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NEITHER RAIN, NOR sleet. . . Bitter cold and gusty winds made walking miserable last week, but Cass City crossing guards were on duty just the same. Above, Connie LaPeer keeps a watchful eye on traffic as Nichole Guigar, 8, Courtney Stinson, 7, and Robyn Hill, 9, cross Seeger Street Friday.

By sheriff's department

Cass City officers lauded

A job well done isn't always rewarded, but the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department took time recently to laud some Cass City police officers for their assistance at the scene of a fatal traffic accident.

Cass City Village Council members reviewed a letter from Sgt. Kevin Thane, written to village Police Chief Gene Wilson, during a brief monthly meeting Monday night.

Thane specifically thanked full-time Cass City Officer Mike Gebauer and part-time officers Bill Hartzell and Mark Durfee for their assistance during the early morning hours of Jan. 16 after a pickup truck struck and killed a pedestrian south of Cass City.

"When I received the call, my location was M-24/M-46, (and) the accident was on

Cemetery Road near Shabbona," Thane wrote. "Officer Gebauer, realizing that our county unit was a ways off, offered his assistance to respond to the scene and hold it down until our county unit could arrive. Officers Durfee, Gebauer and Hartzell were able to secure the scene, evaluate the situation and provide central (dispatch) with pertinent information."

"Without the assistance of these officers, the accident would have been very difficult to control with only the 2 county officers," Thane continued. "Having your officers on scene within a few minutes was a great benefit in securing the scene and preventing contamination of the evidence."

"Chief Wilson, the action and willingness of your officers made it possible to do

a thorough investigation and possibly saved evidence from being destroyed. It is an honor and privilege to work along side officers such as these."

Turning to other matters, Village Manager Jane Downing reported plans to look into a Michigan Economic Development Corporation proposal for Renaissance Zone advertising featuring the newly designated Thumb Renaissance Zone.

Under the state plan, Renaissance Zones would have the opportunity to run advertisements in "Michigan Commercial; Buy, Lease & Build", a magazine that targets thousands of real estate brokers throughout the Midwest.

The proposal, Downing explained, includes the purchase of ads that would be general in scope and list all

zones, what taxes are waived, duration and possibly a map of where the zones are located. The cost would be about \$9,200, with the state EDC paying \$4,616 and each Renaissance Zone contributing \$230.

Another proposal would enable individual Renaissance Zones to be featured on the magazine cover with a 2-page editorial spread inside at a cost of \$4,600, with the Renaissance Zone's share of the cost set at just \$1,150.

In other business Monday, the council approved a motion setting dates, times and locations for all village, council, board and commission meetings.

They are: village council - last Monday of the month at 7 p.m.; planning commission - third Tuesday at 7 p.m.;

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Over bus driver, absences

Parents air complaints

Complaints by parents of students riding a school bus and from a parent of students who received a grade reduction due to excessive absences highlighted an otherwise brief meeting of the Cass City School Board Monday night at the school.

Complaining about a bus driver were Amy Deeg, Deford, and Timothy and Sheryl Decent, Deford. Timothy Decent claimed that he has had trouble with the same driver for the 3 years that he has been in the district since moving from Detroit.

All the parents claim that the driver put hands on their children, which Decent claimed was illegal, and threatened a lawsuit.

Superintendent Ken Micklash explained that he had requested the Decents to hold a joint meeting with him and the driver to explore the issue. Decent refused, saying he did not want to meet the driver face to face.

Deeg requested permission to ride the bus incognito but was told that no driver is allowed to let a person unknown to the driver ride a school bus, for safety reasons.

President Jim Turner told the parents that the correct procedure was to meet with the school officials and the superintendent before appearing before the board.

This year a new policy concerning absences from school was adopted that results in a lowering of grade averages if a student misses

more than 9 school days in a semester.

Dale Sullins protested the lowering of the grades of his daughters, ages 16 and 14. They missed 8 full days of school to do missionary work in Florida. My daughter was notified that her grades were reduced for absences as she was leaving the

Honor Society meeting, he said.

If absences are that important, he suggested that they be allowed to make up the time during summer school. That would be fine, Trustee Randy Severance said, except who would pay the extra cost?

The thought was that teach-

ing the children to be in school was an important part of getting them ready for the "real world." Sullins replied that thousands of dollars are spent to send kids to college and the only requirement is that they be able to do the work, just like in the real

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Civic leader Calka dies

The community lost a civic leader and longtime businessman Sunday.

Bronislau Andrew "Curly" Calka, 78, of Cass City, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at his home.

He was born Aug. 9, 1921, in Detroit to Andrew and Catherine Calka. He married Pauline Swanson May 29, 1952, in Detroit.

He served in the Navy, leaving in 1946. Calka and his wife purchased the "Eat Shop" in Cass City, from which he also ran a taxi service. He began selling real estate with the United Farm Agency. After 6 years he went into the real estate business for himself, and "B.A. Calka Realty" was born. In 1956, he and his family moved into his current Main Street residence, which also housed his real estate office. Calka retired in 1993.

Calka had been an active

member of the Cass City community. He was involved with the Hills and Dales General Hospital board for 20 years, the Cass City State

"Citizen of the year" and in 1989 he received the "Real-tor of the Year" award.

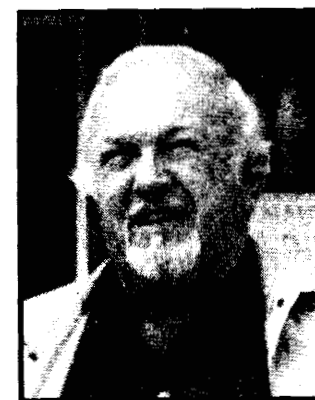
Surviving are his wife, Pauline; 5 daughters and 4 sons-in-law, Linda Calka, Carla and Jim Cavanaugh, Mona and Gary Compton, Cindy and George Duba and Lori and Steve Brock; 5 grandchildren; one brother, Bernard (Beatrice) Calka of Sterling Heights, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, William, Chester and Hank Calka.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Jan. 28, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

Interment will take place at a later date in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice.



Bronislau "Curly" Calka

Bank board for 18 years; the Planning Commission for 30 years; Village Council trustee, and was an active member of the Lions Club. In 1988, Calka was named

Driver in fatal crash enters plea

A Sandusky woman charged in the traffic death of a friend has pleaded no contest to attempted operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death.

Becky J. Bemis, 27, entered the plea in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing in the case was scheduled for Feb. 25 at 8:30 a.m.

Bemis faces up to 5 years in prison and/or a fine of \$1,250 to \$5,000. She was initially charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing death, a felony punishable by up to 15 years prison and/or a fine of \$2,500 to \$10,000.

The charge stems from an Oct. 17 accident just south of Cass City that claimed the life of Michelle Ilene Gobie, 37, of Ubly.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said Bemis was driving a pickup truck east on Elmwood Road, about one-half mile east of Cemetery Road, when the vehicle crossed the road centerline, collided with a guardrail and plunged into the Cass River in 2 to 3 feet of water.

Bemis told officers that she had picked up Gobie in Ubly earlier in the evening and the pair traveled to a bar in Cass City, where they met several other people for a celebration.

Bemis stated she and Gobie left the bar between 2 and 2:30 a.m., and that they became lost on their way home. She told officers that the last thing she remembers is driving east on Elmwood Road and looking at the speedometer, which indicated she was traveling at a speed of 35 to 40 miles per hour.



CASS CITY HIGH School senior Lindsey Mills (in front) is looking forward to her best year ever in track and cross country after qualifying for and competing in Junior Olympic Nationals in South Carolina last month.

Mills tests her skills at the Junior Olympic Nationals

Bitterly cold temperatures and snow aren't exactly ideal conditions for running, but that hasn't deterred Lindsey Mills from training for what she hopes will be her best ever high school track season.

"I'm going after the records. They were set the year I was born and I really want them," Mills said, referring to the 1,600-meter record of 5 minutes and 8 seconds, and the best 3,200-meter time of 11 minutes and 30 seconds.

"I'm running about 40 miles a week. I'm running 7 days a week," she added. And, Mills has matched her skills against some stiff competition over the past few months, most recently com-

peting in Junior Olympics Nationals in South Carolina last month.

Just a few months before that, she trained in Australia and competed in the 29th annual City to Surf Race in Sydney. The Aug. 15th race attracted more than 51,000 runners from around the world.

Mills, who completed the 14-K race in just over 68 minutes, was the 3,593rd runner to cross the finish line. "After my trip to Australia, I was sent a letter inviting me to participate in Junior Olympics," Mills explained, noting she competed in a qualifying race in Detroit last November.

Mills finished the 5-K run

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Clerks taking the heat for climbing gas prices

It's getting a lot more expensive to drive for everyone as gasoline prices nationwide continue to inch toward historic highs.

Lisa Britt just wishes motorists would stop taking it out on her and her fellow employees at the Mr. Chip's Food Store in Cass City.

"They (customers) yell at us like it's our fault," said Britt, who manages the local convenience store/gas station. "They chew out these poor employees and it's not their fault. 'People are under the impression that we're making a killing on it, but we have to pay these high prices, too,' Britt pointed out. 'We make our money on (items) like 20-ounce pops. We really do.'"

The story is the same at the People's Choice Market in Cass City, according to store Manager Kim Gemmell. "We hear a lot of (complaints)," she said.

"They're not happy about it. A lot of them will come in and tell us, 'you need to tell the owners they're raising the prices too high.' I explain to them that I don't have anything to do with it," Gemmell added, noting she raises or lowers prices on the instructions of the home office in Standish.

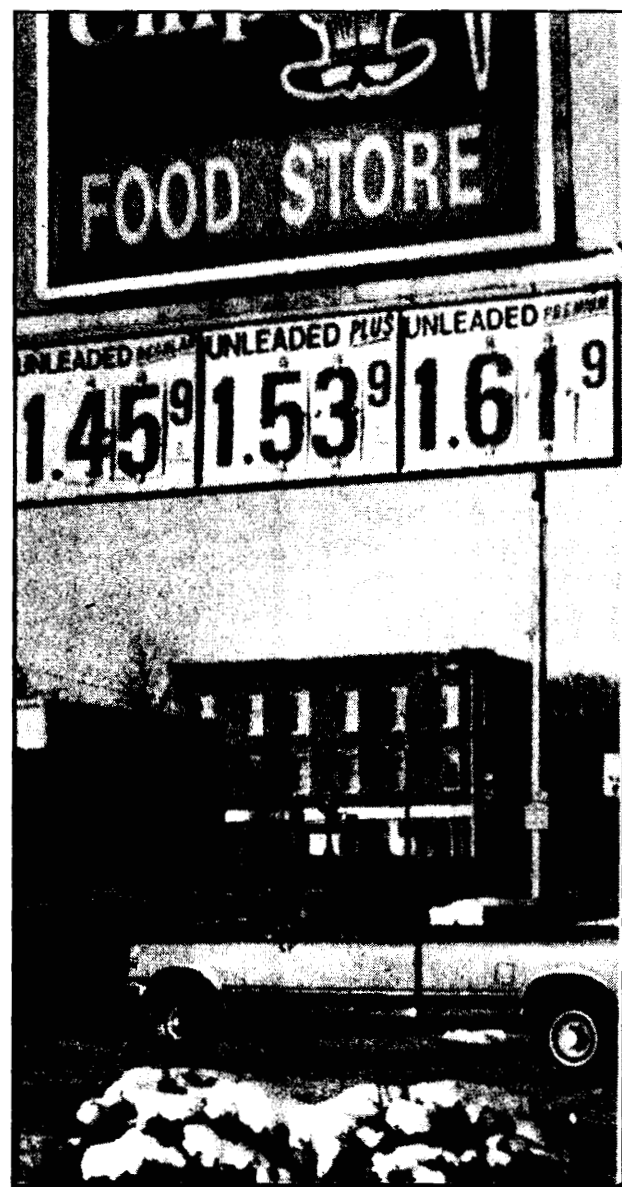
Still, Gemmell is sympathetic. "It's getting hard for people to drive," she said. "When you have to pay \$1.50 for a gallon of gas. . ."

Thursday's average price for a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline in the United States was \$1.27, one penny short of the high in 1996.

AAA Michigan reported Friday that Michigan drivers are paying even more - an average of \$1.38 per gallon, the highest price in 9 years. Self-service prices ranged from \$1.28.9 to \$1.48.9 statewide, or 43.9 cents more than one year ago.

And it doesn't appear significant relief is on the way, according to AAA officials, who point to an Organization of Petroleum Exporting Companies (OPEC) decision to continue to restrict world supplies. If oil prices remain at the current \$30 per barrel, officials say, drivers in some parts of the country could soon be paying more than \$1.50 for a gallon of unleaded regular.

It was only a year ago that Michigan motorists were paying an average of 95.4 cents per gallon. Last year's low average price was posted in February at 93.3 cents a gallon.



UP UP AND away - Gasoline prices continued to rise last week in Michigan to the highest level in 9 years.

Groulx honored It's a girl!

Tonya Groulx has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' senior "student of the month" for January. She has participated in many activities during her high school years at Owen-Gage, including basketball, volleyball, Business Professionals of America and drama club. An honor roll student, she currently serves

as a teacher's aide and is a "Reading Buddy" at Gagetown Elementary School.



Tonya Groulx

Huron picnic Feb. 19

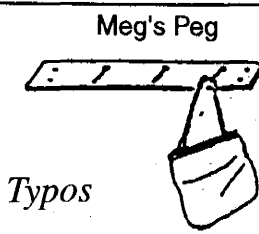
The 40th Annual Huron County Picnic will be held Saturday, Feb. 19, at Sun-n-Fun Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road in Sarasota, Fla. Use Exit 39 off I-75, then one mile east. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Woodland Hall. A buffet potluck will be held at noon with everyone bringing their own table service and a dish to pass. A \$2 fee will be collected at the door to cover expenses.

Groulx, the daughter of Dawn Groulx of Owendale, currently is participating in dual enrollment in criminal justice through Saginaw Valley State University. She plans to attend SVSU in the fall to pursue a career as a probation officer.



Olivia Grace Sweeney

Paula and Todd Sweeney announce the birth of their new daughter, Olivia Grace. She was born Dec. 4, 1999, at Lapeer Regional Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, one ounce, and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed home by sisters, Kelcie Lynn and Hannah Jo. Grandparents are Joan Merchant and the late Jim Merchant and Ed and Janet Sweeney of Cass City.



by Melva E. Guinther

For those of you who get a kick out of them, here's the latest crop of typos that were caught before being printed.

He entertains with his explosive umps. (Better not start a rhubarb with those guys!) [jumps] The outing is being coordinated by the Sanilac County Hickey Association. (Now, what kind of outing do you suppose that will be?) [Hockey] He served during Dessert Storm, arming equipment used in the brief war. (Quick! Here's another cream pie!) [Desert] They struck the right cord. (Hitting the wrong string could be disastrous.) [chord] A short-range missal could burn improperly. (Is there a proper way to burn a prayer book?) [missile] A highlight will be the crowing of the Cutest Baby contest winner. (Which is just slightly more appealing than the bawling.) [crowning] There will be searches with dogs to detect black power... (Another racist group!) [powder] A realtor can be either a seller's agent, buyer's agent, or a duel agent. (Let's hope the parties can come to an agreement without resorting to that.) [dual] "I tried morals once and I want no part of them now." (And that attitude is precisely what's wrong with our society!) [morels] Tanya Muntz was crowned Michigan Beam Queen... (She does have a nice smile.) [Bean Queen] Ron Jinks came in second

with his bagel, Hootch. (Ron, my nephew, says he does sometimes develop a close relationship with his food, but so far hasn't actually given it a name.) [beagle] (For children's immunization) a parent must be present with the child. (Nobody hot under the collar will be accepted) [child] Art Severance and Jerry Root peel apples. (You'd expect more of a thud from apples.) [peel] Athletes and guests enjoyed a wild range of deserts. (And hopefully, found an oasis or 2) [wide range of desserts] New on the market - 32' x 8" building. (Would you call that a flat?) [88'] Cost is estimated at \$1.615 million, including architectural, legal and engineering fees. (You really can't put a dollar value on those feels.) [fees] Three Detroit area men were arranged in district court. (Suspect A, put your left hand here and your right foot there; Suspect B, ...) [arraigned] Homakie is a sky high leper. (No wonder opposing players make way for her!) [leaper] The coach added a pair of freshmen to the roster. (They must have gotten themselves in hot water.) [roster] We helped approximately 200 children form over 90 families. (Is that what's meant by planned parenthood?) [from] Six wrestlers paced and won medals. (And I thought you had to get down and dirty to win.) [placed]

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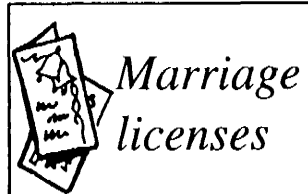
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Membership meeting set for Feb. 7

The quarterly membership meeting of the Humane Society of Tuscola County will be held Monday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center on Cleaver Road. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.



