Dr. George Bird of MSU. They will discuss Nematodes

in sugar beets and the results of the nematode survey conducted last summer.

The Feb. 17 meeting will be held at the Brentwood from 9-noon. This meeting will feature Dr. Karen Renner of MSU. This meeting will focus on weed control in sugar beets.

There is a fee of \$10 for all 3 meetings or you may attend any one for \$5 each. Pre-registration is requested. For more information, please call the MSU Extension Office in Caro at 517-672-3870.



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Red Hawk spikers topped in non-conference tilt with Yale

The Cass City volleyball team suffered more than a non-conference defeat last Monday in non-conference action against visiting Yale.

The Hawks, who were defeated in straight games, also lost their star front line player, Shelly Ulfig.

Ulfig fractured her ankle while practicing a jump serve during pre-game warm-ups. The senior leader, whose left ankle is in a cast, will be out of action for approximately 2 weeks.

Coach Beth Howard's squad battled their Greater Thumb East Conference foe in the opening game before bowing 16-14. The Bulldogs had little trouble after that, recording wins of 15-1, and 15-2.

"Yale is a super team," said Howard. Adding, "They'll be one of the toughest teams we will face all year."

The match should benefit the Hawks this Thursday when they host Unionville-Sebewaing in what will be the team's first GTC West match. Howard's spikers are 2-2 in non-tournament games.

Senior Carrie Wentworth paced the Hawks at the service line against Yale with 9 points and the team's only ace serve. The Hawks also had sophomore Monica Dorland with 3 service points, while Kara

Mellendorf and Sara Homakie split 4 markers.

As usual, setter Jessica Henderson paced the Hawks with a team best 28 sets and 8 assists.

Despite playing hurt, Ulfig led the attack around the net with 8 kills in 17 attempts. Cass City also received one kill each from Mellendorf

and Homakie. "(Our) team unity wasn't there. We had a lack of movement. Yale attacked against us all night," said Howard.

On defense, Mellendorf recorded a team best 7 digs, while Wentworth chipped in returning a team high 10 serves.



Shelly Ulfig - sidelined for 2 weeks

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snowmobilers from across the Midwest with its friendly environment, eateries, motels and resorts. Home to the North American Snowmobile Festival held Feb. 3-7, Cadillac sits on the hub of an extensive trail system. This snowbelt city is also the northern gateway to the White Pine Trail State Park. At 92 miles long, it is the newest, narrowest, and longest Michigan state park. Currently 82 miles of the trail are open to snowmobilers, from Cadillac south to Russell Road, just south of Sand Lake.

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To receive a free copy of the new Michigan Snowmobile Trail Map, call 888-78-GREAT. This line also has travel counselors available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. (EST), and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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It is mandatory to attend all sessions. Students must pass

all hands-on safety tests and a written final exam to earn their cards.

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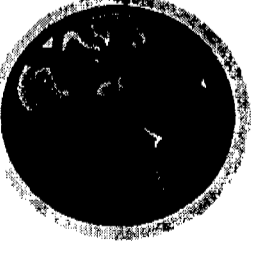
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GREAT LAKES EYE

Eagles remain perfect with 62-46 win Friday over visiting Bulldogs

A significant 2nd half run Friday helped the Caseville Eagles improve on the Thumb's best hoop record. The spurt allowed Coach Paul Beachy's squad to hand visiting Owen-Gage a 62-46 defeat during North Central Thumb League play.

With the win, the Eagles improved to 9-0 on the season, while the Bulldogs slipped to 4-4 overall. Coach Leon Westover's squad will seek to return to the win column this week in games at Akron-Fairgrove Tuesday and at home Friday against Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

"We're not playing that bad," said Westover. "Hopefully we'll get back on track."

Tuesday's game with the Vikings is rated as a toss-up, but the Bulldogs will be heavy favorites to top CPS, who won its first conference game Friday, 44-42, over North Huron.

Against Caseville, turnovers haunted the visitors. "You have to beat Caseville, they won't beat themselves," said Westover.

Despite 27 turnovers, the Bulldogs stayed with the ICTL leaders throughout the opening half that ended with the Eagles in front 27-1.

Bulldog senior Joe Salcido had the hot hand early for the visitors and helped to keep his squad close in the initial frame with timely jump shots. After one period the hosts enjoyed a 13-10 margin.

Westover was pleased with the shot selection from his senior forward. "(Salcido) was able to step in and get some good looks," said Westover.

Surprisingly, the Bulldogs out-rebounded their taller hosts on the evening, 36-35. That was due in part to early

foul trouble by Caseville's 6'6" center, Matt Bednerek, who picked up 3 fouls in the half.

The Bulldogs, however, weren't without foul troubles of their own. Derek Howard, the team's leading scorer, sat out nearly 6 minutes of the opening half with 3 fouls.

After the break, Caseville used a 13-3 run which helped put the hosts in front by a dozen midway through the 3rd stanza. Caseville then outscored their guests 19-18 over the game's final 8 minutes.

"We played good defense, but we have to take better care of the ball," lamented Westover.

The Eagles received a game high 21 points from Bednerek, who also tallied 14 rebounds. Jordan Wroblewski added 14 points.

Salcido led the Bulldogs with 10 tallies. Sophomore Shane Mellendorf contributed 8 tallies that included a pair of hoops from 3-point range in the final half. Nick Warack added 7, Justin Anthes posted 6 and freshman Nathan Kain, playing in his first varsity contest, added 5. Warack claimed a team high 9 rebounds.

PECK

In a Tuesday meeting at Peck, Derek Howard recorded 20 points to lead the visiting Bulldogs to a 59-54 victory.

The winners enjoyed a 35-29 rebounding edge helped by Warack's 8 steals off the glass. Bolzman added 9 rebounds and 8 points for the Bulldogs.

Peck received a game high 21 points from Josh Presnell while Mike Sheridan chipped in 17 tallies.



OWEN-GAGE'S JOEL BOLZMAN glides to the basket during Friday's NCTL tilt in Caseville. The senior forward recorded 5 points in the Bulldogs' 62-46 defeat. Caseville improved its record to 9-0 with the win.

Markel's grapplers set to defend GTC West crown

Coach Don Markel's Red Hawk grapplers traveled to Bridgeport Saturday to compete in the Iron Man Classic tournament.

