



ELAINE AND Richard Witkovsky discuss the importance of tissue and organ donation, which gave Elaine a second chance at life after she was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver. The pair presented their program recently at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Precious gift

Liver transplant gives Caro's Elaine Witkovsky a new life

Elaine Witkovsky devoted more than 30 years of her life to caring for others as a registered nurse, but nothing could have prepared her for a diagnosis of cirrhosis of the liver, or the prospects of transplant surgery.

Or the agony of waiting and wondering if a donor liver would become available after doctors told her she had perhaps 2 years to live.

Witkovsky survived, and today she's again devoting her life to caring for others by speaking about her battle for life and the importance of organ and tissue donation.

The Caro woman recently told her story to a handful of people at Hills and Dales General Hospital during a program designed to promote the Gift of Life Agency, a full-service organ and tissue recovery organization that acts as the intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff.

Witkovsky, who worked at Hills and Dales as a nurse and operating room supervisor during the 1960s, recalled her battle for good health began long before her liver transplant 7 years ago.

A diabetic, she successfully fought breast cancer in 1985 and 1987. In both cases, lumps were removed and the cancer had not spread. During those years, Witkovsky said, tests had revealed she had an enlarged spleen and enlarged veins at the base of her esophagus. Liver tests all came back within normal levels, but she would later learn that the other symptoms were signs of cirrhosis.

Witkovsky recalled that stress at work prompted her to retire from nursing in 1992.

Late one evening, she suffered an attack of pain like she had never experienced. It lasted for about 20 minutes, she said, adding she could not call her physician, Dr. Richard Hall, because her husband's insurance had been switched to an HMO. There was a second attack of pain about 2 weeks later, and Witkovsky began to notice her waistline growing.

The HMO doctor Witkovsky saw first thought she might have liver cancer. But an outpatient surgeon later determined she had a build-up of fluid in her abdomen. What followed were 9 procedures to drain the fluid, including one in which 3 gallons were removed.

CIRRHOSIS

Later, doctors determined Witkovsky was suffering from cirrhosis of the liver, a diagnosis she never expected because she had always thought drug and alcohol abuse went hand-in-hand with the disease, "and I

knew that wasn't my case.

"It really threw me because I hadn't taken care of many cirrhosis patients when I was nursing," she said, adding doctors told her she had one or 2 years to live.

"I looked at (my husband Dick) and said, 'I'm not dying in 2 years.'"

Witkovsky, who was referred to Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, wanted to explore the possibility of a liver transplant, but she said the first doctor she met with didn't even discuss transplants. Even worse, she was told her HMO didn't pay its bills and that Henry Ford Hospital would not accept her as a patient.

Things went from bad to worse. After returning home, Witkovsky noticed she had very dark stools. She called her HMO and was later admitted to St. Luke's Hospital. She recalled her husband began talking to the gastrointestinal specialist on call that day about the couple's battle with their HMO.

That doctor was very upset, Witkovsky recalled, adding 3 days later, an HMO representative walked in to her room and told her she was going back to Henry Ford and that the HMO would pay for her care.

Witkovsky then began the long process of preparing for a transplant, including a barrage of tests to determine if her body would accept a transplant. Finally, she met with a transplant surgeon, who assured her she would survive the operation. "He said from then on, it will be up to God, you and the nurses," she said.

Afterwards, Witkovsky was given a beeper so the hospital could contact her when, and if, a liver became available.

SURGERY

Just 3 weeks later, the beeper went off. Witkovsky called the hospital and learned a liver was waiting for her. "Dick and I were on the road 15 minutes or so later," she said, adding they prayed as the couple headed for Detroit.

"Every stop light that night - and we know there are 26 stoplights on the way there - was green, including a railroad crossing," she said. "He (Dick) knew - he kind of had a message from God that everything was going to be okay."

Witkovsky was scheduled for surgery the next morning. She had been told the procedure would take 12 hours, although her surgery lasted just 8 hours. Likewise, a predicted hospital stay of 3 weeks ended with

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2000 a quiet one for Elkland fire fighters

Fire Chief Ron Pawloski would probably be happy to spend as much time fighting fires this year as he did in 2000, which proved to be a pretty quiet year for his department.

A 28-year department veteran, Pawloski recalled local fire fighters recorded more than 120 runs in his first or second year as fire chief 5 years ago. In 2000, the total number of runs was 63, including 10 false alarms and 14 assists to other departments.

"I don't mind it at all," Pawloski said.

"It's hard to attribute a reason behind it. I've seen it fluctuate; some years you have more, some years you don't. We've just been fortunate that we haven't had them," added Pawloski, whose department has 21 other volunteers and covers an area spreading across some 160 square miles.

"I want to believe that it has something to do with fire prevention. I know there's been a lot more than there used to be," Pawloski continued.

For example, he said, the

local department joined with the Tuscola County Health Department last summer in a program offering free smoke alarms. The health department donated 50 alarms and the fire department purchased another 50.

"People only had to call the fire hall and tell me they needed a smoke alarm or how old their (existing) alarms were," he said. "Surprisingly, we only got something like 5 phone calls. But then, after that, people were calling me at home."

Pawloski's wife, Sue, also spread the word at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

"All of them were given away," he said. "We even installed them."

Another possible factor may be that fewer people seem to be burning wood in their homes, the fire chief said. "I can remember several years ago, we used to have a lot of chimney fires. I think people are getting more conscientious about keeping their chimneys clean."

Asked about major fires in 2000, Pawloski said there were none. He said a house

fire and the Schneebarger Warehouse fire were the most serious his department faced. Other runs involved accidents requiring the Jaws of Life, vehicle and grass fires, and weather warnings.

A quiet year for the department also translates into a less costly year for the township.

The township's general fund typically subsidizes the fire department even when fire run bills are paid, according to Treasurer Art Randall, who said a year with fewer runs means a smaller subsidy because there is less manpower, fuel and equipment expense.

This year is proving to be a quiet one as well, at least so far, with only one minor house fire on the books. But that doesn't mean fire fighters are taking anything for granted.

"Just because we don't have the fires doesn't mean we can be lax and not maintain equipment. We still have to be (ready) to go," Pawloski said, adding the lack of calls has left firemen feeling a bit edgy.

"You know it's going to happen. It's just a matter of where and when," he said. "Everybody's just waiting."

Federal snow aid on way to county

Tuscola County is among several Michigan counties in line for federal aid stemming from recent winter storms, but county officials say they have no idea yet how much money local governmental units will receive.

"All I've received so far is that we've got the (emergency) declaration," Tuscola County Emergency Management Director Pat Finn said. "We have no money quote - actual figures - at all at this point."

Finn said county and local governmental units must first compile an assessment of costs before specific aid requests can be made.

The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced last Wednesday that federal disaster funds have been made available to Michigan communities hit with record snowfalls in December, under an emergency declaration issued for the state by President Bill Clinton.

Michigan Gov. John Engler requested the declaration, which prompted FEMA officials to designate 26 counties eligible for federal funding to pay part of the cost for emergency state and local government operations designed to protect public health and safety, and to prevent damage to public or private property.

Finn noted the initial emergency declaration covered 41 Michigan counties, and officials plan to appeal FEMA's

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Ice blamed in home fire

Accumulated snow and ice on rooftops is causing headaches for some homeowners in the form of repairs. The problem could have proven tragic for a Cass City couple last week.

Elkland Township fire fighters were dispatched to a house fire early Tuesday morning near the intersection of Oak and Seed streets. Fire Chief Ron Pawloski reported ice and snow on the roof of the Alex Kessler residence had resulted in water entering the home and shorting out a breaker box.

"We managed to save the house with minimal damage," Pawloski reported. He estimated the damage at \$2,000.

Although recent milder weather has melted a lot of snow, Pawloski recommends that homeowners inspect their roofs for ice dams,

which form when water freezes at the edge of a roof, preventing the flow of melting snow.

A number of residents apparently are already taking that advice, according to some local contractors, who say they've been receiving a number of calls.

A spokeswoman for Bliss Builders, Cass City, said most of their calls have involved homeowners who need to have snow removed from their roofs. In some cases, she said, ice formation has damaged the roof, requiring repairs.

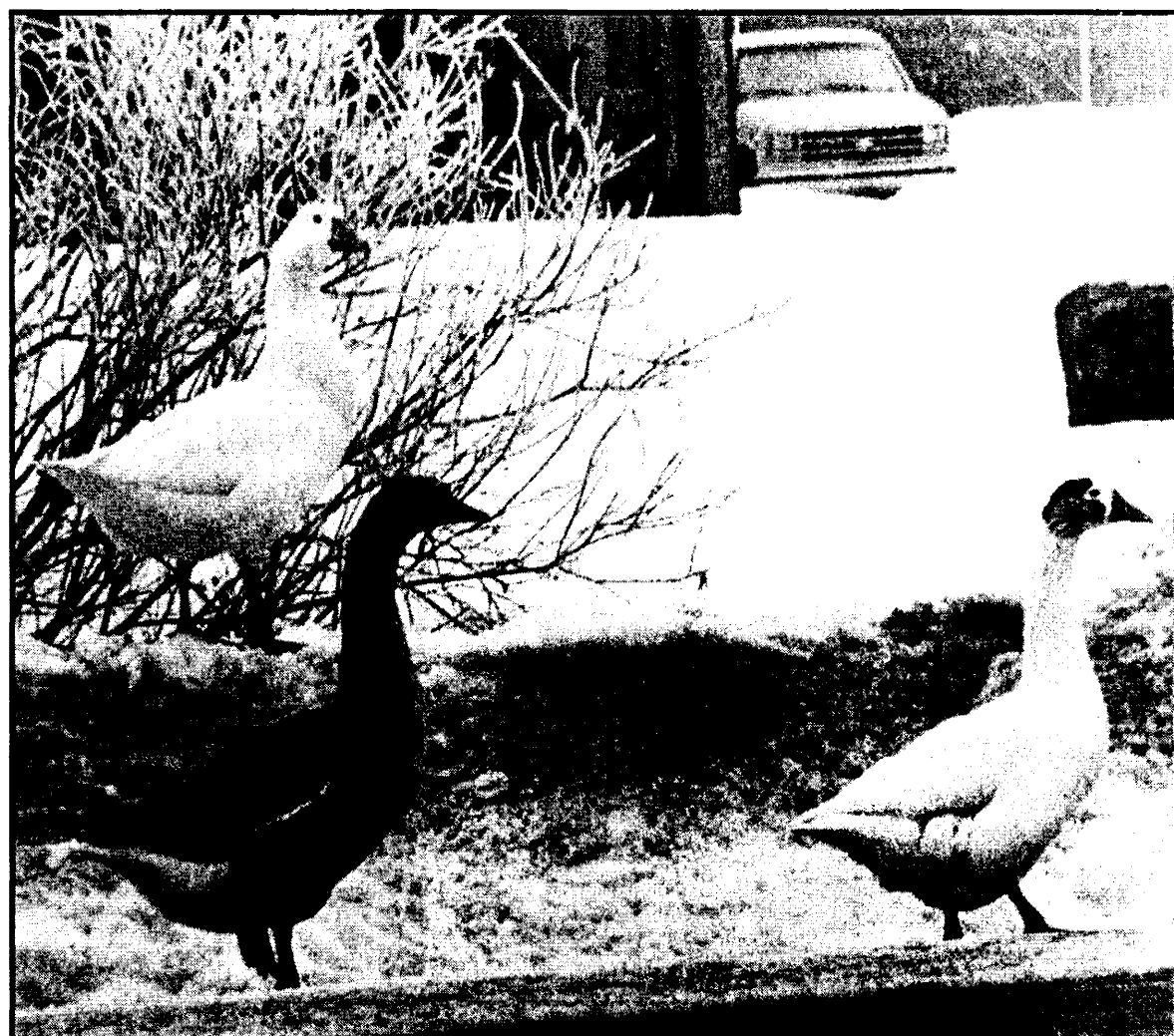
Janene Bills, whose husband, Tom, owns Thomas Roofing, Cass City, said their business has received "tons" of calls - 12 to 20 per day at one point - from concerned homeowners.

"What everyone's having a

problem with is ice backing up on the gutters," she said, adding commercial building owners in the Thumb have also experienced problems due to the weight of snow and ice on rooftops. "There's been some buildings that have collapsed."

"We really haven't had this kind of snow in the last 2 or 3 years," Bills said, "and I think people just forgot that they need to keep their gutters flowing, (and) to dig snow out around down spouts so water can flow out."

She noted that residents who have newer homes or who have newer roofs should be in good shape due to today's construction requirements. "If they have ice and water shields, which is code, they shouldn't have a problem."



FOWL WEATHER - Last week's milder, sloppy weather appeared to suit these geese just fine as the trio watched M-81 traffic go by just east of Cass City Friday morning.

Towards assisted living project

Board members pledge \$550,000

Hills and Dales General Hospital Board members are doing more than their fair share of raising cash for construction of an assisted living-Alzheimer's complex in Cass City, but fund raising efforts are far from over.

One board member has already pledged \$500,000 over the next 5 years for the purchase of 18.8 acres in the northwest corner of the village, and another board member has donated \$50,000 cash, according to Hills and Dales CEO Dee

McKrow, who said both board members wish to remain anonymous.

The board has already approved construction of the \$4 million assisted living-Alzheimer's complex, although officials are still in the process of securing financing.

The hospital will be working hard over the next few weeks to raise additional money for the project in an effort to reduce the portion of the project cost that has to be financed, McKrow said.

"That's why the donations are so important right now," she added. "The lower we can keep the cost, the less (assisted living) residents will be charged."

The next fundraiser is the hospital's Reverse Raffle Millionaire's Party, slated for Saturday from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall. The event features a host of prizes, including a \$5,000 grand prize. Tickets are available by calling the hospital at (517) 872-2121.

