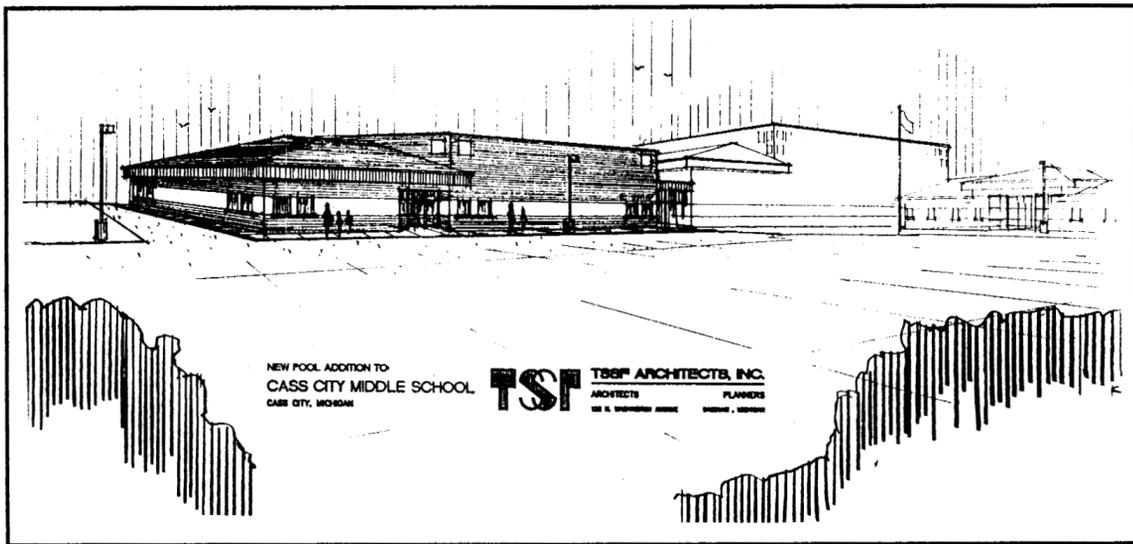


Pool pledge kick-off drive March 14



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Even the World Trade Center was built one brick at a time. And that's the attitude of the Cass City Community Pool Committee - one step at a time.

Committee Chairman Ed Fox has extended an open invitation to anyone interested in the \$1.75 million project to attend a pledge kick-off drive next Wednesday, March 14, at the middle school beginning at 5:30 p.m.

"I'm going to give about a 10-minute review of the current status of the project at 6 and again at 6:30," says Fox.

The indoor community pool proposal was made possible by a half-million-dollar anonymous donation and a \$250,000 pledge from the Pinney Foundation to be paid on a prorated basis over 5

years. The committee has set a June 30 decision date to see if it can establish funding to raise nearly \$1 million dollars needed to complete the proposed 42' x 75', 6-lane, competition style pool that would also house a 50' x 80' aerobic area.

Although raising \$1 million seems unlikely, Fox believes it can be done.

"We would hate to look back down the road and say we did nothing (to try to establish matching monies). You're not offered a \$750,000 gift too often."

According to Fox, the committee hopes to have between \$500,000 - \$750,000 in pledges secured by the end of June.

"We believe we can get about \$50,000 out of civic organizations in the commu-

nity," commented Fox, adding, "Several members of the committee have already indicated that they will be willing to provide \$10,000 over a 5-year period."

Besides the pledge drive, which will be done mainly by several committee members contacting potential donors in person, the group is

looking into other avenues to raise the money needed. The most promising seems to be funds offered in grants or from foundations.

Fox commented that Tuscola Intermediate School District employee Nick Jaskwi, who is versed in grant writing, has offered his talent to the committee.

"He told us to ask for the whole million when applying for these grants."

Task force short-handed in 2000

Sanilac drug trafficking down

The Sanilac County Drug Task Force was short handed in 2000, but the agency's investigations still resulted in 111 arrests and the seizure of illegal drugs with a combined street value of more than \$518,000.

Even so, officials say the task force continues to have a significant impact on drug trafficking in the county.

"We continue to experience success in all phases of our drug suppression efforts," Bill Gray, drug task force administrator, said during the unit's annual meeting earlier this month. "Drug availability at the 'street' sales level within Sanilac County is down dramatically throughout the last 4 1/2 years.

"We are generally dealing with reduced levels of drug activity within our county," Gray added. "The average plot size of our discovered marijuana grow operations have been reduced by over 85 percent. And street level drug sales have consistently required advanced order placement, rather than 24-hour-a-day availability without having to 'order-up' days ahead of time.

"We are preventing many from participating in drug activity within Sanilac County - those that do participate do so with extreme caution or choose to consume their dealing outside

our borders." The drug task force maintained its presence in 2000, in spite of a 25-percent reduction in the enforcement unit's staffing due to delays in personnel replacement.

"In fact, from May (through) September, our traditionally busiest months, our enforcement unit staffing 'street time' was reduced by 50 percent, restricting our ability to carry out certain investigative street activities," Gray said. "These staffing shortages most directly impacted our abilities to conduct undercover buys, which in turn impacts search warrant and primary drug arrest activity."

2000 RESULTS

The drug unit received 196 tips involving suspect narcotic trafficking in the county

in 2000. Of those, 116 involved new suspects/locations. Gray noted the number of tips were down by more than 50 percent in both 1999 and 2000, and the tips received generally involved lower levels of drug activity.

The task force opened 138 criminal complaint investigations/reports representing a 7-year low. "During the 5-year period 1995-99, we have averaged 184 complaint investigations each year," Gray said, adding the 25-percent drop coincides with the unit's reduction in staffing.

The task force opened 23 civil forfeiture cases in 2000, 30 percent less than the 5-year average of 33 forfeitures. Still, the revenue produced by those cases in 2000 — \$41,618 — was the second highest amount in 8 years.

Gray said task force offic-

ers made 35 undercover drug buys during the year, representing a 55 percent decrease compared to the annual average of 78 buys made in 1995-99. Officers also conducted 25 searches of residence, a 36-percent reduction. Again, he noted, the reductions are related to reduced staffing.

"A very positive note trend that began in 1996 and has continued through 2000, is that street level drug dealers are consistently holding smaller and smaller amounts of drugs for sale within Sanilac County," he said.

Officers made 65 primary drug arrests and 46 secondary/assist arrests in 2000. "During the 5-year period of 1995-99, we have averaged 80 primary arrests each year. This represented an increase of 57 percent above the prior 5-year (1990-94) average of

51 primary arrests annually," Gray noted.

DRUG SEIZURES

The year's drug seizures included just 93 marijuana plants, well below the 5-year average of 879 plants seized annually in 1995-99, and from the previous 5-year average of 1,248 plants.

"During 2000 we discovered 12 grow operations, 6 of which resulted in the arrest of 11 persons, with an average plot size of less than 8 marijuana plants," Gray said. During the prior 4 years, we averaged 15 grow operations... and average plot sizes of 51 plants.

"Long term, the turning point in marijuana growing activity within the county seems to have occurred in

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Sanilac County Drug Task Force FINAL 2000 ARREST STATISTICS & BREAKDOWN

	# Persons Arrested & Charged	# Felony Counts:	# Misdemeanor Counts:
In-County Drugs	62	84	33
Out-County Drugs	3	3	1
Total Drug Arrests	65	87	34
In-County Other	42	44	29
Out-County Other	4	4	3
Total Other Arrests	46	48	32

Overall Total = 111 persons arrested and charged on 201 warrant counts
135 felony counts issued + 66 misdemeanor counts issued

5-Year Prior Average	Year 2000	+/-%
342	196	-43% (9 Year Low)
184	138	-25% (7 Year Low)
33	23	-30% (9 Year Low)
78	35	-55% (8 Year Low)
39	25	-36% (8 Year Low)
80	65	-19% (w/in 6 Year Median)
37	46	+24% (2nd High in 10 yrs.)
879	93	-89% (10 Year Low)
232 Ozs.	248 Ozs.	+7% (Above 5 Year Avg.)
114 Grams	186 Grams	+63% (2nd High in 6 Years)
103 Hits	62 Hits	-40% (Small #s/Range)

For special education

Voters okay 1.5-mill levy

Huron County voters said "yes" to a 1.5-mill tax levy that will generate needed special education funding for students throughout the county.

Voters approved the request 1,547 to 1,067 in a special election held Tuesday, Feb. 27.

"I think it was a vote to do the right thing for all kids. We are just extremely pleased," said Janet Richards, director of special services for the Huron Intermediate School District (HISD).

"Really this vote was to support education for all kids," she added, noting the dollars generated by the millage are earmarked for special education services, "but it will also support general education by freeing up local dollars" now spent by local schools to help support special education.

The millage, which will be levied indefinitely, is expected to generate \$1.6 million in the first year. For the owner of a home with a market value of \$80,000, the tax will amount to an additional \$60 annually.

HISD officials requested the special levy to offset rising expenses. Officials also

cited an increase in the number of special education students served in the county.

Police: student prank no joke

A Cass City Middle School student dropped several straight pins into some food topping in the school's lunch line last week.

The student told Cass City police he did it as a joke. But no one was laughing, and now the boy is out of school and may face a criminal charge.

The Cass City Board of Education expelled the eighth grade student from the district following the incident, which was reported during the afternoon hours of Feb. 26. His name is not being released.

Village police, who were called in to investigate, have asked the Tuscola County Prosecutor's office to charge the youth with placing harmful objects in food, a felony punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$10,000 fine.

According to reports, the boy placed the pins in diced ham and turkey salad toppings in the lunch line. School officials quickly discovered the pins, preventing anyone from being injured.

Police say the incident wasn't the first time the youth tampered with school food. Just 2 weeks earlier, staff members discovered staples in the salad. The incident was not reported because school officials believed the staples might have come from some packaging. However, the eighth grade student confessed to being responsible for both incidents.

Pickup law in effect this month

Beginning March 28, a new state law will prohibit anyone under 18 years of age from riding in the open bed of a pickup truck at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour.

P.A. 434 has notable exceptions - for farm uses, parades, military vehicles, emergency vehicles and search and rescue operations - but the law underscores AAA Michigan's long-held belief that "kids aren't cargo."