The Hawks faced several Division I schools at the event that should prove helpful tonight (Wednesday)

when they begin defense of their Greater Thumb Conference title at Mayville in a triangular meet that included Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

Cass City registered a middle of the pack finish at the 13-team event with 103 points that resulted in a 7th place finish.

Flint Carmon-Ainsworth captured the tourney trophy with 182.5 points. Finishing in the runner-up spot was Caledonia with 152.5 points, while Saginaw High placed 3rd with 139 points.

"Given the caliber of the teams entered, I felt we did pretty well," said Markel, adding, "We (Cass City) were the smallest school there."

Nine of Cass City's 14 mat men won medals for their performance on the day. Roy Davis registered the team's best showing. Davis finished 2nd while working in the 112-lb. division. The Hawks also earned 3rd, 4th and 5th place medals by Adam Dorland, Aaron Dorland and Chris Dubay, respectively.

Rounding out the medal winners for Cass City and

receiving 6th place medals were Travis Schneeberger, Steve Slosser, Scott Moore, Jeremy Klinkman and Phil Mathewson.

Basketball Standings

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
EPBP	3	0	8	0
Reese	2	1	7	1
Cass City	3	1	6	1
Mayville	1	2	4	3
USA	1	1	4	3
Bad Axe	1	3	3	5
BCAS	0	3	2	6

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	3	1	6	2
Harbor Beach	3	1	4	4
Decordova	2	1	4	3
Sandusky	2	2	4	3
Cross-Lex	2	2	3	4
Yale	2	2	2	5
Marlette	1	2	1	6
Ubley	0	4	0	9

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB				
Team	W	L	W	L
Caseville	5	0	9	0
Peck	3	1	9	4
Kingston	4	2	4	3
Owen-Gage	3	2	4	4
A-Fairgrove	2	2	4	4
North Huron	1	4	2	5
CPS	1	4	2	7
Port Hope	0	5	0	9

FRIDAY'S RESULTS				
EPBP 65, Reese 59	Bad Axe 78, Mayville 51			
Cass City 73, BCAS 52	Saginaw Buena Vista 75, USA 63			
Harbor Beach 76, Brown City 63	Yale 73, Sandusky 57			
Cross-Lex 63, Ubley 40	Caseville 62, Owen-Gage 46			
Peck 61, A-Fairgrove 44	Kingston 46, Port Hope 35			
CPS 44, North Huron 42	Marlette at Decordova, ppd			

Fearless Forecast			
	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Doug Hyatt
January 19	Bad Axe at Marlette Lakers at Decordova Sandusky at Cass City Harbor Beach at USA Cros-Lex at Reese Mayville at Yale Caseville at North Huron Peck at Kingston C-PS at Port Hope Owen Gage at Akron-Fairgrove Caro at North Branch	Bad Axe Lakers Cass City USA Reese Mayville Caseville Peck C-PS Owen-Gage Caro	Bad Axe Lakers Cass City USA Reese Mayville Caseville Kingston C-PS Owen-Gage North Branch
January 22	Bad Axe at Reese USA at BCAS Cass City at Mayville Sandusky at Cros-Lex Marlette at Ubley Harbor Beach at Yale Decordova at Brown City Akron-Fairgrove at Caseville C-PS at Owen-Gage Port Hope at Peck Last week's results Season's Results, Percentages	Reese USA Cass City Sandusky Marlette Harbor Beach Brown City Caseville Owen-Gage Peck 15-5 14-6 (43-15) 74%	Reese USA Cass City Cros-Lex Marlette Harbor Beach Brown City Caseville Owen-Gage Peck 14-6 (41-17) 71%

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SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

Red Hawks improve to 8-1 on cage season

The Cass City Red Hawks chalked up a pair of victories as expected last week and will be favored to add to their 8-1 record this week with games Tuesday, a non-leaguer against Sandusky at home, and a league game with Mayville on the road.

One of the wins last week was against Bay City All Saints, 73-52, in the Greater Thumb West league and the second, a non-league affair with Decordova which the Hawks won, 55-41.

Coach Jeff Hartel would be pleased if his charges could maintain the free throw proficiency that the team showed against Decordova. Led by Craig Emmert who converted 7 out of 7, the team shot 81 percent for the night.

Converting at the foul line helped the Hawks get off to a quick start and from there on Cass City remained comfortably in front.

The Hawks were 7 of 7 from the charity stripe and that, coupled with some fine outside shooting, enabled Cass City to jump off to a 17-6 first quarter lead. In the rally Dan Cuddie and Bill Goodall connected for 3-pointers.

While the game was never seriously in doubt, the Eagles played competitively the rest of the way. They cut into the Hawk margin in the second period with a 14-4 edge to trail at the intermission, 27-20.

The teams traded baskets for much of the last half. Cass City was leading going into the last quarter, 40-29, and whatever chance

Deckerville had of a comeback was averted as the Hawks netted 5 of 6 free throws to post a 15-12 advantage in the last 8 minutes.

The Hawks won despite an off night for Heath Zawilinski, who netted just 8 points, the first time this season he hasn't been in double figures, and well below his 19 points per game average. He helped Cass City control the glass with 10 rebounds. For the game the Hawks out-rebounded the Eagles, 34-20.

Emmert led all scorers with 15 points and also collected 13 rebounds. Bill Goodall netted 12. The Eagles were led by Rico Ballentine with 13 points.

ALL SAINTS BOW

Hartel was able to give his bench players valuable playing time in the win over Bay City All Saints. All 11 players saw action and 9 of them shared in the scoring.

Dan Cuddie, with a pair of treys, and Jason Wright, with another, helped propel Cass City into a 19-13 lead in the first quarter. A pleasing factor for Coach Hartel was the improved bench play of the team. In the second period Brandon Hartel scored 5 points and always reliable Zawilinski netted 6 to put Cass City in front at the intermission, 32-23.

Cass City removed any doubt about the outcome of the game in the first half of the third quarter. Using a pressing defense and capitalizing on several Cougar un-

forced errors, Cass City pounded out a 15-2 advantage and led 49-25 with 3 minutes left in the quarter.

In the spurt Zawilinski whipped in 3 hoops and a free throw and Cuddie, a trey and a 2-pointer.

Cass City had 4 players in double figures, led by Zawilinski with 15 points and Emmert and Cuddie with 13 points each.


The Hawks won the rebound battle, 38-23.

