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## Area schools not banking on more snow-excused days

It's almost certain that Senator Christopher Dingell's, (D-Trenton) attempt to increase the number of snow-excused school days this year from 2 to 7 will not find support from parents with children from area schools.

That's because contracts at Cass City, Owen-Gage and Kingston do not require that the teachers be paid for the extra days required to meet the 182 instruction days required by the state.

Gov. John Engler doesn't buy into extending the additional snow days and is opposed to any change.

Dingell feels that there are 2 good reasons for the additional days. First, it would require students to be in school into late June and interfere with families' vacation plans.

The second is that in Detroit, teachers are paid for the make-up days and each day costs roughly \$700,000 in the district.

The governor is quoted in the Detroit News as saying, "I'm not a proponent of extending the number of snow days to protect a school's spring break."

In Cass City, school has been dismissed for 4 snow days, leaving 2 to be made up. Supt. Ken Micklash said that plans now are to make them up at the end of the school year. School was scheduled to be out on Wednesday, June 2, and if more days aren't needed, students will still be out of school by the weekend.

If we get a lot more snow days, Micklash said, then we might have to take another look at it.

At Kingston, students now face 3 additional make-up days, Supt. George Goodchild said. School has had 4 snow days and was closed an additional day because of the tragic car accident that claimed 2 students. School was to have been

completed June 2 and the extra 3 days will require students to spend a day in school in the second week of June.

Owen-Gage has closed school for 3 days because of snow, leaving one to be made up. Plans now call for that day to be made up on Feb. 15, President's Day, in which school was not scheduled.

Owen-Gage's last day of school is scheduled June 4. Supt. Manuel Thies said that if more snow days are necessary, he would talk about when the days will be made up with the teaching staff.

If we do not reach consensus, Thies added, the final decision rests with the school board.

## Parent voices complaint

# Board reviews athletics

A review of the current athletic program at Cass City High School by Athletic Director Russ Bieffer and a complaint about communication between the school and parents in discipline problems highlighted a quiet meeting of the Cass City School Board Monday evening at the high school.

The complaint was voiced by Joyce Polega after her daughter was not eligible for

volleyball participation last semester because of grades.

This semester, if the daughter's current grades are satisfactory, she will be able to participate with the volleyball team. Her mother's complaint was that she was unable to get a satisfactory answer to the date her daughter would be eligible.

Bieffer explained that because of snow days, the date the current semester ends

was set back and that if the student's grades are satisfactory she will now be able to play.

What Polega asked of the board was that the terms of the suspension be spelled out in writing with copies to the parents and the coaches. Board President Randy Severance said that the matter would be investigated, but no action was taken.

Bieffer outlined the athletic programs in the high school, saying that in the fall and winter terms a total of 237 students, 46 percent of the student body, participated in athletics and that there are 216 competitive contests held.

He noted that Cass City is one of 6 schools in the Greater Thumb League that use 2 gyms for basketball games, with the freshman games in the middle school and varsity and junior varsity in the high school gym.

That enables games to end earlier.

One drawback outlined by board members is that fans wishing to attend the freshman and the varsity game sometimes arrive at the var-

sity game after it is in progress. The school will test allowing 20 minutes between games instead of 15 to solve the problem.

Bieffer outlined the school's entry into soccer competition next year for boys and girls. Eight games are scheduled. The following year the teams will join league competition.

## BOARD HONORED

January is school board recognition month and 7 students attended to thank board members for their contributions to the school. The members were presented with a plaque honoring their service and with a "Red Hawk" seat cushion. Binders were given each member from the Tuscola County School Board Association.

Supt. Ken Micklash reported that the school was testing 2 cell phones for use on school buses on trips.

The phones have a wider range than the 2-way radios now in use. While there is no intention of changing the entire fleet to cell phone, they will be installed as current Please turn to back page.

## Face-lift on tap for Main Street

Cass City's Main Street will be on the receiving end of a face-lift next summer, courtesy of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The Cass City Village Council Monday briefly discussed MDOT's plan to resurface the 5-lane section of highway that stretches a little over one mile in length between the village's east and west limits.

The project, estimated at \$311,000, will be funded largely by MDOT's Capital Preventive Maintenance Fund, according to Village Manager Jane Downing. She explained the fund targets roads in decent shape that state officials believe would benefit from maintenance-type improvements.

In the case of Main Street, the work will involve removing and milling 1 1/2 inches of asphalt and then repaving the roadway.

The village's share of the project is expected to total about \$15,500.

Although the general look of Main Street will remain the same after the project, village officials plan to make a few changes in terms of striping the lanes.

"The actual roadbed itself will not be smaller or larger," Downing said. "There will be parking everywhere there is parking now, only it will be striped — it (parking) will be designated."

Also under consideration is a turn lane in front of the McDonald's restaurant. "We're also looking at options at Doerr Road," Downing added.

Construction is slated to get underway Aug. 2, with completion in 16 days.

## NEW ORDINANCES

Turning to other matters, the council approved a pair of ordinances that establish

the posts of village clerk and treasurer as administrative offices, making both appointed rather than elected positions.

Also adopted were a pair of resolutions accepting longtime Clerk-Treasurer Joyce A. Bemus' resignations from both posts, and simultaneously approving her appointment to both posts as recommended by the village

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## Fire leaves area family homeless

A Snover area family needs a helping hand after fire destroyed their home.

Dennis and Rebecca Girdaukas lost their home at 4660 Germania Rd. Monday morning when flames swept through the residence. The couple were not insured.

Dennis had gone to work and Rebecca had sent the couple's 6-year-old daughter, Heidi, to school, according to reports, which state Rebecca lay down and awoke to a popping sound coming from the ceiling. She ran through the flames to escape the family's mobile home. The family lost all of their possessions, including Heidi's cat, fish and Christmas toys.

Eve Elliott, Thumb area director of the American Red Cross, said they need clothing and furniture. It would also be nice to present a kitten to Heidi, who attends Snover Elementary School, she said.

According to family members, Dennis had just gone back to work after 3 years of physical therapy from an industrial accident. Rebecca works part-time in Cass City. Elliott said Betty Girdaukas is accepting donations for the family. She can be reached at (517) 872-5229.

## Cass City man faces 10-22 years in prison

A Cass City man was sentenced to prison Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court for his pleas of guilty to incidents of criminal sexual conduct.

Michael A. Brooks, 27, Cass City, was sentenced to 10 to 22 1/2 years in prison. The court also recommended that he receive mental health treatment.

Brooks pleaded guilty last month to 2 counts of second

degree criminal sexual conduct in 1991, 1994, 1995 and/or 1996 in Ellington Township, and one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct in the summer/fall of 1992 in Elkland Township.

All 3 counts involved a victim under the age of 13 years, according to court records, which state Brooks also pleaded guilty to having one prior felony conviction.

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## No debate

# Cass City's Oesch best J.V. debater in state

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

If there was ever a question about Cass City's growing reputation as a power in high school debate competition in 1998, chances are good there won't be any doubt in 1999.

The Red Hawks finished among the top 6 schools at the first-ever state junior varsity tournament, held Friday and Saturday in Utica, and senior Becky Oesch was named the best individual speaker among all competitors in classes A, B, C and D.

The outstanding performance followed another: Cass City's varsity team, competing for the first time in Class B, captured the state varsity district title earlier this month at Central Michigan University.

Cass City Debate Coach Chad Daniels was all smiles Monday as he talked about his debaters' performance over the weekend in Utica.

The junior varsity squad of Oesch and standout sophomores Manisha Raythatha and Anand Raythatha broke into the district quarterfinals

before falling to Class A Birmingham Groves High School. Not bad, Daniels said, considering the tournament featured 32 schools in all classes.

The highlight, however, was Oesch's individual effort. The senior earned the title of best individual speaker in the state, not to mention a standing ovation.

"It's such a big thing," Daniels said, "and it was a landslide first-place finish — she (Oesch) just blew away everyone that came close to her."

Oesch, along with seniors Rose Hoelzle and Brenda Duquesnay and junior Kristy Ryan, made up the Cass City varsity squad that won the state district tourney earlier this month (Oesch was eligible to compete at both the J.V. and varsity levels because she has fewer than 3 years of debate experience).

The Red Hawks finished with a 5-1 record during the tournament. "It turned a lot of heads," Daniels said of the Please turn to back page.



THERE'S A NEW game (player) in town, and his name is Cliff Bemus. Bemus (above), who is new to the Cass City area, is interested in forming a local chess club.

(See story, page 5)

## 2-vehicle crash

# Drivers injured Monday

Motorists from Caro and Owendale suffered injuries in a 2-vehicle accident Monday morning about 5 miles west of Cass City.

The crash, reported at 6:25 a.m., occurred on M-81 near Green Road. Witnesses told Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies that an eastbound vehicle driven by Heather M. Langlois, 25, Caro, dropped off the snow-covered roadway, causing the driver to lose control. The Langlois vehicle entered the westbound lane and collided with a car driven by Glen E. Chandler, 47, Owendale.

Langlois and Chandler were wearing seat belts, according to deputies, who said both drivers were transported by MMR personnel to Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City.

Langlois was admitted, however, hospital officials declined to give any information regarding her condition. Chandler was treated and then released.

## DRIVER HURT

A Vassar resident suffered minor injuries in a one-vehicle accident in southeastern Novesta Township Jan.

19. Deputies reported Laniese M. Davis, 19, Vassar, was eastbound on Deckerville Road, east of Crawford Road, at 8:50 a.m. when she lost control on a patch of ice.

The Davis car left the roadway and entered a snow-filled ditch, causing the vehicle to flip over.

A passenger in the vehicle, Angelique L. Davis, one, Vassar, was not injured. Reports state both occupants were wearing seat belts.

Deputies cited the motorist for driving with a suspended license and traveling too fast for conditions.



CASS CITY High School senior Becky Oesch earned top individual speaker honors at the first-ever state junior varsity debate tournament held Friday and Saturday in Utica. Oesch is pictured above with Cass City Debate Coach Chad Daniels, who was recently elected chairman of the state debate committee and co-chairman of the state debate seeding committee.

Engaged



Crystal Collins  
& Eric Hayes

Crystal Collins and Eric Hayes announce their engagement.

Crystal is the daughter of Cliff and Carol Collins of Kingston. She is a 1997 graduate of Deford Christian Academy and is working there as a teacher's aide.

Eric is the son of Charles and Lucy Hayes of Cass City. He is a 1997 graduate of Deford Christian Academy and is working at Collins Service in Kingston.

The wedding is set for Dec. 11, at the Deford Community Church.

Cass City  
Social Items

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George and Beverly Frank, Marion McClorey and Mary Damm visited Dick and Linda Barron and Beatrice Cellner in Shelby Township, Saturday.

Onalee Crawford returned home Tuesday, Jan. 19, from Pensacola, Fla., where she had spent 2 months with her son and family, Patrick and Chris Crawford, Tyler and Nicole.

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.

FEB. 1-2-5

**Monday** - Lasagna, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, Italian bread, sliced peaches.

**Tuesday** - Pork chop suey w/rice, wax beans, baby carrots, dinner roll, strawberries & pear cup.

**Friday** - Chicken breast, baked potato w/sour cream, peas & carrots, French bread, jello.

Bickel  
'Student  
of Month'

Cara Bickel has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' senior "Student of the Month" for January.

Bickel is currently a member of the National Honor Society, the French Club, the 3.0/Honor Roll Club and the Yearbook/Newspaper Staff at Owen-Gage.



Cara Bickel

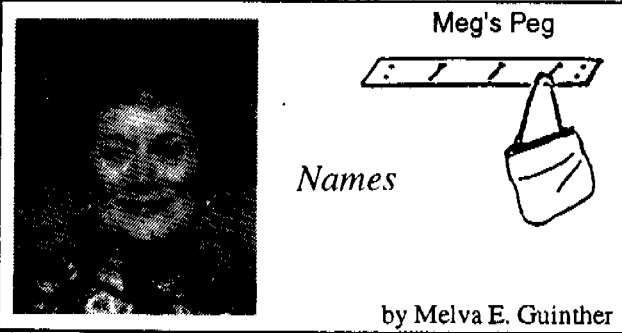
She has also been chosen as a "focus Student of the Month" during previous high school years. She has participated in basketball during high school and also formerly served as secretary of her class and of the National Honor Society.

Bickel is the daughter of Nathan and Anne Bickel of Gagetown. Her future plans are to attend college and major in speech pathology and/or psychology.

Huron  
picnic  
Feb. 20

The 39th Annual Huron County Picnic will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at Sun-n-Fun Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road in Sarasota, Fla. Use Exit 39 off I-75, then one mile east.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Woodland Hall. A buffet potluck will be held at noon with everyone asked to bring their own table service and a dish to pass. A \$2 fee will be collected at the door to cover expenses.



by Melva E. Guinther

The latest newsletter from Rawson Memorial Library included a biographical sketch of statesman Lewis Cass, with a great deal of information about his accomplishments that I didn't know. Cass City and the Cass River were, of course, named for the former Michigan governor.

As far as town names are concerned, Cass City is pretty mundane, unlike Bad Axe, Paw Paw or Wetmore, Michigan. You have to wonder how those names came about. Does anybody know the real tale behind "Bad Axe"?

When Elkton, our neighbor to the north, celebrated its centennial, a brochure advertising the special event included several theories explaining how the village came to be called Elkton.

They all have to do with elk, naturally, some weighing a ton. My personal favorite involved an elk tangled up in "Mrs. McGillvray's clothesline."

It's fascinating to learn, or try to guess, how communities got their names.

One that always intrigued me was Rescue. How do you suppose that name came about?

For those who haven't been around the area long, Rescue was a community north of Cass City and the Chronicle once had a correspondent who faithfully reported the Rescue News.

It's not even a wide spot in the road now, but I've always

suspected there was an interesting story behind the settlement's name.

Country Magazine often prints items about how various cities were named. Some of them are quite unique.

The February/March issue tells about Lebam, Wash., which is the name of the sawmill owner's wife spelled backwards.

The settlement at Hogseye, Ark., had often been described as "no bigger than a hog's eye", hence the name. North Carolina's Why Not was the result of frustration with the whole process of coming up with a title, according to Country.

Unfortunately, just when I wanted to quote a few others, I remembered that we donated all our old copies to the library magazine sale. So if you're interested, you'll have to pick them up there. (It takes place Feb. 10-13.)

Some of the towns I'd like to hear about are Ho Ho Kus, New Jersey; Gas, and Friend, Kansas; Ordinary, Hustle and Amisville, Virginia, and Money, Mississippi.

Kentucky may take the prize for the state with the most towns with unusual names. There's a

Shoulderblade, Jamboree, Rowdy and Turkey, not to mention Bailey's Switch, Fancy Farm, Mousie, Relief, Thousandsticks, Ogle, Lucky Stop and Beaver Bottom. (Now that's intriguing.)

The Blue Grass State also boasts a Hi Hat, Raccoon, Halo, Soldier, Dice, Beauty, Gimlet and Premium, or you can visit Decoy, Bimble, Cranks or Quicksand in Kentucky.

The stories behind town names may not be nearly as fascinating as one might imagine, but I like to think the founding fathers had a sense of humor and a twinkle in their eyes when they came up with some of them.



