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REMC DIRECTOR TIM von Hoff (left) announces the addition of Michigan Government Television (MGTV) to the Thumb Area Television line-up during a press conference Thursday in Cass City. At right is Bill Trevarthen, MGTV executive director.

## Government TV on the air

TATV is now offering area cable subscribers MGTV, which shouldn't be confused with MTV.

In English: Thumb Area Television's (TATV) broadcasting lineup now includes Michigan Government Television, a cable television network that offers viewers a live look into Michigan's Senate and House chambers as well as a first-hand view of committee meetings, agency hearings, press conferences and other state government proceedings.

The broadcasts begin at 10 a.m. and continue through 2 p.m. each weekday on Channel 98.

The addition of MGTV, which made its debut on TATV in November, was the focus of a press conference held Thursday at the Regional Educational Media Center in Cass City.

On hand were representatives of REMC #10, which houses TAT, Harron Com-

munications and MGTV, which together formed a partnership to bring the government access channel to the Thumb.

REMC #10 Director Tim von Hoff said Harron Communications continues to play a significant role in TATV by picking up the subscriber fees for Thumb area schools to receive MGTV.

von Hoff noted Harron Communications helped to develop TATV, which was established in 1994 as a consortium involving REMC #10 and school districts and intermediate school districts in Tuscola, Huron, and Sanilac counties.

TATV currently broadcasts 14 hours of educational programming — from academic classes for students of all ages to professional development offerings to special programming — 7 days a week.

The partnership with REMC and Harron translates into an additional 25,000

cable subscribers for MGTV, according to Bill Trevarthen, executive director of MGTV. Currently, he said, 1.5 million Michigan cable subscribers have access to MGTV, a non-profit corporation described as a public affairs initiative of Michigan's cable industry.

Trevarthen explained MGTV is completely independent of state government, commercial-free and financed by the cable industry through cable subscription fees. The programming, launched in July 1996, is not edited for content. No commentary or analysis accompanies the broadcasts.

Programming includes House and Senate legislative sessions and committee meetings, commission and agency hearings from the executive branch of state government, live call-in programs, press conferences, speeches by major policy makers, live and taped oral arguments before

Michigan's Supreme Court, and events from the state's colleges and universities.

Trevarthen said MGTV's goals are 2-fold: to link as many citizens as possible to their state government via cable television, and to serve as an educational resource in Michigan schools by bringing broadcasts to the classroom.

### Up to 5 years in prison

## Owendale man sentenced

An Owendale man charged with coaxing a young girl into his pickup truck and then exposing himself to the child last May in Gageton was sentenced to prison last week.

Jay J. Susalla, 28, was sentenced to a term of 3 years and 4 months to 5 years Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Susalla previously pleaded no contest to charges of attempted kidnapping-child

enticement and accosting a child for immoral purposes. A third charge, indecent exposure, was dismissed.

The offenses took place May 7 in the village of Gageton.

Susalla approached a group of kids in the village, according to investigators with the Michigan State Police post in Caro, who said he offered the victim money and said he would take her to the store to buy some candy. The girl

entered the pickup, but a short time later began crying and screaming in an attempt to escape, and Susalla released her.

The incident was reported to troopers the next day by the mother of one of the young witnesses. A description of the pickup provided by one witness, along with some quick work by troopers led to Susalla's arrest 4 days later.

### Caseload drops 79%

## County families earning their way off welfare

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The welfare caseload in Tuscola County has followed state trends in recent years, falling to the lowest level in more than 25 years.

The decline is due in part to state and federal welfare reform measures enacted a few years ago, according to Family Independence Agency officials, who say a booming state economy has also played a major role in enabling more and more families to earn their way off welfare.

Statewide, the number of Michigan families on welfare dropped to below 200,000 in June 1995. That number dipped to fewer than 100,000 families last year, with a total caseload of 99,600 families in November — the lowest level since January 1971.

In Tuscola County, there were 958 Family Independence Program (formerly Aid to Dependent Children) cases in September 1992, and very few of those clients had any earned income, said Tom Dillon, director of the Tuscola County Family Independence Agency.

"Now, as of September 1998, those cases have been reduced to 239, and 141 of those have some form of

earned income," he said. "That's a 79-percent reduction."

"I've been here for 26 years and the caseload hasn't been this low."

Dillon noted the vast majority of cases closed have been the result of families trading their Family Independence Program checks for paychecks.

"The number of cases removed for non-compliance (with rules requiring clients to seek employment or training) has been very low, which strengthens our opinion that most of the people really did want to work," he said.

"We still have a number of people on our caseload who have very low level skills — they do not have great math or reading skills — so we probably are faced with a situation where we have some people who are difficult to serve."

Dillon credits the shrinking welfare caseload partly on welfare reform, including the "To Strengthen Michigan Families" initiative implemented in 1992. "There was welfare reform on the federal level as well," he said.

Dillon explained the federal government's decision to

fund welfare with block grants to the states allowed Michigan to experiment with new programs designed to encourage clients to seek employment.

Among the changes was elimination of a rule that disqualified people from receiving assistance if they worked

The number of men and women employed in the state increased by 10,000 last October, boosting the number of Michigan residents employed to a record 4.9 million.

In Tuscola County, the 1998 unemployment rate averaged 5.1 percent in 1998, down

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more than 100 hours in a month. Today, clients' welfare assistance is reduced in accordance with what they earn on the job, and the first \$200 they earn is not counted.

In addition, state officials have implemented other programs, including day-care assistance for low-income families.

Child care is a major issue for many families, said Dillon, who noted providing that kind of assistance is one reason welfare reform isn't cheap. In Tuscola County, for example, the number of day-care assistance cases is up 400 percent, he said.

State Rep. Mike Green said money saved as people leave the welfare rolls is going back into the system to fund child care assistance as well as transportation and job training, "which is redoubling our efforts to provide wrap-around support for those on welfare."

State Sen. Joel Gougeon agreed. Legislators are continuing to look at new ways to break down the barriers that keep people from securing a job, he said, "and with each success, we're able to use more and more money per person."

### STRONG ECONOMY

While reform has proven effective, Dillon said the availability of jobs in Michigan has also been a key factor. "I think that welfare reform legislation was a real positive step, but I think having a strong economy is what makes this work," he added.

According to officials at the Michigan Jobs Commission-Employment Service Agency, the unemployment rate in Michigan has dropped to 3.6 percent, continuing a 5-year trend of unemployment levels below the national average.

## No one injured in early morning fire

Well-maintained smoke alarms are credited with enabling members of a Tuscola County family to escape their smoke-filled home unharmed early Monday morning.

The fire was reported at 12:56 a.m.

Lillian Bishop along with her daughter and granddaughter fled the home Bishop rents in southwestern Wells Township after an extension cord shorted out, igniting a fire in an unoccupied bedroom at the rear of the one-story residence at 2347 Ross Rd., Caro Fire Chief Dave Matlin said.

"The smoke detectors did wake the occupants up," he added. "The house was

smoke-filled when they arose, (but) everyone got out, and they went next door and called the fire department."

Matlin estimated the damage at \$25,000. He said the house, owned by Vivian Binder, was insured.

It could have been much worse, the fire chief acknowledged. Matlin said he can't emphasize enough the importance of installing smoke detectors and making sure the batteries are replaced regularly. "Right there is the proof in the pudding," he said, referring to Monday's fire.

Caro fire fighters remained at the scene for 90 minutes. They received assistance from the Kingston Fire Department.

## Barn bash back on, thanks to volunteers

The Octagon Barn Festival will be back this year with a different name and a different look, but crowds will find the same kind of summer fun at the annual summer celebration.

"Two weeks ago it wasn't going to happen. This week it's going to be there," said Gageton area resident Joan Koch, one of about 25 village residents who gathered at the village hall last Wednesday and decided they weren't

going to let the festival die. In fact, those in attendance wasted no time in divvying up the responsibilities and making plans for a bigger and better festival.

"We did that in an hour. I was very impressed," Koch said. "The enthusiasm was overwhelming to have 'Gageton Country Days.'"

The Octagon Barn Festival was started in 1994 by the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn, a volunteer orga-

nization dedicated to preserving the historical 8-sided barn and farmhouse on Ritchie Road, just east of Gageton.

The event has proven popular, drawing thousands of people from all over to the village and site of the barn, and raising thousands of dollars used to support the friends' restoration efforts.

The festival's future was in doubt, however, after the friends' recent announcement that the group would no longer be organizing and running the event.

Koch noted the Elmwood-Gageton Fire Department will now serve as sponsor of the festival. In addition, the Gageton Development Group has offered its support.

The 2-day event promises to offer something for the whole family.

"The parade will kick off the festivities at 11 a.m. on Aug. 14 and events are planned through 5 p.m. Aug. 15. Crafters and flea market-ers are invited to set up," Koch said, adding self-contained camping will be allowed in the Gageton park.

"There will be mule wagon rides, barrel train, petting zoo, children's games, soap box derby and dirt bike races."

Please turn to back page.

## Deckerville man arrested, charged

A Deckerville man faces attempted murder and other charges stemming from several incidents last month.

Robert Gordon Dore, 38, Deckerville, was arraigned last week on charges of assault with intent to murder, which may be changed to assault causing bodily harm less than murder; assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Dore faces a preliminary examination Feb. 10 in Sanilac County District Court.

