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**WEEKEND SNOWFALL** hampered early Monday morning travel for Thumb area motorists, including a semi-tractor trailer driver whose rig jackknifed about 4 miles east of Cass City on M-81. The driver, whose name was not available, was not injured.

### *New DDA-EDC program*

## Loans target facade fix-ups

Cass City Downtown Development Authority-Economic Development Corporation officials promised that a newly completed plan to revitalize the village's downtown district wouldn't sit idle.

The DDA-EDC Board last week made good on that vow by announcing a new Downtown Facade Loan Program that will offer business owners low-interest loans.

the interest reimbursements to-date have totaled about \$750.

Downing said the new facade loan program differs from the old program, although the loan period will remain at 5 years, with a maximum loan amount of \$25,000.

"Before, we were trying to get some momentum going, get people excited about the downtown. And it worked,"

we're going to offer 2 hours of consultation with the (village's) architect. We would subsidize that, too, and that's worth about \$300," Downing said.

"The construction has to commence within 90 days of taking the loan out, with completion within 6 months," she noted. "We are emphasizing preservation of the original facade for the period the building was constructed, to the point that it is financially feasible."

The new program stems from several recommendations in Cass City's Downtown Action Agenda, which was formulated by HyettPalma, a nationally known consulting firm that specializes in revitalizing downtown districts.

Formulation of the action agenda, which cost the village \$25,000, began in August with a Community Vision Session, followed by a 3-day visit by the consultants, who met with community members, business owners and their customers, village council members and

DDA-EDC officials, community leaders and others. Consultant Doyle Hyett. Please turn to page 4.

## Hendrians buy Kritzman store

The Kritzman building at the corner of Main and Leach Streets, has been purchased by Scott and Robin Hendrian from Bill Kritzman, who operated a clothing store at the site for 39 years.

The Hendrians, owners of Hendrians Floor Covering, said that they expect to take possession Dec. 1.

The first project on deck for us, Robin said, is to completely remodel and renovate the ground floor.

It's the first step in a plan to operate a full-line furniture store in the building. Tentative plans call for the opening of the store in April or May.

When the now vacant building is occupied, it will continue to serve the community as it has since it was erected in 1898 by Hitchcock.

The first uses of the building are vague, but Jack Esau, Cass City, remembers that for a time the building housed 2 stores, selling hardware and groceries.

The Kritzmans purchased the store in 1965 from H. J. Smith. Over the years the top 2 floors also were utilized. One floor housed the village's opera house. There was also a pool room on the second floor for many years.

The Hendrians said that they have no immediate plans for using the top floors.

## "Leak busters" checking out village water lines

Cass City officials have watched thousands of dollars in water revenues go down the drain over the years due to the "loss" of millions of gallons of water that have been pumped from village wells but not billed.

A high tech water line study underway this week is expected to determine how much of a part leaks are to blame for that loss.

A crew from Aqua-Line, an Ohio-based leak detection service, arrived in town Monday to begin a comprehensive, 5 or 6-day study focusing on close to 20 miles of water line in the village.

"They will literally listen to every inch of water line, every valve, every hydrant, every curb stop - you name it - to try to find out if we have any leaks," said Village Manager Jane Downing, who noted the company is expected to complete the study early next week.

"They have equipment that can do very comprehensive listening surveys," Downing explained. She said Aqua-Line utilizes state-of-the-art

technology to detect and pinpoint fluid leaks in pressurizing pipe systems.

The study actually began prior to the crew's arrival with a review of existing water distribution maps, street maps, water system reports, and storage and pumping records.

Downing said the actual testing involves sonic detection and computer correlation equipment targeting the water system at all exposed valves, fire hydrants and selected service connections. Any evidence of leaks will be confirmed with a second survey, and all leaks will be pinpointed with a computer programmed "leak correlator".

The company, whose other Michigan customers include Port Austin and Mackinac Island, will then provide the village with a written report outlining the results of the investigation.

"A lot of communities have this company come in on an annual basis because it's so cost effective," Downing said.

Cass City's water line study will cost \$3,519. "Which, all puns aside, is a drop in the bucket," she added, referring to the amount of revenue the village is losing annually due to lost water.

Most municipalities consider a 10-percent water loss acceptable. "We're losing double that," Downing pointed out, adding the loss translates into \$35,000 to \$40,000 in water service fees. And that doesn't take into account sewer fees, which are based on water usage. "So, you're not only losing water revenue, you're losing sewer revenue and, ultimately, it can increase your operating costs."

In 1999, Cass City wells pumped 116,397,000 gallons of water. Water used for flushing hydrants, fighting fires, maintaining the pool, and residential and industrial customers accounted for 93,755,000 gallons, leaving more than 22,640,000 gallons unaccounted for, or a

19.46 percent loss of the water pumped.

After investigating the accuracy of the well pumps, village officials have remained convinced that the problem lies in a combination of leaks and a large number of old, inaccurate and/or non-functioning water meters now in use.

The problem has aggravated existing financial problems in the village's water and sewer funds, which have struggled with deficits - a combined total of about \$114,310 in 1999 before depreciation, compared to a loss of \$7,933 the year before.

Downing suggested the deficits are partly the result of not implementing fee increases for several years while at the same time main-

taining and expanding the water system.

The council in 1998 boosted water fees by 40 percent and sewer fees by 30 percent over a 5 year period. "And it still hasn't been enough," she said. "We're still in the hole."

Downing said she plans to address the meters during the council's next monthly meeting, Monday night, when she'll propose the start of a meter replacement program as part of the 2001 budget discussion. She declined to be specific about the program, saying she first wants to present her plan to the council for consideration.

"We know that we need to replace numerous meters - residential, commercial and even some industrial," she said.



**LEAK buster** - Scott Wilson from Aqua-Line "listens" for water leaks in a water main valve at the corner of Main and Ale streets Monday morning.

### *"This is going to be strictly for exterior improvements for businesses, again, in the DDA district."*

The program replaces another facade improvement loan program launched by DDA officials last year. Under that program, a partnership of local government and banks offered commercial loans at an interest rate of 6.5 percent, to a maximum loan amount of \$20,000 for up to 5 years. As an added incentive, the DDA subsidized the interest rates lower for business seeking the improvement loans, to 5 percent.

The loans were offered for virtually any physical improvement to the exterior or interior of a business in the downtown district.

"So far, we've only actually reimbursed interest on 2 loans, but I actually think there are 3 or 4 loans out there," Cass City Village Manager Jane Downing said of the program. She noted

Downing said. She cited the Golden Pheasant gift shop as an example of how the program played a role in refurbishing the old Ryland and Guc building, which was literally falling apart when the new owners took over.

"But this goes further in that now, we're going to the next step. As best we can, we want to work with some specific business owners to see what can be done."

"This is going to be strictly for exterior improvements for businesses, again, in the DDA district," Downing explained, adding the local DDA-EDC will subsidize the current interest rate by 2 points. Officials are also asking local banks to subsidize the rate by 2 points, but discussions are still pending with bank officials.

"Then, along with that,

### *Cass City man bound over on CSC charges*

A Cass City man initially charged with 14 counts of criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving 2 children in Ellington Township was bound over to Tuscola County Circuit Court on 11 counts Friday.

Visiting Huron County District Court Judge Karl E. Kraus ordered Calvin Wright, 52, bound over on 8 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct, 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, and one count of assault with intent

to commit criminal sexual conduct in September and October.

Bond in the case was reduced from \$350,000 to \$250,000. Wright now faces arraignment in Tuscola County Circuit Court Dec. 1 at 8:30 a.m.

First degree criminal sexual conduct is punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years. Second degree criminal sexual conduct carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison.



**CASS CITY'S Christina Sturm** bagged her first buck Friday morning while hunting in the Cass City area. Sturm said she downed the 8-point with a 150-yard shot at about 8:30 a.m.

### *Cass City native*

## Bethel appointed acting MSU Extension director

Cass City native Margaret Bethel has been named acting director of MSU Extension, Michigan State University's statewide initiative that offers educational and informational resources to residents in all Michigan communities.

University authorities made the announcement last week.

Bethel, 1970 Cass City High School graduate, replaces Arlen Leholm, who will embark on projects to design research/Extension linkages in developing countries, effective Jan. 1. Leholm has been director of MSU Extension (MSUE) since 1997.

"MSU has been very fortunate to have ben-

efited so greatly from Dr. Leholm's leadership, vision and energy," MSU Provost Lou Anna K. Simon said. "MSU Extension is one of the national exemplars for Extension for the 21st century. I am confident that MSUE's reputation within the state and nationally will continue to grow under Maggie Bethel's leadership."

Bethel graduated from Central Michigan University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in home economics. After graduation, she taught home economics at Owen-Gage High School from 1974 to 1976. Bethel received her master's degree from MSU in 1985.

Bethel lives near Belmont with her husband, Richard, an instructor at Ferris State University, and their son, Daniel, a student at Grand Rapids City College. She is the daughter of Marjory and Arthur Battel of Cass City.

Bethel has spent 24 years as an MSU Extension educator, serving as a home economist, county Extension director, regional supervisor, and regional supervisor for Extension and outreach. She currently serves as the director of MSU West in Grand Rapids, one of the university's 6 regional offices. In that role, she

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## Brown, Maharg leaders

Lori Brown and Lindsay Maharg, Hope College juniors from Cass City, had leadership roles during the 66th Annual Nykerk Cup Competition held Nov. 11. Each year, the event features more than 325 members of the freshman and sophomore classes competing in the areas of song, oration and theatrical production. Held in conjunction with Parents' Weekend at Hope, the competition is named in honor of the originator of the program, John Nykerk, a professor, college dean and founder of the Hope College department of music. The sophomore Class of '03 won the event this year.

Brown was the junior treasurer on the Nykerk Committee. She was responsible for managing funds appropriated to Nykerk from the school for clothing, gifts, and technical equipment.

Brown is the daughter of James and Judy Brown of Cass City, and is a 1998 graduate of Cass City High School.

Maharg was the freshman play coach. She was responsible for selecting the members of the play cast and directing the play. She was also responsible for adapting the play, "Rowdy Kate."

Maharg is the daughter of John Maharg of Cass City, and is a 1998 graduate of Cass City High School.

## Chappel in choir

Alma College sophomore Amanda Chappel of Cass City sang in Rochester at the University Presbyterian Church with the Alma College choir. The choir, directed by Dr. Will Nichols, performed at 2 services Nov. 12.

The Alma College choir is comprised of 52 students who are selected through audition. The students travel throughout Michigan as well as Florida and Europe to perform during the school year.

Chappel, a 1999 graduate of Cass City High School, is majoring in education. She is the daughter of R. Paul and Suzanne Chappel of Cass City.

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### Meg's Peg

Miscellany

by Melva E. Guinther

Help! For some reason, the last line of a song or chorus has been running through my mind, but I can't remember the rest of it. It's driving me nuts.

The last line goes "And chase the blues away, and chase the blues away." It's accompanied by a sort of waving/chopping motion of the hand. That leads me to think it's probably a children's song with other motions as well.

If you recognize it, please save my sanity and tell me what it is.

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Judy Eskilsen called to say she remembered many of the things mentioned in last week's column of memories. Judy said one of her favorite memories is going to see "The Wizard of Oz" when it opened at the Cass Theatre back in the 40s.

She recalled rolling an old tire, the price of admission, down to the theater. Rubber was needed for the war effort.

Judy also said they saved the foil from gum wrappers, rolled them into a ball, and when the ball was big enough, turned it in for the cause of defense.

That brought back other memories — rationing of rubber, sugar, gas, etc., — during World War II. I remember collecting milk weed pods, which I think were supposed to be used in making parachutes.

Back in those days, everybody was a patriot.

## Volz earns national achievement award

Charles Volz, Cass City, has received the National Sales Achievement Award and National Quality Award from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA). Volz is an agency specialist/computer for Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL).

The sales achievement award recognizes an agent's ability in client-building and representation. The quality award recognizes an agent's ability to provide competent, dedicated service to customers.

Volz is with the Anthony Golden Agency of AAL, Frankenmuth. He serves Lutherans and their family members in Bach, Caro, Cass City, Fairgrove, North Branch, Reese, Sebewaing and Unionville.

## "Wigilia" on tap

White Eagle Lodge No. 3046, Polish National Alliance, a fraternal benefit society, is sponsoring a "Wigilia", a Polish Family Christmas Eve dinner.

The dinner will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Caro Knights of Columbus Hall, 903 Ryan Rd., Caro. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m., and the dinner will be served at 2 p.m. The donation is \$10, and children 9 and under are free. Door prizes and favors will be provided.

The dinner is a fund raiser for the promotion and appreciation of the arts in the Thumb Area. It is for the benefit of the St. Michael Choral Group in Wilmet.

For tickets and reservations, call Vicki Wolak, (517) 683-2465.

**Sr. Citizens' Menu**

Senior citizens are asked to make reservations before 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meal by calling Clara Gaffney, 872-2875.

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**Monday** - Baked chicken, potatoes w/gravy, Scandinavian veggies, mixed fruit salad, gelatin w/fruit, wheat bread.

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### Cass City Social Items

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Karen and Frank Schoonover of Harsens Island visited their aunt, Marion McClorey, Friday, Nov. 10. The Schoonovers had dinner in Frankenmuth to celebrate Karen's birthday.