The hospital has signed a contract with Summit Healthcare Facilities, Waukesha, Wis., to design and oversee construction of the 32,880-square-foot complex, which will include a 20-unit assisted living facility and a 20-unit Alzheimer's facility. The central section of the complex will house a reception area and administration offices, a dining room and activity center.

Officials hope to break ground in the spring.

Tour nets \$1,500

The Friends of the Library met Jan. 4 at Rawson Memorial Library. The Christmas Home Tour held Dec. 2 was discussed. After expenses the home tour netted \$1,500.

Appreciation was expressed to the homeowners, Mr. and

Mrs. Gary Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. David Hoard, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Severance, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. David McComb, and all members that helped make this event a success. A special thank you was sent to Pat Curtis of Curtis Chrysler who provided vehicles and drivers for the shuttle service.

During the meeting a check for \$1,800 was presented to Rawson Memorial Library Director Barbara Hutchinson. Approximately \$5,000 was donated to the library through various Friends of the Library fund raisers during 2000. Fund

raisers include the annual book and magazines sales, bake sales and the home tour. The next magazine sale has been rescheduled for March 8-10. This event will also include a bake sale.

The Friends of the Library meet the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the community room at Rawson Memorial Library. New members and guests are welcome. For more information call the library, 872-2856, or Marge Feebish, 872-4112.



Shane Mellendorf

Mellendorf "student of month"

Shane Mellendorf has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for January.

Mellendorf has been very active in various sports throughout high school, including football, golf, basketball and baseball, and has received numerous awards. He also has been a member of the Owen-Gage Band.

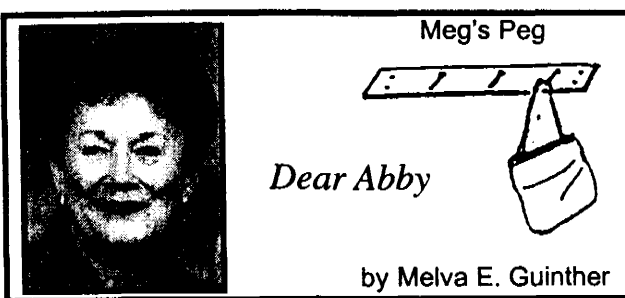
As a sophomore, he was a class representative for the homecoming and snowball courts. He also was a king candidate for Homecoming 2000.

Mellendorf has been a member of the 3.0 Honors Club since he was a freshman and has been a member of the National Honor Society since his sophomore year. Other clubs and activities he has been involved in are: Quiz Bowl, Math Club, French Club and Kids for Sportsmanship. He also has been a "Focus" Student of the Month each of his first 3 years in high school.

As a senior, he serves as a teacher's aide and is a member of the school newspaper and yearbook staff.

Mellendorf is the son of Thomas and Cindy Mellendorf of Gagetown. His future plans are to attend Saginaw Valley State University and pursue a career in engineering.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas



It's anybody's guess as to whether these "Dear Abby" letters, which were sent to us via e-mail, are legitimate. They could be. Regardless, they're funny enough to share.

Dear Abby,
A couple of women moved in across the hall. One is a middle-aged gym teacher and the other is a social worker in her mid-20s. These women go everywhere together and I've never seen a man go into their apartment or come out. Do you think they could be Lebanese?

Dear Abby,
Our son writes that he is taking Judo. Why would a boy who was raised in a good Christian home turn against his own?

Dear Abby,
I was married to Bill for 3 months and I didn't know he drank until one night he came home sober.

Dear Abby,
My mother is mean and short-tempered. I think she's going through her mental pause.

Dear Abby,
I joined the Navy to see the world. I've seen it. Now how do I get out?

Dear Abby,
I would like to meet a man my age with no bad habits. - Rose

Dear Rose,
So would I.

Dear Abby,
Our son was married in January. Five months later his wife had a 10-pound baby girl. They said the baby was premature. Tell me - can a baby this big be that early? - Wondering

Dear Wondering,
The baby was on time. The wedding was late. Forget it.

Dear Abby,
I have always wanted to have my family history traced, but I can't afford to spend a lot of money to do it. Any suggestions? - Sam

Dear Sam,
Run for public office.

And every politician says "Amen!"

Osentoskis join Angus association

David and Teresa Osentoski, Cass City, are new members of the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo. The American Angus Asso-

ciation, with more than 35,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 13 million registered Angus.

22 attend rescheduled WCTU meet Jan. 11

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which was scheduled to meet Dec. 13, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, had to cancel because the Dorcas dinner was not held because of the weather.

The group met Jan. 10 at the church. After the dinner, the group gathered in the sanctuary for the meeting. Twenty-two members and friends attended. Grace McLeod opened with prayer. "America" was sung with

Winifred Dorman leading in the pledges to the flags.

Marie Keihl talked about Representative Mike Green being replaced by Tom Meyer and gave other legislative reports. Hollis Sanford led the devotions. Cards were signed to send to those who are ill.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 14. Lois Whittaker is planning the gathering. All are welcome. Contact (517) 872-1536 or (517) 872-4075.

Engaged



LeAnn Meredith & Brent Morell

Dale and Marcia Meredith of Snover announce the engagement of their daughter, LeAnn Meredith, to Brent Morell, son of Elwood and JoAnne Morell of Cass City. The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Cass City High School and is currently employed with Federated Mutual Insurance. Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Cass City High School and is a self-employed dairy farmer. The wedding is planned for April 21.

Methodist women air meeting

The United Methodist Women met Jan. 8, with 22 members present. The luncheon at noon was prepared and served by group 3. Beatrice Baker and Laura Bryant were the co-hostesses.

Joan Merchant announced a baby shower will be held in June for Red Bird Mission. Shirley Wagg presented the pledge service titled "Sowing Seeds of Bounty".

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Library to host senior movies

Rawson Memorial Library Senior Citizen movies will be shown Friday, Jan. 19, at 1:30 p.m. They are:

Railroad Journeys Around the World "France": This adventure will include a train ride whisking you across expansive bridges and past quaint rural stations on the line from Valence to Grenoble. You'll then board a steam locomotive that leisurely rambles through the splendid pastoral vistas between Tournon and Lamaste. The electrified line between Perpignan and LeTour de Carol then takes you high into the snow-capped mountains of southern France. Your final train journey is a thrilling excursion on the centerpiece of the French fleet, the TGV, as it rockets from LeMans to Paris. You'll first tour the inside of the train, then sit next to the driver as you dart towards Paris at speeds of up to 180 miles an hour. (60 minutes)

dangerous. High-speed blowouts, multicausal pileups, and raging engine fires are all in a day's work. Drivers court death each time they take the wheel, warding off the disaster that lurks at every turn, through their superhuman skills, lightning reflexes and practiced pit crews. (30 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

Genealogy society meet set

The Cass River Genealogy Society of Frankenmuth will hold their monthly meeting at James E. Wickson Library, 359 S. Franklin, Frankenmuth, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The slate of officers will be presented for the year 2001. If you have any interest at all in tracing your roots, you should belong to a genealogy society. You can receive lots of tips and help from anyone that has been doing genealogy, so plan to attend a meeting soon.

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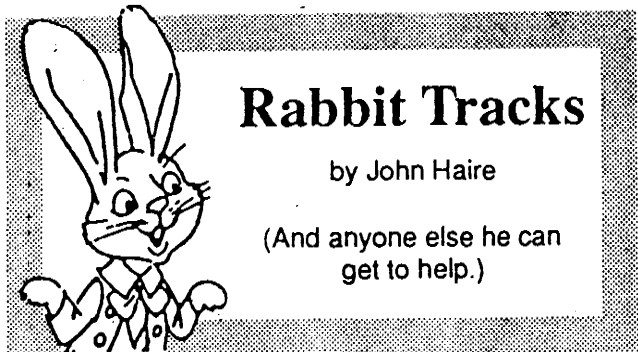
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

First robin of the season was reported by Barbara Wilson, Elmwood Road, who spotted the bird at 8:30 Saturday morning on her patio.

For me one of life's little mysteries is the way interest in professional wrestling has increased in recent years. It certainly is not a sport, just a show with the ending scripted. The World Wrestling Federation's live shows last year attracted more than 2.5 million, up more than 125 percent in the last 4 years.

Meanwhile the real thing, wrestling in high school, college and the Olympics, are "second tier" when judged by spectator interest.

The snow that has blanketed the area recently is an inconvenience for most of us. The other day I visited with the lady who delivers mail at our house.

I suppose that the snow makes your days a little longer? I asked, because the mail didn't arrive at our house for an hour or 2 later than normal.

How much walking around the snow banks increased her work load was a surprise to me and perhaps to you. She said that one night she didn't get home until 7 p.m.

All that and the weather forecast is for more snow on the way.

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2001 MEAP Testing

The testing window for MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) testing in grades 4, 5, 7, 8 will begin the week of January 22 and end February 9. The following tests will be administered at each grade level:

4th grade - Math and Reading
5th grade - Science, Social Studies and Writing
7th grade - Reading and Writing
8th grade - Science, Social Studies and Writing

Letters were sent home last week to the parents of all fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth grade students explaining which tests will be administered and the dates they will be given. All of the testing is scheduled to take place in the morning on the testing dates. Students will be provided a snack each day before the testing begins.

Regular attendance during the testing weeks is very important to eliminate the need for make-up testing. If it is necessary to schedule doctor or dental appointments during the testing weeks, it would be appreciated if they could be scheduled for the afternoon.

We are confident that our students will do well on the MEAP tests and we appreciate the encouragement and cooperation of parents during this important time.

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

Novesta Township board proposes pay increases

Novesta Township officials stand to earn more for their service to the township if proposed raises are approved in March.

The Township Board last week discussed wage increases after reviewing a compensation survey received from the Michigan Township Association, Clerk Karen Mozden reported.

"The survey showed Novesta Township salaries were significantly lower than surrounding townships of similar size and makeup," she said, adding the last raise approved for officials came in 1991.

"It was proposed that the supervisor salary would be increased to that of the clerk and treasurer, (and) that the supervisor, clerk and treasurer would receive a 20-percent base increase and a 2-percent cost-of-living raise each year thereafter," Mozden said. She noted the salaries would still be lower than those received by officials in surrounding townships.

The clerk and treasurer currently each receive \$3,792 annually. A specific figure for the supervisor was not available. The supervisor has traditionally received a combined \$5,175 per year, but that figure includes pay for duties as assessor. Mozden said the board also

approved a pay increase for trustees, who would receive \$75 per meeting, up from \$35 per meeting.

The proposed increases along with a new budget and other items of business will be addressed during the township's combination monthly meeting-annual

meeting in March, Mozden said.

In other business during the Jan. 8 regular session, the board approved the signing of 2 agreements from the Tuscola County Road Commission for new bridge work on McArthur and Elmwood roads.

Board approves officers for '01

The Elkland Township Board last week approved the slate of township fire department officers for 2001.

Reappointed were: Chief Ron Pawloski, Assistant Chief Jack Hartwick, 1st Captain Mick Kim, 2nd Captain Ross McCallum, 1st Lt. Scott Wright and 2nd Lt. Tom Dorland.

In other business during the Jan. 8 monthly meeting, the board accepted a letter of res-

ignation from Wayne Lint, who was hired to serve as zoning administrator last fall. Lint agreed to continue to serve as zoning administrator until a replacement can be found, township Clerk Norma Wallace said.

Also, the board accepted a pair of land split plans; one for Bill Benkelman on Schwegler Road and the other for Lori McNeil on Crane Road.

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It's getting so that downtown Detroit has recovered some of the luster of 50 years ago. Then it attracted hordes of people for its shopping, theaters and gourmet restaurants. The shopping is kaput but the football and baseball stadiums and the casinos are heralded as proof of the renaissance.

It certainly will attract more visitors, but will it stem the flight to the suburbs? Most folks don't live downtown, they live in neighborhoods, and looking at a recent story in the Detroit News, it's easy to see why many choose to leave.

The story told of a 17-year-old girl, 8 months pregnant, who was walking to school at about 8:50 a.m. when she was approached by a man with a gun, taken to a side of a garage and raped. It was the third student rape reported during the current school year. In the 1999-2000 school year there were 14 rapes reported.

The rebirth of downtown evidently didn't do much to make Detroit a preferred place to work. In the same paper that told about the rape, a story detailing the nurse shortage in the metro area also appeared.

A charge nurse at Providence Hospital in Southfield reports making \$20.57 an hour. That figures out to be over \$52,000 a year. In Cass City the top pay for an RN is \$15.63 an hour. Even conceding that pay in the city is usually greater than that elsewhere, the difference is startling.

But it is evidently not enough to alleviate the shortage. In addition to the wages offered, Detroit area hospitals have offered \$10,000 signing bonuses and 5 weeks of vacation.

The shortage of nurses, of course, is not unique to Detroit. It's nationwide and is predicted to get more acute as baby boomers enter retirement and fewer students enter the profession.

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The back forty

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by Roger Pond

I wish I could remember what kind of weather we should be having. Did the long range forecasts predict a cold, wet winter or a warm, dry one?

This happens every fall: The forecasters tell us we are in a La Nina pattern or an El Nino pattern. (I can't remember which.) Then they predict we'll have wetter, warmer, dryer, or colder weather than usual.

And they're right! That's exactly what we've been having.

My problem is I forget what the forecasters told us in the fall. Then, when I want to contradict them, I have no evidence.

A news report about U.S. aid to Mongolia helps put our weather in perspective. The Mongolians are recovering from a disastrous weather pattern called a "zud."

Zud is the Mongolian term for a severe drought, followed by an exceptionally harsh winter. The news report doesn't say how frequent zuds are in Mongolia, but they didn't invent the word for nothing. Their weather could be one big зуд for all I know.

A U.S. organization called Mercy Corps International is trying to help with food and economic aid. Mercy Corps says Mongolian herders have cut way back on their herds of sheep, cattle, goats, horses, camels, and yaks.

The men may call this a зуд, but the women probably call it a blessing.

I like the term "zud." It has the harsh, brutal tone that describes a streak of bad weather.

