

ROBERT SMITH stands beside one of the empty pens on his farm. He was forced to kill piglets as the market price for fat hogs has dipped so low that the money received will not pay for the feed.

## Hog price crash devastates Smith family farm operation

Everything was going along smoothly in 1996 for Robert and Susan Smith and the 3 girls and one boy in the family. The oldest was then 10 years old, ready to help out around the farm. And there was plenty to do.

After nearly 10 years, the Smiths seemed well on their way to a comfortable living. At that time on the 5 acres that housed the operation, there were 180 sows and perhaps as many as 2,500 pigs. A birthing building was

added for the expanding business.

Over the years pig farmers have been in one of the most dependable of the commodities markets. Despite fluctuations, the prices had been relatively firm for 25 years or so.

The peak for fat hogs delivered came in 1996, when they brought about 60 cents a pound. The price capped a rising market from a price of about 40 cents a pound in 1994.

From the peak the prices plummeted to less than 10 cents a pound. The last time I looked, Smith said, they were at 9 1/2 cents a pound.

The young farmer hasn't needed to check the prices recently. For all practical purposes, he is out of the hog business.

With the rising price of feed and the decimated prices, he simply can't afford to stay in business. He was forced to kill his piglets because he just couldn't afford to feed

them. His break-even price was 42 cents a pound.

All that is left of his once thriving business are 10 sows to raise young pigs for 4-H, Smith points out.

When the prices first collapsed, the family tried to stave off disaster when Susan went to work 2 years ago. It wasn't enough.

The way we are heading, Smith feels, is that there will be only corporate farms left.

Conglomerates like Murphy Family Farms of North Carolina, which has 330,000 sows at several megafarms across the country, have led to overproduction that slaughterhouses can't handle despite running at capacity for 8 weeks.

Because large farms like Murphy's are expensive to build and operate, there are too many fixed costs to cut production when prices plunge.

When crop farmers face di-

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## Grant brings bus service to village

Sparked by an \$8,000 Thumb Area Michigan Works! grant, bus service between Caro and Cass City will start on a trial basis Jan. 11. Human Development Commission Director Dale Perz of Caro announced this week.

When it starts, Perz continued, it will be a depot to depot operation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The schedule calls for the bus to leave Caro at 8 a.m. to Cass City and from Cass City

to Caro at 8:30 a.m. In the afternoon another round trip is planned starting from Caro at one p.m. and from Cass City at 1:30 p.m.

Service will be provided by Caro Thumbbody Express, which has been providing service to Almer and Indianfields Townships for more than 15 years. Round trips are expected to cost \$3.

Perz visualizes a route in Cass City that takes in the

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THE FIRST BABY of the year in the area will receive a host of prizes from Cass City merchants. Shaede Stone, son of Chasity and Mike Perzanowski of Cass City, arrived at 4:58 a.m. Saturday at Huron Memorial Hospital. The baby, who arrived 3 weeks early, was 21 1/2 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. The new arrival joins 2 brothers, Cody and Braeden. Mother works at Lear Donnley in Marlette and dad, at 5-Star Systems in Shelby Township.

## Thumb still cleaning up after winter blast

Thumb residents and road crews alike Monday continued digging out of a winter storm that blasted the Midwest over the weekend.

The storm, packing heavy snowfall and gusty winds, arrived Saturday and dumped several inches of snow throughout Michigan, paralyzing travel and canceling a host of weekend events. By Sunday night, officials in dozens of schools systems, including most Thumb districts, decided to extend the holiday vacation Monday due to snow-covered roads and continued blowing and drifting.

The storm proved to be a big one for Thumb residents, who have gotten used to a kinder, gentler Old Man Winter in recent years.

In Cass City, a total of 9 inches of snow was recorded Saturday at the village wastewater treatment plant.

Plant Supt. Rick Mohr said the one-day snowfall total was the largest since 1985, when 11 inches of the white stuff fell Jan. 1. Since then, storms have dumped 8 to 8 1/2 inches of snow during a

24-hour period only twice; Jan. 10, 1987, and Feb. 23, 1990.

Despite the inconvenience, the storm resulted in no major emergencies in Tuscola County. And Emergency Services Director Pat Finn said residents deserve a lot of the credit for that.

Cass City crews began scraping and clearing village streets Saturday night. "Sunday is when we came in and cleared most of it," said village DPW Supt. Gary Barnes.

On Monday, he added, the crew spent much of their time hauling snow away, a

Miklovic said it typically takes a day-and-a-half to 2 days to clear all of the county's roads once a storm subsides.

The road commission has 35 to 40 trucks and the county has about 120 miles of state highway, 350 miles of primary roads and 1,280 miles of local roads.

Miklovic said the weekend snowfall gave road crews plenty to do, but the county has seen worse.

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-Jim Miklovic  
T.C. Road Commission

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"I think everybody here did a good job by staying home. It really helped the whole situation," Finn said, adding it's best if motorists simply stay off the road after a storm if possible to avoid accidents and to allow county road crews to do their job.

The cold, stiff south wind and road conditions hindered fire fighters from 7 Huron County departments, who battled a blaze at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe Sunday morning. The fire gutted the 30-year-old family business, but no injuries were reported.

The storm kept local, county and state road crews busy throughout much of the weekend, and the work continued Monday.

task that probably won't be completed until the end of the week. "We've got 4 trucks hauling, (but) there is so much snow out there."

The clean-up isn't expected to hurt salt supplies. Much of the cost of snow removal lies in equipment use and manpower, according to Barnes, who noted the same amount of salt — about 10 tons per snowfall in Cass City — is used whether a storm dumps 2 or 10 inches.

Countywide, road crews were expected to have reached all roads by sometime Monday, according to Jim Miklovic, director of finance for the Tuscola County Road Commission.

And with weeks left of winter weather ahead, it probably won't be the last storm of the year.

Finn encourages residents to be prepared when they travel by simply stocking a few simple items in their vehicle.

Typical items in a winter emergency storm kit include road salt, a shovel, windshield scraper, flashlight, blanket, booster cables, tow chain or rope, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, flares, maps, tool kit and fire extinguisher. Finn said it's also a good idea to keep a pair of gloves, boots and winter gear on hand.

## Motorist collides with horse

A Huron County motorist was injured early Monday morning when he struck a horse about 4 miles east of Cass City.

Cass City police, who assisted Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies at the scene, identified the driver as Frank Azar, 61, of Bad Axe.

According to reports, Azar was on his way to work at 4:18 a.m. when the accident occurred. The driver told police he was southbound on M-53, about 200 yards south of M-81, when he struck and killed the animal. Azar stated he saw 2 or 3 horses in the roadway and was unable to avoid the collision.

After impact, Azar lost control of his 1998 Mercury 4-door, which came to rest in the northbound lane.

Cass City police administered first aid to the driver at the scene. He was then transported to Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, where he was admitted and listed in "stable" condition Monday.

The name of the owner of the horse or horses was not available at press time.



SNOW CAN BE a lot of fun when you don't have to shovel it. Above (from left), Jason Rogers, 15, Chase Nichols, 12, and Gary Grates, 13, all of Decker, spent some time on the sledding hill in Cass City Monday afternoon. Students throughout the Thumb enjoyed an extra day off from school courtesy of Old Man Winter.

## Automated mail volume up

# Merchants: sales good

A random unscientific survey of 4 stores in Cass City revealed that business was good this Christmas season, in most instances better than the previous year.

Dennis and Bunny Porter of Timeless Treasures said that it was a "good Christmas", about the same or a little better than the previous year. There was a strong demand, they said, for handmade items and afghans.

There was a spurge of late buying this year, Russ Schneeberger at Schneeberger's TV, Furniture and Appliance, reports. Overall, he estimated that business was about the same as last year. There was a heavy demand for La-Z-Boy

chairs in the furniture department, and appliances sold well.

Cheryl Shores at Health Mart said enthusiastically that she was thrilled with the business over the holiday and during the year.

It was much better than last year, with a marked increase of children with Santa and Christmas greeting photo cards, she added.

Owner Mike Weaver was also happy with the Christmas season and the general business year. We just about sold out of Christmas lights and wrapping, he said. Our gift department was really excellent. We sold 150 of these replicas of the Octagon

Barns, he explained, and Hallmark products continued to be a major attraction for gift-givers.

The brand names mean a lot and it was apparent in the sale of Yankee Candles. It's a name that our customers know and, judging by sales, wanted, he said.

### POST OFFICE BUSY

It was a busy December in the Cass City post office also, Postmaster Gary Drabek reports.