Few details are being released about the alleged of-

fenses that led to Dore's arrest Thursday.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies said the incidents took place over a period of time last month and ranged from verbal threats to a confrontation involving a knife to shots being fired at the victim's home.

Deputies said they learned of the incidents during a routine traffic stop.

The victim was very frightened to talk to police due to threats of retaliation directed toward herself and her family, according to investigators.

Deputies are continuing their investigation.



MAGICIAN JOHN Sterlini, a member of the Michigan-based Dynamic School Assemblies, called on Deford Elementary third grade student Andy Kolacz to help demonstrate a bit of ring magic during a school assembly Thursday at Campbell Elementary. Sterlini encouraged his young audience to stay away from drugs and alcohol. (Related photo, page 4)

## Owen-Gage Seniors Engaged meet Jan. 1, Jan. 27

Jan. 1, the Owen-Gage Seniors met at St. Agatha's Parish Hall for a potluck dinner. Table prayer was given by Stella Errer.

After dinner, the meeting was opened by President Jack Doerr with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Happy birthday was sung for Pat Guza, Jack Doerr and Elizabeth Bartholomy. Celebrating January anniversaries are Jack and Irene Doerr, and David and Wilma Ashmore. The door prize was won by Louis Ouyry and Johanna Miklovich.

Members voted to have the eucheir prizes paid by the club.

The February committee is Berenice Sowden, Lillian Jacoby and Beatrice Jones. The meeting adjourned and bingo was played.

Ice cream and cake were served by Jack and Irene Doerr for their birthday and anniversary.

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The Jan. 21 meeting had 27 members present and Stella

Errer gave the table prayer. A short meeting was opened by President Doerr with the prayer and the pledge.

A get-well card was signed for Wilma Ashmore.

Door prizes were won by Stella Errer and Bob Schell. Euchre winners were: Women's high, Francis Harbec, low: Pat Guza, Men's high: Phil Guza, low: Bob Schell. The traveling prize went to Phil Guza.



George Dean Myers Sr. and Cindy Lou Boning, both of Millington.

Jeffery Arnold III and Beth Ann Johnston, both of Millington.

Troy Dennis LaPratt and Cassandra Noreen Henderson, both of Unionville.

### Stacey Klinkman & Brent Rockafellow

Mr. and Mrs. William Klinkman of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Ann, to Brent Donald Rockafellow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Rockafellow of Alma.

Stacey is a 1994 graduate of Cass City High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan Technological University.

She is currently employed as an environmental engineer at Earth Tech Inc. in Grand Rapids.

Brent is a 1993 graduate of Alma High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at Johnson Controls in Holland.

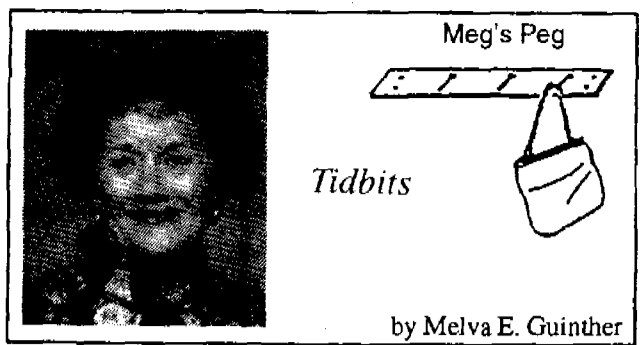
A June 12 wedding is planned.

### It's a boy!

Ron and Leigh Ziehm of La Junta, Colo., announce the birth of a son, William Jackson Ziehm, born Jan. 19, 1999, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces. He has an older sister, Grace, 17 months old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ziehm of Gagetown and Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Jenkins of Milan, Tenn.

Ron is a 1978 graduate of Cass City High School.



Although there were any number of things we'd rather have been doing, we found ourselves spending a day and a half recently in the cardiac unit at Covenant Health Care (formerly St. Luke's) in Saginaw. Hubby Stan underwent an atherectomy, angioplasty and insertion of a stent to deal with a blocked artery.

We were impressed with the doctor and hospital personnel. The nurses were very attentive and did all they could to make him comfortable. That's a tall order when you have to spend 15 hours flat on your back without moving.

While we appreciated the friendly, helpful and good-natured people, we were even more grateful for their integrity.

After sitting in the cramped hospital room for an hour or so, I realized my purse was missing. It was hard to believe, because that purse is almost an extension of my person. I never go anywhere without it.

After all, you never know when you might need an antacid, eye drops, tissues, extra socks, a pair of scissors, road map, etc.

On this occasion it contained not only my wallet, car keys, credit cards, etc., but Stan had also given me his for safe keeping. Needless to say, I experienced a bit of panic when I realized it was gone.

Trying to remember where I might have left it, I started with one of the many waiting rooms I'd spent time in during the course of the day.

### 16 area residents on CMU dean's list

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes 16 students from the Cass City area who earned 3.5 and higher grade point averages on a 4.0 scale.

The area students are senior

### Swiderski named to dean's list

Craig A. Swiderski, Cass City, was recently named to the fall semester dean's list at Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, for earning a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

Swiderski is a freshman majoring in criminal justice.

### Magazine sale set Feb. 10-13

The annual Friends of the Library Magazine Sale at Rawson Memorial Library is slated for Feb. 10-13 during regular library hours. Craft items will also be available for sale. A bake sale is set for Friday, Feb. 12 only.

Come in and find some magazines to read this winter and stop in Friday for some goodies to eat.

There, where I'd left it on the floor by my chair, was the purse, everything intact.

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If you happen to drive by our house and see Gertie, the Guinther Goose, clad in her new green and white Michigan State hockey uniform, don't think it's just another cute outfit.

The Crandells, former neighbors who now live up north, ordered it for Gert. What makes it especially meaningful is that the Crandells are staunch U of M fans.

Now that's a mark of true friendship!

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The psalmist prayed, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

All of us may do well to adopt that attitude in light of the trouble loose tongues have caused recently.

By now, everybody's familiar with the case of the cussing canoeist, but did you read about the guy who lost his job in Washington because he used the word "niggardly" in describing how a city government fund was administered?

I'm opposed to cussing. It is offensive and seems to indicate an inadequate vocabulary. But niggardly is a perfectly legitimate word that means stingy, miserly.

So what's the problem? It sounds too much like another word that's off limits as a racial slur.

Is it possible that we're getting a bit over sensitive?

### It's a girl!



### Jenna Lynn Schaufele

Jeff and Deanna Schaufele announce the birth of their daughter, Jenna Lynn. She was born Nov. 16, 1998, at Covenant Harrison, Saginaw. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Grandparents are Arthur and Marjorie Caister, Irvin and Carol Schaufele, and Patricia London.

Great-grandmothers are Irene Bader and Edith London.

### Youth group to host area children

Looking for activities for your young children? The Shabbona United Methodist Church Youth Group is inviting area children, ages 2-10, to an afternoon of fun, games, prizes, movies and snacks. Saturday, Feb. 6, from 2-4 p.m. at the church.

There will be clowns, music, prizes, and a drawing for 4 "Bean Pals" animals. All children under 6 will need to be accompanied by an adult, and children may be picked up promptly at 4 p.m. There will be a free-will offering jar at the door.

Shabbona United Methodist Church is located on Decker Rd., just north of Shabbona Rd. on the west side of the road.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

## New books at the library

**Cloud Nine** by Luanne Rice: Against all odds, Sarah Talbot has beaten the disease that threatened to take her life. Now she has reopened her bedding shop, Cloud Nine, and is determined to lead a different lifestyle since she has been given a second chance at life. Her first adventure comes during a special birthday present from her friends: a ride over upstate New York in a small chartered plane. On the flight she meets Will Burke, a former Navy pilot and the attraction is instant. These 2 people find a kindred spirit and a bond that will help them look at the past and prepare for the future whatever it brings.

**Dark Justice** by William Bernhardt: Attorney Ben Kincaid sets out for a vacation in the Pacific Northwest only to get involved in a battle between the logging industry and conservationists which has resulted in a brutal murder. Kincaid had successfully defended activist George Zakin against a murder charge many years before when he was just starting out as a lawyer. And Zakin is counting on him to do it again. Ben knows Zakin is innocent, but he also knows that winning this case in a town where logging is a way of life will not be easy. It doesn't help that Ben's opponent, Rebecca Granville "Granny" Adams, is the beautiful hometown prosecutor. It is difficult to tell friends from enemies in this situation as Ben sets out to prove Zakin's innocence. It will not be an easy task.

**The Road Home** by Jim Harrison: This book contains the story of Harrison's captivating heroine Dalva and her unusual and remarkable family. It involves Dalva's grandfather John Northridge, the austere hard-living half-Sioux patriarch; Naomi, the widow of his favorite son and namesake; Paul, the first Northridge son, who lived in his brother's shadow and Nelse, the son taken from Dalva at birth, who now has returned to her. It is haunted by Dalva's father and lover who both died in the country's wars. It is a family history that includes suffering and joy combined with fierce independence and love, rooted in the Nebraska soil and intermingled with the fates of whites and Native Americans in the American West.