"In 1999, pickups were involved in 352 fatal crashes - 17 percent of all fatal crashes in the state," said Richard J. Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan. "Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death for children. The bed of a pickup truck just doesn't offer the same level of protection as other vehicles: It's designed to carry cargo, not kids."

Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), travel in the cargo area of a pickup truck is a major occupant protection issue that disproportionately involves youth. Persons injured when traveling in the open bed of a pickup are more likely to sustain multiple injuries and injuries of greater severity, and have a greater likelihood of death than do passengers riding in

According to the American

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Marlette man killed in crash

A Marlette man died after being struck by a car near his home Saturday afternoon in Sanilac County's Elmer Township.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies identified the man as Robert Wallis Strickler, 86, 2615 W. Marlette Rd.

Investigators said the accident occurred at about 2 p.m. on Marlette Road, one-quarter mile west of Shepherd Road. Strickler was struck by a westbound car while crossing the road to retrieve his mail, according to deputies, who said the man did not see the oncoming vehicle, and the driver of the car, Amy L. Kotsch, 27, of Kingston, was unable to avoid the accident.

Strickler was pronounced dead at the scene.

The accident remains under investigation by deputies, who were assisted at the scene by Sanilac EMS, Peck police and the Sandusky and Marlette fire departments.



WEAVER STREET, home of VFW Post 3644 in Cass City, has been renamed "Veterans Drive" thanks to a resolution approved by the village council. The request was made by local VFW members, including (from left) Martin Twork, Ron Palmer, George Lapp, Bruce Sherman and George Schwartz.



Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Lambiris

Peyerk, Lambiris exchange vows

Sharon M. Peyerk and Thaddeus J. Lambiris, both of Lake Orion, were married Saturday, Aug. 19, 2000, at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Bloomfield Hills.

The Rev. James E. Greer II officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of James and Janis Peyerk of Cass City. The groom is the son of Theodore Lambiris of Oxford and Emily Lambiris of Taylor.

Organist was Judy White of Clarkston, and soloists were Troy Kristoffer and Tamee Lawson, both of Waterford.

The altar was decorated with arrangements of purple larkspur, lavender roses, pink and white carnations, alstramers and mixed greens with bows on both the candleabras and unity candle.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a long white sleeveless A-line gown accented with embroidered roses at the waist. Her headpiece was bun wrap style of intertwined roping with white illusion veiling edged with a satin trim.

The bride carried an open stemmed bouquet with white and lavender roses, stephanotis, dark purple larkspur and mixed greens tied with a white shear bow.

Cindy Bowen of Grand Rapids, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor.

The bridesmaids were Becky Gibson of Batesville, Ind., and Julie Roemer of Virginia Beach, Va., both friends of the bride, and Karen Scott of Knoxville, Tenn., sister of the bride. The

bridesmaids wore sleeveless satin/georgette A-Line gowns with beaded trim at the waist accented with a scarf in a periwinkle color. They carried open stemmed bouquets of purple larkspur, lavender roses, alstramers and mixed greens tied with a lavender sheer bow.

Timothy Lambiris of Commerce, brother of the groom, was best man.

The groomsmen were Scott Jenks of Oxford, Bob Seaman of Commerce, both friends of the groom, and Tedrick Lambiris of Madison Heights, brother of the groom.

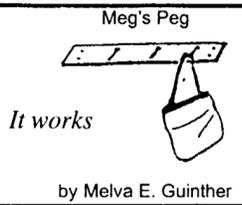
Ushers were Dean Scott of Knoxville, Tenn., and Brent Bowen of Grand Rapids, both brothers-in-law of the bride.

After the ceremony a reception was held at St. George Cultural Center in Troy for 200 guests attending from Ohio, Texas, Indiana, Tennessee, Virginia, Rhode Island, Florida, Fenton, Grand Rapids, the metro Detroit area, the Tri-City area and the Thumb area.

The bride is a graduate of Ubyly High School and the University of Michigan-Flint. She is employed at Fenner, Melstrom & Dooling, L.L.P. CPAs in Auburn Hills.

The groom is a graduate of Walled Lake High School and Oakland Community College. He is employed as a police officer with the village of Oxford.

After an 8-day honeymoon cruise to Jamaica, Labadee and Cozumel, the couple resides in Lake Orion.



by Melva E. Guinther

The commercial was right. Buckley's cold medicine does taste terrible.

If you haven't used it, try to imagine how awful a combination of camphor, menthol, pine needle oil and Canada balsam, along with 3 of those 15-letter -dine-phan, and -ide medications, would taste, then multiply it by 3.

Buckley's obviously hasn't done anything to disguise the flavor. I doubt that a squirt of lemon juice would do anything to improve it, anyway. Why do the drug manufacturers assume that lemon makes anything taste better? A while back we mentioned the Buckley's TV commercial, remarkable for its brevity and forthrightness. It stated simply, "Buckley's Cold Medicine. It tastes terrible and it works." Since then I developed one of the worst colds I've ever had, which prompted me to test the product.

Actually, it wasn't the commercial alone that convinced me. As I was pondering the vast array of cold medicines available on the store shelf, another woman in the aisle told me she'd found one that worked in spite of the awful taste. Sure enough, it was Buckley's, and she said the only place she'd found it was in Bad Axe.

As for how well it works, the instant that brew enters your mouth, the sinuses clear and you can breathe again. It makes you feel like smoke is coming out of your ears.

It reminded me of the awful "black salve" that old Dr. Morris used to prescribe. I don't know what was in it, but it was terribly messy and

smelled bad, and it seemed to work. Maybe these cures just take your mind off whatever physical discomfort you have.

After reading the column in which I wrote about the need for drivers to take people to the city for doctor appointments, hospitals, etc., Nancy Copeland of Kingston phoned to say that the HDC has such a program. Nancy is one of the volunteer drivers.

She referred me to Carol Weiland at 1-800-843-6394. Ms Weiland didn't return my call, but anyone interested in the program could call and get more information.

Kerry Brown, social worker at Hills and Dales Hospital, also told me about the Hospitality House in Saginaw, where people who have patients in one of the Saginaw hospitals can stay for a very nominal fee. I'm not sure what arrangements are available for non-drivers to get back and forth to the facility, but it's worth checking out.

Finally, a few random thoughts to ponder:

*A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

*How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

*We could all learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors — but they all have to learn to live in the same box.

Owen-Gage seniors meet in February

The Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met Feb. 15 at the Gagetown Fire Hall. There were 11 members present, and Bob Guza was recruited as a guest. Ruth Kaake gave the table blessing.

Vice President Mary Guza opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and pledge to the flag. There was no old or new business to discuss or "get well" cards to be sent. There was a thank-you card read from Elizabeth Bartholomy. Door prizes were won by Orville Mallory and Maxine Haney.

Euchre was played, with the owl going to Orville Mallory; men's high - Orville Mallory; men's low - Phil Guza; women's high - Frances Harbec; and women's low - Audrey Frankowski.

The seniors met Feb. 1 at the Gagetown Fire Hall. There were 19 members present. Marge Zawilinski gave the table grace for the noon potluck.

The committee for February was composed of Beatrice Jones and Lillian Jacoby.

President Jack Doerr opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the pledge to the flag. There was no old or new business. Phil and Mary Guza were welcomed back. Door prizes were won by Orville Mallory for the men and Ruth Kaake for the women. A "thinking of you" card was sent to Elizabeth Bartholomy. Birthdays for February are Stella Leyva, Johanna Miklovich and Irene Doerr.

Bingo and euchre were played.

Church to host Treglowns

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will feature Pastor Don Treglown, who will

Ramsey completes training

Air Force Airman Matthew E. Ramsey has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the 6 weeks of training, airmen study the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and receive special training in human relations.

A 1995 graduate of Cass City High School, Ramsey is the son of Diane Ramsey of Traverse City and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Burk of Decker.

preach during the 9:30 worship service Sunday, March 11, and show a video and answer questions following the service. A potluck dinner is set for noon to give people an opportunity to learn more about the mission work and fellowship with the Treglowns.

Pastor Treglown and his family have lived and worked as missionaries in the Philippines for 13 years. He and his wife, Joanne, have 4 children ages 6-16.

They have been ministering to the Tagakaulo-Kalagan people on the southern island of Mindanao since 1987. He plants congregations, teaches and preaches God's Word to the people and trains leaders

for their congregations. Seven Lutheran congregations have been established there.

Joanne runs the Tagakaulo-Kalagan Medical Mission project, funded by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod World Relief. She trains traditional birth attendants, teaches herbal medicine preparation and general health care.

They have also helped to set up a fresh water well project and an agricultural program.

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Ray and Rita Depcinski attended a deer burger and card party at the Popple Trail Blazers Hall Saturday night. Mike Rumpitz and Becky were Tuesday afternoon and evening guests of Bob and Joan Jackson.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Jim and Virginia Sweeney Thursday forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly, Grant, Lee and Heath were Sunday afternoon guests of Allen Farrelly.

Twelve friends from this vicinity went to Frankenmuth for dinner Wednesday.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were among those who attended the benefit dinner for

Jason Krause Sunday at the Ubyly Fox Hunters Hall.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney was a Wednesday guest of Rita Powell.

Allen Farrelly and about 25 family members and friends attended a surprise birthday party for Barbara Salowitz at the K and G Lounge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe and Mrs. Curtis Cleland spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. David Friebe and family at Auburn.

Clarence Depcinski, Ron Wolschlag, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Wayne Kennedy, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Thursday morning.

Ten members of the Trav-

eling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

Jim Foster of Caseville, Doris Western, Eileen Franzel and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at the Huron County Medical Care Center in Bad Axe Tuesday evening.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were among those who attended the funeral of Al Bouchard at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Bad Axe Monday morning.

Jim Lewis, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly spent Monday in Taylor and Southfield.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

There are 1,000 fewer farms than there were in the beginning of 2,000, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service (MASS). And the loss was all in small farms with an average of 69 acres. Medium and large sized farms remained unchanged. The average size of Michigan farms is 200 acres. Nation-wide, the number of farms decreased .9 percent.