CASS CITY - Cuddie 1-2 (0-0) 8; Wright 3-0 (2-2) 8; Zawilinski 3-0 (2-2) 8; King 0-0 (1-3) 1; Hartel 1-0 (1-2) 3; Goodall 3-2 (0-0) 12; Emmert 4-0 (7-7) 15.
TOTALS - 15-4 (13-16) 55.


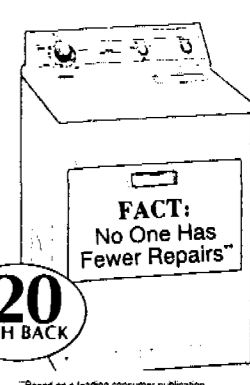


DECKERVILLE - Klaus 0-1 (0-0) 3; Ballentine 5-0 (3-4) 13; Williams 0-1 (1-2) 4; Keinath 3-0 (0-0) 6; Estrada 3-1 (0-0) 9; Ross 0-0 (2-2) 2; Campbell 2-0 (0-0) 4.
TOTALS - 13-3 (6-8) 41.

CASS CITY - Cuddie 2-3 (0-0) 13; Wright 2-2 (0-0) 10; Zawilinski 5-1 (2-2) 15; King 1-0 (2-2) 4; Langmaid 0-0 (1-2) 1; Hartel 2-0 (4-6) 8; VanVliet 1-0 (-0-0) 2; Goodall 3-0 (1-4) 7; Emmert 6-0 (1-2) 13.
TOTALS - 22-6 (11-20) 73.

BCAS - Horner 0-0 (1-2) 1; Brzezinski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Grange 2-2 (2-2) 12; Woody 1-0 (0-1) 2; Guano 6-0 (4-6) 16; Biskup 0-0 (2-2) 2; Jankovic 5-0 (4-7) 14; Wenglikowski 0-1 (0-0) 3.
TOTALS - 15-3 (13-22) 52.



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5 YEARS AGO

Tom and Brenda Fulcher described their 9-day trip to Saint Petersburg, Russia, Monday at Rawson Memorial Library. They said the average income is \$20 per month, with teachers earning \$15 and doctors, \$25 a month. The water wasn't safe for consumption. Brown, black and gray were the dominant clothing colors everywhere they went. The Fulchers didn't always know what they were eating. Tom lost 12 pounds and Brenda ate a lot of bread, which was delicious.

James W. Roblin, 42, of Caro, was killed in an accident Thursday on Mertz Road when the vehicle he was a passenger in stopped to make a left turn and was struck from behind by another vehicle.


The arrival of several Amish families to the area in recent months prompted state transportation officials to erect horse and buggy signs east of Cass City on M-81, and north and south of M-81 on M-53, in an effort to prevent traffic accidents.

The Cass City Red Hawks defeated the USA Patriots Friday, 84-46, to continue their undefeated march towards a Blue Bay Conference title.

The Cass City Historical Society reorganized and elected a new board of directors: Marian Keating, Barb Hutchinson, Audrey Katzenberger, Sherry Lee and Jack Esau.

10 YEARS AGO

Hemans resident Angela Berry, 21, gave birth Sunday evening to Hills and Dales General Hospital's first baby of 1989. Her son, Preston, weighed in at 7 pounds, 5



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ounces. He was the 4,072nd baby delivered by Dr. H.T. Donahue, who started delivering babies in Cass City in 1933.

Bob McLachlan, Cass City, became the Charmont Lanes first 300 bowler of the year Monday night. McLachlan's flawless game was accompanied by games of 228 and 163, giving him a 691 series in the Tuscola Get Togethers league.

Mike Kreger, 29, of Snover is among 24 snowmobile enthusiasts who left Saturday to begin a 7-day, 1,000-mile adventure to benefit the American Cancer Society. The group, which hopes to raise \$40,000 for research, public education and patient services, is taking 22 snowmobiles and 2 support vehicles that will make stops in Grayling, St. Ignace, Munising, Baraga and Copper Harbor.

Spring gobbler hunts for toms only will soon be a part of the local hunting scene. According to Bud Jarvis, wildlife biologist stationed at the Cass City Field Office, it's believed the area turkey flock is increasing in numbers and inhabiting new areas. He noted that 20 wild turkeys released in the Deford area in 1984 have grown in numbers, but it's uncertain how much. It could be 200 or 500.

According to his mother, SHI (SW) Edward Schwartz will be in the inaugural parade Friday. He will be the second man in the second row behind the Navy flag.

25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Theodora F. Walker retired Dec. 29 after 30 years as Argyle postmaster. She turned the job over to Mrs. Virginia Greenlee, a former Cass Cityan who has lived in Argyle nearly 30 years.

A farm owned by the family of Mrs. Clara Bird, located at 7395 Bay City-Forestville Rd., will soon receive centennial recognition by the state. The farm has been in the possession of the same family since 1856. Mrs. Bird currently lives there with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McEachern.

Sparked by the energy cri-

sis, Harry Lenda, owner of the Cass City IGA Foodliner, is installing an unusual heating system in the 4,000-square-foot addition to the supermarket. The system will use heat from the cooling compressors in the building to heat the addition.

Miss Billie Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spencer, formerly of Cass City and now residing in Stuart, Fla., graduated Dec. 15 from the University of Florida Law School.

Elvia Pozzi, 16, of Sao Carlos, Brazil, is Cass City's newest Rotary Exchange student. She will stay with the Robert Ridenour family until March, when she moves to her second Cass City home.

35 YEARS AGO

Cass City's young ski-whiz, Lynn Atwell, 11, has received several trophies in ski meets throughout the state. Sunday, she took a first in the giant slalom and a first in the down-hill in her class in the United States Ski Association at Boyne Mountain. The day before she took a first in the slalom in her class at a meet at Dryden.

A poem written by Mrs. Stanley Morell of rural Cass City has been set to music. Mrs. Morell sent the poem to Song Writers, Inc., New York, in August and received a sample record last week. The title of the song is "Thank Heaven for Pets."

Forty-seven patients were listed at Hills and Dales General Hospital Tuesday forenoon and 38 patients were discharged between Jan. 14 and Jan. 21.