Daniel Michael Meyerholt and Fawn Angel Bean, both of Cass City.

Ronald Joseph Carter and Dawn Marie Molona, both of Millington.

Michael Dale Filkins and Kelli Marie Willis, both of Caro.

Brian Edward Ball and Leah Lennell Keyes, both of Millington.

Michael Carl Caldwell and Jennifer Lyn Glasgow, both of Caro.

Rodney David Elledge and Tina Marie Morningstar, both of Kingston.

Christen Gene Muxlow, North Branch, and Tammy Lee Patrick, Kingston.

Robert Allen Bradberry and Kathi Jean Kindt, both of Caro.

Joshuah William Field and Kelly Joy Rader, both of Fostoria.

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Brown contest winner

Michelle Brown, a sixth grade student at Owendale-Gagetown Elementary School, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Owendale Lions Club.

Brown's poster is among more than 325,000 entries submitted worldwide in the twelfth annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. "My poster depicts the progress of peace through recent decades," the 12-year-old from Gagetown said. Out of all the posters created by the sixth grade students, Brown's entry best portrayed the contest's theme, "A New Beginning for Peace."

Owendale Lions Club President Fred Sullivan said he was impressed by the amount of effort exhibited by

the Owen-Gage students. "It's obvious that these young people have strong ideas of what peace means to them," he said. "I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions with all of us."

Brown's poster now advances to round-2 district competition in District 11-D-2, where her entry will compete against entries from many other local peace poster contests.

Brown's poster will face competition through the district round and in 3 more rounds of international competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner, Sullivan said.

Lions Clubs international is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people

everywhere. Ultimately, one grand prize winner will be selected from 24 international finalists. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$2,500 plus an all-expenses-paid trip for the winner and 2 family members to Honolulu, Hawaii, for the awards ceremony at the Lions Clubs International Convention in June 2000.

"We're cheering for Michelle as her poster advances in the competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Sullivan said.

Locally, Brown's and other students will be honored for their initiative, effort and artistic skills by the Owendale Lions Club at a public information night to be held in the near future.



Wild Game Dinner

Calvary Bible Fellowship would like to invite you to a FREE "Wild Game Dinner" Thursday, January 27 - 6:30 p.m. Cass City V.F.W. R.S.V.P. Call 872-4088 with number attending

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during the first half of the 20th century.

Panel members sharing memories and answering questions are Steve and Margaret Kamrad, Lloyd Severance, Jean Reid, Velma Cleland, Beryl Otto, Clarence Cox and Leo Seurynk. Moderator is Jerry Cleland.

This program is offered in conjunction with the "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" Smithsonian Exhibition that will be at Rawson Memorial Library March 6-April 15. The exhibit is sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council.

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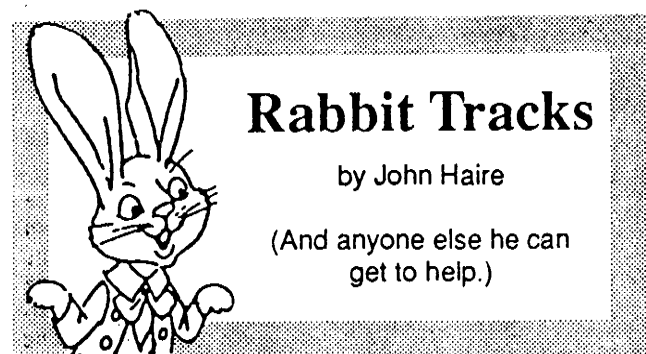
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Bob Rumon, who lives about 3 miles northeast of Caro, believes that he lives in one of the coldest spots around. He called Saturday morning to ask where the official temperatures are recorded. The reason, he said, is that the official weather reports he heard for the day ranged about 9 below zero.

I have 3 temperature gauges at my house and all register within a degree of each other and all of them registered 20 below zero. What's more, he added, once this year my garden was covered with a deep frost and none were reported elsewhere. Could it be because I live near the Cass River? No answers came from this corner.

We were pleased that a lot of folks volunteered pictures of their weddings 25 years or more ago for the annual wedding section of the Chronicle. They are sure to be well received. We know that there are lots of folks out there who would enjoy showing how they have weathered their years together since the big event but just didn't get around to getting the pictures to us.

Why not make a mental note to watch for the announcement of the date next year and let the community know how it was on your big day?

There are auctions and there are auctions. Probably not generally known are the 18 auctions scheduled by the Michigan Department of Management & Budget. They offer a wide range of items for sale including automobiles, lawnmowers, file cabinets, desks and miscellaneous items.

They are held at various locations. The next one is Feb. 26 at 3353 North Martin Luther King Boulevard, Lansing.

Further information is available at the DMB's State Surplus Property Web site www.state.mi.us/dmb/dir/auction.htm or by calling 517 335-8444.

Debaters fall short

The thud you might have heard over the weekend was the collective dropping of jaws among Cass City High School J.V. Debate Team members and their coach, Chad Daniels.

After another strong regular season, the Red Hawks entered the state junior var-

sity finals at Portage Central High School with high hopes Friday and Saturday.

They left the tournament disappointed.

"We had the worst tournament we've ever had," Daniels lamented Monday.

Daniels said a team consisting of Erin McMahan, Dara

Iwankovitsch, Rajen Raythatha, Shaun Engler and Amanda Frederick compiled a record of 4-2 to finish twelfth overall. The team lost to both Class A Portage Central, which finished in third place, and Class A Dakota High School, which ended up in ninth place.

The team of Anand and Manisha Raythatha, meanwhile, left the tournament with a 3-3 mark, losing to 3 Class A schools - Portage Central, Portage Northern and Henry Ford.

Neither Cass City team made it in to the finals.

"It's the toughest tournament we have ever been to," Daniels said, adding the competition format was set up for a 20-team field, however, there were 42 schools.

The structure of the tournament included 4 "power on power" rounds in which schools with similar tournament records were pitted against one another, the coach explained. Unfortunately, he said, identical records didn't always translate into identical abilities, and some teams ended up facing much tougher opponents than their fellow competitors.



John Roemer



John Roemer has joined the camp staff as full-time assistant to Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Walter Latimer. Roemer hails from Gagetown and brings with him experience in construction and maintenance. He was previously employed in residential building and maintenance at Owen-Gage Schools.

A lifelong Thumb resident, he is married to the former Elizabeth Good. They have 3 children, Matthew, 24, Susan, 22, and Stephen, 7. They also have one grandson.

Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries is a non-profit camping ministry dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Staffers are

You'll read elsewhere about the many achievements of B. A. Curly Calka. Let me tell you a little about the man.

He was one of the last of a dwindling number of World War II vets who arrived on the business scene armed with nothing more than a boundless energy and a keen business sense. He was the perfect example of what everyone likes to call a self-made man.

He did it in a classic style, too. In his heyday he could out-work, out-play and out-party his friends and associates and he did it regularly. At his golden wedding celebration he was on the dance floor until the end, showing little sign of exhaustion although his health even then was not what it once was.

That same energy he applied to volunteer efforts in behalf of the community, which treated him so well financially. You have to have been around for a while to remember when Provincial House (now Tendercare) came to Cass City.

At the time there was considerable controversy with a group not wanting the nursing home in the community. Calka took it upon himself to get homeowners to sign petitions asking that the entry be approved and the opposition wilted.

He was quick to come to the financial support of community projects, but the sweat energy he spent was probably more important than the money he contributed.

He never would admit it, but I'll always believe that he enjoyed working, and it was common to see him at his real estate desk well after midnight.

When Curly joined a group out on the town he was quick to pay his share. We relied on him to take care of the money each contributed to the pot for the night and more than once he found errors in the tabs submitted by the management.

That wasn't the reason we were always happy to have

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.

JAN. 31 - FEB. 2-4

Monday - Sloppy joes, macaroni salad, baked beans, fruit cup, white cake with chocolate frosting.

Wednesday - Meat loaf, red skin potatoes, broccoli, variety bread, apple cobbler.

Friday - Macaroni & cheese, green beans, lettuce salad, variety bread, Mandarin oranges.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Here we go again. The Associated Press reports the U.S. Department of Agriculture wants to drop restrictions on the amount of soy products that can be served in school meals.

Why would they have restrictions on soy products in school meals? That was left over from a previous administration.

The new proposal would allow schools and day-care centers to serve more tofu, veggie burgers, and other meat substitutes. The reasoning is this would help schools meet dietary guidelines for fat content of school meals.

We've come a long way from the days when the cooks called the shots. Katy Kessler was the cook at my school, and she'd roll over in her grave if she knew what funnels down from Washington these days.

Katy didn't fool around with dietary guidelines. She lived by the old maxim: "It doesn't matter what you serve; it's what they eat that counts."

She knew what we ate, too. We had to walk by the serving counter to empty our trays and utensils, and if you didn't eat something, you'd better have a pretty good story.

Katy's goal was to make sure everyone got a good meal and ate more than they spilled. That meant the food had to be tasty -- and it was.

We had sloppy joes and tomato soup on Mondays, chipped beef with gravy on Tuesdays, and chicken ala king on Wednesdays. Friday was fish day. If the Kuhns family hadn't been Catholic, we might never have seen any fish.

Can you imagine a USDA dietician walking into Katy's kitchen and suggesting she might serve more tofu? "I'll tofu you!" she'd probably say.

Readers may recall the national outrage when Republicans tried to declare

ketchup a vegetable back in the '80's. Democrats were so upset, they could barely talk.

Let's face it, a lot of kids eat more ketchup than anything else. We'd better classify it as something if it's going to be half of their diet.

Some folks say the USDA is just trying to save money by substituting soy products for meat. I kind of doubt that. You wouldn't produce that many regulations if you were trying to save money.

School cooks are resourceful, though. These people can look at a bag of beans and see chili. They've learned how to take a small budget, plus a barrel of commodities, and turn it into meals.

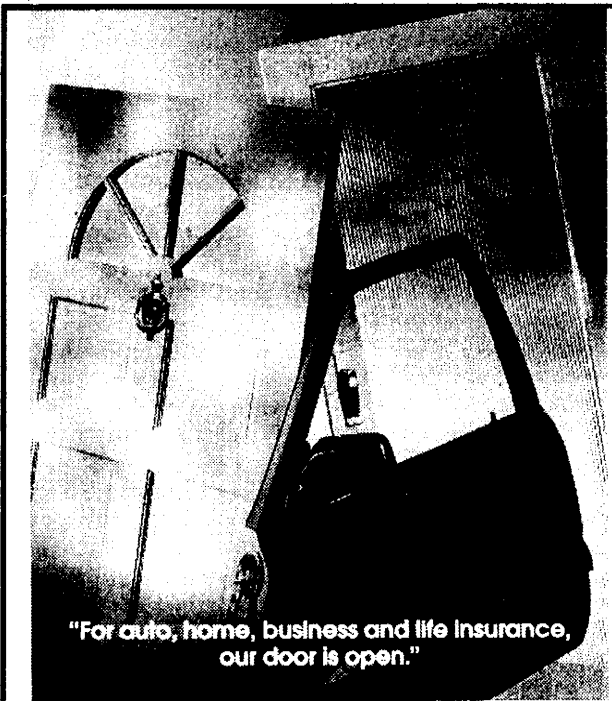
Katy's tomato soup was a good example. Her tomato soup was a deep shade of orange and really quite tasty.

When I think about commodities available in those days, I'm almost sure that soup was 80% milk, and the rest was probably ketchup.

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Chemical Corp. net income up

Alan W. Ott, chairman of Chemical Financial Corporation, announced net income of \$7,613,000 for the fourth quarter of 1999, an increase of .7 percent over 1998 fourth quarter net income of \$7,559,000.

Earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 1999 were \$.53, up 1.9 percent over the \$.52 per share earned in the fourth quarter of 1998. The modest fourth quarter 1999

earnings increase, as compared to the fourth quarter of 1998, was due primarily to increases in non-interest income, which were largely offset by a decrease in gains on the sale of residential mortgages in the secondary market. Net interest income was approximately the same between the 2 time periods.

The corporation paid a 5 percent stock dividend Mon-

day to shareholders of record on Jan. 7. All per share amounts included herein have been adjusted for this stock dividend.

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Kids Need Caring Adults

The following was excerpted from an article by William E. Milliken.

"Roughly 9.2 million youths are at risk of academic failure because they are exposed to at least 4 of the following 6 risk factors identified by the Annie E. Casey Foundation:

1) These children are not living with 2 parents; 2) the household head is a high school dropout; 3) family income is below the poverty line; 4) the parent does not have steady, full-time employment; 5) the family is receiving welfare benefits; 6) and/or children do not have health insurance.

When these children fail, should we blame their schools for teaching them badly? Should we blame parents, who may be struggling to keep their family in food and clothing? Perhaps we should blame the children themselves - maybe these kids just lack intelligence.

No, it's not educators who have failed, nor families, nor children. In fact, the fundamental issue is not education but community. Millions of kids do not have a community of adults who care about them and are committed to seeing them succeed. And without such a community, educational failure is merely the first in a long line of life failures.

We've turned to the schools to bridge the gap. But children have needs that no teacher, however dedicated, can provide alone. Every child needs and deserves: 1) a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult; 2) a safe place to learn and grow; 3) a healthy start and a healthy future; 4) a marketable skill to use upon graduation, and 5) a chance to give back to peers and community.

The idea of bringing community into the school has 2 distinct meanings. It means that the resources of the surrounding community are now available right in the school. And it also means that the students have an opportunity to watch adults being a community. When children's needs are met, when a community of adults demonstrates that they have expectations and deep commitment to children, then educational achievement is only the first, proud step in a lifetime of success and fulfillment."

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Snowball 2000 at Owen-Gage



How about a little change of scenery? We are always hearing information about the Cass City Schools. This week I choose to write about the Owen-Gage Snowball. Like Cass City's Snowcoming, Owen-Gage has a similar event called Snowball. Their "Snowball 2000" will take place Jan. 28. The basketball game will begin around 7:30, vs. New Haven. The Queen will be crowned during half time of the varsity game.

They have a week called Snowball Spirit week. Every day of the week of Snowball the students dress up in funny outfits to get their spirit ready for the big game on Friday.

Monday's spirit day was autograph day. Students go around and get other people's autographs on their clothing.

Tuesday was Beach/Hawaiian Day. Students were to dress up in beach or Hawaiian apparel.

Wednesday was to be Bum Day, when students dress as homeless people.

Thursday will be Nerd Day. So students, tap your glasses and roll those pants. Plus, don't forget those pocket protectors.

Friday will be Red and Gray Day. Students will show their school spirit by wearing clothing of their school colors.

Their spirit days are much like ours here at Cass City. It's actually really neat to hear about what other schools do. It gives other schools and us good information on how to better

school spirit for everyone.

Another really cool thing they do is decorating their designated halls to bring more school spirit to the Owen-Gage halls. Each class has a \$15.00 dollar entry fee to enter the contest.

This year cash prizes will be given out. First place will receive \$50 dollars, 2nd place will receive \$25 dollars, and 3rd place will receive \$10 dollars.

Good luck to all the classes. Just being with friends and classmates will be worth the time and effort.

Then on the final day of the festivities they tip off with an assembly that begins at 2:15, which is sponsored by their student council. During the assembly, the court will be announced and the 1999-2000 Snowball King will be crowned by the previous Snowball King.

During the Snowball game the student council will also be sponsoring another quilt raffle. The quilt is being donated by Mrs. Lorna Perker, who is the owner of a quilt shop in Sebawaing call Quilts and Such. All of the proceeds from the quilt will go towards the Student Council.

Finally, after the game the student council will sponsor a dance.