The trend for automated first class mail increased sharply and Drabek predicts that the trend will accelerate in 1999. In December 1997,

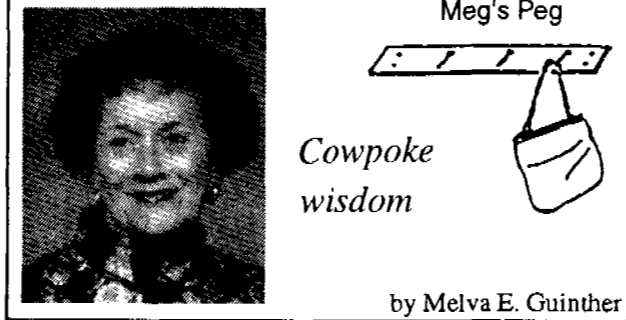
46,605 pieces were handled automatically as compared to 116,462 pieces this December.

Magazines and other pieces of what the postal department terms as flat mail nearly doubled from 35,851 to 65,894 pieces. Hand sorted mail decreased slightly from 70,189 in December 1997 to 68,611 this December.

Total pieces of mail handled in December 1997 was 156,905 as compared to 256,743 in December 1998. Drabek said that one reason for the great increase may have been because of the scheduled first class rate increase of one cent to 33 cents on Jan. 10.



MEMBERS OF TYLER Lodge 317 F&AM recently held their installation of officers at the Masonic Lodge in Cass City. They are (left to right): Milton Connolly, treasurer; Clarence Merchant, chaplain; Robert Ricker, senior deacon; Ted Furness, marshal; Carl Palmateer, worshipful master; James Wilson, senior warden; Ken Blue, junior warden; Lyle Melkersen, junior deacon; Ed Karr, secretary, and Harold McGrath, tiler.



Cowpoke wisdom

by Melva E. Guinther

In case you didn't get around to making any New Year's resolutions, here is some down to earth advice you might want to adopt, from an unknown cowboy.

It was passed along by our daughter, Sandy Welter. If you stop and think about it, some of them are very practical.

A Cowboy's Guide To Life

- > Don't squat with your spurs on.
- > Don't interfere with something that ain't botherin' you none.
- > The easiest way to eat crow is while it's still warm. The colder it gets, the harder it is to swallow.
- > It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.
- > If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- > If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't.
- > The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you shave his face in the mirror every morning.
- > Never ask a barber if you need a haircut.
- > If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

> Don't worry about bitin' off more'n you can chew; your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.

> Always drink upstream from the herd.

> Generally, you ain't learnin' nothin' when your mouth's a-jawin'.

> Tellin' a man to git lost and makin' him do it are 2 entirely different propositions.

> If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there with ya.

> Good judgement comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgement.

> When you give a personal lesson in meanness to a critter or to a person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.

> When you're throwin' your weight around, be ready to have it thrown around by somebody else.

> Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back.

> Always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's crucial to know what it was.

> The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back into your pocket.

> Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Engaged



Sandra Bulla & Dr. Todd Laughner

Sandra S. Bulla and Dr. Todd E. Laughner, both of Saginaw, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect, the daughter of Patsy Bulla of Cass City and the late John Bulla, is a 1990 graduate of Cass City High School. She is a teacher at White Pine Middle School in Saginaw Township.

The groom-elect, formerly of Youngstown, Ohio, is the son of James and Suzanne Laughner of Youngstown, Ohio, and is employed at Mid-Michigan Foot and Ankle in Saginaw Township.

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agement in their creative endeavors are urged to attend.

Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend any meeting. If you decide to join, membership is open to poets, and fiction and non-fiction writers.

Any correspondence should be sent to: Thumb Writer's Club, P.O. Box 27, Sandusky, MI 48471. Phone 810-648-9648 or 517-673-6653 for further information.

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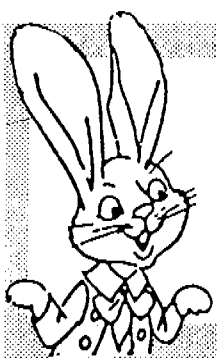
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

All in all, 1998 was a good year for most, but less than great for others, as Walbro shut down a line costing jobs. But as good as it was for the majority, it could have been better. If we could, we'd be sure to see that.....

Alan "Duke" Sward received a teacher's pension that would equal the benefits of a lifetime insurance policy earned substitute teaching instead of that minuscule \$39 per month he now gets.

Chad Daniels, whose Cass City debate squad won a host of trophies in 1998, would bring home a state title this year. Jason Smigell, Cass City band director, had enough money to that every student who wants to will be able to take the old trip to New York City.

Paula LeValley, who is spearheading a drive to build a 100,000-plus community playground, would have a successful campaign and a new facility this year.

Beth Spencer, who is attempting to get ballroom dancing underway in Cass City, has the 25 or more dancers needed to start tripping the light fantastic.

Bert Althaver would have one or 2 more civic board positions to add to the many he now serves. After all, he is re-elected, isn't he?

Holly Althaver, co-chairman, has pleasant memories of 20 years of the Bach Festival in Cass City, a classical musical extravaganza with noted artists never seen in a small town like Cass City previously and which probably will never be seen again.

Bill Kritzman and Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn, it's going to be lonely on Main Street without you, so stay close to do what you've always done, promote Cass City.

Dr. Paul Chappel, Cass City golf coach (It's volunteers like him that build better teams) would have another championship to add to the one just earned.

Similar success to that of 1998 for supporters of the Octagon Barn in Gagetown would make Rose Putnam, Norma Wallace and Bob Hirn smile.

Leah Nixon, summer intern at the Chronicle in 1998, would have success and plenty of by-lines when she interns this year at the Bay City Times.

Success is enjoyed by the new corporation that purchased a plant from Walbro Corporation in Indiana and plans expansion of Micro EDM in Cass City under the direction of Gary Ollmar, Bob Bredemeyer and Kelly Smith.

John Ryba, with help from Alex Robles, collected over 100 discarded tires from area roadsides and ditches. In 1999 it will be great if he finds a way to get rid of them...with a profit.

Bob Papovich, whose book on the Oklahoma bombing, Freedom's End - Conspiracy in Oklahoma, has died on the shelves, would find a way to stimulate sales so that he could feel justified in releasing a second book he started writing.

Joshua Wark, who has a collection of 200 beanie babies, would have a big 1999 where another 200 come his way.

## Witness tampering?

# Mayville couple arraigned

A Mayville couple whose 2 sons face criminal sexual conduct charges now have court dates themselves in Tuscola County.

Earl W. Tiffin Jr., 49, and Sandra M. Tiffin, 47, who own the Tiffin Funeral Home in Mayville, were arraigned last week in Tuscola County District Court on charges of obstruction of justice, a 5-year felony offense.

A \$10,000 personal recognition bond was set for each defendant, and preliminary examinations for the couple were scheduled for Friday at 9 a.m.

Tuscola County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Mark Reene said the charges allege the couple contacted or otherwise tampered with witnesses associated with their sons' cases, which are pending in the county.

The sons include Dennis C. Tiffin, 19, Mayville, who was arraigned last July on 31 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving victims at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between 1994 and May 1998 in the Fremont Township and Mayville areas.

Dennis Tiffin is also charged with 5 counts of sodomy, delivery of marijuana to a minor, selling/furnishing alcohol to a minor, falsely reporting a misdemeanor, and making an obscene phone call.

The charges each carry maximum 15-year prison terms, however, the prosecutor's office is seeking to have Tiffin classified as a sexually delinquent person, subjecting him to a penalty of up to life in prison if convicted.

Bond has been set at \$50,000 for the defendant, who has since been ruled competent to stand trial. A 2-day preliminary examination has been scheduled for early February in district court.

Dennis Tiffin's older

brother, Earl W. Tiffin III, 22, Mayville, was also arrested and charged over the summer. He faces one count of third degree criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years, and possession of marijuana in November-December 1997 in Mayville.

In other recent district court arraignments: Jason A. Ranney, 22, Silverwood, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon (double-edged knife), operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and possession of a switchblade Dec. 10 in Dayton Township.

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

## The Haire Net



I've been waiting 48 years to use a line that fits the announcement of my retirement and I decided that now is the time to use it. Not retire, just use the retirement statement.

The way it's going, who knows when I will tap out the last news story, the last column, the last sports story?

While I'll be around for a little while yet, it's safe to say that the load will be carried by Clarke and the returning Tom Montgomery.

It's surprising how easy it was to get back into the harness full time while Tom was out building up the readership of our competitor down M-81.