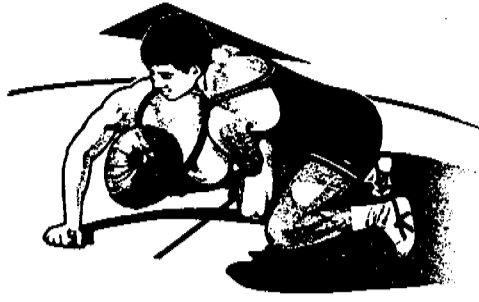
Red Hawk debaters added another 2 wins to their state debate record Wednesday, Jan. 15, when they topped Saginaw Buena Vista in a meet held at the Cass City High School. Affirmative team members were Bonnie Spencer and Jim Husa, with Mary Lou Spencer and Bob Milligan on the negative team.

Cass City snapped the Caro Tigers' 6-game winning streak Friday when they whipped the Tigers on their spacious floor, 71-61. The victory kept the Hawks in second place in the league.

CASS CITY RED HAWK

SCHEDULES

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING

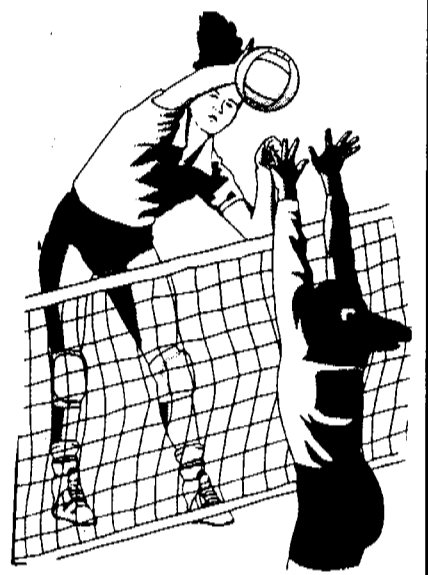


BASKETBALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19
Sandusky at Cass City
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
Cass City at Mayville



WRESTLING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20
Cass City at Mayville/Lakers
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
Cass City at Mayville

VOLLEYBALL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21
USA at Cass City
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28
Cass City at Reese



1999 Boys' Basketball Schedule

Home games in bold

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

1999 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.	6	Caro	6:30
	8	JV/Fr Bad Axe Inv.	3:30
	9	Bad Axe Inv. Var	8:00
	11	Yale	6:00
	14	Bad Axe	6:00
	16	Laker Inv. JV	9:00
	18	Brown City	6:00
	21	USA	6:00
	28	Reese	
	30	Laker Inv. Var.	9:00
Feb.	4	BCAS	6:00
	8	Brown City	6:00
	11	Mayville	
	12	Vassar Inv. JV	4:15
	13	Laker Inv. Var.	9:00
	20	Bad Axe JV/Fr League	
	20	Vassar Inv. Var	9:00
	25	Lakers	
	27	League @ USA	
March	3	Vassar	6:00
	5, 6	Districts	TBA
	13, 14	Regionals	TBA

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	



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AN OPEN HOUSE HOSTED by the Tuscola County Faith-In-Action Volunteer Caregivers drew about 50 people Friday afternoon in the meeting room at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Above, Project Director Sandi Fader (standing, left) greets some of the guests.

Organic crop research

Funding deadline March 7

Growers interested in conducting on-farm organic crop production research and demonstration projects have until March 7 to apply for funding from the Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance (MOFFA).

reviewed by the MOFFA research steering committee. "Our goal is to assist farmers and others in the organic community in developing farmer-driven research and increase education on organic food systems," says John Fisk, MOFFA on-farm research coordinator.

Grants will be awarded for research on crop and livestock production, value-added farm products, marketing ideas for large and small organic farms, activities that encourage interaction between the organic farm and the local community, educational demonstrations on organic food and farming systems, and consumer attitudes toward organic food production and marketing.

"In addition to the priority areas, we are interested in projects that address weed control in organic systems, organic fertility management and crop health," Fisk says. A copy of the call for proposals can be obtained by writing to Fisk at 264 Plant and Soil Sciences, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824-1325. His phone number is 517-355-2312.

Based at Michigan State University, MOFFA will distribute \$9,000 in grants. Grantees will receive between \$300 and \$1,000 per project for the coming crop year. The proposals will be

reviewed by the MOFFA research steering committee. "Our goal is to assist farmers and others in the organic community in developing farmer-driven research and increase education on organic food systems," says John Fisk, MOFFA on-farm research coordinator.

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Blood drive set Jan. 26

Area residents are encouraged to give the "gift of life" during a blood drive scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Hills and Dales General Hos-

pital in Cass City.

Blood donors are welcome to stop by anytime between 1 and 6:45 p.m.

Care for pets in cold weather

Patricia Trisch, who handles the public relations for the Humane Society of Tuscola County, reports that the humane society has been receiving numerous calls from concerned citizens about pets that have been observed being left outdoors without adequate protection in the recent frigid weather.

This includes something as simple as not having some straw in the doghouse.

She states that although some pets are prepared more for winter, some precautions are still necessary. Many pets have short hair and need a warmer environment.

If your pet has a containment system and will be out-

Beet research focus of upcoming workshops in area

Current research and updates on weed and disease control in sugar beet production will be the focus of 6 workshops planned for growers by the Sugarbeet Advancement Committee (SAC).

Steve Poindexter, Michigan State University Extension district sugar beet agent, says the series will provide practical information on sugar beet yield and quality on the home farm.

The speakers will include Al Cattenach, American Crystal Company research agronomist; John Halloin, U.S. Department of Agriculture sugar beet pathologist, and MSU Extension agronomists Karen Renner, Fred Warner and George Bird. Not all of the speakers will be at all of the workshops. Contact Poindexter at 517-799-3322 for a schedule.

There will be 2 workshops in 2 locations on each date. Workshops are free and require no advance registration.

The workshops are scheduled for: Jan. 21 at the Williams Township Hall, Auburn, 9-11:30 a.m., and the Brentwood Restaurant, Caro, 1-3:30 p.m. The focus will be on producing high sugar beet yields.

Jan. 22, Huron Expo Center, fairgrounds, Bad Axe, 9-11:30 a.m.; MSU Extension office, Sandusky, 1-3:30 p.m. The focus will be on producing high sugar beet yields.

Feb. 2, Brentwood Restaurant, Caro, 9-11:30 a.m.; Williams Township Hall, Auburn, 1-3:30 p.m. The focus will be on the SAC and nematode research.