It sounds like they have a fun and exciting week ahead of them. I always have tons of fun during our week of Snowcoming. I'm sure everyone will have a lot of fun, with all of the spirit activities they have planned. Good luck to the Owen-Gage Bulldogs and their court.



SENIOR CANDIDATES for Owen-Gage Snowball King are (front l-r) Nathan Dale, Jared Kovach, William McClorey and Derek Howard. Queen candidates are (back l-r) Tonya Groulx, Theresa Richmond, Amy Sheufelt and Andrea Ziehm.



THE OWEN-GAGE High School Snowball Court representative for 2000 are (top - bottom) freshmen Jeremy Kady and Eldia Saenz, sophomores Denis Bricker and Sarah Stirrett, and juniors Jason Limberger and Megan Rochefort.

Seminar series targets Thumb area businesses

Thumb-area business people will have an opportunity to gain additional business skills they can take to the bank.

Signature Bank is teaming with the Economic Development Corp. of Tuscola and Huron counties and Saginaw Valley State University to offer a new seminar to provide local training opportunities for businesses in the Thumb.

"This 'Signature Seminar Series' is something brand new in this area," said Ernie Paulick, executive vice-president of Signature Bank. "There are people who have come to the Thumb to do seminars, but there hasn't been a coordinated effort to provide a first-class approach to offer continuing education in the community. We've had adult education and those types of things, but this series will provide several 3-hour seminars that people can go to and really benefit from the material that will be presented."

The series, which runs through May, kicks off Thursday, Jan. 27, with a workshop focusing on "Stress in the Workplace." The series of 5 workshops all will take place at the Detroit Edison Company's Cass City Training Center, 4100 Doerr Rd.

"A lot of employers say that the most important asset in their business is people," Paulick continued. "Businesses are finding out that they had better train the employees they have because, in today's business climate, people can pick up their pencil box and go someplace else where they often can make more money. So businesses have to provide something additional that will motivate their staff and make them feel good about their jobs."

For several years, Signature Bank has offered educational seminars related to banking

services. "All those training programs were really a benefit for us," Paulick explained. "All of our managers were taught the same methods and philosophy at one time, which is important because of our growth." Signature Bank now has 8 offices in 3 counties.

The bank's history of establishing its own training programs led to the creation of the Signature Seminar Series, Paulick said. "We've been very satisfied with our partnership with SVSU, and we also thought that there was a need by other businesses who are facing the same challenges as we were — that they had identified training needs, but lacked the organizational size to produce their own in-house training programs."

"Plus, it is difficult to send significant numbers of staff a long distance away to complete training," Paulick said. "Our location in the Thumb is quite a distance from the training centers, plus we couldn't close down the bank to send everyone who needs training. We've always had to look for outside experts who would be willing to come out here to provide training locally."

According to Paulick, those who attend the workshops will be kept up to date with new business practices. Participants have the option of selecting from any of the 5 workshops or attending all of them.

The Signature Seminar Series includes:

- * "I'm Doing My Job, But My Job Is Doing Me In: Stress in the Workplace" — Thursday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.).

- * "Being the Boss: Effective Supervisory Skills" — Friday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.).

- * Effective Communication

and Conflict Resolution in Business" — Wednesday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to noon (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.).

- * "Advertising the Small Business" — Tuesday, April 25, from 6 to 8:45 p.m. (check-in begins at 5:30 p.m.).

- * "Exceptional Customer Service" — Monday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to noon (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.).

Participants are required to register at least one week prior to a workshop. There will be a charge for each session, a \$10 discount will apply for those who register in person at any Signature Bank branch office. Workshop fees include a continental breakfast and seminar handouts.

To register, or for more information, contact the SVSU Office of Continuing Education by calling (517) 790-4475, or by Fax at (517) 790-4983. Brochures also are available at all Signature Bank locations.

'Ag Past' program rescheduled

"Agriculture Past," a program cancelled Jan. 13 due to bad weather, has been rescheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, at Rawson Memorial Library. A panel of local citizens who have been involved in farming for many years will discuss barns, farm life and farming practices of the 1950s and before.

Panel members sharing memories and answering questions are Steve and Margaret Kamrad, Lloyd Severance, Jean Reid, Velma Cleland, Beryl Otto and Leo Seurynk. Moderator is Jerry Cleland.

Everyone is invited to join in this journey to the past.

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Officers appointed

The Elkland Township Board recently approved the slate of fire department officers for 2000 as well as election workers for the upcoming presidential primary election.

Fire department officers for the next year are: Ron Pawloski, fire chief; Jack Hartwick, assistant chief; Mick Kinn, first captain; Glenn Guilds, second captain; Ross McCallum, first lieutenant, and Scott Wright, second lieutenant.

Appointed as election workers were: Precinct One - Chairman Elwyn Helwig, Pat Wells, Shirley Strickland and Yvonne LaValley; Precinct 2 - Chairman Joan Little, Margie Morley, Jessie Goodall and Betty Greenleaf. In other business during the Jan. 10 monthly meeting, the board:

*Appointed Helwig, Roy Wagg and Bob Wischmeyer to the Elkland Township Board of Review for 2000-2001.

ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CASS CITY SCHOOLS CASS CITY, MI

The Cass City School district will receive sealed bid proposals for additions and renovations to the existing Campbell School from qualified contractors. A pre-bid meeting and project walk through will be conducted by the Construction Manager, R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc., and the Architect TSSF on February 2, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. local time at the Campbell School library in Cass City, MI.

Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to Ken Micklash, superintendent of Cass City Schools, 4864 Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726. Proposals must be received prior to 3:00 p.m. on February 10, 2000 at the Cass City cafeteria.

Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud @ 3:15 p.m. in the high school library. All bids will be evaluated after the bid opening. All bids received after 3:00 p.m. of the bid date will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The project will utilize separate prime contracts. All contracts will be direct contracts with the owner. Over all administration of this project will be the responsibility of the construction management firm, R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc. The owner will award contracts within a week of bid opening. A bidder may submit a proposal on more than one division, however, a separate bid must be submitted for each bid division of a combined bid. All bids shall be submitted on the bid forms provided in the project specifications completely filled and executed. Copies of the bid form are acceptable.

All project procedures and documents are designed to facilitate delivery of the project through multiple prime construction contracts. The bidders shall read and review the bid documents carefully, and familiarize themselves thoroughly with all requirements.

Requests by contractors for inclusion, as bidders shall be addressed to the Construction Manager. One set of bidding documents will be provided to each contractor furnishing a check for \$50.00 per set through Construction Manager. All checks and/or money orders are to be made payable to R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc. Plans may be obtained from the Construction Manager, R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc., at job site or at the Saginaw office, 2885 South Graham Rd., P.O. Box 8440, Saginaw, MI 48606-8440. All questions regarding the bidding procedures and other questions are to be directed to the Construction Manager, Attn.: Keith Hammis (517) 874-6789. The drawing and specifications were prepared by TSSF Architects, 122 N. Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607. (517) 752-7311. Mr. Russ Moulton, architect representative.

A bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of base bid shall accompany each proposal on the proposal combination. The bid security may not be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid date. Successful bidders may be required to furnish security bonds as stated in the project.

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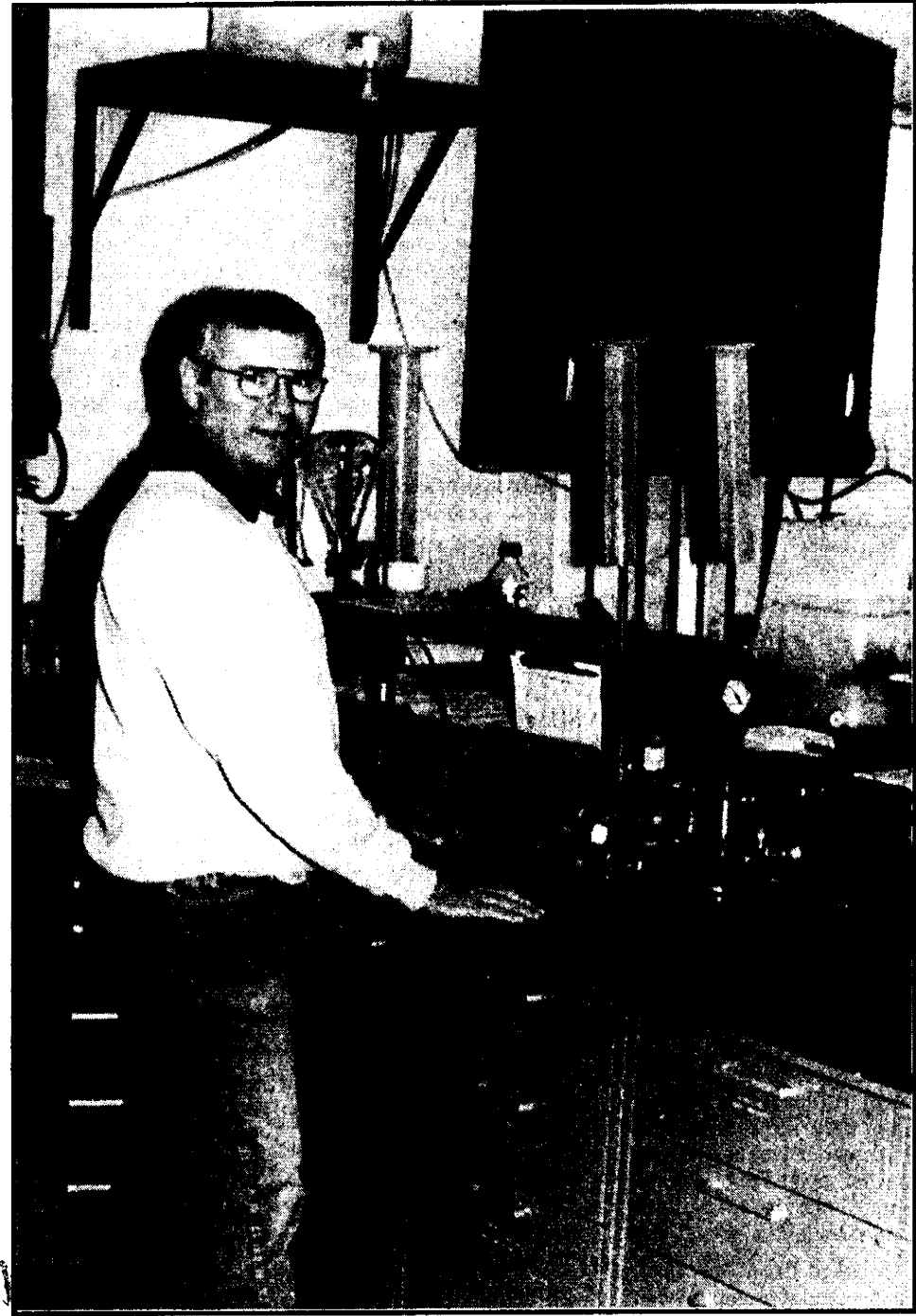
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CASS CITY Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Rick Mohr is leaving the village after 19 years on the job. He has accepted the position of plant manager for Genesee County Water and Waste Services.

Parents air complaints

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world. After the lengthy discussion, Trustee Danny Haag

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voted to restore the original grades under a provision that allowed it for special circumstances. He said that the girls were on a very worthwhile mission. However, his motion died for lack of support.

OTHER BUSINESS

•A delegation from the Cass City Student Council attended the meeting to thank the board for its support of the council and for listening to their requests. They brought a decorated cake for the board and guests that was served following the meeting.

January is school board recognition month and in addition to the cake from the student council, each board member was presented with a plaque commemorating their service.

•Allan Hartwick, Randy Severance and Teresa Rabideau were appointed to a committee to study wages and contracts for non-union

personnel in 2000-2001.

•Pat and Clyde Wells were selected for the Friend of Youth award, representing Cass City at the Thumb Meet of Champions in Caro. The annual selection is made on the basis of their aid to the children in the community.

•Because it is now illegal for a board to require employees to have a local residence to work at the school, the board voted to eliminate the requirement. The board could have legally required workers to live within 20 miles of the district, but decided to eliminate the requirement entirely.

•Because of the scheduled band concert Monday, Feb. 28, the board will delay the start of its meetings an hour. The selection of the Red Hawk Award of Excellence winners will start at 8 p.m. and the regular board meeting at 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the library of the middle school rather than at the high school.

Cass City's wastewater chief is moving up, out

Veteran Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Rick Mohr is moving on to a new town and a new job.

After 19 years as chief of wastewater treatment in Cass City, Mohr, 44, has accepted the position of plant manager for Genesee County Water and Waste Services. His resignation in Cass City is effective Jan. 31.

"They operate 3 wastewater plants in Genesee County. There's one in the northern part - Montrose - and there are 2 in the southern area, in Linden and Argentine, and I'll be managing both of those," Mohr said of his new responsibilities.

As plant manager, Mohr

will oversee a lagoon-type wastewater treatment system along with a brand new tertiary plant now under construction. The Class A plant, due to be completed in December, has a capacity of 7 million gallons a day.

Cass City's wastewater plant, a \$6 million facility built in the early 1980s, is a Class B plant with a capacity of one million gallons a day. The staff consists of 4 employees, including Mohr.

In Genesee County, Mohr will supervise a crew of 11, which is expected to grow to 15 employees when the new plant is completed.

"Everything I did here is just a duplicate of what I'll be doing there, although to

some extent on a bigger scale," Mohr said, adding he will be designing and implementing a variety of programs spelling out procedures for safety, maintenance, bio-solids (sludge) land management, emergency response and laboratory quality assurance.

Mohr designed the same types of programs in Cass City in the years that followed completion of the village's wastewater treatment plant in 1982.

The local plant averages a daily flow of 200,000 to 400,000 gallons of sewage. The raw waste is treated in 5 phases: pre-treatment, consisting of flow monitoring and grit removal; primary treatment in rectangular tanks, where 65 percent of the waste material either settles to the bottom or floats to the top; secondary treatment, during which naturally-occurring bacteria eat away another 30 percent of the waste material, and ferric is added to remove phosphorus; sand filtration; and, finally, chlorination (to kill bacteria), followed by dechlorination. The treated water is then discharged into the Cass River.

Mohr said he has enjoyed his tenure in Cass City, but that he couldn't pass up the opportunity offered to him in Genesee County.

"Cass City's been really good to me and I have no complaints," he added, "but I was looking for a new challenge."

No decision has made yet regarding a replacement for Mohr. Cass City Village Manager Jane Downing said he will continue to work with the village as a consultant over the next 3 months to ensure annual wastewater treatment reports are filed with the state and federal government on time.

Village officials will be exploring options related to filling the superintendent vacancy, according to Downing, who added she's confident in the wastewater treatment plant staff's ability to carry on in the meantime.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, January 26

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners: Wally Taylor and Wendell Wood.

Soup and sandwich lunch, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 Cemetery Rd., 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, January 27

Agriculture Past Program, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. This program was rescheduled from Jan. 13 because of bad weather.

Friday, January 28

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

Youths dressing up potatoes to raise trip cash

Students involved in the Cass City/Kingston Region of Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ are dressing up potatoes to raise money for a series of trips and mission projects.

The group will sponsor a baked potato dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Cass City High School Cafeteria. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and \$20 for a family.

Dinner includes an all-you-can-eat baked potato bar, where spuds can be piled with choices such as chili, broccoli, stroganoff and cheese. Tossed salad, sheet cake and beverages will also be included in the price. The dinner is also conveniently set for the night of the Cass City/Laker basketball game, so fans turning out for the game can grab a bite.

Proceeds from the potato dinner will be used as scholarships for students attending YFC events in coming

months. These events include Florida Breakaway, DC 2000 and a student mission trip to Minneapolis, Minn.

"In trips like Florida Breakaway we are able to reach out to kids who wouldn't normally be going to church or attending youth groups," said Campus Life Director Jeff Bader. "It's a great opportunity to share the Gospel and for the kids to have some fun, too."

DC 2000 and student mission projects are focused on student leaders in YFC and developing a stronger relationship with Christ, Bader said.

"These trips are often costly, so fund raisers like this one are very important," he said.

For more information about the baked potato dinner or any of the activities YFC is sponsoring, please contact Jeff Bader at (517) 872-1530 or (517) 872-8336.

Junior Olympics

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in 20 minutes and 38 seconds, good enough for second place out of 30 competitors in the high school senior division. With the top 8 runners advancing to regionals, her performance was also easily good enough to send her on her way to Lexington, Ky., where regionals were held a week later.