Thomas Edwin McVay and Anna Angiline Smith, both of Millington.

Christopher Earl McGillen, Bay City, and Ranae Christine Elie, Caro.

Robert Paul Eidson and Laura Lee Lewis, both of Millington.



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his audiences around the world.

The public is invited to hear this celebration of piano praise free of charge. A nursery will be provided. For more information, please call 872-3658.

Following the concert, the church will hold an afterglow with snacks and a large-scale projection of the Super Bowl game.

It's  
a  
boy!

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis John Steely announce the birth of their son, Aaron John Steely. He was born at home Jan. 7, at 4:16 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Aaron has 3 sisters, Kristin, Jessica and Sarah.

Grandparents are Lorraine Steely and the late Joe Steely and Ruth (Zmierski) Harris and the late John Zmierski. Great-grandmother is Delia LaChapelle of East Pointe.

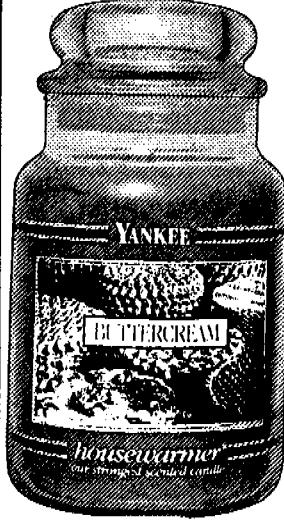
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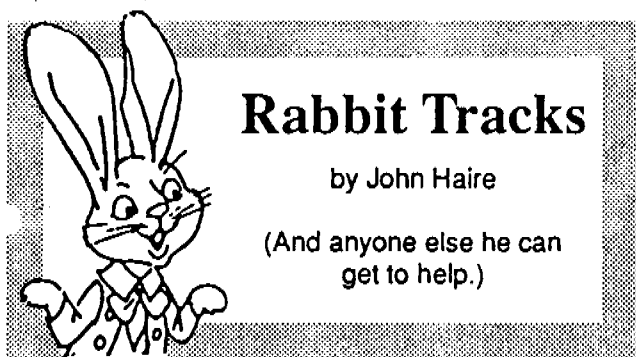
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Believe me, it's hard enough to write a column and when you do it and it never appears in print, it's to say the least frustrating.

Last week Amanda Chappel, the Chronicle's talented Cass City Schools' writer, punched out her regular column on a disc and submitted it to the office, where it promptly disappeared.

That's about as frustrating as it gets in this business. We have this week's column, Amanda, honest.

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We were called to task by Chip Birch of the Tuscola County Advertiser when I talked about Josh Asselin of Caro being the only full-time regular from the Upper Thumb on a Big 10 team. How about Lemire at U of M? he asked. 'To be correct, I should have said boys' basketball, of course.

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This should be a downer for all of us who really appreciate living in Michigan and like Michigan weather with its change of seasons, like I do. From the University of Michigan come these disturbing facts:

Michigan is one of the unhealthiest states in the union. Only 7 states have a higher percentage of obese adults and only 6 have more smokers per capita. The state has above-average rates of heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and infant mortality. We are below average for the percentage of children who are immunized.

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Like most mid-Michigan folks, I have eaten in Bill Knapp Restaurants many times over the years. Visited the one on Wilder Road Sunday and ordered salmon dinner with clam chowder and the firm's renowned au gratin potatoes. Total cost \$7.99.

It surprised me. The salmon was as good as salmon that I have had at other restaurants that cost twice as much. Rate it an 8 on the one-10 scale.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	33	15	0
Wednesday	40	20	0
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**AREA FAMILIES WHO would like to participate in Rawson Memorial Library's "Read Around the House" program may sign up through Feb. 6. Above, the Van Auken family of Cass City — Kate and Joe and their children, Robert, 6, and Audrey, 3, — register for the reading program.**

## Patrol car damaged in crash

One of the Cass City Police Department's new patrol cars spent some time in the shop following a recent accident in the village.

According to reports, Officer Michael Anderson was northbound on Oak Street near Church Street Jan. 15 at about 3 p.m. when his car was struck by a westbound vehicle driven by Maynard F. Jacot, 91, Caro.

Reports state Jacot's car rolled through the intersection, hitting the patrol car broadside. Jacot stated his foot slipped off the brake pedal as he approached the stop sign.

No one was hurt, and both vehicles were driven away after the mishap.

## Police arrest driver

Cass City police arrested an Ubyli motorist on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Friday night.

Reports state officers stopped a van driven by Thomas P. Grifka, 34, Ubyli, near the intersection of Seeger Street and Chestnut Boulevard at about 11:50 p.m. Grifka was also cited for speeding and transporting an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle.

In other recent reports, village police received a pair of property damage complaints.

Heather Lowman, Deford, reported someone dented her car and damaged the windshield while the vehicle was parked at Cass City High School Jan. 15.

Jason Williams, Cass City, reported the right rear window of his car was broken out Jan. 16 or 17 while the vehicle was parked at his Woodland Avenue residence.

The 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, one of 2 purchased by the village in December at a cost of \$20,789 each, sustained

about \$2,600 in damage.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, who investigated the accident, cited Jacot for failure to yield.

The  
Haire  
Net



It's sure that never has a misdemeanor case received the national attention that has been given to the trial of Timothy Joseph Boomer, 24, of Roseville.

Boomer was charged for cussing on the Rifle River, which violates a 101-year-old law that prohibits obscenity or profanity within earshot of women and children.

Ordinarily, a person ticketed as Boomer was pays the ticket as the easy way out rather than enduring the hassle of spending time in court. The assistant Arenac prosecutor is reported as saying people usually go in and pay the ticket and that's the end of it.

Boomer enlisted the aid of the American Civil Liberties Union and pleaded that the law was unconstitutional because it violated free speech. The defense was seeking a motion to dismiss the case in court Monday.

The judge has delayed ruling on the motion.

When that happened, the little town of Standish suddenly became the focus of media nation-wide. The Standish newspaper, Arenac County Independent, reports:

Both parties have been on the national TV show, NBC Dateline.

Appearances and interviews were made on live radio talk shows in California, Florida, Toronto, Quebec and others.

A correspondent from the Los Angeles Times was in Standish to get comments for a story.

A probate judge reported that court TV planned to film the hearing Monday.

Earlier stories about the case said that Boomer had been dunked from a canoe and was swearing at his friends. No report that I have read said that the arresting officer had asked Boomer to cease and desist before issuing the ticket.

It's one thing if he was swearing good-naturally at his buddies for being dunked, was overheard by people on the river and ticketed without a chance to quit when approached by the cop.

If he defied the cop and went on swearing before the ticket was issued, that's another.

Boomer is claiming that the



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## The back forty

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by Roger Pond

This has been a tough year for weather forecasters. Even when their forecast is correct it's always for the wrong part of the country.

Just this morning, I was starting to write about the nice winter we've been having when I got a call from a friend who is coping with 40 inches of snow and zero temperatures. The snow is so deep his tractor can't move, and his cows haven't seen hay since the day before yesterday.

That's the main thing about the weather. It's always bad somewhere. By the time you read this, it will probably be bad here, too.

My favorite activity this time of year is predicting the arrival of spring. This week I told my wife, "I heard my first tree frog last night. Looks like we're going to have an early spring."

"You'd better go back to bed," she says. "You say that every year and there's always plenty of winter left."

"Well, I heard a frog and frogs don't lie," I counter. "A frog may freeze, but he doesn't know how to lie."

Some folks get excited about Groundhog Day, Puxatawney Phil, and all that shadow nonsense; but there's no better predictor of spring than a frog, as far as I'm concerned.

The last time I heard a frog croak this early was back in '91. He was still around the next day, frozen stiffer than a board.

That's why frogs are better predictors than groundhogs and weathermen. The amphibian can't go on to another career.

When a frog comes out of hibernation, he doesn't care if he sees his shadow or not. That's not why he came out.

A frog doesn't say, "We might have 6 more weeks of winter, or then again, we might not." The frog says, "This had better be spring or I'm at the wrong party!"

Puxatawney Phil doesn't even come out of his burrow

on Groundhog Day. Every year he gets dragged out by a bunch of newscasters and some local characters with funny looking hats.

The poor old groundhog squints at the sun a couple of times and falls back into his burrow. Come on, Phil! Get a life!

That groundhog reminds me of the weather forecasters we see on television. All they ever do is squint at the camera.

This stuff about 6 more weeks of winter is a bunch of baloney, too. Everybody knows we'll have 6 more weeks of winter. The question is "How cold is it going to be?"

Last week I put some her- ring and other fishy items in

salt water to begin a pickling process. (I'm not going to eat it. It's for fish bait.)

I put the container on the porch so it will stay cool, and this morning I found 2 brown beetles in my fish bait. They look like the critters we used to call "June bugs".

That's the best sign of spring as far as I'm concerned. Forget about your groundhogs, frogs and beetles.

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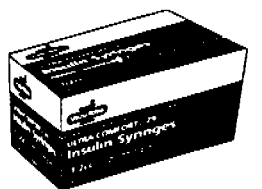
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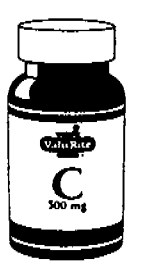
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## CHAPPEL'S CORNER

by Amanda Chappel

### Youth For Christ



Local students are helping Youth For Christ spread God's word and are having an incredible time doing it. Youth For Christ has existed in many of our neighboring towns. This year Cass City finally got a piece of YFC's action.

Youth For Christ is a program that gives kids the opportunity to mission, sing and praise God not only in our area but all over the country. They offer many different activities to students. Kids can share in fantastic Christian fellowship while reaching out and helping the community.

Every Monday night kids meet at the Cass City United Methodist Church for what is called Club Extreme. It begins every Monday at 7:24 (that stands for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, living for God). Kids can play wacky games, sing praises and listen to different Christian speakers.

One Monday the kids were divided into small groups and sent out into the community with only a piece of gum. The game was called "Bigger and Better." They had to go door to door trading the piece of gum for something bigger and better. By the end of the game groups came back to the church with bicycles and toys. Youth for Christ then took all of the many items collected and distributed them to needy children during the holidays.

#### CLUB EXTREME

Club Extreme has grown very popular with the high school students. Club Extreme will soon be switching locations from the Cass City United Methodist Church to the old funeral home.

Every Wednesday at lunch students meet in the speech room at the high school to share in Christian fellowship at Bible Study. This activity has been going on for years.

Every year a few people take charge and organize different speakers to come in to speak to students while they eat their lunches.

In the past few years Bible Study has become very popular, leaving only a few extra chairs to spare. This year many students have taken turns speaking and

sharing. Many local pastors have also joined this group to share special messages. This is a great time during the week for local Youth For Christ leader, Jeff Bader, to tell students of upcoming YFC events and activities.

Sophomore Randy Diebel said, "I feel that since Youth For Christ has come to Cass City the Wednesday Bible studies have improved and there is a lot more student involvement. It is showing the school that being a Christian is a lot of fun."

One of the many different Youth For Christ activities is called "Acquire the Fire." This takes place every year in the spring. This year it is April 23-25. This event sounds like a lot of fun!

Carrie is a senior in high school. She participates in varsity volleyball, track and band. She is always a familiar face at Wednesday Bible studies and Club Extreme. Carrie had the opportunity to attend Acquire the Fire her freshman year. That year it was at the Breslin Center in Lansing.

"It was like a 2 day church service full of testimonies, songs, praise and fun!" said Carrie. There was also a Christian rock concert featuring the Newsboys, a popular Christian group. "It was neat to see thousands of Christians in one place at the same time," said Carrie.

Wow, that does sound like a great time.

Youth For Christ offers a fantastic 10-day trip to Florida during spring break. Kids get a chance to mission and spread God's word as well as enjoy many sites such as Disney World. Hundreds of area teens take part in this fun filled event every year.

#### CORNERSTONE

Cornerstone is another program offered by the local YFC. Cornerstone is a singing group of area teens who travel to spread God's message. Students from many local schools such as E.P.B. Lakers and Caseville participate. Four participants are from Cass City, Tara Bryant, Kandance Hansen, Dave Hobbs and myself. Cornerstone has traveled to Ohio for many concerts already in their current season. They have also entertained at churches in Elkton, Pigeon,

Caseville and Cass City almost every weekend of this school year, keeping them very busy.

Their concerts last about 45 minutes. There are numerous solos and skits. This group has a 40-member choir as well as a rocking band to accompany them. These teens work hard and it is definitely paying off. They sound super and attending their concerts is a terrific time.

First year cornerstone member Tara Bryant is a freshman at Cass City High School. She participates in band, choir, JV basketball cheerleading and softball. Tara attends the Living Word Worship Center in Cass City. Some friends asked her to get involved and sing in Cornerstone and she gladly agreed.

"Anyone who gets the chance to join Cornerstone in the future should definitely do it. It's awesome!" she said. Her favorite part of Cornerstone is getting to perform in front of people. "It's great to show everyone that we are all on fire for God," said Tara.

Two year Cornerstone member Dave Hobbs is singing and having a great time doing it. Dave loves to ski and he participates in varsity basketball, golf, and band. Wednesdays you can find Dave leading praise and worship at high school Bible Study. He attends the Evangelical Free Church, where he saw Cornerstone perform for the first time.

"After I heard what they had to share I decided that I had to be a part of the group," he said. Ever since that concert he has been a member. Dave is a very talented musician. He plays guitar, drums, and sings for Cornerstone. "The Christian fellowship is great! It is nice to see other high school students take a stand for God," said Dave.

Cornerstone will be traveling to Cass City Jan. 31. They will be performing at the 8 o'clock and 11 o'clock services at the Cass City United Methodist Church. This would not only be a great opportunity to see this fantastic group right here in Cass City, but you also would have the chance to get inside the beautiful, new Methodist church. There is no admission charge. Just bring your family or a few friends and come support some of your local teens and enjoy some super music.

## Parsell enjoying chamber internship

Folks who do business with the Cass City Chamber of Commerce probably wouldn't recognize Shawn Parsell, but the Caro native has had a hand in organizing the services offered by the local chamber in recent weeks.

Parsell, 21, is the Cass City chamber's first-ever intern.

A student at Baker College, Cass City, she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business management. Her internship with the chamber is the final requirement for her associate's degree.

Parsell, a graduate of Akron-Fairgrove High School, began the unpaid internship, under the direction of chamber Administrator Kay Warner, in early November. She plans to wrap up the 120-hour commitment next month.

"What I'm doing right now is I'm making a directory for the chamber members to put on the internet," Parsell said, noting the task involves publishing information pertaining to various businesses in town. The directory will be included in Cass City's web page, which went on-line about 6 months ago.

Parsell started the project weeks ago when she distributed business profile forms to chamber members, then collected and organized the information.

"I also helped with the Christmas promotion. I took around support letters for the people who donated prizes" during the event, she said.

In addition, she has drafted a letter of endorsement for a local business in the process of applying for a grant, and put together a chamber meeting agenda. In between major jobs, she runs errands and picks up messages at the chamber office, which is located in the Cass City Municipal Building.

Parsell's responsibilities this week will include participating in a brain-storming session focusing on the 1998 holidays and ways to improve chamber promotions. Then, she'll turn her attention to the chamber's next newsletter.