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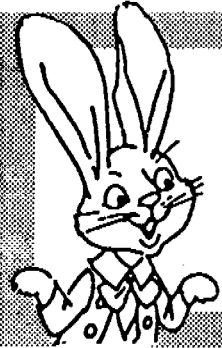
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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Could it be, or was it a practical joker's idea of a great scam? What is not in doubt is that there was a white Blazer in Cass City Sunday afternoon between 3 and 4 p.m. with a sign saying Publishers' Clearing House Prize Patrol.

The truck was spotted by Charlie Wallace at her home at Houghton and Maple Streets.

The sweepstakes winner was to have been revealed during Sunday's super bowl.

Terry Reid, coach at Marlette, was scouting Yale at the Cass City game Tuesday and stopped to say hello. Still at it, he asked? You too, I noted.

Reid is back after stints with girls' basketball and, before that, boys' basketball, at Marlette.

It's great, he smiled. I am retired from teaching and all I have to do is coach. Now if we could just get over our injuries.....

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce is preparing for its annual banquet, slated this year at the VFW Hall in Cass City May 1.

Always one of the highlights is the selection of the citizen of the year. The committee urges anyone who would care to nominate a person for the honor to do so now. Just submit the name to the Chamber at the Cass City Municipal Building.

Kathy Gamet was deservedly disturbed that the story about her family in last week's brides' section omitted one member of the family. Besides one-year-old Joshua and another baby on the way, there is a daughter, Amber Gamet.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	35	22	0
Wednesday	40	31	.03"
Thursday	34	25	.02"
Friday	34	20	0
Saturday	35	18	0
Sunday	36	24	0
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## Cass City Public Schools

### PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

#### Where Are They Now??

Each and every one of our graduating classes has been special. Each class exhibited unique characteristics. The "class of 1995" was especially exceptional. This was the year which produced 10 graduating valedictorians with perfect 4.00 grade point averages. It is now 4 years later, and I was interested to see what the 10 valedictorians were now doing. With the help of Mr. Dillon, who contacted the graduates or their families, the following information about this special group is being shared.

- All 10 are completing their bachelor's degree programs with 3.00 or higher G.P.A.s.
- Eight of the 10 have higher than 3.50 college G.P.A.s.
- Two students will be graduating this May from U. of M., one with a degree in business administration and finance, and the other in graphic design, who is in the top 3% of U. of M.'s graduating class.
- One will be graduating from Michigan Technological University with a major in mechanical engineering.
- Another 1995 graduate is completing an engineering program at Kettering University.
- Two students will be graduating from Central Michigan University. One is a magna-cum-laude with a double major in marketing and logistics; the other, also magna-cum-laude with a B.S. degree in social work.
- One 1995 alum will be graduating summa-cum-laude from Saginaw Valley State University with a major in sociology and a minor in Spanish.
- Another is completing a 5 1/2-year degree program in pharmacy from Ferris State University.
- One student is graduating in May from Alma College with a degree in biology.
- The final 1995 graduating valedictorian is transferring to Ferris State University into the Doctoral Pharmacy Program from Michigan State University's medical technology course of study.

It is plain to see, these outstanding young adults are continuing to excel academically. The staff of the Cass City Public School District continues to be proud of their high level of achievement. We wish them and all of our former graduates continuing success and a happy future.

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

## Sunday in village

# Teen assaults officer

Cass City police arrested 4 people over the weekend, including a woman who shoved and kicked one officer in the groin as she was being taken into custody.

Police are seeking charges of assaulting a police officer, resisting and obstructing a police officer, consumption of intoxicants by a minor and disorderly conduct against Melissa L. Essex, 18, Cass City.

The incident took place

## Deford couple injured

A Deford couple were injured in a 2-vehicle accident near their home Sunday afternoon.

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department reports state Garth D. Hazzard, 54, 1545 Kingston Rd., was driving west on Deckerville Road at 12:30 p.m. when he collided with another westbound vehicle that was making a left turn onto Cemetery Road.

The accident occurred as Hazzard was attempting to pass the other westbound vehicle, driven by Allison M. Wright, 18, 6305 Lakeside, Cass City, according to deputies.

Hazzard stated Wright slowed down and he thought she was going to turn north. He told deputies that he didn't see a turn signal or brake lights. Wright said she did signal for a southbound turn.

Hazzard and his wife, Joyce A. Hazzard, 48, both suffered minor injuries. They were transported by MMR ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, where they were treated and then released.

Reports indicate all occupants were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.

## 86 donate blood in Cass City

Area residents donated 86 pints of blood during the blood drive held Jan. 6 at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

A 2-gallon donor was Barbara Hendrick. Three-gallon donors were Ronald Voss and Suzanne Humpert, and Owen Pierce donated his 11th gallon.

First-time donors were Gregory Tuckey and David House.

The next blood drive will be April 6.

passenger door window.


The officer was treated at Hills and Dales General Hospital and then released.

Later the same day, officers arrested Donald L. Finkbeiner, 20, Cass City, for driving with a suspended license. He was also cited for no proof of insurance and registration, and defective equipment.

Reports state officers stopped a vehicle driven by Finkbeiner on Houghton Street near Leach Street at 11:22 p.m. A passenger in the vehicle, Jeremy D. Nichols, 18, Cass City, was taken into custody on a valid bench warrant for failure to appear in court.

Also arrested for driving with a suspended license was Jeffrey L. Flegal, 38, Dearborn Heights, whose vehicle was stopped on Seeger Street near Chestnut Boulevard Friday at 11 p.m.

## The Haire Net



The pressure from Michigan agriculture interests to ban deer feeding, at least in the Deer Management Unit 452, the 5-county area in northeastern Michigan, grows intense. That's because deer crowded together are believed to spread disease.

Bovine tuberculosis (TB) was discovered in the deer in the area, causing its spread to 3 cattle herds, threatening that Michigan will lose its TB-free accredited status as designated by the United States Department of Agriculture.

That's a serious economic blow to all dairy and beef producers in the state.

One survey has shown that reducing the bait piles to a maximum of 5 gallons has been ineffective. Many dairy and beef producers would applaud a state-wide ban on feeding. I'm with them.

Maybe it's because as a non-hunter, I have a jaundiced view of shooting deer over a bait pile, but I never have been sold on it any more than killing a bear foraging at a dump and calling it a sport.

Every hunting season there will be stories about communing with nature and the thrill of being in the woods as the ultimate reward for hunting.

Try and equate that with feeding deer year around and then shooting them after they have been trained to appear on schedule.

Hunting interests have no monopoly on artificially boosting game bags. Trout have been planted in Michigan streams year after year and anglers have stormed in on the wake of the planting truck to harvest them.

While not a hunter, I am a fisherman, and catching dumped trout is the fishing equivalent of shooting in dumps or over bait piles.

It's true, of course, that using bait piles or seeking out hatchery trout will increase the success ratio, especially for the novice.

There's really nothing hard about catching a hatchery-reared trout or a deer lured

## The back forty

by Roger Pond

I guess I'll never understand economics. Each time there's a freeze in Florida the price of citrus at the grocery spikes up a few notches.

But when the hog market sinks to 15 cents-a-pound, the price of pork doesn't budge a dime. A farmer told me he watched a woman buy a ham for \$18 last fall and thought to himself, "Another \$18 would buy the whole hog if she got a live one."

I guess that's the price we pay for having our food cut, wrapped, and delivered in its most convenient form. Most folks wouldn't know what to do with a whole pig, anyway, especially if they had to haul it home in their car.

I've been down that road and so has my friend Vernon. Some years ago Vernon's daughter owned a pig for her 4-H project. One day he got word somebody had to get the pig to a scales and have it weighed that afternoon.

Vernon did what most of us would have done: He panicked. He left work early and headed out to the farm where his daughter kept the pig.

Nobody had a truck available on short notice, so Vernon decided his Chevy Blazer would have to do. Loading the pig was easy. Vernon just opened the back door, grabbed the pig in a bear hug, and hoisted him in.

He put some straw in the back, but the pig exuded a lot more odor than one might imagine. So Vernon rolled the front windows down to get some fresh air.

Everything went fine for awhile. Then, the pig decided he needed some air, too, and proceeded to crawl over the back seat.

Pretty soon the pig noticed no one was sitting on the passenger side in the front. You know how that is, there's no point riding in coach when you can upgrade to first class. So the pig moved up.

Vernon was too busy driving to do anything about the pig, and the smell was get-

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## CHAPPEL'S CORNER

by Amanda Chappel

### Computer Klubhouse



If you are a computer dummy and you want to learn about computers, pay close attention. Cass City Middle School students are having the greatest opportunity to help our community while learning a lot about technology, and have fun doing it!

This after school program is called Computer Klubhouse. It is offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., and every other Saturday. Amy Schuette and her assistant, Trent Milligan, a high school junior, run this program. Daryl Iwankovitch volunteers as well.

There are 29 core members involved in the Klubhouse. In order to obtain their positions, the kids had to apply, just as if it were a job. They had to submit an application and go through an interview.

I was shocked to see so many faces when I went into the lab. I didn't expect so many kids to be interested, but it seems to be a really fun and popular thing to do after school. There has been an average of 25 students attending the Klubhouse in the past two weeks.

These kids are fortunate to have such great equipment. They have the chance to work with digital cameras, graphics pads, digital video cameras, scanners and much, much more.