It was more than 2 score years ago when I was a regular at the village council meetings. Returning, I found things different, but yet the same.

It's certainly different to have to wade through sheaves and sheaves of paper to get to the activities of the council. It's different to attend a meeting in a room over twice as large as the one that served the community for almost as many years as I have spent monitoring the activities of your elected representatives.

It's different in the approach of council members. There's much less discussion of the issues of the day in the regular meetings.

So what's the same? Substitute the brouhaha about signs on Main Street and curb and gutter in Hills and Dales with the rancor about cutting trees adjacent to Main Street 40 years or so ago and nothing is changed.

The only remedy 40 years ago was the healing balm of time (and the planting of new trees on Main Street) and you have what very well may be the solution to the sign and curb and gutter dilemma.

Most of the faces have changed with the exception of President Lambert Althaver, who was a council member only when my council reporting was turned over to someone else.

Yet it's certain that each member has something in common with the members of the past. They are devoting their time, talent and

sometimes the strain of serving the village because they are dedicated to the job. That was evident when the council turned down a proposed salary raise.

It's something that members have in common with Hills and Dales Hospital board and various area school boards. Talk about coolie wages.

Now that Tom is back on the job, I will slip back into semi-retirement knowing that I won't have to worry about the Chronicle maintaining its quality reporting of the community and the area.

Oh, yes, that favorite line that I can't wait to pass on?

Now on my (semi) retirement I think back over the years when I have been much too busy to take off and go fishing.

I went anyway.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I always look forward to a new year. There's something about taking down the Christmas tree and putting up a new calendar that signals a fresh start, new opportunity, a chance for redemption.

We can't undo our mistakes, of course, but we can resolve to do better. I look back at 1998 and realize, "Sure, I made some mistakes, but none of them were impeachable."

I started off 1998 by predicting the weather 12 months ahead. Readers will recall we suffered from El Nino last winter, so most of the country had several months of warm, dry, cold, and wet weather.

I predicted we would see the demise of this weather pattern before 1998 was over, and sure enough, we've shifted into a La Nina mode. Now we can expect some cold, wet, warm, and dry weather for 1999.

In May I reported the release of the National Park Service position paper on pepper spray for grizzly bear protection. Officials at Yellowstone National Park now believe a camper with a can of pepper spray has a good chance of distracting a bear long enough for his companions to escape.

One of my June columns describes the "Quiet Room" at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C. The hotel installed its Quiet Room for stressed-out customers and charges them \$30 per hour for its use.

The Four Seasons' Quiet Room is soundproof, dimly lit, securely locked, and includes sounds of running water, forest noises, and bird calls if desired. Sounds like one of those old outhouses, doesn't it?

The rest of the summer was O.K., but the tree frogs were driving me crazy. We had frogs by the zillions this summer.

Biologists say ultra-violet light, pesticides and global warming are decimating frog

populations. My frogs don't seem to care. If they want to croak, they croak.

I know my frogs aren't the ones biologists have been talking about, but that's to be expected. It doesn't matter how many you've got, a biologist will always tell you it's the wrong kind.

In September I reported the gophers were back in my wife's flower beds. I report that event every year, but don't expect a repeat for 1999. I'm telling you right now, they'll be back!

Fall is my favorite time of

year, and we had a beautiful fall. A couple of Brits at the University of Illinois sent me a news clipping about Scottish farmers taking a sheep or 2 on vacation with them.

These folks were getting reduced ferry rates for vehicles hauling livestock. It's a long story, but you can bet the sheep had more fun than the farmers.

I hope everyone has a wonderful year in 1999. Enjoy the weather, keep the pepper spray handy, and don't let the tree frogs get you.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, January 6

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

### Thursday, January 7

Friends of the Library meeting, Rawson Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.

### Friday, January 8

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

### Monday, January 11

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. Elkland Township Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 12

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7:00 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

The Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m. at the Adult Day Services building, 435 Green Street, Caro. For additional information, please call 517-672-2273.

## The Weather

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Wednesday .....	24	12	0
Thursday .....	20	6	0
Friday .....	12	-3	0
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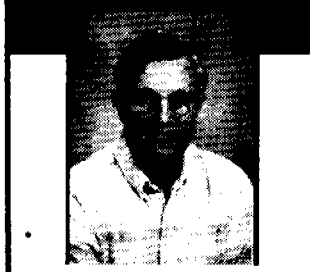
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**STUDENTS WERE AWARDED** ribbons and certificates for their selection as December's Red Hawk Award of Excellence recipients at the school. From left, Kyle Kausch, Mallory Powell, Ashlee Spencer and Kara Mellendorf.

## Excellence awards presented to Cass City students

A student from each of Cass City's 4 school buildings was selected Dec. 28 to receive the Red Hawk Award of Excellence. The award is presented 4 times a year for leadership, service, outstanding behavior, academic performance or other activities outside the school.

Supt. Ken Micklash presented ribbons and certificates to the selected students in a special recognition ceremony attended by relatives and friends.

Selected from Deford School was Kyle Kausch, son of Laura and Kevin Kausch of Deford. He was selected because he has been an excellent role model that his peers look to and admire. His teacher says Kyle is the room's computer tutor and is always willing to help others.

Ashlee Spencer, daughter of Mike and Sheryl Spencer of Cass City, was honored from the Campbell Elementary building. In the third grade, she is noted for her ability in art and creativity. Teachers state that Ashlee is a very artistic child and her projects show a gift for perception, detail and creativity.

Mallory Powell, daughter of Morris and Pam Powell of Cass City, was selected from the Cass City Middle School building. She is recognized by her teachers and her peers as a leader. Her grades are excellent and she is involved in many extracurricular activities.

Representing the high school building is Kara Mellendorf, daughter of Connie Mellendorf of Cass City. She needs no introduction to sports fans as she has been outstanding in basketball, softball and volleyball. A 3.972 grade-point student, she has been in a host of civic activities.

Included, but not restricted to, are blood drives, Christmas for Kids, Natural Helpers peer counseling, student government, muscular dystrophy telethon, Rotary Leadership and Ruster Foundation.

## MABA trade show set

The 66th Michigan Agri-Business Association's Winter Conference and Trade Show will be held Jan. 11-13, at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing.

Large, commercial agricultural equipment and suppliers to agri-businesses in Michigan will be on hand in the trade show, which runs from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, and 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Educational sessions will be offered each day of the conference, with programs Monday, Jan. 11, highlighting key issues in agriculture such as world supply and demand, finance and risk management issues and a special presentation on Agriculture in the 21st Century.

For more information on the conference, contact the MABA Office at (517) 336-0223.

## CHAPPEL'S CORNER

by Amanda Chappel

## Resolutions



Every new year it is a tradition for most people to make some sort of resolution of change or a goal for the new year. Most people choose the ever so popular, "I'm going to lose some weight this year," or "This is a great time to quit smoking." Students and teachers at Cass City High School and Cass City Middle School are making excellent changes for 1999.

Jacob Frederick is a freshman at the high school and he says he absolutely loves playing bingo. His resolution for the new year is to forget about less important things and play more bingo.

Ashley Ouvry wants to become a better person all around. Freshman Sara Homakie is in the same pool as most of us. She doesn't know what her resolution could be.

Brent Goslin, a high school sophomore, feels the same way. While laughing, he said, "I'm perfect." I laughed with him, knowing that no one is perfect and all of us could use some tweaking here and there.

After some conversation, Brent decided to resolve to set more goals for the upcoming golf season and stick to them.

Most people are lost in the decision of where to change first.

This kid is an absolute lover of machines and how they work. I work with Josh Sorenson at Marshall Distributing every day. Josh is a junior at the high school. Most of the parts that I pull off the shelves and label I have no idea how they work. I can ask, "Josh, what in the heck does this silly looking thing do?"

He looks at me with a grin and patiently explains to me what the part does. Over the summer of 1998 he fixed 18 motorcycles. Recently he took a test so he could obtain a motorcycle license. He is still waiting for the results. His resolution for the new year is to fix more motorcycles and to learn more about them.

Kevin Schott and Bryan Kilbourn, both seniors, recently purchased vehicles. Both of their resolutions are to save up enough money to pay off the vehicles as quickly as possible.

Ben Zimba is a junior at the high school. In the past year he has had terrible luck with vehicles, totaling 4 of them. His resolution for 1999 is to remain safe and non-crashed. You've probably read about senior Dan Cuddie in the

sports section. This very successful athlete has had a tremendous year with football and basketball so far. His new year's resolution is to beat current varsity Coach Jeff Hartel's old high school steal record. Coach Hartel had a total of 54 steals in one season. Dan has 22 so far. There are many games left, so it looks like he has a great chance of completing his resolution.