Marion McClorey returned to her home Saturday after spending 6 days in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

## O-G students on honor roll

The first marking period honor roll for the Gagetown Elementary School has been announced.

**4TH GRADE**

Amy Aldrich, Stacie Dorsch, Amanda Faist, Drew Howard, Alisha Kovach, Lucas Powell, Samantha Radabaugh, Katie Rhodes\*, Stephen Roemer\*, Mike Smith, Andrea Zimmerman.

**5TH GRADE**

Lea Aldrich, Bethany Kovach, Courtney Lester, Nathan Minkler, Joshua Starks, Joshua Volk, Matthew Volk.

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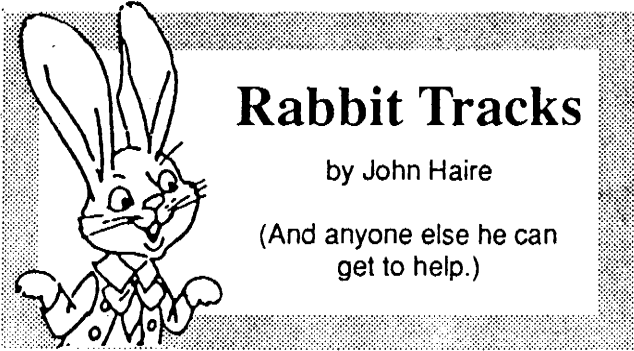
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

The National Education Association tossed away some of the member dues last week. They sent an immediate release story to boost community support of education during American Education Week, Nov. 12-18.

Fine and dandy. Except that the release was mailed first class from Washington, D.C., on Nov. 14 and arrived here Friday, Nov. 17.

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Damon's on Tittabawassee Road, Saginaw, is one of the fast-growing chains of restaurants that specialize in ribs while offering a full menu of steak, fish and pasta.

Three dinners were ordered. Two were for the ribs and one for a sampler plate. The ribs were the smaller portion of the 2 sizes offered, large enough for most everyone except those with a gargantuan appetite. The sampler plate included potato skins, chicken wings and ribs. The dinner came with large salads, a tossed salad and a caesar's salad. They were good, not exceptional.

The rolls were hot and tasty (maybe the best part of the meal), drinks were coffee and milk. The ribs were good, not fat. The d cor was average, no tablecloths, but clean.

The service was excellent. The price for the 3 meals was \$43, plus tip. Give it a 7 on the one-10 scale.

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The early snowstorm that struck the area is a reminder that Christmas is fast approaching. As always, the Chronicle will publish letters to Santa in one of the papers between now and Christmas.

Send the letters to the Chronicle, Box 115, Cass City. Pocket-sized pictures are welcome. Black is the best, but colored photos can almost always be used.

Remember that Christmas is on Monday so the final edition that Santa letters can be published is the Dec. 20 issue. Letters must reach the office no later than Dec. 16.

## The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday .....	39	31	.06"
Wednesday .....	36	29	.0
Thursday .....	41	29	.10"
Friday .....	35	28	.0
Saturday .....	31	27	.05"
Sunday .....	36	27	.04"
Monday .....	34	21	.03"

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## Cass City Public Schools PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

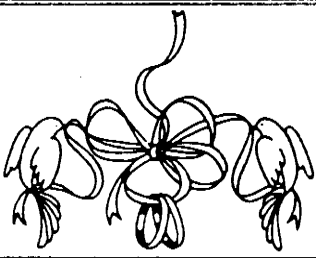
## A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS

The Thanksgiving holiday season is special because it provides all of us a wonderful opportunity to offer thanks for all that we have. On behalf of the entire Cass City Public School staff, I want to say,

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## Dec. 1-3 in Caro

# Holiday cheer fest set

The Human Development Commission (HDC) and CenturyTel will be presenting Tuscola County's Third Annual Holiday Cheer Celebration which will be held at the American Legion Hall in downtown Caro Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1, 2, and 3.

The Holiday Cheer Celebration offers the entire family an opportunity to enjoy the start of the holiday season. A number of decorated trees, wreaths, and other holiday items will be on display throughout the celebration.

Raffling of trees and unique holiday items is something new this year which will replace the competitive bidding process of years past.

In addition to the over-all event raffle, there will be a limited number of tickets sold prior to the celebration for the chance to win a decorated tree, wreath, or centerpiece which will be awarded Friday evening as part of the Holiday Cheer Celebration's VIP Reception festivities.

Activities for children will be scheduled throughout the event and include face painting, and various craft projects. Children will also be able to visit with Santa and have their pictures taken with him Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Sacred Heart Men's Choir will be performing at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Donation of trees, wreaths, and centerpieces will be accepted from those who are interested, including businesses, organizations, clubs, and individuals.

Proceeds from the Holiday Cheer Celebration will benefit the many programs of-

fered by HDC, including the Foster Grandparent Program, Home-Delivered Meals, and the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the celebration is encouraged to contact HDC at (517) 673-4121, or toll free at 1-800-843-6394.

## Employee claims age discrimination

A Lapeer woman has filed suit against Walbro Corporation and T.I. Group Automotive Systems, claiming her age was a factor in the decision to terminate her employment.

The suit, which demands a jury trial and seeks in excess of \$25,000 in damages, was filed recently in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

According to the suit, Betty E. Scheil was hired by Walbro as a purchasing secretary in December 1979, and "repeatedly received good to excellent evaluations regarding the work she performed."

In 1995, Scheil experienced a number of medical problems, including myocardial

infarction, thyroid problems, non-insulin dependent diabetes and gall bladder surgery. After a brief hiatus from work to recover, the suit states, Scheil returned to work and "performed good to excellent work."

Her employment was terminated April 1, 1998, according to the suit, which states she was almost 55 years old at that time.

The suit states age was a motive and factor, while not necessarily the only motive or factor, in company officials' decision to terminate Scheil while keeping younger, less experienced personnel. Scheil claims the termination constitutes a violation of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

## The Haire Net



There's wasn't the frenzy marking the opening of the rifle deer season Wednesday that there was in years gone by.

Yes, it's still a big day for the hordes that take to the woods each Nov. 15, but the bow and arrow season has taken a little of the luster from the traditional opening.

The way hunters now regard deer has changed. It was not too long ago that anyone killing a doe would try to sneak it home so no one would know. Bucks are still the ultimate, but taking does no longer puts the hunter in the despicable meat hunter class.

Hunting does is no longer an issue, but issues do remain. There's no consensus about using bait piles to attract deer and that's not likely to change in the near future.

A continuing cause of controversy comes up front when deer compete with people, especially people inoculated with the "Bambi" syndrome.

They probably are mostly non-hunters. I'm a non-hunter but not a member of the clan that wants to protect all deer no matter what the cost.

Remember the uproar last year when 3 metro parks in the Detroit area decided to shoot deer because they were multiplying so fast that they were destroying the park flora?

Now another furor has been created when General Motors announced a plan to remove about 70 deer from the Tech Center in Warren so they can build on the 200 acres at Mound and 12 Mile where the animals live. Many residents have adopted the deer as pets.

There have been marches and threats of civil disobedience even though GM promised to move the herd to a farm and give the city of

Warren 100 acres of the property where deer can be placed if residents want them.

Deer as pets would get short shrift in Australia and New Zealand. Farm after farm raise deer for the market and venison is on many restaurant menus.

Seeing the deer in fenced herds doesn't begin to compare with seeing deer in their native habitat, wild and free.

Enjoying deer in the wild cuts it. Spotting them in a pasture like cattle or a pet just isn't where it's at.

"Bambi" is a cartoon creation, a fantasy for adults and kids. Deer are animals and must be managed to fit in the world we live in.

The protesters in Warren will have to learn that.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

*The following is a reprint of a column recalling the woes of Christmas shopping and the value of shopping locally.*

O.K. I'm guilty. We're all guilty; some worse than others. The concept is simple: If we do all of our shopping out of town we won't have much of a town.

An editorial in a Pennsylvania newspaper reflects on losses small towns have sustained over the years. The editorial writer lists businesses in his town that have closed and new businesses that have opened during the past 4 years.

There are 11 businesses on his list of closures. One new business opened during that time.

We can blame the Wal Marts, K-Mart's, and the supermalls for some of this; but the truth is we, the shoppers, are not very smart. Why don't we check out locally-owned stores before we leave town to shop? That's a good question.

I don't object to folks driving 100 miles to buy a bolt, if that's what they enjoy doing; but please buy some locally, too. That way the rest of us won't have to drive so far.

Confirmed catalog shoppers like myself can share some of the blame. Even my stubborn contention, "If you can't get it from Bass Pro or Victoria's Secret, then you probably don't need it," could be open to question.

Sometimes we don't have a choice, but often we do. Many of us have been shopping at the malls and department stores for so long we've forgotten what local businesses have to offer.

My best example occurred the day before Christmas several years ago. It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon Dec. 24, and my son, Russ, needed a pair of jogging pants for his mother's Christmas present.

Russ shops the way I do. We don't count shopping days until Christmas. We think in hours, minutes. "How many seconds until the stores will be closing?"

Local merchants love us, the guilt-ridden procrastinators. They know we'll come around eventually. Then, we'll stumble in the day before Christmas and wander

around — hoping to find something. Anything!

Why didn't we check out the local stores weeks ago? We were probably fishing.

This time I remembered the sporting goods store might have some jogging pants. I'm in that store 20 times a year, but I forgot they carry sports clothing! It's kind of embarrassing.

I called them up. "Hello, Margie?" I said (wondering if I should disguise my voice).

"Do you have any jogging pants?"

"Yes, we do," she said. "Do you have any black ones?"

"No, but we have navy, light gray, and green," she said.

"That's close enough," I said. "We'll be right over."

When I read about new concepts in shopping and the onslaught of the retailing giants, I can't help hoping folks will remember those little stores right here at home. If we don't remember them pretty soon, memories is about all we'll have left.

## Expect big bang at craft show

You get a big bang for your buck at the craft show slated Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Cass City Middle School.

The show, one of the highlights of the "Christmas in the Village" celebration, already has a full boat of vendors, although more can be squeezed in, coordinator Tamera Zmierski said last week. A space sells for \$30.

There will be a \$1 admission charge, children 10 years and younger free, and

much of the money will be used to pay for prizes slated to be given away every 15 minutes during the 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. show hours.

Entertainment will be provided by the Hammer-Dulcimer quartet from Cass City. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa Claus will be visiting.

All proceeds from the show will be used to help pay expenses for the July 4 Festival, Zmierski said.

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**Red Hawk Beat**by Cass City Senior,  
Katie Hacker**Thanksgiving a  
time for sharing**

Thanksgiving is a time of giving and sharing with family, friends and with those who are less fortunate. The high school students at Cass City have been trying to do their share by giving to those who are less fortunate.

Friday, Oct. 27, the student council put on their annual Harvest Dance, but this wasn't the usual pay three dollars to get in to dance. For students to enter the dance they had to bring at least three cans of non-perishable food. By the end of the night student council had collected 6 recycling bins filled with canned goods. The cans were donated to the food pantry at the St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown and will be used to feed people on Thanksgiving Day who can't afford a nice meal.

Many students from Cass City have also volunteered to work at the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the VFW Hall. These students are volunteering a couple hours out of their

Thanksgiving Day to serve dinner to community members.

Whether you are eating Thanksgiving dinner with your family, spending it serving others, or if you're one of those dedicated people who are working, remember back to the first Thanksgiving ever celebrated. It was over 380 years ago, in 1620, when the Pilgrims and the Native Americans in colonial New England celebrated the first Thanksgiving. When you sit down to your Thanksgiving dinner this Thursday, remember to give thanks to the Pilgrims and the Native Americans who began this holiday tradition. Also remember to give thanks for your family, friends, and all the good fortune you have had in the past years.

So, however you may spend this year's Thanksgiving, I wish you a safe and happy one for those traveling far distances to spend with family members and for those who are celebrating it right in their very own homes.

# Bethel Extension director

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provides insight to the MSU outreach, instructional and Extension programs in a 14-county area.

She has been part of MSU Extension's core administrative leadership team for the past 10 years, earning the university's Distinguished Academic Staff Award in 2000.

"Maggie Bethel is an accomplished, dedicated MSUE administrator who will continue Dr. Leholm's work in making Extension accessible, important and meaningful to all segments of Michigan's citizenry," said William Taylor, acting dean

of the College of Agriculture and National Resources, which oversees Extension. Leholm, who was an Extension administrator for 15 years, oversaw an increase in MSU's impact throughout the state's 83 counties that led to those counties increasing their local investments in the programs from \$12 million to \$30 million over the past 3 years.

He also oversaw the creation of County Extension councils and the State Council. MSU Extension's diversity efforts were recognized as the nation's best, due in part to the balance between rural and urban programming and resources.

"Arlen's leadership has

been instrumental in creating a powerful vision for the future of Michigan State University," said Michigan Farm Bureau President Jack Laurie, Cass City. Through the creation of such innovative organizational entities as "Area of Expertise" teams and the statewide Extension councils, he has restructured MSUE to effectively meet the needs of Michigan agriculture."

For years, Extension in the state focused on bringing education and support programs to the state through agents and offices located in each county. That work now includes resources accessible through the Internet, and

field agents supported by faculty on campus who bring expertise in such fields as community and economic development; children, youth and families, and environmental and natural resources, as well as agriculture.

