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SANTA Claus made his usual flashy arrival in Cass City during the Christmas in the Village community gathering Saturday night. At right, Matt Prieskorn serves up the hot bean soup prepared by himself and Steve Wright.



MATT PRIESKORN (above) and Steve Wright served up a favorite - hot bean soup - as residents sang and awaited the arrival of Santa Claus.

Snowman just the beginning, Luths say

Jim and Johanne Luth have decided in a big way, to help make the holiday season come to life in Cass city. A giant 20-foot snowman happily greets you as you visit their McDonald's restaurant.

It has been a dream of the Luths to continue to revitalize the memories of Cass City, as the Christmas village.

Johanne Luth spent her youth in the area, visiting with her grandparents in Gagetown and aunts and uncles from Sebawaing, Caro and Deford. She has always had fond memories of Cass City and the couple decided when they purchased the restaurants in 1997, that someday they would help to bring back the tradition.

"This community is about strong ties and giving back and this is our way of saying thanks for allowing us to be a part of this community. Cass City welcomed us from the beginning and we are proud to be able to do business in such a great community," said Jim Luth, Chamber president.

The snow man, Santa's mailbox and the pole decorations are the first phase of the plan.

"This year has been an emotional year for everyone, with the Sept. 11 events and with the economy downturn. While it might have been financially easier to wait to

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Gagetown, Kingston, Owendale

Races set for council seats in 3 area villages

Candidates will square off for trustee seats in 3 of 4 area villages next spring.

In Cass City, village officials will welcome a new trustee, barring a successful write-in campaign.

Filing nominating petitions by the Tuesday, Nov. 27 deadline, were incumbent trustees Don Ball and Dale McIntosh, and newcomer Dawn Hollis, all of whom are running unopposed for 4-year terms. McIntosh has served on the council since 1998 and Ball, since 2000 when he was appointed to fill a vacancy created by Mike Weaver's resignation.

Running unopposed for a 2-year term is Village President Les Karr, who is finishing his first term as president. He previously served as a trustee since 1990.

Trustee John Maharg, who was appointed earlier this year to fill a vacancy left by Sandra Haley's resignation, did not seek election.

Village Clerk-Treasurer Joyce A. Bemus noted that anyone who intends to run as a write-in candidate in the Monday, March 10, General Election must file some paperwork with the village.

"A write-in candidate has to file a 'declaration of intent' to have their votes count. In other words, you can't just say you're a candidate and have 80 of your friends come in and vote for you," she explained; adding forms are available at the municipal office and must be returned by March 8 at 4 p.m.

GAGETOWN

In the village of Gagetown, races are set for trustee and president.

Incumbent Charles Wright faces a challenge from Trustee Paul Hunter for a 4-year term as village president.

In addition, 5 candidates are seeking 4 trustee seats, all for 4-year terms. Filing nominating petitions were incumbents William Ehrlich Jr. and David Abbe, and challengers Rita Lopez, Doug Kucharczyk and Mac McKee.

KINGSTON

In the village of Kingston, 4 candidates are seeking a trio of 4-year trustee terms. They are James Brandibur

and Floyd J. Heron Jr., both incumbents, and newcomers Shawn Lalko and Sharon Wenzlaff. Incumbent Trustee Robert Miller is not seeking reelection.

Running unopposed for 2-year terms are Village President Arlo Ruggles and in-

cumbent Beverly J. Heron, who is seeking reelection to the offices of both clerk and treasurer.

OWENDALE

Five candidates are seeking election to 3 available 4-year trustee seats in the village of

Owendale.

Seeking reelection are incumbents Bonnie Gaeth and Willa Radabaugh. They are being challenged by newcomers Rod McCallum, Tina Smith and Denise Radabaugh. Incumbent Trustee Ed Champagne is not seeking reelection.

Giving

Family planning Christmas dinner

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Anyone who has witnessed Cass City's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner unfold might think twice about trying to prepare and serve close to 300 free dinners in a few short hours, especially during the busy Christmas season.

But then, Toni McCreedy isn't just anyone.

In the true spirit of giving, the Cass City woman and her family are organizing a free Christmas Day dinner, Dec. 25 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall.

McCreedy said it's something she's wanted to do for a long time.

"There's a lot of lonely people out there who need somebody. There's a lot of people out there who are hungry. I don't want them to be alone," she said. "If I can reach out to someone who is so alone they would do something stupid..."

"I've been very fortunate with my kids and my family. This is our way, I guess, of saying thanks for so many things. We're just trying to make it from our family to their family."