Adam Dorland, a junior, is another tough athlete. His hopes for 1999 are to make it to the state wrestling finals this year. I don't think this will be much of a problem for this excellent wrestler.

Many people these days are concerned with their health and the way they look. One of the most popular resolutions is to lose weight. It seems to be the most popular resolution to break, too. When I asked Nicole Missovich what her resolution was, she looked at me with a puzzled face and simply replied, "It would be nice to lose five pounds."

With the year 1999 here, many seniors are excited. We've been waiting for this year since elementary school. I remember when I was little and my friends and I counted how many years until we were graduated and grown up. We figured our graduation date to be 1999. It seemed so far away. I never thought it would become a reality, and now it's here. So far it's gone extremely fast and it's been a great time.

Jeremie Remsing just hopes to finish this year successfully. Many seniors' resolutions are to try to steer clear

of trouble for the next months and graduate successfully also.

Some middle schoolers are involved in all of this resolution business. After an explanation from his mother, what a resolution is, fifth grader Dustin Bader hopes to do better in school this year. He also wants to have a good basketball season. He had final resolution for his tv brothers. He wishes that he will resolve to get along with him better in the new year.

Jennifer Brinkman resolves to not watch as much television and read more. And Erla wants to stop biting her fingernails and quit grinding her teeth. Christoph Maharg, an eighth grader, decided to lift weights a jump rope more consistent so he can become quicker basketball this season.

Nancy Weippert, biolo teacher at the high school has a resolution that the whole world can take part. She hopes for peace worldwide. That is a great resolution with all that is happening with the government in the Middle East.

Kally Maharg, an eighth grade teacher, resolves to stay healthy this year. Assistant High School Principal Russell Biefer resolves to treat his wife really good this year.

I hope that your holiday was great. Try to stick to your New Year Resolutions. Start out with small goals and gradual work up to the bigger one. Even if you fail to complete your goals, start over again. It's never too late, even in March, April or May.

## Obituaries

### Elmer Fritz

Elmer Carl Fritz, 83, of Cass City, formerly of Bach, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, at Hills and Dales General Hospital after a long illness.

He was born July 8, 1915, in Brookfield to George and Albie (Melzer) Fritz, and married Illeen T. Franklin Aug. 20, 1949, in Caro.

Fritz was a dairy and crop farmer in the Bach area until retirement. He attended St. Peter Lutheran Church of Bach.

Surviving are his wife, Illeen; a son, Ronald (Karen) Fritz of Cass City; 3 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Alice (Leo) Parker of Avoca and Virgie of Bay City; 2 sisters-in-law, Winnie Fritz of Mayville and Natalie Fritz of Marlette, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Paul and Wilmer Fritz, a sister, Viola Zell, and a nephew, David Fritz.

Funeral services were held Monday at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Mark Todd of Living Word Worship Center officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

### William Holzwart

William E. Holzwart, 56, died Dec. 30, 1998, while vacationing in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

He was born in Unionville Feb. 7, 1942, the son of Edward and Mollie Spangler Holzwart, and remained a lifelong resident. He married Elizabeth Osterbeck in Caro Aug. 29, 1977. The Holzwarths owned and operated a janitorial service and were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He was the church custodian and served on the board of elders.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Scott (Cindy) Holzwart of Elkton; a daughter, Stephanie Collins of Excelsior, Mo.; 2 stepsons, Rick (Diane) Osterbeck of Unionville and Paul (Audrey) Osterbeck of Sebawaing; a stepdaughter, Ann (Matthew) Terrill of Leonard; 12 grandchildren, and 7 sisters, Adeline (Frank) Butler of Cass City, Dorothy (Jack) McAlpine of Fairgrove, Florence (Lawrence) Heintz of Unionville, Ardella (Richard) Berg of Cary, N.C., Doris (Lyle) Fritz of Sebawaing, Doris Nutt of Bay City, and Vida (Lawrence) Ewald of Unionville.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 4, at St. Paul Lutheran Church with the Rev. Michael Allen officiating.

Interment followed in Columbia Township Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made by Unionville Funeral Chapel.

### Marjory Olson

Marjory A. Olson, 85, of Baldwin, died Dec. 23, 1998, following a long illness.

She was born Oct. 29, 1913, in Lamotte Township, to Fred C. and Isabelle (Clark) Gierman. She married Edward Olson Nov. 23, 1939. He died Feb. 23, 1972.

Olson graduated from Cass City High School in 1932 and from Detroit-Pontiac Business Institute in 1935. She worked for Sears, Roebuck and Company in Pontiac and Detroit as an auditor for 9 years. During World War II she worked for Nash-Kelvinator for 5 years in the payroll office.

The couple moved to Baldwin from Detroit in September 1946, where they purchased and operated the Baldwin Theatre until 1942. She worked at the Lake County Extension office for 24 years, retiring April 1, 1980.

She was a member of the Baldwin Congregational Church, past president of the Baldwin Women's Club, O.E.S. Worthy Matron, secretary of the Band Boosters, a Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher, and was secretary and treasurer of the Polio Foundation during the time when the Salk Vaccine was created. She served 2 terms on the Baldwin Village Council and served on the Baldwin Housing Commission. She also worked on the original plans for the Baldwin Elementary School built in 1954.

Surviving are a son, Frederick Edward Olson and his wife Deborah Smith-Olson of Baldwin; 2 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Gierman.

Funeral services were held at the Baldwin Congregational Church in Baldwin Monday, Dec. 28, with the Rev. Susan Webeler officiating.

Interment followed in Pleasant Plains Township Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider memorial contributions to Hospice or the Baldwin Congregational Church.

Arrangements were made by the Vida Funeral Home in Baldwin.

### Matt Schipinski

Matt J. Schipinski, 85, of Filion died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, at Huron Memorial Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

He was born Sept. 26, 1913, in Bloomfield Township, the son of Matthew and Sophia (Gonwiecha) Schipinski. He married Leona Ulfig Sept. 25, 1937, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville. She died June 15, 1981.

He attended country school and farmed for many years before moving to Detroit and working for 7 years at the Ford Motor Car Co. He returned to Filion in 1937 and farmed with his wife until 1981. He was a life member of the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus, Council 1546, and a lifelong member of St. Joseph Parish in Rapson.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Beverly Allgeyer of Bad Axe and Joyce Mays and her husband, Robert, of Oscoda and Venice, Fla.; one son, Robert Schipinski and his wife, Lorie, of Filion; 12 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Peter and Roy Schipinski, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leona; one son, Gerald Schipinski; 2 grandchildren, Lori Allgeyer and Joel Kramer; his son-in-law, Joseph Kramer; 8 sisters, and

one brother.

Mass of Christian Burial was conducted Thursday, Dec. 31, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rapson. The Rev. John Weis, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice or the family discretionary fund.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

### Alvina Wilson

Alvina E. Wilson, 80, of Cass City, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999, at the Tendercare nursing facility, Cass City.

She was born Sept. 27, 1918, in Iowa to John and Mary Elizabeth Erz.

She married Harland P. "Harry" Wilson Feb. 1, 1941, in Detroit. He died Dec. 23, 1990.

Wilson raised 4 children and also worked for Walbro Corporation for many years. She was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church and the Cass City VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, James (Ann) Wilson of Anderson, S.C., Mary K. Alaoui of San Francisco, Calif., John (Andrenela) Wilson of Lennon and Henry (Lynn) Wilson of Albion; 9 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren, and a brother, Vince Erz of South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by 2 grandchildren, Harland James Wilson and Heather Wilson.

Funeral services were scheduled for today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul Bala officiating. Visitation was scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the church.

Interment will take place in the spring in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

### Arvin Wingert

Arvin Forrest Wingert, 89, of Kingston, died Sunday,

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Particka, Ashley and Adam Houston, Texas, spent a week with Melvin and Char- tie Particka.

Steve and Heather Depcinski spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a onday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and sons and Allen Farrelly were Christmas Day guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farrelly and family at arkston.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Gggeman of Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bailey, Cory and tie Rickett, Jamie Doerr, y Doerr, Sarah and Savan- h and Mrs. Curtis Cleland re Christmas supper ests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim err.

Bobbi Allen and Allen rrelly were Tuesday ening guests of Cheryl len.

Nancy and Dean Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of New Port News, Va., spent from Satur- day till Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter at Caro and several days with Rita and Ray Depcinski.