The school received a grant to fund the Klubhouse. Only 8 other schools in Michigan received this grant. This year they gained 15 new computer stations through the grant to add to their 28 existing stations.

"I don't know what we'd do without those 28 stations," said Mrs. Schuette. Next year they will receive even more new equipment through the grant.

There are so many different concepts to learn about computers. With so many kids involved in the Klubhouse, each student can specialize in something different to keep busy.

This specialization is also great when someone needs assistance with a problem. It's easy to find out where to go for help. If you need help running a program or want to learn how to run the Internet, the Klubhouse is a great place to go. There are so many knowledgeable helpers there to assist you.

#### FIRST ASSIGNMENT

The Klubhouse's first assignment from K.L.I.C.K. (Kids Learning in Computer Klubhouse) is to create a community history web page. They have a few things to get started. If you have anything to offer this group about the history of Cass City, contact Mrs. Schuette at the middle school. Eventually there will be a link on the Cass City home page to get to the history page.

A game specialist at the Klubhouse, Joseph Ruffing is in the eighth grade. His favorite subjects in school are science, math and computers. He likes to play a variety of games, his favorite being "Jet Fighter 3." When people come in for help on running different games, Joseph is the man to talk to. He's an expert.

In Lansing a few weeks ago 6 of the 29 core members had the chance to travel to Dwight Rich Middle School for a K.L.I.C.K. conference. They were able to meet with other students from all over Michigan who were involved in programs like the Computer Klubhouse. There was also a virtual presentation on K.L.I.C.K.

"It was like cutting the red tape for K.L.I.C.K.," said Cindy Henn, one of the core members who attended the conference.

An eighth grader, Henn specializes in creating web pages and running Microsoft Works. She is helping in the creation of their own link for the Computer Klubhouse off the K.L.I.C.K. home page ([www.click.org](http://www.click.org)). Cindy said that Clyde Wells comes in to the Klubhouse for help pretty often.

"It was so funny when I

tried to teach him how to run the program, 'Speak and Write'," said Cindy. Speak and Write lets you speak into a microphone while the program types what you say.

#### POWER POINT

DeAnna Newby is a seventh grader who specializes in the Power Point program. DeAnna had to give a presentation at the K.L.I.C.K. conference. Her favorite thing about the Computer Klubhouse is the super equipment, especially the scanners.

An all around great computer helper is fifth grader Amy Hennessey. She can help with anything from running varieties of programs to working the Internet. Amy gave a presentation on K.L.I.C.K. and how it got started at the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary. Her favorite part of being a fifth grader is being able to enjoy the new school.

Andy Veneziano says he is "a computer helper outer dude." He is an eighth grader who enjoys math, science and computers. Andy spends most of his time at the Klubhouse fooling around with programs and finding out how they work. "I've also been creating a lot of games, not to be released, just for fun," said Andy. He said that he would have to learn more advanced computer languages to go farther than he has.

#### SPECIALTY

Erik Helwig has taken up Macintosh as his specialty. It's a totally different system than what everyone else uses. "I like to have the opportunity to work on a computer that is not the same as the one I have at home," said Erik. He is currently working on his own personal web page. After he finishes that project, he will start to work on the Klubhouse web page.

Being a senior in high school, I know how much computers are needed in today's world. It's awesome to have an after school program like this that keeps kids doing something positive for their community as well as learning important skills for themselves. I wish that I was in their shoes and I had the opportunity to get a head start.

If you are interested in learning how to run computers but you need a little bit of help, the Computer Klubhouse sounds like the first place to go.

## Sebewaing nets \$50,000 grant for planning project

Doug Rothwell, chief executive officer and department director of the Michigan Jobs Commission, announced Monday that a \$50,000 planning grant has been approved for Sebewaing Township.

The grant will be used for the Michigan Sugar Company Economic Development Planning Project.

The grant, funded through the Michigan Renaissance Fund, will be used for the following work activities: a) a review of all of the community infrastructure systems which could be impacted by the expansion, including water and sewer needs; b) detailed plans for any needed infrastructure upgrades; and c) development of documents which may be used for the construction bidding process for any new infrastructure upgrades.

The project has the potential to result in the creation of 20 to 25 new full-time manufacturing positions.

"By assisting Sebewaing Township with funding to identify their infrastructure systems, they will be able to determine what, if any, upgrades are necessary to accommodate the expansion needs of the Michigan Sugar Company," Rothwell said. "Michigan Sugar Company is a producer of beet sugar, liquid sugar, pulp, and molasses. This project also has the potential to create new jobs in the community."

The Michigan Jobs Commission, which administers the Michigan Renaissance Fund, works in partnership with local communities and Michigan business to retain and expand job opportunities and improve Michigan's overall business climate.

## Evergreen board approves hall bid

Evergreen Township officials accepted a bid for construction of a new township hall and other improvements during a special meeting Thursday.

The bid, totalling \$114,465, was submitted by Booms Construction Inc., Bad Axe, and was approved pending final review of the contract, township Clerk Arthur Severance reported.

The township board expected to meet with the contractor during Thursday's meeting, however, there was an apparent mix-up in communications and the contractor didn't attend. Another special meeting has been scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. to wrap up loose ends.

Severance said the

\$114,465 estimate includes construction of a new hall just east of the old hall in Shabbona, demolition of the old hall, asphaltting a parking lot and installation of a septic system.

Township officials decided to build after investigating the cost of needed repairs to the old hall, which is believed to have been constructed in the early 1900s. The structure needed a new roof and floor, and had neither water service nor bathroom facilities.

Voters in November approved a 2-mill levy for one year to help pay for the new hall.

The millage will raise about \$31,000 and the township has set aside another \$20,000, according to Severance, who said officials plan to borrow the remaining funds.

Construction is expected to begin in April, with completion by July.

In other business last week, the board hired Cindy Talaski as zoning administrator. She fills a post vacated by Aaron LaPonsie, who resigned early last month.



**IT'S MAGIC!** Deford Elementary first grade student Allee Frederick was all smiles as she assisted Magician John Sterlini during an assembly at Campbell Elementary School Thursday. (Related photo, page one)

### Payments announced

## Hog enrollment underway

An enrollment period for the small hog operation program began Monday and will continue through Friday, Feb. 12, at the Tuscola County Farm Service Agency Office on Cleaver Road.

This program is for operations that marketed fewer than 1,000 hogs in the last 6 months of 1998, and who are still in operation.

Producers will be paid \$5 per slaughter weight hog (or equivalent for feeders or other hogs). Payments are limited to \$2,500 per operation.

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Producers will be required to visit the FSA office between Feb. 1 and Feb. 12 to apply.

You will need the name of the operation and persons involved with it, and the number of hogs sold as feeders or slaughtered during the last 6 months of 1998. Operations that marketed hogs under fixed price or cost plus contracts are not eligible to apply.

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### FARM BUREAU

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met Friday evening at the home of Joe and Hilda Sweeney.

The discussion on Satellite Farming was led by Kay Sweeney.

Cards were played and prizes were won by Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Clarence Heleski, Pat Heleski and Ray Depcinski.

The next meeting will be Feb. 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

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Jean Tandy of New Hampshire and Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Mrs. Hal Conkey at the Huron County Medical Care Facility Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. Frank Laming.

Harold and Mildred Brown of Tipton, Melvin and Charlotte Particka and Stephanie and Jason Hast were Sunday dinner guests of Matt and Roxann Particka at Tipton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson were among a large group who attended a memorial for Kenneth Copeland Tuesday at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Katha Chockley of Algonac was a Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Bryce and Betty Hagen were Sunday afternoon guests of Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope.

Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. and son A.J. in honor of Mrs. Bob Cleland's birthday.

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

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mrs. Jim Booms at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Wednesday.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday afternoon

guests of Tom and Flora Prill. They later went to McDonald's in Bad Axe for supper.

The Holbrook Helpers 4-H groups enjoyed a sledding party and wiener roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Arnold LaPeer, Mrs. Frank Laming of Cass City, Mrs. Jerome Franzel of Argyle and Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Richard and Brenda were Sunday guests of Thelma Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson.

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

Fourteen members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Stafono's for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet there again next week.

Dennis and Sharlene Hagen and Bradly, Clinton and Melissa Hagen, Mary and Ben Maurer, Ellen and Mike Moorman, Jim and Dorene Hagen, Nicholas and Jennifer Hagen were Tuesday evening guests of Betty and Bryce Hagen for ice cream and cake in honor of Betty Hagen's birthday.