"I try to do it all," she added. "I haven't made it to a chamber meeting yet. I try, but 7 o'clock in the morning is so early."

That's understandable, considering Parsell's workload and responsibilities. Aside from her internship and carrying a full load of classes, Parsell is holding down a full-time job as a waitress at

Zehnder's in Frankenmuth. And, she's the mother of a 5-month-old daughter.

Parsell's internship work schedule, like her duties, changes week to week, although she noted a good deal of her time on the job is spent working on a computer at Warner's home.

"It really varies; one week I'll put in 25 hours, the next week I'll put in 7," she said. "I enjoy working with Kay a lot," she added. "I've learned a lot just updating her data bases. I've also worked on my communication skills a lot. I think it's helped polish my skills."

"It has worked out well for us," Warner said of the internship. "It puts more of a burden on me because I'm the one who works with her, but it's working. She really helped with the Christmas promotion."

"It's also been a way for her to improve her business skills and networking skills."

Parsell hasn't settled on a specific job she would like to

pursue following graduation, but she's toying with the idea of one day running her own business.

For now, however, she's content to keep on top of what just about anyone would consider a very hectic

schedule. "I'd like the internship to be done," she confided, "but I think I'm going to miss it."



**CHECKING ON PHONE** messages at the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Office is just one of many duties Caro native Shawn Parsell handles as part of her internship with the chamber.

## Sweetheart dinner will benefit Faith-In-Action

Area couples can enjoy a romantic dinner out and at the same time contribute to a cause that enables others to continue living independently in the community.

A "Super Sweetheart Supper", sponsored by Tuscola County Faith-In-Action Volunteer Caregivers, will be held Saturday, Feb. 13 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the VFW hall in Cass City.

The supper will be a sit-down affair served by candlelight. The menu will feature ham, chicken breast, baked potato, rice pilaf, cole slaw, 3-bean salad, cottage cheese, relish plate, corn, dinner rolls, dessert and beverages.

The cost is \$15 per couple. Tickets must be purchased in advance and reservations are a must.

Interested couples can make reservations by contacting Sandi Fader, Faith-In-Action project director, at (517) 872-5476 or 693-6183.

This is the first major fundraising activity for the Faith-In-Action program, which was established a year ago through a \$25,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The program, administered by Fader and governed by a board of directors, is headquartered at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

The goal of the project, Fader explained, is to provide a network that offers a true concept of "neighbors helping neighbors" by utilizing trained local individuals who are recruited through church congregations.

The volunteers provide a host of services to the elderly and disadvantaged in an effort to enable them to continue living independently.

The services include light housekeeping/meal preparation, respite care, transportation, visits and telephone reassurance, and information and referral.

"To-date, we have 46 volunteers," Fader said. "We have had, like, 235 referrals and out of those we have 80 that are on-going — we're

doing something for them (clients) every week."

She noted the \$25,000 grant funding was meant to help cover the program's first 18 months. In addition, Hills and Dales General Hospital is kicking in another \$19,000, giving the program a combined budget of about \$44,000 for the first 18 months.

The revenue funds Fader's salary along with all program costs, including advertising, promotional materials and operational expenses.

Fader said she's hopeful she will be able to secure other sources of grant money to keep the program going in the future. "But the big part of it is going to be the fund raisers and donations."

## MSU accepts Cass City resident into honors college

Michigan State University officials recently announced that 106 academically-talented students, including a Cass City resident, have been accepted into MSU's Honors College.

Todd Milligan, a sophomore majoring in English, is among the chosen students. He is the son of Alan and Kathy Milligan, Cass City.

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Obituaries

Kenneth Copeland

Kenneth S. Copeland, 80, of Cass City, died Friday, Jan. 22, 1999, at the James E. Cartwright Care Center, Saginaw.

He was born April 4, 1918, in Ubyly, to George and Maud (Were) Copeland. He married Lucille McCullough Feb. 16, 1974, in Cass City.

He was a salesman for the Ouvry auto dealership and was a member of Cass City United Methodist Church.

Surviving besides his wife, Lucille, are 4 sons and one daughter and their spouses: K. Norman (Rosemary) Copeland, Kalamazoo, Ronald (Mary) Copeland of Lakeland, Fla., Wayne (Marcia) Copeland of Bad Axe, Jon (Joann) Sawicki of Greenfield, Ind., and Beryl (Robert) Bliss of Cass City; 2 stepdaughters, Christine (Bill) Gucwa of Unionville and Kathryn McCullough of Cass City; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers and 2 sisters, Howard Copeland of West Branch and Gladys Hendrick, Harold (Helen) Copeland, and Helen (Jerry) Decker, all of Cass City; 2 sisters-in-law, Blanche Copeland of Cass City and Leone Copeland of Florida, and many nieces and nephews. Three brothers and 4 sisters died previously.

Upon his wishes, there will be no viewing. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial services were scheduled at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Cass City United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Phillip Rice officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church or the James E. Cartwright Care Center.

Wakeman Funeral Home, Saginaw, was in charge of arrangements.

Martha Slack

Martha Slack, 85, of Brighton Township, formerly of Deford, died Monday, Jan. 25, 1999, at the Medilodge Nursing Home, Howell.

She was born Feb. 23, 1913, in Deford to John and Martha E. (Robinson) Slack.

Slack retired from Parke Davis Warner Lambert after 32 years. She belonged to the women's group at Parke Davis.

She is survived by her son, William and Elizabeth Slack of Brighton Township; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces.

Slack was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Slack, and a sister, Lela Hubbard.

Visitation is scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday) at McDonald's Funeral Home in Howell, and from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Funeral services will be held Friday at the Kranz Funeral Home, with Dr. Philip Rice of the Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Zachary Steadman

Zachary Joseph Steadman

was stillborn Jan. 18, 1999, in Covenant Health Care Systems Harrison Street, Saginaw.

He is the son of Faith Lynn Berridge and Joseph Bradley Steadman Jr.

He is survived by his parents; grandparents, Vanessa and Harold Berridge of Deford, and Joanne and Joseph Steadman Sr. of Cass City; great-grandmother, Mary McNabb of Carsonville; great-grandparents, Lena and Jerious Wright of Oxford, aunts and uncles, Craig Berridge, Andrew Berridge and Jason Berridge, all of Deford, Jeff Steadman of Cass City and Joy Watts of Gagetown, and several cousins.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 21, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. David Mercer of Deford Community Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Floyd Thompson

Floyd V. Thompson, 86, of Akron, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 1999, at his home.

He was born in Akron Oct. 22, 1912, to David and Beatrice (Smith) Thompson. He married Vera Irene Hovey July 5, 1939, in Wisner. She died in May, 1974. He married Agnes Hackett Evans of Muncie, Ind., Sept. 17, 1977.

Thompson worked in carpentry and boat building all of his life. He retired in 1982 from Bay Wood Industries. He had been employed at Velsicol, Marshal, Ill., DaFoe Shipyards, Bay City Boats, Brennan Marine, Bay City Yacht Club, many area boat docks, as well as repairing boats at his home. He designed and built the first 2 ferries for Sheplar's Ferry in Mackinaw City. He was a member of and attended the Wisner United Methodist Church all of his life, served as treasurer of the Sunday School for many years and helped with many carpentry projects at the church and parsonage.

Surviving besides his wife, Agnes, are one son, Charles Thompson of Auburn; 4 daughters, Irene Thompson of Clare, Beatrice (Gayle) Stewart of Wayland, Maryann Thompson of Port Austin, and Joyce (Rick) Sugden of Cass City; 7 grandchildren; 4 stepchildren, Sara (Ed) Whitacre, Pasadena, Texas, Lydia (James) Baker, Chasta, Miss., Loren (Wilma) Evans, Muncie, Ind., and Roberta (Larry) Slaven, Jamestown, Tenn.; 15 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, David Thompson, in November, 1995, and 4 brothers, Alex, Harold, John and Thomas Charles.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wisner United Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Wisner Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Wisner United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by the Briggs-Trenerry Funeral Chapel, Akron.

New arrival looking for a few good chess buffs

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Cliff Bemus has a message for area residents who enjoy a challenge, like to test their strategy skills, and who simply enjoy a good time: "It's your move."

Bemus, a lifelong Flint resident who recently moved to Cass City after exchanging wedding vows with longtime village resident Joyce LaRoche (now Joyce Bemus), is searching for a few local folks who, like him, enjoy a nice game of chess now and then.

Skill level isn't a factor; beginner, novice or advanced, Bemus welcomes anyone interested in getting together once a month or so. And if you win, breakfast is on him.

"I've always enjoyed playing chess. I haven't played a lot lately, but I continue to play a few games a year," he said. "If they beat me, I'd be glad to buy them breakfast."

Bemus grinned and added, "I'm not that good. They can beat me."

Visit with the 55-year-old for a few minutes and it's easy to come up with adjectives describing his manner — easygoing, personable, friendly, enthusiastic, outgoing, energetic.

He retired, debt-free, 5 years ago after a 25-year stint with Hostess as a driver and route salesman.

He drives a Camaro, loves to play golf and enjoys watching professional and college football. A veteran YMCA softball umpire, he's a former softball player and coach. He guided Genesee High School to the regional

softball finals one year and coached JV teams in Clio for 2 years.

Bemus, who says he'd love to find another coaching job, is currently working to put together a chess club in town. Towards that end, he recently placed a classified ad in the Chronicle asking interested chess buffs to contact him.

"I've gotten responses from 3 people," he said. "This is already a success, because if I meet one or 2 people and they want to play chess, that's great. A \$6 ad is a small price to pay."

"If we could just get the ball rolling... I think we could get 10 people interested."

Bemus describes himself as an "organizing professional." An experienced master of ceremonies, he enjoys being around people, which should serve him well in his quest to form the chess club.

He said he plans to host fellow players initially, but would like to see members eventually take turns hosting monthly gatherings. He already has a name picked out for the group, courtesy of a popular Bob Seger tune: "Night Moves."

Win or lose, Bemus said he always enjoys the challenge of the game. "Chess players all think a lot alike. It's a very aggressive game," he noted. "It's been around for years and it's going to be around for years."

But it doesn't have to be the only game in town. Bemus is quick to say he's been a big fan of board games since his childhood.

It's no wonder. His father, George, a florist by trade, was an inventor who founded the Bemus Game Company in Flint. The business manu-

factured 3 original board games — "Gun-Smoke", "Oil Well", and U-Boat".

"They never really did make it big, but they did make it on the market," recalled Bemus, whose favorite board games include Risk, Monopoly and Clue (he has 4 copies).

As a retiree, Bemus has plenty of time to enjoy those games and to share his interest with his new bride.

Already, the couple are planning to host a "family kids night" every couple months or so, in which their grandchildren — 6 so far with one on the way — will be invited for an overnight stay filled with games and fun, not to mention a night away for their parents.

Bemus indicated he's looking forward to starting the tradition.

In the meantime, he hopes to hear from more people who would like to get in on the chess club. He welcomes calls at home, (517) 872-3400.

Bemus figures a chess/game club would be a great way to socialize and at the same time get acquainted with other residents in the community. "I've met some really great people here," he said.

"I'm retired. I just want to enjoy life now," he added. "I like to have fun and play games. People say 'there's more to life than fun and games'. I say, 'what's more to life than fun and games'."

Kingston resident faces CSC counts

A Kingston man was arraigned last week on 9 counts of criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years Sept. 18 in Koylton Township.

Geoffrey G. Prich, 21, Kingston, was charged in Tuscola County District Court with 7 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct.

Bond in the case was set at \$30,000. Prich faces a preliminary examination Feb. 5 at 9 a.m.

In other recent felony arraignments in district court: •Steven J. Wheaton, 40, Fostoria, was charged with 2 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of malicious destruction of property valued at more than \$100 Oct. 14, 1997, in Watertown Township.

Bond was set at \$10,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Feb. 19 at 9 a.m.

•Ryan A. Hendrick, 21, Caro, and Douglas A. Hendrick, 24, Caro, were both charged with assault with a dangerous weapon Jan. 2 in Almer Township.

Bond was set at \$5,000 for each defendant. Preliminary exams were scheduled for Feb. 9 at 10 a.m.

•Brian Pasley, 29, Akron, was arraigned on charges of discharging a firearm in a building and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony Oct. 18 in Akron Township.

Bond was set at \$5,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Feb. 5 at 9 a.m.

•Zenos C. Dupuis, 25, Reese, was charged with 2 counts of forgery Oct. 5 in Reese, allegedly involving a \$400 check drawn on Community Bank.

Bond was set at \$500. The defendant faces a preliminary exam Feb. 9 at 10 a.m.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson Phone 658-2347



Ray and Rita Depcinski and Allen and Alice Depcinski were Sunday dinner guests of Carl and Beatrice Booms at Harbor Beach, where they made plans for the Booms' reunion to be held in July.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Allen and Alice Depcinski were among a group who attended the Michigan Milk Producers meeting and dinner at Helena Hall Thursday.

Mark Farrelly and sons, Grant and Lee, were Tuesday guests of Allen Farrelly.

June Particka and Melvin and Charlotte Particka attended a bridal shower for Dorcen Particka at Oxford Sunday.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday supper guests of Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha at Kinde.

Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had dinner at China King in Bad Axe Wednesday.

Mrs. Melvin Particka and Mrs. Curtis Cleland went to the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City to pay respect to Frank Laming.

Mrs. Kevin Robinson was a Sunday afternoon guest of Ordean Michalski.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended Elmer Brahmer's funeral at St. John's Catholic Church in Ubyly.

Twelve members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Thursday morning. They will meet at Stafono's in Bad Axe next week.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser and Mrs. Curtis Cleland had lunch at Wendy's in Bad Axe Thursday.

Rita Depcinski attended the Over 50 club potluck dinner at Oswald hall in Bad Axe. The next meeting will be

Feb. 9 at the same place. Melissa Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berry, and Clinton Hagen, son of Dennis and Sharlene Hagen, were married at St. Columbkille Catholic Church Saturday afternoon. A reception followed at Ubyly Heights Country Club.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka and Jim Doerr were Friday evening guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Rita Depcinski and Alice Depcinski visited their aunts, Florence Booms at her home in Bad Axe, and Margaret Kirsch at 4 Seasons Health Care Center in Bad Axe, Wednesday.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly were Monday evening guests of Cheryl Allen.

Anna McCartney of Bad Axe and Mrs. Curtis Cleland had breakfast at Stafono's in Bad Axe Saturday.

Mark and Dee Farrelly and Allen Farrelly attended a shareholders meeting at Ubyly Heights Golf Club Sunday.