"MSU's history of helping people improve their lives by making our knowledge and resources available to citizens, their families and their communities is one of which I'm proud to be a part," Bethel said. "I expect that as the needs of our society change, MSU Extension will continue to be there to help in ways that we now can't even imagine."

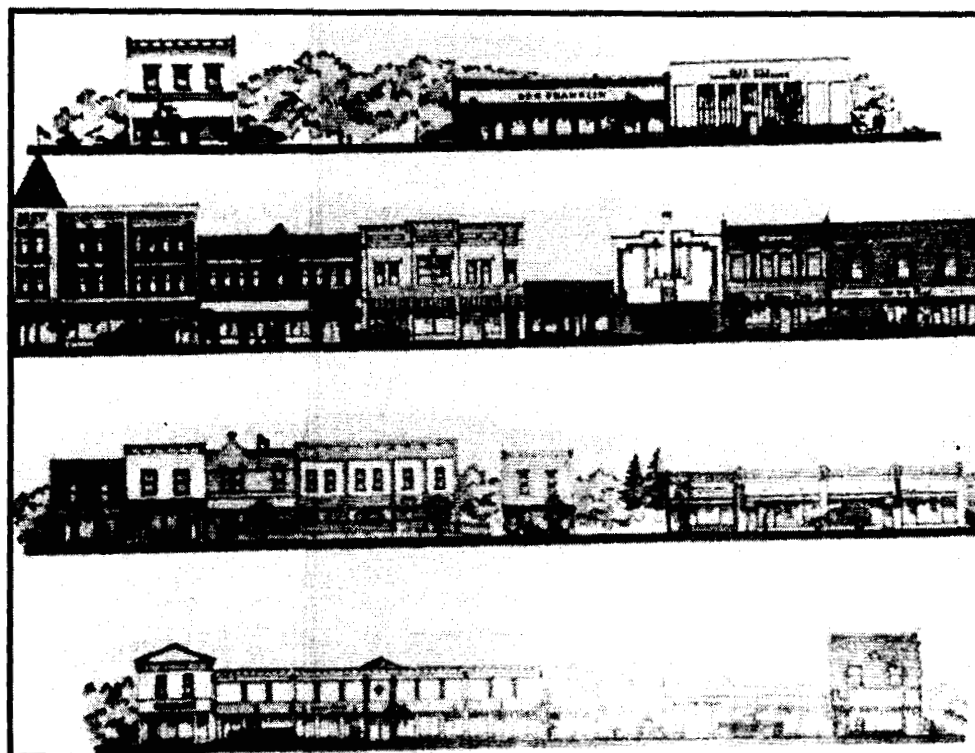
## Storage loans available

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will expand its efforts to help farmers meet their needs for grain storage by offering low-interest loans.

USDA's Farm Storage Facility Loan Program will be expanded to include structures designed to store silage. Also, down payments for loans will be reduced from 25 percent to 15 percent.

Loans also will be available to farmers who bought or built grain storage facilities between Feb. 2, 2000, and May 30, 2000.

For more information, call the local USDA service center or Farm Service Agency offices. On the Internet, go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/storge00.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/storge00.htm).



**BUSINESSES** that take advantage of a new, low interest loan program to restore their facades will also receive a free consultation with the village's architect, who created these drawings showing what Cass City's Main Street could look like in the future.

## Loans target facade fix-ups

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later outlined several recommendations during a follow-up community meeting in October. He encouraged Cass City officials to focus first on the "core" downtown area. Targeting the 3-block

area is a wonderful way to make a lot of headway in a short amount of time given limited financial resources, he said.

"Hit it really, really hard, with everything you've got.

The ripple effect is what we're after," Hyett said, adding success there will result in prosperity spreading into other parts of the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods.

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## Letters to the editor

## Don't disappoint area children

Imagine being a child and trying to fall asleep on Christmas Eve, waiting for Saint Nick to fill their stocking. Morning comes and their eyes are wide and they jump out of bed with great anticipation and run to see what may await them. What will they find in their stocking and under the tree???

Close your eyes and remember being a child yourself on that special day. Remember the excitement as you opened your presents. Then recall the childhood conversations you had, talking about the things Santa brought you on Christmas morning. Imagine being a child that doesn't have presents under the tree and the stocking is empty. What will these children say?

Only you will help answer that question and make a child's Christmas a magical experience. Let's not let any child feel the sense of disap-

pointment. Please join us in making every child have a brighter Christmas by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy (\$5 or more in value).

Encourage your employees, family and friends to help put the twinkle in the eye of a child. This year, as always, cash donations are welcome. We will see that each toy or donation makes its way to a child on Christmas morning.

Friday, Nov. 24, is our official kick off day. To make it convenient for you, Cass City and Caro McDonald's restaurants are designated drop off points.

We will continue to accept donations from Nov. 24 through Friday Dec. 21. Remember, all donations stay here in our county to help our children.

Jim and Johanne Luth  
Friends of the Christmas for Kids Campaign

## Girls deserve praise

We just want to say how proud we are of our Lady Hawks. They are a great bunch of girls that have shown great sportsmanship and have a really good attitude. They have really played well this season.

Nothing is ever written about the freshman and Jr. Varsity teams. Their records are excellent, losing only 1 or 2 games this season. These girls are our future varsity team, so we can look forward to some great seasons. The coaches have done a good job with them. We are proud to be Red Hawk fans.

Pat and Clyde Wells

## Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

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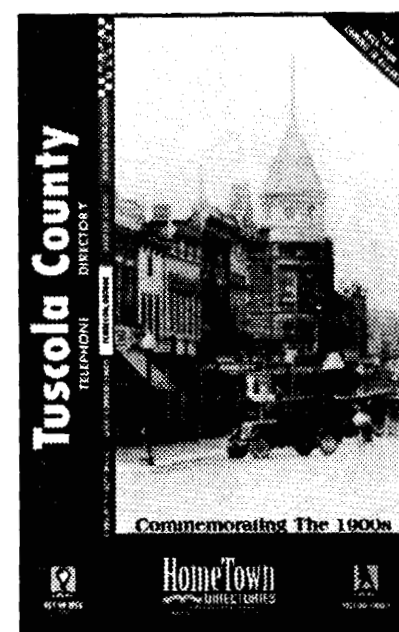
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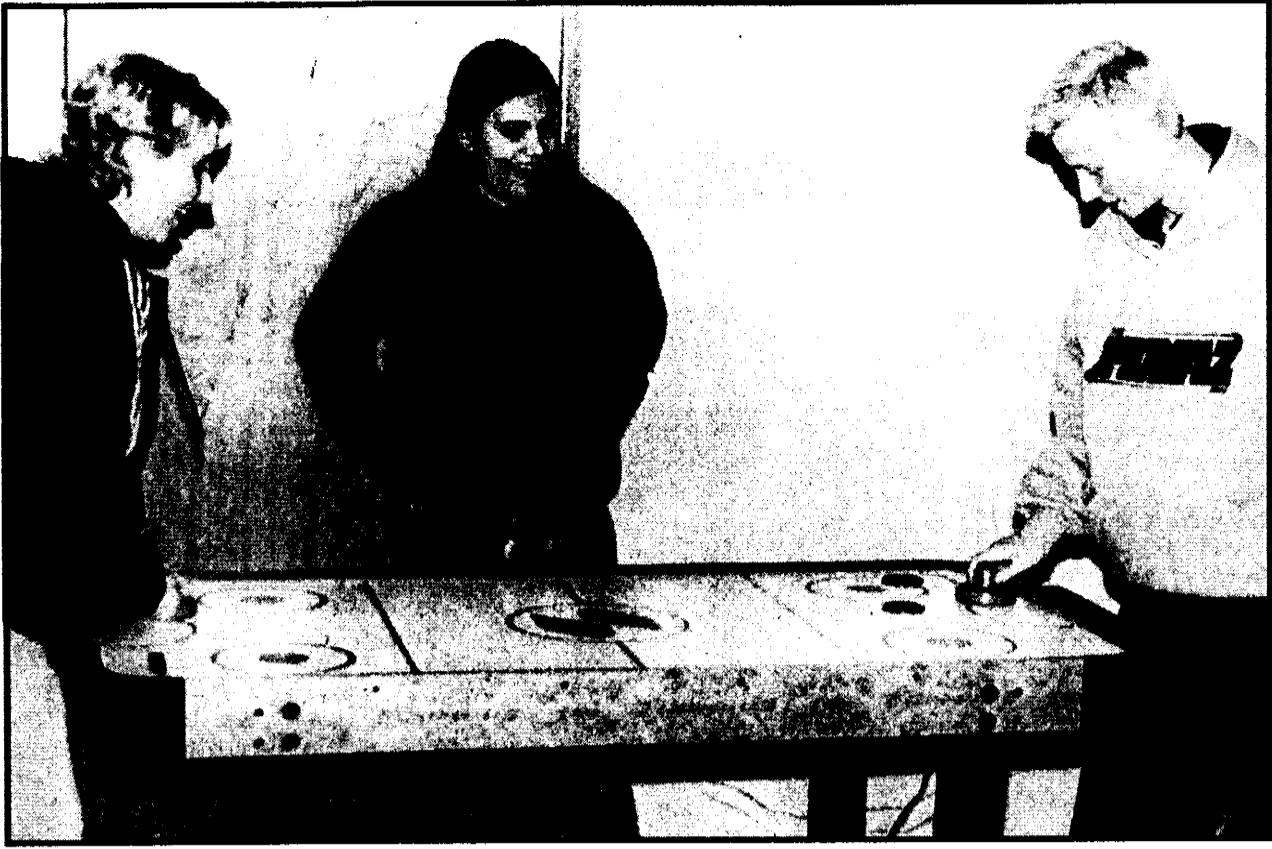
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BRAZILIAN EXCHANGE student Sandra Teixeira (center) enjoys a game of air hockey at the home of her host family with fellow exchange students Lauren Proudfoot of Australia (left) and Felix Behling of Germany.

## Brazilian exchange student Teen enjoying many “firsts” with Cass City host family

Sandra Teixeira only has 3 months of experience to draw on, but if her impression of Cass City so far is any indication, she'll take a lifetime of memories with her when she returns to her native Brazil next summer. And, she'll provide the Rotary Exchange Program with the kind of advertising money can't buy. "I love being an exchange student. I want to do this more times," the bubbly 17-year-old recently commented at the home of her first host family, David and Carol Knight. "I recommend it, no doubt, without thinking. "It's great because it's too different," added Teixeira, who hails from Marilia, Sao

Paulo, a city of some 200,000 people. "In Brazil we have building after building after building. We don't have the green fields. And the deer, we don't have the deer." The United States is famous for its big cities - New York, L.A., Washington, D.C. - and its industries, Teixeira continued, noting she didn't expect to find herself in a small town like Cass City, "where everybody knows everybody, and everybody will say 'hi' to you. I'm really happy that I found it." Teixeira's outgoing personality and warm smile have served her well at Cass City High School, where she's a senior. Her first impressions left

her a bit uncertain, and she missed the close relationships she has with friends at home. But, in time, she found her new classmates offering their friendship and help in an effort to make her feel more at home. "It's really good. Like, in Brazil, I didn't play sports, and I just finished basketball and now I'm going to play volleyball. I'm really excited," she said. "The girls

travel together and get together. It's nice." Teixeira, who is also active

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home. But, in time, she found her new classmates offering their friendship and help in an effort to make her feel more at home. "It's really good. Like, in Brazil, I didn't play sports, and I just finished basketball and now I'm going to play volleyball. I'm really excited," she said. "The girls

in Youth For Christ, explained there are a number of differences between Cass City High School and the private Catholic school she attends at home, where competitive sports are limited to physical education classes. Students are segregated according to grade, she added, and attend classes 200 days out of the year, Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Teixeira, who plans to attend college to study architecture, indicated she hasn't been disappointed with a lack of firsts in terms of new cultural experiences.

She's looking forward to her first Thanksgiving and has already enjoyed her first snowfall and her first Halloween. "I like the way the families get together and celebrate," she said. "In Brazil, only Christmas and Carnival are taken seriously. And Easter, too."

Language hasn't proven to be a big obstacle for Teixeira, who has studied the language for 6 years. In fact, she recalled recently sending an e-mail to a Brazilian friend who had some trouble understanding the note, written in English.

"Now I'm thinking in English, I'm dreaming in English," she said. "Now I have to think in English and translate in Portuguese."

Teixeira confided she's battled homesickness a little since her arrival in Michigan, but she hasn't let that stop her from enjoying every minute. "I don't want to go back until one year. I'm enjoying it," she said. "I want to know all the important places in the United States, and travel, and make friends."

Teixeira describes herself as being independent, but she says her exchange experience has made her even more able to deal with situations and different people on her own. "First of all, you have to believe in yourself," she said. "My father, he always wants me and my sisters to know how to be independent. Here, you have to do it yourself, so you have to make sure everything is okay."

She's quick to say her host family has been among the highlights of her visit so far. "It's normal. I consider them like my family now."

"I think it's the greatest 3 months I've spent in my life," Teixeira added. "You see that you have to do anything to deal with problems, and you can succeed."

## Ubly High School Honor Roll

The Ubly High School honor roll for the first marking period has been announced.