This information was received from MASS in a press release. Also received during the week was a MASS 100-page annual report with detailed information about all Michigan farm operations. The report is for 1999 and as such probably is outdated in many categories covered.

Better make sure that your 2000 Jeep Cherokee has the latest in theft protection. The Jeep leads the list of the top 10 most stolen cars in 2000. Better be as careful with the 1999 Jeep Cherokee, as it was the second most stolen vehicle last year.

Other cars and the model year that made the select list were in order: 1999 Pontiac Grand Am, 1999 Ford Taurus, 1999 Dodge Intrepid, 2000 Pontiac Grand AM, 1998 Ford Taurus, 2000 Dodge Intrepid, 1997 Taurus and 1999 Oldsmobile Alero.

A year ago at this time, it was considered to be a lead-pipe cinch that Cass City would re-enter class B in 2001-2 to compete in the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments.

But now it appears that Cass City is on the bubble. If the division numbers remain the same, Cass City will remain in class C. But it's an extremely close call, possibly decided by a student or 2 on whether the school remains among the largest in class C or the smallest in class B.

This year in basketball in the Thumb, class C appears stronger than class B and it was similar last year when the Hawks went to the finals of the regionals in class B.

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Troopers investigating origin of pipe bombs

Investigators at the Michigan State Police post in Bridgeport are continuing their probe into the origin of several pipe bombs taken to the post by a Cass City area man early last week.

Troopers reported the man, whose name is not being released, arrived at the post with the pipe bombs at about 10:30 p.m. Feb. 26, asking that they be destroyed.

The post was evacuated and explosive experts from the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Bridgeport were called to the scene. Traffic on Dixie Highway was stopped for about 15 minutes while experts rendered one of the pipe bombs safe. The remaining bombs were transported to a safe location for detonation.

Lt. Bonnie Kanicki, assis-

Gould selected for tour

Grant Gould, a Hope College freshman from Cass City, will be touring with the college's Symphonette during spring break.

During the March 16-20 tour, the Symphonette will perform in Port Huron as well as cities in Ontario, Canada, including Chatham, Leamington, London, Ancaster and New Market.

The 43-member Symphonette is under the direction of Richard Piippo, associate professor of music at Hope. The group's members are selected from the larger college symphony orchestra.

The Symphonette has made numerous radio and television appearances, and has presented children's and youth concerts in addition to its series of formal concerts. The annual tour has taken the group from coast to coast in the United States as well as Canada, the British Isles, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Gould, a percussionist, is the son of Todd and Tara Gould of Cass City. He is a 2000 home school/Cass City High School graduate.

tant Bridgeport Post commander, said the Cass City area man is not a suspect in the case. In fact, she said, the man acted with the right intentions, although he did not fully understand the potential for disaster in transporting pipe bombs to the post.

Troopers, who executed a search warrant at a Saginaw County residence last week, are continuing the investigation with additional interviews and laboratory analy-

Village council special meet set

The year "2000 in review" will be the focus of a special Cass City Village Council meeting slated for Monday, March 19. The session will get underway at 5 p.m. at the municipal building.

Council members will review the village's 2000 Annual Report featuring individual departmental reports.

Also on the agenda are the annual audit presentation by Joel Chamberlain of Yeo & Yeo, and the possible appointment of 2 additional di-

rectors to the Cass City Economic Development Corporation.

The EDC appointments are related to the village's participation in financing of Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporation's proposed \$5.1 million assisted living-Alzheimer's facility. Village Manager Jane Downing said the council will also adopt a resolution designating and approving the project area, and schedule a public hearing for presentation of the project plan.

Manufacturing, selling or possessing a pipe bomb is a felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison.

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I'm off the band wagon.

At the last election I voted for Bill Clinton. After all, for my money he left the economy in much better shape than he found it. Left it with lower interest rates, less debt and more jobs. He fostered a greater concern about the environment, a very big plus, and a change from the Republican administration.

When he lied about having sex, the thought was that it didn't have anything to do with running the country. Strictly of concern to his family and the girl involved.

The issue and the millions of dollars spent to pursue it are politics at its worst. Not that anyone believes that the Democrats would do differently if the opportunity arose.

That's different than the latest Marc Rich pardon case. Rich is the fugitive billionaire who fled to Switzerland 17 years ago to avoid prosecution on racketeering, wire fraud, income tax evasion and illegal oil trading charges.

A senate panel and other investigators are looking into allegations that Rich's former wife, Denise, donated more than \$1 million to Democratic candidates and groups and \$450,000 to the Clinton presidential library that might have played a role in the pardon.

There is also a question as to why a couple from Tennessee who were convicted of bank fraud in 1982 were pardoned over the objections of the Justice Department.

There's no proof that money influenced the pardons Clinton issued. But Beth Dozoretz, former Democratic National Committee chairperson, refused to testify and invoked her

constitutional right against self-incrimination. Denise Rich also declined to testify.

The refusal to testify doesn't mean that the money spent was used to get influence with the president. Still I ask myself if there is not a connection, why clam up?

While it's abhorrent to dive into a family's personal life, investigating the use of money to influence the power of the presidency certainly is appropriate.

Buying pardons doesn't rank with the law breaking during the Nixon years but it's serious enough for me to abandon ship and hope for a straighter course under President George W. Bush.



The back forty

• 2000 Roger Pond

by Roger Pond

I don't know what causes it, but there's something about sales calls that drives me crazy. The calls themselves don't bother me so much; I'm just embarrassed by the answers I give them.

Last week Jennifer called to say, "I'm calling to tell you about our new voice messaging service you can receive free for the next 30 days. Do you understand how our voice messaging service will help you with your calls?"

"I think so, but we don't want to do it," I said. "How do you handle your calls when you are away from the phone?" she asked quickly.

"We have several ways," I told her. "Thanks for calling. Bye."

"I think so, but we don't want to do it?" "We have several ways?" What a dumb set of answers.

You would think a person who has been through high school, college, numerous county fairs, and a couple of goat ropings could come up with something better than that!

Every time I get one of those calls, I hang up thinking, "Why did I say that? My goal is to get rid of them quickly. Still, "We have several ways" is a darned poor response.

There are a million things a person could say when someone asks if we understand their new phone service. We might say, "Duh? I dunno. Maybe you should send me a letter or somethin'."

Better yet, I could state, "Thank you for calling Roger Pond. This is his bleeping message machine. Please leave your name and number after the bleep. Blee-e-e-p!"

"If you would like to speak to a real person, you could hang on the line until one happens by. Or you may wish to call another number and see who you get. Blee-e-e-p!"

When Jennifer asks how I handle calls when I'm away from the phone, I could say, "What? You mean people call me when I'm not here?"

I should have told her, "I let the dog get the phone when I'm away." Or, "Our cat loves messages. You want to talk to her?"

How about, "If it weren't for folks like you, we

wouldn't have to answer the phone so often."

But instead I say something like, "We have several ways."

I'll be ready next time, though. Next time AT&T or MCI calls I'll be prepared for them, too. I'm making a list.

When they mention their "friends and family" program I'll tell them, "I don't have any friends, and my family won't talk to me."

If they offer me \$100 to switch companies, I'll say, "I can't take money from strangers." When they ask me how many phones we have, I'll say, "I don't know. I only use one at a time."

Uh-Oh, the phone's ringing! It's them! I know it's them. Where's my list? Where's the %\$#@ list? Maybe I'll just let the dog get it.

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Life After Graduation

A week ago, our high school Seniors had the wonderful opportunity to attend a program sponsored by the Thumb Area Michigan Works!, entitled "Life After Graduation".

Jerome Lewis, assistant director of Michigan Works! spoke first about the topic of Jobs, Jobs and Jobs! Key points of his talk were: continue education through technology, take a proud look back at your education, don't be afraid to be yourself, remember only 40% who start college will finish, respect the needs of others, and things aren't always as they seem.

The seniors were divided into four groups for breakout sessions with different speakers and topics.

- Jim Luth and Kerri Krusmanski of McDonald's Corporation spoke on interview techniques.
- Choosing a career and how to find a job was the topic of Dale Kerbyson, city manager of Marlette and Peter Lukes of Cass Valley Enterprises.
- Theresa Rabideau and Linda Wechter provided a perspective on what industry is looking for in employees. Corporate services and training programs which are available to new employees were also reviewed.
- Jamie McCoy, Jan Turdero and Jody Wilson spoke about putting your resume on the internet, career perspectives, and the outlook for career opportunities.

It was an excellent program and the feedback from the students and the presenters has been great.

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

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Red Hawk Beat

by Cass City Senior,
Katie Hacker

March Madness



Today, Wednesday, March 7, 2001, isn't just another Wednesday of the week. Today the varsity basketball team will travel to Uby to fight for the Class C District Title. After Friday night's victory against Valley Lutheran, taking the League Champion Title, and Craig Emmert's record breaking, things couldn't get much better? Or could they?

This is the moment that the coaches and players have prepared for all season, and what the fans and parents have waited for since last year's season. The guys started out as a team of 15 individuals. Over the season they have bonded and grown as "a team."

As I walked into school Monday morning I saw a flock of bleached blond babes. These bleached blond boys are better known as the Cass City Red Hawks Greater Thumb West 2001 Basketball Champs. The guys decided to carry on last year's tradition of bleaching their hair, and hopefully the results will be even better than 2000's.

Unfortunately as the season's end approaches, so does the loss of seven outstanding seniors. Joel Brinkman, Nathan Brinkman, Zach Glaspie, Craig Emmert, Ryan Holmgren, Randy Diebel and Eric Brown have been the team's heart and soul through it all. They have carried the team through a season of 13-1 in the league and 18-2 overall. Each one of these guys has demonstrated his ability to be a leader on and off the court, and also on the bench. For some of these guys the next week or two could be the last time they walk off the competitive court.

I got a chance to talk to the senior guys about their thoughts on the upcoming games. Here's what they had

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to say:
Nate Brinkman said, "The first game we have to think about is on Wednesday. We have been working very hard, knowing this part of the season is important. I have a good feeling about this week and a lot of faith in my team."
Joel Brinkman commented, "Well, it's going to be a big game just like the rest of the games will be in the tournament. We'll just have to play one at a time and play each of them hard."
Glaspie replied, "We have worked real hard all year for the upcoming game so we just have to go out there and play our game."
Diebel said, "We have poured our heart and soul into this season and it's scary to think it could be over so soon. But, if we play hard and work as a team, we can accomplish anything."
"If we play together, and play good defense, we should have a good chance to be district champs," Emmert commented.