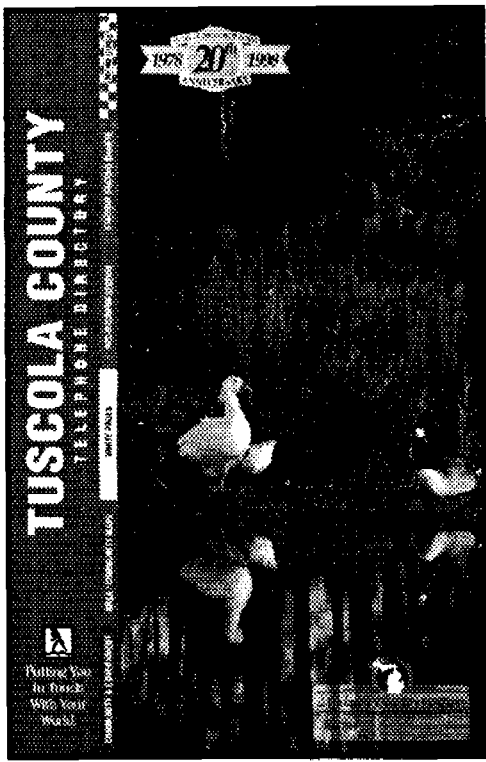
Prizes were won by Mrs. Jim Ballagh and Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Jean Reid and Willard Ellicott when cards were played Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Feebish. The next party will be Feb. 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ellicott.

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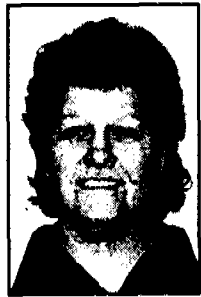


Barb enjoys crocheting, word puzzles, solitaire, soap operas, bingo and music. She always has a pleasant smile and a cheerful "hi".

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Employee of the Month

Karen Traster



Karen has been employed at Tendercare since July of 1986. She has had many personal difficulties, but has maintained good attendance and always has a smile to share.

She is very good at completing her job assignments and a wonderful asset to our Tendercare team.

Thanks Karen! We are proud to have you on our Tendercare team.

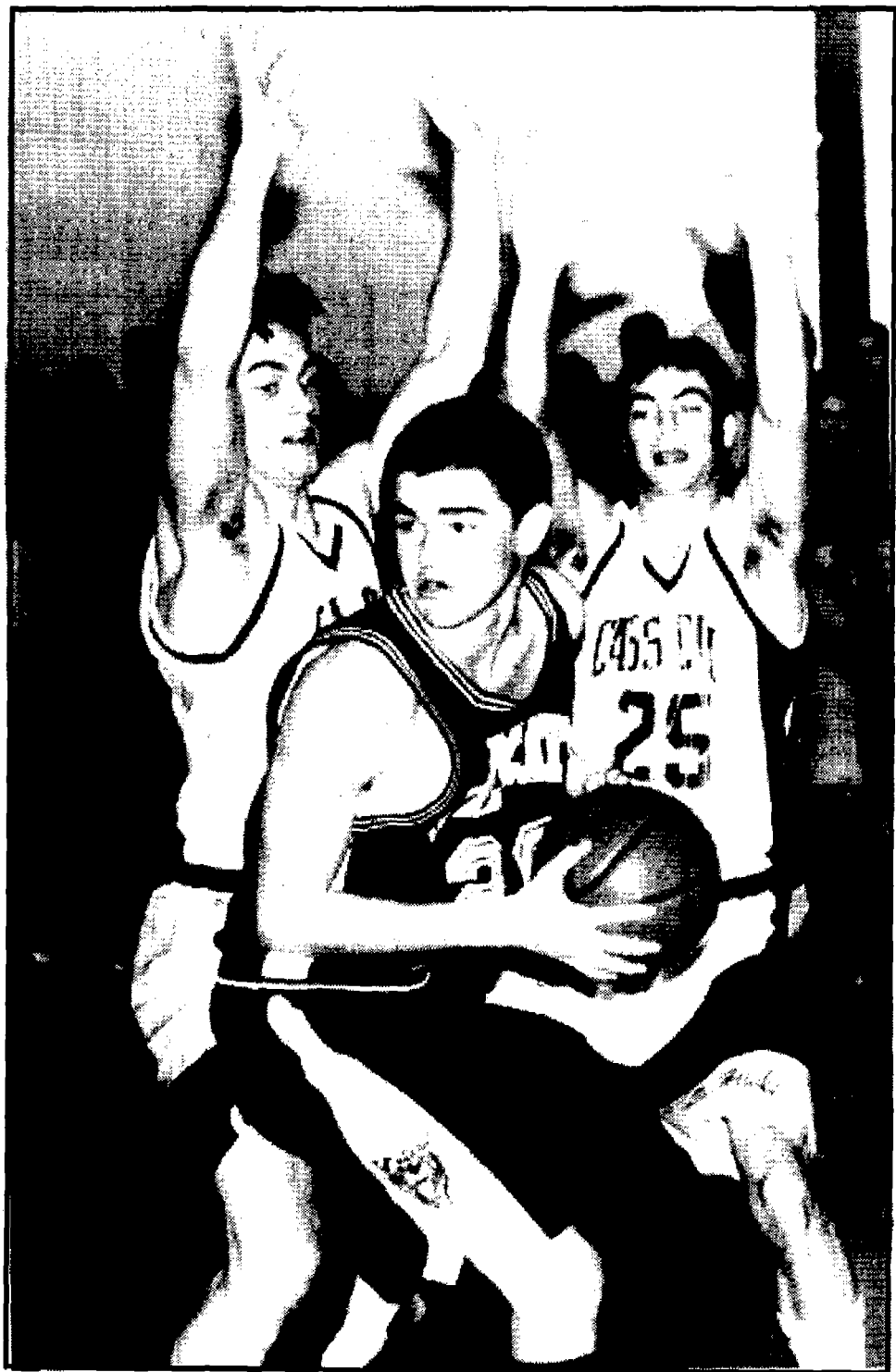


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PUTTING THE PRESSURE on the Mayville ball handler are Cass City's Nick King, left, and Heath Zawilinski. The Wildcats' slow down offense couldn't stop the Red Hawks from recording a 41-21 win.

# Howard hits game winner for Bulldogs

Bulldog junior Derek Howard hit the biggest shot of his 2-year career Friday that rescued host Owen-Gage in a North Central Thumb League clash against Carsonville-Port Sanilac (CPS).

The Bulldogs, who enjoyed a double digit lead with under 3 minutes remaining, needed Howard's last seconds theatrics to escape with a hard fought 51-49 win over the Tigers.

Coach Leon Westover's Bulldogs improved to 5-5 on the season with the win heading into this Friday's non-conference tilt at Almont.

The Tigers (2-9) traded baskets with their hosts for much of the opening half that ended with the Bulldogs in front 22-19.

Senior Justin Anthes took control of the Bulldog offense in the final half, recording 18 of his season high 26 points. Anthes helped give the hosts a 39-34 margin entering the game's final 8 minutes with 10 of the Bulldogs' 17 points in the period following the break.

Behind Paul Nagelkirk and Brad Calahan, the guests rallied in the final stanza and evened the score at 49 with a 10-0 run late in the period. The 2 Tiger big men combined for 25 points and 19 rebounds to lead CPS.

After a Westover time out, Howard found room down the middle of the CPS defense and connected on the game winner.

CPS got one final chance to score with just 3 ticks on the clock, but failed to get off a shot.

Owen-Gage enjoyed a 44-31 rebounding edge that included a team best by Nick Warack, who claimed a dozen swipes off the glass. Senior Chad Mellendorf also finished in double digits in the rebounding department for Owen-Gage with 11.

Howard and Joe Salcido each added 8 points for the

# Red Hawk cagers collect pair of victories over Mayville, Sandusky

The Cass City Red Hawks chalked up a pair of wins last week to up the season's record to 10-1, oddly enough the identical mark achieved last year in the first 11 games.

That was the high water mark of last year's season for Cass City, which was 4-6 the rest of the year.

While no one expects a slump of this magnitude the rest of this season, Cass City does face stronger teams in the remaining 9 regular season games than it faced in the first half of the year.

The Hawks were to have faced Yale Tuesday before taking an unusual day off Friday and meeting Brown City next Tuesday. That game will be followed by the game at the undefeated Lakers that will go a long way in determining the Greater Thumb West championship.

The Hawks stayed on the heels of the Lakers with a 41-21 win at Mayville Friday and a non-league decision over Sandusky Tuesday.

The Wildcats tried a control ball-stall offense to upset the heavily favored Hawks Friday but the strategy failed when Jason Wright hit key treys in the first quarter to keep the Hawks narrowly in front at the end of the first period, 12-10. Mayville stayed on the heels of Cass City in the first quarter as Pat Yens connected for 2 3-pointers.

While the Wildcats used a control ball offense in the first quarter, Coach Gary Kitchen put his charges in an out-and-out stall in the second.

With the lead, the Hawks were content to stay back on defense. As a result, the action was limited. Heath Zawilinski made a steal for a basket and Nick King grabbed a rebound for a bucket. Bill Goodall converted a pair of free throws and that completed the scoring.

Mayville failed to score and Cass City had a comfortable lead at the intermission, 18-10.

The teams traded hoops in the third quarter before the Hawks outscored the Wildcats 15-3 in the last period. In the drive Dan Cuddie picked up a deuce and a trey and one of 2 free throws and Bill Goodall capped a fine performance with a pair of buckets and a free throw on his way to a team-high 12 points for the night. Wright was in double figures with 10.

Coach Jeff Hartel was pleased with the 3-point shooting of the team, noting in the last few games, led by Wright, the out-court shooting has shown improvement.

One thing that the stall achieved was stopping the Hawks' 2 big scorers, Zawilinski and Craig Emmert, who were held to 7 points between them.

7 and then finished off the Redskins in the final 5 minutes with an 11-5 advantage.

The Hawks scored from the perimeter and from the inside in the drive. Zawilinski contributed a 3-pointer and a pair of hoops, including one of his patented dunks off a feed from Dan Cuddie. Emmert contributed 3 hoops and Jason Wright added a trey, one of 3 he netted for the night. When it was over, Cass City was in front 33-12.

Although the Redskins were hopelessly behind, they played hard the rest of the way and cut into the Hawks' lead in the final 2 quarters. Cass City lost its intensity

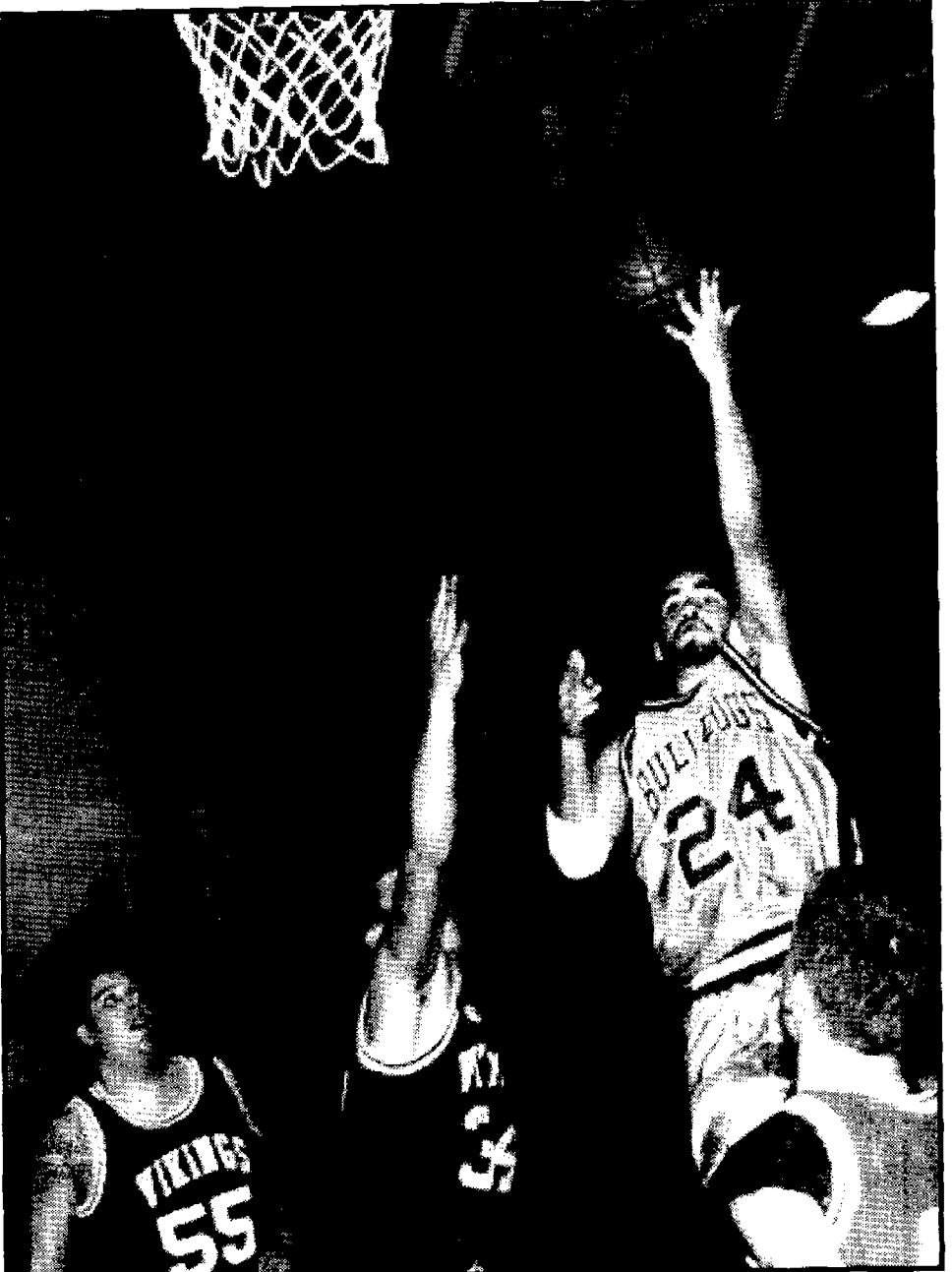
with the lead and was guilty of many unforced turnovers.

Meanwhile Sandusky heated up in the last half with 5 treys, 2 by Mike Mellestead. In the last half Sandusky outscored Cass City, 32 to 25.

Coach Hartel was pleased with the team's defense against Tony Reinke, who was held to 3 points, 14 points under his 17 points per game average.

Zawilinski played a fine game with 20 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 5 steals. Emmert and Cuddie were also in double figures with 11 points each. Cass City had a 35-30 edge on the glass.

Basketball Standings									
GREATER THUMB WEST									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
EPBP	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3
Cass City	2	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10
USA	2	1	6	2	6	2	6	2	6
Reese	2	2	8	2	8	2	8	2	8
Bad Axe	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mayville	1	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
BCAS	0	4	2	7	2	7	2	7	2
GREATER THUMB EAST									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
Decker	3	1	5	3	5	3	5	3	5
Brown City	3	2	6	3	6	3	6	3	6
Cros-Lex	3	2	4	5	4	5	4	5	4
Yale	3	2	4	5	4	5	4	5	4
Harbor Beach	3	2	4	5	4	5	4	5	4
Sandusky	2	3	4	5	4	5	4	5	4
Marlette	1	3	1	8	1	8	1	8	1
Uby	1	4	1	9	1	9	1	9	1
NORTH CENTRAL THUMB									
Team	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
Cassville	7	0	11	0	11	0	11	0	11
Peck	5	1	5	4	5	4	5	4	5
Kingston	5	3	5	4	5	4	5	4	5
Owen-Gage	4	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
A-Fairgrove	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	5	4
North Huron	1	6	2	9	2	9	2	9	2
CPS	1	6	2	9	2	9	2	9	2
Port Hope	1	6	1	10	1	10	1	10	1
FRIDAY'S RESULTS									
Bad Axe 66, Reese 77									
USA 76, BCAS 48									
Cass City 41, Mayville 21									
Cros-Lex 51, Sandusky 31									
Uby 67, Marlette 55									
Yale 59, Harbor Beach 28									
Decker 66, Brown City 58									
Cassville 62, Akron-Fairgrove 50									
Owen-Gage 51, CPS 49									
Kingston 51, North Huron 41									
Peck 61, Port Hope 54									



BULLDOG DEREK HOWARD lays in 2 of his career high 37 points Tuesday at Akron. Howard's efforts weren't enough to set back the Vikings, who recorded an 87-74 NCTL win.