Jan Hagen of Grosse Pointe Woods, Bryce and Betty Hagen, Fred and Myrtle Hagen met at Uby Heights Country Club for brunch Sunday.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka and Jim and Judy Doerr went to Whiting Au- ditorium in Flint with the Port Hope retirees Saturday to see the Mel Tillis Christ- mas show before going to Divenchies at Frankenmuth for dinner.

Bill Cleland of Walled Lake was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Allen Farrelly was a Thurs- day afternoon guest of Sophie Schwartz and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Anna McCartney of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chockley of Crosswell, Mr.

and Mrs. Larry Chockley of Mt. Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Chockley and family at Algonac.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney were Wayne Sweeney of Saginaw, Mary Kay and Dan Ritter, Alex and Beth of Elkton, Frances Tschirhart of Bad Axe, Eric and Heidi Sweeney, Nicole and Brandon, Dick and Bea Tschirhart and Bruce Sweeney. Afternoon guests were Pat and Sally Bell and Lauren of Carp Lake.

Jim Foster of Waterford and Allen Farrelly were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Around 46 relatives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz for Christ- mas dinner Friday. Guests attended from Shelby Town- ship, Lake Orion, Sterling

Heights, Marlette and Uby.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Isler and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Paul O'Henley and Wilfred Depcinski were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley and Mark O'Henley. Another guest was Mark O'Henley's friend from Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Earl Schenk spent 4 days with Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Andersen and family at Canton. Other Christmas Eve guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen of Livonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Harris and family of Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farrelly and grandchildren, Luke and Kate of Armada, spent Tuesday with Allen Farrelly and had dinner at Charmont in Cass City.

Jerry Cleland and Mrs. Curtis Cleland attended the funeral of Mrs. Ronald War- ren of Caro at the Latter Day Saints Church at Caro. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Wendy Bailey and Caitlyn Rickett were Monday lunch guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ritter, Alex and Beth of Elkton, Sally and Pat Bell and Lauren of Carp Lake, Frances Tschirhart of Bad Axe, Wayne Sweeney of Saginaw, Bruce Sweeney, Jim A. and Kay Sweeney were Christmas dinner guests Sunday of Eric and Heidi Sweeney, Brandon and Nicole Sweeney. They also celebrated Frances Tschirhart's and Sally and Pat Bell's birthdays in the afternoon.

Christmas Eve guests of Bryce and Betty Hagen were Dennis and Sharlene Hagen and Brad, Mary and Ben Maurer, Mike and Ellen Moorman, Clint Hagen and Melissa Berry, Jim and Doreen Hagen, Nicholas and Jennifer. Special guests were Ben and Donelda Meske of Port Hope.

Mike Keyser and Crystal of Gageton, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Becker of Uby, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Keyser, Mandy and Reed were Sun- day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Keyser.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen

of Livonia and Mrs. Earl Schenk were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Harris and family at Canton.

Nancy Spencer was a Fri- day evening guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family of Walled Lake, Bob Cleland Sr., Stacy Cleland of Waterford, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski, Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming were Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. and son, A.J. Tom Russen of New Balti- more and Dan Dubaker of St. Clair Shores spent the week- end with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel. Another Sunday evening guest was Allen Farrelly.

Dean and Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of New Port News, Va., Betty and Joe Myers of Gladwin, Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryen and Samantha of Kinde, Jason

and Sharon McRae of Grand Rapids, Rand and Mary Smith, Nicholas and Brian of Mansfield, Ohio, Bob and Carol Osantoski, Kristin, Matthew and Bradley, and Eugene Depcinski of Bad Axe, Rich and Cindy Depcinski and Brooke, Ray and Rita Depcinski were Christmas Day dinner guests of Charles and Therese Depcinski and family.

Larry Silver of Brighton spent Christmas Day and Saturday with Reva Silver.

Betty Hagen visited Christine Conkey and Eleanor Near at the Huron County Medical Care facility Mon- day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Harris and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Andersen and family of Canton, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Andersen of Livonia and Mrs. Earl Schenk were Christmas dinner guests Sun- day of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andersen at Livonia.

## Bad Axe to host 1999 Bean Day

Michigan State University Extension and the Huron County Bean Board will hold the 1999 Huron County Bean Day Jan. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe.

This year's event will begin with a welcome by Scott Krohn, Huron County Bean Board president. The remain- der of the morning will be devoted to reports from Bob Green, executive director of the Michigan Bean Commis- sion, and Greg Varner from the Bean Research Board.

Jim Kelly, MSU bean breeder, will begin the after- noon program with a presen- tation featuring variety ob- servations and current projects that are being con- ducted. A complete market outlook and report will be provided by a representative from the Cooperative Eleva-

tor Co. The meeting will conclude with a report from the Huron County Bean Board.

Cost of the program is \$3 per person and preregistra- tion is not required. For more information, contact Angela Eichorn, Extension agricultural agent, at MSU Extension - Huron County, 517-269-9949.

## Caro High music focus of program

A program on the beginning of the music department in the Caro High School around 1912 by Thomas Harvey Campbell is to be presented by Glenn Eastham at the Watrousville/Caro Area His- torical Society's monthly meeting after the installation of new officers.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 12, at the Caro Municipal Building, 317 S. State St., Caro.

Refreshments are to be served following the pro- gram. The public is invited to attend.

## Student aid seminars scheduled

Great Lakes College repre- sentatives will be on hand to assist local high school coun- selors in financial aid seminars for high school seniors and their parents, Wednes- day, Jan. 13, 7 p.m., at Cass City High School and Thurs- day, Jan. 14, 6 p.m. at Kingston High School.

These seminars will cover general information about financial aid, as well as tips on filing the proper forms and follow up processes.

## Dance set for Jan. 9

The Sandusky Thumb Dancers will hold its next open dance at the Sandusky Maple Valley School Satur- day, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music will be by Light House.

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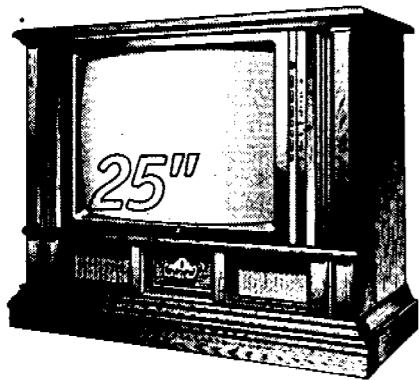
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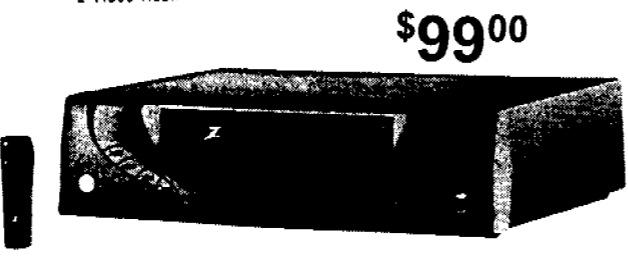
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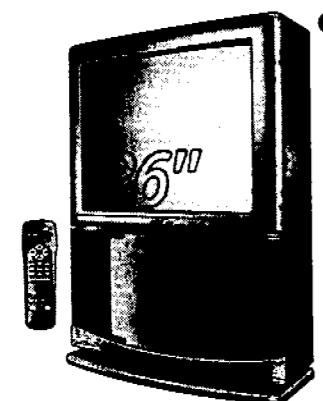
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## KLICK! launch Jan. 8

Michigan middle school students who are at risk of failing their studies, including those in Cass City, will make new friends and become technological mentors when an innovative project known as Kids Learning in Computer Klubhouses (KLICK!) is launched by MSU's College of Education at a grand opening Friday, Jan. 8.

The commemoration will bring together U.S. Senator Carl Levin, state and federal education officials and more than 100 students, teachers and administrators from 9 Michigan school districts. Friday's event will be at Dwight Rich Middle School in Lansing from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

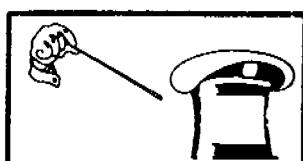
KLICK! is a first-time virtual network linking together

## Caregivers open house scheduled

The public is invited to an open house slated for Friday, Jan. 15, for the Tuscola County Faith-In-Action Volunteer Caregivers.

The event will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. at Hills and Dales General Hospital, in the meeting room located in the basement. There is no cost to attend.

Faith-In-Action Volunteer Caregivers will be on hand to answer questions, and the new Tuscola County Faith-In-Action video will be presented.