Feb. 5, Huron Expo Center, fairgrounds, Bad Axe, 9-11:30 a.m.; MSU Extension office, Sandusky, 1-3:30 p.m. The focus will be on the SAC and nematode research.

Feb. 17, Brentwood Restaurant, Caro, 9-11:30 a.m.; Williams Township Hall, Auburn, 1-3:30 p.m. The focus will be on sugar beet weed and disease control.

Feb. 19, Huron Expo Center, fairgrounds, Bad Axe, 9-11:30 a.m.; MSU Extension office, Sandusky, 1-3:30 p.m. The focus will be on sugar beet weed and disease control.

Update on weed control set Jan. 27

"A Weed Control Update for 1999 meeting will be held at the Brentwood Restaurant in Caro Jan. 27," states Harold Rouget, MSU Extension agricultural agent for Tuscola County.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., Dr. Jim Kells, from the MSU Crops and Soils Department, will discuss the possibility of carry over in 1999; weed control update; nutsedge control; resistant crops and how long can weeds compete with crops. Dan Keene, from the MDA, will discuss record keeping, how complaints are handled, etc.

This meeting is open to the public. However, there is a \$25 charge if registered by Jan. 18 and a charge of \$30 if registered after Jan. 18. The cost includes breaks, the 1999 Weed Control Guide, plus other materials and lunch.

For more information, call 517-672-3870.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, January 20

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, January 21

Tuscola County Republican Party meets at 7:30 p.m., Brentwood Restaurant, Caro. This meeting will focus on developing a plan for building the Party over the next 2 years. All interested and potential Republicans are welcome to attend.

Friday, January 22

4th Annual Tuscola County Right to Life Candlelight Vigil, 6 p.m., on the steps of the Tuscola County Courthouse in Caro.

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

Saturday, January 23

The Democratic Party of Sanilac County Spring Convention at Liberty Lanes, Sandusky, 10 a.m. Regular monthly meeting will follow.

Monday, January 25

Sign-up begins for "Read Around the House" program at Rawson Memorial Library.

Slide presentation on South Africa and Kenya by Roger Marshall, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.

Cass City School Board meeting, high school, 7:30 p.m. Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

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Obituaries

Richard Chapelo

Richard L. Chapelo, 62, of Reese, formerly of Cass City, died Saturday, December 26, 1998, at Covenant - Harson Medical Center.

He was born March 15, 1936, in Watrousville to John and Helen (LaDouce) Chapelo, Sr.

He served with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War from 1953-57. He owned and operated Chapelo's Shoe Repair in Reese for over 35 years. He also operated a shoe repair store in Cass City in the 60s.

Surviving are his children and their spouses, Richard "Douglas" and Karen Chapelo of Vassar, Zant and Andrea Chapelo serving with the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Dayton, Ohio, and John and Curtis Hecht of Saginaw; 10 grandchildren; one brother, John Chapelo Jr. and his wife Cathy of Caro, and 6 sisters. Helen Lynn Randall and her husband Art of Cass City, Kay Brooks and her husband Larry of West Branch, Mary Ann Pratt and her husband Robert of Reese, Donna Walter of Vassar, Debbie LaPenski and her husband Marty of Caro, and Darlene Bohm and her husband Henry of Caro.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, George Chapelo.

Funeral service took place Tuesday, Dec. 29, from the Ware-Smith-Woolverer Funeral Chapel of Reese. Pastor R.B. Ouellette of the First Baptist Church of Bridgeport officiated with private interment services to take place later.

Thomas Creason

Thomas D. Creason, 84, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1999, in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

He was born March 12, 1914, in Kokomo, Ind., to Alfred D. and Edna M. (James) Creason. He married Margaret Martha Keel Nov. 24, 1935, in Sharpville, Ind. She died Sept. 16, 1995.

He worked at Steering Gear for 30 years. After retirement he worked at the Michigan Stock Yard in Cass City.

He is survived by his children, William (Jean) Creason of Chesapeake, Va., Janet (Neuman) Church of Gageton, Gerald (Harriet) Creason of Deford, Nancy (David) Urban of Cass City,

Rebecca (Joseph) Halasz of Gageton; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brothers, Wayne (Bertha) Creason of Caro, Frank (Audrey) Creason of Utica, Charles (Barbara) Creason of Cass City, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Creason; brother, Alfred Creason; and sisters, Pauline Mills and Adaline Winchester.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 16, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring at Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Leon Guza

Leon F. Guza, 57, of Parisville, died Friday, Jan. 15, 1999, at his residence of an apparent heart attack.

He was born Sept. 30, 1941, in Ruth, the son of Leon E. and Gertrude (Klama) Guza. He married Lou Wanda Kipp Jan. 8, 1972, at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Rapson.

A graduate of Ugly High School in 1961, he farmed and worked at Midwest Rubber in Deckerville for years, and at Ugly Community Schools from 1979-1981. He also worked at the Ruth Tile Co. and held various jobs in the area. He was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church of Parisville.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Jane Ann Sadro and her husband, David, and Theresa Hill and her husband, Dan, all of Bad Axe; 2 sons, Eugene Guza of Bad Axe, and Leon Guza and special friend, Sally Klemmer, of Port Austin; 3 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Mary Ann Klee and Bertha Booms and her husband, Vincent, all of Harbor Beach, and Anna McIntosh and her husband, James, of Almont, and 12 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother-in-law, George Klee.

Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, Jan. 18, at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Parisville with the Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring. Memorials may be given to

the family discretionary fund.

Arrangements were made by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ugly.

Orville Healy

Orville C. Healy, 78, of Caro, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Covenant - Harrison in Saginaw.

He was born Jan. 10, 1921, in Sanilac County and lived there until he served as a Private First Class in the U.S. Army during World War II. Upon his return, he moved to Pontiac where he met Geraldine Cannell and married her in 1947. She preceded him in death. He was then married to Helen Steinman and she also preceded him in death in 1996.

He was employed by the State of Michigan, first at the Pontiac State Home, then Northville and then at Caro Regional Center until his retirement. In addition, he drove busses, city charters, and drove for the Caro Community Schools. He was a member of the Caro VFW Post #4164 and the Sutton-Sunshine United Methodist Church.