Folks in the Midwest have a severe, snowy winter followed by an exceptionally wet spring it's called a "flud."

I think we should have more terms like these to describe the climate. A few inches of snow with subzero temperatures should be called a "crunch," for example. A freezing rain that covers sidewalks, stairs, and highways might be termed a "splat" — or maybe a "crash." Any weather combination that topples trees should be called a "thunk."

I vaguely remember the winter of 1950. We had several feet of drifting snow in Ohio.

I was a mere 6 years old, but can remember crawling

through snow tunnels my brothers dug with grain shovels. That was fun for awhile, but it's about as close to being an Eskimo as I ever want to get.

A grouse hunting buddy told me about going out to look for his sheep a day or so after the storm hit. The snow was over the fences and landmarks were hard to iden-

tify.

My friend would find a spot where the snow was humped up a little, and after a little digging he would find a sheep.

That's why Mongolians have all those camels and yaks, I guess. They're not that good to eat, but they're much easier to find in a snow storm.

Police arrest man in weekend theft

Cass City police have arrested a suspect in connection with the theft of a car in town over the weekend.

Police Sgt. Craig Haynes said officers picked up a 27-year-old Cass City resident Sunday night after discussing the case with the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office. The suspect's name was not released pending his formal arraignment.

The 1990 Oldsmobile was reported stolen early Saturday. Michelle R. Dutcher of Gagetown told police she stopped at the Peoples Choice Market, 6144 E. Cass City Rd., at about 4:45 a.m., and when she left the store

about 5 minutes later discovered her vehicle missing from the west side of the businesses.

The car was left running and unlocked, according to reports, which note Dutcher left her purse inside the vehicle.

Shortly after Dutcher spoke with police, Richard Patara contacted officers to report a car in a ditch near the intersection of Doerr and Elmwood roads. The vehicle sustained some damage, including a cracked windshield. Police said Dutcher's purse was recovered along with its contents inside the car.

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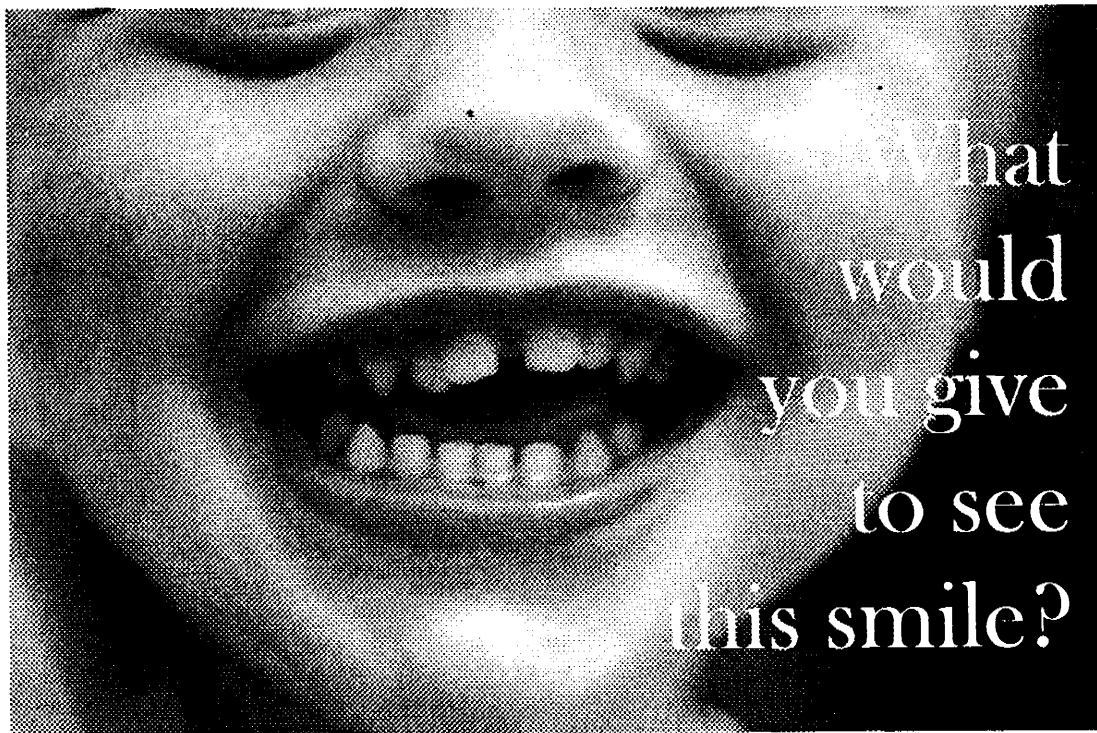
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Red Hawk Beatby Cass City Senior,
Katie Hacker**Study hard!**

It's that time of year again when Cass City High School students are cramming for their upcoming exams. Along with exams, this Friday also marks an end to the third marking period and first semester wrap up.

Students will have had Monday and Tuesday to prepare themselves for their exams. Today (Wednesday), students had regular class hours, but ended the day with a 5th hour exam. Second, fourth, and sixth hour exams will be taken Thursday; on Friday students will finish the week with 1st and 3rd hour exams. All CC students will have a half-day of school and lunch will not be served on Friday.

This week is also a very busy week for the winter sports teams. The guys' basketball team faced Brown

City Tuesday and will play USA Friday at home.

The volleyball team had a match with Brown City Monday to start exam week off. Thursday they play Bad Axe, and they'll be preparing for the big Cass City Invitational they're hosting Saturday, while the JV travels to play in a Lakers tournament.

Today the wrestlers travel to Brown City for a match and Saturday they'll be in Mayville.

The gymnastics team will be traveling to Vassar Thursday and then to Hartland for an invitational meet Saturday.

To find out more about game times and locations, check the winter sports schedule in the paper.

Study hard, Cass City students, and good luck on your exams.

Farm Bureau: learn lessons from alfalfa plant shutdown

Michigan producers should not close their minds to value-added opportunities just because the Michigan Alfalfa Processors Cooperative (MAPCo) has shut its doors shy of celebrating a one-year anniversary, Farm Bureau officials say.

Instead, farmers should glean pitfalls to avoid when forming these sort of ventures, said Bob Boehm, manager of Michigan Farm Bureau's Commodity and Marketing Department.

MAPCo's board recently decided to cease operations, citing a variety of misfortunes ranging from being under-financed from the start to higher-than-expected energy costs, said Karl Wildner, general manager of the Akron-based MAPCo.

"Every worst case scenario that was possible happened all at once," Wildner said. "Natural gas prices skyrocketed. Hay production was very high this year. Harvest costs were higher than anticipated. Production costs were higher because we had more hay to try to process. The market was low for a long time because of all the hay on the market, and marketing is still going very slow."

Formed in 1999 and online from July through Dec. 15, 2000, MAPCo produced dehydrated and sun-cured alfalfa cubes for equine and livestock feed.

MAPCo idled production Dec. 15 but was shipping products up to last week. Wildner said about 3,000 tons of processed alfalfa cubes - some with purchase contracts - remain at the facility. MAPCo's staff of about 15 was laid off Dec. 15.

"We have a very large accounts payable list that we are behind on. We are past due on a lot of accounts," Wildner said. "Some of those people will or have started to take some action. It hasn't forced the board into doing anything legally, but we've had to close the building."

MAPCo's board plans to

spend the next couple weeks trying to come up with possible options to keep the business running, but Wildner said chances of finding a remedy before the month's end are slim.

The cooperative is made up of 180 shareholders who collectively own 8,800 shares and committed an acre of alfalfa for each share. Shares initially cost \$150 each and later rose to \$180. Wildner did not disclose the total investment, but based on an average price of \$165 a share, grower investment would be about \$1.5 million, plus additional borrowed capital. A group of 120 producers also contributed \$500 each to fund a business plan for MAPCo's startup.

Wildner said Bank One holds lien on the facility, property, machinery and inventory, so unless members find a way to stay in business, the closing will be a total loss for producers like himself.

Despite that, Wildner, who operates a 300-acre cash crop farm in Unionville and owns stock in MAPCo and 2 other value-added cooperatives, remains upbeat about opportunities for farmers to turn their raw commodities into high-value finished products.

"I'm not saying I like the closing. I'm severely disappointed. I poured my heart and soul into that place for 8 months," Wildner said.

"But I think this plant can survive and function. It's a great concept, and I think it's a very workable concept. But it can't work under these debt loads, and it needs a different marketing plan."

"I think the value-added concept is the only way agriculture is going to survive in Michigan," unless the operation is supplemented by a spouse's income or a farmer has a winter side job, he added. "I still believe that the value-added concept has got to be one of the mainstays for Michigan agriculture because just producing raw commodities is fast going by the wayside."

Boehm shared similar sentiments.

"We knew there would be successes and failures and that not all these value-added enterprises were going to make it. But it's still unfortunate that the alfalfa co-op was dealt," said Boehm. "We're disappointed to see the co-op close. It's obviously a serious setback

and financial loss for those producers directly involved.

"But this doesn't mean the whole value-added idea should be shelved or that all value-added ventures are bad. We have businesses come and go all the time because, unfortunately, they don't all succeed. We need to look at the alfalfa co-op and learn what went wrong and try to avoid making those same mistakes in the future."

A primary lesson in this case, said Boehm, is the need for value-added enterprises

to have good risk management. And that means being properly capitalized from the start, "so you have the staying power to weather those things that even all the best planning is not going to foresee."

Boehm added that state agencies and the Michigan Legislature continue to support new business development with programs promoting value-added enterprise, and Michigan's other ongoing value-added ventures serve as success stories.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, January 17

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

Friday, January 19

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

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Monday, January 22

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.

Tuesday, January 23

American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6:45 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall, 4533 Weaver Street.

Banks complete merger Jan. 9

Aloysius J. Oliver, president and CEO of Chemical Financial Corporation, and Dan L. Smith, chairman and CEO of Shoreline Financial Corporation, announced that effective after the close of business Tuesday, Jan. 9, Chemical and Shoreline completed the merger of their organizations.

With this merger, Chemical now operates from 32 locations in Southwest Michigan.

"We welcome Shoreline's customers to Chemical and look forward to offering new and existing customers a wide range of financial products and services. We are

highly committed to the Southwest Michigan communities we now serve and we are excited by this opportunity to expand our operations into this excellent market," Oliver said.

Smith stated, "Chemical is a strong organization and we believe this merger will benefit both our customers and the communities that we serve."

Shoreline's shareholders received .64 of one share of Chemical common stock for each outstanding share of Shoreline, for a total of approximately 7.4 million Chemical shares.

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ORDINANCE NO. 68

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE USE OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Village of Cass City ordains:

Section 1. No person shall operate a snowmobile on any street, alley, public right of way or municipally owned land within the Village of Cass City except in compliance with the following regulations:

(a) Snowmobiles shall not be driven in excess of 15 miles per hour within the Village of Cass City.

(b) Snowmobiles shall only be driven between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays, and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

(c) Snowmobiles shall only be driven on property owned or under the control of the snowmobile owner, on other privately owned property with the consent of the property owner, or on village streets and alleys.

(d) Snowmobiles operated

on village streets shall be driven along the extreme right side of the street or roadway in the proper lane of traffic.

(e) When two or more snowmobiles are driven together on village streets, they shall be driven in single file.

(f) Snowmobiles shall not be driven on Main Street between Brooker Street and Ale Street, nor on Seeger Street between Garfield Street and Huron Street except for purposes of crossing said streets or for access to the nearest cross street.

(g) Snowmobiles may be operated in village parks or on other municipally owned property, and on all of Main and Seeger Streets within the Village of Cass City, during periods of emergency when so declared by the Village Chief of Police, when travel by conventional automotive equipment is not possible, and for special snowmobile events of limited duration which are conducted according to a prearranged schedule under permit from the Village Council.

Section 2. No person under 16 years of age shall operate a snowmobile within the Village of Cass City.

(d) Snowmobiles operated

Section 3. No snowmobile shall be operated in the Village of Cass City unless it has at least 1 headlight, 1 taillight and adequate brakes capable of producing deceleration at 14 feet a second on level ground at a speed of 20 miles an hour.

Section 4. No person shall operate a snowmobile in the Village of Cass City:

(a) At a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper having due regard for conditions then existing.

(b) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs, barbitol or any derivative of barbitol.

(c) During the hours from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise without displaying a lighted headlight and a lighted taillight.

(d) Unless it is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and annoying smoke.

(e) While transporting thereon a bow or a firearm unless the same be securely encased.

Section 5. The following words, as used in this act,

shall have the meaning given them in Section 1 of Public Act 74 of 1968 (CL'48, 257.1501):

(a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and any of its agencies or subdivisions, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.

(b) "Operate" means to ride in or on and to control the operation of a snowmobile.

(c) "Snowmobile" means any motorized vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice steered by wheels, skis or runners.

Section 6. Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than ninety (90) days or by a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment, together with costs of prosecution.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective twenty days after its adoption.

Enacted by the Village Council of the Village of Cass City, Cass City, Michigan, on this 11th day of February, 1969.

ORDINANCE NO. 78

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VILLAGE ORDINANCE NO. 68 TO REGULATE THE USE OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Village of Cass City hereby amends Ordinance No. 68 as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 68 is hereby amended to read as follows:

No person under 16 years of age shall operate a snowmobile within the Village of Cass City unless he or she is at least 12 years of age and:

(a) He is under the direct supervision of a person who is 18 years of age or older; or

(b) He has in his immediate possession a snowmobile safety certificate issued pursuant to Section 4 (B) of Michigan Public Act No. 178 of 1971; or

(c) He is on land owned or under the control of his parent or legal guardian.

A person who is operating a snowmobile pursuant to subdivision (b) shall present the snowmobile safety certificate to any peace officer upon demand. No person at least 12 years of age but less than 16 years of age may operate a snowmobile across a highway or street unless he has a valid snowmobile safety certificate in his immediate possession.