## SANDUSKY GAME

The Hawks made the visit of John Guttowsky an unpleasant one for the veteran coach back at the helm after an absence of several years as Cass City pounded out a 58-44 decision in a game that was not as close as the final score indicated.

The Hawks went into an early lead behind balanced scoring in the first quarter, helped by some stone-cold shooting by the visitors. At the end of the first 8 minutes the Hawks were in front, 9-3.

Cass City made 2 huge runs in the second quarter and when it was over, the game was decided for all practical purposes.

In the first 3 minutes of the period the Hawks went on a 13-4 run to move in front 22-7.

Baseball clinic slated in March

A Baseball Skills Clinic will be held Friday, March 19, through Sunday, March 21, at the Cass City Middle School gym. Instructor will be Coach Jay LeFevre from Delta, Ohio, High School.

Sign-up dates and cost will be announced soon.

For information call Jim Turner, 872-2474.

Fearless Forecast			
	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Doug Hyatt
<b>January 26</b> Decker at Sandusky Lakers at Sandusky Yale at Cass City BCAS at MLS Brown City at Reese Cros-Lex at Mayville C-PS at North Huron AuGres at Kingston North Branch at Oxford Arenac East at Akron-Fairgrove	Bad Axe Lakers Cass City MLS Reese Cros-Lex North Huron AuGres Oxford Arenac East.	Bad Axe Lakers Cass City MLS Reese Mayville North Huron Kingston Oxford Arenac East.	Bad Axe Lakers Cass City MLS Reese Mayville North Huron Kingston Oxford Akron-Fairgrove
<b>January 29</b> BCAS at Bad Axe Mayville at Lakers Reese at USA Uby at Harbor Beach Cros-Lex at Decker Brown City at Sandusky Frankenmuth at Caro	Bad Axe Lakers USA Harbor Beach Cros-Lex Brown City Caro	Bad Axe Lakers Reese Harbor Beach Decker Brown City Caro	Bad Axe Lakers USA Harbor Beach Cros-Lex Brown City Caro
<b>Last week's results</b> <b>Season's Results, Percentages</b>	13-8 (56-23) 71%	14-7 (55-24) 70%	12-9 (58-21) 73%

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# Hawk wrestlers take top honors at Mayville

Coach Don Markel and his Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team were all smiles this week after winning the 10-team Mayville Invitational Saturday and opening the Greater Thumb Conference competition Wednesday with wins over the Lakers, 75-6, and Mayville, 62-9. It was the 13th win in a row in regular season meets for the Hawks.

The win in the invitational was especially sweet for the Hawks because to take the first place trophy, Cass City was forced to hand Capac its first loss of the year. In previous invitational at Capac and Yale, the Chiefs finished ahead of Cass City.

The Hawks went undefeated in pool play with 4 wins to set the stage for the finals against Capac, also undefeated. Victories recorded included: Cass City 48, Vassar, 30; Cass City 63, Mayville 9; Cass City 69, Bad Axe, 9, and Cass City

60, Inkster 17.

In the key match Cass City was forced to come from behind to top Capac, 42-31. Going into the final 3 matches Cass City trailed 31-27 and things looked dark for the Hawks because 2 of the wrestlers left bowed to Capac in the previous invitational.

Phil Mathewson pinned Zach Strove in 1:13 of the first period to put the Hawks ahead, 33-31. Chad Wolschlagler, 215 pounds, decided Chris Jaglewski, and Chris Dubay, 275 pounds, scored a pin to wrap up the tourney championship.

Six Hawks won all 5 of their matches and 2 others lost just once in 5 matches.

The medal-winning grapplers with their invitational and season's record: Roy Davis, 119 pounds, 5-0 (18-5); Travis Schneeberger, 112 pounds, 4-0, (20-6); Scott Moore, 130 pounds, 4-1 (16-8); Adam Dorland, 140

pounds, 5-0, (22-3); Aaron Dorland, 145 pounds, 5-0, (19-8); Dave Sutter, 152 pounds, 4-1, (19-8); Phil Mathewson, 189 pounds, 3-0, (14-9); Chad Wolschlagler, 215 pounds, 5-0, (18-7), and Chris Dubay, 275 pounds, 5-0, (16-6).

Trailing Cass City in the tourney, in order of finish, were: Capac, Vassar, Bay City Western B, Brown City, Mayville, Central Montcalm, Inkster, Bad Axe and Lakers.

## LEAGUE MATCH

In the easy wins over Lakers and Mayville, Cass City lost just 2 matches against Mayville and one against the Lakers. Three Hawks won both matches with pins, Schneeberger in the 112-pound class, and Sutter in the 152-pound division.

Three other Hawks scored pins and also won by forfeit. They were: Adam Dorland, Charlie Maxwell and Phil Mathewson.



**CASS CITY'S CHAD Wolschlagler pinned Mayville's Jimmy Ortiz at the 1:58 mark of Wednesday's Greater Thumb Conference wrestling match in the 215-lb. weight class. The Hawks recorded a lopsided 62-9 victory.**

# Bulldogs advance toward NCTL crown with win Monday at Akron

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs took a giant step towards suc-

cessfully defending their North Central Thumb League volleyball title Monday in Akron. However, the path to victory was anything but a cakewalk for the Bulldogs, who improved to 2-0 in conference play.

Coach Judy Campbell's spikers handed them undefeated Akron-Fairgrove (4-1) its first conference setback in a 4-game match.

Despite a 2-week layoff, the Bulldogs used an 8-1 run to open the initial game against the Vikings and all indications pointed to an another easy night in NCTL competition for the defending champions. But, Coach Farrah Petiprin's squad battled their guests to the wire over the next 2 games before bowing with losses of 15-7, 16-14, (15-17) and 15-6.

"It was pretty obvious, we weren't playing together," said Campbell of her team's showing afterwards, adding, "Hopefully we play better Saturday or we'll get killed."

The Bulldogs will travel to compete in the celebrated Laker Invitational volleyball tournament Saturday that will follow this Thursday's NCTL meeting at Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

Trailing 8-1 in the opener, the Vikings rallied to close the gap to 8-7 behind the serving of Tina Petiprin, who led the spurt by recording 4 straight service points.

Bulldog Jenna Root stopped the Viking run with a hard cross court spike at the net that enabled the guests to end the game with 7 unanswered points, including 3 each by Erin Salcido and Stefanie Lowry.

The contest's 2 middle games were a seesaw battle, that both schools had chances of winning. In both games the 2 squads battled to a 14-all deadlock before victory was earned.

Game 2 was captured by the Bulldogs when Cassie Vargo recorded the game's final 3 points that vaulted the Bulldogs from a 13-14 deficit to a 2 games to none lead with

a 16-14 decision. Melanie Lemanski recorded the key play for the Bulldogs in the game with a nicely placed tip that halted a 5-0 run by the hosts, who were in front 11-10.

In game 3, Viking Katie Edwards helped her team get back into the match with 3 critical service points. With the Bulldogs serving for the match at 15-14, the Vikings gained control of the serve and Edwards made the Bulldogs pay with 3 quick service points that gave the Vikings their only win on the night at 17-15. Trailing 12-

## Tree planting grant formed

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For a Detroit Edison tree planting grant application, or for more information about the grant program, contact: DNR Forest Management Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952, 517-373-1275.

## Ulfig returns Thursday

# USA tops Red Hawk spikers

Visiting Unionville-Sebewaing Area (USA) Schools streaked their way past Coach Beth Howard's Red Hawk spikers Thursday in Greater Thumb Conference volleyball action.

The Patriots used several timely spurts to emerge victorious in a 4-game match with wins of 15-6, 15-10, and 15-0. Cass City's lone vic-

tory came in game 2 by the tally of 15-12.

The Hawks played without the services of front line force Shelly Ulfig, who was sidelined for the contest with a fractured (stress) ankle suffered in a Jan. 11 meeting with Yale. Ulfig, however, is expected to return for this Thursday's conference tilt in Reese. Ulfig's front line

presence will also be needed Saturday when Howard's squad travels to compete in the Laker Invitational tournament.

USA used a 14-2 start in the opener to capture game one. "The girls were nervous," said Howard of her team's start without their court leader Ulfig.

Adding to the hosts'

troubles in the initial game were 9 unforced errors versus only 3 committed by the guests.

The Hawks were able to cut down on their mistakes in game 2 that resulted in a 15-12 victory.

After taking a 10-6 edge, the Patriots rallied with a 6-0 run to gain a 12-10 advantage. But Red Hawk Sheri Foster was able to run off 5 straight serve points that evened the match at one game all.

Senior Kara Mellendorf, who led Cass City with 8 kills, recorded the game winner for Cass City in game 2 with a cross court winner from the left corner of the front line.

The Hawks' momentum didn't last long, however, as the Patriots put they hosts away with wins of 15-10 and 15-0.

USA jumped out in front 8-0 in the crucial 3rd game before Mellendorf stopped the run with one of her 4 kill tips.

The Hawks climbed back into the contest behind the serving of Carrie Wentworth, who brought the hosts to within 3 points, 10-7, with 5 straight service points that included a pair of aces.

Cass City closed the Patriots' lead to 11-9 on a rare reversal of an official's call, but scored only once the remainder of the evening.

Foster led the Hawks with 8 service points that included 3 ace serves. Sophomore Monica Dorland was next on the scoring charts with 7 tallies and a team best 4 ace serves. Freshman Heather Edwards, playing in her first varsity outing, chipped in with 6 service points and 2 aces. Edwards also added 3 kills for the Hawks.



**RED HAWK spikers Sheri Foster (left) and Sara Homakie are set to return a shot Thursday against visiting Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools in Greater Thumb Conference volleyball action. The Patriots defeated their hosts in 4 games by the scores of 15-6, 12-15, 15-10 and 15-0.**

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## Cass City Bowling Leagues

### SUNDAY NO ROLLERS Jan. 17

Leftovers	6
We'll Get Back To You	6
C B's	5
Pinheads	4
Sparkle City Rollers	4
Damn Near Last	4
Dead Last	4
Smithsky & Hutch	3
Par-T Ranch	3
US	1

Men's High Series: R. Meredith 675, J. Baker 634, B. Brown 617, T. Betzold 612.  
Men's High Games: T. Betzold 254, J. Baker 234-220, R. Meredith 230-227-218, B. Brown 214, A. White 208.  
Women's High Series: K. Swiastyn 481.  
Women's High Games: B. McKee 183, K. Swiastyn 180, L. Ondrajka 176.  
High Team Series: Pinheads 1855.  
High Team Game: C B's 656.

### CHARMONT LADIES Jan. 19 End of 2nd Round

Dott Manufacturing	30
J.B.'s Crew	25
Live Wires	22
Sister Act	21
Wild John's	21

Pizza Villa	20
Cable-ettes	18
Dec's M.P. Rockets	17
Team # 7	14
Cass City Tire	12

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High Series: M. Truemner 511, S. Hutchinson 517, D. Mathewson 501, V. Patera 475, N. Davis 475, B. Watson 489.

### SATURDAY SPINNERS YOUTH Jan. 23

# 4	44
The Pinheads	44
Blue Strikers	11
Tazmanian Devils	1
Pink Ladies	45
Deford Dollies	27
Disney Kids	17
Rolling Rugrats	20

Jr. High Games: B. Vargo 130-109-105, J. Ruffing 117-85-84, J. Guc 107-107-100, E. Hanby 90-85, J. Kingsland 123-107, J. Harbin 104-84.  
Jr. High Series: B. Vargo

344, J. Ruffing 286, J. Guc 314, E. Hanby 248, J. Kingsland 286, H. Brown 226, J. Harbin 265.
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Prep High Games: B. Haley 58-63-67, M. Potrykus 67-71-68, Z. Potrykus 88-85-60, R. Biebel 105-96-89.  
Prep High Series: M. Potrykus 206, Z. Potrykus 233, R. Biebel 290.

### MERCHANTS LEAGUE Jan. 20 End of Second Round

New England	28
Wickes	28
Thumb Welding	24
R H Body Shop	23
Charmont	23
Trisch Septic	19
Hollywood & Vine	18
S S Builders	16
Gemini Plastics	14
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High Actual Game: New England 1022.  
High Individual Series & Games: M. Jackson 690 (224-232-234), M. Lutz 689 (214-268), G. Robinson 657 (212-218-227), M. Zawilinski 643 (225-232), D. O'Dell 624 (217), L. Morgan 619 (230), J. Lefler 578, J. Langenburg 595 (210-225), R. Diebel 593 (278), L. Prime 223, M. Gettel 589

## Dairy workshop planned

What dairy producers should be doing to position themselves for the business climate that is likely to characterize the next decade will be the focus of a dairy farm expansion workshop Jan. 28 at the Uby Heights Country Club near Uby.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The cost will be \$110 for the first person from each farm business and \$10 for each additional person.

Craig Thomas, Michigan State University Extension district dairy agent, says that, among other things, the session will provide participants guidelines for deciding their future in the dairy business.

"I think the key is to decide on how many cows they want to be handling in the near future, because from there flows the need for barns, how large a milking parlor will have to be, feed requirements, and whether feed will be grown or purchased," Thomas says. "There is also the need to get the financial statements in order and to determine how much money is needed from where and under what terms."

Among the program topics will be a look at 9 factors that are crucial to an expansion plan, how to increase herd numbers and develop monthly milk projections, and what producers need to

know about additional requirements and environmental laws that can affect the operation.

Registration is requested by Jan. 18 so that a sufficient number of notebooks can be prepared for participants. Registration checks should be made out to MSU.

To register and obtain more information about the workshop, dairy producers should contact the MSU Extension office in Sanilac County by calling 810-648-2515.

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## Cass City Middle School October Student Spotlight

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### Fifth Grade

**Caitie Barnes**-daughter of Sally and Gary Barnes. Caitie has many interests and a cheery disposition. She is a good student and a hard worker.

**Libby Doerr**-daughter of David and Jan Doerr. Libby is a hard worker who always tries to please those around her. She has a great sense of humor.

**David Erla**-son of Barb and Dwaine Peters and Dave Erla-David has a friendly personality. He has a special keenness and talent for math.

**Justin Glaza**-son of Art and Suzette Glaza. Justin is thoughtful and courteous. He participates frequently in class discussions.

**Ashley Hendrick**-daughter of Chuck and Kelli Hendrick-Ashley is friendly and has an awesome personality. She is responsible and respectful.

**Joey Kingsland**-son of Diane Kingsland and Pat Fauver-Joey is an eager learner. He goes about his work quickly.

**Bradley Langenburg**-son of Joseph and Colleen Langenburg-Bradley is an all-around great guy. He's always polite and courteous.