### 12TH GRADE

Dustin Aumann, Tiffany Badger, Nathan Bock, Jessica Bonnema, Stacey Brahmmer\*, Jonathan Brown, Jenni Butch\*, Carrie Dekoski, Andrew Duemling, Martin Gentner, Bradley Glaza, Michael Halifax, Stacey Helewski, Dan Hessling, Jeffrey Jaskowski, Alicia Jevahirian, Mackenzie Kerr, Aaron Kirsch, Andrea Kolar\*, David Kolar, Timothy Kramer, Katie Kubacki, Pamela Lackowski, Heather Langley\*, Danielle Lautner, Joel Leipprandt, Jeanna Link\*, Angela Main, Carol Maurer, Kyle Maurer, Bill McRae, Nicholas Messing, Remington Messing, Gina Morell, Heather Movish, Daniel O'Connor, Erin

Oberski, Andrea Osentoski, Todd Osentoski, Cheryl Pennington, Leslie Peters, Jessica Pollum, Elizabeth Prill, Nathan Prill\*, Brandon Romain, Scott Romzek, Megan Ruthko\*, Brenda Rutkowski, Brian Rutkowski, Cora Rutkowski, Christina Shepherd, Bobbie Sierzputowski, Scott Smalley, Mark Smith, Tony Stacer, Jennifer Susalla, Dennis Warchuck\*, Jeremy Warner, Sara Wasierski and Brian Wyrick.

### 11TH GRADE

Andrew Bismack, Kala Briolat, Erin Cleland\*, Amanda Czewski, Kelley Dekoski, Melissa Duncan, Katherine Eilers, Barry Essenmacher, Alayna Gentner, Shelda Guigar, Amanda Jurgess, Ashley Klee, Mitchell Lamke, Krista Leavine, Keith Longuski, Troy Macker, Ryan Marks,

Andrew Maurer, Crystal Messing, Mallori Messing, Michelle O'Berski, Joseph Partaka, Adam Peruski, Rachel Pettinger, Darcie Philp, Lesley Pionk\*, Carrie Pratt, Jackie Puvalowski\*, Kyle Recker\*, Christina Rieck, Laurie Sadro, Joshua Schumacher, Kelsey Smalley\*, Nathan Stomack, Deanne Sweeney\*, Coray Symonds, Lindsay Walleman, Matthew Walsh and Dawn Young.

### 10TH GRADE

Christopher Brown, Danielle Creguer, Eric Dekoski, Andrew Depcinski, Grant Farrelly, Joshua Fisher, Ryan Fisher, Gregory Gliniecki, Erica Helewski, Elisha Hylton, Traci Jackson, Marjo Jaroch, Adam Kain, LeAnn Kaweckki, Aaron Keyser, Ryan Klawon, Brian Klee\*, Steven Kolar, Zack Kulish, William Lackowski,

Kevin Laming, Kelly Link, Heather Main, Michelle Mausolf, Amanda Naeyaert, Gregory Peruski, Matthew Romain, Jason Rutkowski, Kevin Smalley, Brandon Smith, Amanda Sullivan, Jesse Walsh, Kyle Walsh\*, LeAnn Walsh, Melony Young and Jenna Zulauf\*.

### 9TH GRADE

Ashley Bonnema, Hannah Briolat\*, Heather Briolat, Jill Butch, Bailly Duemling\*, Eric Gentner, Nicole Halifax, Craig Helewski\*, Jeanette Johnson, Theresa Klee\*, Michelle Kolar, Colleen Kubacki\*, Jaclyn Kubacki, Tracy Laming, Amber Langley\*, Tyler Leipprandt, Kyle Lindquist, Aaron Maurer, Laura Maurer\*, Rachal Maurer\*, Justin Mausolf, Elizabeth Mellas, Shane O'Connor, Tanya Partaka, Heidi Peruski, Ryan J. Peruski, Erica Philp, Carrie Pichla\*, Melissa Pollum, Jamie Priemer, Laura Puvalowski, Karl Recker\*, Julie Roberts, Lisa Romzek, Rebecca Rumpitz, Lauren Ruthko, Justine Shields, Denise Smaglinski, Amber Smalley, Kayleigh Taylor, James Tibbets, Phillip Weber and Brandy Weltin.

\* denotes all A's.

## Pair face sentencing on charges

Two men were convicted on separate charges last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Franklin A. Schaudt, 41, Troy, pleaded guilty to a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm last December in Juniata Township, and to having 2 prior felony convictions.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$30,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

In a separate case, Andrew B. Clinger, 28, Mayville, was convicted of driving while his license was suspended or revoked, and impaired driving Jan. 21 in Mayville. A jury handed down the verdicts during a 3-day trial.

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# Cass City nipped in district cage championship, 51-46

The toughest part of the district championship game Friday was that one of the teams had to lose. It was a hard-fought game all the way and only a failed shot from 3-point range with less than 10 seconds on the clock kept the game from going into overtime.

The Harbor Beach Pirates held on for the close win, 51-46. The game was decided when a shot from the corner by Tessia Zawilinski to tie the game misfired. The rebound was picked off by Harbor Beach and Cari Mausolf scored an uncontested basket as time expired.

Shelia Wolschleger, with 21 points, led the Pirates to the

victory. She helped her team blunt every charge made by the Hawks with key baskets. In the first quarter she connected for a pair of hoops and 4 of 4 free throws as the Beachers jumped off to a 16-5 lead with 3 minutes left in the period.

Michelle Mosey, a senior, did her part in the quarter to keep the Pirate drive alive, scoring 8 of her 10 points in the first 8 minutes.

The Hawks bounced back from the slow start to close the gap, outscoring Harbor Beach 7-3 in the last 3 minutes before the half. In the surge Deidre Deering hit a trey and 2 of 2 free throws while Sara Homakie canned

a pair of hoops.

Early in the third period, Cass City made a determined effort to take the lead. Baskets by Holli Cooper and Deering moved the Hawks to within a point, 27-26. But timely perimeter outside shooting by Wolschleger blunted the rally. She netted a pair of treys and a deuce and the margin quickly stretched to 37-30. The Pirates entered the last quarter ahead by 7, 44-37.

Homakie was the top Hawk rebounder with 10. She also picked off 10 steals. Cooper had 8 boards. Coach John Maharg said that he was pleased with his team's defense, especially with

Homakie's defense of Tina Cook, who was limited to 8 points.

## USA DEFEATED

The Hawks moved into the finals of the district tournament with a 41-31 decision over the Patriots of USA.

In a slow moving first half

quarter. The half ended tied at 16-all and half of the Patriots' total came from the charity circle.

Neither team was able to take command in the third quarter. The score was tied, 18-18, at the 3:25 mark and again at 20-all with 2:31 left. At the end of the period Cass City was in front 23-22.

## A glimpse ahead

The competition between Harbor Beach and Cass City promises to be as close next season as it was this year, when the 2 games went to the wire before being decided. Both teams should be among the strongest in their league.

Harbor Beach graduates 5 seniors, but returning are Shelia and Kaylee Wolschleger, Nicki Booms and 6-foot Cecilia Mattsson, among others, leaving Coach Marilee Schock with no gaping holes to fill.

Cass City graduates just 4 seniors, one of whom is Sandy Teixeira, a foreign exchange student that joined the team just for the experience. Gone will be Holli Cooper, a tough rebounder for her size, Katie Hacker, an all-around performer, and Jaime Fluegge, an aggressive defender and ball handling guard.

Even with these losses, Cass City can field a team where the first 7 players were key players this season. Start with Sara Homakie, all-everything for the Hawks. She was the team's leading scorer, point guard and rebounder. Deidre Deering was an outside shooting threat that often required special defenses to stop and her quickness often helped put teeth in the pressing Cass City defense.

Also returning will be Lyndi Trischler, Elise Pasant, Tessia Zawilinski, Chelsee Zimba and Ashley Ouvry. All of these players improved markedly during their year on the varsity.

There are several players from the talented junior varsity that should challenge the returning veterans for playing time.

Dressed for the tournament from the JV were Becky Hartel, a play-making guard, Alissa Pasant, who will be on the squad with her sister, Elise, and Ljndsey Hendrick, 6-foot sophomore, the tallest player on next year's varsity team.

there appeared to be a lid on the basket for both teams. In the first 3 minutes of the game the only score was a free throw by USA.

It didn't get much better for the rest of the half. Cass City used its pressing defense to take the Patriots out of their game, but couldn't capitalize on several turnovers.

The Hawks also got into early foul trouble, moving into a one and one situation after just 4 minutes left to play. In the first 30 seconds of the second quarter the foul total reached 10 and the Patriots were in the automatic 2-shot for each foul range.

Fortunately for the Hawks, USA was not able to take full advantage. The Patriots made just 3 of 7 tries in the

Opening the final quarter, the Hawks staged a rally to take command of the game. Homakie scored a pair of free throws and a basket and Deering and Elise Pasant each added 2-pointers to put the Hawks ahead 32-22 before the Patriots broke the string with a basket at the 4:24 mark.

Cass City then cashed 4 of 5 charity tosses to push the lead to 12 points and ice the game. USA went stone cold, scoring just 2 points until there was a minute and a half left in the game.

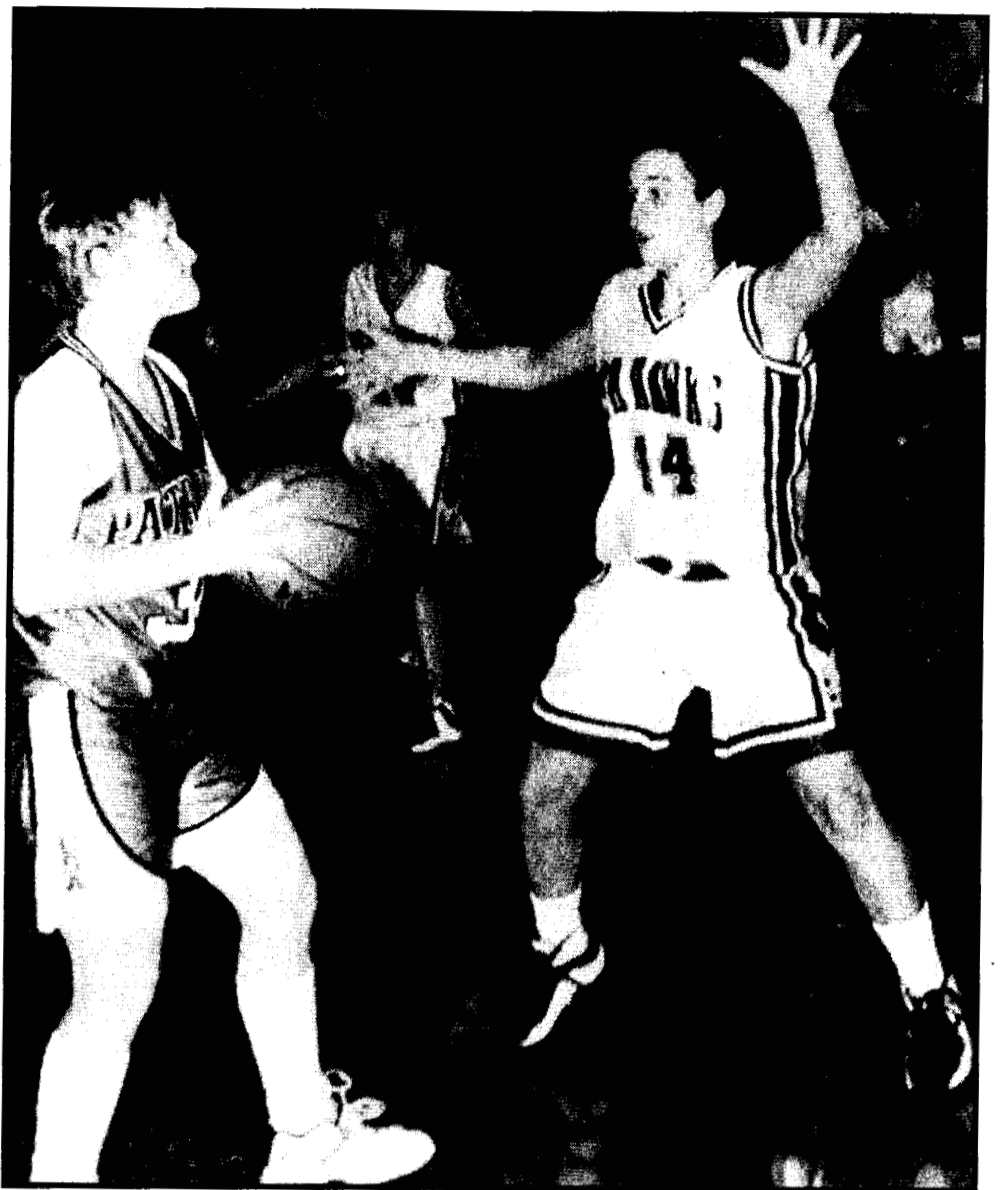
Deering, 15, and Homakie, 13, were in double figures for Cass City. Homakie and Cooper shared rebounding honors for the Hawks with 8 each.

**CASS CITY** - E. Pasant 2-0 (2-2) 6; Homakie 5-0 (3-5) 13; Cooper 1-0 (5-10) 7; Deering 5-1 (2-3) 15.  
**TOTALS** - 13-1 (12-21) 41.

**USA** - Kuhl 2-0 (1-3) 5; Ewald 1-0 (1-2) 3; Hornbacher 1-0 (2-2) 4; Gaeth 1-0 (4-8) 6; K. Sting 2-0 (0-0) 4; A. Sting 2-1 (2-3) 9.  
**TOTALS** - 9-1 (10-18) 31.