Section 2. The remaining provisions of Ordinance No. 68 remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective twenty days after its adoption.

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Gift of Life: facts on organ donation

More than 2,000 Michigan residents are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, while thousands more await a tissue transplant. The following are commonly asked questions about organ and tissue donation:

What can I donate? Organs and tissues that can be donated include: heart, kidneys, lungs, liver, intestines, pancreas, corneas, bone, skin, heart valves, tendons.

Do I need to tell my family about my decision to be a donor? Yes, your family must give consent before donation takes place.

Is it true that there is no age limit for donation? Yes, almost anyone can become a donor, provided the family has granted permission and the donor meets medical criteria.

Are there any costs to my family for donation? No, it costs nothing to donate and no costs are passed on to the donor's family or estate.

Will my religion approve of donation? Most major religions approve of organ and tissue donation, and consider donation a benevolent gift.

Can normal funeral arrangements be made? Yes, donation will not disfigure the body or change the appearance for an open-casket.

What is the Gift of Life Agency? The Gift of Life Agency is a full-service organ and tissue recovery organization that acts as the intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff. The organization provides all services necessary for donation and transplantation.

How do I add my name to the Michigan Organ and Tissue Donor Registry? Call the Gift of Life Agency at 1-800-482-4881. You can also register on-line through the Michigan Department of State's website at www.sos.mi.us.

The registry is a confidential, 24-hour-a-day, computerized database that documents your wishes regarding organ donation. You donor information will be available at the time of your death and will assist your family in making a decision when asked about donation.

Liver transplant

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her release 16 days after surgery.

But her battle wasn't over. She later underwent surgery to repair an artery leading to her liver, and in 1996, her health began to deteriorate, apparently due to the effects of a powerful anti-rejection drug.

Witkovsky slipped into a coma. Dick arranged to have his wife admitted to the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, but after 86 days she surprised everyone.

"All at once a veil lifted, I was sitting up in a bed and there were people all around me, and I said, 'Dick, where have you been?'" Witkovsky recalled.

The former Wells Township clerk went on to recover with the help of physical therapy and other treatments, and today is a walking advertisement for the Gift of Life Agency.

DONATION

"When someone is put on the waiting list, there is no certainty that an organ will become available," said Witkovsky. She added there are more than 79,000 people waiting for organs, including 2,000 Michigan residents.

One-third of those patients will die before an organ becomes available, she said. "That means there are 13 people dying every day. Every 14 minutes someone else is put on the waiting list."

Contrary to popular belief, Witkovsky continued, both the young and old can sign up to donate tissue and organs, but only one-third of potential donors make arrangements to do so.

"When you have a transplant, you really do have a second chance at life and you can be productive," she added, noting someone's decision to donate a liver enabled her to see her daughter graduate from pharmacy school, to attend her wedding and even make the wedding cake. She has also watched her son develop his own business.

Today, she and her husband enjoy many other activities. They travel, square dance, attend auction sales and enjoy hobbies. And, they're active in organ transplant support groups in Saginaw and Port Huron.

"I don't know why I was saved. Maybe it was because I was meant to help somebody," Witkovsky concluded. "I don't know what's going to be tomorrow anymore than anyone else," she said. "But I do know I love today. I'm looking forward to tomorrow and I hope to treat tomorrow as I do today."

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Right to Life vigil Jan. 22

Tuscola County Right to Life invites the public to join them in their annual Candlelight Vigil Jan. 22, which serves as a memorial for the unborn that have been touched by abortion.

The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Tuscola County Courthouse steps in Caro.

Speakers will include District Representative Mike Green, speaking on behalf of Senator Joel Gougeon, and also State Representative Tom Meyer.

At approximately 6:15 the group will walk by candlelight a few blocks to Calvary Bible Church located on Sheridan and Burnside streets (across from Lasting Impressions Floral and Gussell's Furniture Store). In the church basement there will be closing comments and prayer by Right to Life members and Pastor George Harmon.

A light supper will be provided with the evening concluding at 7:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to bring their own candles or flashlights. For more information, call Vicki at (517) 673-5782.



CASS CITY SNOWCOMING queen and king, Laura Laming and Greg Walther, were crowned Friday.

Access Michigan program set

The Rawson Memorial Library staff will demonstrate and teach how to use the most useful reference sources available through Access Michigan Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. No registration is required.

Access Michigan is a program funded by the State of Michigan and federal funds and is available to all residents in Michigan. It puts a wealth of information at your fingertips.

These resources have been accessible at public and school libraries for several years, but because people either were not aware of them or didn't know how to use them, the service has not been widely used. Now, in addition to being available at libraries, several of the most valuable databases can be used from your home.

Hundreds of magazine and newspaper articles are indexed and many are full text

and can be printed immediately. Others of a more specialized type can be interloaned. Nationwide telephone directories, almanacs and encyclopedias, and extensive health information are other useful tools.

The library staff will also demonstrate World Book Encyclopedia on-line. This is

subscribed to by the library and in addition to being an encyclopedia, it includes Internet references and periodical and newspaper links that are current to the day.

Classes teaching basic computer use are being offered each week at the library. The first series, teaching basics such as using the mouse,

opening and closing windows and very elementary information, are taught in groups of five. All classes for January are filled and a waiting list is being maintained for February and March. Classes will be scheduled to accommodate those on the waiting list as quickly as possible.

Wheat seedings up 40,000 acres

Michigan winter wheat seedings this fall, for harvest in 2001, were up 40,000 acres from last year to 570,000 acres, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

Winter wheat planting began on schedule during the

second week of September. Wet weather put seeding behind schedule the second half of that month. October was drier and planting was completed by the end of the month, the normal completion date.

Emergence was slowed in October by cool tempera-

tures, but the crop was fully emerged by Dec. 1, on schedule. Over two-thirds of the acreage was rated good to excellent at that time.

Record low temperatures were set in December, but a heavy snow cover provided insulation for the crop.

The Chronicle - an ideal wedding gift

Laming, Walther crowned Friday

The Cass City 2001 Snowcoming king and queen as selected by the students are Greg Walther and Laura Laming.

Laming is the daughter of Louis and Anna Laming. She is involved in gymnastics, soccer and the pom pom squad. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is senior class representative.

Walther is the son of Leonard and Jan Walther. He

enjoys hunting, camping and is undecided about his future plans.

Other candidates in the court are: Nathan Brinkman, Katie Hacker, Jaime Fluegge, Brent Wallace, Kaylee Bell, B. J. Salas, Zach Glaspie and Manisha Raythatha.

Underclass members of the court are: Gavin Frederick, Krystee Dorland, Rajan Raythatha, Heidi Hartwick, James Kilbourn and Kayla Wentworth.

Storm aid coming

Continued from page one. decision to designate only 26 counties.

Under the declaration, FEMA will provide reimbursement to local and state agencies for 75 percent of the total eligible costs of equipment, contracts and personnel overtime related to emergency protective measures dealing with the snow for a 48-hour period, which is

considered the critical period during which work crews clear snow emergency routes and roads to critical facilities to permit the passage of emergency vehicles.

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Hawks setup GTW showdown with easy win over Hatchets

Perhaps it's too early to call any game in the Greater Thumb West crucial, but at the very least, Friday's game at Cass City with the USA Patriots will be the first major test for both schools.

Both teams will be undefeated if the Hawks got by a good Brown City team and USA defeated Harbor Beach Tuesday. The Patriots have been state-ranked by at least one Detroit daily. In addition to the team battle, an individual contest will be staged between 2 of the league's best, Cass City's Craig Emmert and the Patriots' Isaiah Gainforth. Look for a packed house for this one.

The Hawks warmed up for the first big game of the season with an easy 86-53 decision over the winless Bad Axe Hatchets Friday.

The game was all but decided in the first 5 minutes. The Hawks jumped off to a 17-0 lead before the Hatchets scored at the 2:47 mark. In the splurge Joel Brinkman contributed a pair of quick baskets and a steal. Emmert blocked 2 shots and hit his first 2 points on the way to a team-high 15 for the night. Jeff Storm finished off the barrage with a trey from the side.

Bad Axe finally cracked into the scoring column as Don Wrathell hit the first of his 2 quick trifectas before the period ended.

Leading 22-10 going into the second quarter, the Hawks ran to the team's largest halftime lead of the season. Featuring balanced scoring among 7 players, the Hawks rang up 22 points and the Hatchets netted just 8. Cass City was in front 44 to 18 at the intermission.

After that it was just a matter of how high the margin would be at the end of the game. Coach Jim Green was able to play his entire squad and 12 of the 14 scored.

Green said, we had a very good team effort tonight. In addition, our defense set the tone early and we shot real well.

The Hawks hit 57 percent of their shots while the Hatchets converted 40 percent. Cass City had an awesome advantage on the boards, 32-17. The Hawk numbers from the free throw line were average at best, 25 out of 41 for 61 percent. Neither team took care of the ball well. The Hawks committed 22 turnovers and the Hatchets, 25.

Joel Brinkman netted 13 points to go with his 2 steals and Emmert added 8 rebounds to go with his team high scoring total. Zach Glaspie was in double figures with 11 points and contributed 5 assists and 2 steals.

Ryan Holmgren blocked 2 shots, had 2 steals and 6 points. Bill Thane scored 7 points and picked off 7 rebounds.

CASS CITY - Diebel 1-0 (1-3) 3; Holmgren 3-0 (0-0) 6; Glaspie 5-0 (1-2) 11; Khoury 0-1 (1-2) 4; Brown 0-0 (4-6) 4; Frank 3-0 (0-0) 6; Storm 1-1 (2-2) 7; Thane 1-0 (5-7) 7; Havens 1-0 (0-0) 2; Emmert 4-0 (7-11) 15; N. Brinkman 1-2 (0-2) 8; J. Brinkman 3-1 (4-6) 13. TOTALS - 23-5 (25-41) 86.

BAD AXE - Wrathell 2-2 (0-0) 10; Bachman 3-0 (0-1) 6; Brown 0-1 (0-0) 3; Mantey 0-0 (1-2) 1; Maurer 2-0 (0-0) 4; Melnik 3-0 (4-4) 10; Neeb 3-0 (2-3) 8; Ulfig 0-0 (1-2) 1; Wagner 3-0 (2-2) 8; Gochel 0-0 (2-2) 2. TOTALS - 16-3 (12-16) 53.

Cass City outlasts visiting Marlette cagers, 65-56

Hawk fans can't complain about a perfect 5-0 record in the early going of the cage season, but have yet to see the squad put it all together and become the smooth running machine that went to the finals of the regionals last season.

The team has shown flashes of what it might become, but hasn't maintained it over an entire game. Also missing has been the killer instinct. In at least 2 recent games the Hawks have forged ahead to double-digit leads only to fall back and keep the outcome in doubt until the final minutes.

That's what happened last Tuesday when the Hawks outlasted visiting Marlette, 65-56. Cass City was in front

most of the game after overcoming an early Red Raider lead.

Both sides had trouble finding the range in the opening minutes of the game before the Raiders staged a 10-4 run to lead 13-7 with 2:27 left in the quarter. Cass City responded to the challenge with a 10-2 splurge to forge in front at the end of the period, 17-5.

The rally was started by Nathan Brinkman who nailed a trey from the side and 2 shots inside by Craig Emmert. One of his buckets was a neat reverse lay-up when he was in back of the backboard when he made his move.

Cass City appeared to be in charge in the early minutes of the third period and pushed out to a 41-30 lead only to have the Raiders charge back to within 4 points, spearheaded by Quentin Bishop's 4 for 4 from the charity stripe.

The margin was back to seven starting the final 8 minutes as Joel Brinkman hit a trey from just over the center line as the third quarter buzzer sounded.

Taking advantage of Cass City's sloppy ball handling and missed shots, Marlette had Hawk fans squirming in their seats as it closed to 52-49. Emmert stopped the rally when he connected for a jumper from the key. Another quick hoop upped the margin to 56-52 with 2:35 left in the game.

From that point coach Jim Green had his charges hold the ball for a good shot. It proved successful as Ryan Holmgren was found all alone at the basket for 2 lay-ups.

Those close-in shots helped Cass City post a gaudy 51 percent from the field to Marlette's 37 percent. The Red Raiders bested the Hawks on the boards, 27 to 26.

"Despite our poor rebounding and ball handling we were able to get a win by shooting over 50 percent from the field," coach Green said.