Brown replied, "I think we'll come out with a lot of fire and we will be pumped. We just have to play good defense and rebound well."
Holmgren said, "Contrary to some teachings, winning is very important to our team. I plan on taking my "A" game, and I think I speak for the whole team when I say this."

Coach Green is just as excited as the rest of the team and he said, "...the team is very excited about the tournament. We know we have to hustle and play together to have any chance at winning the district."
As you can tell, these guys are ready to bring home another district title and hopefully, like Holmgren commented, they'll walk into the gym with their "A" game. The game will start around 7 p.m., but it would be a good idea to get there a little earlier. I hope to see everyone there supporting our Red Hawks. The guys need everyone cheering for them.

Good luck to the varsity guys. Just play like you know you can, with heart and desire. Let's bring home another district title!

Excellence award winners

4 Red Hawks honored

Four more students, one each from the 4 school buildings in the Cass City District, have been selected for the Red Hawk Award of Excellence. Each year the awards are presented 4 times and 16 students receive acknowledgement of their contributions to the school, church or community.

The awards were presented at a special meeting before the regular meeting of the Cass City School Board Monday, Feb.26. Presenting the ribbon and certificate was Supt. Ken Micklash. The honorees received the personal congratulations from each member of the school board.

Drew King, son of Marylou and Don King, Cass City, was honored from Deford Elementary. His teachers report he is an excellent student, a good citizen who enjoys school. He has a positive impact in the classroom.

Cody Orban, son of Robert

and Kristy Orban, Caro, was selected from Campbell Elementary. In the kindergarten classroom he has displayed good citizenship skills and is willing to work with anyone, according to his teacher. He is described as a quick learner who pushes himself to do the best he can. He already is reading at the first grade level.

Dennis Bowen, son of Jack and Elizabeth Bowen, Cass City, his teachers say, exemplifies the 6 pillars of character as adopted by the school district. He is a great role model and is looked up to by other students. He works well with others and contributes to group work

and class discussions. He is an honor student at the middle school.

Ross Sherman, son of Rod and Yvonne Sherman is the high school representative. His teachers say he is a "computer techie" who helps with problems in the office. He served as a counselor at Bay Shore Camp and is part of the Big Brother program. He has been captain of the Cass City soccer team for 2 years and is qualified for the \$2,500 MEAP scholarship.

His career goals are to enter Eastern Michigan University with majors in economics and computer science and a career as a floor trader on Wall Street.



DISPLAYING RIBBONS and certificates as Red Hawk Award of Excellence winners are, from left, front row: Drew King and Cody Orban. Back row: Ross Sherman and Dennis Bowen.

Obituary

Joshua Stauffer

Joshua Dean Stauffer, 19, of Vestaburg, died Thursday, March 1, 2001, in Cass City. He was born in Ogden, Utah, Jan. 10, 1982, the son of Roger Stalter and Elaine Stauffer.

He is survived by his mother, Elaine (Wes Wing) Stauffer; his father, Roger (Kelly) Stalter; sisters, Rikki, Crystle, Lace and Shay; brothers, Mike, Joe, Robby, Mitch and Taylor; grandparents, Gene and Irene Stauffer, Dean Stalter, Charlene and Dennis Wright; Dick and Jean Haynak, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Stauffer was preceded in death by his grandmother, Aleatha Stalter, and an uncle, Tim Graves.

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, at 11 a.m. at the Vestaburg Church of Christ. Memorial contributions may be made to the Novesta Church of Christ Youth Program, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726.

Letters to the editor

School supports debate

In the Feb. 28 edition of the Cass City Chronicle, it was mentioned in one of the articles that "Chad Daniels' debate team was granted permission to attend the National Debate Tournament in Atlanta, Ga., April 5-9. The team is expected to pay the cost, not the school."

As a result of this, I have received numerous phone calls about the "perceived" lack of support for the debate program. I am writing this letter to inform the community that the school DOES support its debate program.

We have been the novice champion in Class B and C/D for 4 of the last 5 years. Last year we were even the national runner-up champion.

These accomplishments would not be possible without the support of the school. In regards to our national competitions, the school

also been supportive for the fundraising that we have done this year. The Pinney Foundation has even given the team money to help send students to summer debate camps.

Whereas I am sure that it was not the intent for people to think that the debate team is not supported, it is clear by the number of phone calls that I have received, that this was the message that was received. Therefore, on behalf of the debate team, I would like you to know that we ARE supported by our school and community.

Respectfully,
Chad Daniels
Director of debate
Cass City High School

Eden Concept a big winner at Tendercare

Dear editor,
I am writing to say how lucky we are to have Tendercare in our town. They have started the Eden Alternative Concept and what a difference it is making. Every nursing home should have it.

You hear so many horror stories about nursing homes. All of us are so afraid of disabilities and sickness, but it is part of life. There are so many wonderful people, young and old there. It's a community all in its self.

The staff is so wonderful

and they really care. We have a family council now. Two cats and a dog have a home there now. A nursery for employees with children. So great to see the children playing. Like our granddaughter said Papa's bike (wheelchair).

When we work together what a change. Someday we might need to be there.

Adopt a friend now - you will be so glad you did. It only takes a little time to read or just talk and make a friend.

Thank-you
Audene Janssen.

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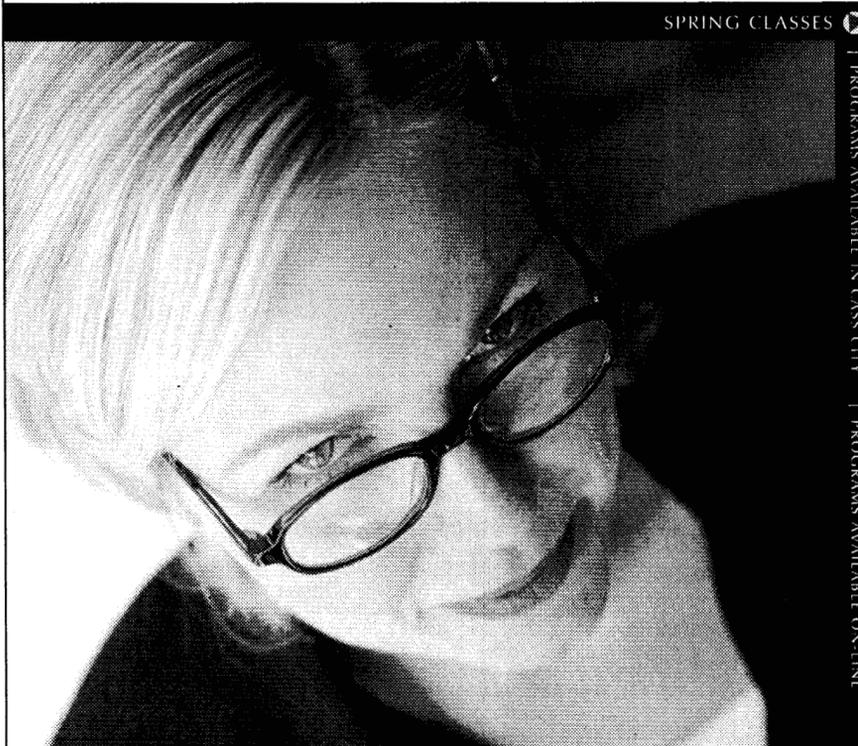
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CAMPBELL Elementary students, including Heather Simpson (above, center), donned hats of all shapes, sizes and colors for the opening ceremonies of the "Read Across America" celebration Friday morning. At right, Cass City Police Sgt. Craig Haynes and Village Manager Jane Downing (not pictured) were among those in the community who read to students as part of the celebration.

Support group to meet

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, will host an Adult Diabetic Support Group Thursday afternoon, March 15, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the hospital's third floor solarium. There is no need to register for the group and it is free of charge. For further information, call Huron Memorial Hospital at (517) 269-9521 (ext. 4346).



Area students celebrate joy of reading Friday

Campbell Elementary students in Cass City joined millions of young people, parents, celebrities, teachers, grandparents and others, coast to coast, for the fourth annual Read Across America Celebration Friday. The event honors Dr. Seuss, famed author of children's books with compelling rhymes and illustrations. "Oh, the Places You'll Go" was the theme of this year's event. The Thumb Area Chapter of MEA-Retired School Employees hosted the local event. Ron Laeder, chapter president, explained the celebration spotlights the importance of encouraging children to develop a passion for reading. "Research has shown a direct relationship between the joy of reading and success in school," he said. Terri Karavas, parent volunteer, co-chaired the event along with Laeder and Campbell Elementary Librarian Donna Emerson. Bob Gengler, vice president of MEA-Retired, assisted in coordinating volunteer readers.

Campbell Principal Jody Miklovic said, "Hopefully, this activity will help show students the relevance, importance and enjoyment that reading will bring to their everyday lives." "There's no more important place for us to be... than reading with our children," Laeder added. "We urge everyone to take time to read to their children and grandchildren every day. It's the most valuable use of our time with the greatest dividends, and the theme this year stresses how books provide a window to the world for students and adults alike." Campbell Elementary will be hosting other events to celebrate "March is Reading Month, including a Family Reading Night (Wednesday, March 7), Dr. Seuss trivia competitions, and a "read-in" after school (Tuesday, March 20).