He is survived by 3 sons, Dennis Healy, and Laurence Healy and his wife, Carol, all of Caro, and Gary Healy of Akron; 3 step-children and spouses, Judy and Thomas Remhus of Essexville, Ronald Gretz of Clarkston, and Jane and Ken Pedler of Caseville; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Delbert Healy and his wife, Dorothy, of Cass City, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 15, at Sutton-Sunshine United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ray Jacques officiating.

A military committal service was conducted under the auspices of the Caro VFW Post #4164.

Burial was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

Leona Hofmeister

Leona V. Hofmeister, 86, of Frankenmuth, formerly of Gageton, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 1999, at the Lutheran Home of Frankenmuth.

Leona V. Pierce was born Oct. 3, 1912, in Bay City. She married Milton F. Hofmeister in 1939. He died in 1986.

She was a registered nurse at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City and Caro Community Hospital, Caro. She was a member of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, Frankenmuth, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, and its Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of Farm Bureau.

Surviving are 2 daughters and 2 sons, Carol (David) Norts of Dayton, Ohio, Patricia Wright of Frankenmuth, Ken (Andrea) Hofmeister of Mt. Pleasant and Richard (Karen) Hofmeister of Caro; 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grand-

children. One brother, Harold Pierce, and a granddaughter, Michelle Goudelock, predeceased her.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth, with the Rev. Joel C. Kaiser officiating.

Interment was in Floral Gardens Cemetery, Bay City. Those planning an expression of sympathy may consider memorials to the Lutheran Home of Frankenmuth.

Frank Laming

Frank A. Laming, 83, of Cass City, died Friday, Jan. 15, 1999, at Tendercare Nursing Facility.

He was born Oct. 16, 1915, in Sanilac County to Walter and Mary (Lamotte) Laming. He married Geraldine Sweet April 6, 1935, in Port Huron. Laming farmed most of his life and also drove truck for Cass City Oil and Gas. He was a member of Decker Masonic Lodge and Argyle United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Geraldine; a daughter, Janice (Duane) Chippi of Cass City; 2 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Melvin Laming, Pearl Shaw, Hulda Short, Lela Murphy, Eunice Laming, Muriel Laming, Walter Laming and Valeria Turnbell.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 18, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Jean Rencontre of Argyle United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Argyle United Methodist Church.

Shoveling snow can put a big strain on heart

The snow Jack Frost delivers to your driveway, sidewalks and steps this winter comes with good news and bad news. The good news is shoveling snow can be good aerobic activity. The bad news is if people are not careful, they could be at risk for a heart attack or back strain.

"After a heavy snowfall, it is common to hear reports of individuals with chest pain and possible heart attacks who have been rushed to the emergency room," said Dexter W. Shurney, M.D., corporate medical director for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

"Shoveling snow has been compared to a maximum treadmill workout. People who don't exercise regularly, especially those who are overweight or have a history of heart trouble, should check with their doctors before they dig in. Even people in good physical shape can benefit from common sense precautions."

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth, with the Rev. Joel C. Kaiser officiating.

2 sentenced, one enters guilty plea

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

•Shaun C. Parker, 36, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to domestic violence, third offense, and resisting and obstructing a police officer Oct. 9 in Vassar Township. He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Susanne M. Plain, 42, Akron, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 90

days in jail, with work release, for her plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, June 28 in Almer Township.

A suspension and restrictions were placed on Plain's driver's license. She was ordered to pay \$610 in costs and fines.

•Ozie Swinton, 41, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) March 11 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued and sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 5.

•Push the snow. Don't lift. If you must lift, use your legs not your back.

•Drink during breaks to avoid dehydration. Breathing cold dry air robs moisture from your body with every breath.

•Take heavy, deep snow in 2 stages. Skim off the top first.

•Never throw over your

shoulder. Twisting can strain the back. Face the snow being shoveled, keep your back straight and knees bent and throw in front of you.

•Dress warmly in layers with a hat. Cover your neck.

•Take smaller scoops of snow, keeping them light and small.

•Don't work up a sweat. Bodies lose heat faster in damp clothes, which makes you more prone to injury. Take a break if you're beginning to sweat.

* Don't smoke or eat a heavy meal before shoveling. It's harder on the heart.

* Don't hold your breath; this makes your heart rate and blood pressure rise.

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'98 Michigan crops fared better than expected

Michigan crops in 1998 fared better than expected for an unusually dry growing season, according to the Jerald/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. The north and central areas fared the most from the lack of moisture while some of the southern most tier of counties had ideal moisture conditions. Some highlights of the 1998 Crop Production Summary are as follows:

The Michigan corn for grain yield, at 111 bushels per acre, was down 6 bushels from the 1994 and 1997 crops but is up one bushel from the 1997 output. Silage production was 228 million bushels, 11 percent above the 1997 output. Soybean yield was down 2 tons a year to 12.5 tons per acre.

Planting of corn was ahead of the average schedule throughout May and was virtually complete by June 1.

Above normal temperatures spurred emergence. Above average growing degree days in June and July brought rapid development, but near drought conditions occurred in July and August. The weather in October and November was excellent for harvesting, and the warm, dry fall reduced drying expenses.

Soybean yield was up a half bushel from both the previous forecast and last year. Despite an unusually dry summer over the northern and central areas of the state, the soybean crop did better than expected. The crop also benefited from ideal fall harvest and drying weather. Production, at 73.7 million bushels, topped the record set in 1997 by 3 percent.

Michigan's sugar beet yield, at 16 tons per acre was down .5 tons from the previous forecast. The sugar beet crop got off to an early start

with the dry, mild spring. Dry weather throughout the summer and early fall reduced the yield potential.

Dry bean production in the state was unchanged from the December report at 4.4 million cwt., 10 percent below 1997. Dry bean planting proceeded on schedule with dry soil conditions. Dry weather persisted throughout the growing season with Gratiot County most severely affected. Harvest was nearly complete by Oct. 1, the earliest on record. Yield results were mixed.

All hay production in Michigan continued a 3-year decline to 3.6 million tons, down 5 percent from last year and the lowest output since 1978. Harvest began early in April and May with above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. The very dry weather continued throughout the summer in the central and northern areas of the state reducing the number of subsequent cuttings. New seedings of alfalfa totaled 95,000 acres during 1998.

Michigan's potato production was up 3 percent from last year to 14.7 million cwt., with yield increasing to 310 cwt.