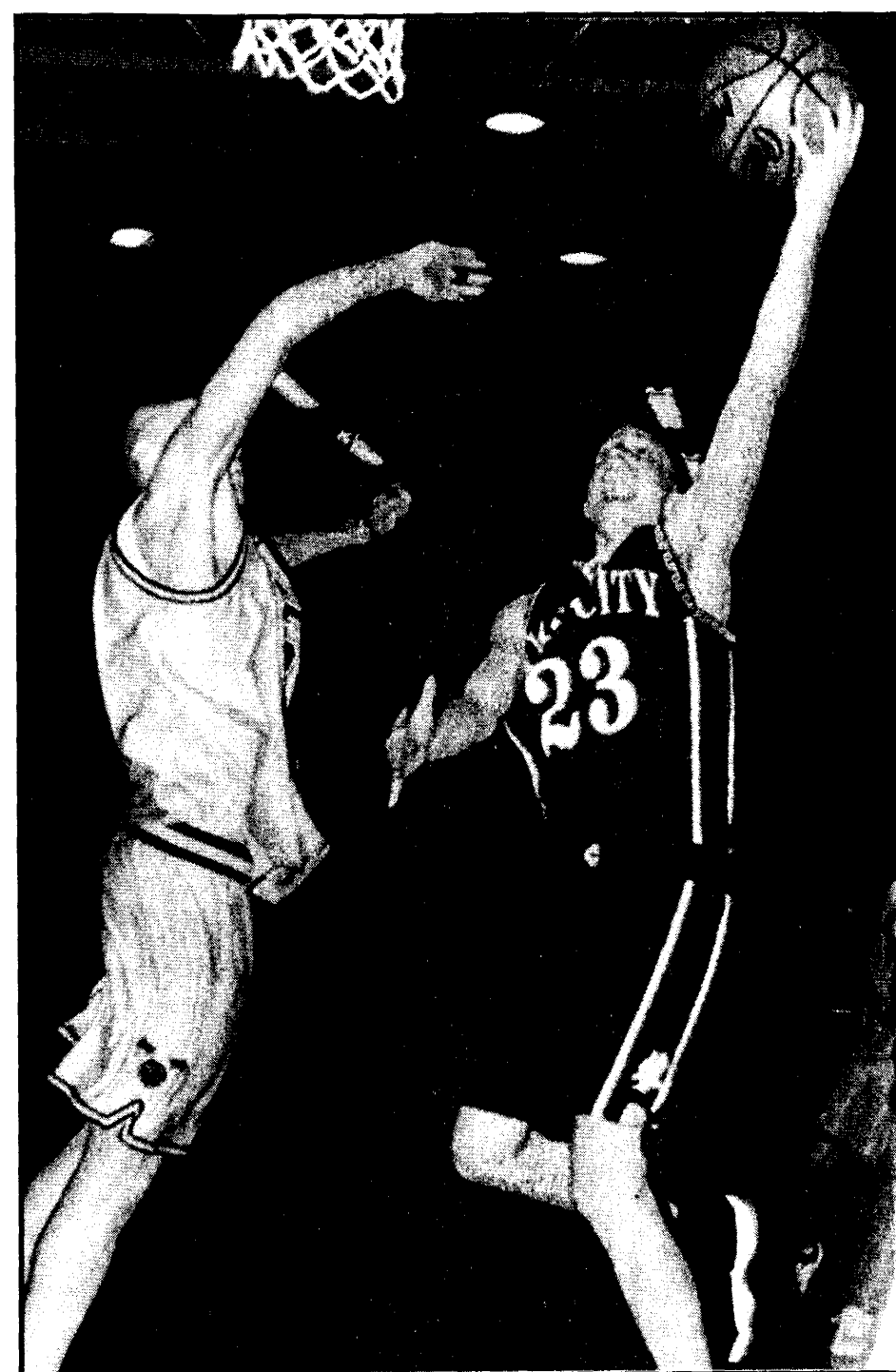
The Hawks were also able to withstand a very poor night handling the ball. They were charged with 21 turnovers. Marlette made 12.

Emmert netted 20 points and 3 blocks while Holmgren totaled 14 points on 7 for 10 shooting with 7 rebounds. Joel Brinkman contributed 10 points, 6 assists and 3 steals. Jeff Storm had 4 assists. Bishop led Marlette with 19 points.

CASS CITY - Sugden 0-0 (2-2) 2; Holmgren 7-0 (0-4) 14; Glaspie 2-0 (1-2) 5; Storm 1-0 (1-1) 3; Thane 1-0 (1-2) 3; Emmert 8-1 (1-1) 20; N. Brinkman 1-1 (3-4) 8; J. Brinkman 1-1 (5-6) 10. TOTALS - 21-3 (14-22) 65.

MARLETTE - Bonsteel 0-0 (2-4) 2; Bishop 6-0 (7-8) 19; Marshall 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dale 1-1 (0-0) 5; Kolenda 5-1 (0-0) 13; McRobbie 5-0 (0-0) 10; Macomber 1-0 (0-0) 2; Redman 0-0 (1-2) 1; Larson 1-0 (0-0) 2. TOTALS - 20-2 (10-14) 56.

Junior Varsity: Marlette 48, Cass City 46.

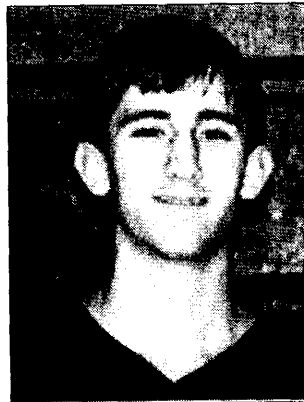


ZACH GLASPIE drives to the basket for a hoop against Bad Axe.

Emmert nears record

Craig Emmert is closing in on a state record for blocked shots. The 4-year varsity basketball center for the Cass City Red Hawks now is just 4 blocked shots from besting the record now held jointly by Josh Ode (1993-96) and David Hanley (1994-96), both of Freeland, each with 239 blocks.

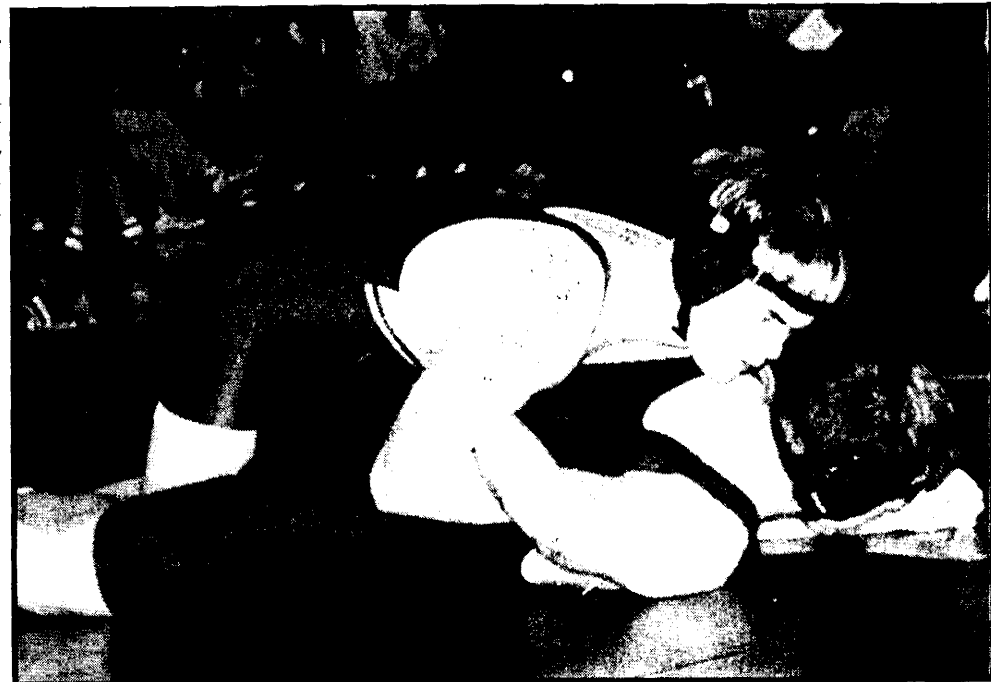
Emmert has already moved into third place with 236 blocks, ahead of Brett Stevenson of Galesburg, who has 200 blocks.



Craig Emmert

Barring injury, the talented senior should easily join the exclusive 1,000-point club, the fourth player in Hawk history to do so.

The first to score 1,000 in a career was Scott Hartel. His record was broken by Clarke Haire, whose total was bested by Paul Ulfig, who ended with over 1,400 points. Emmert presently has 955 career points.



RED HAWK GRAPPLER Travis Jensen (top) works toward a 2nd place medal in the 189 lb. weight class at Saturday's Bad Axe Invitational.

Hawk grapplers in contention for conference championship

The Cass City Red Hawks wrestling team continued to show improvement last week with a win over the Mayville Wildcats, 41-32, a team that the Hawks lost to in the opening match of the season, 48-32. The win was part of a double dual meet held in Cass City. The Hawks also defeated Bad Axe, 54-11, and the Hatchets also lost to Mayville.

The victory keeps the Hawks in contention for the Greater Thumb League championship with a 4-0 record. For the season Cass City is 4-2.

In addition to the wins, Cass City finished second in a 9-team invitational at Bad Axe. The win over Mayville went to the final match. Cass

City was ahead, 38-32, going into the 275-pound bout. Guy Nanney needed to avoid a pin to assure a Cass City win. He won a decision over Jamie Bodeis to assure the Hawks' 41-32 victory.

Several Hawks were double winners in the meet. Don Spencer won at 119 pounds against Bad Axe and at 125 pounds against Mayville. Jeremy Klinkman registered pins in the 135-pound bout against the Wildcats and at 140 pounds against Bad Axe. Aaron Dorland, 160 pounds, contributed a pin and a decision. Nanney was a forfeit winner against Bad Axe in addition to his decision against Mayville.

INVITATIONAL

Eight Hawks earned medals in Cass City's second place finish in the Invitational won by Marlette. The scores were: Marlette, 171; Cass City, 122.5; Brown City, 120; Almont, 107.5; Vassar, 86; Lakers, 76; Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 73; Bad Axe, 56.5; Sandusky, 44.

Two Hawks, Don Spencer, 119 pounds, and Jeremy Klinkman, 140 pounds, won first place medals. Other medal winners were: Guy Nanney, 275 pounds, and Travis Jensen, 189 pounds, second; Aaron Dorland, 152 pounds, third; Anand Raythatha, 145 pounds, Cliff Biskner, 125 pounds, and Adam Haag, 112 pounds, fourth.

Hawk gymnasts earn regional marks

Midland Dow gymnasts defeated visiting Cass City Thursday, 136.99 to 125.65. While Dow dominated the meet, the Hawk squad earned its first regional qualifying score of the season.

In addition, Chelsea Zimba equaled the school's mark on the beam with a mark of 8.85. Zimba's showing on

the beam was complemented by several members of the visitors' squad, who each qualified for individual regional competition in the event. Those members included Zimba, Manisha Raythatha, Laura Laming, Lyndi Trischler, Tessia Zawilinski and Johanna Hoelzle.

In the all-around, Dow gymnasts ruled, winning the first three places, led by Lisa Barnard. Cass City's best finish was posted by Zimba, who finished fourth, closely followed by Laming, fifth. Several Hawks qualified for individual regional competition. In the vault Laming, Raythatha, Hoelzle and

Zimba were all above the minimum of 7.7. Other individual qualifiers, and the event, are: uneven bars, Laming and Ashley Ouvre; floor exercise, Zawilinski, Laming, Raythatha, Zimba and Hoelzle.

Coach Heather Spencer's charges are scheduled to compete at Vassar Thursday.

Fabulous Five's Fearless Forecast

Tuesday, January 16
Vassar at North Branch
Birch Run at Caro
Mayville at Yale
Marlette at Bad Axe
Harbor Beach at USA
Lakers at Deckerville
BCAS at Pinconning
Cros-Lex at Peck
C-PS at Owen-Gage
AuGres-Sims at Kingston
Akron-Fairgrove at Hale
Brown City at Cass City
Friday, January 19
Cros-Lex at Marlette
USA at Cass City
Mayville at BCAS
Sandusky at Harbor Beach
Reese at Valley Lutheran
Deckerville at Ubyly
Yale at Brown City
Lakers at Bad Axe
C-PS at Kingston
Caseville at Peck
Owen-Gage at A-F
Port Hope at North Huron
Last week's results
Season's results

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BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	PTS
Cass City	2	0	5
Reese	2	0	6
USA	2	0	6
Valley Lutheran	0	2	3
BCAS	0	2	3
Laker	0	2	3
Mayville	0	2	1
Bad Axe	0	2	0
GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	PTS
Brown City	2	0	5
Cros-Lex	1	1	4
Deckerville	1	1	4
Harbor Beach	1	1	3
Ubyly	1	1	3
Marlette	1	1	3
Yale	0	2	2
Sandusky	0	2	2
NORTH CENTRAL THUMB			
Team	W	L	PTS
Kingston	4	0	9
CPS	3	0	4
Peck	1	0	4
Owen-Gage	1	1	3
North Huron	1	2	2
A-Fairgrove	1	3	2
Port Hope	1	4	2
Caseville	0	4	0
FRIDAY'S RESULTS			
Cass City 86, Bad Axe 53			
USA 48, Laker 42			
Valley Lutheran 58, BCAS 60 OT			
Reese 73, Mayville 42			
Brown City 57, Marlette 40			
Harbor Beach 59, Deckerville 58			
Ubyly 66, Sandusky 61 OT			
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Peck 65, Akron-Fairgrove 39			

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OWEN-GAGE'S NICK Warack operates along the base line in Friday's NCTL cage battle in Kingston. Warack finished with 7 points and 6 rebounds as the Bulldogs suffered a controversial 53-51 setback.

CHAMPIONS

The future of the Cass City volleyball program grew a bit brighter Saturday when Coach Amy Cuthrell's freshman volleyball team emerged as champions of the Laker Invitational tournament.

The lady Red Hawks rebounded from an opening game setback to Unionville-Sebewa in the finals, with victories of 15-10 and 15-11 to capture the 11-team tournament.

Hawks disposed of Uby and Imlay City in the single elimination rounds.

In pool play, where Cass City earned the top seed, Cuthrell's troops turned back Reese and Marlette, while splitting with Deckerville.



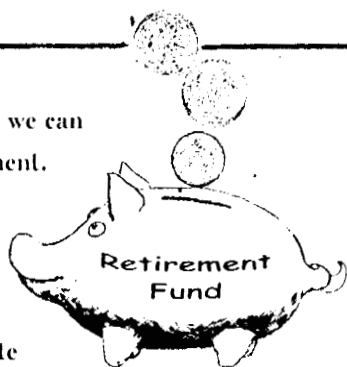
CASS CITY'S CHAMPIONSHIP freshman volleyball team members are: (front l-r) LeeAnn Missovich, Erica Delamearter, Kayla Karr, Mallory Powell, Kristi Fluegge, Elizabeth Sobczak, (back l-r) Andrea McIntosh, Kaylene Ziehm, Jessica Covarrubis, Sarah Hobbs, Maegan Laurie, Mandy Sparks.

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Bulldogs defeated at buzzer in Kingston

Randall provides questionable game winner as clock expires

The battle for the North Central Thumb League cage lead Friday in Kingston went down to the final buzzer.