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10 middle school computer clubhouses from Detroit to Lansing to northern Michigan. The after-school clubhouse concept is a powerful intervention strategy for students at risk of failing in school. The program taps technology as a proven medium to improve student achievement in all areas, especially in reading and writing.

"The ultimate goal of the project is that the students become resources for each other and foster collaboration among their fellow students and communities," said Yong Zhao, director of KLICK! and an assistant professor in the Department of Teacher Education at MSU. "At Friday's grand opening, policymakers, educators and the news media will have the opportunity to see how dozens of middle school students from across the state are able to work with one another and share their technological expertise with others."

The KLICK! learning centers will provide safe, positive environments that break down the barriers of isolation imposed by poverty, distance and age.

The program not only allows students to make friends across the state via their computers, but it also establishes the students as helpful technology resources for all facets of their communities including senior citizens, service organizations, their schools, and others in need of their services.

"The clubhouse project has great potential and we're excited to be part of it," said Rossi Ray-Taylor, deputy superintendent for curriculum and instruction at the Lansing Public Schools. "We're delighted to host all of the computer clubhouse teams here in our district and the kickoff celebration is an opportunity to show the community the kind of projects students will be working on."

Those school districts that are a part of the KLICK! net-

work include: Armada (Macomb County), Baldwin (Lake County), Cass City (Tuscola County), De Tour (Chippewa County), Gerrish-Higgins (Roscommon County), Jackson (Jackson County), Kaleva-Norman-Dickson (Manistee County), Lansing (Ingham County) and Detroit (Detroit will have 2 clubhouses, one at Pelham Magnet School and one at Amelia Earhart Middle School).

Although the 10 sites will have similar structures and activities, each clubhouse will reflect local creativity in meeting specific needs.

MSU's College of Education is providing leadership, coordination and technologi-

cal support. The U.S. Department of Education is funding the program with a \$4 million grant, and additional support is being provided by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the National Center for Community Education and MSU.



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## Spikers competing at Bad Axe tourney

The Cass City Red Hawks and Owen-Gage Bulldogs volleyball teams will use this Saturday's Bad Axe Invitational Tournament to help prepare for their respective league matches in the weeks to follow.

## Wrestlers ready for Yale tourney

Cass City's mat men will take their 6-0 record to the Yale Invitational wrestling tournament this Saturday, where they will seek their first tournament title of the season. Coach Don Markel's squad's Greater Thumb Conference campaign is slated to open Jan. 20.

## Wrestling meets

**WEDNESDAY'S MEETS**  
Brown City at Oxford  
Marlette at Dryden

**SATURDAY'S MEETS**  
EPP at Vassar Invitational  
Cass City at Yale Invitational  
Bad Axe at Sandusky Invitational  
Marlette at Troy Invitational

## Gymnastic squad on road

Coach John Waltz's Cass City gymnastic squad will be looking for their second regional qualifying team score of the season this Saturday when they travel to compete in Plymouth.

The Hawks have one qualifying score under their belts and need a total of 4 scores tallying 116 points or better to advance into regional competition.

Coach Beth Howard's Red Hawks (3-7 overall) will also benefit from a non-league affair Wednesday at Caro as additional preparation for Greater Thumb Conference play that starts next Thursday with visiting Bad Axe.

For Coach Judy Campbell's Bulldogs (2-2-1 overall), the defending North Central Thumb League champions, conference play starts Monday with visiting North Huron.

## Volleyball matches

**WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES**  
Vassar at Brown City

**THURSDAY'S MATCHES**  
CPS at Caseville  
Pack at North Huron

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**  
CPS Invitational  
Hatchel Invitational  
Bay City Central Tournament



THE HAWKS junior varsity cheerleaders are: (kneeling l-r) Tricia Gillespie, Toshia Vatter, Sarah Yax, (standing) Tara Bryant

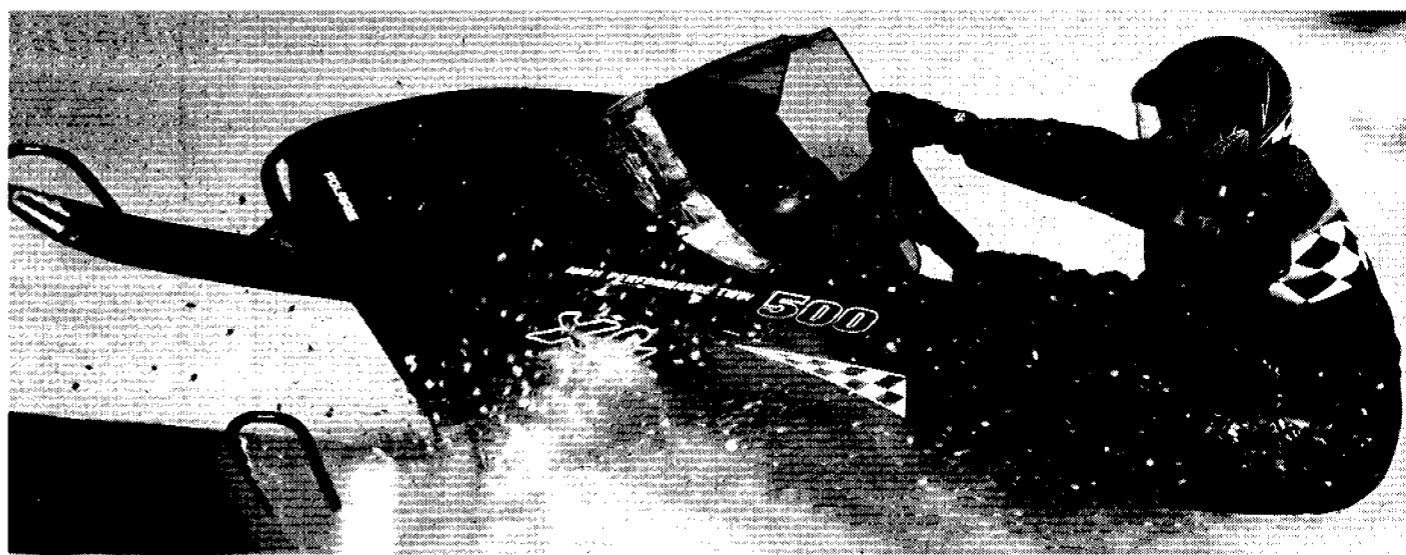


CASS CITY'S junior varsity basketball team members are: (front l-r) Joel Brinkman, Chris Ziehm, Randy Diebel, Zack Glaspie, B.J. Salas, Kyle Ross, Brent Goslin. Back row: (l-r) Kyle O'Dell, Ryan Holmgren, Tim Dooley, Greg Festian, Nathan Brinkman, Eric Brown, Casey Spencer, Coach Craig Weaver.

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# Big test Friday for Hawk cagers

While the Cass City Red hawk hoop squad starts the new year undefeated, it's doubtful that the players will

become overconfident. Every player can remember last year, when Cass City was undefeated before the holi-

days and won 10 of their first 11 games only to fall to 3-6 the rest of the way.

The Hawks were not scheduled for games over Christmas vacation but Coach Jeff Hartel used the team's break in the schedule for scrimmage competition against 2 large (1,500 students each) high schools in Windsor.

The coach said that at one school the teams split 6 quarters of play and the Hawks won a regulation game against the other.

If Cass City won, as expected, Tuesday at home against Marlette, the first big test in Greater Thumb West competition comes Friday at Reese.

In pre-season forecasts, the Rockets were predicted to be one of the strong teams in the league and have lived up to expectations.

Barring a Tuesday upset, both teams were undefeated going into the game.

In the first 5 games of the year, the Hawks have been strong on the boards, led by Craig Emmert, Heath Zawilinski and Bill Goodall.

Dan Cuddie has been effective at point guard and Zawilinski, a potent scoring force.

After a slow start, the defense picked up the pace and was particularly effective against the Caro Tigers. Emmert's shot blocking has helped close down the middle for Hawk opponents.

Because of the relative strength in the GTW this season, it would be a major achievement for any team to go undefeated.

It's likely that the race may go down to the final game when Cass City faces Lakers, which is also undefeated in pre-holiday competition.

## Cass City Bowling

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# Eagles collect Tom Thumb Tourney title with 66-46 win

Caseville collected its 6th win in as many starts Wednesday by downing host Owen-Gage, 66-46, to capture the annual Tom Thumb Tournament championship.

Coach Leon Westover's Bulldogs couldn't take care of the ball against the undefeated North Central Thumb League leaders and slipped to 2-2 on the season.