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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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on February 12, 1999. Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: A piece of land commencing at a point on the East boundary of Pine Street, said point being 12 rods South of the South boundary line of Kingsbury Alley; thence East to a point 22 1/2 feet West of Alder Creek Drain; thence South 4 rods; thence West to East boundary line of Pine Street; thence North to the place of beginning. The same being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, Parcel B: The West 60 feet of the North 5 feet of those premises described as, commencing 100 feet North of State Street and the East line of Pine Street; running thence North 4 rods, thence East to a point 22 1/2 feet West of Alder Creek drain; thence South 4 rods; thence West to point of beginning; the same being part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 11 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(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 23, 1998
Norwest Mortgage, Inc.

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202
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File # 981211887
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert W. SCHULTZ and Helen C. SCHULTZ, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Standard Federal Bank, f/k/a Heritage Federal Savings Bank, Mortgage, dated July 2, 1993, and recorded on July 6, 1993 in Liber 643, on Page 821-826, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND 97/100 dollars (\$44,400.97), including interest at 7.125 % per annum.

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

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

Parcel 1 - Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 29 which is East along said South line, 493.40 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 29, thence continuing East along said South line, 200.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds East, 1346.49 feet to the South 1/8 line as occupied by Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 37 seconds West along said South 1/8 line as occupied, 690.54 feet; to the North-South 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 16 seconds West along said North-South 1/4 line, 197.23 feet; thence East, parallel with the South line of Section 29, 520.97 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West, 856.80 feet; thence West parallel with the South line of Section, 30.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West, 300.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Russell Lane an unmarried individual (original mortgagor) to Mutual Savings Bank, FSB, Mortgage, dated February 8, 1996, and recorded on February 8, 1996 in Liber 685, on Page 1167, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIVE THOUSAND SEVENTY-TWO AND 63/100 dollars (\$5,072.63), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

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

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

The redemption period shall be 6 month(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: January 20, 1999
Mutual Savings Bank, FSB

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202
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Attorneys for Mutual Savings Bank, FSB
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990100051
1-20-5

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.

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

Parcel 1 - Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 29 which is East along said South line, 493.40 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 29, thence continuing East along said South line, 200.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds East, 1346.49 feet to the South 1/8 line as occupied by Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 37 seconds West along said South 1/8 line as occupied, 690.54 feet; to the North-South 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 16 seconds West along said North-South 1/4 line, 197.23 feet; thence East, parallel with the South line of Section 29, 520.97 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West, 856.80 feet; thence West parallel with the South line of Section, 30.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West, 300.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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Dated: December 23, 1998
Standard Federal Bank

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SPECIAL MEETING of the Evergreen Township Board **January 28, 1999 7:30 p.m.** Evergreen Township Hall 5-1-20-2

NEW LOCATION, No Smoking Bingo - Every Sunday at new Knights of Columbus hall, 6106 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. Doors open 5:00 p.m., games start at 5:30. Phone 872-5588 Knights of Columbus Council No. 8892. 5-9-30-tf

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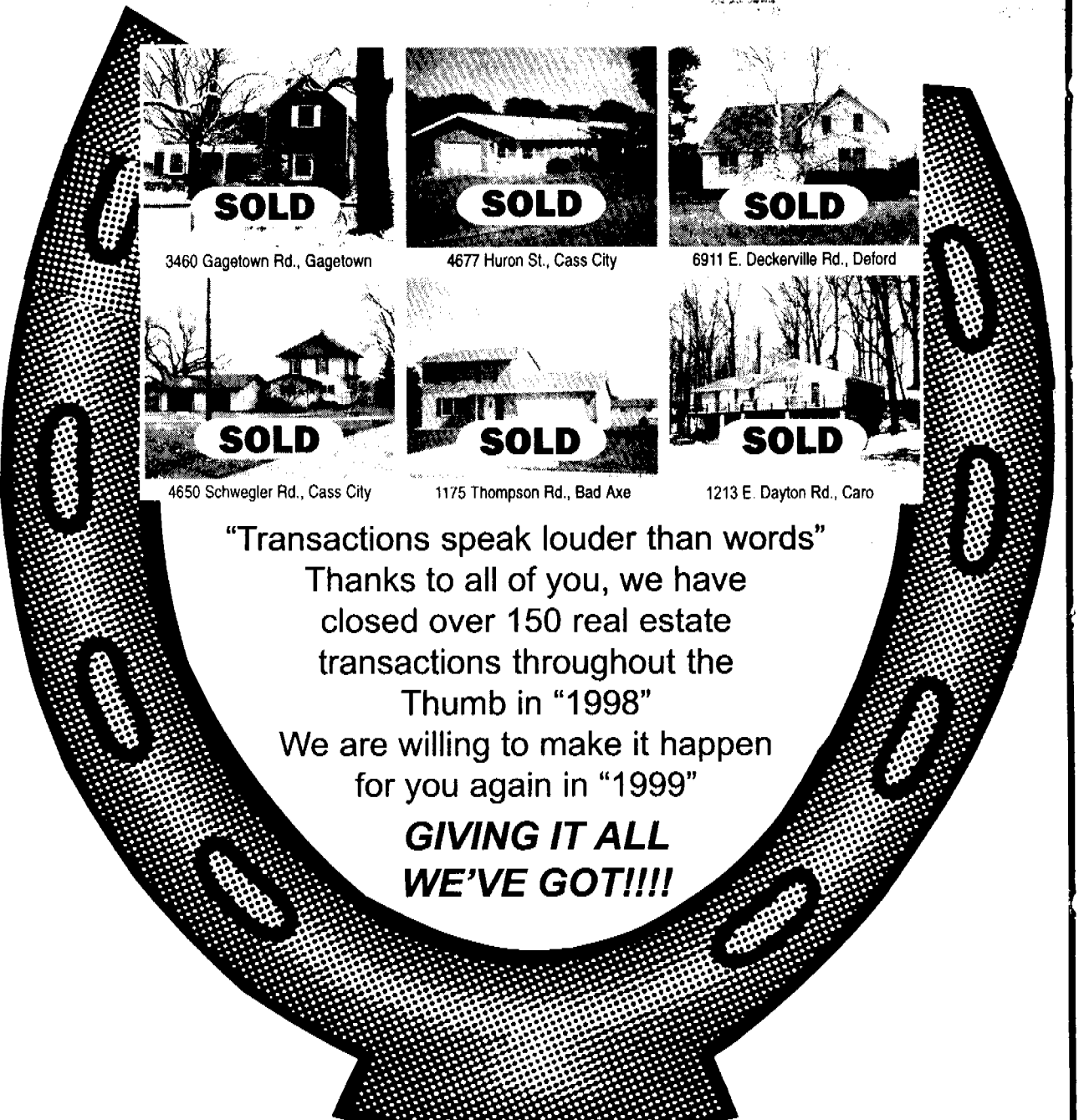
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The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

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Home Care Service Team/Organization Liaison
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
 One Renaissance Boulevard
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The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time and place of the meeting.