**Evan Laurie**-son of Doug and Tammy Laurie. Evan is a deep thinker. He always adds humor to any situation.

**Derrick Mallory**-son of Brian and Renee Mallory. Derrick is an outstanding student. He has a terrific attitude.

**Shane Posluszny**-son of Don and Tami Ritchie. Shane loves to participate in class. He has a positive attitude.

**Tara Powell**-daughter of Ronda Powell and Frederick Powell. Tara is kind, thoughtful, and courteous. She is a super student.

**Eric Reed**-son of Drs. Charles Reed and Susan Hoppe-Eric is a friend to everyone. He is a hard worker and a very good student.

**Lindsey Speirs**-daughter of Dave and Karen Speirs. Lindsey is responsible and dependable. She displays all the traits of a good citizen.

### Sixth Grade

**Ashley Barrigar**-daughter of Randy and Michele Barrigar. Ashley has a respectful and cooperative attitude. She is always willing to help others in class.

**Jessica Bellew**-daughter of Craig and Mary Bellew. Jessica works hard on her assignments. She is helpful and kind to others.

**Tasha Bryant**-daughter of Jephtha and Angie Bryant. Tasha is a super class helper. She participates well in class discussions.

**Andy Haas**-son of Barbara and Arthur Haas. Andy gives his best effort in all areas. He has a good attitude towards school.

**Jamie Pratt**-daughter of Walt and Denise Connolly. Jamie has great leadership abilities. She works hard and never complains.

**Leah Sherman**-daughter of Rod and Yvonne Sherman. Leah is a cheerful and friendly person. She participates in class discussions and has a positive attitude.

**Justin Sorenson** is the son of Craig & Carolyn Sorenson. He is a very nice student and works hard at his assignments. He is responsible and nice to others. We are very glad to have Justin in our school.

**Angela Stoeckle** is the daughter of Mark & Carol Stoeckle. She is a hard worker and a great help in the class. She has a great attitude.

**Andre Voss** is the son of Ron & Suzi Voss. He has a very positive, friendly personality. Andre is very respectful and cooperative in the classroom and has a very contagious smile. Keep up the good work.

**Michael Wright** is the son of Norm & Sherry Peters and Dale Wright. He is always well-behaved, helpful and kind to others. Michael is a hard worker and has a great attitude.

### Seventh Grade

**Gavin Frederick**-son of Steve and Julie Frederick. Gavin is an outstanding young man. He is a shining example of what is right with our youth today.

**Erik Helwig**-son of Craig and Joan Helwig. Erik is a well-mannered young man. He is willing to help others and participates in class.

**Kevin Lowe**-son of Kenneth and Mari Lowe. Kevin has good citizenship. He has a positive attitude about school and participates often.

**Dustin Mallory**-son of Brian and Renee Mallory. Dustin is an excellent student. He demonstrates responsibility, maturity, and leadership qualities.

**Hank Metzger**-son of Patty Metzger and Dave Metzger-Hank displays respect for the teachers, his classmates, and himself.

**Jamie Robinson**-daughter of David and Sheila Robinson-Jamie is an honest, and responsible student. She puts forth extra effort when needed.

### Eighth Grade

**Jason Barrigar**-son of Randy and Michele Barrigar. Jason is a courteous and respectful young man. He is always willing to do what is expected.

**Jarod Chard**-son of Rick and Becky Chard. Jarod is a very hard working student. He has a pleasant personality and does very well in class.

**Amanda Frederick**-daughter of Nora and Gordan Frederick-Amanda is very upbeat and positive. She enjoys school and puts much energy into it.

**Ashley Froede**-daughter of Gloria and Bryan Froede. Ashley is very polite and cooperative. She is very conscientious and an excellent student.

**Kurtis Hessler**-son of Diana and David Hessler. Kurtis is an excellent student. He is reliable and trustworthy and has positive attitude.

**Jessica Kamrad**-daughter of Donald and Leatha Germain. Jessica can be counted on to follow directions and use class time wisely. She is a student you can count on to do and be her very best.

**Jessica Nicol** - daughter of John and Gayle Nicol. Jessica displays excellent citizenship on a daily basis. She is always polite and respectful.

**Alissa Pasant**-daughter of Carol and Ed Pasant. Alissa puts forth a super effort in everything she does. She does what it takes to accomplish a task.

**Matt Stoutenburg**-son of Ed and Susie Stoutenburg. Matt does everything expected of him without complaining. He gets the job done.

**Nick Turner**-son of Jim and Joyce Turner. Nick is an excellent example of good citizenship. He displays a positive attitude in the classroom.

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High Series & Games: G. Robinson 740 (286-248), E. Schmaltz 655 (227-257), D. Doerr 643 (258), J. Krol 657 (217-236), R. Pringle 615 (212), R. Hull 614 (212-220), W. Laming 607 (224), Duane O'Dell 597 (234), G. Smith 596 (237), Doug O'Dell 591 (217), R. Doerr 591, G. Pringle 234, D. Dickinson 235, K. Martin 224, T. Czeka 216, D. Hyatt 210.

High Team Series and Game: New England Financial 841 (674).

### FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Jan. 22

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The Family	14
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Front row, from left: Shane Posluszny, Derrick Mallory, Justin Glaza, Lindsey Speirs, Tara Powell and Michael Wright. Second row: Ashley Hendrick, David Erla, Brad Langenburg, Joey Kingsland and Leah Sherman. Third row: Jessica Bellew, Ashley Barrigar, Justin Sorenson and Tasha Bryant. Back row: Jamie Pratt, Angela Stoeckle, Andy Haas and Andre Voss.



Front row, from left: Libby Doerr, Caitie Barnes, Eric Reed and Evan Laurie. Second row: Jessica Nicol, Ashley Froede, Alissa Pasant, Amanda Frederick, Kurtis Hessler and Kevin Lowe. Third row: Matt Stoutenburg, Jarod Chard, Jessica Kamrad, Dustin Mallory and Jamie Robinson. Back row: Nicholas Turner, Jason Barrigar, Henry Metzger, Gavin Frederick and Erik Helwig.



# Assistance available to properly seal old wells

There could be as many as one million abandoned wells across Michigan. Across Sanilac County, old homesites, or wells once pumped by windmills are common. Many farms have abandoned wells.

If not properly filled and sealed, these wells can provide a direct conduit for contaminants to reach groundwater.

The Sanilac County Groundwater Stewardship Program, through the Sanilac Conservation District, can provide farmers with technical and financial assistance to properly seal abandoned wells. Financial assistance with shared cost of 90 percent with a maximum payment of \$405 may be available for those wells properly sealed under this program.

Generally, well water in Sanilac County comes from 2 different types of aquifer formations. Wells in the west half of the county are using the Marshall formation, a sandstone aquifer about 100-200 feet deep. Dug wells and shallow drilled wells are more common on the east half of the county. These wells use sand and gravel unconfined aquifers.

The danger to groundwater

is when surface pollutants, such as bacteria, manure, pesticides, fertilizer, or oil products traveling with surface water, enter an abandoned well. This bypasses the purifying action that normally takes place in the upper layers of the soil before contaminants reach the groundwater.

Whether a well taps water just below the ground or hundreds of feet deep, its location and condition are crucial safety factors. Proper well design reduces the risk of contamination by sealing the well from anything that might enter it from the surface.

Good well maintenance means testing the water every year, keeping the well area clean and accessible, keeping potential contaminants as far away as possible and periodically having a qualified well driller or pump installer check the well components. You may also want to look at upgrading wells, getting rid of pits, installing caps, or extending casings.

As a part of the Groundwater Program, a groundwater assessment service is also available. Farm\*A\*Syst is a tool that a farmer can use to identify the operations around the farmstead that

may be a risk to groundwater. The results are confidential and for the farmer's information only.

Topics of Farm\*A\*Syst include water well condition, pesticide, fertilizer and petroleum storage and handling, manure storage, livestock yard management, milkhouse wastewater, and emergency preparedness. Up to 6 Restricted Use Pesticide credits are available for completing a Farm\*A\*Syst.

In addition, cost share money is available to Sanilac County farmers for a number of other practices which could help reduce the risk of groundwater contamination. These practices include sprayer foam markers, rate controllers, nurse tanks, pesticide storage improvements, manure analysis, nitrate soil testing, pest scouting. Call for details and a complete list.

If you are interested in sealing an abandoned well or assessing your groundwater risk on your farmstead, call Joyce Muz at the Sanilac Conservation District, 810-648-2116 (ext. 115).

## Chemical income up

Alan W. Ott, chairman of Chemical Financial Corporation announced net income of \$7,559,000 for the fourth quarter of 1998, an increase of 10.6 percent over 1997 fourth quarter net income of \$6,833,000. Earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 1998 were \$.55, up 7.8 percent over the \$.51 per

share earned in the last quarter of 1997. The fourth quarter 1998 earnings increase, as compared to the fourth quarter of 1997, was due primarily to a 6.9 percent increase in net interest income and to increases in gains on the sales of residential mortgage loans and to higher fee income.

## Feb. 5 in Frankenmuth

# Wheat 2000 meeting set

Star of the West Milling Company will host a Wheat 2000 educational meeting Friday, Feb. 5, in Frankenmuth. This year's program includes morning speakers and an afternoon tour of the Frankenmuth flourmill. The program will be held at the School Haus Square, north of the flourmill on M-83 (Main Street) in Frankenmuth and will begin at 9 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Phil Brown, a crop consultant and educator with Wheat Tech, Inc., with client farmers in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, will be the featured speaker. He works with farmers from planting to harvest on such factors as harvest, variety selection, calibration

of seeding equipment, fertilizer management, disease control, scouting, etc.

Roy Black, Ag Economist with Michigan State University, will be another speaker. He will provide a comparison of cost and returns to such wheat factors as rotations, straw, grain, white vs. red. He will also discuss an economic analysis of wheat and that of competing crops. Dr. Rich Ward, Wheat Breeder at Michigan State University, will update farmers about the performance of new varieties and other production factors affecting Michigan wheat. Dr. Pat Hart of MSU, will be present to discuss the wheat disease situation and help farmers understand when and which

diseases to scout for this coming spring.

The afternoon program will feature a guided tour of the wheat flourmill at Star of the West in Frankenmuth. This facility processes white wheat into flour, bran and wheat germ. The flour is primarily used for pastries and baking.

Farmers can participate for a \$15 registration fee, payable to Michigan State University Extension. Registration with payment must be received by Jan. 27 and mailed to Saginaw County MSUE at 705 Adams Street, Saginaw, MI 48602. For more information, contact Mark Seamon at the Saginaw Extension office: 517-799-2233.



THE REV. DAVID Edwards, pastor of the Cass City Missionary Church (above, wearing hat), was among about 40 people who attended Friday night's Right to Life candlelight vigil in Caro. (Related photo, page one)

## Better alfalfa topic of Feb. 4 meeting

Growing a better alfalfa crop more efficiently will be a focus of Michigan State University Extension's Alfalfa and Forage Technology Day Feb. 4 in Smith Hall at the Clinton County Fairgrounds in St. Johns.

"We will have several out-of-state speakers who are experts in alfalfa establishment and optimum production practices," says Rich Leep, MSU Extension agronomist. "I think growers will substantially benefit

from the presentations."

The morning session will focus on facts and myths about alfalfa autotoxicity, innovations in measuring forage nutrient values and new information on potassium applications to alfalfa fields.

The program during the noon meal will include the annual meeting of the Michigan Hay and Grazing Council (MHGC), discussions on the Natural Resources Conservation Service Grazing

Lands Initiative, which is intended to encourage grazing. There will also be an update on the proposed alfalfa pelleting plant in the Saginaw Valley.

Topics for the afternoon program include a research update on pasture soil fertility management, comments on grazing by a sheep producer and a dairy farmer, and a look at the types of forage plants that should be considered for intensive grazing systems.

Registration before Jan. 30 will be \$10 for MHGC members and \$20 for non-members. The cost at the door will be \$15 for MHGC members and \$25 for non-members.

Checks should be made payable to the MHGC and sent to Jodie Schonfelder, 271 Plant and Soil Sciences Building, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824. More information about the technology day can be obtained from Leep by calling him at 616-671-2323.

## Letter to the editor

# Contribution a great memorial

To the Editor,

This letter is to recognize the anonymous donor or donors for their contribution to the Rawson Memorial Library in memory of our mother and aunt, Alma and Mary Wald. What a wonderful memorial. They would be so proud yet humble.

They enjoyed their quilting circle so much. I can remember the ladies going to each other's house before they

were given the use of their building. When my mother, Alma, lost her eyesight she always said, "I can still go and make coffee for the ladies while they quilt."

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# Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

## 5 YEARS AGO

The Cass City School Board voted to go full speed ahead with plans for a nearly \$8 million project for a new middle school building and addition of 7 classrooms and a library and media center for Campbell Elementary School.

The record cold is a headache for area motorists. The Thumb National Bank sign in Cass City read minus 15 degrees Wednesday morning, but a stiff breeze made it feel as cold as minus 30 to minus 50 degrees.

Jason Walther and Jami Sting were crowned Snowcoming king and queen during half time of the Laker-Cass City basketball game Friday night at Cass City High School.

Winners of the Knights of Columbus annual free throw contest, held Friday in Cass City, are Michelle Derfny, Mandy Chappel, Zachary Glaspie, Nathan Haag, Craig Emmert, Shelly Ulfig, Ryan Downing and Missy Jewett.

The Cass City Planning Commission met with a group of residents unhappy with the prospects of further development along the Cass River, including a proposed rustic camping area. Nearly 30 people packed in the meeting room at the municipal building for a public hearing on recreational priorities. As a result of the protests, the planning commission voted to abandon river development for now.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Daniel R. Schultz, 22, and his fiancée, Jill L. Nowiski, 21, both of Harbor Beach, were killed last Wednesday when their car crossed the center line of Sebewaing Road, 4 1/2 miles east of Owendale, and collided head-on with a pickup truck. The couple was returning home from the Walled Lake area, where they had attended the funeral of a friend, Carl J. Skonieczny, 26, of Harbor Beach.

Lora Trueman, 3rd grader, Cass City; Randy Smith, 5th grader, Evergreen, and George Wright, 4th grader, Cass City, were winners of \$25 saving bonds for posters they made for the Tuscola County Child Abuse and Neglect Council (CA/N) program, themed "Something Special I Do With My Parents."

To trap turkeys, DNR farmer Doug Howell uses a fuel-propelled cannon to fire a net over unsuspecting

birds. The DNR hopes to lure turkeys to a site in the Deford area. Officials hope to trap 30 birds, which will be released in Saginaw and Lapeer counties.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Construction crews completed work last week on Cass City's cable television tower located on the old Schell farm south of Walbro Corporation's main plant. According to Jim McCoy, owner of the system, cable should be completely installed within the next 2 months, providing local viewers with service sometime in March.

Some \$35,000 in damages resulted from a fire early Saturday morning which destroyed a large barn and 10 head of cattle at the John Somerville farm located a mile north and a mile west of Hemans on Lamton Road.

Icy roads kept residents glued to their homes Saturday and Sunday and closed many area schools Monday. Cass City Chapter No. 1613 AARP held its monthly meeting Jan. 10 at the Elkland Township Fire Hall. Members voted to sponsor a "Call a Day" program, checking in on shut-ins and elderly persons living alone who would welcome a daily call from one of the members. Slides and narration of a trip to Spain was presented by Esther McCullough.