In Detroit, Mills' running caught the eye of a Rochester Hills running club, called the "Will to Win Running Club", which recruited her, enabling her to run as a team member as well as an individual in Kentucky.

"In that one, you had to be in the top 20 to advance (to Junior Olympics Nationals)," said Mills, who finished 17th out of 80 runners with a time of 20 minutes and 42 seconds.

"They take the top 3 teams and we came in second. There was a team from Bowling Green State University and they beat us," she added.

As an incentive, the "Will to Win" coach offered his team members \$5 for every college runner they could beat to the finish line, Mills noted. "There were 3 of us that beat 5 of them, so he had to pay up."

Junior Olympics Nationals were held Dec. 10 in South Carolina, with more than 3,000 athletes representing high school, college and running club teams.

"It was hot. It was about 65 degrees - almost too warm," Mills recalled. "I came in 60th out of about 280 runners," she added, noting her team finished in sixth place.

"It was just fun to compete against college runners - a little intimidating at first, but it was a lot of fun. I just like getting out there and competing against other runners."

Mills, who has received running scholarship offers from Grand Valley State University, Alma College and Central Michigan University, plans to pursue a career as a physicians assistant.

But for now, her attention is focused squarely on spring and her final track season as a high school athlete. She's preparing with the help of her coach, Jeff Schember, a Michigan Athletic and Reha-

bilitation Center employee who has her on a 24-week running program.

Last year, Mills competed in track regionals and advanced to state competition, where she was ranked 23 out of 35 athletes in the 3,200-meter event, and she finished in 12th place. Her 3,200-meter relay team, meanwhile, finished in ninth place.

Mills hopes to top those performances this year. She said she plans to continue to run every day, regardless of the weather, in hopes of breaking some records in the spring. "I'm really looking forward to it," she added.

Officers

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joint economic development corporation and downtown development authority - second Tuesday at 7 p.m.; zoning board of appeals - annual meeting in May of each year and as required at 7 p.m.

The meeting dates remain unchanged from 1999. All sessions are held at the municipal building.

Read Meg's Peg

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Bulldog cagers hand Caseville 62-45 setback in NCTL play

While there is little hope for teams in the North Central Thumb League to catch high-flying Kingston, the battle for second place in the league is alive and strong and Coach Leon Westover's Owen-Gage Bulldogs are in the midst of the fight.

The Bulldogs are now 5-3 in league play following their 62-45 decision over visiting Caseville last Friday. Owen-Gage used a strong defensive effort in the third quarter and a productive fourth period to wrap up the win.

The Bulldogs streaked out in front with a 12-0 run in the first quarter, breaking out from a 5-5 tie in the first 2 1/2 minutes to lead 17-5 with a minute and a half left.

The Eagles bounced back and scored the last 6 points of the quarter, helped because they stopped turning the ball over against the Bulldogs' full-court press.

The Caseville rally continued in the second quarter, the large Owen-Gage lead disappeared and the score was tied at the 2:19 mark, 24-all. At the half the visitors were in front by a point, 28-27.

Westover said that he thought that the team played with good intensity and very good defense for most of the game. It was the defense that led the Bulldog comeback in the third quarter. Caseville managed just 5 points in the period and, led by Nathan Kain's 3 hoops, were in front, 41-32, going into the final 8 minutes.

Whatever chance Caseville had of overcoming the lead was negated by some fine foul shooting by the Bulldogs. They cashed 7 of 8 charity tosses in the last quarter and were a respectable 13 of 18 for the night. In the last quarter Owen-Gage outscored Caseville 21-12.

"We must continue to stress defense in practice", Westover said. "What we saw at times (in the game) was the result of Assistant Coach Troy Perry's work in practice coupled with the players' desire to get better defensively."

Owen-Gage won the battle of the boards, 33-25, with Cory Fritz, 8, and Nathan Kain, 6, leading the boardmen. Three players had 5 each for Caseville.

The Bulldogs showed good scoring balance with 8 players sharing the load, led by Cory Fritz with 13 points. Jeremy Story came off the bench to get 3 rebounds, 2 steals and 3 blocked shots. Derek Howard contributed 6 steals.

One area in which the coach would like to see an improvement is in turnovers. We had 32, he said, and that's just too many.

OWEN-GAGE - Swiastyn 1-1 (0-0) 5; Mellendorf 1-1 (0-3) 5; Howard 1-0 (4-4) 6; Kain 7-0 (1-2) 15; Warack 2-0 (3-6) 7; Story 2-0 (0-1) 4; Fritz 5-1 (0-0) 13; McKee 1-0 (5-6) 7.

TOTALS - 20-3 (13-18) 62.

CASEVILLE - Guster 2-2 (0-0) 10; Herrin 0-1 (0-0) 3; Quinn 2-0 (3-6) 7; Adams 1-0 (7-9) 9; McLean 1-0 (0-0) 2; Zaczproki 3-0 (0-0) 6; Nowak 3-0 (0-1) 6; Cik 1-0 (0-2) 2.

TOTALS - 13-3 (10-17) 45.



CELEBRATING AND showcasing the first place trophy at Saturday's Mayville Invitational are the Cass City grapplers and fans.

Red Hawk wrestlers add another title

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team added to its distinguished record last week with a championship effort at the 14-team Mayville Invitational and a double dual victory at Yale.

The victory at Yale was especially gratifying for Hawk fans in that the team's win over the Bulldogs, 40-33, marked the first time since 1987 that Yale had lost a dual match. The Hawks also defeated Cros-Lex, 55-20, to boost their season record to 14-1 (4-0 in Greater Thumb).

Double winners for the Hawks were Travis Schneeberger, 103 pounds, by forfeits; Don Spencer, 112 pounds, 2 pins; Roy Davis, 119 pounds, 2 pins; Jeremy Klinkman, 140 pounds, a pin and a 14-4 decision; Aaron Dorland, 145 pounds, a pin and a 9-5 decision, and Dave Sutter, 152 pounds, 2 pins.

Adam Dorland's unbeaten for the season streak ended when he lost a narrow, 4-1 decision to Adam Sopha.

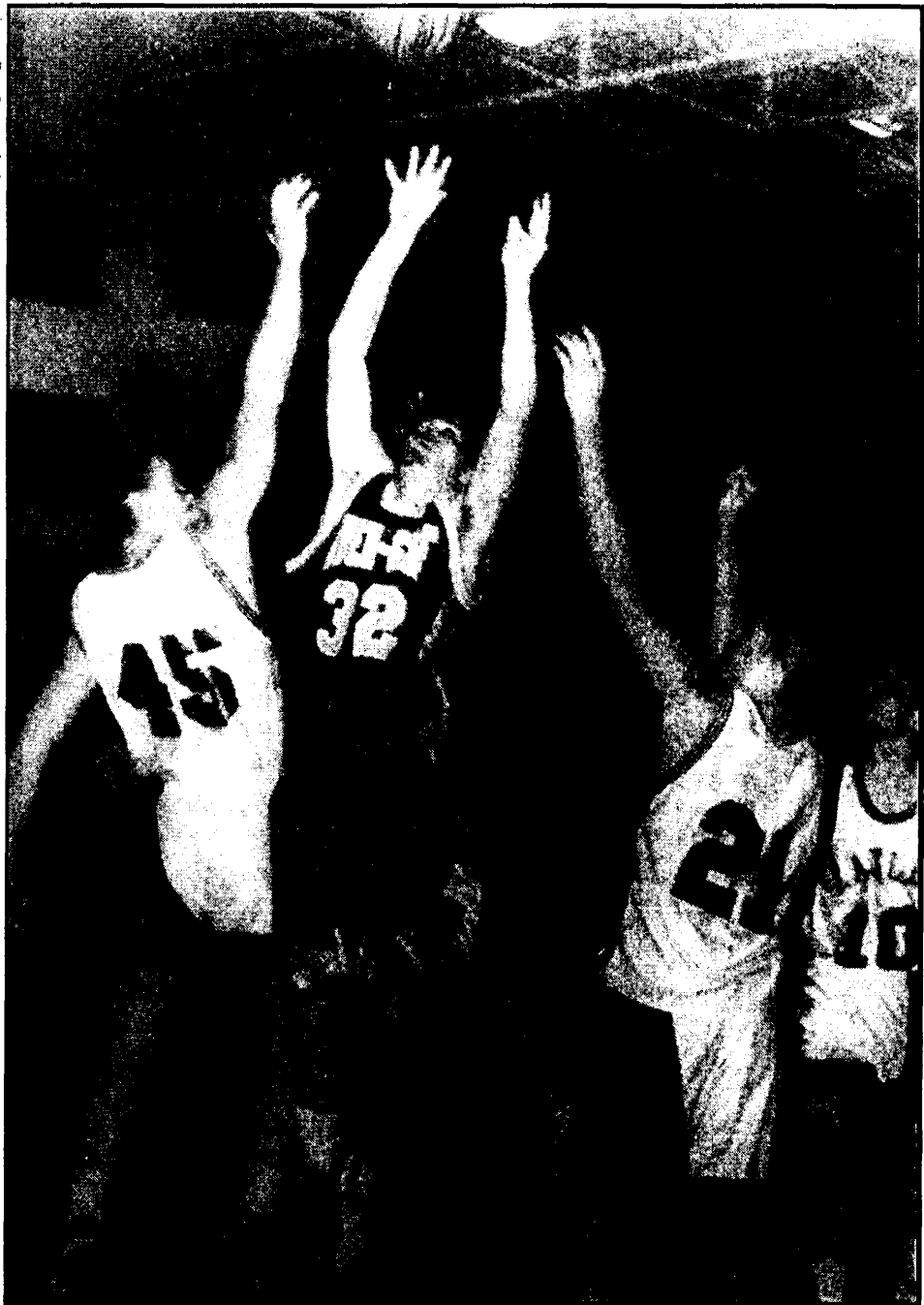
INVITATIONAL

At the Invitational the Hawks qualified with a 4-0 record in pool play to meet Capac for the championship. The team defeated Burton Bentley, 81-0, Central Montcalm, 54-6, Lakers, 64-15, and Bay City Western B team, 69-12.

In the title match the Hawks topped Capac 47-33. Going undefeated, 5-0, in the tourney for Cass City were Schneeberger, Davis, and Scott Moore, 125-130 pounds. With the wins, Moore set a career milestone with his 100th victory.

Others undefeated were Adam Dorland, 135-140 pounds, Dave Sutter, 152-160 pounds, and Chris Dubay, 275 pounds.

The teams finished in the following order: Cass City, Capac, Brown City, Mayville, Marlette, Central Montcalm, Memphis, Bay City Western B, Dryden, Burton Bentley, Lakers, Vassar, Bad Axe, Dansville.



BULLDOG NATHAN KAIN squeezes off a shot Friday between Caseville's Anthony Cilc (45) and Mike McLean. Kain recorded game scoring honors with 15 tallies.

Campbell credits maturity for O-G spikers' success

Coach Judy Campbell sums up the success of this year's Owen-Gage volleyball team in one word. Maturity.

The defending North Central Thumb League champion spikers, who field the same starting line-up from a year ago, are living up to their lofty pre-season ratings and Campbell credits experience as one of the top reasons.

After breezing through their early NCTL matches, the Bulldogs should get a good indication of just how good they are this Saturday when they travel to compete at the Laker Invitational Tournament.

The Bulldogs will be challenged in their pool, something that rarely happens in NCTL play, by Cros-Lex, Bay City All Saints, North Branch Wesleyan and Dryden. Preceding the weekend event, the Bulldogs will travel to Caseville this Thursday to confront the Eagles in NCTL action.

In conference play Thursday, the Bulldogs hosted Akron-Fairgrove and recorded straight game wins of 15-10, 15-11 and 15-8 over the Vikings.

"We've matured a lot," says Campbell, adding, "I'm pleased with the way Lemanski and Root are placing the ball on their attacks."

The 2 Bulldog attackers, Melanie Lemanski and Jenna Root, combined for 33 kills against the Vikings and added 9 blocks at the net.

Defensively, the winners had Cassie Vargo, Stephanie Lowry and Melissa Ziehm each with 11 digs.

Vargo led the hosts with 11 service points that included 5 aces. Root was the only other player on the night to record double digit totals at the service line, where she posted 10 points.

Earlier in the week, on Monday, the Bulldogs had few problems with visiting Kingston and recorded straight game wins of 15-3, 15-0 and 15-7.

Vargo and Lemanski led the winners with a dozen service points each, while Lowry chipped in 7 points and Erin Salcido added 6 tallies.

Again, Lemanski and Root led the charge at the net with 11 and 9 kills, respectively. Salcido was credited with 6 kills.

Cass City hosts first volleyball tourney

Cass City's volleyball program continues to make strides in the right direction, however, it hasn't been able to climb over the proverbial hump.

Part of the Hawks' progress has to be attributed to the hard work of Coach Beth Howard, who helped set up the school's first home volleyball tournament on Saturday. Howard, in her 3rd year at the helm, has also been instrumental in establishing volleyball programs for future Hawk stars, in addition to hosting open gym during the off seasons.

Volleyball became a varsity event for Cass City in the 1970s. Since that time the Hawks have recorded just one conference title, coming in 1977, when Howard was a senior all-conference team member. Cass City's lone conference championship team also went on to capture district and regional crowns that season.

For the Hawk spikers to be successful, Howard will have to find a way to get her squad to play with the same fire as the 1977 Hawk squad.

At Saturday's tournament, Lakeville had that competitive fire and captured top honors when they came from behind to defeat Burton Atherton in the finals, 5-15, 15-8 and 15-4.

For Cass City at the 8-school gathering, the hosts accumulated a 2-4 record in pool play matches against Bay City All Saints, Lakeville and Rochester Lutheran.

The Hawks started the day on a sour note, as Greater Thumb Conference foe Bay City upended the hosts, 15-8 and 15-9.

"We never should have lost to this team," lamented disappointed Howard. "They just sat back and waited for us to make mistakes."

The Hawks, who do not have a senior team member, were plagued by 22 ball handling errors in their initial match and recorded just 11 kills.

The young Hawks had sophomore Sara Homakie with 6 winners against the Saints, while freshman Deidre Deering added 2 kills and Becky Hartel chipped in one. Most of the Hawk kills were set up by Monica Dorland, who registered 10 assists.

The Hawks' top receiver against Bay City was Kayla Wolschlagier with 9. Defensively, Hartel came up with 4 digs.

In the Hawks' next meeting, Cass City fell to eventual champion, Lakeville, by the scores of 15-9 and 15-2.

The hosts jumped out to an early lead in game one before the guests rallied for the win. Cass City came up with just 4 kills in 22 attempts against Lakeville, 2 by Homakie and one each from Hartel and Holli Cooper. Again, the Hawks were hampered by ball handling errors, which totaled 23.

The Hawks saved their best effort on the day for Rochester Lutheran, who were tagged with defeats of 15-8 and 15-5.

"We woke up and started playing ball," says Howard. "We played well as a team, (we) moved well."

Howard was especially pleased with the play of Dorland, who helped set up Homakie for 11 kills. Dorland also had a hand in helping Deering and Amy Polega post 3 winners each.

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RED HAWK SPIKERS Becky Bulla (left) and Becky Hartel converge on a shot Saturday during the Cass City Invitational tournament. The hosts recorded a 2-4 mark during the tourney, which was won by Lakeville.

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Cass City Bowling

CHARMONT LADIES As of Jan. 18		MERCHANETTES As of Jan. 20	
Cass City Tire	23	Osentoski Trucking	23
J.B.'s Crew	23	J.B.'s Crew	20 1/2
Wild John's	22	Caro Chiropractic	19
Dee's M.P. Rockets	19	Adamczyk Masonry	19
Cable-ettes	19	Detroit Edison	18
Live Wires	19	Thumb Auto Wash	16
Dott Manufacturing	18	LaFave Steel	16
Team # 7	16	All Season Rent-All	13
Apria Healthcare	12	Hills & Dales Hospital	9
		Health Mart Pills	6 1/2
High Team Series & Game: Dott Manufacturing 3007 (1053).			
High Series: M. Truemner 485, B. Kilbourn 473, V. Patera 468.			
High Games: M. Horne 181, M. Truemner 176, D. Gornowicz 174, T. Avery 173, M. Hirn 172, V. Patera 170.			
High Individual Games: C. Smith 210, D. Potrykus 201, J. Morell 193, L. Hanson 186-184, C. O'Dell 183.			
High Team Game: Osentoski Trucking 672.			
High Team Series: Caro Chiropractic 1881.			