And then some. Kingston sophomore Jason Randall put the Cardinals on top of the NCTL standings when he rebounded a Dustin Wilmot shot as time expired, lifting the hosts to an exciting 53-51 victory. The win keeps the Cardinals' record unblemished at 6-0, while Owen-Gage slips to 4-1.

Bulldog fans, along with Kingston Coach Mike Rea, felt the basket occurred after the final horn. Even Randall believed his game-winning hoop came too late.

"He (Randall) came over after the game and told me, 'The basket was no good, coach,'" said Bulldog Coach Leon Westover.

Adding to the contested hoop was a mix-up on the time remaining after Bulldog Shane Mellendorf knotted the contest at 51 with a trey from the top of the key with just 5 seconds remaining.

After Mellendorf's heroics that caught nothing but net, the score board clock expired. However, Owen-Gage had signaled for a time out and when both schools took the floor, the officials put 6 ticks back on the clock.

With Bulldog fans screaming about the one second differential, Kingston raced up the court and Randall converted the questionable game winner.

The contest was every bit as close as the final tally indicated. Westover's Bulldogs took their biggest advantage of the night in the opening period, 12-4, on a pair of hoops from junior Corbin Swiastyn and a fast break lay-in by Cory Fritz with 3:15 on the clock.

Owen-Gage maintained its advantage throughout the opening half, despite playing

most of the 2nd period without Fritz, who collected his 2nd and 3rd fouls within a 30-second span at the 5-minute mark of the stanza, that ended with the visitors in front 28-24.

The Cardinals showed their true character in the final half and were able to even the score at 32-32 on a Tylon Lyons' driving lay-in shortly after the intermission. But 3 consecutive treys, 2 by Mellendorf, sandwiched between a Swiastyn shot from behind the arc helped Owen-Gage take a 43-39 margin into the final 8 minutes.

Again, the Cardinals turned up their defense pressure and held Owen-Gage to just 3 tallies over the final 6 minutes until Mellendorf delivered his 4th triple of the night.

Eric Marquardt was a force for the Cardinals on the inside and recorded game scoring honors with 23 points. Trailing 48-45, the Kingston center helped the hosts earn their first lead of the night when he connected from the paint and then stuffed a play on the defensive end that resulted in an Andy Brzezinski fast break basket with under 2 minutes remaining.

Marquardt nearly went from hero to goat when the Bulldogs put the 6' 8" center at the foul line with just 15 seconds remaining and his team clinging to a 3 point advantage. Marquardt's foul shot hit the front iron, setting up Mellendorf's final trifecta.

Mellendorf turned in his best performance of the year and led the Bulldogs with 18 markers and 5 steals. Fritz recorded 9 points and 4 steals, while Swiastyn added 8 tallies and 6 assists.

Kingston received 10 points from Randall, while Wilmot chipped in 9.

Owen-Gage remains unblemished in NCTL

The Owen-Gage volleyball team improved to 4-0 in North Central Thumb League play Thursday with straight game wins at Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

The defending NCTL champion Bulldogs had few problems with the Tigers and cruised to wins of 15-8, 15-9 and 15-8.

Jenna Root recorded 20 points and Erin Salcido added 10 markers to lead the winners. The senior pair combined for 14 aces.

Around the net, Salcido recorded a team high 16 kills, while Root accounted for 13 winners. Also helping the Bulldog effort were seniors Dee Fritz and Melissa Ziehm, who reached double digits in assists with 12 and 10, respectively.

Defensively, Salcido re-

corded 22 digs, while Fritz and junior Becky Hartman split 34 digs. Sophomore Kelly Zaleski added 9 digs for Owen-Gage.

Earlier in the week, on Monday, the Bulldogs rolled to straight game wins of 15-5, 15-3 and 15-5 during their home opener against Peck.

Ziehm paced the hosts from the service line with 13 tallies, including 4 aces. She was also credited with 15 assists and 11 digs.

Campbell received a solid game from Salcido, who posted 10 points, 9 kills and 11 digs.

Owen-Gage, 4-4 overall, will continue its assault toward the league title Thursday at Akron-Fairgrove, before returning home next Monday to entertain North Huron.



CARDINAL ERIC MARQUARDT heads down the lane towards a game high 23 points Friday as Bulldog defenders Nick Warack and Cory Fritz (44) can only watch.

Lakers top visiting Hawk spikers

The Red Hawk spikers traveled to Pigeon Thursday and suffered a 4-game setback in the opening match of Greater Thumb West conference play for both schools.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers came out flat and allowed the Lakers to race to a 13-0 start in the opening game and then recorded decisions of 15-4, 15-3, 11-15 and 15-6.

"Everything that could go wrong, did," stated Howard.

"It was just one of those days."

Things won't get any easier for the Hawks this week as they host GTW powerhouse Bad Axe Thursday, before the Hawks' own invitational tournament Saturday at the high school.

One bright spot for the Hawks against the Lakers came at the service line, where they served a gaudy 93%. However, the visitors

committed 22 errors, with just 16 kills, in 47 attacks.

Becky Bulla led the visitors with 3 aces, 17 receptions and 14 digs.

Sophomore Becky Hartel recorded a team high 10 assists, while Sara Homakie chipped in 10 kills. Holli Cooper and Deidre Deering split 4 solo blocks for Cass City, while Monica Dorland had 6 assists.

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WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

CASS CITY BOYS' BASKETBALL			
Dec. 5	Caro 53, Cass City 68	5:00	
12	Brown City Postponed	5:00	
15	Harbor Beach 34, Cass City 54	5:00	
19	Ubyly 49, Cass City 69	5:00	
Jan. 5	Lakers 54, Cass City 60	5:00	
9	Cass City 65, Marlette 56	5:00	
12	Bad Axe 53, Cass City 86	5:00	
16	Brown City	5:00	
19	USA	5:00	
23	Deckerville	5:00	
26	Reese	5:00	
30	Bay City A.S.	5:00	
Feb. 2	Mayville	5:00	
5	Valley Luth. (Fresh.)	6:00	
6	Valley Luth. (JV,V)	6:00	
9	Lakers	6:00	
13	Bad Axe	6:00	
16	USA	5:00	
20	Reese	5:00	
23	Bay City A.S.	5:00	
27	Mayville	5:00	
March 2	Valley Lutheran	5:00	

CASS CITY WRESTLING			
Nov. 30	Caro/Mayville	Away	6:00
Dec. 2	Cros-Lex (V)	Away	10:00 a.m.
9	Marlette Ivite (JV,V)	Away	8:00 a.m.
13	Lapeer East/Bentley Lapeer East	6:00	
	Davison		
Jan. 16	Yale Ivite (JV)	Away	9:00 a.m.
3	Lakers/Yale/Cros-Lex	Home	6:00 p.m.
6	Yale Ivite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
10	Bad Axe/Mayville	Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
13	Bad Axe Ivite (JV,V)	Away	10:00 a.m.
17	Cros-Lex/Brown C.	Brown C.	6:00 p.m.
20	Mayville Ivite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.
24	Marlette	Marlette	6:00 p.m.
27	Imlay City Ivite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.
30	North Branch	Away	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	Millington Ivite (JV/V)	9:00 a.m.	
7	Valley Luth/Sandusky	Brown C.	6:00 p.m.
10	League Ivite Lakers	10:00 a.m.	
14 or 15	Team Districts	TBA	TBA
17	Individual Districts	TBA	TBA

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BASKETBALL
January 16
Brown City
January 19
USA

VOLLEYBALL
January 18
Bad Axe

CASS CITY VOLLEYBALL			
Dec. 16	Caro Invite	Away	8:30 a.m.
18	Ubyly, A-F (V)	Ubyly	6:00 p.m.
	Ubyly, A-F (JV)	Home	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Caro	Home	6:00 p.m.
5	Bad Axe Inv. (Fresh,JV)	Away	3:30 p.m.
6	Bad Axe Invite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
11	Lakers	Away	6:30 p.m.
13	Laker Invite (Fresh)	Away	9:00 a.m.
15	Brown City	Home	6:30 p.m.
18	Bad Axe	Home	6:30 p.m.
20	Laker Invite (JV)	Away	9:00 a.m.
20	Cass City Invite	Home	10:00 a.m.
22	Sandusky	Away	5:30 p.m.
25	USA	Home	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Reese	Away	6:30 p.m.
5	North Branch	Home	6:30 p.m.
8	Bay City A.S.	Home	6:30 p.m.
10	USA Invite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.
15	Mayville	Away	6:30 p.m.
17	Laker Invite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
17	Fr. League Invite	Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.
17	JV League Invite	USA	8:30 a.m.
22	Valley Lutheran	Home	6:30 p.m.
24	League Invite	Lakers	9:00 a.m.
March 3	Districts	TBA	TBA

CASS CITY GYMNASTICS			
Dec. 6	Midland Dow/Vassar	Home	6:00
11	Freeland	Home	6:00
16	Troy Athens Invit	Away	TBA
Jan. 3	Cadillac	Away	6:00
6	Traverse City Invit	Away	Noon
11	Midland Dow	Away	6:00
18	Vassar	Away	6:30
20	Hartland Invite	Away	10:00
24	Midland	Away	6:30
27	Vassar Invite	Away	Noon
29	Midland	Home	6:30
Feb. 10	St. Johns Invite	Away	10

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



Fred Britt of Johannsburg spent a few days with Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Nancy Carpenter and Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro, Joe and Betty Myers and Ryan of Gladwin, Rand and Mary Smith, Nicholas and Brian of Lucas, Ohio, Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Fillion, Charles and Theresa Depcinski, Shawn and Nicole, Richard and Cindy Depcinski and Brooke, Kimberly Depcinski and friend David, Roland, Ray and Rita Depcinski were late Christmas dinner guests of Bob and Carol Osantoski and family Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hebert, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Tuesday morning for breakfast.

Around 30 members of the Cleland family met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Cleland and family Saturday for a late Christmas gathering. Guests attended from Virginia Beach, Va., Midland, Cass City, Ubyly and Bad Axe where they enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange.

Lisa Laming and Heather Depcinski spent Tuesday with Allen and Alice Depcinski.

Allen Farrelly spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly, Grant, Heath and Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weise, Amber and Stephanie of Virginia Beach, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn, Lana Puterbaugh and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr for an evening of games and cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hacker and family of Mount Pleasant were Saturday guests of Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mark and Rosalind and Melvin and Charlotte Particka had dinner at the Best Western in Bad Axe Wednesday for Melvin's birthday.

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the funeral of Marvin Wruble at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Parisville Wednesday.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka were Wednesday evening guests of Alex and June Particka.

Jim Foster of Waterford, Dale Goronowich, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly were Wednesday guests of Dan and Eileen Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weise, Amber and Stephanie of Virginia Beach, Va., spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and visited other relatives.

Allen Farrelly visited Dan and Eileen Franzel Friday morning.

Mark and Rosalind Particka of Humble, Texas, spent the weekend with Melvin and Charlotte Particka. Other guests were Ted and Kim Particka of Madison Heights, Michelle Reid and Ethan of Clinton Township and all attended a birthday party for Alex Particka at the Ubyly TVO Hall Dec. 30.

Anna McCartney of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weise, Amber and Stephanie of Virginia, Katha Chockley, Amy and Christopher of Algonac and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland.

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at Franklin Inn in Bad Axe for their Christmas dinner Friday evening.

Shirley Knapp of Walled Lake visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at Huron Memorial Hospital Friday morning.

Rita Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club potluck dinner and card bingo party at Bad Axe Tuesday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Booms of Harbor Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick at Ruth.

Ross in Ubyly.

Bob Zurek, Eugene Depcinski and Ray Depcinski attended the John Deere show in Sandusky Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Saturday lunch guests of Thelma Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis of Davison visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Saturday.

Rick Stuart, Jim Lewis, Wayne Kennedy, Ed Schember, Jack Kennedy, Pete Ebert, Al and Mark Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Friday morning.

Casey and Tayva Casad of Woodby Island, Wash., Joel Rashau of Gainesville, Fla., Talitha Rashau and Terry and Kathy Rashau of Oregon spent 10 days with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker and also visited other relatives and friends.

Dan Franzel is a patient in Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe.

Rita Depcinski attended the Christian Mothers meeting at St. John's Catholic Church hall in Ubyly Wednesday evening.

Donelda Meske fell in her home and broke 2 ribs. She is recuperating at their home at Port Hope.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney went to the Zinger-Smigelski Funeral Home in Ubyly to pay respects to Bernard O'Berski Wednesday.

Sharon Depcinski of Grand Rapids spent from Thursday evening till Saturday evening with Ray and Rita Depcinski and was a Saturday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and family in Caro.

Twelve members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at McDonald's Deli and Grocery store in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at Stafono's in Bad Axe next Thursday.

HOMEMAKERS MEETING

Eleven members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Charmont for lunch, with Olga Schneeberger as hostess.

The guest speaker was Sandra Maradec Camardo Geixerira from Brazil, who is a senior at Cass City High School. Her host parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hartel and family.

The next meeting will be a potluck Valentine Day dinner with Midge Cumings as hostess.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Evelyn Miller Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Andersen of Brighton were Tuesday and Wednesday guests of Mrs. Earl Schenk and Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack

Kingston Schools honors trustees

School Board Recognition Month, in January, is celebrated by 560 local and 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan, as 4,200 elected school board members are honored by their schools and community for untiring dedication to school governance.

"The cornerstone of board leadership is helping all students achieve," says George Bednerek, Superintendent. "We're proud of our district, and School Board Recognition Month is the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees."

In Kingston Community Schools, school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues which impact the entire community. They bear responsibility for an annual budget of \$5 million, 739 students, 94 employees and 3 buildings.

"School board members make decisions that affect 1.7 million Michigan children and \$12 billion in educational expenditures," notes Bednerek. "They carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy - volunteer public service."

The men and women serving Kingston Community

Schools and their years of service are: President David Kolacz, 12 years; Vice President Sherri Diegel, 7 years; Secretary Bernard Bishop, 6 years; Treasurer Ellen Romosier, 4 years; Trustee Jason Koehler, 3 years; Trustee Stanley Fox, one year, and Trustee James VanAllen, one year.