Leslie S. Merchant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Merchant of Cass City, has been promoted to Spec. 4 while serving in West Berlin. One of his recent duties was as part of a Guard Squad taking turns guarding Rudolph Hess, 80, last of the Nazi prisoners in the large prison in West Berlin.

In light of the energy crunch, federal energy administrator William Simon has asked motorists not to use more than 10 gallons of gasoline in their cars each week. Ray Auvil of Pringle Road works at Wahjamega and says no way could he make it on 10 gallons a week. If the 10-gallon limit is made mandatory, persons in rural areas would be especially hard hit.

## 35 YEARS AGO

Walbro Corporation is missing a fuel pump that disappeared from their plant this week and would like it back. The unit was under test by the research department of the company and has 850 hours of experimentation on the pump in about 2 months of work.

The long and dedicated service of 3 native Cass City men was recognized Saturday evening when the Cass City Livestock Club honored Alfred Goodall, Dr. Harry Crandell and Clarence Merchant. The 3 were guests of honor at a banquet at the New Gordon Hotel.

Nelson "Moose" Willy, long-time Cass City-Elkland Township Fire Department member, was named fire chief in elections held Thursday in the scout rooms. Willy

replaces Al Avery, who has held the post for the past 3 years.

Area residents interested in saving their lives in the event of a nuclear attack or any emergency are reminded that a free 16-hour medical self-help training course will begin Tuesday at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Civil Defense Director Frank Kroswek is urging at least one member of each village family to attend the free course, which will offer "intensive training in medical self-help measures."

Cass City High School became the first team in the Thumb B Conference to break the 100-point barrier in a league tilt, as they scored 103 points against Frankenmuth Friday at the Cass City gym. The score was a record breaking 103-75. Leading the team to victory was Jim Champion, who scored 33 points and approached the school scoring record of 39 points, held jointly by Tim Burdon and Fred Leeson.

## Free hospital offer

# Check blood pressure

February has been designated American Heart Month and Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, is observing the month with a special offer of free blood pressure checks.

The checks will be offered at the hospital, Ublly Medical Clinic, Unionville Medical Clinic, MARC-Caro, MARC-Cass City, Thumb Area Home Care, Thumb Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Thumb Pediatrics & Pediatric Cardiology, and Chemical Bank in Cass City.

Contact Charlotte Kish, R.N., of the hospital's community education department at (517) 872-5476 (ext. 215) for more information about heart disease and stroke, or dial toll-free 1-888-MY-HEART (1-800-694-3278).

Residents can also visit the web site [www.women.americanheart.org](http://www.women.americanheart.org) for heart-health information.

Health experts say heart disease and stroke are women's biggest health threat. The disease process starts at a young age and develops over time.

To reduce the risk:

- \*Don't smoke.
- \*Eat healthy food (reduce fat, cholesterol, calories).
- \*Increase physical activity.
- \*Control blood pressure.
- \*Maintain a healthy weight.

- \*Control diabetes.
- \*Get regular checkups.

\*Take medications as prescribed.

\*Consider hormone replacement therapy after menopause.

# Financial aid meeting today

A financial aid meeting that was canceled due to inclement weather Jan. 13 has been rescheduled for today (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the Cass City High School speech room.

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

Christie Rahn, Great Lakes College director of admissions, will go through financial aid forms and answer

questions. Financial aid forms will be handed out at the meeting.

In addition, Robert Tuckey of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Co. P.C. will present tax information regarding the Hope Credit Life Time Learning Credit Educational IRAs, borrowing from your IRAs and deductible interest program.

Everyone is welcome to the presentation. Additional information is available by contacting Wayne Dillon, high school counselor, at 872-2148.



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**THE WEATHER'S BEEN** frightful so far this winter, but the blankets of snow — more than 30 inches in Cass City to-date — also make for some beautiful scenery, including this view of the Cass River from the bridge just east of M-81 on Elmwood Road.

# La Nina expected to fade away before long

La Nina may have thrown her best punch for the winter, but that doesn't rule out the possibility of travelers becoming stranded on roadways or even in airplanes before the temper tantrum (winter) season is over.

Jeff Andresen, Michigan State University Extension agricultural meteorologist, says there is evidence in the South Pacific that La Nina has begun or will soon begin to fade.

"There is evidence that, over the next few months, we will see a gradual warming of those cold sea surface temperatures in the Pacific and that, by summer or early fall, we will basically be back near normal conditions," Andresen says. "So the forcing mechanism that La Nina provides for our jet stream

and for our weather will gradually diminish."

Though the worst may be over, don't rule out periods of hazardous winter weather in the Great Lakes region, especially within the lake-effect areas.

"We can expect the occurrence of La Nina-type impacts over the next couple of months, at least for the remainder of the winter and perhaps longer," Andresen says. "We generally see the most pronounced impacts of a La Nina event in the late winter and early spring."

That probably means some pretty rugged weather amid less rugged, even mild periods in the coming weeks.

"I think we can expect normal to above normal precipitation, and I think that, overall, the odds are good that our temperatures, while swinging from one extreme to the other, will average out to below normal, especially into the late winter and possibly into early spring," Andresen says.

There is a concern that, if the La Nina coolness persists into April or May, spring planting will be hindered for many growers. Moreover, the odds of a warmer and dry growing season, which is not unusual following a La Nina event, are about 50/50.

"Should La Nina cool conditions continue into the summer, more often than not we will see problems with dryness in the Midwest," Andresen says. "Right now La Nina is forecast not to

continue, but it is something to keep an eye on because, in the past 2 or 3 years, we've seen some unusual things happen in the Pacific."

If there is a good side to La Nina, it is the snow pack, the heaviest since the late 1970s (with more likely to come), which can help replenish the soil moisture deficit in an elliptical area stretching from the Saginaw Valley westward to midstate and into southeastern Michigan. The mild to moderate drought conditions in this region also exist in the western Upper Peninsula.

Andresen says that snow is a good insulator against crop winterkill and a good restorer

of soil moisture because it tends to melt gradually into the soil profile.

"Many parts of our growing regions have trended drier than normal since spring 1998," Andresen says, "and up until now that has caused increasing concern about the 1999 growing season. Normally, the soil profile is full of moisture when planting season begins. Should we not see above normal precipitation for the next several months, we could start off the 1999 growing season with less than normal soil moisture, and that could mean problems later in the growing season."

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## Update project identifies Huron centennial farms

In response to a request from the Michigan Centennial Farm Association, the Huron County 4-H Council initiated a project to update Huron County Centennial

Farm information that is on file at the Bureau of History, Michigan Department of State, in Lansing.

As a result, 30 teen and adult 4-H volunteers assisted in implementing the project with the assistance of the MSU Extension Staff.

Terry Shaffer, assistant curator at the MSU Museum; Bill Kimball, professor emeritus, Resource Development; and Michigan State University Extension tourism staff assisted in the development of a Centennial Farm Survey and with a workshop for volunteers to learn how to implement the survey.

Committee members were assigned townships to call or visit the centennial farms that were on record at the Bureau of History, to complete the surveys. As a result of this project, updated information was provided to the Bureau of History which indicated 160 of the 185 farms being current centennial farms.

The survey included gathering information about other potential centennial farms in their communities, providing information and

assistance to centennial farm owners about such things as barn rehabilitation, farmland preservation and agricultural tourism. Furthermore, projects to document agricultural heritage and agricultural tourism opportunities are being developed at this time.

A centennial farm must be a working farm, with a minimum of 10 acres, ownership must have remained in the same family for over one hundred consecutive years, and the relationship of the present owner to the owner of one hundred years ago must be clearly stated in a deed. The families are presented a certificate of achievement from the Secretary of State Office and a centennial farm sign in recognition of their contribution to the agricultural history of Michigan by their local utility company.

The project has led to the discovery of more than 75 farms in Huron County with the potential to be designated centennial farms. Of this group, 37 farms were designated centennial farms in 1998.

## Dairy survey slated

About half of Michigan's 3,700 Grade A dairy producers will be asked to participate in a survey that will be mailed to them in February.

Chris Wolf, Michigan State University Extension agricultural economist, says the project is being conducted in cooperation with the state's dairy industry leaders.

"Surveys of dairy producers used to occur fairly regularly, but there hasn't been a survey since 1991, and there has been a lot of change, from the number of producers who are still in business to the way today's farm operates," Wolf says.

Information collected in the survey will be used for strategic planning and education programs by MSU researchers, extension specialists and dairy industry leaders.

Producers will be asked questions on such things as changes in the size of the herd, farm business growth, employee management, manure handling, and changes in their milk-handling facilities.

The survey is supported by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and is being conducted in cooperation with the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. All of the information collected will be kept confidential.

Wolf says that survey results should be tabulated by May or June and the report made available to producers and others in the industry by fall.

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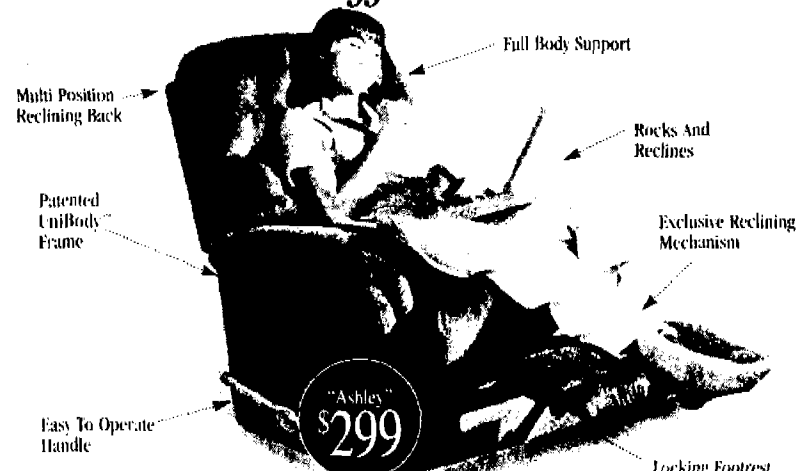
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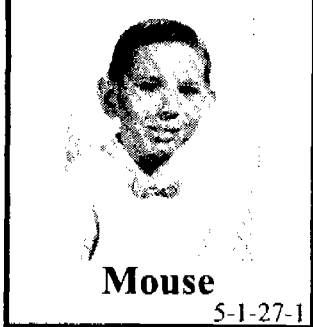
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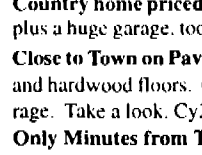
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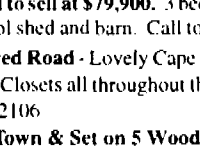
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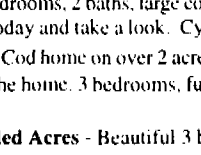
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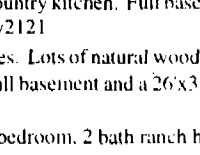
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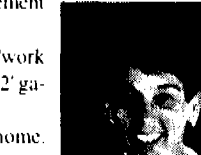
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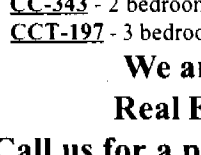
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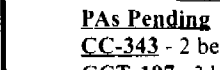
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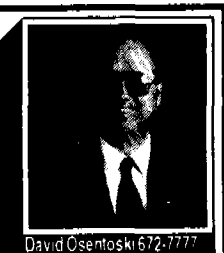
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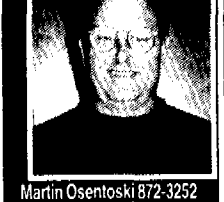


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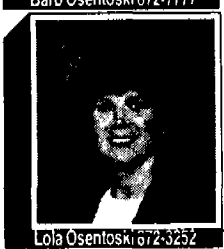
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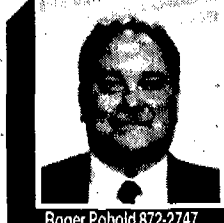
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# Cass City man faces prison

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In other circuit court proceedings Friday:

•William G. Eckenswiler, 42, Mayville, pleaded no contest to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between July 22 and Oct. 2 in Watertown Township, and to having one prior felony conviction.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Eugene M. Bilicki, 42, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 7 in Wells Township.

Bond was continued at \$2,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered for the defendant, whose driver's license was revoked. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Bobby W. Redmond, 39, Deford, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 13 in Cass City.

Bond was continued at \$2,000 and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Redmond's driver's license was revoked. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Michael N. Jacques, 17, Otter Lake, was sentenced to

4 years probation and 180 days on an electronic tether device for his plea of guilty to attempted conspiracy to commit second degree home invasion Jan. 16 in Millington Township.

He was ordered to undergo drug testing and reimburse the county its expenses in the case, as well as pay \$740 in fines plus \$315.75 in attorneys fees and \$971 in restitution.

•James D. Mitchell, 20, Otisville, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 90 days in the county jail for his plea of guilty to attempted larceny by conversion July 13 in Millington.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse treatment and mental health therapy, and pay \$500 in fines and costs, \$827.90 in restitution and \$638 in attorneys fees.

•Vernon Fowler, 21, Mayville, was sentenced to one to 2 years imprisonment for his plea of guilty to attempted larceny in a building Oct. 3 in Mayville.

He was also ordered to pay \$347 in restitution.

•James S. Rienas, 20, Cass City, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 180 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his conviction on charges of possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) and conspiracy to deliver marijuana Aug. 12 in Cass City.

Rienas, who was convicted by a jury Dec. 7, was also ordered to undergo drug testing, reimburse the county its expenses in the case, and pay \$460 in costs and fines plus \$1,530 in attorneys fees and \$150 in restitution.

•Rueben J. Ramirez, 21, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 180 days in jail for his jury conviction on charges of possession of marijuana and conspiracy to deliver marijuana Aug. 12 in Cass City.

## Street project on tap

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manager. Bemus has served as village treasurer since 1978 and as village clerk-treasurer since 1979.

The change will go into effect in 45 days.

The actions follow 1998 revisions to the General Law Village Act that provide for a number of changes in how the state's villages conduct business.

The revisions were approved by the state legislature after more than a decade of deliberations by special committees of village managers, attorneys and village officials at Michigan Municipal League (MML) workshops. Among those who had a hand in effecting the changes was Lou LaPonsie, a former long-time Cass City Village manager who was active in the MML for years.

Before last year, the General Law Village Act had never been revised comprehensively since its enactment in 1895, although it has been amended many times.

Village President L.E. Althaver predicted many other villages with elected clerks and treasurers will follow Cass City's example.

He noted village officials have been concerned with this issue for a number of years because of how the jobs of clerk and treasurer have evolved into professional positions requiring expertise.

"The village clerk must have a great deal of training, skills and competence" to handle the job today, he said, adding the same goes for treasurer. "It's gotten to the point where it's complicated."

In other business Monday, the council:

•Briefly discussed the village's efforts to prepare for any potential computer problems when the year 2000 arrives.

The concerns stem from the so-called Millennium Bug or Y2K problem related to certain computer systems that will read the year 2000 as the year 1900. Experts say the problem could affect everything from home computers to utilities to government operations.