**CASS CITY** - Zawilinski 1-1 (2-2) 7; Homakie 6-0 (0-0) 12; Cooper 5-0 (0-2) 10; Deering 2-3 (2-2) 15; Ouvry 1-0 (0-0) 2.  
**TOTALS** - 15-4 (4-6) 46.

**HARBOR BEACH** - Mattsson 0-0 (1-2) 1; Booms 0-0 (2-4) 2; S. Wolschleger 4-3 (4-4) 21; Oparka 1-0 (0-2) 2; Cook 4-0 (0-0) 8; Mosey 3-1 (1-2) 10; Mausolf 2-1 (0-1) 7.  
**TOTALS** - 14-5 (8-15) 51.



**PRESSING DEFENSE**, being applied here by Chelsee Zimba, helped Cass City turn back the USA Patriots in a semifinal district match-up in Pigeon.



**CASS CITY'S Ashley Ouvry** collects a rebound Friday night in the district championship game, between 3 Harbor Beach defenders. The Hawks suffered a hard fought 51-46 defeat.

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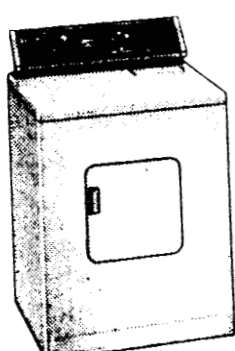
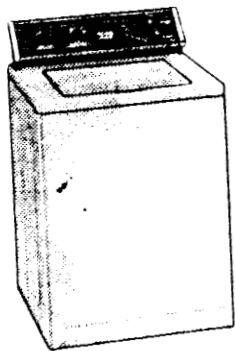
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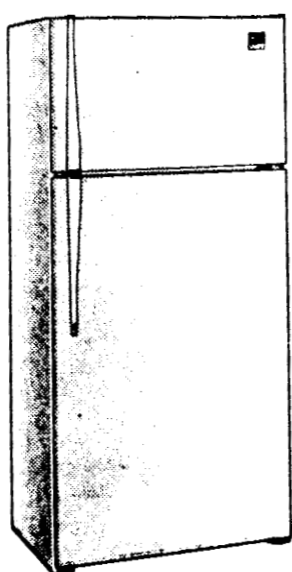
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# Kingston defeats Bulldogs in semis

Kingston ended the Owen-Gage Bulldog hoop season with a last half rally last Wednesday behind a career performance of Brianne Ross, who poured in 27 points in the Cardinals' 51-43 decision.

The Cardinals then went on

to capture the district crown with a 33-30 decision over North Huron.

Paced by Erin Salcido and Melissa Ziehm, the Dawgs jumped out in front, 27-22 at the half.

Salcido chipped in 3 hoops in each of the first 2 quarters

for 12 of her 17 team-high points for Owen-Gage. Helping with the first half surge was Melissa Ziehm, who scored a pair of hoops in the first period and then added 2 more and a 3-pointer in the second quarter for 11 of her 13 points for the night.

It was a different story in the last half. Ross, who caught fire in the second quarter with 10 points to keep Kingston on the heels of Owen-Gage, continued her torrid shooting in the third quarter with 2 hoops, a trey and 2 of 2 free throws.

The scoring outburst was enough to push the Cardinals into the lead going into the last quarter, 38-35. The Bulldogs stopped Ross with just 4 points in the crucial last period, but the Cardinal defense also stiffened, holding Owen-Gage to a single hoop by Ashley Adams before she fouled out. The Bulldogs also cashed in 6 of 8 free throws in the period.

Sarah Rayl helped preserve

the win for Kingston, scoring 6 of her 7 points in the last quarter.

The game marked the end of the distinguished careers of Salcido, Fritz and Ziehm. All are 3-year varsity veterans. Fritz was second team all-conference last year.

**OWEN-GAGE** - Ziehm 4-1 (2-6) 13; Rievert 1-0 (0-0) 2; Fritz 0-0 (2-3) 2; Adams 1-0 (3-4) 5; Zaleski 1-0 (2-4) 4; Salcido 8-0 (1-1) 17.  
**TOTALS - 15-1 (10-18) 43.**

**KINGSTON** - Ross 10-1 (4-4) 27; Jobson 2-0 (1-3) 5; Hill 1-0 (1-2) 3; Crane 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rayl 2-0 (3-8) 7; Przewinski 1-0 (3-6) 5.  
**TOTALS - 18-1 (12-23) 51.**

## Cass City Bowling Leagues

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(210-226-248), J. Krol 672 (222-267), D. Salcido 656 (211-276), J. Smithson 645 (216-237), G. Robinson 644 (212-229), B. Kupiec 634 (213-216), T. Pattingill 631 (223-231), R. Byrnes 630 (265), T. Davis 627 (211-215), M. Jackson 623 (216), R. Hull 604 (225), R. Wright 601 (217), M. Gettel 593 (223), D. White 592 (221), R. Salcido 591 (221), L. Schmitt 589 (211-220), Richard 587, K. Zawilinski 580, M. Frappart 578 (216), T. Kratz 232, M. Zawilinski 227, T. Kuck 214.

Hutchinson 221, P. Bauer 214, V. Humes 202.

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## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 658-2347



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson took Thelma Jackson to the Peppermill for supper Tuesday for her 86th birthday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Jerry Cleland visited Irene Kippen and Leila Siedel in Port Huron Monday.

Father T.J. Fleming, Doris Western, Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly were among a large group who attended the K of C fish fry in Bad Axe Friday evening. Rita Depcinski attended the Daughters of Isabella bazaar at the Bad Axe K of C Hall Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hoffman of Carsonville, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and Brian, Lana Puterbaugh and Klynn, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard, and Dan Gibbard attended a birthday party for Greg and Heather Moore at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore and family Saturday evening.

Ron Wolschlager, Doris Western, Ilene Franzel and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at the Huron County Medical Care Facility Monday evening.

Rita Depcinski attended the funeral of Elaine Virgo at Bad Axe Free Methodist Church Tuesday morning. Bryce and Betty Hagen attended the Veterans Celebration of Freedom at Bad Axe, where balloons were released behind the court house Friday afternoon.

Randy and Karen Rutkowski, Mrs. Dale Laming and Mrs. Allen Depcinski met at Wendy's in Bad Axe for lunch Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Marchand of Waterford, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Doerr of Cass City, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker and Thelma Jackson met at Wendy's in Bad Axe Tuesday for lunch for Thelma's 86th birthday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Saturday lunch guest of Mrs. Hiram Keyser.

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

Rita and Ray Depcinski attended the K of C fish fry in Bad Axe Friday evening.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford, Bill and Alex

Cleland and Graham Griffen of Walled Lake, and Don Cramer of Appleton, Wis., spent several days deer hunting at the home of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming. Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walsh.

Rita Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe. Jim and Kay Sweeney spent the weekend with Pat and Sally Bell, Lauren and Katelynn at Cheboygan. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland, Ryerson Puterbaugh and Alex Cherniawski were Thursday supper guests of Lana Puterbaugh and Klynn.

Ten members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Plaza in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet in 2 weeks at Big Boy in Bad Axe.

### EUCHRE CLUB

Three tables of cards were played when the Euchre Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Laming Saturday afternoon. High prizes were won by Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer and Ronnie Gracey. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Arnold LaPeer and Mrs. Martin Sweeney. Mrs. Jerry Decker won the traveling prize.

The next party will be the Christmas party Dec. 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gracey with a potluck dinner at noon.

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Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming spent from Thursday till Saturday afternoon with Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford.

Ed Schember of Elkton, Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Allen Farrelly and Ron Wolschlager met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Friday morning. Rita Depcinski visited Lois Wolschlager at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe Sunday.

George Barber of Royal Oak spent the weekend and Lloyd Barber of Royal Oak was a Tuesday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Gibbard.

Evelyn Miller, Rita Powell and Thelma Jackson were Wednesday lunch guests of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Ron Wolschlager and Allen Farrelly had lunch at the Cass City Stockyards restaurant Tuesday.

Bryce and Betty Hagen and Ben Meske visited Donelda Meske at the Harbor Beach Long Term Care facility Sunday.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford got a 10-point, 210-pound deer near Holbrook Thursday.

Friends of the Library present...

## Holiday home tour Dec. 2

The Friends of the Library will present their annual Christmas Town Home Tour in Cass City Saturday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 5 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Rawson Memorial Library. Homes featured in this year's tour are:

\*Dave and Tina Hoard, 3637 N. Cemetery Rd. - One of the special features of this home, built with the help of family and friends, is that the floors, ceilings, mantle, doors, molding and 4 porch posts were all made from trees cut by Tina's dad. Dave made the doors and some of the furniture. The railing was made from cedar posts from Hillman, and Dave built the log bed from leftover posts.

\*Doris and Gary Jones, 6809 Herron Dr. - This ranch style home was built in 1973. The exterior of the home is vertical cedar board and batten with brick trim. The interior of the home features a step-down family room with cathedral ceiling and oak floor. The cherry mantle came from the David Matthews farm (Doris' father) near Shabbona. Many pieces of furniture in the home are either antique or made by Gary.

\*Richard and Norma Wallace, 4693 Seeger St. - This is a Cape Cod style home built in 1938 by Ivan Niergarth, former Cass City School superintendent. From 1943 to 1948, the home was owned by Dr. B. H. and Lucy Starman and family until they had a trade

agreement with Mrs. Ed Pinney, 4410 S. Seeger, who lived there until her death in 1969. The Wallaces, who purchased the home in 1969, have done some remodeling but have tried to maintain the original look of the house.

\*David and Barbara McComb, 4721 Seeger St. - This home was built during World War I by Andrew and Mary Christian Seeger. The McCombs purchased the residence in 1985 and remodeled the exterior. The interior has natural woodwork and is decorated throughout with lighthouses and nautical pieces. Barb's Christmas village sits on the built-in window seat during the holiday season. A 3-story barn behind the home was used by owners and beekeepers, Herman and Ida Crothers. Some of the honey crates are still inside the structure.

\*Lyle and Heather Severance, 6388 Chestnut Blvd. -

This colonial home was built in 1988 and features a large living room with a fireplace and a Christmas village. The den on the first floor caters to the outdoorsman and displays a miniature tractor collection. Upstairs, visitors will find a Walt Disney World 25th Anniversary Collector's Plate Series, as well as 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, each decorated with a unique theme.

\*Rick and Melva Coleman, 4913 Linda Lane - This home was built in 1995. Dave Asher was the original owner of the residence, which sits on a hill overlooking the countryside. The home is a white Cape Cod with a large wrap around porch. The interior has an open living area and features a sun porch with French doors, hardwood floors and fine woodwork and railings.

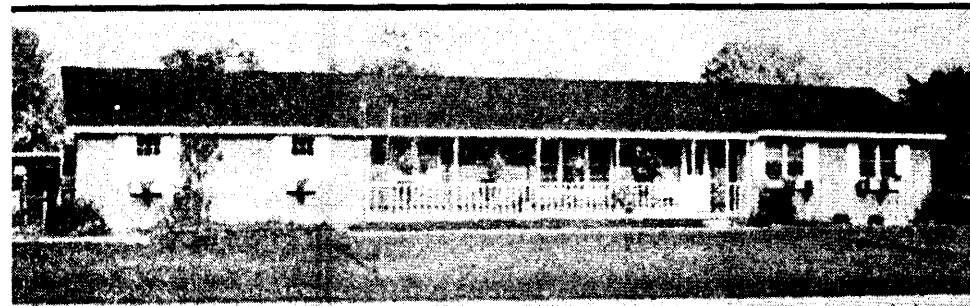
Those planning to participate in the tour may visit the homes in any order, but tick-

ets must be presented at each home.

Organizers note that children under the age of 12 years, and pets are not allowed. Shoes should be removed at each home entrance (a bag will be provided to carry shoes). Participants are urged to wear or bring non-slip socks. Eating, drinking and smoking are not allowed, nor are interior photographs.

Ticket information is available by calling Rawson Memorial Library at 872-2856. All ticket holders are invited to a tea in the Pinney Room at the library from 1 to 6 p.m.

The Friends of the Library, founded in 1991, is a group active in fundraising for Rawson Memorial Library. Members of the organization also do volunteer work at the library. The group meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the library, and new members are always welcome.



THE DORIS and Gary Jones residence, 6809 Herron Dr., is among 6 homes featured on the Friends of the Library's annual Christmas Town Home Tour in Cass City. The tour is slated for Saturday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 5 p.m.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday, November 22

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

### Thursday, November 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

### Friday, November 24

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 1-800-267-5692.

### Monday, November 27

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Deford. Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.

Cass City Village council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

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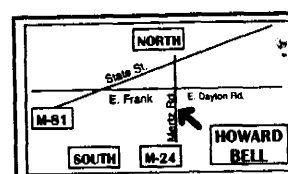
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Mel Koelling, Michigan State University Extension forestry specialist, reviewed numerous national studies for an article in the American Christmas Tree Journal

in 1998. That review showed that natural Christmas trees were the first item ignited in only .11 of a percent of residential fires, according to National Fire Protection Association statistics.

"This is equivalent to one in every 892 house fires," he observes. "To put that in perspective, consider that cooking fires account for one in

every 4.5 fires, smoking for one in 19 and children playing with matches for one in 20."