Sanilac 4-H youth workshop set Jan. 27

The Sanilac County 4-H Youth Program is sponsoring a winter workshop for all youth ages 5 to 8.

This year's workshop will contain several hands-on activities that have been designed to help young people learn about nutrition and teamwork, and will also include several other fun activities.

The workshop will take place at the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, Saturday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. until noon. Several 4-H volunteers will be on hand to assist and lead games and activities.

The youth will be welcomed at the door and will kick off the day with several "make it and take it" activities, such as making their own bird feeder, constructing their own picture frame, and valentine crafts. Youth will then take part in making their own snack and get a few tips on proper nutrition. The day will come to a close with several games and relays designed to help the young people learn how to work as a team.

The cost for this workshop is \$5 and registration is due to the MSU Extension Office - Sanilac County at 37 Austin Street in Sandusky as soon as possible. For more information, please call the MSU Extension Office - Sanilac County at (810) 648-2515.

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Legal Notices

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **PAUL E. TROIA AND SANDRA M. TROIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE** to **REPUBLIC BANK, A MICHIGAN CORPORATION** Mortgagee, dated July 29, 1999, and recorded on July 30, 1999, in Liber 778, on page 278, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and was modified by an agreement dated March 29, 2000, and recorded June 14, 2000, in Liber 803, on page 654, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty-eight thousand four hundred forty seven and 23/100 Dollars (\$38,447.23), including interest at 9.000% 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, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 26, 2001.

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

PARCEL 3 - Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East Section line that is N00 degrees 29'32"W, 439.63 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 25; thence S89 degrees 30'28"W, 498.48 feet; thence N00 degrees 30'07"W, 220.61 feet; thence N89 degrees 30'28"E, 498.52 feet; thence along said East Section line, S00 degrees 29'32"E, 220.61 feet to the point of beginning.

Professional and Business DIRECTORY

ACCOUNTANTS

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Jerry Bernhardt, CPA (Caro)
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PARCEL 4 - Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East section line that is N00 degrees 29'32"W, 660.24 feet from the Southeast corner of said section 25; thence S89 degrees 30'28"W, 498.52 feet; thence N00 degrees 30'07"W, 219.33 feet; thence N89 degrees 13'07"E, 498.57 feet; thence along said East Section line, S00 degrees 29'32"E, 221.85 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 27, 2000

REPUBLIC BANK
Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

12-27-4

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Richard C. Zeien and Sharon L. Zeien, husband and wife** (original mortgagors) to **Flagstar Bank, FSB**, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 1997, and recorded on July 29, 1997 in Liber 716, on Page 821, Tuscola County Records, Michigan.

on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 22/100 Dollars (\$259,813.22), including interest at 9.750% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 8/1 of every 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 February 9, 2001.

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

Part of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 10 Town 13 North, Range 11 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 10 which is North 00 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds West, 888.53 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 10; thence continuing along said West Section line, North 00 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds West, 438.00 feet; thence along the North line of said Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, South 89 degrees 48 minutes 14 seconds East, 1311.72 feet; thence along the East line of said Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, South 00 degrees 35 minutes 52 seconds East, 438.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 14 seconds West, 1311.45 feet to the West line of Section 10 and to the point of beginning. Subject to the Right of Way for Cemetery Road over the Westerly side thereof.

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

Dated: December 27, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
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File # 200025291

Hawks

12-27-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Bruce Aubert a/k/a Bruce Alan Aubert and Tammy Aubert a/k/a Tammy Lynn Aubert, husband and wife** (original mortgagors) to **Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee**, dated November 20, 1998, and recorded on November 20, 1998 in Liber 756, on Page 471, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned to said mortgagee to the Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 20, 1998, which was recorded on November 20, 1998 in Liber 756, on Page 1309, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 68/100 Dollars (\$70,541.68), including interest at 7.250% per annum, and modified by a Loan Modification Agreement dated April 1, 1999 and recorded April 29, 1999 in Liber 769, on Page 1306, Tuscola County Records.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 2, 2001.

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

1-17-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **John F. Culbert and Kathleen L. Culbert, Husband and Wife**, to **Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee**, dated April 29, 1999 and recorded May 4, 1999 in Liber 770, Page 537-544, Tuscola County Records said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A. as Trustee by assignment dated November 14, 2000 and recorded on October 31, 2000 in Liber 814, Page 816, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 99/100 Dollars (\$93,996.95) including interest at the rate of 10.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 9, 2001.

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

Commencing 14 rods West of the Northeast corner of Block 10 of the original Plat of the Village of Caro, thence South 8 rods; thence West 4 rods 7 1/2 feet; thence North 8 rods; thence East 8 rods 7 1/2 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: January 3, 2001

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000

File No. 209.0136

1-3-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Robert R. Lalonde and Shannon M. Lalonde, husband and wife** (original mortgagors) to **Flagstar Bank, FSB**, Mortgagee, dated January 7, 2000, and recorded on January 14, 2000 in Liber 792, on Page 852-859, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 06/100 Dollars (\$70,651.06), including interest at 9.750% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 2/1 of every 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 February 2, 2001.

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

Commencing at a point 414.00 feet North

of the Southwest Corner of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, thence North 220.00 feet; thence East 236.00 feet; thence South 220.00 feet; thence West 236.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 20, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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12-20-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Candace A. Kaiser to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Mortgagee**, dated April 26, 1990, and recorded on April 26, 1990, in Liber 601, on page 1385-1388. Mortgage was between **Camelia Wateridge and Farmers Home Administration** which was given due to assumption of mortgage dated October 28, 1994 and recorded October 28, 1994 in Liber 666, page 277-280, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE AND 79/100 DOLLARS (\$71,112.79), including interest at 8% 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Friday, March 2, 2001.

Said premises are situated in City of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

1-17-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **PAULINE C. BILICKI, a single woman**, of 4350 Curry Rd., Caro, MI 48723, Michigan, Mortgagee, to **ROCK FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee**, dated the 16th of July, 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of August, 1998, in Liber 747 of Tuscola County Records, page 84, said mortgage having been assigned to **THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Indenture Trustee for the Money Store Trust 1998-C**, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight and 39/100 (\$34,948.39), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of February, 2001 at 10 o'clock A.M. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described as said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on 12.45% per annum, with interest thereon at 12.45% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Said said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Wells, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

The East 144 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 12 North, Range 10 East.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 12/8/00

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, Mortgagee
Jonathan L. Engman P56364
Attorney for The Bank of New York
888 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. 1470
Troy, MI 48064
(248) 269-8684

12-20-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Randall S. Valentine and Angela Valentine his wife** (original mortgagors) to **Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee**, dated November 1, 1999, and recorded on November 8, 1999 in Liber 786, on Page 1450, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 56/100 Dollars (\$63,764.56), including interest at 11.250% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 11/1 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 February 2, 2001.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 21, Township 14 North, Range 9 East, running thence East 20 rods; thence North 6 rods; thence East 1/3 rod; thence North 8 rods; thence West 20 1/3 rods; thence South 14 rods to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 17, 2001

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

1-17-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **John F. Culbert and Kathleen L. Culbert, Husband and Wife**, to **Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee**, dated April 29, 1999 and recorded May 4, 1999 in Liber 770, Page 537-544, Tuscola County Records said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A. as Trustee by assignment dated November 14, 2000 and recorded on October 31, 2000 in Liber 814, Page 816, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 99/100 Dollars (\$93,996.95) including interest at the rate of 10.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 9, 2001.

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

Commencing 14 rods West of the Northeast corner of Block 10 of the original Plat of the Village of Caro, thence South 8 rods; thence West 4 rods 7 1/2 feet; thence North 8 rods; thence East 8 rods 7 1/2 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 12 North, Range 9 East.

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

Dated: January 3, 2001

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Citibank, N.A. as Trustee, As Assignee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000

File No. 209.0136

1-3-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Robert R. Lalonde and Shannon M. Lalonde, husband and wife** (original mortgagors) to **Flagstar Bank, FSB**, Mortgagee, dated January 7, 2000, and recorded on January 14, 2000 in Liber 792, on Page 852-859, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 06/100 Dollars (\$70,651.06), including interest at 9.750% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 2/1 of every 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 February 2, 2001.

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

Commencing at a point 414.00 feet North

of the Southwest Corner of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, thence North 220.00 feet; thence East 236.00 feet; thence South 220.00 feet; thence West 236.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 20, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200025283

Hawks

12-20-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Candace A. Kaiser to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Mortgagee**, dated April 26, 1990, and recorded on April 26, 1990, in Liber 601, on page 1385-1388. Mortgage was between **Camelia Wateridge and Farmers Home Administration** which was given due to assumption of mortgage dated October 28, 1994 and recorded October 28, 1994 in Liber 666, page 277-280, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE AND 79/100 DOLLARS (\$71,112.79), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 2, 2001.

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

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 21, Township 14 North, Range 9 East, running thence East 20 rods; thence North 6 rods; thence East 1/3 rod; thence North 8 rods; thence West 20 1/3 rods; thence South 14 rods to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 17, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1302
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Tigers

1-17-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Robert E. Atkinson and Beckie L. Atkinson, husband and wife** (original mortgagors) to **American Mortgage Management Corporation, Mortgagee**, dated December 16, 1993, and recorded on December 28, 1993 in Liber 651, on Page 1197, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to **GMAC Mortgage Corporation, a Pennsylvania Corporation**. Assignee by an assignment dated July 1, 1999, which was recorded on May 24, 2000, in Liber 801, on Page 1110, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FORTY-FOUR AND 96/100 Dollars (\$28,044.96), 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 10:00 AM, on February 23, 2001.

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

Lot 2 of Goodwin Creek Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, part of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 19, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 1

Students named to honors lists

Several area students were recently named to the honors lists at Davenport University, Midland, for the fall 2000 semester.

Named to the dean's list for achieving a minimum 3.5 grade point average were: Tonya Asp, Malcolm Maitland, Amy Monroe and Richard Salcido, all of Cass City; Ronald Roscoe, Decker; Troy Benitez and Peggy Ricketts, both of Deford; Sue Ensign, Elizabeth Mashike, Michelle Russell and Janet Sommerfield, all of Kingston, and Tracy Isbister, Charles Myers III, Christopher Ogryski and Kimberly Talaski, all of Uby.

Students named to the president's list for earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average were: Mary Brinkman, Cass City; Rhonda Wilcox, Gagetown; Roxanna Hill and Holly Lester, both of Kingston; Peggy Bishop and Lynne Varosi, both of Snover, and Leanna Kipper and William Osantowski, both of Uby.

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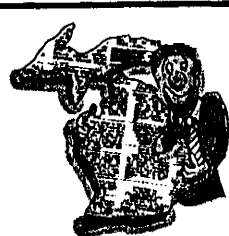
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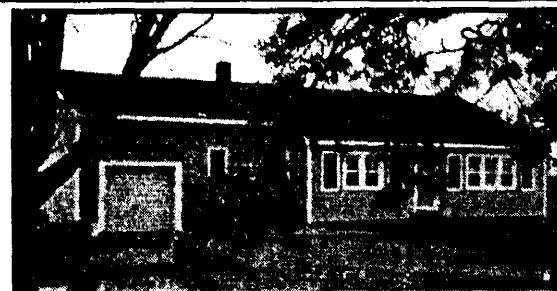
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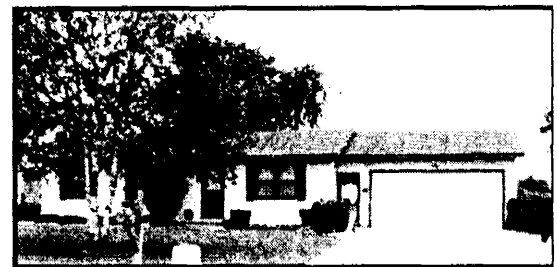
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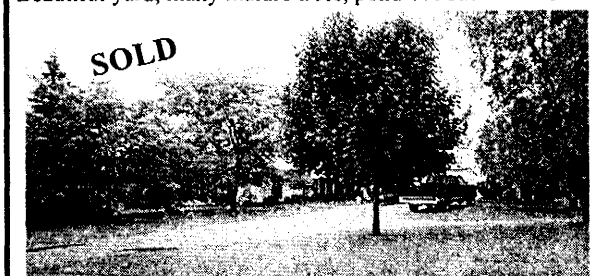
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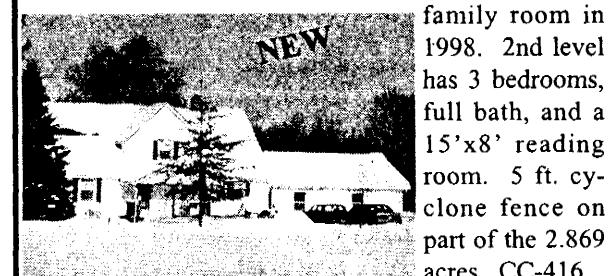
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Obituaries

David Ashmore

David Charles Ashmore, 85, of Cass City, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at The Laurels of Mt. Pleasant Nursing Home.

He was born Oct. 8, 1915, in Grant Township to William and Helen (Harrington) Ashmore. He married Wilma L. Hartsell Jan. 25, 1942, in Elkton.

Ashmore worked for Gambles in Cass City for 20 years and then retired from General Cable after 22 years. He attended Cass City United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma; 7 children, Rev. David (Andrea) Ashmore of Colorado Springs, Colo., Judy (Tommy) Elliott of Ypsilanti, Roger (Mary) Ashmore of Bay City, Henry Ashmore of Bay City, Dale (Clara) Ashmore of Colorado Springs, Colo., Sharon (David) Grant of Saginaw and Karen Mayer of Cass City; 19 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, John (Cathleen) Ashmore of Mayfield and Justus (Shirley) Ashmore of Tawas, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie Lynn Ashmore; brothers, Bill, Sam, Clarence and Ted Ashmore, and a sister, Lula Kozan.