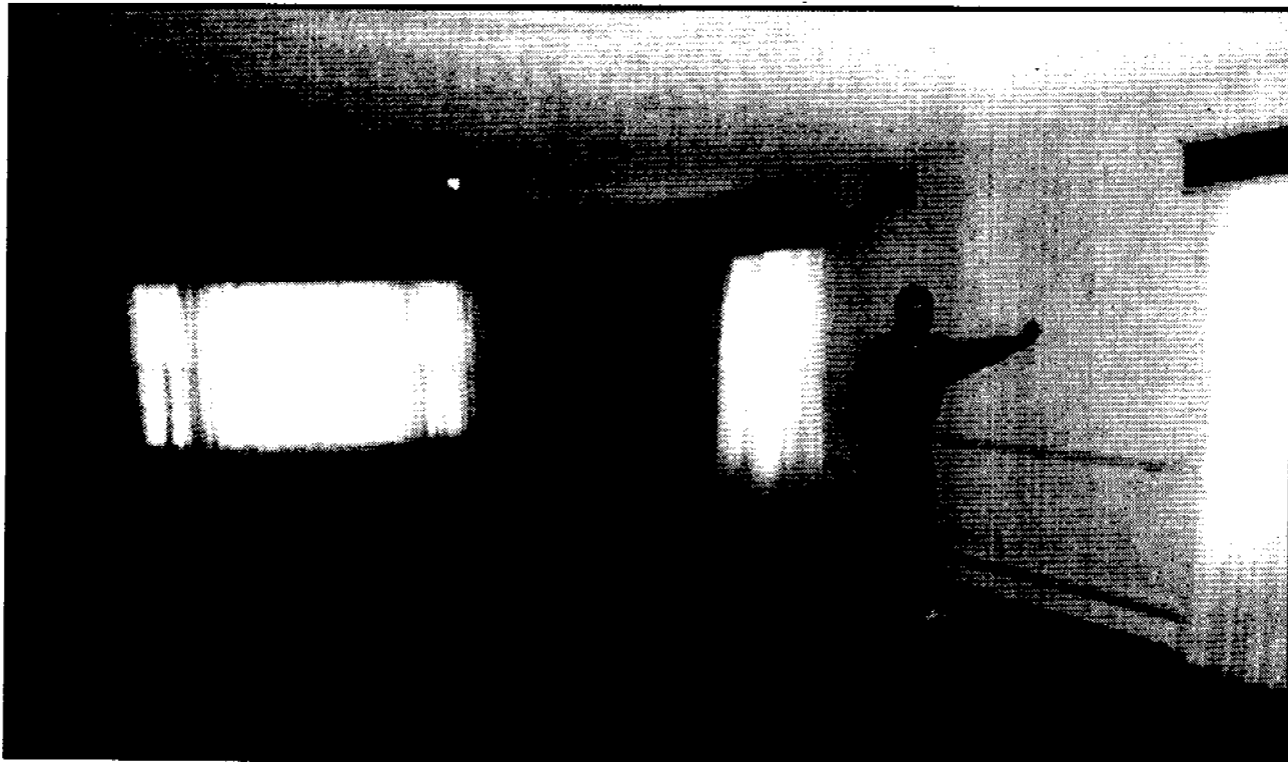
Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Saturday forenoon.

Larry Silver of Brighton was a Sunday guest of Reva Silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpitz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson were Wednesday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney attended the funeral of Henry Mazure at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Burial was in Our Lady of Lake Huron Cemetery of Harbor Beach.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Thursday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.



**IT'S A BIT EMPTY** right now, but Campus Life Director Jeff Bader is hoping the community will help to furnish the new Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ Center in Cass City, located in the former Little & Kranz Funeral Home building at 6850 W. Main St.

### In former funeral home

## YFC setting up shop in town

The stately white house at 6850 W. Main St. in Cass City has served as a residence and beauty parlor during its 90-plus year existence, but the building is best known as the old funeral home.

Jeff Bader would like to change all that.

Soon, he hopes, area residents will refer to the building as the new Cass City-Kingston Youth For Christ Center.

That may take some doing, considering the structure served as a funeral home for more than 50 years before the current owners, Jim and Debra Kranz, moved to their new location just east of town last year.

Still, Bader, director of the Bluewater Youth for Christ's new Cass City-Kingston Campus Life program, is pleased to have a place to host activities and campus life gatherings for area teens. And he hopes area residents will help make that a reality by donating a stick of furniture or 2.

"I wanted a place for our kids... and this building suits our needs very well," Bader commented Friday as he continued the task of moving into the building.

"We've been using the Methodist church. They've been very gracious and we appreciate it, but every week it's been, carry everything in, carry everything out."

The funeral home offers not only a lot of space, but also barrier-free access. Bader is renting the second floor as a residence and Youth For Christ is responsible for utility expenses, but the Kranzes are helping the program get off the ground by not charging rent for the lower 2 floors.

"The building and utilities are covered," Bader noted. "It's all the extra things — like chairs — that we're hoping for (donations). We had applied for a grant, but that's not looking like it's going to happen."

Bader's wish list includes couches, lamps, end tables, television, VCRs, video games, ping pong tables and

pool tables. He also hopes to raise enough money to purchase a sound system and for some other items, such as blinds, to do some redecorating.

Anyone who would like to contribute or volunteer can contact Bader at (517) 872-1530.

"I would love to have the community back this," said the Cass City High School graduate, who is approaching the project one step at a time.

At this point, he explained, the plans are to transform the ground floor into a meeting center for Club Extreme, a campus life program for students in grades 9-12. The group meets every Monday night starting at 7:24 p.m. ("That's a reminder of how often we should be living for God — 7 days a week, 24 hours a day," Bader noted). The meetings feature games, a time of singing and praise, a brief program and, of course, food.

Since the club was established about 6 months ago, attendance has averaged in the 20s, with a high of 42 youths at one meeting.

"Which is good considering we have conflicts with volleyball and wrestling, and at least one basketball team is practicing on that night," Bader said. "We have a lot of the same kids week after week. I like that — that's been a real positive to me." Aside from campus life activities, Bader said the new Youth For Christ center will offer area teens a place to hang out, play ping pong or other games, and enjoy each other's company for 2 or 3 hours after school. Again, the success of the program will depend in part on community support.

Bader emphasized that teens need not be members of Youth For Christ to visit the planned activity center, which will be set up in the basement.

"We're not going to be down here handing out Bibles. I'm not going to call a 10-minute time-out to preach," he said. At the same time, all teens will be invited to participate in Youth For Christ activities.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, February 3

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Duke Sward and Jim Fox.

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

### Thursday, February 4

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

### Friday, February 5

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

### Monday, February 8

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

### Tuesday, February 9

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

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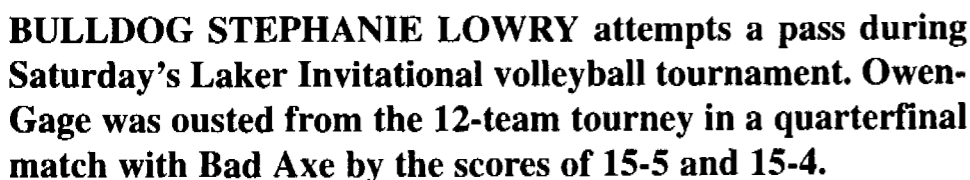
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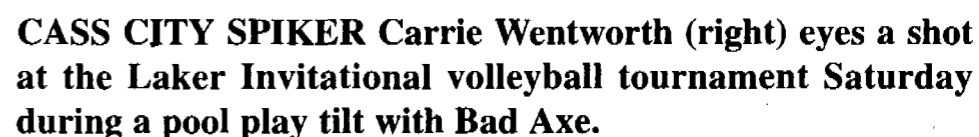


Sophomore Danielle Fritz

"We played pretty well. The

Vargo led the winners with 15 kills, while Salcido had a team best 21 digs. Lemanski topped the visitors with 10 blocks.

Carrie Wentworth led the



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# Hawks to contend for GTC title

Is Cass City a pretender or a contender for the Greater Thumb West hoop title this year? That question will be answered this week as the Hawks enter what undisputedly is the testing portion of its schedule.

After playing at Brown City, the leader in the Greater Thumb East, the Hawks face the undefeated Lakers Friday on the road. The Matt LePage led league leaders have answered every challenge this season.

Coach Jeff Hartel would be pleased if his charges continue to pour in the 3-point shots as they did last Tuesday, rolling past visiting Yale, 66-30.

The Hawks shot 47 percent (7 of 15) from 3-point range, with Jason Wright (2), Heath Zawilinski (3) and Dan Cuddie (2) sharing the load.

That opened up the middle for Craig Emmert, who responded with 24 points, including a perfect 6 for 6 from the charity stripe.

Cass City took charge of the game early and in the first 5 minutes of the game charged to a 12-2 lead, led by Zawilinski and Emmert with a pair of hoops each.

Cass City continued scoring almost at will and, with 4:38 left in the half, was in front

35-16.

The onslaught continued in the second half. With 3 minutes left in the third period, the Hawks led 66-25 and the mercy rule where the clock continues to run unless a time out is called was in effect.

From that time on Cass City failed to score. Running the clock probably cut the time of play in the fourth quarter by half or more.

Hartel said, we played a good game against a team that we should beat. We will be challenged greatly the next few weeks, the coach said, looking ahead. I hope that the team is ready to finish out a strong season.

## Hawk wrestlers remain undefeated in GTC play

Although the Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team fell off a bit at the Imlay City Invitational Saturday from the peak performance the previous week at the Mayville Invitational, the team continued to roll undefeated in regular season competition with a 15-0 record.

At Imlay City, Cass City finished 7th among 14 teams competing. The meet was won by Durand with 166 points. Others in order of finish: Marysville, 157; Oxford, 149 1/2; Lapeer West, 145; Capac, 123 1/2; Imlay City, 118 1/2; Cass City, 74 1/2; Marlette, 62 1/2; Armada, 62 1/2; Burton-Bentley, 46; Brown City, 41; Almont, 34; Dryden, 28; Bad Axe, 20.