In fires involving Christmas trees, electrical problems — faulty lights, shorted circuit, faulty extension cord, etc. — were the leading cause, accounting for more than 23 percent of residential Christmas tree-related fires. Placing the tree too close to a heat source was the second most common cause of ignition (11.4 percent), Koelling reports.

"As footage of this year's forest fires indicate so eloquently, a living, growing tree can certainly ignite and burn," he acknowledges. "But the heat generated by a raging wildfire and the winds it creates are circumstances encountered nowhere else. In the home, a few simple precautions to keep a natural tree from drying out greatly reduce the potential for ignition."

Buying a tree that isn't already dried out is a good start, he advises. When looking at cut trees, bend a few needles. If they snap, they are dry. If they bend and spring back, the tree still contains much of the moisture that it contained at harvest.

Cutting your own tree, if you can, is a good way to assure a fresh-cut tree.

"Whether you cut a tree yourself or buy one already cut, it's important to make a fresh cut across the butt of the trunk when you get the tree home and set it immediately in a container of water," Koelling says. "Studies have shown that trees that have lost a great deal of moisture will rehydrate and remain fresh and safe during the holiday season if their bases are cut and they're displayed in a water-filled stand. The moisture content may return to or even exceed the level in the tree at harvest."

Trees displayed without water will dry out quickly, he notes. In 4 days in the typical warm temperatures and low humidity levels of most homes in winter, a tree may lose as much moisture as in 6 1/2 weeks of outdoor storage after harvest.

A one-fourth-inch slice off the butt of the tree is enough to promote good water absorption, Koelling says. After that, frequent filling of the container so that the water level in the stand stays above the bottom of the trunk is all that's necessary to keep the tree from drying out.

"The bottom line of the various studies done on Christmas tree flammability are clear: a tree with a fresh-cut base that's kept supplied with water will not dry out rapidly and therefore does not pose a significant fire hazard," he sums up.

In fact, studies of trees harvested in the fall and recut and displayed the following April showed that such trees were not readily ignited even by direct flame from a match or a lighter, a sustained electric arc or an overheated electric wire. When a blowtorch was applied for 2 1/2 minutes, the trees self-extinguished within 5 seconds of removal of the flame from the foliage. When 4 sheets of newspaper were crumpled and stuffed inside a tree and ignited, the dry needles inside the tree burned for 94 seconds and then self-extinguished.

The investigators concluded that fresh Christmas trees are very resistant to ignition because of their high foliar moisture content.



SHABBONA U-M Church workers who labor each year on the church's apple pie fundraiser were treated to a gingerbread house party Saturday. Young adults in the church prepared and assembled the houses, and the workers enjoyed decorating them during what has become an annual "Pamper the Pie Workers" event. The workers earlier this year prepared and sold a new record 2,300 pies and crusts.

## Farm surveys on tap in state

As farmers finish harvest, corn and soybean crops, the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service will conduct 3 major surveys.

To get the final story on the 2000 crops, about 9,500 Michigan farmers will be contacted on the 2000 Farm Report. Nearly 1,500 will be asked to complete the December Agricultural Survey; 270 more will be contacted on the December Hog Report.

These surveys will provide the data necessary for establishing final 2000 crop acreage, yield, and production estimates and 2001 winter wheat and rye seedings. They will also provide current information on grain stocks, chicken inventory, hog inventory and farrowings.

Most selected farmers will receive a questionnaire in the mail. Some will be contacted by telephone or interviewed in person. Producers receiving either the December Agricultural Survey, December Hog Report, or Farm Report in the mail are encouraged to complete and return it promptly. This will eliminate the need for telephone or personal follow-up, thus keeping survey costs to a minimum.

Individual reports from farmers are kept confidential and only summarized to set county, state, and national estimates of crop production and livestock inventories.

Published estimates from these surveys will keep everyone equally informed. Users of these statistics include farmers and farm organizations, food processors, farm supply firms, exporters, foreign and domestic customers, transportation firms, and government agencies that manage farm programs and set farm policy.

The Hogs and Pigs report based on the December Hog survey will be released Dec. 28. The Crop Production, Grain Stocks, and Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings reports based on the December Agricultural Survey will be released Jan. 11, 2001. County level estimates based on data from these surveys will become available in the Spring of 2001.

If you have any questions about the surveys or releases, contact the Michigan Agricultural Statistical Service at 1-800-453-7501.

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## Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

### 5 YEARS AGO

Leah Redman, 24, a native of Deckerville, is the new police officer in Cass City. Vern McConnell, just 14 weeks shy of his 100th birthday, bagged a nice 8-point buck Thursday.

Exchange student Eduardo Almada has gotten a taste of farm life, courtesy of the Carl and Darlene Russell family, the first of 3 families that will host the 18-year-old during his stay in Cass City. He arrived 2 1/2 months ago from his native La Paz, Mexico, a city of some 100,000 people.

Andrew Donnelly, 89, of Cass City, was walking west-bound on South Alley, between Leach and Brooker streets, when a dark blue car operated by a white male backed up and struck him, knocking him over. He was treated at Hills and Dales General Hospital for bruises and a laceration to his left elbow.

Dick Wallace was feted by Chemical Bank Bay Area officials and board members last Wednesday, his last day as vice-president. The Cass City native retired after a dozen years with the bank.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Owen "Sonny" Quinn had climbed a tree in a woods near his home Sunday to locate the best place to build a deer blind, when he fell. He suffered a broken back, which later required 11 hours of surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital, where he was to have been placed in a body cast Tuesday.

Despite rainy, cold weather, Santa and Mrs. Claus and their elves arrived in Cass City Friday with plenty of holiday spirit and candy to help kick off the Christmas season.

Poachers are creating a problem for land owners in the deer-rich area west of M-53 and about a quarter mile north of M-81. They have property owners in the area up in arms. Tom Ponder and his neighboring land owners, Ed Hunsinger of Imlay City and the 10-Point Hunting Club, say about a dozen deer in a 250-acre area have been found rotting in the woods.

Sixteen youths from the Cass City, Caro and Mayville areas will represent the Sally Doerr Dance Studio, Cass City, in a dance competition in Dearborn next month.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Temperatures have been in the high 60s so far this week.

Brad Goslin, 18, of rural Gageton, is home and on the mend after spending 139 days in a Bay City hospital with injuries sustained in a grinding single-car crash last June. He received a badly broken left leg and a dislocated right leg and hip. Goslin is now getting around on crutches, which he will need for another month or so.

An Uby area woman reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) Friday night. She and her family watched the object hover in the northern sky over their home for 15 or 20 minutes.

The first buck reported to the Chronicle was a 10-point beauty shot by Wayne Wood of Cass City, west of town. It was his first deer in 3 years of hunting.

The Cass City Rotary Club held a special ladies' night Tuesday, highlighted by an appearance of the Don Borgs, who sang several selections, and recognition of the families participating in the International Youth Exchange program. Master of Ceremonies Tom Proctor

told the group of the exchange program and Cass City's role in it.

### 35 YEARS AGO

Last June, Adolf Sattelberg of Gageton was bitten by insects while on a 2-month trip to the west coast. The bites poisoned his system and set off a chain reaction of various ailments that have almost turned the active 75-year-old into an invalid.

John Churchill, 22, Deford, was severely injured Monday morning when his car left the road and turned over on Krapf Road, a half-mile north of Elmwood Road.

The Rotary Rascals defeated the Limping Lions 22-6 in the first annual Charity Bowl, held at the Recreation Park Thursday night.

Jim Knoblet, a freshman at Albion College, was one of 42 players to earn a major letter on the 1965 Albion College championship football team. Knoblet graduated from Cass City High School in 1965.

Playing at the Cass Theatre Friday, Saturday and Sunday is "Love? Kisses!" starring Rick Nelson. The Saturday matinee is "Hey There, It's Yogi Bear."

### Hilker speaker

Dr. Jim Hilker, MSU Agricultural Economic Department, will be one of the featured speakers at Thumb Ag Day to be held Dec. 5 at Uby Heights, Uby.

Doors will be open at 8:30 a.m. to view exhibits. Beginning at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Hilker will discuss the current and future market outlook for farm commodities.

Other educational programs will include: Added Value Update at 9:30 a.m. and Pesticide Handling with 2 RUP credits starting at 12:30 p.m. Participants will also be able to visit with over 75 exhibitors beginning at 8:30 a.m. and lasting to 3:30 p.m.

Admission is free. However, lunch tickets may be purchased at the door. Thumb Ag Day is sponsored by MSU Extension in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties and GreenStone Farm Credit Services.

## Legal Notices

BRANDSOFER & RUSSELL IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by DENNIS TIETJENS and MELISSA N. TIETJENS, husband and wife to TANDEN NATIONAL MORTGAGE, INC., a Utah Corporation 6955 Union Park Center #100, Midvale, UT 84047, dated January 21, 1999, and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on January 28, 1999, in Liber 761 at Page 674. Said mortgage was assigned to LASALLE NATIONAL BANK, as trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated 2/1/99, Series 1999-1, 135 LaSalle St., Suite 200, Chicago, IL, by meane assignments dated February 22, 1999 and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on September 5, 2000 in Liber 809 at Page 1281. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest, at the rate of 13.000% adjustable per annum on said mortgage the sum of EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE AND 48/100 DOLLARS (\$89,009.48). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2001.

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

Lot 6, Block 26 of the Plat of North's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Pages 21A, Tuscola County Records.

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.

The premises covered by said mortgage is situated in the Village of Cass City, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and more fully described as:

COMMENCING AT THE SW CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 4 OF THE PLAT OF ALES ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 6A, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF ALE STREET, 470.5 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE S ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF ALE STREET 84 FT; THENCE E 132 FT; THENCE N PARALLEL TO THE E LINE OF ALE STREET 84 FT; THENCE W 132 FT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 34, T14N, R11E, ITEM NO. 79-035-034-000-4400-00

LASALLE NATIONAL BANK, as Trustee Assignee of Mortgage.

Dated: October 25, 2000

Walter J. Russell (P19781) BRANDSOFER & RUSSELL 161 Ottawa Ave., NW, Suite 411-S Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-8422

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amy L. Allen, a single woman (original mortgagors) to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 1999, and recorded on December 15, 1999, in Liber 790, on Page 997, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Chase Manhattan, Assignee by an assignment dated December 15, 1999, which was recorded on January 4, 2000, in Liber 791, on Page 1441, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 9/100 DOLLARS (\$48,297.91), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2001.

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

Lot 6, Block 26 of the Plat of North's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Pages 21A, Tuscola County Records.

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: November 8, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1306  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200024001

Stallions

11-8-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Azarovitz and Dawn Azarovitz, his wife (original mortgagors) to Resource One Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1999, and recorded on July 8, 1999 in Liber 776, on Page 230, Tuscola County records, Michigan, and was assigned by meane assignments to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for Soundview Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-1, Assigned by an assignment dated August 10, 2000, which was recorded on September 5, 2000, in Liber 809, on Page 1285, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND THIRTY-EIGHT AND 64/100 DOLLARS (\$74,038.64), including interest at 11.490% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 5, 2001.

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

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 11 East, Township of Koylton, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South Section line that is East 426.00 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 32; thence continuing East 583.00 feet; thence North 372.80 feet; thence West 583.00 feet; thence South 372.80 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: November 22, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1306  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200015558

Mustangs

11-22-5

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin W. Comer Sr., a Married Man And Corliss J. Comer, His Wife who joins in The Execution Of This Mortgage Solely To Subject Her Homestead And Dower Interest to the Lien of This Mortgage, to Royal Mortgage, mortgagee, dated May 14, 1998 and recorded August 11, 1998 in Liber 747, Page 617, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Indenture Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-6 under the Sale and Servicing Agreement dated as of September 1, 1998 by assignment dated September 7, 2000 and recorded on October 18, 2000 in Liber 813, Page 766, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and 80/100 DOLLARS (\$54,880.80) including interest at the rate of 12.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, 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 December 22, 2000.

File No. 202.0027

11-8-5

10:00 a.m. on December 15, 2000.

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

Lot 6 of Matheson's Addition to the Village of Tuscola, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Deed Liber 15, Page 566, Tuscola County Records.

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: November 1, 2000

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Indenture Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-6 under the Sale and Servicing Agreement dated as of September 1, 1998  
As Assignee  
2501 Rochester Court  
Troy, MI 48063  
(248) 457-1000  
File # 193.0588

11-1-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CRAIG A. VOLLMAR, A SINGLE MAN to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION U.S. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT mortgagee, dated April 29, 1993, and recorded on April 30, 1993, in Liber 640, on page 075, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty thousand three hundred sixty five and 84/100 Dollars (\$60,365.84), including interest at 7.750% 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 11:00 AM on December 15, 2000.

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

LOT 6, BLOCK 1 OF AGAR SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 86, NOW BEING PAGE 36B.

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: November 8, 2000

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

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11-8-5

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle M. Masko and Michael M. Masko, Wife And Husband, to Mortgage America, Inc., mortgagee, dated November 29, 1996 and recorded December 13, 1996 in Liber 702, Page 853, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-1 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of January 1, 1997 by assignment dated September 8, 2000 and recorded on October 18, 2000 in Liber 813, Page 763, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-One Thousand One and 89/100 Dollars (\$91,001.89) including interest at the rate of 12.7% 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, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 15, 2000.

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

Commencing at a point 1094 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 5, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence East 200 feet; thence North 235 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence South 235 feet to the point of beginning.