Funeral services were scheduled at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Dr. Philip Rice of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was to be in Grant Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church.

Elmer Kubacki

Elmer F. Kubacki, 73, of Ubyly, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001; at home, under hospice care.

He was born at home in Ubyly Sept. 7, 1927, to Frank

and Frances (Peruski) Kubacki. He married Lillian Fisher Feb. 17, 1953, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Frieburg.

Kubacki attended Ubyly High School. He was a founding and honorary member of the Ubyly Fox Hunter's Club. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Ubyly where he was an usher. He farmed for many years and also worked at the Bach Elevator, Thumb Farm Service of Ubyly and retired from Gemini Plastics in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian of Ubyly; 8 daughters, Marilyn Bezemek and her husband, Ken, of Burt, Carolyn Schultz and her husband, Mark, of Bad Axe, Jane Kubacki D.V.M. and her husband, Ken Baranski, of Cass City, Julie Watson and her husband, Steve, of Bad Axe, Luann Zellar and her husband, Jim, of Gulliver, Deann Kubacki of Howell, Janet Lipskey and her husband, Dale, of Minden City, Paulette Halifax and her husband, Craig, of Ubyly; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandson; mother-in-law, Vera Fisher of Bad Axe; 2 sisters-in-law, Irene Peters of Pontiac and Jean Fisher of Bad Axe, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Ronald, one baby brother, Eugene, and one baby sister, Marie.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Jan. 12, at St. John Catholic Church of Ubyly. The Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiated.

Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Huron Memorial Hospice or the Family Discretionary Fund.

Melvin LeBlanc

Melvin F. LeBlanc, 72, of Caro, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, at his home in Caro.

LeBlanc lived in Caro for 9 years and was previously from the Silverwood area.

LeBlanc was born Dec. 4, 1928, in Lincoln Park, son of Lawrence and Clara (Natzel) LeBlanc. He married Betty Snyder June 28, 1946, in Detroit. She preceded him in death Oct. 29, 1991.

He worked as a self-employed truck driver for many years and also farmed. He recently worked for the Thumb Foster Grandparents program in Tuscola County (Pioneer Work and Learn as Grandpa).

He is survived by a son, Calvin and Faye LeBlanc of Roscommon; 3 daughters, Diane and Arnold Grow of Pontiac, Mary Ellen Wargo of Kingston, Terri and John Flikkie of Kingston; 2 brothers, Larry and Dorothy LeBlanc of Lake Wales, Fla., Marvin LeBlanc of Oakland; a sister, Marilyn and Ron Bower of LeBelle, Fla.; 9 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers, William and Pete LeBlanc, and granddaughter, Jennifer Jane Grow.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 13, at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Marlette, with Pastor Bert Hilborn officiating.

Burial was in the West Burlington Cemetery in Silverwood.

Memorials may be given to the family.

June Lange

June E. (Dearing) Lange, 82, of The Dalles, Ore., died Jan. 1, 2001, after a short illness.

She was born June 12, 1918, in Pontiac, to Nile and Anna Helena (Dextrom) Havershaw and lived most of her life in the Cass City area. She dedicated her life to music. She was a church organist, choir director, and music teacher. She moved to The Dalles 2 years ago, where she attended the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Surviving are her children, Gerald (Marie) Dearing of Lyle, Wash., Ilene (Robert) MacKay of Cass City, Raymond (Madeline) Dearing of Howell, David

(Lynn) Dearing of Cass City, Nancy (Robert) Brown of AuGres, and Wendy Hockey of Cass City; 18 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Maxine (Ward) Newman of Waterford and Betty (George) Albright of Fort Walters Beach, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 sisters, Marcella Weaver and Patricia Haines.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Gorge, 751 Myrtle, The Dalles, Ore. 97058.

Frederick Profit

Frederick James Profit, 73, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw. He was born April 28, 1927, in Elkland Township to Clare and Gladys (Millmine) Profit. He married Donna Kessler May 13, 1968, in Elkton. She died Jan. 29, 2000.

Profit retired from Cass City Public Schools as custodian after 20 years.

He is survived by his children, Dennis (Nancy) Kessler and Alexander (Carol) Kessler, all of Cass City, Pamela Berridge of Taylor; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and caring friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Profit. Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 12, in Cass City Missionary Church with the Rev. David Edwards officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Floyd Shirkey

Floyd B. Shirkey, 83, of Deford, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001, in Marlette Community Hospital.

He was born Jan. 31, 1917, in Almont to Art G. and Mary Jane (Bartles) Shirkey. He

married Cecilia L. Stark July 30, 1968, in Detroit.

Shirkey served in the United States Army during World War II. He retired from Cox Instrument Company as a Machine Builder after over 26 years. He was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Cecilia; daughter, Mary Jane Eshelman of Marysville. He was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Stiff, and sister, Grace Roberts.

Funeral Mass was held Saturday, Jan. 13, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul Bala officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery under the auspices of Cass City VFW Post #3644.

Memorials may be made to the United Hospice of Marlette.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Charles Wiethoff

Charles J. Wiethoff, 87, of Cass City and formerly of Harbor Beach died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001, in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, following a short illness.

He was born in Detroit June 13, 1913, the son of Joseph and Estelle (Lieberman) Wiethoff. He and Ethel Lilley were married June 20, 1936, in Detroit. He was a retired employee of the Lanero Engineering Company in Troy.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #2 in Detroit.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ethel, of Cass City; a son, Charles Wiethoff and his wife, Lynne, of Iron Mountain; a daughter, Ellen Eanes and her husband, Lewis, of New Baltimore; 4 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and a sister, Rosemary Sieger of Farmington Hills.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

A memorial service will be held in the spring at the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Beach with interment to be in the Rock Falls Cemetery.

The Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach is handling arrangements.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Arsenic has been detected in well water in some Thumb communities. However, water samples submitted by the village of Cass City have been given a clean bill of health.

Evergreen Township has purchased a high-tech voting machine at a cost of \$5,800. Evergreen Township Clerk Arthur Severance said the machine will save the township \$1,100 the first year just in election workers.

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team is undefeated in the league after an easy win over Cross-Lex Wednesday.

Deford area cattle and cash crop farmer Gerald Vandemark will be honored as the 1995 "Conservationist of the Year" during next week's annual Tuscola Soil Conservation District meeting. The 52nd annual meeting will be held Thursday in the Caro High School cafeteria.

Cass City police were called to an apartment on Seeger St. after a neighbor called and said they could smell marijuana burning. After receiving permission to enter, the police found several items, including 2 water pipes -- one of them 4 feet in height -- commonly used to smoke marijuana.

10 YEARS AGO

Tim and Deb Babich of Deford welcomed the arrival of their son, Austin Louis Babich, Jan. 7, at Saginaw General Hospital. The 10-pound, one-ounce baby boy was the area's first baby born in 1991.

A steady stream of cars flowed in and out of the parking lot at the Cass City Missionary Church Monday as area residents took time to offer a prayer for peace for the Middle East. Officials at the church said the area-wide "day of prayer" was very well attended.

Cass City's curbside recycling program will get underway Thursday. Waste Management of Michigan - Mid-east Michigan officials distributed 18-gallon bins and recycling information to some 850 household in the village last week.

Cass City police are investigating a bomb threat that prompted Cass City School officials to dismiss classes for 90 minutes Thursday.

Terry King of Cass City was spearing for northern pike on Saginaw Bay near the Sebawaing VFW hall last Wednesday when he nailed a 38 1/2-inch, 15 1/2-poundunker.

25 YEARS AGO

There will be topless girls dancing at Bennett's Bar in Gagetown as soon as the right dancers are signed. They will be coming from Detroit and, according to authorities, there are lots of dancers available.

Between 150 and 200 area farmers attended a National Farmers Organization dinner meeting Saturday at Cass City High School, where plans for a \$1 million grain elevator system to be constructed in Cass City were revealed.

A new \$1 million grain shipping terminal will be constructed just south of Cass City. Initially, 4 silos will be constructed with a storage capacity of 216,000 bushels at a cost of between \$350,000 and \$400,000. Construction of the entire facility should be completed in 3 years. NFO officials say the facility should be ready to handle this year's wheat crop.

Debbie Walter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walter of Cass City, has been nominated 1976 Campus Life Sweetheart Candidate from Cass City High School.

An 18-year-old former area resident died of asphyxiation early Friday in his small foreign-made car after it became stuck in the snow at the Caseville County Park. David J. Shevchenko of Bay City was found at 11:30 a.m. by the park manager.

35 YEARS AGO

Jerome Root was honored at a farewell dinner at the Willis Campbell Elementary School Wednesday, Jan. 12. Root will retire after 25 years of service as custodian at Cass City Schools. Nearly 100 teachers, bus drivers and co-workers were on hand to honor the retiring school veteran.

Judy A. Spencer, 17, of Cass City, suffered head in-

juries Tuesday noon when the car she was driving left West River Road, plunged down a 10-foot embankment and came to rest on the ice covered Cass River.

After 3 straight victories, the Cass City Red Hawks were defeated by Sandusky, 70-66, Friday at Cass City High School. Top scorer for Cass City was Dave Asher with 15 points.

Brownie Troop 247 attended the Shrine Circus Saturday, Jan. 15, in Saginaw. Accompanying the girls were Troop Leader Mrs. Dick Greenwood, Assistant Leader Mrs. Luis Arroyo, Mrs. George Fisher Jr. and Mrs. Harold Little.

Cass City Business and Professional Women's Club held its regular January meeting recently with 20 members in attendance. Mardell Ware, membership chairman, and President Betty Carmer welcomed 2 new members, Enid Craig and Anne Bassett.



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Cable-ettes	14
Cass City Tire	8
J.B.'s Crew	8
Wild John's	8
Dee's M.P. Rockets	6
Live Wires	2

High Team Series & Game: Cable-ettes 3180 (1108).

High Series: E. Romain 551, M. Horne 544, N. Davis 524, D. Mathewson 510, S. Hutchinson 495, M. Opanasenko 471, D. Sweeney 486, J. Stevens 478, R. Copeland 478.

High Games: E. Romain 199, M. Horne 191, N. Davis 194, D. Mathewson 191, S. Hutchinson 190, T. Avery 187, B. Ware 177, J. Stevens 172, B. Watson 172, M. Opanasenko 173.

MERCHANETTES

Jan. 11

Thumb Octagon Barn	36 1/2
Marlette Chrysler	36
All Season Rent-All	35 1/2
The Chiropractors	35
J.B.'s Crew	26
FBI Gals	2
LaFave Steel	24
Thumb Auto Wash	22
Adamczyk Masonry	20
Detroit Edison	20

High Individual Games: S. Hutchinson 202, M. Gettel 195, C. Smith 194, J. Bemus 193.

High Individual Series: C. Smith 563, J. Bemus 531, J.A. Morell 523, L. Pabst 516.

High Team Series & Game: The Chiropractors 2010 (687).

CB's 2
Chemical Bank Pinheads 0

High Men's Series & Games: B. Brown 729 (234-216-279).

High Women's Series: D. Witkovsky 515, D. Silance 507.

High Team Series & Game: Inn-Laws 1997 (703).

THURSDAY-NITE TRIO

Jan. 11

Marlette RV	9
Osentoski Farm Equipment	8
Cass Tavern	8
Marlette Oil & Gas	7
Thumb Auto Wash	7
Martin Electric	7
New England Financial	6
Wickes	6
Schmaltz Construction	5
Cellular One	4
Mycogen Plant Sciences	3
Generally Low	2

Individual High Series & Games: G. Robinson 646 (248-214), Dennis Hyatt 645 (247-224), J. Krol 644 (238-213), R. Doerr 623 (225), G. Smith 617 (254), Doug Beecher 612 (237), O. Beecher 612 (226), K. Martin 609, P. Regnerus 608 (213-224), Duane O'Dell 607 (243), W. Laming 594 (223), R. Root 594 (227), J. Maharg 253, G. Pringle 250, B. Biebel 231.

High Team Series & Game: Marlette RV 1799 (704).

MERCHANTS LEAGUE

L. Morgan Painting	27
Charmont	27
Stafono's	26
R.H. Body Shop	23
New England	20
S.S. Builders	20
Anthes Movers	17
Triple R	15
T. Furness Builders	15
Trisch Septic	15

High Team Series & Game: Charmont 3160 (1090).
210 Games or 575 Series: D. Schultze 708 (225-233-

250), M. Jackson 707 (234-236-237), M. Lutz 671 (218-225-228), R. Wright 664 (266), M. Gettel 655 (222-226), R. Salcido 643 (278), T. Patingill 638 (214-224), T. Kuck 618 (221), M.

Allen records gem
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Mark Allen of Lexington bowled a 300 game at Charmont Lanes in Cass City Saturday while participating in the Mid-Thumb Association's annual tournament. It was the first perfect game for the bowler, who carries a 216 average.

He bowls with the Auto Stylers team. There were 115

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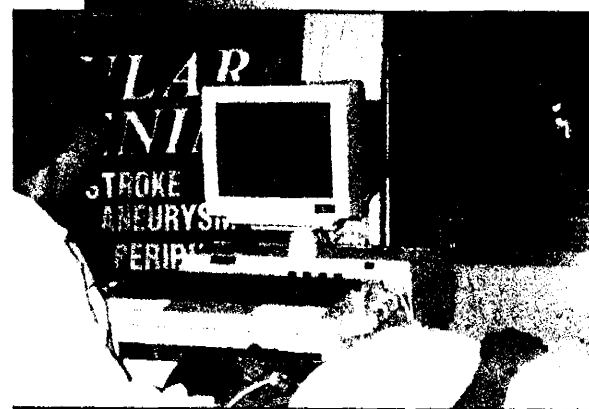
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Dr. Isadore Rosenfeld, Parade Magazine, September 12, 1999

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