The Hawks had one wrestler, Roy Davis, 115 pounds, with a first place finish. Other medal winners included: Scott Moore, 125 pounds, 6th; Adam Dorland, 135 pounds, 3rd; Jon Fritz, 140 pounds, 6th; Aaron Dorland, 145 pounds, 4th; Dave Sutter, 152 pounds, 5th; Chad Wolschlag, 215 pounds, 6th.

## Alumni cage game planned

Cass City High School has enjoyed a rich basketball tradition, claiming numerous conference, district and regional titles.

And area cage fans and players will get a chance to relive those yesterdays, visit old friends, and just have fun Feb. 20.


Red Hawk basketball Coach Jeff Hartel has asked any Cass City alumni who wishes to play in an alumni basketball game that Saturday to contact him at 517-872-4736.

Hartel explained that 2 games are scheduled. "There's going to be a competitive game and old-timers game."

Teams will consists of even year graduates versus odd year graduates. Players 30 years of age and older constitute old-timers.



CASS CITY'S AARON DORLAND (top) helped the Hawk wrestlers to a 7th place finish Saturday at the 14-team Imlay City Invitational.



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### Burns on Dean's List

Lisa Burns was named to the Dean's List at Central Michigan University for the fall 1998 semester for outstanding academic performance. Burns, a senior, is majoring in secondary education with her studies being math and science.

Burns is the daughter of John C. and Mary Lou Burns and the granddaughter of John and Wanda Burns of Cass City.

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Emmert collected 9 offensive rebounds and had 9 for the night. Cuddie had a nice floor game, Hartel said, with 10 assists. Zawilinski netted 17 points.

**CASS CITY** - Cuddie 1-2 (0-0) 8; Wright 1-2 (0-0) 8; Zawilinski 4-3 (0-0) 17; Hartel 2-0 (1-2) 5; VanVliet 1-0 (0-0) 2; Goodall 1-0 (0-0) 2; Emmert 9-0 (6-6) 24. **TOTALS** - 19-7 (7-8) 66.

**YALE** - Willard 1-0 (1-3) 3; Myers 0-1 (2-2) 5; Lohn 2-0 (0-0) 4; Lepla 1-0 (0-0) 2; Lagore 3-0 (0-0) 6; Strickler 5-0 (0-2) 10. **TOTALS** - 12-1 (3-8) 30.

matches in a double dual, topping Bad Axe, 66-14, and Sandusky, 64-15.

Double winners with pins included Travis Schneeberger, 112 pounds; Scott Moore, 125 pounds; Jeremy Klinkman, 130 pounds; Dave Sutter, 152 pounds.

Several weight classes were forfeited by both Sandusky and Bad Axe. Roy Davis won with a pin over Kyle Andrich, Bad Axe, but his weight class was forfeited by Sandusky.

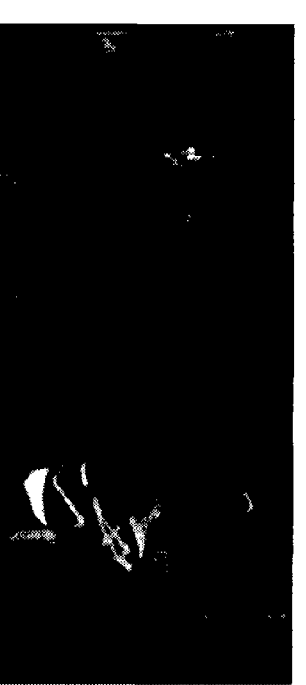
Steve Slosser, 103 pounds, won both matches by forfeits and Dave Sutter scored a pin against Brad Langley and won by a forfeit in the Sandusky match.

Adam Dorland pinned Adam Schmidt, Bad Axe, and won by forfeit against Sandusky.

Cass City will compete in a double dual today (Wednesday) with Marlette and Brown City at Brown City.



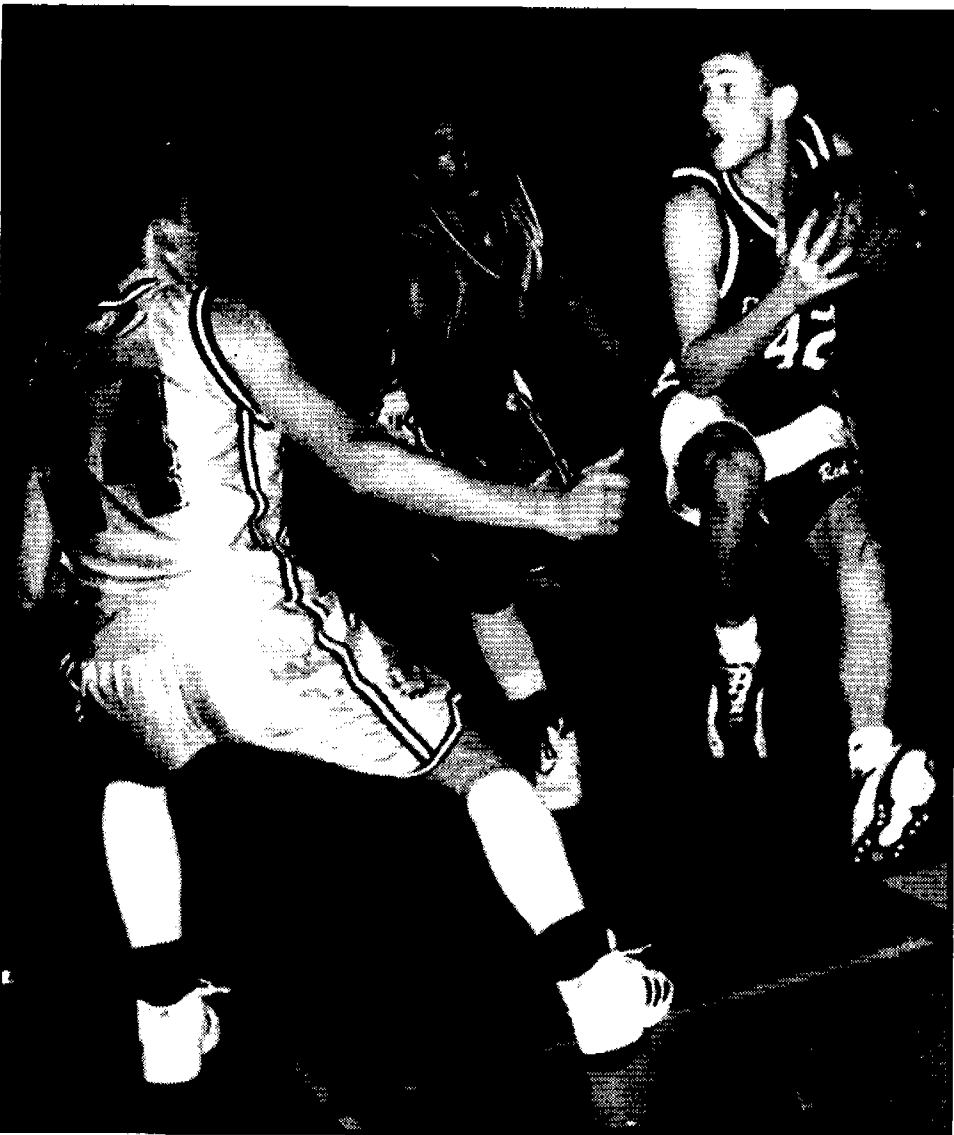
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### Fearless Forecast

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Lakers at Cros-Lex  
BCAS at Freeland  
Cass City at Brown City  
Ubyl at Reese  
Harbor Beach at Mayville  
North Huron at Port Hope  
Owen-Gage at AuGres  
Vassar at Kingston  
Caseville at Peck

**February 5**  
Cass City at Lakers  
USA at Mayville  
Reese at BCAS  
Brown City at Ubyl  
Harbor Beach at Cros-Lex  
Deckerville at Yale  
Sandusky at Marlette  
Caseville at C-PS  
Akron-Fairgrove at Kingston  
North Huron at Peck  
Owen-Gage at Port Hope  
Last week's results  
Season's Results, Percentages



JASON WRIGHT works past 2 Yale defenders to keep the Hawk offense rolling. The Hawks had little trouble rolling over the Bulldogs, 66-30.

## Horrendous start cost Bulldogs win at Almont

Coach Leon Westover's Owen-Gage Bulldogs couldn't overcome a horrendous start Friday and fell to host Almont 66-54 during a non-conference STA crossover tilt.

The Raiders held their guests to solo field goals by Derek Howard and Chad Mellendorf during the game's opening 8 minutes and built a 20-5 margin entering the 2nd stanza.

"We had a terrible start," said Westover. "It was a rough (physical) game. You see that when you go up a class (Almont is a Class C school). Hopefully, it was an education for us."

Westover will see if his squad can benefit from Friday's outing when they start the 2nd half of their campaign Tuesday in Au Gres. The Wolverines handed the Bulldogs a 55-54 loss to open the season back in December. Friday, Owen-Gage will return to North Central Thumb League action in Port Hope.

"We need to adjust

quicker," said Westover, adding, "If we take anything from Friday's game, I hope it's the intensity level."

The Raiders expanded their lead to 37-15 at the half behind solid team defense and the offensive efforts of senior Ryan Claridge, who finished the game with 12 points, a dozen rebounds and 7 assists.