Downing noted the village is currently conducting an inventory of computer systems, including contacting software vendors to determine if the software now used is Y2K compliant. The village is checking on the systems that serve the wells and the water and wastewater departments. However, all other village computers are ready for the year 2000, she said.

A bigger concern, Downing added, is whether the electric utilities that supply power to the village will be affected when the new year arrives.

•Appointed Steve Wright, owner of the Paint Store, to the Cass City Downtown Development Authority Board.

•Approved 1999 regular meeting dates for all village boards. The dates, which remain the same as last year, are: village council, last Monday of the month; planning commission, third Tuesday; Economic Development Corporation and Downtown Development Authority, second Tuesday, and Zoning Board of Appeals, May of each year and as required.

All regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Cass City Municipal Building, 6506 Main St.

He was also ordered to reimburse the county its expenses in the case and pay \$800 in fines and costs plus \$1,010.34 in attorneys fees and \$150 in restitution.

•Wayne A. Creason, 37, Caro, was sentenced to 5 years probation and 365 days in jail for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 6 in Caro, and being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

Creason, who was granted permission to enter a residential alcohol abuse treatment program, was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. He was ordered to complete his high school education, reimburse the county its expenses in the case and pay \$1,000 in costs and fines. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, January 27

Soup, sandwich and dessert lunch, Cass City United Methodist Church, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: John Haire and Bill Dupuis.

### Friday, January 29

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

### Monday, February 1

Humane Society of Tuscola County will hold its next quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro. Dr. Susan Hoppe, D.V.M. will be speaking on emergency hints for pets.

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

### Tuesday, February 2

American Youth Soccer Organization signup, Cass City Middle School Cafeteria, 6 - 8 p.m.

## Oesch takes top award at tourney

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Red Hawks' first appearance in competition in Class B.

Caro High School also went 5-1, but Cass City clinched the title by dominating individual speaker points.

Hoelzle was ranked first overall in speaker honors, while Ryan was second, Oesch was third and DuQuesnay, sixth.

Other schools competing in the tournament were Frankenmuth, Marshall, Petoskey, Battle Creek, Lakeview and Alma.

Not only did the Cass City team clinch the district title, but all 4 debaters qualified for the John S. Knight Scholarship Competition next month, when they'll compete for debate scholarships. Daniels called the feat "very

rare. "Usually, you're lucky if you get one person who qualifies," he added.

Daniels hopes his debaters will now go on to do what no other Cass City debate team has done: win the state varsity debate title.

The state tournament is scheduled for Feb. 4, 5 and 6 in Novi.

Cass City has a real chance to realize that goal, according to Daniels, who was recently elected chairman of the state debate committee and co-chairman of the state debate seeding committee.

"We're either ranked second or third in the state (behind 2-time state champ Brother Rice) — it depends on who you talk to," Daniels said. "Half the coaches think we're one step above Country Day, and the other half think we're a step behind."

## Cass City board reviews athletics

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equipment wears out.

It costs about \$150 a year to operate a cell phone, which probably will be installed free. Radios cost about \$500 each.

### OTHER BUSINESS

•Bill Kritzman was selected by the board as the person who has made special contributions to area children. He will be honored at the Thumb Meet of Champions in Caro in May.

•Danny Haag, Marilyn Peters and Allan Hartwick were appointed to review non-union personnel salaries for 1999-2000. Jim Turner is an alternate.

•The use of laser pointers at the school was reviewed. According to building principals, it has not become a major problem. The school now takes pointers from students using them at school and they are turned over to the parents. For a second offense, the pointers are taken and not returned until the end of the school year.

That procedure will be followed, but more stringent restraints will be started, the board agreed, if it appears necessary.

•The school will seek a 5-year renewal of the 18-mill non-homestead tax in the June election. It raises about \$650,000 annually.

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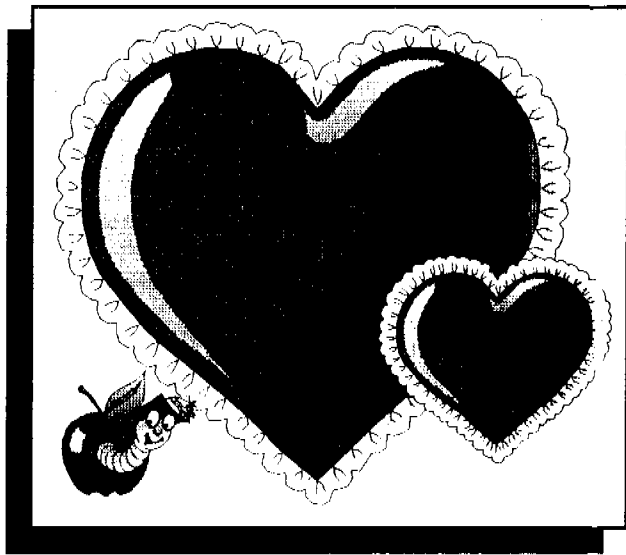


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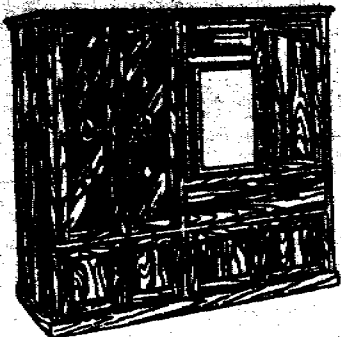
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To help future brides, Mindy Weiss, celebrity wedding planner and a spokesperson for the Sears Gift Registry, shares tips for tackling pre-matrimonial anxieties:

\* To invite or not to invite — Deciding on the guest list can be one of the most daunting tasks for a couple. Torn between parental obligations, friends and co-workers of the bride or groom often are left without an invitation. To accommodate all parties involved, divvy up the list so that the bride and groom, the parents of the bride and the parents of the groom each invite one-third of the guests.

\* Get moving — A regular exercise routine not only will ease stress and reduce tension, but will make it easier to get a good night's sleep. Also, to alleviate the pressures of the day, take a brisk walk or hit the gym later in the afternoon rather than in the morning.

\* Shopping together...happy together — The registry process can be a harrowing experience for some couples as the bride and groom will have different ideas on what they need to start a life together. Sears takes the stress out of registering by providing the widest merchandise selection of any national gift registry source.

\* Prenuptial hair "do" — Avoid a "bad hair day" on the big day. Schedule a trial run with the actual stylist 2 or 3 weeks before the ceremony. Bring the veil and photos of the gown, if possible, to give the stylist an idea of the image being portrayed. Take a snapshot of the run-through hairstyle as a quick reference for the stylist on the wedding day. More importantly, don't get a drastic haircut less than

2 months before the wedding, since there won't be time to undo the damage.

\* Bridal party pampering — For an ultimate stress buster and bridal party thank you, spend the morning of the big day soaking up spa treatments at a local salon. Between appointments with a hairstylist, makeup artist, manicurist or masseuse, there won't be any time to be nervous.

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## Cultured pearls - the perfect wedding accent

Like most little girls, we grow up longing for a fairy-tale wedding. And, although a wedding means exciting news to most, it can mean major stress for the bride. Between the cake, the dress, the guests and the band, the last thing a bride needs to think about is her jewelry.

With that in mind, here is some friendly advice on how to resemble the smiling plastic bride standing next to her groom atop your scrumptious cake — make your jewelry choice an easy one and wear cultured pearls.

Say the image you've conjured up in your mind is pure Grace Kelly — simple, understated and very feminine. A single classic Akoya necklace will make you feel utterly uncomplicated as well as elegant. But then you may think you want to go "high

glam" — plunging necklines and upswept hair. A triple-strand cultured pearl bracelet and a multistrand pearl collar may accomplish your mission not impossible.

Diane Forden, editor-in-chief of Bridal Guide Magazine, agrees cultured pearls make any wedding day complete. "It's the perfect accent," she says. Forden explains that the many cultured pearl styles and shades available make it easy and affordable to fit a bride's style and budget.

And, because the bride's gown isn't the only dress you'll need to accessorize on your special day, cultured pearls are a fashionable and affordable gift for bridesmaids, the mother of the bride and even the mother-in-law-to-be. Affordable freshwater pearls floating on

a wire or in a twist, for example, make great bridesmaids gifts that they'll wear at the ceremony and for years to come.

Now that you've decided cultured pearls are the way to go for the big day, keep in mind that necklines should determine the style of the cultured pearls you will wear. A high- or closed-neck gown may look best with a large pair of cultured pearl studs. This way, the jewelry will make a bride's face glow without looking overdone. A V-neck dress, on the other hand, just screams to be decorated with a multistrand cultured pearl choker, or even a South Sea pearl solitaire necklace.

A bride also should be aware that white pearls with a slightly pink overtone tend to look best on fair skin while pearls with a creamy tone are complimentary to darker skin tones.

When choosing cultured pearls for a wedding, it's best to buy them from a knowledgeable and reputable jeweler. The Cultured Pearl Information Center recommends that a bride keep several points in mind when shopping for pearls.

Perhaps the most important quality to look for in a pearl is its luster. Luster is the com-

bination of surface brilliance and a deep-seated glow emanating from within the heart of a pearl. When looked at in normal light, a highly lustrous pearl produces an almost mirrorlike reflection of objects around it. The appearance of a white, dull or chalky surface indicates that a pearl is of lower quality.

Another aspect to consider when choosing a pearl is the

cleanliness of its surface. It should be relatively free of blemishes that appear as cracks, bumps or pits. The cleaner the face of a pearl, the more valuable.

Furthermore, the shape of a pearl is another important factor to consider when purchasing jewelry. Round pearls traditionally are the most popular choice for weddings. However, irregularly

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The engagement must be announced, the news spread. Informing family, friends and co-workers, is what makes the engagement feel official. And more importantly, it is what gets the wedding planning in motion, beginning with the question, "When?"

Choosing a wedding date, one that allows the bride- and groom-to-be an ample amount of time to prepare, is a must. How much time a couple needs will vary with the size and style of wedding they choose. If planning a traditional wedding, the couple should give themselves at least 9 months to a year to prepare for it.

The next step lies in selecting just the right place to exchange vows and with whom to share the experience. This will help the couple determine the size and style of their wedding. If taking a traditional approach, the couple will want to select their honor attendants — bridesmaids for the bride, groomsmen for the groom. Additionally, the 2 can begin compiling a guest list.

As they compile the guest list, the couple should consider their gift registry. It's best to register for gifts at more than one store, in more than one price range. This allows guests more flexibility in choosing gifts.

Next, the couple must decide on the wedding profes-

sionals — the musicians, photographers, videographer, florist and caterer. A visit with the officiant should be arranged as well, in the event that any pre-wedding requirements need to be fulfilled.

Once the ceremony and reception sites have been booked and the necessary decisions made, the couple should consider their honeymoon. Consulting a travel agent always is a good idea. In doing so, the couple may receive discounts and other unique benefits or travel packages by making it known that they'll be newlyweds.

After the reservations have been made, the couple at last can begin focusing on themselves. In order to look as dazzling on their wedding day as smiling figurines atop a wedding cake, the bride- and groom-to-be will need to decide on their wedding apparel. If wedding attendants are involved, the bride will want to keep her bridesmaids in mind — the color and style of dresses they'd feel most comfortable wearing.

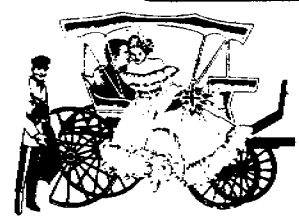
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Start early — To truly capture the feeling of the wedding experience, start taking pictures before the "big day." The photos of all the significant events between the engagement announcement

and the wedding day — like the engagement party, shopping for bridesmaid dresses, the bridal shower, trying on your wedding dress for the first time, and the bachelorette party — will make a great addition to your photo album.

Don't be a stranger — Believe it or not, many camera "problems" can be a direct result of users who did not take the time to read the instruction manual and learn how to operate the camera. Familiarizing yourself with a new camera is very important: It increases confidence in picture-taking and helps avoid obvious mistakes. Knowing how to load the film properly, and verifying that the film is advancing in the camera, should be second nature.

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WHEN THE FORMER Rose Marie Campbell and son, Rush, are rejoined with her new husband, Ronald Woloshen, it will be the first time they have been out of the tropics.

## Minister found through internet

# Woloshens' marriage a surprise to families

If you try to call Ronald Woloshen, 38, Cass City Middle School sixth grade teacher in his second year at the school, don't be surprised if you get a busy signal. After all, when his phone bill for calling Jamaica reaches \$300 a month, the phone might well be in use when you call.

But then, if you have left a new bride behind after getting married Nov. 27 last year, keeping in touch at every opportunity is understandable.

What does require clarification is why the separation? The answer is that the newlyweds are bound and tied by red tape. Woloshen's wife is a native-born Jamaican and it now takes a year or more for the

*It takes a year or more to overcome the government's red tape so that the new bride can join her husband.*

federal wheels to turn and do the paper work to allow her to join her husband in the United States.

When we were married, Woloshen explained, we made it a surprise to the parents of both families. In a way, it could be termed a surprise to Woloshen also. It is a first marriage for both and they kept the marriage a surprise by turning to the internet to find a minister. Turned out he lived just a few miles from the bride's home.

It all started when he visited a friend, who lives in Jamaica, while

on vacation. Getting married certainly wasn't on the list of things to do, he laughed.

But next door lived Rose Marie Campbell and her son, Rush. She was a single parent living with her family.

### FREQUENT TRIPS

Before and after the marriage, Woloshen logged a lot of frequent flyer miles with visits in October, November and December. The cost isn't too bad, he added. A round trip costs about \$400.

There are hitches at times, Woloshen re-

called ruefully. He was caught in a storm returning home and spent 54 hours waiting for a plane. He was forced to rent a car and drive from Tampa to Orlando.

I was lucky, he continued, in that the Monday school day I would have missed was cancelled because of the storm.

Given a choice, there is no doubt that the separation would never had taken place, but there is one advantage that Woloshen sees. The young, enthusiastic teacher loves the cold weather and the snow. I went out the other day and walked through a field of snow untouched, without a track

on it. It was great.

While he is used to snow, his bride certainly isn't. The low Jamaican temperature is about 70 degrees and Rose Marie has never been out of the tropics. If it's June before she is cleared to enter, she will have all summer and fall to get used to our temperature, he explained.

One of the subjects in the course Woloshen teaches is about Jamaica and the students in his class get a few extras. Among the Jamaican items he shares with them are coffee beans from the country and a rock-hard cookie that is pure Jamaican.

He explains that in Jamaica, patois, a branch of English, is spoken. I'm getting better, but I still have to turn to Rose for an interpretation at times, he said.

The students will have an even better first hand look at the country in the future. Woloshen promises to bring his bride to class to talk and answer questions.

### THE FUTURE

We look forward to having children, Woloshen points out. My wife wants to work and she helped in a store her mother owned, so after we get settled she will be job hunting.

We also plan to take vacations each year to Jamaica, although my friends all point out that as the family grows so will my expenses.

The family expenses will mount up, but, on the other hand, think of the savings on plane fare and phone bills.

Should be enough for a nice vacation, at least for a few years ahead.



RONALD WOLOSHEN never missed a day on the job at the Cass City Middle School despite waiting 54 hours on one of his frequent trips to Jamaica.

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