MERCHANTS' LEAGUE As of Jan. 19		SATURDAY SPINNERS Youth Bowling As of Jan. 22	
Charmont	4	Gutter Balls	24
New England Life	3	Tiggers	22
R H Body Shop	3	Deford Dollies	20
Triple R	3	Blue Streaks	19
Hollywood & Vine	2	4-Pins	18
All Season Video	2	The Pinheads	17
Trisch Septic	1	8-Balls	12
T Furness Builders	1	Tazmanian Devils	8
Wickes	1	Bumper Buddies	31 1/2
S S Builders	0		

High Series and Game: Charmont 3163 (1120).
210 Games or 575 Series: T. Pattengill 675 (221-224-230), R. Koch 669 (238-244), M. Jackson 641 (213-225), J. Storm 637 (223-236), M. Zawilinski 634 (226-227), J. Finkbeiner 632 (236), A. Reed 627 (217-221), M. Lutz 622 (233), D. O'Dell 622 (228), T. Czekai 611 (215), J. Krol 605 (210), S. Jones 605 (222), G. Robinson 603 (233), M. Gettel 599 (221), M. Putnam 596 (211), K. Repshinska 595 (236), J. Langenburg 583 (211), R. Witherspoon 579 (220), P. Robinson 577, B. Rutkoski 222, D. Salcido 219, T. Summers 215, R. Hull 212, T. Kuck 210, D. Shannon 210.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO As of Jan. 20	
Cass Tavern	19
New England Financial	19
Babich Farms	18
Marlette Oil & Gas	14
Thumb Auto Wash	14
BICCGeneral	13
Martin Electric	12
Generally Low	8
Terra	7
Schmaltz Construction	7
Mycogen Seeds	6

High Series & Games: E. Schmaltz 673 (233-244), Dennis Hyatt 652 (224-245), Doug Hyatt 642 (236-214), W. Laming 636 (224-230), D. Doerr 632 (266), K. Martin 607 (217), S. Osentoski 599 (220), Doug O'Dell 223, D. Roth 219, J. Roth 216, T. Babich 214, J. Hacker 215, P. Regnerus 212.
High Team Series: Schmaltz Construction 1832.
High Team Game: New England Financial 667.

4-H Awards
process outlined

Information for the State 4-H Awards process is now available from the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office.
The awards program is open to individual 4-H members who are at least 14 years of age and have completed 3 or more years in 4-H. All applications are due by March 1.
By participating in the state awards program process, 4-H members gain valuable skills such as creating resumes and participating in personal interviews, in addition to the recognition they receive for 4-H project work and accomplishments.
4-H clubs should be aware that once again this year there is also an awards category for club or group recognition. Clubs or groups will also participate in the interview as a part of the state awards selection process.
To assist 4-H members and clubs who plan to participate in the state awards program, a workshop will be conducted to provide special assistance and instruction for completing the award appli-

cations. This will be a regional workshop Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon in Sanilac County. Judy See, State 4-H Awards Program coordinator, will be the resource person. If you plan to participate in this workshop, you need to notify a 4-H staff member at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office by Thursday, Feb. 3.
The state awards program consists of participation at 3 levels, county, regional and statewide.
The 4-H Council will select county award representatives, and these will be forwarded for award consideration at the 13-county regional level. Those selected at the regional level become eligible for statewide award consideration. The statewide selection process takes place at Michigan State University next June during 4-H Exploration Days.
For more information about the Michigan 4-H Awards program for individual 4-H members or for 4-H clubs, contact the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office at (517) 672-3870.

BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING
SCHEDULES

BOYS' BASKETBALL Home games in bold			
Dec. 7	Caro	5:00	
10	Harbor Beach	5:00	
14	Ubyly	5:00	
17	Lakers	6:00	
Jan. 4	Bad Axe	6:00	
7	USA	6:00	
11	Marlette	5:00	
14	Reese	5:00	
18	Deckerville	5:00	
21	BCAS	5:00	
25	Sandusky	5:00	
28	Mayville	5:00	
Feb. 1	Yale	6:00	
8	Brown City	5:00	
11	Lakers	5:00	
15	Bad Axe	5:00	
18	USA	5:00	
22	Reese	5:00	
25	BCAS	5:00	
29	Mayville	5:00	
March 6-11	Districts	TBA	

WRESTLING Home matches in bold			
Dec. 8	Imlay City/Cros Lex Imlay City	6:00 p.m.	
11	Marlette Invitational Marlette	8:00 a.m.	
15	New Lothrop/Birch Run New Lothrop	6:00 p.m.	
30	Swan Valley Invitational Swan Valley	9:30 a.m.	
Jan. 8	Yale Invitational Yale	9:00 a.m.	
12	Marlette-Brown City	6:00 p.m.	
15	Bad Axe Invitational Bad Axe	10:00 a.m.	
19	Yale/Cros Lex Yale	6:00 p.m.	
22	Mayville Invitational Mayville	8:30 a.m.	
26	Lakers/Mayville Lakers	6:00 p.m.	
29	Imlay City Invitational Imlay City	8:30 a.m.	
Feb. 2	Sandusky/Bad Axe Sandusky	6:00 p.m.	
9	Capac/New Haven Capac	7:00 p.m.	
12	League Invitational Cros Lex	TBA	
16	Team Districts		
19	Individual Districts		

Red Hawks
at home

Basketball
Mayville
Friday, January 28

Gymnastics
Midland
Monday, January 31


VOLLEYBALL Home matches in bold			
Dec. 18	Caro Invitational Caro	8:30 a.m.	
20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubyly (Varsity)	6:00	
20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubyly (JV) Akron	6:00	
22	Laker Invitational (Freshmen only) Lakers	9:00 a.m.	
Jan. 5	Caro Away	6:00	
6	Birch Run (Varsity/JV only)	6:00	
7	Bad Axe Invitational (JV/Freshmen) Bad Axe	3:30	
8	Bad Axe Invitational (Varsity) Bad Axe	9:00 a.m.	
10	Sandusky	6:00	
13	Lakers @ CCMS	6:00	
15	Laker Invitational (JV only) Laker	9:00 a.m.	
17	Brown City Away	6:30	
20	Bad Axe Away	6:30	
22	Cass City Invitational	10:00 a.m.	
27	USA Away	6:00	
Feb. 3	Reese	6:00	
5	USA Invitational USA	8:30 a.m.	
7	Brown City	6:00	
10	BCAS Away	6:00	
11	Tuscola Co. Invitational (JV only) Vassar	4:15	
12	Laker Invitational Lakers	9:00 a.m.	
17	Mayville	6:00	
19	League Invitational (JV)	TBA	
26	League Invitational Bad Axe	TBA	
31	Vassar	6:00	
March 6	Districts	TBA	
GYMNASTICS Home meets in bold			
Dec. 9	Vassar There	7:00 p.m.	
14	Marlette There	6:00 p.m.	
18	Troy Athens Invitational There	10:00 a.m.	
Jan. 5	Cadillac There	6:00 p.m.	
13	Midland Dow	6:30 p.m.	
20	Vassar/Freeland	6:30 p.m.	
24	Midland/Midland Dow Midland	6:30 p.m.	
29	Vassar Invitational There	Noon	
31	Midland	6:30 p.m.	
12	St. Johns Invitational There	10:00 a.m.	

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Circuit court proceedings

Teens face prison in kidnapping

A pair of teens charged with kidnapping an employee at the Teen Ranch facility in Koylton Township last spring face prison time.

Marco W. Logan, 18, of Mt. Pleasant, who pleaded guilty to the charge, was sentenced Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court to 10 to 15 years in prison. He was also ordered to pay \$802.50 in restitution.

His co-defendant, Christopher Mial, 15, Highland Park, received an identical prison sentence a week earlier and was ordered to pay restitution totaling \$1,513. Mial had also pleaded guilty to kidnapping.

The charges stem from a May 30 incident in which the suspects took a fork from the kitchen area of the Teen Ranch facility and used it as a weapon against a male employee. The pair then took the employee and his car and drove to Mt. Pleasant, where they released the employee unharmed.

In other recent circuit court proceedings:

- Demetrius Finch, 33, Vassar, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in the county jail for his plea of guilty to possession of cocaine (less than 25 grams) Oct. 8 in Tuscola Township.
- Finch was ordered to undergo substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling, and to pay \$820 in court costs and fines plus a \$150 forensic fee. He was offered the opportunity to enter a residential substance abuse treatment program in lieu of jail time.
- Trevor D. Bitzer, 20, Unionville, was sentenced to 17 months to 4 years in prison for his plea of guilty to larceny in a building July 28 in Columbia Township.
- He was ordered to pay \$336 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees totaling \$520.50.
- Patrick J. Payne, 23, Deford, was sentenced to 5 years probation and 365 days in jail, with work release or worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to malicious destruction of personal property stemming from vandalism at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant March 9.
- Payne was ordered to complete his high school education and to pay restitution

totaling \$8,727.23 plus costs and fines totaling \$1,260 and attorneys fees of \$856.08.

- Michael C. Smith, 45, Vassar, was sentenced to 5 years probation and 180 days in jail (deferred to the end of probation) for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 20, 1998, in Juniata Township.
- He was also ordered to pay \$1,660 in costs and fines.
- Mark A. Brewer, 39, Millington, was sentenced to consecutive prison terms of 6 months to 4 years and 2 years for his jury convictions on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony March 14 in Millington Township.
- Brian A. Dalrymple, 20, Mayville, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion Nov. 5 in Dayton Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000 for the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing was scheduled for March 3.
- Michael M. Williams, 17, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to attempted home invasion, second degree, Oct. 24 in Dayton Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing was scheduled for March 30.
- Shaun C. Parker, 37, Vassar, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Dec. 31-Jan. 1.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing was scheduled for March 30.
- Jason A. Ruppert, 18, Caro, pleaded guilty to home invasion, second degree, Sept. 2 in Novesta Township, plus one prior felony conviction.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$50,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing was scheduled for March 30.

- Derek J. Nations, 19, Flint, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Sept. 20 in Millington.
- He was ordered not to possess or consume alcohol, complete his high school education and pay \$700 in costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.
- Nathaniel J. Prusakiewicz, 19, Akron, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of delivery of marijuana last October in Caro.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 25.
- Scott F. Hall, 35, Akron, pleaded innocent to probation violation.
- Bond was continued at \$10,000 for the defendant, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. A pre-trial hearing is to be scheduled in the case.
- Anthony A. Ruiz, 35, Caro, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 365 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, Oct. 17 in Mayville.
- Ruiz, who also pleaded guilty to having one prior felony conviction, was ordered to pay \$1,200 in costs and fines.
- Jerry J. Kuzma, 40, Wimberly, Texas, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 57 days in jail for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from 1979 to the present in Caro.
- He was ordered to undergo mental health counseling and pay \$360 in costs and fines plus \$387.75 in attorneys fees.
- Jason C. Kowitz, 22, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 30 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Aug. 28 in Caro.
- He was ordered to undergo mental health counseling and pay \$980 in costs and fines, \$345 in attorneys fees and a

\$150 forensic fee.

- Michael C. Reinert, 33, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in jail (90 days deferred), with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 15 in Arbela Township.
- He was ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy and mental health therapy, and pay \$2,280 in costs and fines plus \$448.50 in attorneys fees.
- Darci R. Dearing, 29, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 60 days in jail for her plea of guilty to forgery involving a \$100 check drawn on Community Bank May 30, 1998, in Indianfields Township.
- She was ordered to undergo mental health counseling and therapy, and pay \$160 in costs and fines plus \$100 in restitution.
- Randy Gunter, 47, Mayville, pleaded guilty to

attempted malicious destruction of personal property and unlawful use of a motor vehicle July 30 in Vassar and Fremont townships.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued and sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 25.

- LaJauana G. Mason, 24, Saginaw, received a one-year delayed sentence for a plea of guilty to attempted carrying a concealed weapon Oct. 13 in Indianfields Township.
- The defendant was ordered to complete 40 hours of community service and pay \$320 in costs and fines.
- William A. McPhail, 26, was sentenced to 6 years to 22.5 years for his plea of guilty to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between December 1997 and January 1998 in Elmwood Township. He also pleaded guilty to having one prior felony conviction.

Men's retreat set

Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries of Sebewaing is readying winter facilities for its annual men's retreat, March 31-April 1. All interested men are invited, regardless of age, denomination or church affiliation.

Encompassing only one overnight, the 20-hour session will feature the Rev. Jim Mathis of Gaylord Evangelical Free Church, Gaylord.

His topic is "How to be God's Man in Satan's Domain."

Cost for this year's men's retreat is \$50 per person and includes all meals, resources, etc. Participants will be lodged in Bay Shore Camp's new duplex camper cabins. Accommodations include heat, restrooms and shower rooms. Meeting rooms are also heated and comfortable. Men should plan to bring a sleeping bag or bedding for a twin-size mattress.

Theme for the first men's retreat of the new century is "Fill 'er Up!", a phrase meant to convey the image of "fueling up" for the journey ahead.

A longtime Bay Shore friend, Rev. Mathis can trace

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

A weekend storm dumped 9.5 inches of snow on the ground in Cass City, according to statistics compiled at the village wastewater treatment plant.

Robert Walpole, 54, president of Walbro Engine Management, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon in a crash that claimed the life of James Mehlberg, 21, of Mancelona.

George and Betty Pattulo, along with 5 others, are gearing up for an annual snowmobile trek next month that will cover an estimated 2,000 miles. Proceeds from the fund raiser will go for repairs to the historic octagon barn in northern Tuscola County.

A zoning variance that would have allowed Regional Education Media Center #10 to install a television transmission tower east of Cass City High School was denied during a Jan. 17 Village Planning Commission meeting.

10 YEARS AGO

Drilling crews working for Marathon Oil Co. were about 2,700 feet away Friday from tapping into what is hoped will be a treasure of petroleum thousands of feet below a field bordering Warner Road in Novesta Township.

Cissie Lynn, Loretta Lynn's daughter, will be performing at the Colony House Feb. 3, 8 p.m.-midnight.

Mike Hoppe recently returned to Cass City after spending 2 weeks of combat duty in Panama. Hoppe said he grew up fast, like in 2 seconds, in the front line of action.

Cass City debaters are headed for state competition for the first time since the high school's forensics program was reinstated 2 years ago. Debaters competing Feb. 1-3 in Novi include Melanie Churchill, Wendy Hercliff, Chris Folk, Brent

Sturtevant, and timekeeper Jody Joles.

Mayville School Board last week cast the deciding vote that put Marlette and Bad Axe into the Thumb C League, leaving Cass City and Lakars as the only C schools in the Thumb B Association. There appears to be a sentiment among the schools to consider adding the 2 schools to the league.

25 YEARS AGO

Thieves stole over \$350 worth of foodstuffs from the Gagetown Elementary School cafeteria sometime between Sunday night and Monday morning.

Over 125 angry Tuscola County farmers, upset with property assessment jumps averaging 16 percent countywide, met Tuesday night in the Circuit Court room of the courthouse in Caro to protest the hikes and to map plans to carry the protest to Lansing.

Four women of the Shabbona Extension Group were honored for 25 years of membership in the organization during ceremonies held Monday night at Shabbona. They were Mrs. Bruce Kritzman, Mrs. Robert Burns, Mrs. Clair Auslander and Mrs. Clark Auslander.

A busload of young people from First Baptist Church attended the Regional Truth For Youth talent rally at Caro Saturday night. Bobette Ostrander and Mark Guinther won first place in junior high division for a vocal solo and a piano solo, respectively.

James Courtney, customer service manager for General Telephone in Cass City, has been promoted to public affairs manager for the company's eastern Michigan area. Courtney will assume his new duties Feb. 1, and will move with his family to Owosso. Since coming to Cass City in September

1972, Courtney has been involved in a host of community activities. Presently, he is president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Elkland-Novesta Community Chest.

35 YEARS AGO

Louis Salas and Floyd Luettke have purchased the Standard Oil gas station business in Cass City from Millard Ball and will assume control Feb. 1. Ball has accepted a post with Walbro Corporation, where he worked prior to entering the gas business.


New street lights will be installed throughout the village this summer before the centennial. Presently, the village is paying \$397 per month for electric power. The new bill will jump \$250 to \$647.50.