Owen-Gage, 1-0 in conference play, will return to NCTL action this week in games with North Huron and Kingston. Friday's contest in Kingston will be the Bulldogs' first road trip of the campaign.

"We're too soft inside defensively," says Westover. "We need to step it up and be more consistent to compete with the Casevilles of the league."

The Bulldogs will also need to take better care of the basketball than they did in Wednesday's meeting, where the hosts committed 24 turnovers.

Coach Paul Beachy's Eagles used 8 Bulldog turnovers in the opening frame to grab a 14-10 margin entering the 2nd period.

The Eagles then used a 19-11 run to the intermission, where they enjoyed a 33-21 advantage.

Westover also pointed to his team's lack of ball movement against the Eagles as a concern.

"We only had 8 assists and that's not nearly enough," said Westover.

Junior Derek Howard paced the Bulldog offense with a game high 20 points and 3 assists. However, Caseville's Jordan Wroblewski and Matt Bednerek foiled any comeback hopes by the Bulldogs as they led a 23-11 scoring advantage in the game's final frame. The Bulldogs also were guilty of 7 turnovers down the wire.

"Sometimes we look totally out of sync," says Westover of his team's offense.

Wroblewski, a 6'3" senior forward, tallied a team high 19 points and Bednerek, the Eagles' 6'6" senior center, added 15 markers while dominating the game in the paint area. The pair were mostly responsible for the Eagles' 32-25 rebounding edge on the night.

The game's only other

double digit scorer was Caseville's Neil Kitchen, who registered a dozen points.

Joel Bolzman and Joe

Salcido chipped in 8 and 7 points, respectively, for Owen-Gage. Senior Justin Anthes accounted for 4 Bulldog points.



Derek Howard  
20 points, 3 assists

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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


  

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	2	0	4	1
Brown City	2	0	4	1
Sandusky	1	1	2	1
Cros-Lex	1	1	2	2
Marlette	1	1	1	3
Harbor Beach	1	1	1	2
Yale	0	2	0	4
Uby	0	2	0	5

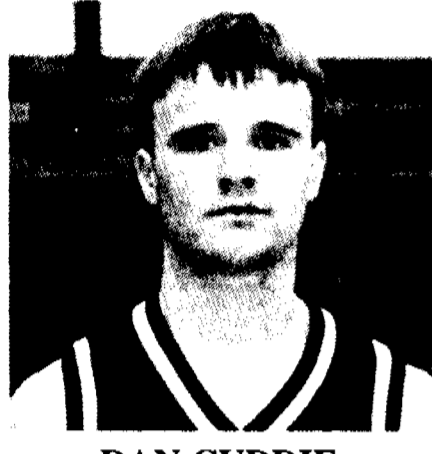
  

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB				
Team	W	L	W	L
Caseville	2	0	6	0
Owen-Gage	1	0	2	2
Peck	1	0	1	3
Kingston	1	1	1	2
North Huron	0	1	1	2
CPS	0	1	1	4
A-Fairgrove	0	1	0	3
Port Hope	0	1	0	5

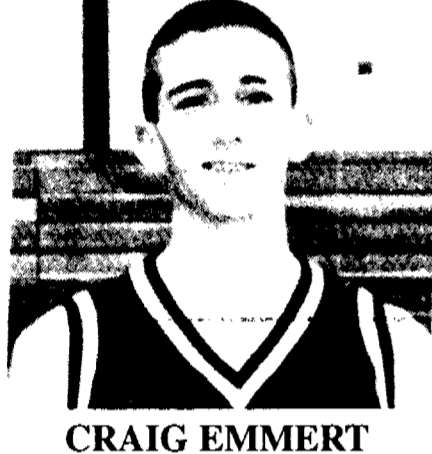
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Caseville at Kingston	Millington Deckerville	Caro Deckerville	Millington Deckerville
Akron-Fairgrove at Port Hope	Peck Brown City	Caseville Brown City	Caseville Brown City
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Caro at Millington	Harbor Beach Cass City	Harbor Beach Cass City	Harbor Beach Cass City
Deckerville at Sandusky	Lakers BCAS	Lakers BCAS	Lakers BCAS
Caseville at Peck	Ubyly at Yale	Ubyly at Yale	Ubyly at Yale
Brown City at Cros-Lex	Owen-Gage at Kingston	Owen-Gage at Kingston	Owen-Gage at Kingston
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Jennifer Leach and Debra Kranz

## Leach joins staff at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City

Kranz Funeral Home, 6850 Main St., Cass City, has announced the addition of Jennifer R. Leach to their staff. Leach, an Auburn native, recently passed the Michigan state exam to become a fully licensed funeral director.

A graduate of Bay City Western High School, she attended Delta College, where she received an associates degree in science, and Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Wheeling, Ill. While there, she passed the

National Conference exam, and Worsham's diploma program. Part of her education included an apprenticeship for a year, which she completed at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City and Kingston, under the supervision of Debra L. Kranz.

Leach will continue to work for Kranz Funeral Homes as a licensed director and continue to make her home in Cass City. She has been active with the Cass City Women's Club and the AAUW.

## 1998 field trials focus of program

"Jan. 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Ubyl Heights, Ubyl, Michigan State University Extension agents from the Saginaw Valley will highlight the results of field trials for 1998," states Harold Rouget, Extension agricultural agent for Tuscola County MSU Extension.

Agents from Gratiot, Saginaw, Bay, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties will give out and discuss the results of field research conducted this past year. Just a few of the topics to be covered will include: innovative farmer plots, plus an update

of the value added projects; pelted sugar beet variety trials; hi-oil corn plots; strip cropping plots; pop-up fertilizer trials; narrow row trial results; population trials; organic and transitional soybeans, etc.

Cost of the meeting is \$25.00 if pre-registered before Jan. 7 or \$30.00 at the door. Copies of all the field trials and crop books for Gratiot, Huron and Tuscola counties will be available.

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**SOLD**

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy T. Powell (original mortgagors) to Mayflower DBA Amerifirst Home Mortgage. Mortgagee, dated November 27, 1995, and recorded on November 28, 1995 in Liber 682, on Page 1204. Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Norwest Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation as assignee, by an assignment dated August 20, 1996 which was recorded on October 1, 1996 in Liber 698, on Page 159, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND NINETY-TWO AND 87/100 DOLLARS (\$31,092.87), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

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

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

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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 23, 1998

Norwest Mortgage, Inc.  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202  
Trott and Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Norwest Mortgage, Inc.  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 981211887

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Carrie A. Halm and Steve W. Halm, Jr. wife and husband, to Southern Pacific Funding Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 1997, and recorded on September 9, 1997, in Liber 719, on page 999, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Norwest Bank, Minnesota, N.A. as Trustee under that certain Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of September 1, 1997, for Southern Pacific Secured Assets Corp., Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1997-3, without recourse by an assignment dated September 8, 1997, and recorded on November 23, 1998 in Liber 756, on page 601, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT AND 21/100 DOLLARS (\$35,648.21), including interest at 12.75 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on February 12, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Village of Cass City, Township of Elkland, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 17 OF WILSEY & MCPHALL'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 6, NOW BEING PAGE 7 A.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 30, 1998

Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A.  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam D. Sherman, a single man, Individual (original mortgagors) to First Choice Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 1998, and recorded on May 28, 1998 in Liber 740, on Page 1011-1018, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Flagstar Bank, FSB, as assignee by an assignment dated May 15, 1998 which was recorded on May 28, 1998, in Liber 740, on Page 1019-1021, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE AND 84/100 DOLLARS (\$71,369.84), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 29, 1999.