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: November 1, 2000

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-1 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of January 1, 1997, as Assignee.  
2501 Rochester Court  
Troy, MI 48063  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 193.0052

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Hall and Carla Hall, Husband and Wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage America (IMC), Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 30, 1998, and recorded on August 14, 1998 in Liber 747, on Page 1306, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by meane assignments to The Chase Manhattan Bank as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2000, among Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC, Asset Backed Funding Corporation, Litton Loan Servicing LP and The Chase Manhattan Bank, C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2000-CB2, without recourse, Assignee by an assignment dated April 25, 2000, which was recorded on October 13, 2000, in Liber 812, on Page 1401, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE AND 44/100 DOLLARS (\$69,245.44), including interest at 9.500% 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 December 8, 2000.

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

Commencing at a point that is 275 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 3, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Tuscola County, Michigan, thence West 208.75 feet; thence South 208.75 feet; thence East 208.75 feet; thence North 208.75 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick Lohm a married man and Michelle Lohm his wife (original mortgagors) to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., f/k/a Norwest Mortgage Inc., d/b/a Directors Acceptance Mortgage, dated August 31, 1999 and recorded on September 7, 1999 in Liber 781, on Page 476, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND 92/100 DOLLARS (\$76,148.92), including interest at 11.000% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 9/1 and 3/1 of each year.

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 December 15, 2000.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 13, Block 4 of Morse's Addition to Village (now City) of Vassar; thence East 136.00 feet; thence South 50.00 feet; thence West 136.00 feet; thence North 50.00 feet to the place of beginning, City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East.

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

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## Fewer signatures needed

# Bill allows more people to run for school board

More people will be able to throw their hat into school board seat races in Michigan's smallest school districts under legislation the House recently approved, according to state Rep. Mike Green.

"Extremely small school districts have a difficult time fielding more than one or two board candidates in a race because they can't get the required number of signatures on their petitions," said Green, R-Mayville. "For example, in Huron County there are half a dozen or so one-room schoolhouses teaching 16 to 30 students, and when each person needs 20 signatures to run, it doesn't leave potential candidates many places to turn for supporters."

"Lowering the number of signatures needed will allow more people to take part in

the election process."

House Bill 5039, sponsored by Green, would require school board candidates in districts where there are 150 voters or fewer to have 10 signatures on their nominating petitions.

Current state law requires

## School offering master's degree in Caro, Peck

Thumb residents have the opportunity to earn a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Educational Leadership from Saginaw Valley State University. Courses are being offered via distance learning at the Sanilac Career Center in Peck and the Tuscola Intermediate School District in Caro.

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hour degree with specialization available in 4 areas: educational leadership, principalship, chief school business official, and superintendency. A complete program description can be found on the web at [www.svsu.edu/gradadm/edu/med](http://www.svsu.edu/gradadm/edu/med).

Personnel Administration, EDL 551, is offered for the winter semester 2001. Jerry Baker, SVSU associate professor of educational leadership and services, will teach the class from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays. Winter classes begin Monday, Jan. 8.

For spring 2001 semester, students may enroll in Law School, EDL 553, with Paul Novak, SVSU professor of educational leadership and services. The time and date of this class are not yet determined. Spring classes begin Monday, May 14.

## Neil Bennett

Neil E. Bennett, 90, of Caro, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000, at his residence.

He was born March 2, 1910, in Kingston, and was a lifelong Tuscola County resident.

Bennett was a 1930 graduate of Caro High School. He married the former Irene Susko Oct. 26, 1942, in Bay City. She died Oct. 20, 1993.

Until retirement, he had been a self-employed Almer Township farmer, was a Farm Bureau member, served as a 4-H leader and on the Humes School board until the consolidation of the county schools. He attended the First Baptist Church in Caro.

He is survived by 4 sons and spouses, Gail and Virginia Bennett of Caro, Gary and Sue Bennett of Columbiaville, Gerald and Dana Bennett of Gagetown and Gevin Bennett of Portland, Ore.; 8 grandchildren; one great-grandson; one brother and 3 sisters, Amos Bennett of Homestead, Fla., Ruth Shear of Saginaw, Ruby Barrow of Northville and Rita Wilson of Grand Rapids; one sister-in-law, Marjorie Bennett of Mayville, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Ivan Bennett in 1991 and Douglas Bennett in 1979.

Funeral services were

scheduled at Collon Funeral Home, Tuesday, Nov. 21, with Pastor Ronald Wigand officiating.

Cremation was to take place following the service.

Memorials may be made to Caro Community Hospital Endowment Foundation or Heartland Hospice.

## Mary Brack

Mary R. Brack, 86, of Leesburg, Fla., died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2000.

She was born in St. Marys, W. Va. She lived in Cass City with her husband, Philip, from 1947 until they moved to central Florida in 1980.

She is survived by her husband, Philip H. Brack of Leesburg; a stepson, Thurston J. Brack of Stanwood; a sister, Glenda Barr of Akron, Ohio, and nieces, Sue and Rhonda. A memorial service was held Thursday, Oct. 26.

Interment took place at Florida National Cemetery near Bushnell, Fla.

## Act sets reporting system

The Dairy Market Enhancement Act of 2000 passed both chambers of the U.S. Congress Oct. 25 by unanimous consent.

The legislation, introduced by Rep. Nick Smith (R-Addison), establishes a reporting system for manufactured dairy products, requires independent verification for price reporting, and ensures compliance with reporting and verification requirements.

"Recent reporting errors have highlighted the need to make reporting of dairy products mandatory, verifiable and enforceable," Smith said. "While I recognize that this legislation will not solve the problem of low milk prices, it will go a long way toward assuring an accurate federal order price and stabilizing month-to-month fluctuations for farmers."

The bill, which is expected to be signed by President Clinton, allows the secretary of agriculture to require that reporting companies make records available for audit. Fines for violation of requirements for accurate and timely reports include civil fines of up to \$20,000, and requires confidentiality from each reporting company.

## In remembrance

# TCF to light candles

As an act of loving remembrance, members of the Thumb Area chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF), an international self-help support group for families grieving the death of a child, will join tens of thousands of people worldwide in lighting candles at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

While no formal ceremony is planned locally, members will light their candles individually, and with friends and family in their homes. The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting is an annual event where persons around the globe, united in the loss of a child, light candles for one hour the second Sunday in December.

Candles are first lit in New Zealand at 7 p.m., local time. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are then lit in the next. This creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as the observance continues around the world.

"While this is a global event, it all starts at the local level as members of TCF chapters observe this special day, whether alone, with friends and family, or in an organized candle lighting ceremony," says TCF Interim Executive Director Pat Loder. "Our hope is that through this combined act, people will realize that they are not alone and that their child, grandchild, or sibling is remembered during the difficult holiday season. We invite all people to join in this moving tribute."

With the theme "...that their light may always shine," the event is now in its 4th year, with each observance larger than the last. On the Internet, the national TCF Web site will host extended chat room

hours and a message board for families to share their experiences throughout the day and post tributes.

The candle lighting coincides with National Children's Memorial Day. At the request of The Compassionate Friends, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed unanimous resolutions proclaiming Dec. 10 National Children's Memorial Day.

To contact the Thumb Area chapter of The Compassionate Friends, call Scott Mills, 665-2401. For more information about the national organization and locations of its nearly 600 chapters nationwide, call toll free 877-969-0010 or visit the TCF Web site at [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org). The Compassionate Friends is located in 25 countries worldwide.

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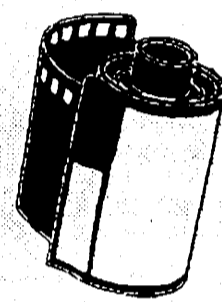
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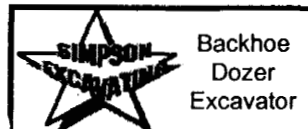
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# 1.5 million expected to travel during Thanksgiving holiday

An estimated 1.5 million Michiganians - 16 percent of the population - will travel during the 2000 Thanksgiving holiday period, the same number as last year. According to a AAA Michigan Auto Club survey, 73 percent of all travelers will drive to their final destination. Of those travelling, most are planning to go outside of Michigan (67 percent). The most common destination in the Lower Peninsula is the Southeast region (35 percent), followed by the Southwest (20 percent).

Fifty-nine percent of travelers intend to stay with relatives during their journey, and 23 percent will stay at a

hotel, motel or resort. The average trip will last 5 days at an average cost of \$600. Thanksgiving weekend is one of the busiest travel periods of the year, says AAA, prompting heavier-than-normal traffic volumes and higher airfares.

Nationwide, a record 38.9 million Americans plan a Thanksgiving holiday getaway of 100 miles or more from home, according to AAA. Thanksgiving travel is expected to be up 4 percent over the 37.4 million people who took a trip a year ago.

"Air travelers without reservations for the holiday will need to be more flexible than usual," says Larry Dickens,

director of Vendor Relations and Travel Support for AAA Michigan. "Fares have risen an average of 13 percent in the last year."

A survey by AAA Travel of round trip leisure airfares in 20 major U.S. destinations shows prices have increased in 14 of those markets. The largest increases were reported in the following roundtrip routes: St. Louis-Washington (up 209 percent); San Francisco-Los Angeles (up 69 percent), and Philadelphia-Miami (up 44 percent). Biggest decreases were reported in these routes: Philadelphia-Seattle (down 29 percent), and Denver-Boston (down 26 percent).

Dickens advises that most airlines have set blackout dates and travelers can expect to pay a premium for those heavily traveled days. Peak travel dates include Tuesday, Nov. 21; Wednesday, Nov. 22; Sunday, Nov. 26, and Monday, Nov. 27.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport handles as many as 105,000 persons per day on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and 110,000 the Sunday following. This represents a substantial in-

crease from the normal traffic pattern of 80,000 daily passengers. AAA recommends arriving at the airport at least 2 hours before domestic flights and 3 hours before international flights.

The 102-hour Thanksgiving Day holiday (6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, to midnight Sunday, Nov. 26) is traditionally a time for family travel. But the holiday also falls at the end of the firearm deer hunting season, which means hunters will take advantage of the long holiday weekend.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), during the 16-day firearm deer season (Nov. 15-30), nearly 750,000 hunters will spend 10s of millions of hours hunting white-tailed deer.

A large deer herd, combined with large numbers of cars on the road, creates a high probability for collisions. In 1999, 67,669 deer-vehicle crashes were reported. Six people were killed as a result of these crashes.

Michigan motorists will find gasoline plentiful during the holiday weekend, paying

an average 32 cents more per gallon than last year at this time. The statewide average for self-serve, no-lead regular (as of Nov. 13) is \$1.604 per gallon.

During the 1999 Thanksgiving holiday period, 22 persons died in 20 fatal crashes on Michigan roads, compared with 22 deaths in 1998. Restraints were not used by 10 (or 53 percent) of the 19 victims who had them available. Nine, or 45 percent of the fatal crashes, were alcohol- or drug-related.

## Hold the line on fat, calories

If you spend your life in the fast food lane, consuming a steady diet of burgers, fries, burritos and milkshakes, it can be difficult to hold the line on calories and fats. But it can be done. The secret is to make tradeoffs. Drink orange juice instead of pop. Avoid mayonnaise, cheese, bacon and sour cream. And choose nutritious, fiber rich vegetables at the salad bar.

## Winter Car Care 2000 Driving Tips

### \* CLEAR SNOW AND ICE FROM CAR.

To improve visibility, remove all snow and ice from your hood, roof, trunk, turn signals, tail lights, headlights.

### \* GO SLOW IN THE SNOW.

Posted speed limits are set for ideal road and weather conditions. Slow down when visibility and road conditions are impaired.

**\* BRAKING TECHNIQUES.** Use "threshold" or "squeeze" braking when driving a car without anti-lock brakes. Apply the brakes to a point just short of lock-up, then ease off the brake pedal slightly. For vehicles with anti-lock brakes, continuous, firm braking is necessary.

**\* ANTICIPATE DANGER.** Be ready for ice on bridges, hidden lane markings, stalled cars and poor visibility. Adjust your speed, increase following distance between vehicles.

**\* PUT THE LID ON SKIDS.** Ease off the accelerator and don't lock up the brakes. Carefully steer in the direction you want your vehicle to go and straighten the wheel as soon as the car begins to go in the desired direction.



## Kick off to Christmas

Friday - Saturday - Sunday 12-4



**20% off Everything**

- All - dresses
- \* career & formal
- \* sportswear
- \* sleepwear
- \* coats & jackets
- All - Christmas trees
- \* ornaments
- \* snowmen
- \* santas
- \* country gifts

All - previous markdowns

There is no need to look anywhere else!

Free gift wrapping

Now open Sundays 12-4

**The Clothes Closet**

Wonderful clothes and a whole lot more  
DOWNTOWN BAD AXE



## How to contact the Chronicle...

### To place a classified ad...

The Chronicle classified advertising deadline is noon on the Monday before the date of publication. The minimum charge is \$3.25 for 10 words, and non-business ads can be purchased for 3 weeks at the price of 2. Just call us at (517) 872-2010 or fax your ad to (517) 872-3810. Don't forget to include a phone number.

### Display advertising...

To place a display ad, stop by the office or fax your ad. If you're not certain what to say or how to say it, just give us a call and we'll help you design the ad that's right for you at a price to fit your budget.