Calendar of Events

- Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.
- Wednesday, March 7**
Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.
- Thursday, March 8**
Bake Sale at Rawson Memorial Library.
March 8-10 - Magazine Sale at Rawson Memorial Library.
- Friday, March 9**
Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 1-800-267-5692.
- Monday, March 12**
Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.
VFW & VFW Auxiliary, Cass City Post 3644 meet at 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City, 7:30 p.m. All old and new members welcome.
Relay for Life dinner, Sanilac Career Center, 6 p.m. For more information call 810-378-5686.
- Tuesday, March 13**
Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, please call (517) 672-2273.
- Wednesday, March 14**
Book Club, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Drug trafficking down

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1996. From 1991-1995 we seized over 6,200 marijuana plants, but we made very few arrests in these cases," Gray continued. "Beginning in 1996, we began to make arrests in at least half of the growing cases we investigated each year. The drug task force seized 7,043 grams (248 ounces/15.5 pounds) of processed marijuana, a 7-percent increase compared to the previous 5-year average of 232 ounces. "This increased... seizure rate is tied primarily to a series of raids in mid-2000 that successfully interdicted multiple pound shipments of processed marijuana being brought into the county from Texas/Mexico," Gray explained. "Three repeat offender drug dealers were charged and convicted in those cases." Also seized were 186 grams of cocaine (powder and crack) or heroin or meth/crank, a 63 percent increase from the annual average of 114 grams in 1995-99. "More than half of 2000's 186-gram seizure came as the result of a single search warrant execution, seizing one-quarter pound of meth in Worth Township. In this particular case the drugs were being brought into the county from Arizona, destined for eventual street level distribution in St. Clair and Macomb counties," Gray said. In addition, officers seized 62 hits of LSD, compared with a 5-year average of 103

hits in 1995-99. Gray noted LSD seizures fluctuate year-to-year, but most of them typically are the result of a single arrest. "LSD is most popular with post-high school age young adults. It is generally an 'add-on' drug, being used in conjunction with marijuana for heightened effects; or as a transition drug as users move from marijuana into harder drugs."

OTHER PROGRAMS
Aside from enforcement, the Sanilac County Drug Task Force, now in its 15th year of operation, is actively involved in education and counseling programs. The unit has provided \$422,500 in direct funding for education programs over the past 11 years, and another \$150,000 for counseling programs over the past 9 years. "Sanilac County, through the drug unit, was among the very first counties to adopt the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, which targets substance abuse prevention among children. "Our current core classes are graduating 850 students. Another 1,800-plus students will receive either preliminary and/or follow-up DARE programs this year," Gray said. "With the completion of 10 years of DARE... 8,228 students have completed the 17-week core program, while the preliminary/follow-up programs have been presented to 22,218-plus students.

"The 2000-01 On-Site Counseling program represents the ninth year this program has been presented by the drug task force through the Sanilac Health Department," Gray said. "Currently, the program operates for one-half day in each of the 7 school districts each week," he added, noting some 300 students received long-term counseling from 1993 through 1998. The current program is serving 84 students countywide. Combined with enforcement, the education and counseling programs have enabled the drug task force to make significant strides in the local war against drugs. "We have achieved a reputation of credibility, reliability and professionalism with all federal, state and local law enforcement agencies we have worked with. We have a positive public image that is second to none," he said. "By working together, we can continue to maintain Sanilac County as a desirable place to live, work and raise our families."

New law targets safety

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the cab. Enclosed cargo areas (camper shells) also do not provide adequate protection against occupant injury. In 1997, 14 percent of cargo area deaths of children and adolescents younger than 20 were in enclosed cargo areas. The cab itself can also pose safety issues for young passengers - there are questions surrounding age-appropriate restraint use, appropriate seat location in the cab, appropriate use of rear seating positions in various models of extended cab vehicles, and risk of air bag-related injuries. In addition, Miller said, restraint use in the cab of pickup trucks has been reported to be lower than restraint use in other passenger vehicles. "Basically, we're asking that parents consider the safety aspects of any vehicle when selecting the primary mode of transportation for the family," he said. "Pickup trucks are becoming an increasingly popular personal transportation choice, but many do not offer the same level of protection for children as do other types of vehicles." "P.A. 434 is a good step toward protecting our most precious cargo - children," Miller added. "We applaud Rep. Deborah Cherry (D-Burton), sponsor of the bill, for her perseverance and dedication to this issue."

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Owen-Gage musicians perform

Owen-Gage High School band members Laura Enderle, Josh Error, Justin McLaren and Natasha Sprague, along with Zachary Sutter of Cass City Schools and Brooke Sutherland of Unionville-Sebewaing Schools, recently earned a Division I rating - the highest mark possible - for their ensemble performance at the District Solo/Ensemble Festival. The event was held Feb. 17 at Caro High School. Error, a junior at Owen-Gage, also performed 2 trumpet solos, receiving Division I and II ratings.

New books at the library

Goat Song by Susan Clark Basquin (nonfiction): When Susan Basquin's brother suggests she work with him on an angora goat farm on Washington Island in Lake Michigan, she decides it is a good idea. She thought she would have plenty of time for contemplation and writing in this quiet environment which was so different from her life in Santa Fe. After a tough 6 years, she finds herself growing fonder of the animals and finding out she is a stronger person than she thought. This is the story of her life on Washington Island and how she overcomes feelings of insecurity and learns to love a new kind of life.

Midnight Clear by Kathy Hogan Trocheck: It's a few days before Christmas when Callahan Garrity's brother shows up with his two-year-old daughter, Maura in tow. Callahan hasn't seen him in 10 years and she suspects that there is trouble coming with his visit. She soon finds out he has kidnapped Maura and his wife is very upset about it. When his wife's body is found Keith disappears. Callahan, with some help from her mother and the group of girls in the Atlanta House Mouse cleaning service, sets out to prove her brother didn't murder his wife.

Back in Eden by Linda Paisley: Wilhelmina (Willie) Heidler, a young teacher, traveled to her hometown of Eden, Ohio one summer to visit and take care of her mother who had been ill. She expected to have a quiet and peaceful summer after a busy year of teaching in Texas. She didn't expect to run into her former childhood friend Marshall Gray. She hadn't seen him since she left for college and they had not parted under the happiest circumstances. She didn't know he had moved back to Eden. Their comfortable relationship had changed and Willie wasn't sure she was ready to deal with the old hurt feelings and misunderstandings. Could Willie forgive Marshall and begin a new life with him?

5 named to list

Five area residents have been named to the dean's list at Alma College following the fall 2000 term. The local students, who achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or better, are: Ryan Downing and Stephan McIntosh, both of Cass City; Aaron Bell, Deford; and Ethan Dereszynski and Jonathan Dereszynski, both of Kingston.

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Tendercare holds Game Day events

The Tendercare Cass City Volunteer Committee recently sponsored its first Game Day, with area scouts and children of staff members joining with residents in carnival-type afternoon games, crafts and live entertainment.

The day was part of the nursing home's newly-adopted Eden philosophy, in which the volunteer committee and Tendercare staff are devoting themselves to eliminate the 3 plagues of nursing home residents: loneliness, helplessness and boredom. An effort is also underway to encourage the community to get involved.

The recent Game Day featured area musician Nathan Sweet, who volunteered his talents to provide live entertainment. In addition, prizes were donated by McDonald's and Little Caesar's of Cass City.

Area residents interested in volunteering at Tendercare are invited to stop in any time.



SCOUT KYLE HANBY enjoys a game of tic-tac-toe with residents at Cass City's Tendercare during recently held Game Day events.



TENDERCARE resident Luther Durham and employee Lori Osterhout celebrated birthdays during the Game Day weekend. Durham turned 96 and Osterhout, 25.

Cass City Bowling Leagues

CHARMONT LADIES

Cass City Tire	47
Dott Manufacturing	47
JB's Crew	46
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Wild John's	30
Live Wires	28

Team high game: JB's Crew 1083.

Team high series: Cass City Tire & Wild John's 3057.

High series: S. Hutchinson 580, M. Haley 526, B. Kilbourn 509, M. Truemmer 486, N. Wallace 476.

High games: S. Hutchinson 222-192, J. Phillips 186, M. Haley 193, M. Opanasenko 184, D. Merchors 174, M. Truemmer 176, J. Stevens 178, B. Ware 172, B. Watson 174, B. Kilbourn 177.

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High team series: Charmont 3136.

High team game: Stafonos 1071.

210 games or 575 series: J. Gorkowski 216-269 (685), M. Jackson 223-269 (672), M. Lutz 214-247 (662), W. Laming 246 (637), C. Maurer 214 (621), L. Morgan 219 (610), C. Anthes 234 (607), R. Koch 238 (603) R. Hull 211 (602), G. Robinson 214 (602), B. Kupiec 234 (601), M. Zawilinski 212-234 (601), J. Finkbeiner 235 (600), M. Gettel 214-215 (599), T. Soper 225 (587), R. Salcido 581, J. Krol 218 (580), J. Anthes 224 (577), R. Kessler 235, R. Witherspoon 235, B. Joseph 233, M. Frappart 232, C. Zimmerman 223, R. Carroll 222, J. Smithson 214, T. Davis 211, T. Kretz 210.

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High individual games & series: D. Dickinson 253-224 (649), D. Roth 245-241 (649), D. Doerr 225-223 (638), J. Dennis 605, S. Osentoski 253, W. Laming 223, Doug Beecher 214-216, R. Pringle 219, K. Pichla 219, E. Schmaltz 213, T. Summers 212, Dave Beecher 211.

High team game & series: Thumb Auto Wash 605 (1737).

SUNDAY NIGHTERS

March 4

Sheridan Rollers	14
Sometimers	14
Town & Country	13
Try Hards	11
Gophers	9
High Rollers	8
Newcomers	7

High team game & series: Try Hards 720 (1900).

High women's games & series: D. Hayes 194 (528), K. Hutchinson 215 (530).

High men's games & series: D. Heleski 204, J. LaPratt 212-220 (629), K. Pichla 236, E. Hutchinson 210.

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March 1

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High individual games: C. Smith 240, M. Gettel 213, P. Bauer 210.

High individual series: C. Smith 587, M. Gettel 563, S. Hutchinson 540.

High team game & series: FBI Gals (728) 2041.

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March 2

Thumb Auto Wash	32
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Fitness Fundraiser slated

Hills and Dales General Hospital, the Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center (MARC) and the United Way of Tuscola County are sponsoring a "Fitness Fundraiser" slated for Saturday, March 17, at the MARC facility in Caro.

All proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Tuscola County.

A \$3 donation will allow residents to join in as many of the land or water classes - from kick boxing and yoga to water walking and liquid line dancing - as they would like. Also on sale will be \$2 shamrocks, which will be displayed with the donors' names. Donors will be eligible to win free prizes.