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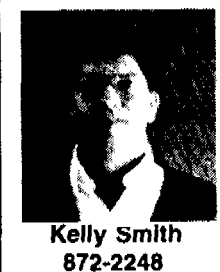
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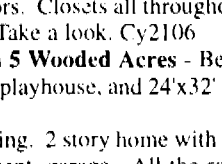
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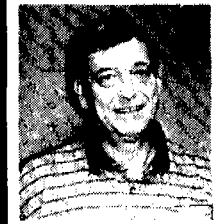


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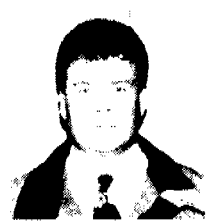
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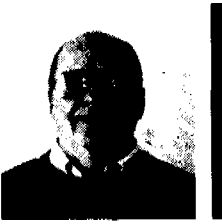
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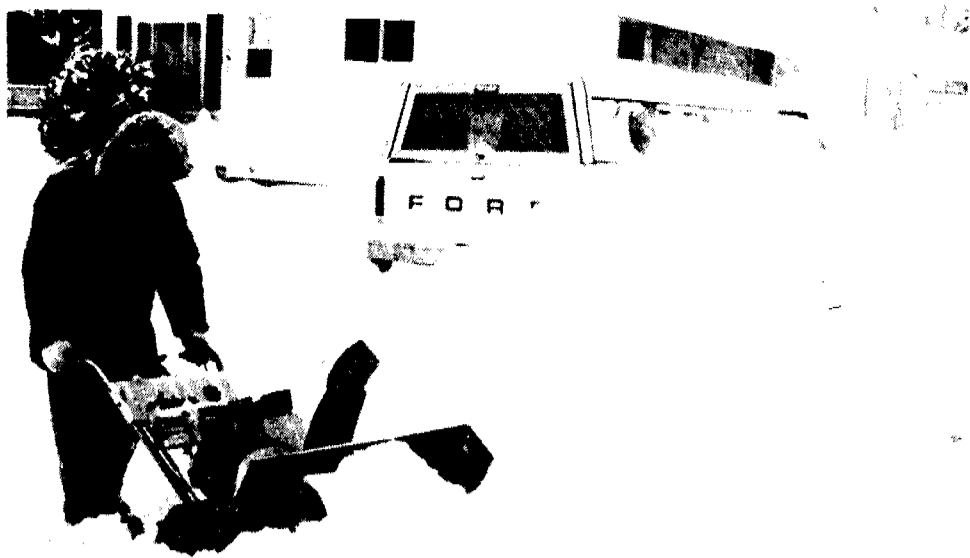
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DIGGING OUT... . . again. Joe Steadman, Cass City, was among countless Thumb residents who were busy moving snow last Wednesday morning after yet another blast of winter. Steadman was digging out a neighbor on Pine Street (above) following the storm, which dumped 6.5 inches of the white stuff locally, closing several area schools.

Time to order...

Trees, shrubs available

It's time to place your tree order with the Tuscola Soil Conservation District Office, 1075 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Seedlings that are available are white pine, red pine, scotch pine, Austrian Pine, white spruce, Norway spruce, Colorado blue spruce, Douglas fir and red oak and Carolina poplar. Autumn olive, honeysuckle, silky dogwood, red osier dogwood, roselow crab and elderberry are shrubs that are available.

The district is offering Norway spruce and Colorado blue spruce, 4-year-old super husky transplants, for windbreaks. White cedar transplants, 9-15 inches, will also be available.

The pine and spruce seedlings and shrubs come in bundles of 50 and the red oak, Carolina poplar and transplants come in bundles of 10. The trees and shrubs may be used for reforestation, windbreaks, restocking woodlots, erosion control,

Christmas trees and wildlife cover.

Plant an outside row of Carolina poplar 10 feet apart for a fast growing windbreak. They will grow as much as 5 feet in a year if the grass competition is kept under control. It is a disease resistant hybrid that has a life ex-

pectancy of 40 to 60 years and reaches a height of 50 to 60 feet. Then plant several rows of pines or spruce with an inside row of shrubs for a farmstead windbreak.

Place your order today at the Tuscola SCD office or phone 517-673-8174.

Keep gas meters, pipes clear of snow

Semco Energy Gas Company reminds customers and contractors to avoid piling heavy snow onto gas meters and pipes when clearing downfalls.

The added weight of snow shoveled or blown onto meters and pipes can cause stress which can possibly lead to leaks. Also, in an emergency, quick access to

a shutoff valve could be hampered by built-up snow and ice.

Customers with new, high efficiency gas furnaces and direct-vent water heaters also are reminded that these appliances are vented through the side of the house, not through the chimney. These vents and surrounding areas also should be kept free of snow and debris.



THE TOP 5 FINISHERS from the Knights of Columbus annual spelling bee held at the Cass City Middle School have qualified for the Saginaw Diocese Spelling Bee. The 5th & 6th grade division winners are: (front l-r) Jessica Chappel, Samantha Glaspie, Rose Krug, Jesse Rader and Angela Stoeckle. The 7th & 8th grade division winners are: (back l-r) Laura Auten, Raven Clemens, Brooke Marks, Michael Wark and Kayla Yax.

Dr. Shawbitz dies

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day (Wednesday) from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Shawbitz will lie in state at the church Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of Mass.

There will be a prayer service at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Academy of Ophthalmology Educational Trust Fund or the Shawbitz Children's Educational Trust Fund.



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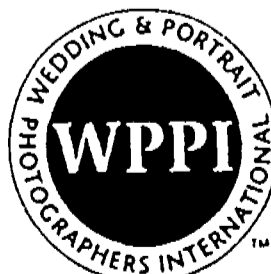
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