Checks with the county sheriff, courthouse records and local police revealed that there were no accidents in the area, no arrests of local citizens nor any court cases involving Cass City area persons. But it wasn't as good elsewhere in the county, with Deputy Gene Wilson reporting approximately 15 accidents in a 7-day period.

The Gavel Club will host the Cass City Rotary Club Tuesday night at a special program at Martin's Restaurant that will feature Terry McDermott, the only gold medal winner from the United States in the winter Olympics. McDermott is from Essexville and well-known for his ice skating ability.

Representing Cass City in the Tri-county Honors Band concert slated Sunday, Jan. 31, are Jon Avery, Sharada Hurd, Don Joos, Mary Lou Spencer and Bob Spencer.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas



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for the month of December

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(Front row L-R) Dennis Bowen, Joey Daneault, Courtney Hacker, Lauren Howard, J.T. Ketterer, Laura McComas, Emily Schinnerer, Michael Stevens, Adam Wentworth.

(2nd row L-R) Racheal Biebel, Donna Bushong, Shawna Compo, Andrea Erla, Justin Glaza, Nicole Heronemus, Amber Hughes, Chris Johnson, Chris Landrith, Ryan Storm, Jarod Stoutenburg, Evan Volmering, Becky Wass.

(3rd row L-R) Bryan Hill, Bethany Langlois, Delores Rabideau, Andrew Schinnerer, Kristina Spaulding, Andrew Whittaker.

(4th row L-R) Matt Downing, Adam Haag, Sarah Hobbs, Jesse Johnson, Erika Karavas, DeAnna Newby, Mallory Powell, David Strickland, Teresa Woodward.

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Obituaries

Theodore "Ted" Hergenreder

Ted Hergenreder, 85, of Kingston, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital after a short illness.

He was born July 18, 1914, in Kingston Township to Philip and Catherine (Thiel) Hergenreder and was a life-long area resident. He married Gracia VanSickle Sept. 27, 1938, in Detroit.

Hergenreder farmed until he retired in 1972. He worked at the sugar factory in his younger days. He also trucked livestock for 36 years until 1994. Like his father, he was an elder in an undenominational church that met in his home for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Gracia; 2 daughters, Muriel (William) Beltz of Oxford and Arlene (the late Wayne) Nichols of Lake Orion; 3 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Henry Hergenreder and infant brother, Jacob, and 2 sisters, Amelia Foe and Anna Marie "Mary" Hartwick.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 20, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Rollin Mader and John Byers officiating.

Interment was in Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston Historical Committee.

Walter Jezierski

Walter R. Jezierski, 81, of Cass City, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000, in Covenant Health Care Cooper, Saginaw.

He was born Sept. 8, 1918, in Indianapolis, Ind., to John and Mary (Wujkowski) Jezierski. He married Betty L. Urbanik Oct. 20, 1945, in St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Detroit.

Jezierski served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, and worked for the U.S. government over procurement of army vehicles for over 32 years. He

traveled across the United States in his job.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; a son, Robert (Carol) Jezierski of Sterling Heights; 2 granddaughters, and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Jasina, and a brother, Jerry Jezierski.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Fred Norris of 15 Mile Road Baptist Church officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

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

Marjorie Joel

Marjorie Lois "Marge" Joel, 81, of AuTrain died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000, at her home following a lengthy illness.

She was born July 30, 1918, in Argyle, the daughter of William and Martha (Dove) Walker, and grew up in the Argyle and Cass City area. She was employed for 8 years with Walbro Corporation in Cass City. She retired due to ill health and later worked as a waitress.

She married Harvey E. Joel Sept. 20, 1970, at the Eden Lutheran Church in Munising.

A resident of Alger County in the Upper Peninsula for 31 years, living in the Munising and Twin Lakes areas, she had resided in AuTrain for the last 20 years.

Surviving are her husband, Harvey E. Joel; 3 daughters, Sandra Finch of Tarpon Springs, Fla., Marjorie (Ron) Butler of Gladwin and Linda (Marvin) Shagena-Rheinhardt of Three Rivers; a son, John "RJ" (Margaret) Shagena of Chandler, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Garety.

A private family memorial service will be held in the spring.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: Harvey E.

Joel, Box 5, AuTrain, MI 49806.

The Fassbender Funeral Home, Marquette, is in charge of arrangements.

Edward Kanaby

Edward F. Kanaby, 34, of Ubly, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe.

He was born June 17, 1965, in Cass City, the son of Captain Francis and Marilyn (Wheeler) Kanaby.

He was a 1983 graduate of Ubly High School and a 1985 graduate of Michigan State University. He was employed at Denton Construction Company in St. Clair Shores and Iafate Construction Company in Warren and was a paving foreman from 1985 until Dec. 7, 1999.

He was a parishioner of St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Freiburg.

Surviving are his parents, Captain Francis and Marilyn Kanaby of Ubly; special friend, Lisa Franer of New Galilee, Pa.; 2 brothers, Michael Kanaby of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Richard Kanaby of Lansing; 4 sisters, Leona Alley and her husband Dwayne of Ft. Pierce, Fla., Beverly Lombardo and her husband Diego of Vero Beach, Fla., Debbie Kanaby of Ubly and Sharon Kanaby and her fiancé Leigh Langenburg of Grand Blanc; 4 nieces, and maternal grandmother, Marie Wheeler of Ubly.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Louis and Martha Kanaby; maternal grandfather, Vern Wheeler; uncle, Elmer Rutkowski, and great uncle, Ron Schiestel.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Freiburg, the Rev. Anthony Wozniak, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly is in charge of arrangements.

Oscar Seeley

Oscar T. Seeley, 85, of Cass City, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

He was born Dec. 4, 1914, in Tuscola County to Fred and Christy (Hutchinson) Seeley. He married Lydia C. Ewald Jan. 1, 1938, at Columbia Corners. She died March 2, 1985.

Seeley worked in an auto factory during the war, making ammunition and weapons. He later worked for Nestles in Cass City, then Hunt Construction, working on many state highways, including M-81. He also worked for Evans Products in Gagetown. As a carpenter, he built 2 of his own homes and helped build more than 16 houses in Cass City. At one time he played in a dance band.

He is survived by 5 children, Joan (James) Ware of Cass City, Betty L. Watson of Caro, Joyce (Gary) Hornbacher of Rio Rico, Ariz., Wayne (Laurie) Seeley of Kawkawlin and Ronald (Jean) Seeley of Unionville; 12 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Aileen (Ralph) Price of Caro

and Nellie Anthes of Cass City; a brother, Alfred (Donna) Seeley of Cass City, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Ted Andrew Ware; 3 brothers, Hollis Seeley, Clark Seeley and Earney Seeley, and a sister, Clarabelle Anderson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 22, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Gerald Meyer officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Beatrice McDowell

Beatrice "Bea" Edith McDowell, 79, of Warren, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2000, at Peachwood Inn, Rochester Hills.

She was born Dec. 28, 1920, in Sheridan Township, the daughter of William and Mabel Ballagh.

She was employed in the insurance industry as an executive secretary for All State.

Surviving are 2 brothers, Harold Ballagh and James T. Ballagh. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Funeral Home, Sterling Heights.

Interment was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Barbara J. Rasmussen

Barbara Jean Rasmussen, 65, of Owendale, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at Abbe Adult Foster Care Home, Owendale, after a short illness.

She was born April 3, 1934, in Oliver Township to Oscar and Ella (Diebel) Rasmussen.

Rasmussen attended the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Owendale. She worked at Thumb Industries Inc. and attended the CCL Program for Senior Citizens.

Surviving are 2 sisters, Beryl Mall of Bay City and Helen Sparks of Tawas, and a cousin, John (Genevieve) Abbe of Owendale. She was preceded in death by 4 brothers, Elgin, Peter, Harold and Rex Rasmussen, and a sister, Charlotte.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 22, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Elder Ellis Gardner officiating.

Interment was in Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the United Hospice of Marlette.

Walter Zajac

Walter Joseph Zajac, 86, of Kingston, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital after a short illness.

He was born July 29, 1913, in Jersey City, N.J., to Peter and Mary Zajac. He married Elizabeth Laszlo Dec. 27, 1941, in Detroit.

Zajac was a dairy farmer in Tuscola County for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Liz"; 4 children, Walter E. (Hilda) Zajac of Kingston, Edwin Zajac of Thornton, Colo., Ann (Clifford) Putnam of Reese and Alice Zajac of Kingston; 6 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Sophie (John) Bialkowski of Dearborn and Jenny Osentoski of Cass City. He was preceded in death by a brother, Ed Zajac, and a sister, Frances Kotora.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 23, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with Sr. Gerry Maloney of St. Michael Catholic Church officiating.

Interment was in Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Memorials may be made to Kingston Fire and Rescue.

Additions on schedule

Winter construction projects at Bay Shore Camp of Sebewaing are well on course for completion before the beginning of the 2000 season, according to Camp Director Lew Tibbits.

Begun in the early fall, the tabernacle addition is completely enclosed and roofed with all doors and shutters in place. The south side's exterior is fully sided. The early 20th-century architecture has been duplicated for a seamless blend with the 90-year-old original structure.

An addition to Duplex Camper Cabin # 11-12, turning the building into a self-contained Mini-Retreat Center, is also on schedule. The 36-foot x 46-foot structure is roughed in, roofed and partitioned. Sub-contractors are currently installing electrical wiring, heat, plumbing, etc.

When finished, the retreat center will comfortably house 40 people, a number determined by the number of bunk beds furnishing the attached sleeping/restroom quarters. A kitchenette will enable rental groups to provide their own food service.

Tibbits hopes to be able to

begin accepting reservations for the retreat center in the coming fall. The tabernacle addition is slated for completion before Bay Shore's next

Family Assembly, scheduled for July 29-Aug. 6. Bay Shore Camp and Fam-

ily Ministries is preparing for its 90th season of Christian camping ministry to youth and families.



THE TABERNACLE (above) and Duplex Camper Cabin (below) additions are right on schedule at Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing.



Identify this mystery barn

This is one in a series of "mystery" barns in the area. The contest was devised to call attention to the upcoming Smithsonian "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibit at Rawson Memorial Library Mar. 6 to April 15. The exhibit is sponsored by Rawson Memorial Library, Friends of the Octagon Barn and the Cass City Area Historical Society.

Readers who can identify each barn as they appear are asked to call the library, 872-2856, so they can be listed the following week. Warning! Identification gets harder as this contest progresses.



Clue - This barn was built in 1898 and was used primarily as a horse and buggy barn. It was owned by the same family for over 100 years.

Answer to the Jan. 19 Mystery Barn - The Wayne Dillon Barn

The Dillon barn, one of the best preserved barns in the area, was built in 1916. It is located on land that was originally purchased by Edward Dillon over 100 years ago. His son, Steve Dillon, born in 1884, inherited the farm in the early 1900's. Steve Dillon Jr., born in 1905, was the only one of 8 children to stay on the farm. The hand-hewn timbers in this barn were re-used from an earlier barn on the same site. Wayne Dillon, son of Steve Jr., continues to farm the land. The barn is located on Colwood Road just south of Dickerson Road.

First callers to identify the Dillon Barn were Cathy Healy, George Wald, Fred Matthews, Jan. Kritzman, Jalaine Schneeberger and Eric Hollis.

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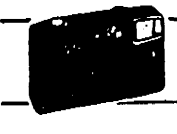
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Alvin and Anita Iseler and daughters of Port Hope, Paul O'Henley of Saginaw, Tom and Linda O'Henley, Randy and Karen Rutkowski and family, Albert and Ann Depcinski and family, and Dale and Elaine Laming and family were Sunday supper guests of Allen and Alice Depcinski's birthday.

Nine members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Stafono's for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at Big Boy in Bad Axe next week.

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

FARM BUREAU MEETING

The Young Ideas Farm Bu-

reau group met Jan. 14 at the home of Joe and Hilda Sweeney. Discussion was held and a movie was shown.

After the meeting cards were played and high prizes were won by Rita Depcinski and Clarence Heleski. Low prizes were won by Lorraine and Dewey Holz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski went to Waterford Sunday to get Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming, who had spent from Wednesday till Sunday at the Bob Cleland home at Waterford.

Mrs. John O'Henley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney were Sunday afternoon guests of Della Guwca.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Mon-

day afternoon.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Ron Wolschlager, Allen Farrelly, Doris Western and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hacker were Friday afternoon and supper guests of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mrs. Judith Dekker, Bart, Susanne and Mathias were Monday morning guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Allen Farrelly attended the Uby Heights Golf and Country Club annual shareholders meeting Sunday afternoon in Uby.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday afternoon and

supper guests of Greg and Susan Krozal and family at Kinde.

GREENLEAF EXTENDED HOME MAKERS

Eight members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers and 2 guests met at Charmont in Cass City for lunch with Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer as hostess.

A demonstration and lesson on electrolysis was given by Michelle Langenburg of Cass City.

The next meeting will be in February with Jean Clarke as hostess.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Jim and Kay Sweeney and Thelma Jackson Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland were Saturday supper guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly were Tuesday dinner guests of Sheryl Allen.

Ray and Rita Depcinski, Allen and Alice Depcinski attended the funeral of an aunt, Magdalene Messing, at Ruth St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Wednesday morning.

Phil and Cheryl Sweeney of Brown City were Saturday evening guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Ed Schembers of Elkton, Ron Wolschlager, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad Axe Saturday morning.

The Euchre Club met Saturday at the home of Mrs. Arnold LaPeer. High prizes were won by Mrs. Leonard Beulla and Ronnie Gracey. Low prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker. Mrs. Frank Laming won the traveling prize. The next party will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Beulla

4 from Owen-Gage selected

Four Owen-Gage Band students have been chosen to participate in this year's MSBOA District III Honors Band, called "Honors Festival Day 2000".

They were selected from over 600 students who applied. There will be a Junior High Band and a Senior High Band, each consisting of about 100 band members.

The 4 Owen-Gage students who were chosen are Josh Erner - trumpet, and Devin Papkey - baritone, as members of the senior high band, and Wendy Erner - baritone, and Amanda Pillsbury - clarinet, to participate in the junior high band.

The senior high band will be under the direction of Edward Downing, president of the Interlochen Center for the Arts. The junior high band will be conducted by Cynthia Swann-Eagan, director of bands at Manistee High School.

The Honors Festival Day 2000 will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. at Brandon High School in Ortonville.

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Feb. 19.

Ersel Weir

Ersel Codling Weir of Bellville, Ontario, Canada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Codling, former residents of this community, died Jan. 17, 2000, at a Bellville hospital in Canada. Ersel's brother, Darryl Codling, lived in Cass City for 4 years while he was employed at Orbital Walbro. Funeral services were held Jan. 20.

Delayed news

Allen and Alice Depcinski and Ray and Rita Depcinski went to the Ramsey Funeral Home at Harbor Beach Sunday to pay respects to their aunt, Helen Booms. They also attended her funeral Tuesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Allen Farrelly, Doris Western and Ron Wolschlager had breakfast at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning.

Allen Farrelly took Cheryl Allen to Beaumont Hospital in Detroit Tuesday.

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

Eight members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at McDonald's Family Food Store Deli Thursday morning. They will meet at Stafono's in Bad Axe next week.

Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro, Sharon Depcinski and Rita and Ray Depcinski were Sunday supper guests of Bob and Carol Osentoski and family.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Saturday guest of Edith Jackson.

Auggie Renn, Margaret Cook, Doris Western, Jim Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Wednesday morning and all went to Ed Schember's home at Elkton in the afternoon.

Rita Depcinski and Alice Depcinski spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family.

Mrs. Kevin Franzel and Evan were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson.

Rita Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club potluck supper and meeting at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe Sunday afternoon.

Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brent Jackman and Dorothy Jackman his wife (original mortgagors) to United Lending Companies Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 20, 1998, and recorded on September 4, 1998 in Liber 749, on Page 406-412, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 58/100 dollars (\$56,330.58), including interest at 12.990% 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 3, 2000.