Donations can be made at Hills and Dales and the MARC facilities in Cass City and Caro.

Area farmers to meet

Area farmers will have a chance to discuss state and national issues of concern with Michigan Farm Bureau President Wayne Wood, Michigan Farm Bureau Director Carl Bednarski, state Rep. Tom Meyer and Senator Joel Gougcon.

The free breakfast meeting will be held Friday, March 16, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the Brentwood in Caro.

Farm Bureau members and non-members are welcome. For more information, contact Dennis Engelhard at (517) 674-2766. Individuals planning to attend are asked to call the county Farm Bureau office at (517) 673-4155.

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Undisputed champions

Hawks claim first GTW cage title with win over Valley Lutheran

Maybe after the season is long over, Cass City's Greater Thumb West championship team will have time to appreciate the school's first league championship, but today that's something for the memory books. To be recalled with pride along with a strand of the basket that each of the jubilant team members cut as tokens of the title-winning season.

The Hawks won the title over visiting Saginaw Valley Lutheran Seminary that wasn't even as close as the final score indicates.

"Winning a league title in the GTW", Coach Jim Green

smiled, "is quite an accomplishment. It is probably one of the toughest class C leagues in the state."

And the district tournament at Ubyly is certainly the toughest in the Thumb and one of the toughest in the state. That's why the team's title celebration was necessarily short. Cass City returns to the hardwoods tonight (Wednesday) at 7 o'clock to face Laker High. Never mind that the Hawks have defeated the Lakers twice during the season. Both games were close and Cass City will need to be on the top of its game to survive.

The winner moves to the

finals and will meet the winner of the Harbor Beach-USA game.

Providing as much or more excitement for Hawk fans in the win over the Chargers was Craig Emmert's successful assault on the shot-blocking record for the state.

Emmert passed the mark set by Chris Kaman (297) with 6 blocks to bring his total to 299. Fittingly enough, the block that set the record was a pretty effort that took a cinch fast break lay-up hoop away from Valley Lutheran.

Emmert also moved into second place in career scoring. With 1,231 points, he trails only Paul Ulfig's 1,454.

Ulfig's mark was set in 3 varsity years as was Clarke Haire's (1,156 points), the player that the talented Emmert replaced in the career scoring derby. Scott Hartel, 1,054 points, is in fourth place.

Cass City opened its quest for the title-clinching victory with an 8-0 run in the first 3 1/2 minutes, paced by Emmert with a pair of hoops and Jeff Storm with a trey. Lutheran came charging back, paced by trifectas by Blake Felsing and Jimmie Nichols to trail by a single point, 11-10.

That was as close as the visitors were to come to the

lead. By the end of the quarter the Hawks were in front 16-11.

Cass City eliminated any chance that the Chargers had for an upset in the second quarter. It was done with a barrage of 3-pointers.

"Our passing set up 6 3-pointers in the quarter", Green said. "We played very efficiently in the first half".

Zach Glaspie, Joel Brinkman and Nathan Brinkman each connected for a pair of treys and the game was no longer in doubt with the Hawks in front, 43-17, at the intermission.

Cass City easily won the rebounding battle, 45 to 27,

led by Emmert with 15 boards. He also had 21 points, 5 steals and 3 assists. Glaspie scored 14 points with 3 steals and Joel Brinkman had 11 points and 3 steals. Nathan Brinkman was in double figures with 10 points. Storm had 8 rebounds and 7 points.

CASS CITY - Holmgren 0-0 (3-4) 3; Glaspie 3-1 (3-4) 14; Brown 0-1 (0-0) 2; Storm 1-2 (0-0) 7; Thane 0-2 (0-0) 4; Havens 0-1 (0-0) 2; Emmert 1-7 (4-5) 21; Nathan Brinkman 2-2 (0-0) 10; Joel Brinkman 2-1 (3-4) 11.

TOTALS 9-16 (13-18) 72.

VALLEY LUTHERAN - Felsing 1-0 (1-2) 4; Kaul 0-2 (2-2) 6; Pirtle 0-1 (0-0) 2; Perlberg 0-5 (1-2) 11; Grimpo 1-2 (0-0) 7; Brown 0-3 (0-0) 6; Ott 0-5 (0-0) 10; Nichols 1-0 (2-2) 5; Wood 1-0 (0-0) 3.

TOTALS 4-18 (6-8) 54.

FINAL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W L
Cass City	13	1	18 2
USA	12	2	18 2
Reese	9	5	15 5
Laker	8	6	12 8
Valley Lutheran	5	9	7 13
Bad Axe	5	9	5 15
Mayville	3	11	5 15
BCAS	1	13	4 16
Climched title			

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W L
Brown City	12	2	15 5
Harbor Beach	10	4	13 7
Cross-Lax	9	5	15 5
Deckerville	7	7	11 9
Marlette	7	7	10 10
Libby	5	9	8 12
Sandusky	3	11	6 14
Yale	3	11	6 14
Climched title			

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB			
Team	W	L	W L
Kingston	14	0	19 1
Owen-Gage	12	2	18 2
Pack	8	6	8 12
North Huron	7	7	9 11
CPS	6	8	8 12
Caseville	6	8	7 13
Port Hope	2	12	4 15
A-Fairgrove	1	13	1 19
Climched title			



SENIOR Zach Glaspie takes his turn cutting off a strand of the basket. Each Cass City team member took turns cutting a strand as a memento of the Greater Thumb West league championship.

Cass City struggles in GTW win over visiting Mayville

The Mayville Wildcats did their best to stymie the Cass City Red Hawk's drive to a Greater Thumb West title Tuesday. Using the one-two punch of sophomore Matt Kitchen and senior Joel Seger, the Wildcats looked like anything but the team that has won only 3 times in the league. It was a nip and tuck game until the last quarter when the Hawks behind Craig Emmert's 11 points in the quarter went on to win, 75-58.

With Seger burning the nets for 5 baskets in the first quarter, the visitors jumped off to an 18-15 lead. Ryan

Holmgren and Jeff Storm kept the Hawks on the heels of the Wildcats. Holmgren cashed three hoops and Storm got as many including a 3-pointer.

Kitchen helped keep Mayville in contention in the second quarter with a pair of treys and free throws. For the night the league's top 3-point sharpshooter netted 5 trifectas and scored 19 points. Seger scored 10 field goals and a free throw for 21 points.

Coach Jim Green said, "We had a difficult time guarding Kitchen and Seger."

Cass City bounced into the lead to stay with a 6-2 run starting the third quarter and never trailed again although Mayville stayed within 4 points until the 4:55 mark in the game. With just under 4 minutes left in the game, Seger fouled out. From that point on Cass City went on a 16-4 run to ice the contest.

"Our inside game was the difference," Green pointed out. "Our starting front court scored 50 points and hauled in 27 rebounds."

For the night the Hawks posted a 38-23 advantage on the boards and was charged with just 9 turnovers. Mayville also handled the ball well with just 13 turnovers.

Emmert led all scorers with 25 points, gobbled up 17 boards and had 4 assists. Holmgren hit 6 of 9 shots for 13 points. Storm sharpshotted 5 for 6 for 12 points and picked off 7 rebounds. Zach Glaspie had 6 points and 9 assists.

CASS CITY - Holmgren 0-6 (1-2) 13; Glaspie 0-2 (2-5) 6; Chappel 0-1 (0-0) 2; Brown 0-1 (0-0) 2; Frank 0-2 (0-0) 4; Storm 2-3 (0-0) 12; Emmert 1-10 (2-4) 25; Nathan Brinkman 1-1 (0-2) 5; Joel Brinkman 0-2 (2-2) 6.

TOTALS - 4-28 (7-15) 75.

MAYVILLE - Kitchen 5-0 (4-5) 19; Seger 0-10 (1-4) 21; Gentner 0-0 (0-1) 0; Draves 1-1 (0-0) 5; Buhl 2-0 (0-0) 6; Patterson 0-3 (1-1) 7.

TOTALS - 8-14 (6-11) 58.

Bulldogs whip North Huron in district opener

A bad start turned ugly for North Huron Monday night in Owendale as host Owen-Gage spanked the visiting Warriors 66-34 in the opening round of the Class D cage district.

The Bulldogs used 4 first period triples and a stingy

zone defense to advance into tonight's (Wednesday) semifinal game against Port Hope.

Caseville, who knocked off Akron-Fairgrove 61-43 in the tourney's opening match-up, will face North Central Thumb League champion

Kingston at 6 p.m. in the other semifinal tilt. The semi winners are slated to meet Friday at 7:30 for the district title.

A pair of treys from Bulldog guards Corbin Swiastyn and Shane Mellendorf, combined with several Warrior

turnovers, led to a 27-8 advantage for the hosts heading into the 2nd period. North Huron's offense failed to attempt a shot on its first 3 possessions and struggled over the course of the contest.

Coach Leon Westover's squad played a near perfect opening half and removed any doubt of the game's outcome with 2 impressive runs to close out the initial 2 stanzas.

Leading 6-4, senior Cory Fritz recorded a pair of baseline drives that would be the start of a 21-4 spurt that included the final 11 tallies of the initial frame.

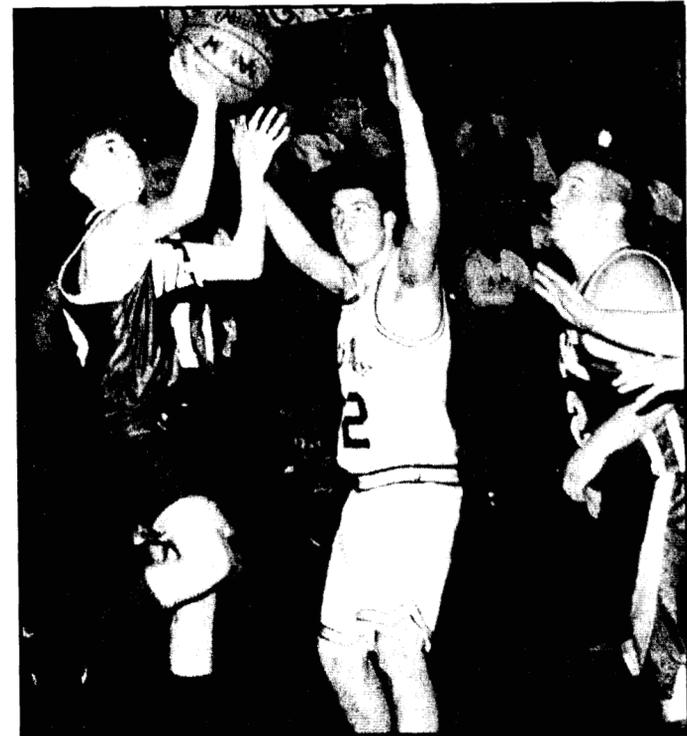
The Bulldogs used a similar run, 11-1, to end the first half and entered the break leading 41-12. The visitors were limited to just one point

over the final 5 minutes of the half that came on a Michael Yaroch free throw with just 36 ticks showing on the clock. Yaroch provided what little offense the Warriors had on the night, scoring 10 of the team's 12 first half points.