### Subscriptions...

Ordering a subscription to the Chronicle is easy and economical, with savings built into extended subscriptions. Order by phone - 872-2010 - or stop by the office (we're next to Schneeberger's at the corner of Main and Oak streets). If you have a problem with an existing subscription, or you want to change your address, give us a call.

### News and features...

If you have a story or photo idea, we welcome your call at (517) 872-2010. We're always on the lookout for interesting feature story ideas as well as photos involving community events and residents in the area, and we'll be glad to come to you. Residents can also submit articles and photos - just stop by and talk to someone in our editorial department.

### Questions, problems?

We also welcome your questions and comments - both positive and negative. Your input is important to us, whether you appreciate our handling of a story, or you believe we need to correct an error or clarify an article.

## Visit Each Of Us During

# "Christmas in the Village"

**Celebrate town-wide savings and values with this coupon bonanza good only on Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. till 6 p.m.**



**Limited Supply!**  
**FREE!!** With any Purchase..  
**Christmas Coloring Book & Crayons**  
(\$1.99 store coupon)  
Shop at HO HO Home..  
Shop at Book Mart and Health Mart

6498 Main St. - 872-2075

Good on 12/02/00

### Christmas Savings

## Golden Pheasant Gifts

Michigan made and more

Michigan made and more gifts and collectibles

6475 Main St. - 872-6686



Cass City  
**True Value**  
Christmas is Just Around The Corner

**5.99**  
Vol. 35 Happy Holidays CD  
A selection of holiday classics.  
Makes a great stocking stuffer.  
Cassette 3.99

**8.99**  
150 Net Lites Commercial  
grade, single resistant 4 x 6  
net. Clear or multi-color.  
1 1/2 x 7 1/2 1586

Check out our new line of  
**COUNTRY CRAFTS & GIFTS**

6092 E. Cass City Rd - 872-2188

Good on 12/02/00



Fresh Decorated  
**CHRISTMAS WREATH**  
**Just \$14.95**  
(with coupon)  
"The Beauty and Special Scents" of Christmas  
**SPECIAL SCENTS**

6459 Main St. - 872-3434

Good on 12/02/00



**FREE** with your purchase  
Choice of selected  
**COFFEE or TEA**  
(\$2.25 value)  
**Village Wallpaper and Paint**

6549 Main St. - 872-2445

Good on 12/02/00



**ONE YANKEE CANDLE**  
**25% OFF**

Your choice of fragrance  
Free matches with purchase  
LARGE SELECTION AVAILABLE

**COACH LIGHT PHARMACY**

6480 Main St. - 872-3613

Good on 12/02/00

### Prize Drawing!

Christmas  
**Gift Basket of Assorted Items**  
Details & entry blanks available at store.

**COACH LIGHT PHARMACY**

6480 Main St. - 872-3613

Good on 12/02/00



**FREE PLUSH BEAR**  
(with \$5.00 purchase)  
\*Lots of Christmas Ideas  
\*Cookies & Punch  
**Cass City Floral and Scrapbook Corner**

6850 Main St. - 872-3675

Good on 12/02/00



**Limited Supply!**  
35mm Disposable Camera  
w/Flash, 24 exp.  
**FREE** singles processing!  
**\$4.99 w/coupon!**  
(\$7.00 store coupon!)  
Shop at HO HO Home..  
Shop at Book Mart  
6498 Main St. - 872-2075

Good on 12/02/00

## Huge Event on 12/2/00

**Ronald McDonald • Big Craft Show • Hanging of the Greens • Home Tour • Charmont Buffet • Village Gathering for Songs, Food, Carriage Rides, Live Nativity, the Arrival of Santa Claus, and Much More!**

**WATCH FOR UPCOMING SCHEDULE OR CALL THE CHAMBER AT 517-872-4618**

# great Holiday happening

Win a Year's Supply of Gourmet Foods from **HICKORY FARMS** free! \$15 Gift Certificate from Hickory Farms with purchase of \$599 or more.

Win a \$5,000 Shopping Spree to the Mall of America!

Win Great Prizes From Berkline During Our Great Holiday Happening

## feel good™

### RECLINING

Relaxation designed for you.

\$899

\$799

\$15 HICKORY FARMS® Gift Certificate With \$599 Recliner Purchase

This recliner has all the comfort you need. Massage & Heat. Upholstered in long wearing 2-year wear dated fabric.

Make your life a little easier with this recliner featuring easy lift to give you a smooth transition from sitting to standing. It also features comfort rest for continuous leg support and a wallaway back. Also available with heat & massage at an affordable price.

## Mattress Sale

	Sertapedic	Sertapedic Plush	Serta Perfect Sleeper
			Extra Firm Comfort
	Twin Ea. Pc. \$99	Twin Ea. Pc. \$129	Twin Ea. Pc. \$149
	Full Ea. Pc. \$139	Full Ea. Pc. \$179	Full Ea. Pc. \$199
	Queen 2 Pc. Set \$299	Queen 2 Pc. Set \$399	Queen 2 Pc. Set \$499
	King 3 Pc. Set \$499	King 3 Pc. Set \$599	King 3 Pc. Set \$699

WE MAKE THE WORLD'S BEST MATTRESS®

6 MONTHS INTEREST FREE  
no payments no interest for 6 full months

# INTERIOR

Home Furnishings

Mon - Thurs 9 AM - 5:30 PM  
Fri 9 AM - 8 PM  
Sat 9 AM - 5 PM

716 EAST HURON AVENUE - BAD AXE, MICHIGAN 48413 • (517) 269-9509

## BERKLINE®

If anyone deserves it, you do.

# great Holiday happening

Win a Year's Supply of Gourmet Foods from **HICKORY FARMS** free! \$15 Gift Certificate from Hickory Farms with purchase of \$599 or more.

Win a \$500 Shopping Spree to the Mall of America! See page 3 detail.

**Wallaway or Rocker Recliner**  
 Leather Match For Head-To-Toe Comfort  
**\$499**

\$15 HICKORY FARMS® Gift Certificate With \$599 Recliner Purchase

# INTERIOR

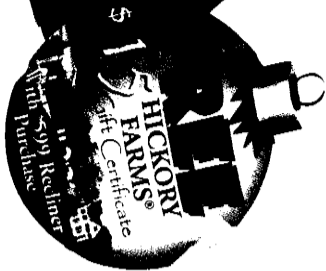
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# Comfortable, Luxurious Colorful Leather

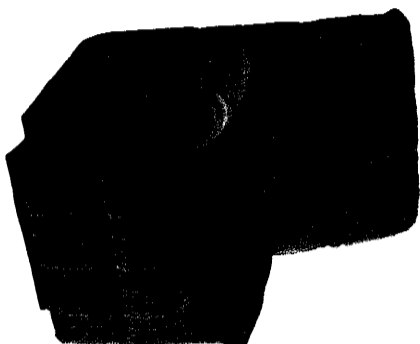


A perfect blend of style and comfort in this button-tufted back recliner. Features traditional roller arms.

**\$499**

A timeless classic... this recliner gives a traditional look with its high wooden leg and wing back.

**\$349**



Great Value! Full comfort offered in the spacious pub back pillowed arm recliner.

**\$299**



**BERKLINE®**

*If anyone deserves it, you do.*

## Berkline's Big Dogs Chair Extra Large In Comfort & Style

This recliner is perfect for any big man in our life... features super strong reinforced engineered frame, dual seat system, extra dense 7" firm foam, longtime wear, an adjustable head rest and double padded ottoman.

**Free 1/3 Big Dog Gift Certificate with the purchase of a Big Dog Recliner**



**Herchler Quality Advantage**

**\$599**



## Introducing... Design & Recline

Start with Berkline's most popular recliner style, then choose the color and type of mechanism for a perfectly customized recliner! **Berkline's most popular recliner style** In your choice of... 4 fashion colors: beige, blue, green or mauve 3 mechanisms: wall-a-way, rocker or swivel glider



*in finesse*  
designed by Microfines



The wallway design means your new recliner can sit as little as 3" from the wall.

**\$399**



With a rocker, get soothing motion & the comfort of a thickly padded recliner.

**\$399**



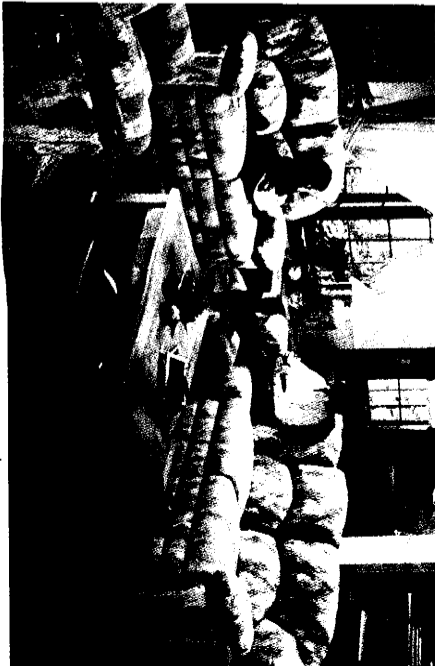
The swivel glider mechanism offers a 360° smooth action and real flexibility in a recliner.

**\$449**

## Leather Sofas... Perfect For Any Home At \$1099!

## IN THE COLOR OF YOUR CHOICE!

This special holiday value features a great sofa in your choice of colors. This reclining sofa offers touch motion recline and pillow top cushioning.



Casual comfortable group in textured fabric with warm trim, dual reclining ends and pub backs.

**\$699**

Sofa



Enjoy years of comfort in this sofa. Featuring pub backs and touch motion reclining this sofa will be a great addition to any home.

**\$799**

Sofa



This sofa features dual recliners, hideaway pull down table with cup holders, wallaway backs and heat and massage for the reclining seats.

**\$899**

Sofa



- Register your home (form below) and return, along with your \$5.00 entry fee, to the Chamber office by mail or in person.
- Decorate homes by December 16<sup>th</sup>. BE SURE YOUR ADDRESS IS VISABLE.
- Decorated homes will be judged by the public, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Voting ballots will be available from Mr. Chipps, Charmont, Erlas, or in the Chronicle.

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places

- Monetary
- Edison Discounts
- Certificates of Recognition

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ENTRY FORM  
CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

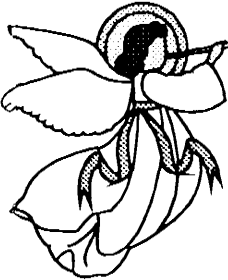

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form and fee to the Chamber office no later than 12/8/00.  
6506 Main St. (in the Municipal building)

**Entry Fee \$5.00**

# Christmas In The Village

December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kick Off Schedule	
Time Frame	Activity (Sponsor) and Location
8am – 10am	<b>Ronald at McDonalds</b> for Rotary Club's "Christmas for Kids" – Bring a toy to donate
9am—11am	<b>Healthy Holidays</b> Free blood pressure screening at the Municipal Bldg.
10am—5pm	<b>Christmas in the Country Craft Show</b> – Cass City Middle School
11:30am—2:30pm	<b>Lunch Buffet</b> Pizza, garlic sticks, salad bar, at the Charmont
1pm—4pm	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b> – Downtown – DDA/EDC – Organize at the Municipal Bldg.
1pm—5pm	<b>Home Tour</b> – Friends of the Library – tickets and post-tea at Rawson Library.
1pm—5pm	<b>Free Shuttle Service</b> for the Home Tour. Courtesy of Curtis Chrysler
5pm—7pm	<b>VILLAGE GATHERING</b> – at the Municipal Bldg. Dress warmly
5pm—7pm	<b>Live Nativity</b> – Shabonna UM Church – Vacant lot next to Fairway Store
5pm—5:30pm	<b>Tom Thumb Singers</b> – at the Municipal Bldg.
5pm—7pm	<b>Carriage Rides &amp; Hot Chocolate</b> –Thumb National Bank – start at the Municipal Bldg.
5pm—7pm	<b>Bean Soup</b> – Matt Prieskorn and Steve Wright – at the Municipal Bldg.
5:30pm—6:00pm	<b>SANTA ARRIVES</b> at the Municipal Bldg.
5:30pm—till?	<b>Dinner Buffet</b> Ham, Roast Beef, Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, & more, at the Charmont
7:00pm—9:00pm	<b>Concert</b> by the Tom Thumb Singers – Cass City U.M. Church 1 ¼ m. N. of light

## EVENTS DURING DECEMBER:

- \*12/9, 12/16, & 12/23: Kids Craft and Story Time at the library at 10:00 a.m. (Free – registration required) \*Free 2:00 p.m. movie matinees for the kids at the Cass Theater \*Drawings for 3 FREE awesome train sets. (Register at participating merchants) \*Visit with Santa at Municipal Bldg. 11am to 1:30 p.m. Also on Friday 12/22 from 4-7 p.m.
- \*12/8 FREE pictures with Santa at Book Mart 4 to 7 p.m.
- \*Luminary kits for sale at Chamber – 12 bags, candles & sand – just \$5.00 – (help light up Cass City 12/16/00)
- Home Decorating Contest – GREAT PRIZES – to be judged by the public on the night of 12/16
- Healthy Holidays Health Screening 12/2, 12/9/ & 12/16 at the Municipal Building
- Rotary's Christmas For Kids toy collection & Mid Thumb Girl Scouts Mitten Tree collection – boxes around town.
- Christmas Gift Display at Thumb National Bank