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

A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 13 seconds West, 233.00 feet along the West Section line; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East, 150.00 feet parallel with the East-West 1/4 line; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds East, 233.00 feet parallel with the West Section line; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East, 150.00 feet parallel with the East-West 1/4 line; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds East, 233.00 feet parallel with the West Section line; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West, 333.00 feet parallel with said 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Subject to and together with, an easement for ingress and egress and public utilities 66.00 feet wide described as Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 27, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, that is North 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds West, 200.00 feet from the West 1/4 corner; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds West 66.00 feet along said West line; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds East, 333.00 feet parallel with the East-West 1/4 line; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds East, 66.00 feet parallel with said West line; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West, 333.00 feet parallel with said 1/4 line 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: January 19, 2000

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas W. Blossom, Jr. a single man (original mortgagors) to National City Mortgage Company, successor by merger and/or name change to First of America Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 22, 1998, and recorded on July 22, 1998 in Liber 745, on Page 765-775, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 66/100 dollars (\$125,236.66), 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 February 18, 2000.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes East 916.01 feet along the South line of said Section 31; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 13 seconds West 75.08 feet to the point of beginning; Running thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 13 seconds West, 1249.26 feet; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 01 seconds East 246.42 feet along the South one eighth line of said Section 31; thence South 0 degrees 26 minutes 35 seconds West, 1249.46 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes West, 235.96 feet along the Northerly right of way line of State Trunkline M-46 to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East. Right of Way for M-46 (Sanilac Road) over the Southerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 5, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1305
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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley Buhl and Deanna Buhl husband and wife (original mortgagors) to TMS Mortgage Inc., dba The Money

1-5-5

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Tax ID 002-033-102-0600-00

The redemption period shall be six 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: January 19, 2000

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Daniel E. Best (P58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
755 W. Big Beaver, Suite 310
Troy, MI

1-19-5

Store, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 1997, and recorded on June 27, 1997 in Liber 713, on Page 1364, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Bank of New York as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 1997, Series #1197-A, Assignee by an assignment dated November 26, 1999, which was recorded on December 21, 1999, in Liber 791, on Page 42, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINETY-ONE AND 29/100 DOLLARS (\$37,091.29), including interest at 11.750% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 9/1 and 3/1 of each year.

MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judith Ann Utley, to Centex Home Equity, mortgagee, dated December 17, 1997 and recorded January 12, 1998 in Liber 727, Page 1426, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and 37/100 Dollars (\$67,612.05) including interest at the rate of 10.7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 25, 2000.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbela, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 105 feet of the West 943 feet of the South 310 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 7 East.

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

Dated: January 12, 2000

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorney for Centex Home Equity,
As Mortgagee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000

File No. 195.0016

1-12-5

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File # 99112332
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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alan J. Hebert, a single man (original mortgagors) to NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 1994, and recorded on June 8, 1994 in Liber 659, on Page 1374-1379, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Federal National Mortgage Association, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Assignee by an assignment dated November 29, 1999, which was recorded on December 14, 1999 in Liber 790, on Page 793, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND 21/100 dollars (\$34,787.21), including interest at 8.875% 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 18, 2000.

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

Commencing at a point of the West line of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, which point is 50 Rods 9 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 13, thence East 16 Rods, thence South 10 Rods, thence West 16 Rods to the Section line, thence North along the Section line 10 Rods to the place of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: January 5, 2000

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley B

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Notices

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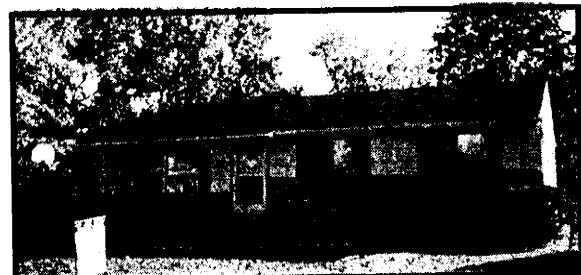
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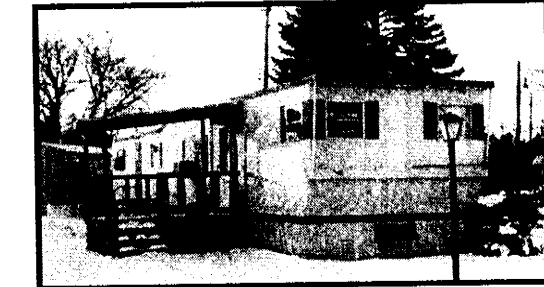
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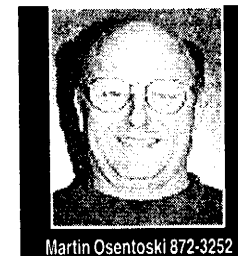
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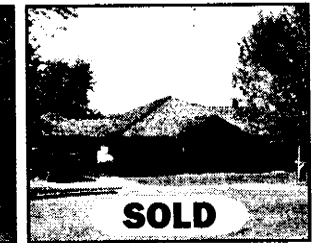
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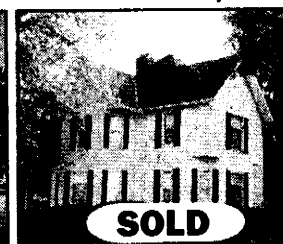
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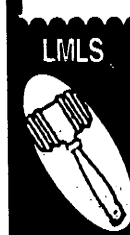


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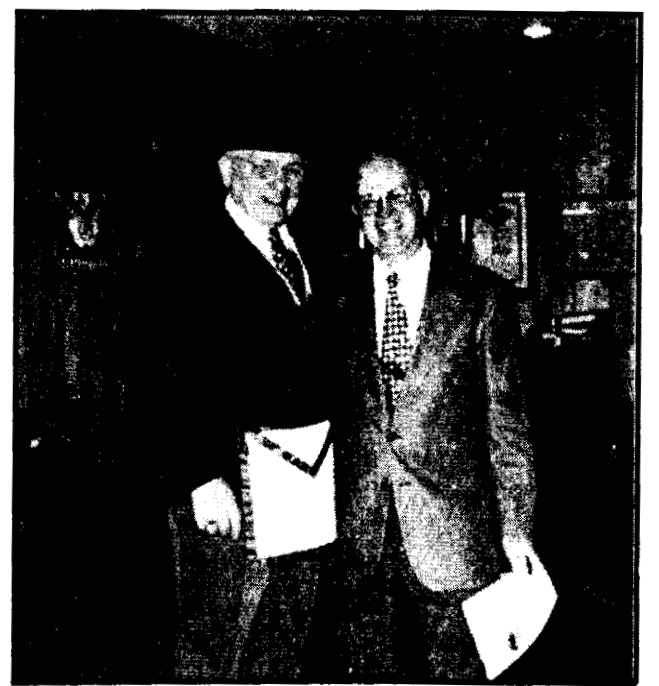
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Plan early to avoid stress

He popped the question, and she said yes. Maybe he got down on his knees, maybe he didn't. As familiar or traditional as the simple little question, "Will you marry me?" may be, nothing can take away from the one-of-a-kind story of how they fell in love or the look in her eyes when he asked — but this isn't the time to be idling in the moment.

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

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

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

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

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

Once the ceremony and reception sites have been booked and the necessary



Ken and Michelle Zdrojewski, Cass City, today.

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

After the reservations have been made, the couple at last can begin focusing on themselves. In order to look as dazzling on their wedding day as smiling figurines atop a wedding cake, the bride and groom-to-be will need to decide on their wedding apparel. If wedding attendants are involved, the bride will want to keep her bridesmaids

in mind — the color and style of dresses they'd feel most comfortable wearing.

A successful wedding takes time and careful organization. To be safe, the bride and groom-to-be should purchase a wedding planner.

This way, they won't run the risk of forgetting the little things, like bands — not the kind that play music, but the kind they'll be wearing on their fingers for the rest of their lives.

Family affair Severance wedding celebration

It took some doing, but Arthur and Janet Severance of Cass City observed their 40th wedding anniversary in style last week. They did it with a 6-day vacation at Disney World in Florida with 16 other members of the family there to help them with the long anticipated celebration.

The event was originally scheduled in September, but Arthur's fall from a building on the Severance farm made a postponement mandatory. Among the family members scheduled to fete the couple on their anniversary are their 5 children, Dean, Tim, Randy, Sally and Beth.

The Severances were married Oct. 10, 1959, in Shabbona and when they observed their first year together, they celebrated in far different style. We were living in East Lansing and Arthur was going to school (MSU), Janet recalled. We celebrated by going to Hamburger Heaven for a delicious meal of 15-cent hamburgers.

When the couple reached their 25th anniversary it was a special event, marked by a special observance. This time they left the family at home and went to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the National Quartet Convention.



Ken and Michelle Zdrojewski when married Oct. 2, 1965 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Palms.



Arthur and Janet Severance when married Oct. 10, 1959, at Shabbona United Methodist Church.



Arthur and Janet Severance, Cass City, today.

It's your wedding enjoy it Don't get obsessed with the details

It's your wedding. You might as well enjoy it.

But brides and grooms typically get caught up with the commotion and have too little time to take it all in, says an article in the January-February Bridal Guide magazine.

"We often hear comments such as 'it went by so fast' or 'I didn't have time to talk to many of my guests'" says Diane Forden, the magazine's editor-in-chief. The magazine suggests how to make sure you share moments with your guests, keep your social graces flowing, and enjoy yourself:

* Involve your guests ahead of time. Call close relatives and friends as soon as you set the date. Tell them who else is attending; this will make it easier for them to mix and mingle on the wedding day.

* Include personal touches in your ceremony and reception.

* Don't get obsessed with details. Worrying about loose ends can ruin your day. Remember that things have a way of coming together.

* Socialize at your showers. This is an opportunity to talk to your guests before the big day, when you'll be less likely to have time.

* Simplify the weekend for out-of-town guests by suggesting they stay at the same hotel, at or near the same venue for pre- and post-wedding activities.

* It's your day. Put modesty aside and let people fuss over you.

* Sometime during the day, stop and just take it all in.

* A week or 2 before the wedding, take time out and splurge on some down time, perhaps booking a massage or day at a spa. This will ease pre-wedding stress.

* Designate a point person for the wedding day to handle last-minute details or glitches.

You'll appreciate the moment.

* And don't cut it too close, says the magazine. Many couples don't realize how exhausted they'll be after the wedding. Delay the honeymoon a day or so and savor the afterglow.

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Harold and Hilda Koch, Gagetown, today.

To avoid disappointment

Be careful in gown selection

Today's brides are being bombarded with offers to save money on the purchase of their wedding gowns. Options available to brides needing gowns range from discount dealers to couture salons to the Internet. While most brides would like to save as much money as possible on their dress, it is very important that they weigh all of their options and make their purchase decisions after reviewing all of the facts. "The sad thing," says Gary Wright, chairman of the National Bridal Service (NBS), "is that when all things are considered, the bride rarely saves a dime and may end up spending more."

What a bride may not realize is that her gown must be fitted, steamed and pressed before wearing. These tasks require expertise and should be done by a professional. A reputable bridal store usually does not charge extra for pressing, provides fitting and alteration services for less than independent seamstresses, and provides a high level of personal attention to the selection and fitting process.

With so many options for purchasing a gown - discount dealers, telemarketing services, bridal warehouses, department stores - a bride is likely to become overwhelmed.

To make the process of finding the perfect wedding gown easier, NBS offers the following advice to brides confronted with bargain offers.

Brides should beware of anyone who:

* requires full payment prior to ordering the dress. If the

dealer goes out of business or if anything is wrong with the dress, it already has been paid in full. According to NBS, brides should not pay more than a 50 percent de-

posit on a gown.

* wants to ship the gown directly to the bride. She then will have to find and pay someone to fit, alter, steam and press the dress. With these additional charges, the bride may end up paying more money than if she had purchased the dress from the first bridal store she visited.

* wants to sell the bride a gown, but not steam and press it.

* does not offer or coordinate alteration services.

Duties of groom

Preparing for the wedding

A picture-perfect wedding requires a team effort from all of the players involved. While much of the planning traditionally is handled by the bride and her family, the groom also plays an integral part in deciding on the many wedding arrangements.

To help ensure a beautiful wedding for the happy couple, following are some basic task lists for the groom and his team, to make the big day a success.

Groom
* Buy an engagement ring.

* Prepare a guest list and indicate who should be seated in reserved pews.

* Invite friends to be the best man and ushers in the wedding.

* Visit the formalwear specialist to select the wedding attire.

* Choose gifts for the bride, the best man and the ushers.

* Select the wedding ring (this should be done with the bride).

* Plan the honeymoon (this should be done with the bride) in time to assure getting reservations.

* Apply for the marriage license. Check the state and local rules about the time required. This should be obtained several weeks before the wedding and given to the best man the day of the wedding, along with the clergyman's fee.

* Check to be sure that all of the necessary papers - blood tests, birth certificates, etc. - are complete and available upon request.

Best Man
* Take charge of the ushers; brief them on special seating arrangements during the rehearsal.

* Keep the wedding ring and have it the day of the ceremony, or be sure the ring bearer carries out instructions properly.

Ushers

* Be at the wedding site at least one hour before the ceremony.

* Have a typed list of guests occupying reserved pews. As the guests arrive, ask whether they are friends of the bride or groom and seat them accordingly.

* An usher should escort the bride's mother to the front pew just before the procession.



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Should be written

The right way to say thank you

In the weeks prior to the actual wedding ceremony, the bride's house will start to look like it does at Christmas.

Packages and boxes of all shapes and sizes from various guests and well wishers will be arriving daily.

In this time of excitement, organization is needed to keep track of who sent what gifts.

One of the most important tasks that the bridal couple must complete is the overwhelming job of writing thank-you notes to all who sent gifts.

The job of sending these notes is so time-consuming, because they must be written: a verbal thank you is not enough.

The only verbal note that can be sent is a telegram, which can get costly when sending to a large number of guests.

Wedding gifts are given to both the bride and groom.

When writing a thank-you note, be sure the signature reflects both of them. Writing the notes is not just the task of the bride, so be sure to put the groom to work.

One idea is for the groom to write to his friends and the bride to hers. It is fine to sign only one name, so long as the writer says, for example, "Tad and I thank you for the wonderful toaster."

Make sure the gift is specifically mentioned in the

note, keeping in mind that monetary gifts should never be referred to by dollar amount.

A guest should be able to see that the couple appreciated, as well as remembered, the gift that was given to them.

The note should say exactly how the gift will be used.

Additionally, if the gift needed to be returned, either because it was a duplicate or

it simply could not be used, never inform the sender; a simple thank you is enough.

Be prompt in sending thank-you notes. Although it is perfectly acceptable to send a thank you up to 3 months after the wedding, couples should start writing before the wedding for gifts received in advance.

This eliminates a lot of work and informs guests that

the gifts were received and not lost during shipping.

Finally, couples should share any special memories they have of their guest from the wedding.

Not only will they be thanking the guest for the gift, but most importantly, they'll be thanking him or her for coming to and celebrating the happy occasion with them.



Jim and Geri Perry when married Sept. 14, 1957, at Novesta Baptist Church, Deford.



Jim and Geri (Warner) Perry, Cass City, today.

For brides

Expert offers suggestions

The question has been popped - the date set. You have walked down the aisle in your imagination several hundred times. However, as every bride-to-be knows, living up to expectations of beauty on your wedding day requires guidance.

Even if a personal stylist is not in your budget, you still can have expert tips and advice at your fingertips with "Every Bride Is Beautiful: The Complete Guide to Wedding Beauty From Head to Toe" (William Morrow), by Deborah Chase.

A beauty expert, Chase makes it easy to achieve elegance, glamour and the perfect personal look for the big day. She offers the advice of the professionals who plan

the country's A-list weddings as well as her own experiences as the mother-to-be. Perfect for any bridal budget - from modest to extravagant - her book provides information on everything you will need to know as a bride to look your best on your wedding day.

The book shares advice on how to:

* choose the wedding style that is most appropriate for your personal taste and budget;

* lose weight - safely and easily - and keep it off;

* find the most flattering gown among the mazes of

choices;

* and coordinate the accessories, makeup, nails and hairstyle that best fit the wedding's special look.

From get-in-shape exercises to bridal beauty baths and meditations to low-fat and low-calorie recipes, the book covers every wedding detail. It even includes a six-month beauty countdown calendar, so that you know just when to start dress shopping, hair-salon rehearsals and skin treatments, in order to feel confident and beautiful when you finally walk down the aisle.