Westover emptied his bench for most of the final half and received solid play from reserves Ryan Fritz, Zach Fritz and Earl McKee.

The Bulldogs built a 48-14 bulge shortly after the intermission when Cory Fritz, who led Owen-Gage with a dozen markers, converted a pretty lob pass from Swiastyn under the basket and the rout was on.

Mellendorf added 9 points on 3 triples for the Bulldogs, while Swiastyn finished with 8 and Nick Warack, 7.



BULLDOG Tom Minkler puts up a shot in Monday's Class D district action against North Huron in Owendale.

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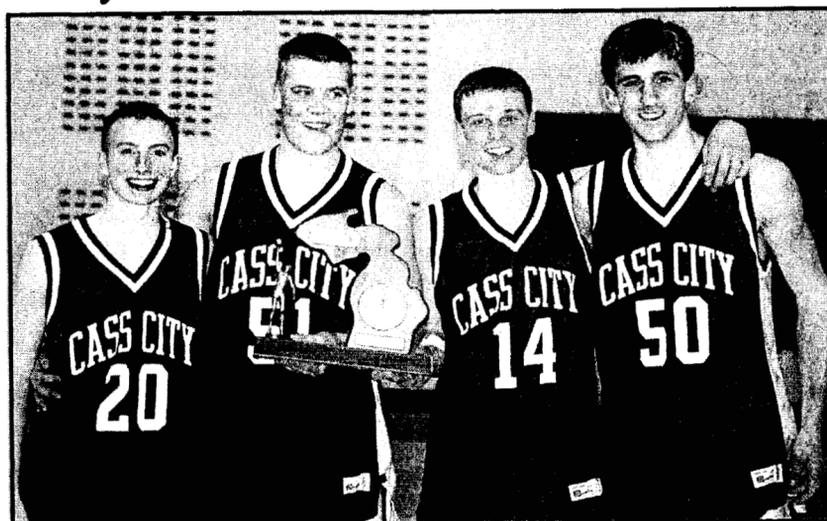
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The Moms & Dads



Zach Glaspie, Nathan Brinkman, Joel Brinkman, Craig Emmert

Owen-Gage wins Class D district in North Huron

Owen-Gage's dominance in Thumb Class D volleyball play continued Saturday at North Huron, where the Bulldogs secured their 10th straight district crown.

Coach Judy Campbell's spikers, 30-13, turned back

a determined North Huron squad in the district final with victories of 15-8 and 15-7 and will now travel to the Fairview regional Saturday, where they will meet Valley School of Flint at 11:30 a.m. The North Central Thumb

League champions opened play defeating Greater Thumb West foe Bay City All Saints, 15-7 and 15-6, and then eliminated league rival Caseville, 15-8 and 15-4, in the semis.

In the championship tilt, the Warriors came out ready and took a 5-1 edge in the opener, before the Bulldogs battled back to even the score at 8-8. From there the Bulldogs ran off 7 unanswered points to capture the initial game.

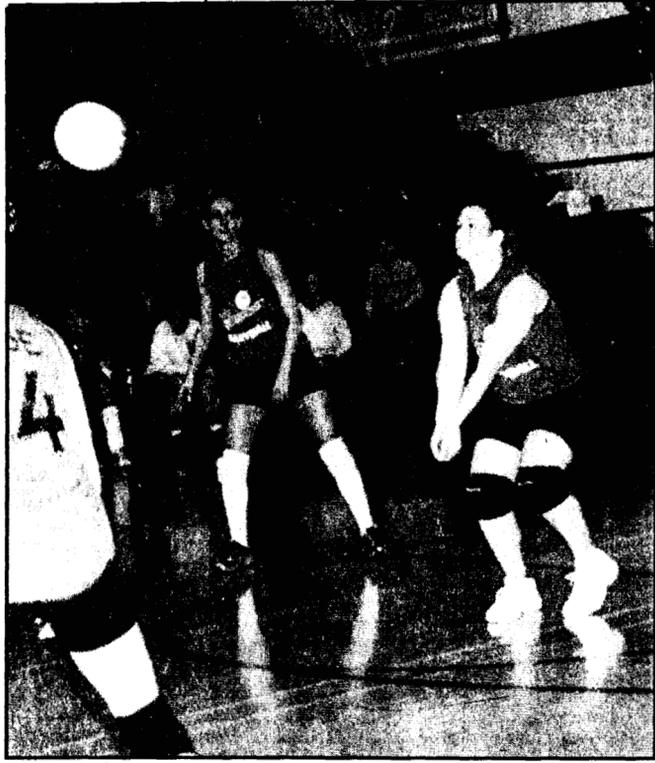
"We were focused at first," said Campbell. "After beating Bay City and Caseville, we forgot about North Huron."

Game 2 was a game of streaks. Owen-Gage quickly jumped out in front 9-1, before Jena Dhyse drew the Warriors to within 9-7 with 5 straight points. The hosts, however, would get no closer as Owen-Gage's Becky Hartman was able to record the game's final 6 points and help lift Owen-Gage to the title.

Hartman paced the champs on the day with 27 points and 7 aces. She benefited from a strong front line showing from seniors Jenna Root and Erin Salcido, who posted 29 and 21 kills, respectively.

Sophomore Kelly Zaleski notched 21 tallies and Dee Fritz had 19 assists for the Bulldogs. Melissa Ziehm added 32 assists.

On defense, the Bulldogs had Salcido with a team best 34 digs, while Root contributed 21 blocks.



UBLY'S LESLIE PETERS returns serve Saturday in Class C district volleyball play in Cass City. Ubyly was denied by Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port in the championship game.

Baseball camp scheduled

Cass City resident Jim Turner has announced a baseball kickoff camp, March 17-18, for any high school boys interested in playing on the Red Hawk varsity and junior varsity squads.

Coach Jay Lefever, along with coaches and players from Delta, Ohio, will return to help make the event fun and exciting, according to

Turner. Although an exact schedule hasn't been outlined, Turner asks players to mark their calendars to attend the 2-day camp and look for more information in next week's Chronicle. Additionally, information can be obtained by calling Turner at 872-2472 or contacting varsity Coach Ryan Pritchett at the Cass City Middle School.

ACT testing planned

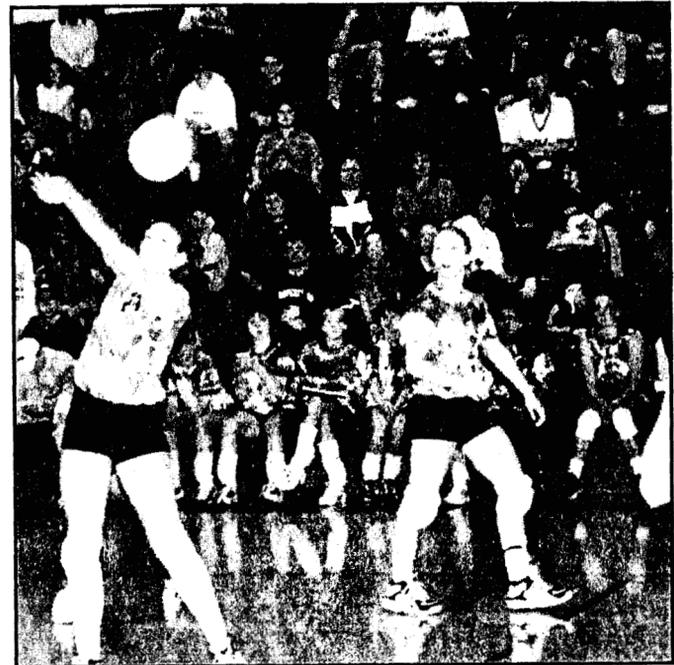
College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment April 7, the next scheduled date for the nationwide test.

The registration postmark deadline is March 2, and the late registration postmark deadline is March 16 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

Virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools accept ACT scores.

The test fee is \$23. Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school grade point average (GPA) and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course of placement for new students.

More information, including forms and test locations, is available by contacting your local high school guidance counselor or by going online at the ACT's website - www.act.org.



CASS CITY'S SARA Homakie led the Red Hawks with 18 receptions in Saturday's Class C district volleyball tournament. Also pictured (right) is Red Hawk Deidre Deering.

Lakers win title

Bearcats slide past Cass City in district semifinal thriller

All season long the Red Hawk volleyball team has given the Greater Thumb East powerhouse Ubyly Bearcats all they could ask for whenever and wherever the 2 squads met.

And when the 2 schools collided Saturday in the semifinals of the Class C district tournament in Cass City, the results were the same.

Coach Beth Howard's spikers rose to the occasion and battled the Bearcats for 3 games, highlighted by a huge comeback effort in the deciding game before surrendering 15-12, 10-15 and 15-13.

"This was the best match they played all season. Everyone was on, it was an exciting match to watch. It could have gone either way. Ubyly has a good team, but we gave them all they could handle," commented Howard.

Ubyly, who finished runner-up to state ranked Yale in the GTE, met the GTE co-champion, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, in the finals and was defeated 15-11 and 17-15. Coach Andy Gusa's squad finishes the season with a 44-7-3 mark.

In the semis, the Hawks leaped out to a surprising 7-1 margin in game one, only

to see Ubyly even the game at 10-10 behind the serving of Jackie Puvalowski. The 2 schools then exchanged several long volleys until Ubyly was able to establish a 14-12 margin.