"Claridge is a good athlete," says Westover. "He was an all-stater in football." Claridge is currently being courted by SVSU, UNLV and Illinois University on the gridiron field.

The Raiders' edge at the break could have been even larger, except for the Bulldogs' splendid showing at the foul stripe, where they connected on all 8 of their attempts in the 2nd frame. However, Owen-Gage's lone field goal in the period belonged to Nick Warack, who finished with 8 points and a team best 14 rebounds.

The Bulldogs mounted a 2nd half rally that saw the guests draw to within 10 points with 4:19 remaining.

Owen-Gage continued to slice into the Raider lead and trailed 56-47 with just over a minute remaining, but would get no closer.

Sophomore Shane Mellendorf paced the Bulldogs' offense after the break, scoring all 7 of his tallies in the 3rd quarter, including one of the Bulldogs' 2 hoops from beyond the 3-point arc.

"I have to give the kids credit, they never quit," says Westover.

Westover was especially pleased with the work of his bench, who led the comeback effort.

"Ray Salcido, Shane Mellendorf and Ryan Richard did a good job coming off the bench defensively."

Westover used the trio on offense/defense substitutions as several of his key players were in foul trouble late in the game.

Howard led the Bulldogs with 11 points, one better than senior teammate Justin Anthes, who scored in double digits for the 2nd straight contest.

Raider Larry Malburg recorded game scoring honors with 15 points, while Josh Springer added 14 tallies.

# Standings and Results

GREATER THUMB WEST					GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L	Team	W	L	W	L
EPBP	4	0	11	1	Brown City	4	2	7	4
Cass City	4	1	11	1	Cros-Lex	4	2	6	5
Reese	3	2	10	2	Harbor Beach	4	2	5	6
Bad Axe	4	1	7	5	Yale	4	2	5	6
USA	2	2	6	4	Deckerville	3	2	5	6
Mayville	1	4	5	7	Sandusky	2	4	4	7
BCAS	0	5	2	9	Marlette	1	4	1	9
					Ubyl	1	5	1	10
NORTH CENTRAL THUMB					FRIDAY'S RESULTS				
Team	W	L	W	L	Bad Axe 84, BCAS 72	EPBP 66, Mayville 37	Reese 56, USA 51	Harbor Beach 83, Ubyl 27	Cros-Lex 54, Deckerville 47 OT
Caseville	5	1	6	4	North Huron 67, Kingston 24	Memphis 72, A-Fairgrove 53	Almont 66, Owen-Gage 54	New Haven 67, CPS 61	Armada 62, North Huron 46
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## Gymnasts striving towards regional

The Cass City gymnastics team compiled a pair of regional qualifying team scores last week and now need just one more tally of 116 points or better to reach regional play as a team under Coach John Waltz.

Waltz's squad traveled Saturday to compete at the Vassar Invitational and finished with a score of 118.45. Earlier in the week, on Monday, the Hawks hosted Midland High and Midland Dow and earned a team score of 121.65.

The Hawks, who have recorded 3 regional qualifying team scores, will have 2 more chances to record their final regional qualifying team score.

Monday the Hawks were to have competed at Midland, while their season's final

meeting before regional will be in St. Johns next Saturday.

Several Lady Hawks continue to impress Coach Waltz and have qualified individually for regional action. They include Johanna Hoelzle - vault and floor, Lyndi Trischler - beam, Katie Wood - vault, Manisha Raythatha - vault, and Michelle Kropewnicki - floor.

At the Vassar Invitational, Kropewnicki paced the Hawks with a 3rd place showing with her mark of 8.9 on the floor and a 7th place finish in the All-Around category.

Also turning in a strong showing at Vassar was Hoelzle, who placed 4th on the vault with a mark of 7.9 and 5th in the All-Around category.



HAWK Gymnast Michelle Kropewnicki works on the uneven bars for host Cass City last Monday in a triangular meet with Midland High and Midland Dow.

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# Obituaries

## James Baker

James Edward Baker, 67, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, in his home after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 16, 1931, in Cass City to Edward and Helen R. (White) Baker. He married Beatrice B. Reehl Aug. 17, 1963, in Bad Axe. Baker attended Albion College and TriState College in Indiana, where he received an Associates Degree in Electronics Engineering. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked for Allen Bradley Co., then worked for and retired from General Cable and the State of Michigan. He worked as an electrical contractor with his dad and for himself after his dad's death. He was a member of the Gavel Club and Cass City United Methodist Church. He had served on the Cass City Village Council. He was very active in scouting. He was an Eagle Scout and was Scoutmaster for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice; children, James and Stephanie Baker and Ruth Baker, all of Cass City; grandsons, Austin James Baker and Lucas Edward Baker, and soon to be born twin grandsons; sister, Mary Ellen (Wayne) Wilson of Bay City; brother, Robert (Emilie) Baker of Bay City; brothers-in-law, Elger (Hildegard) Reehl of Alamo, Texas, Cecil Goff of Vassar; sisters-in-law, Anna (Leo) Zieglmann of Bad Axe, Betty (William) Scofield of Oregon, Ohio, Marie (Willet) Langley of Bad Axe, Josephine Reehl of Bad Axe; niece and nephew, Rev. John and Karen Allen of Marlette, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers-in-law, and 3 sisters-in-law.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 30, in Cass City United Methodist Church with Dr. Philip Rice and Rev. John Allan officiat-

ing. Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Marlette Hospice, American Cancer Society, Baker Kinnard Scholarship Fund or Cass City United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Irene Blackmer

Irene Carrie Blackmer, 86, of Port Huron, died Friday, Jan. 29, 1999, in Evangelical Home, Port Huron, after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 2, 1913, in Greenleaf Township to Avery W. and Lenna Mae (Sowden) Jones. She married Lawrence Blackmer Dec. 18, 1931. He died May 10, 1980.

She attended Central Michigan University.

Surviving are 2 children, Edward Blackmer (William Edwards) of New York, N.Y., and Neva (Thomas) Kinser of Orlando, Fla.; 2 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Jones.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 1, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Dr. Philip Rice of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association.

## Helen Watson

Helen Ellen Marie Watson, 89, of Laguna Hills, Calif., died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1999, in Laguna Hills.

She was born Aug. 10,

1909, in Dromahaire, County Leitrim, Ireland, to Michael J. and Catherine (Hannon) McKinney. She married Keith J. Watson Feb. 3, 1936, in Detroit. He died Dec. 31, 1997.

She came to the United States at the age of 18 and was sponsored by Mary Appleton. She lived in Cleveland, then moved to Detroit, where she worked as a maid. In 1941 she moved to the area now known as Warren, and in 1945, the Watsons purchased a farm in Kings Mill, where she did much of the farm work. In 1971 they began a foster care home for the handicapped. In 1985 they moved to Florida, and a few years later to California.

Surviving are 2 sons, Thomas James (Linda) Watson of Davisburg and Leslie Keith (Tamara) Watson of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; 6 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Irving Edward Watson; 2 brothers, Edward and Michael (Kathleen) McKinney; 6 sisters, Mary (Ray) Kane, Theresa (Jack) Keegan, Anna (Al) Guera, Alice (Brian) McSharry, Margaret (Raymond) Morrissey and Nora (Tom) Walsh.

Funeral services were scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul Bala of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, officiating.

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## Khoury, Booms named to dean's list at Kettering

Two area residents are among the students recently named to the dean's list at Kettering University, Flint.

They are Kareem Khoury, son of Kareem and Tahani Khoury of Cass City, and Ja-

son Booms, son of Lloyd and Elizabeth Booms of Ubly.

Students named to the dean's list have attained a grade point average of 92 (out of 100), with no course grade below 85.



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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Russell Lane an unmarried individual (original mortgagors) to Mutual Savings Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated February 8, 1996, and recorded on February 8, 1996 in Liber 685, on Page 1167, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof of the sum of FIVE THOUSAND SEVENTY-TWO AND 63/100 dollars (\$5,072.63), including interest at 7.500% 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 March 5, 1999.