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

Lots 27 and 28 of Car Lake Hills Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18. Also part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as: beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 27 of the recorded plat of Car Lake Hills Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 18, which is located from the Southwest corner of said Southwest 1/4 by the following four courses: (1) North 01 degree 27 minutes 25 seconds East (previously recorded as North 01 degree 06 minutes East), along the West line of said Southwest 1/4, 873.24 feet; (2) North 86 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds East (previously recorded as North 86 degrees 49 minutes East), along the South line of said Plat, 183.62 feet; (3) North 79 degrees 14 minutes 38 seconds East, continuing along said South line, 115.48 feet (previously recorded as North 79 degrees 08 minutes East, 115.28 feet); (4) 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds East, continuing along said South line, 99.99 feet (previously recorded as North 82 degrees 39 minutes East, 100 feet); to said Southwest corner of Lot 27; thence continuing along said South line North 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds East, 199.98 feet (previously recorded as North 82 degrees 39 minutes East, 200 feet) to the Southeast corner of Lot 28 of said plat; thence South 07 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds East, along the West line of a previously recorded survey (recorded in Liber 608, Page 1143), 100.00 feet; thence South 82 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds West, parallel with said South line 199.98 feet; thence North 07 degrees 19 minutes 02 seconds West, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 1998

Flagstar Bank, FSB  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202  
Trott and Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Flagstar Bank, FSB  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 981111292

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

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

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

Parcel 1 - Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 29 which is East along said South line, 493.40 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 29, thence continuing East along said South line, 200.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds East, 1346.49 feet to the South 1/8 line as occupied by Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 37 seconds West along said South 1/8 line as occupied, 690.54 feet; to the North-South 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 16 seconds West along said North-South 1/4 line, 197.23 feet; thence East, parallel with the South line of Section 29, 520.97 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West, 856.80 feet; thence West parallel with the South line of Section, 30.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West, 300.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 23, 1998

Standard Federal Bank  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202  
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS members, Central Thumb Council #8892, Cass City-Gagetown, stand next to the tombstone they have dedicated to all unborn babies, at the St. Pancratius Church memorial garden.**

## Market outlook broadcast set

The outlook for agricultural market prices and overseas exports will be a focus of a special Michigan State University Extension satellite broadcast from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. Nearly 80 Michigan State University Extension offices statewide

## Operation falls with hog prices

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saster, there are all kinds of programs to help out, Smith points out, but there is no recognition of the problems hog farmers face today.

What leaves Smith perplexed and concerned is that the price dive for hogs hasn't been reflected in the prices paid by consumers. In 1994 when average hog prices were 38 cents a pound, retail prices were just under \$2.00 a pound. Now when the price is 10 cents a pound, retail prices are averaging about \$2.30 a pound. You pay more for a slab of bacon, Smith contends, than we receive for a whole hog.

For the Smiths, the price collapse has been even more devastating than for other family farmers. Some of them have cattle or crops to turn to, which he doesn't.

Pig farmers have to have jobs on the side to make it, he said, pointing out several in the area whose owners work at another job.

It's a route that Smith plans to take now that for all practical purposes he is out of the pig business with no idea when or if he will be able to start again.

## Buses to serve, Cass City, Caro

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condos, hospital, extended care facility, business district and dialysis center.

While the initial routes will be to a fixed pick-up center with passenger reservations, the route will be adjusted to meet the needs of the passenger, Perz explained.

The grant's primary intent is to make "transportation-to-work services available to area citizens who are attempting to build successful working careers. It will also be expected to help others seeking medical, social, business and retail services.

The pilot project has been developed based on needs identified by several community-based agencies, employers and medical providers in the area.

While the project will offer 3 days' service at the start, it is expected to be expanded to 5 days per week in early February.

will host the teleconference aimed at answering questions for local agricultural producers.

Included in the 2 1/2-hour program will be the 1999 economic outlook for cash crop and livestock production and an analysis of the projected market trend in the years following.

There will also be a discussion on the current status of the 1996 Farm Bill (Freedom to Farm Act) and speculation as to what alterations Congress is apt to initiate in the law between now and the expiration of the legislation in 2002.

The final segment of the broadcast will be on the trends (such as consumer preferences, food safety regulations and biotechnol-

## Dairy workshop slated for Jan. 26 in Ubyly

Getting dairy cows to settle on schedule and in concert with the needs of the farm business will be the focus of workshops offered around the state starting in mid-January.

Topics for each session include the economics of reproductive success, ideal management and monitoring dairy cows for reproductive success, breeding strategies and techniques, detecting estrus, efficiency of natural service, synchronization of estrus and ovulation, and developing a successful reproductive program.

The program, "Mission Possible: Reproductive Success in Dairy Herds", is being sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension dairy programming team and the dairy groups program.

The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 26, at Ubyly Heights Country Club, Ubyly.

Early registration, at least 10 days prior to the session, is requested for meal planning and educational material preparation. The cost will be \$40 per person, plus \$20 for each additional person from the same farm. On-site registration will be \$50 and \$20 for each additional person from the same farm. The noon meal will not be guaranteed for on-site registrants.

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# Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

### 5 YEARS AGO

Two Cass Cityans were recognized last Tuesday for contributing to the welfare of the community in little known activities conducted without fanfare or previous publicity. The Cass City Rotary Club presented plaques to Doty Scollon and Wellington Hendra for their efforts.

The community is battling a surge of flu cases over the holidays.

Attendance at this year's annual New Year's Concert in Cass City was estimated at about 600 people, down from the typical 1,000. Organizers felt the threat of icy roads may have kept some people from venturing out.

Albert and Reba Palazzola, who reside at 4815 Germania Rd., Snover, are the proud owners of what may be the first video telephone in the Thumb area. It was a Christmas gift from their sons, who live in southern California.

Thieves recently broke into a trailer belonging to Tom Sontag in Cass City and made off with an estimated \$3,000 in band equipment.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Cass City resident Arthur Holmberg is recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident that occurred when he was on his way home from his daughter's house in Rochester after the Christmas holidays. He was admitted to Crittenton Hospital, Rochester, with broken ribs, a broken nose and facial lacerations.

Retiring Tuscola County Clerk Elsie Hicks, Deford, was thanked Thursday by county commissioners for her long and faithful service.

Mark Shaw, 28, of Waterloo, Iowa, formerly of Cass City, has been selected for inclusion in the 1988 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. Shaw, a 1979 graduate of Cass City High School, is an assistant pastor at Hagerman Baptist church, where he's served for the past 18 months. He is the son of Richard and Shirley Shaw of Cass City.

Army Private Michael R. Hoppe, son of Alice and Melvin Hoppe of Cass City, has completed training at the

U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.

The Cass City Red Hawks defeated Mayville, 64-59, Tuesday night, with the help of Paul Tuckey and Mike Randall, who put on a 2-man show for the Hawks. Tuckey, who returned to the starting lineup after missing 2 games with an ankle injury, scored 28 points and Randall scored 24.

### 25 YEARS AGO

A rural Decker youth became Sanilac County's first traffic fatality of 1974 Tuesday. Mark Douglas Vatter, 17, died after he reportedly fell asleep at the wheel of his car as he drove east on Deckerville Road. Vatter was a junior at Cass City High School.

The Voorheis Brothers circus is coming to town Jan. 15. The show is being sponsored by the Gavel Club and will be held at the Cass City High School gym.

Gary Wills, 21, of rural Cass City, remains in fair condition in Hills and Dales Hospital after the car in which he was riding went out of control and rolled over several times on Cemetery Road Monday afternoon.

A team of Cass City High School Intermediate students will take on a team from Bay City St. James Sunday morning on WNEM-TV's Science Quiz program. Cathy Hobart, Mark Stahlbaum, Tim Spry and Tom Brinkman will represent Cass City on the program.

Three year-end Tuscola County fatalities pushed the final traffic death toll up to 30 for 1973 when Donald R. Stuart, 50, of Bay City and his 7-month-old son died in a 2-car accident at the intersection of M-46 and M-15.

Later Saturday Anna Magiera, 50, of Caro lost her life in a 2-car collision at the intersection of Bradleyville and Elmwood roads, about 2 miles east of Quanicasec.

### 35 YEARS AGO

John West of Cass City, who has earned himself a reputation as a master craftsman over the past 50 years, has announced that with the first of the year he was offi-

cially starting semi-retirement. West, at the age of 15 joined his father, George, an Bruce Brown in the weldin business, which was little more than the old-time blacksmith shop, shoein horses, and wagon an buggy repair work. Now th business handles welding machine work and gener repair.

A 2-car auto accident claimed the lives of 3 people New Year's Eve. Killed were Ronald D. Brown, 20, Snover, and Glenn Hard 43, and his wife, Wanda, 4 of Richmond. Brown's c and the Hardy car collide head-on about three-tenths a mile south of M-53. Th Hardy family had moved Richmond last Septemb from Unionville.

Final services for Donald McAleer, prominent Cass City lawyer, were held Monday, following his death Friday at Cass City Hospital where he had been a patient for 4 weeks.

More persons were born Cass City last year and few died in the village than 1962, according to statisti released this week by Villa Clerk H.L. "Bill" Bridge Births for the year total 366 for a gain of 47 birth over 1962's. Area deat were down 8 with 101 r ported for 1963 as compar to 109 in 1962.

Cass City's New Year's Da baby was Kimberly An Avery, daughter of Mr. ar Mrs. Harold Avery Jr. Fairgrove. She was born 10:30 p.m. Jan. 1 at Cass Ci Hospital.

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