Cass City's Holli Cooper turned back the Bearcats at their first game point attempt with a timely block at the net, but the Hawks couldn't capitalize with the serve in their court.

Following a side out, Ubyly's Leslie Peters ended the contest with a hard spike down the middle of the Hawk defense.

Game 2 was a see-saw affair with both schools trading leads to 10-10. The hosts took a 12-10 lead behind the serving of sophomore Becky Hartel and then ended the contest with 3 straight points from Deidre Deering. The big play during the Hawk win came when Sara Homakie and Jennifer

Tenbusch combined for a block to stretch Cass City's advantage to 13-10.

In the rubber game, the Bearcats leaped out to an 8-0 lead before Cass City came roaring back to take an 11-9 advantage. But Ubyly's Darcie Philp, Lesley Point and Peters proved too strong at the net, which allowed the Bearcats to advance into the finals with a narrow 2-point win.

Deering played an outstanding tournament for the hosts and recorded a team best 7 kills, 2 better than teammates Homakie and Cooper. The Hawks' offense also had Hartel with 14 assists and Monica Dorland with 5.

Defensively, Cass City had Homakie with 14 digs, while Becky Bulla and Hartel chipped in 13 digs each. Homakie and Bulla also led Cass City in receptions with 18 and 15, respectively.



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Industrial	50.00	1.000
Residential	49.35	1.013
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Elaine Siebel, Clerk

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8:30 - 11:30 a.m. & 1 - 4:30 p.m.
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Corner of Dutcher Rd. & M-81

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	
Agricultural	49.34	
Commercial	48.38	
Residential	41.89	
Timber Cutover	23.36	

Fred Bardwell, Clerk

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
For
Evergreen Township

Will Be Held
MARCH 12
9 a.m. - Noon & 4 - 9 p.m.
MARCH 13
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Evergreen Township Hall

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	45.89	1.08955
Commercial	49.25	1.01523
Developmental	44.24	1.1300
Residential	44.79	1.11632
Timber Cutover	50.00	1.0000

Audrey Leslie, Supervisor

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
For
Grant Township

Will Be Held
MARCH 12
9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 4 p.m.
MARCH 13
1 - 4 p.m. & 6 - 9 p.m.
Grant Township Hall

Michael Mandich, Supervisor

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
For
Greenleaf Township

Will Be Held
MARCH 12
9 a.m. - noon & 1 - 4 p.m.
MARCH 14
2 - 4 p.m. & 5 - 9 p.m.
Greenleaf Township Hall

Tentative Equalization Factor		
	Multiplier	
Agriculture	1.1682	
Commercial	1.1305	
Industrial	1.0152	
Residential	1.1294	

Jerry Cleland, Clerk

Notice of
BOARD OF REVIEW
For
Novesta Township

Will Be Held
MARCH 12
9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m.
MARCH 13
9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Novesta Township Hall, Deford

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Russian exchange student Elena Kornukhova, 16, is enjoying her 11-month visit to the United States. She is hosted by Joy Anthony of Uby. Kornukhova has enjoyed her first visit to a McDonald's restaurant, her first trip to Disney World, her first opportunity to play a team sport in high school. And, she hopes to attend her first prom.

Dan Sherman, a sophomore, led the Cass City Red Hawks to a win over All Saints Friday night, 70-47. The All Saints had defeated Cass City earlier, 72-48. Sherman was high scorer with 22 points. Cory Ulfig had 17.

District residents will go to the polls Tuesday, March 26, to decide a \$6.825 million bond issue. The special election marks the fourth attempt to secure funding for construction of a new middle school.

Cass City Police recently investigated 2 incidents involving stolen gasoline at the People's Choice Market in Cass City. Officials reported the driver of a large, older model car pumped \$5 worth of gas and then left without paying Thursday at about 11 p.m. A similar incident was reported Feb. 26 when a red pickup truck pumped \$15 worth of gas and then left without paying.

10 YEARS AGO

State funding, or the lack of

Meyer schedules district office hours

Tuscola County residents will have several opportunities to visit with state Rep. Tom Meyer during district office hour meetings throughout March.

"The most important duty for a legislator is being accessible and meeting with the

Library magazine sale on

Area residents will find a great deal on used magazines this week at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City.

The Friends of the Library are once again hosting their annual Library Magazine Sale, Thursday through Saturday during regular library hours. Baked goods will also be available Thursday.

it, will determine whether the fence surrounding the Saniac Petroglyphs will remain locked this year for the first time. The prehistoric rock carvings have drawn interested visitors from throughout the United States as well as England, Europe, Japan and other countries.

Relatives and friends of area servicemen are happy, but still cautious, as the fighting ended in the Persian Gulf late last week.

Improving a walking trail, creating a skating facility, developing a modern campground facility and development of a senior/community center are among the items on Cass City's "wish list" for the next 5 years.

The Golden Rule Class of Salem UM Church met Thursday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Daws. Donald Greenleaf gave devotions and he and Mrs. Helen Greenleaf presented a program on country schools.

Marion Longuski reported seeing a robin Feb. 23.

25 YEARS AGO

The new marquee on the Ryan's Men's Wear building was torn down a day after workmen had completed rough-in work. Village Supt. Lou LaPonsie said the marquee did not meet building codes because it violated height restrictions. Such a marquee cannot be over 9 feet high. As constructed it measured nearly 20 feet.

Tuesday night's ice storm felled a huge tree at the

people back home," said Meyer. R-Bad Axe. "You can't adequately represent their thoughts and concerns if you don't hear from them, and being available in the district makes it most convenient for residents.

"I encourage people to stop in and say hello, even if they don't have a state government issue or concern."

Meyer's scheduled office hours include:

•Friday, March 16, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Charmont Restaurant, 6138 E. Cass City Rd., Cass City, and

•Friday, March 23, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Betty Lou's Restaurant, 194 E. Huron St., Vassar.

Meyer can also be reached in Lansing, toll-free at (888) 254-5284; by writing to his office at S1188 Anderson Building, State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48913; or by sending an e-mail to tommyer@house.state.mi.us.

Leonard Damm residence at 4343 S. Seeger St. Numerous tree limbs were reported broken in the Cass City area.

Nelson Willy, wastewater treatment plant superintendent, said a total of 2.71 inches of precipitation fell from Monday through Wednesday morning. Counting rain, sleet and snow, Willy said the total is equivalent to 37 inches of snow.

Over \$900 in cash was reported stolen Friday from the home of Johnny Lee Spencer of 1560 S. Cemetery Rd., Deford.

Former Cass City police officer Robert G. Smith says he was fired because he tried to organize a Teamsters Union local with the police department.

Robert Musall, 39, Cass City, escaped serious injury Thursday when the truck he was driving overturned just off Cemetery Road, about 1 1/2 miles south of Cass City.

35 YEARS AGO

A once-defeated bond issue will be placed before the voters again Monday, March 14, as village authorities seek the necessary money to purchase the former H.O. Paul building from the Pinney State Bank. The building would be used as a combination fire hall and library with space for an office for the Cass City Police Department.

Al Wallace was the season's scoring leader for Cass City with 180 points even though he missed several games in the 16-game schedule. Wallace narrowly edged Dave Asher, who recorded 168 points during the season. The leaders were closely followed by Jim Walters, 165 points, and Wayne Copeland, 161 points.

Phil Decker, stricken with spinal meningitis in February while serving at Lackland AFB, Texas, is still in the hospital.

St. Pancratius Catholic Church parishioners and the general public will be given an opportunity Sunday evening to see the church's new organ in action at an organ recital at 8:30. The organ has 2 full keyboards and a 32-note radial-arc pedal clavier. It also has 50 stop-taps and controls and 2 self-contained tone chambers.

Students display art in Saginaw

The artwork of 5 Cass City High School students was recently exhibited in Saginaw at the Anderson Enrichment Center.

The annual art show features student works from elementary, middle and high schools in Region 11 of the Michigan Art Education Association. Students, their families and friends attended a reception in their honor at the enrichment center.

Cass City student works that were displayed were: "The Detested Pink Line" by Emma Witkovsky; a collage entitled "Memories in the

Bottles" by Jesika Ferris; oil pastel landscape by Joaquin Garcia; still life/fantasy pencil drawing by Chenelle Smentek, and linoleum print with mixed media, "My Rose", by Johanna Hoelzle.

The artworks done by Hoelzle, Ferris and Witkovsky were selected for further judging this month in Lansing, where students' works will be selected for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May, and the Governor's Traveling Show, which features a group of 30 art works on display throughout the state for one year.



CASS CITY art students whose work was recently exhibited in Saginaw are (from left) Emma Witkovsky, Chenelle Smentek, Joaquin Garcia, Johanna Hoelzle and Jesika Ferris.

Several appear in circuit court

The following appeared last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court on various criminal charges:

•Ronald C. Christian III, 25, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to probation violation.

•Marvin J. Tedford, 30, Lapeer, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of marijuana Nov. 25 in Watertown Township.

Tedford was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,160, restitution of

\$1,800 and a \$150 forensic fee.

•Alan D. Harms, 42, Clifford, was sentenced to one year and 9 months to 3 years in prison for his plea of guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer, fourth degree, Nov. 13, 1999, in Dayton Township.

•Charles M. DeLong, 19, Mt. Morris, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 112 days in jail for his plea of guilty to 2 counts of attempted larceny from a motor vehicle May 13-15 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,260 in costs and fines and \$500 in attorneys fees. Restitution is to be determined.

•Troy M. Sweeney, 28, Davison, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 30 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, May 29 in Tuscola Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,140 plus a \$150 forensic fee.

•Craig Owens, 40, Flint, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance (less than 25 grams) and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, second offense, June 17 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Lapeer man charged in bank robbery

A Lapeer man faces several charges in connection with the Feb. 20 robbery of the Richville branch of the Frankenthum Credit Union.

Clinton J. Dobson, 26, was recently arraigned in Tuscola County District Court on charges of bank robbery, fleeing a police officer, third degree, larceny in a building and resisting and obstructing a police officer.

Bond in the case was set at \$250,000. Dobson faces a preliminary examination Friday at 9 a.m.

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