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

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

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

Dated: January 20, 1999

Mutual Savings Bank, FSB

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202  
Trott and Trott, P.C.  
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File # 990100051

1-20-5

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## Additional Classified Ads on page 9

### General Merchandise

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STORE FRONT on Main Street for rent. For more information call 872-4532. 4-10-7-tf

OFFICE SPACE for rent. For more information call 872-4532. 4-10-7-tf

FOR RENT - Masonic Temple Refreshment Hall - parties, dinners, meetings. No alcoholic beverages. Call Barney Hoffman at 872-4185. 4-4-30-tf

FOR RENT - Cass City Mini Storage. Call 872-3917. 4-3-13-tf

FOR RENT OR lease - Large office space in Cass City facing M-81. Heat, air conditioning, electric furnished, 2 large display windows, parking. Call 872-3519 or 872-2155. 6240 W. Main, Cass City. 4-12-16-tf

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FOR RENT - K of C Hall, 6106 Beachwood Drive. Parties, dinners, meetings. Call Bob Bliss, 872-3579. 4-2-3-tf

ROOMS TO RENT - starting at \$250 per month. Includes all house privileges and utilities. \$50 security deposit. Deckerville Rd. and M-81. 517-673-4110. 4-2-3-3

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SUGAR CREEK Apartments - one, 2 and 3-bedroom plans with washer/dryer connections, 726-1166 sq. ft., starting at \$459. 208 Romain Rd., Caro, MI 48723. 517-673-0515. 4-6-17-tf

### Notices

HAPPY 31st BIRTHDAY Joe. Love, Kelly & J.C. 5-2-3-1

SON, HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Love, Mom. 5-2-3-1

TURKEY HUNTERS N.W.T.F. Local chapter Tuscola LongBeards meeting Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m., Caro Gun Club. 5-2-3-3

IF YOU ARE interested in going to Mt. Pleasant March 8, call Ginny, 872-2570, or Nina, 872-2925, for information. 5-2-3-3

K of C BREAKFAST - First Sunday of each month, serving 9:30-11:00. 5-1-13-tf

LOST - 3 1/2-year-old Lab mix, female, white chin and paw, star on chest. Call 872-5322. 5-1-20-3

WANTED - Chess players. Let's play once or twice monthly. Beginners, novice, advanced. Call 872-3400. 5-1-20-3

BE YOUR OWN BOSS! PETRA FASHIONS home lingerie shows. No experience needed. Free \$500 sample kit. \$60 plus average profit per show. Call Susan at (517) 872-1836. 5-1-27-4

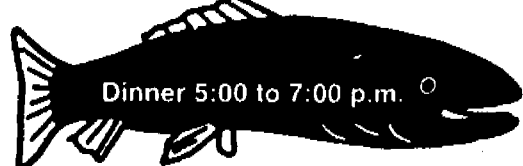
BINGO - Every Wednesday night. Open 6:00 - early bird 6:30 - regular bingo 7:00. Post 3644 VFW, Weaver St. 5-2-26-tf

### NOTICE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6820 E. Main St. 872-2770  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Gerald Meyer 5-7-1-tf

### BROASTED FISH & FRIES

All you can eat - Public Welcome



Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Masonic Lodge, Cass City

Corner of Maple and Garfield

Friday, February 5

Tickets at door

Adults \$6.00, 12 & under \$3.00

Tyler Lodge 317, Cass City, Michigan

Take-outs Available

Last supper until Sept. 4. Thanks to everyone.

### Notices

Annual Spring Bazaar  
Saturday, March 6, 1999  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Ugly Fox Hunters' Club  
For table space, please call  
Karen Smalley  
(517) 658-2693  
Sponsored by  
Ugly Lioness Club 5-2-3-5

VFW HALL available for rental occasions. Call Jim Ceranski at 872-4351. 5-2-21-tf

St. Pancratius Youth SPAGHETTI DINNER  
Monday, Feb. 8  
5 - 8 p.m.  
St. Pancratius Church Hall  
Adults \$4, Students \$1.75  
Under 5 - Free  
Take-outs Available 5-2-3-1

Sweetheart Dinner  
Saturday, Feb. 13  
6:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$7.50 person  
\$15.00 couple  
Children under 12 \$3.75  
Under 3 Free  
ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED  
Tickets available at Blondie's  
Hair Salon, Church St.  
Cass City United Methodist Church 5-1-27-2

KNIGHTS OF Columbus fish dinner, baked and fried, all you can eat. The 3rd Friday of each month. Price \$6.50 adults, \$3.00 for children, 4:30 to 7:00 at the K of C Hall, 6106 Beechwood Drive, Cass City. 5-1-13-tf

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

Attention: Evergreen Township Residents CINDY TALASKI has been appointed Zoning Administrator for Evergreen Township. Contact Cindy at 872-4189 for building permits and zoning information 5780 Shabbona Rd., Decker 5-2-3-3

NOTICE  
Evergreen Township Board will meet  
Saturday, Feb. 6  
10 a.m.  
Evergreen Township Hall 5-2-3-1

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### Notices

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NOTICE  
Evergreen Township Zoning Board Meeting  
Sat., Feb. 6  
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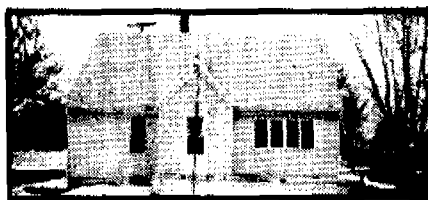
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**HELP WANTED** - Carpet layer assistant. Call 872-3315 or 872-2696. Ask for Bud. 11-1-21-17

**BABY-SITTER** needed in my home only, day shift. Call 872-4178. 11-1-20-3

## Help Wanted

**SPECIMEN PROCESSOR** Full-time lab position in Cass City area. Medical knowledge helpful. Computer skills and reliable transportation a must. Fax resume, attn: Yolanda 1-888-223-8752. 11-2-3-1

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## Help Wanted

**DA YOOPERS** are back! Saturday, March 13, 8:00 p.m., Uby Heights Country Club. Sponsored by Cass City Lions. Pre-sale tickets \$20, at door \$22.50 - if available. See Steve Wright at the Paint Store. 11-1-13-9

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** for production workers. Benefits include health and life insurance, 401K, paid vacation and holidays. Send resume or apply in person at Valley Enterprises, 4385 Garfield, Uby, MI 48475, 3 blocks north of the Post Office. 11-1-27-5

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## Walsh-Reuss earns Ph.D. in education

Dr. Diana Walsh-Reuss has completed her studies at the University of Southern California earning a Ph.D. in Education. Graduation exercises were at the historical V.S.C. Campus. Bill Cosby, famed TV personality was the alumnus guest speaker.

Dr. Walsh's early learning education began at the Cumber Country School. After graduation from Ubyly High School she pursued a career in teaching from Central Michigan University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education. She earned a Masters in Special Education from Wayne State University and a Masters of Administrative Education from California State University. Dr. Walsh has been honored as Educator of the Year in California.

Dr. Walsh is the daughter of W. Joseph and Patricia Walsh of Ubyly, and granddaughter of the late Walter and Susan Walsh, Ubyly, and William and Lillian Otul, Cass City. Dr. Walsh is Director of Education in Riverside County, California, where she resides with her husband Robert.



Dr. Diana Walsh-Reuss

## Acker on dean's list

Alma College has named nearly 400 students, including a Cass City resident, to the school's dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall term.

The students, who achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average during the term, include Tammy Acker, a graduate of Cass City High School.

## Barn bash back on this year

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The parade will end at the village park, where organizers hope to have a beverage tent and local bands performing. Festival goers will have an opportunity to view the parade entries and 2-cylinder club tractors, according to Koch, who said efforts are also underway to host a car show in the park.

As has been true at past festivals, there will be a variety of foods offered at different places in town.

"If you remember the old blooper ball days, you will be glad to hear we are trying to create a fun weekend for all ages," Koch said, referring to the 1970s when Gagetown hosted residents from Colwood, Ashmore, Bach and other neighboring areas for blooper ball tournaments.

Anyone interested in helping out with this year's festival is invited to attend the next organizational meeting, which is scheduled for Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the fire hall in Gagetown.

### 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. 8-9-12

**Monday** - Lemon herb chicken, parsley potatoes, winter veggies, variety bread, carrot cake.

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# Circuit court proceedings

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

•Matthew J. Gennrich, 18, Caro, stood mute to 2 counts each of second degree home invasion and conspiracy to commit second degree home invasion Dec. 9 and Dec. 12 in Indianfields Township; and attempted first degree home invasion and conspiracy to commit first degree home invasion Dec. 15 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case. Bond was continued at a combined \$45,000.

•Kenneth L. Wood, 37, Kingston, pleaded no contest to fleeing and eluding a police officer, resisting and obstructing a police officer and operating a motor vehicle

while under the influence of liquor Jan. 9 in Caro.

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

•Dennis E. Elkins, 35, Otisville, pleaded no contest to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years Aug. 20 in Millington. Bond was continued and a pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Elkins was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Catherine French, 34, Birch Run, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail for her plea of guilty to attempted third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years June 22, 1997, in Arbelia Township. The jail term was suspended, according to court records.

•Darrell J. Wilson, 28, Millington, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 180 days in jail for his plea of guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer, fourth degree, and resisting and obstructing a police officer May 3 in Watertown Township. Wilson was ordered to pay \$1,100 in court costs and fines plus \$276.65 in restitution.

•Scott G. Jacobs, 27, Millington, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 180 days in jail, with work release/worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to writing a

no account check for \$60 July 5 or 6.

He was also ordered to pay \$360 in costs and fines and \$1,930.07 in restitution.

•Allan L. Stephen, 23, Fostoria, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with work release, for his conviction on charges of driving while his license was suspended, using an expired license plate and

operating a motor vehicle without insurance Aug. 6 in Vassar Township.

•Bradley S. Gray, 18, Gagetown, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to second degree home invasion Nov. 19 in Gagetown.

He was also ordered to pay a \$60 victim crime fee plus \$548.48 in restitution.

## Fewer on welfare rolls

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Money raised by the event aids residents with fuel and utility emergencies, and the funds are returned to the communities where they were raised to assist senior citizens, the handicapped and the "working poor".

In Tuscola County, registration will begin at 9 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Human Development Commission, 429 Montague Ave., Caro. Walking will begin at 9:30 a.m. and refreshments will follow. Additional information is available by calling (517) 673-4121.

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