Protect contacts when applying makeup

Most brides spend extra time applying makeup on their wedding day. Whether you are planning to do your own makeup or hire a professional makeup artist, any bride who wears contact lenses should take extra care with makeup selection and application, says the American Optometric Association. Tearing and irritation, while a minor annoyance, could

lead to more serious problems during or after the wedding.

When shopping for makeup, choose a water-based, hypoallergenic liquid foundation, instead of cream, to prevent leaving a film on your lenses.

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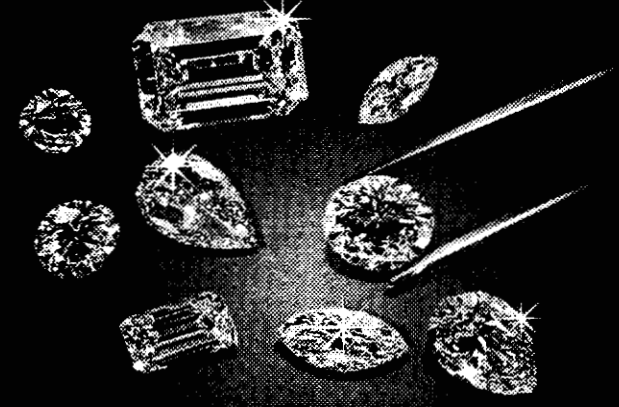
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What to look for Making your band choice

The wedding day is one of the most exciting and memorable days in a couple's life. The bride and groom want everything, from the gown to the flowers to the food served at the reception, to be perfect. Most of all, they want the memories of the big day to be special.

The entertainment provided at the wedding reception is critical in determining the success of the event. The choice of music for the reception can make or break the entire party. Regardless of whether you use a live band or disc jockey, lively music and a personable bandleader or DJ can help build a mood and play songs that can get the guests dancing.

Hiring the right band or DJ for your wedding can be confusing. Asking good questions, knowing the right answers and getting all guarantees in writing will ensure the selection of reliable, reputable vendors. The following questions and answers, courtesy of Modern Bride magazine, can help you hire the

best musicians for the reception.

1. Can I determine the quality of a band's performance by listening to a tape or viewing its video? If you like the sound on the tape and/or the way the band delivers on video, inquire about where you can see the group play at a showcase, an actual wedding or some other place where it is booked.

2. How can I be certain that the band I book will be the one at my wedding? It is essential to get the name of the band in writing on your contract.

3. Does the orchestra have liability insurance? A reputable company will maintain such coverage. Most reception facilities require that the orchestra furnish them with a certificate of insurance.

4. Does the band take breaks? Most bands take a 15-minute break after a 45-minute set. Taped music can be arranged during the breaks or continuous music (at an extra charge) can be planned.

5. Are there additional charges for traveling time, playing during cocktails and overtime? Probably. Ask about that at your initial meeting, and be sure that those charges are clearly stated in your contract and understood before you sign it.

6. Is there a surcharge or sales tax? There is no sales tax on musical services, but there may be some surcharges (i.e. payroll, transportation). Be sure to ask.

7. Does the band have an extensive song list with selections that appeal to a wide range of guests? A good band will be able to play a range of music that spans the decades, from big band to Top 40 to Motown hits, as well as ethnic pieces.

8. Will the band members wear appropriate attire? Unless otherwise noted, and depending on the formality of the wedding, members should wear black tie.

9. Is there a way I can be sure the amplification will not be deafening? Tell the bandleader or DJ of your concern, so if this is not a place where the group has played before, he or she can check out the location to prepare ahead for any acoustical

challenges that must be addressed to keep the decibels under control.

10. Does the bandleader or DJ act as master of ceremonies and coordinate the sequence of events at the reception, and if so, should I meet with mine about this before the wedding? The master of ceremonies usually is the bandleader or DJ, and you absolutely should have an in-person meeting to talk

Quick action best for proper stain removal

Wherever there is a celebration, there is an array of stains just waiting to happen. From a glass of wine knocked over onto the table linen to a food stain on a necktie to a smudge of flower pollen picked up on a dress, a stain can happen at any time. And, unless you know how to treat it, a stain can leave a permanent mark.

Wedding celebrations are a common place for stains to occur. Following are some helpful stain-removal tips, courtesy of "101 Essential Tips: Removing Stains" (DK), by Cassandra Kent, to help keep the party "bright."

Dark-colored fruit stains - Try to treat a fruit stain while it is fresh. Remove the item of clothing or table linen and dilute the stain by rinsing it in the sink under running cold water until most of the stain has lifted. Treat any color residue by dabbing the area using a soft white cloth dipped in denatured alcohol or a commercial stain re-

mover. If you are outside or simply do not have any denatured alcohol on hand, rub a cut lemon over the stain; in the sun, lemon juice works as a bleaching agent.

Grease stains on neckties - Neckties particularly are susceptible to grease spots from food, however, sponging off stains often leaves behind a mark. Before putting on a tie, apply a fabric-protection spray. This spray will resist the absorption of grease into the fibers so that there is time to wipe away spills.

Red wine on fabric - The fibers in most fabrics quickly absorb red wine, so try to mop up the spill with a white paper towel or paper napkin before it has time to seep in. Never use colored napkins because they can transfer dye to the stain. Instead, sprinkle the area with salt. Salt rapidly absorbs the wine and limits damage to a small area.

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Today, the tradition of the diamond engagement ring continues. According to a new consumer survey, 70 percent of all brides-to-be receive one.

A diamond is an expression of individuality. Just as love is unique, no 2 diamonds are alike.

Each diamond has its own personality and sparkle. Therefore, when purchasing a diamond engagement ring, it is important to become an informed consumer.

A little knowledge can go a long way to help unearth the best-quality diamond within a budget. Understanding diamonds requires knowledge of the 4 Cs: cut, color, clarity and carat weight.

These 4 variables are the key to answering the elusive question as to why 2 diamonds of equal size may not be of equal value.

* **Cut** - Although diamonds can be cut in several shapes, like oval, marquise, pear or round, it is the quality of the cut that gives the stone its brilliant sparkle. Light is reflected best when all of the facets are perfectly proportioned.

* **Color** - The best color is no color. A totally colorless diamond best allows white light to pass effortlessly through it and be dispersed as rainbows of colors.

* **Clarity** - The term "clarity" refers to a diamond's lack of naturally occurring inclusion, often called

"nature's fingerprints," most of which are not visible to the naked eye. The fewer the inclusions, the more valuable the diamond.

* **Carat** - Carat refers to the weight of the stone. There are 100 points in a carat.

Therefore, a diamond of 50 points weighs one-half of a carat.

Deciding how much to spend on a diamond engagement ring is very personal and obviously depends on income.

Most people find the 2 month's salary guideline to

be helpful in determining how much to spend. Most importantly, choose the finest-quality diamond affordable, because a diamond engagement ring is a unique symbol of commitment that will be treasured for many years.

To find out how to get the best diamond, consumers should visit a reputable jeweler whom they know and trust.

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Brenda and Milt Phillips, Cass City, were married at Novesta Church of Christ Sept. 6, 1969.



Brenda and Milt Phillips today.

Best stain removal

Quick action necessary

Continued from page 4.

Lipstick stains - Successfully treat stubborn lipstick marks on clothes, table linen and bathroom towels by first sponging the affected area using denatured alcohol on a white cloth. Follow this treatment by applying a little un-

diluted dishwashing liquid onto the stain. Rub it into the fabric with a clean finger, then wash the item according to the care label.

Marks on suede - Greasy substances spilled on suede can leave a permanent stain.

Blot the grease with a kitchen towel, then rub the area with a block suede cleaner, kept handy. For persistent stains, wrap a cotton pad in a clean cloth, apply a little cigarette-lighter fluid to it and dab the stain, being careful to test a hidden part first.

Pollen - Normal washing removes light stain on fabrics. If not, dab lightly with denatured alcohol, then gently sponge off with clean warm water.

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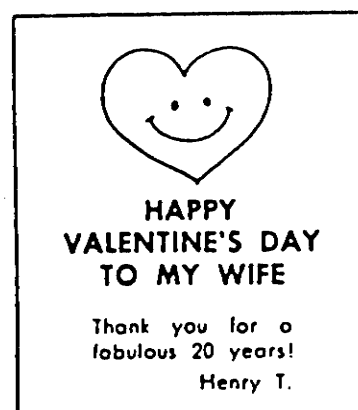
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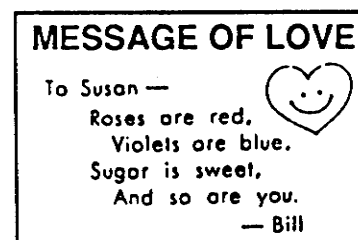
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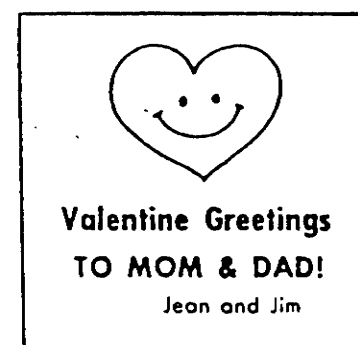


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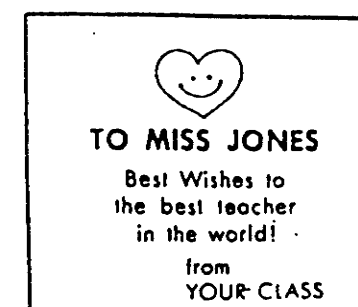
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Mag and Doug Gray today.

(PX) - Engagements and weddings have always been two of the most romantic and meaningful events in people's lives, and with the millennium approaching, these two milestones take on an even deeper meaning. Since the millennium represents new beginnings and our hopes and dreams for the future, what could be more romantic and exciting than getting engaged or married on Dec. 31, 1999, or, for that matter, anytime throughout the year 2000? Research by De Beers, the world's diamond experts since 1888, concludes that engagements and weddings tied to the millennium will increase dramatically as lovers look to link the most significant time in their lives with the most significant time in modern history. And what better way to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime occasion than with the ultimate symbol of eternity, love, new beginnings and, of course, forever - the diamond.

The diamond engagement ring continues to be the ultimate symbol of love and eternity. Until recently, most brides opted for the traditional, round, brilliant solitaire, or one of the other classic shapes, like pear, marquise, oval, heart and emerald. However, modern brides now have a wide variety of cuts, shapes, styles and designs to choose from. An option growing in popularity is a variation of the single-stone setting - adding smaller side stones in round, baguette, trillion or other shapes. The three-stone ring, with three of the same-shaped diamonds - most often the round, oval or emerald - set on a plain band, is another unique and exciting option to the traditional

single-stone ring. Since only diamonds can capture the full meaning of the millennium, many brides in the coming year may choose to accessorize their big day with a very special diamond wedding band and/or diamond accessories. The most popular and traditional choice in diamond accessories is a pair of sparkling diamond stud earrings or fiery diamond drops that shimmer with the slightest movement. For the neckline, brides have been opting for the diamond solitaire necklace - one beautiful diamond suspended on a chain. Graceful and elegant, the diamond solitaire necklace has become the classic piece of jewelry in the current, understated era of fashion and is leading the way into the new millen-

nium. The millennium also presents the perfect and most romantic opportunity for brides and grooms of all ages to re-confirm their love for the next thousand years. What else could say he'd marry her all over again than a diamond? The most meaningful choice for married couples is a diamond ring for the right hand, and the most popular is a ring set with three diamonds, one for each millennium, as well as a symbol of the past, present and future.

Any special occasion throughout the millennium year, whether an engagement, a wedding day, an anniversary or the birth of a child, becomes worthy of commemorating with the ul-

timate symbol of love and eternity, a diamond. One exciting and unique option for commemorating that special occasion might be the purchase of a Millennium Time Capsule. With a futuristic design - a clear glass panel that can display two loose diamonds of any size and that can be set by the recipient in any way he or she desires, whether now or anytime in the future - the time capsule captures the essence of the millennium for eternity.

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Donald and Patricia Mills when married Aug. 4, 1950, in Wyandotte.



Donald and Patricia Mills, Cass City, today.

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Your invitation makes the first impression! It sets the tone and should reflect the style of wedding you are having.

So choose your invitation and other stationery to reflect the same importance you place on the rest of your wedding. Make them special.

Following are some tips for ordering invitations, taken from Beverly Clark's book "Planning A Wedding To Remember."

Choose a stationer who offers a wide variety of styles and prices to select from, and one who is knowledgeable about wording and type styles.

Determine the number to order by figuring one for each married couple and couples who live together, one for each single person and another for his or her date, if invited. (Dates need not be invited, but if they are, they should receive a separate invitation.)

A separate invitation is also sent to children who are 16 or older. Don't forget to order an invitation for your officiate, attendants, their dates if invited, and both sets of parents.

Order several extra invitations for keepsakes, for mistakes (unless you're perfect), and last-minute invitees (how could you have forgotten Cousin Bertha?).

There are various types of printing processes used to print invitations, and they vary in price. Ask to see samples, and make your decision based on what you like and what fits your budget.

* Engraved invitations are the most traditional and formal, but also the most expensive. This is an old process whereby the paper is pressed

onto a metal plate, causing the letter to be slightly raised on the paper.

* Thermography, a relatively new printing process that has grown in popularity, probably is the number one choice for invitations today. This is a process that fuses ink and powder together on the paper to create raised letters which resemble engraving. Since plates don't have to be made and the printing process is quicker, thermography is about half the price of engraved invitations.

* Offset printing is the least expensive of the 3 processes. This is the standard printing process where the ink lies flat on the paper. This is a less formal look, but there are many ink colors and type styles to choose from.

Calligraphy has become increasingly popular over the last few years, due both to the new computerized machines which can produce it, and the growing formality of wed-

dings.

Calligraphy is an elegant, old italic script, used primarily in the past to address envelopes.

Now, with the new computerized calligraphy machines, which create a perfect script each time, invitations can easily be done.

Most machines found in stationery stores can only inscribe one or 2 invitations at a time, but it's certainly faster and less expensive than having them hand-done by a calligrapher (still another option, of course).

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What to do Second time around marriages

A new marriage marks a new beginning — so there's every reason to celebrate! While it's not your first trip down the aisle, it's the first time you're marrying each other. Therefore, you're entitled to have the kind of wedding that suits your age and lifestyle.

To help make your wedding perfect, Modern Bride magazine offers the following tips for those marrying the second (or third) time around.

* What's right for you — Civil or nonsectarian ceremonies are popular for remarriages. Locations include private homes, judges' chambers, interdenominational chapels or historic sights. If you want a religious wedding, keep in mind that some faiths have special requirements for remarriage. When planning the reception, rely on experts to help organize it in a restaurant, club, hotel or private home.

* What to wear — You have every right to look like a bride! White or ivory is a valid fashion choice; long or short, depending on the formality of the wedding. At a formal evening wedding, the groom wears black tie; for day, his choices can vary from formal wear to a blazer and slacks.

* The guest list — Who's to be invited? The guest list should include the following: family of both the bride and

the groom; the couple's mutual friends and those who may have been close to either of you during your previous marriages and remained so; former in-laws, if you're still close to them. As long as you're all comfortable with that situation, there's no reason to exclude them.

You may have a best man or honor attendant. Older children from your previous marriage may serve in that role or as bridesmaids and ushers.

* A child's place — In the case of a second marriage, children from a previous marriage often feel excluded. The Coleman Collection in Kansas City, Mo., has created a special ceremony called "Celebrating the Family." During the wedding, the children are given a "Family Medallion" — 3 joined circles symbolizing a new family. Other ways to include your children are lighting a unity candle with the newlyweds or sharing a cup — all symbols of merging families.

* New gift ideas — Even if you feel you don't need traditional wedding gifts, you'll be surprised at how useful some of them may be. Other gift ideas you may share with guests are season tickets to sports, musical and theatrical events; a year of special wines, fruits or flowers to be delivered every month; something major like a VCR or fitness equipment that may be purchased by a group of relatives.



Steve and Sandi Wright when married Feb. 14, 1975



Steve and Sandi Wright today.

While shopping at the bakery Steve Wright noticed a young girl working at the counter. He confided to a friend that he wanted to date that girl. He was successful and after the first date they were inseparable. Steve and Sandi Wright married Feb. 14, 1975.

The couple has 2 children. Heather (Wright) Severance has a BA degree from Saginaw Valley State University. She and her husband, Lyle, live in Cass City. Jill Wright lives in Saginaw and is attending SVSU, working for a teacher's degree.

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