McCreedy said giving was a big part of both her and her husband Bill's lives growing up. Bill's parents always welcomed people into their homes at Christmas, she said. "They always managed to find them a gift and a hot meal."

"We've both come from big families and we know what it's like not to have a lot, but we always had a roof over our head and food on the table," she said. "If I can give a little bit back, it makes me feel better."

McCreedy, a 1974 Cass City High School graduate who moved to the area from

Detroit in 1971, has been working on the project on and off for about 6 months. "There's a handful of us doing it, mostly family," she explained.

Aside from her husband and children, Billy, 14, and Sam, 9, the volunteers include her parents, Albert and Reba Palazzola; her brother, Dan Palazzola; Gayl and Rich Patera and son Christopher; Jane and Rebecca Wass; Bill's mother, Fern Rabideau, and his sister, Jean McCreedy.

And there are others. Erla's

is donating a couple of hams, for example. "The Knights of Columbus are donating the turkeys, and the VFW is giving us the hall for nothing," McCreedy said, adding she's in the process of asking area churches to contribute what they can.

McCreedy, who survived a heart attack over the summer, considers the work to be a privilege. "We're so blessed - look around you - there's people killing people for nothing," she said. "There's

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Robbery probe leads to arrests

An armed robbery investigation in Denmark Township recently led to the 2 arrests of a pair of suspects and the seizure of weapons, drugs and cash.

Michigan State Police troopers from the Caro post investigated the armed robbery Nov. 23 at about 3 p.m., according to Detective Sgt. Allan Ogg.

The robbery victim called Saginaw County Central Dispatch on his cell phone and stated that he was following a suspect who had taken \$2,000 from him while brandishing a semi-automatic pistol in his driveway, according to Ogg.

With the vehicle description and location information provided by the victim, Buena Vista Township police stopped the suspect vehicle. Troopers arrived on the scene and arrested Travis Conner, 23, of Saginaw. He was lodged in the Tuscola County Jail and later arraigned on armed robbery and felony firearm charges.

"Further investigation into the matter yielded information regarding narcotics activity in the Denmark Township area and the city of Saginaw," Ogg said.

"With assistance of the Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU), the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (BAYANET) and Denmark Township police, troopers executed search warrants in Tuscola and Saginaw counties. The search warrants resulted in the seizure of 3 rifles, a shotgun and a handgun that were illegally possessed by a felon, approximately 15 rocks of crack cocaine, \$2,000 in cash, and over \$1,000 worth of illegal fireworks."

Police arrested Jeffery L. Greenleaf, 49, of Reese, on 11 felony charges related to weapon possession and narcotics violations. Greenleaf was arraigned in Tuscola County District Court. He is being held on a \$50,000 bond and was to have faced a preliminary examination Tuesday.

Farm Bureau honors Laurie with DSA award

Jack Laurie may have stepped down as long-time president of the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB), but his footprint on Michigan agriculture remains.



Jack Laurie

For this reason, MFB honored Laurie with the organization's highest honor, the Distinguished Ser-

vice to Agriculture (DSA) award, during the MFB 82nd annual meeting in Acme, near Traverse City. Current MFB President Wayne Wood presented Laurie with the award at the Nov. 29 annual banquet.

Since 1956, MFB has presented the DSA award to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the state agriculture industry.

Those who nominated Laurie cited his influence on projects such as the \$65 million Livestock Initiative at Michigan State University and Project GREEN, an initiative to appropriate state funds for the support of MSU crop research. "Michigan agriculture has been fortunate to harvest the wisdom, proactive leadership and hard-driving ambitions of this extremely talented individual," they said.

Wood agreed. "Michigan

agriculture has benefited tremendously from Jack's hard work, leadership, dedication and personal concern for Michigan farmers," he said.

"Jack presented plenty of DSA awards to deserving individuals during his tenure as Michigan Farm Bureau president, so it's only fitting that he, a deserving winner in his own right, have a turn standing on the receiving end," added Wood. "It's a privilege for me to honor one of our own."

Laurie is most widely known for serving 14 years (1986-2000) as MFB president and 9 years (1977-1986) as vice president. His service, though, actually stems back to the mid-1960s, when he returned to Laurie Acres, his family's farm, after receiving a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from MSU. He quickly got involved with the county Farm Bureau and was first elected to the MFB state board in

1966.

In 1989, Laurie was elected to the American Farm Bureau Federation board of directors, representing the Mid-

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west region. In January 2000, delegates chose him as the national organization's vice president, representing more than 4.7 million farm families nationwide.

Following his retirement as MFB president last year, Laurie accepted an appointment with the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, working with faculty and staff to develop and implement programs designed to enhance the rela-

tionship between MSU and Michigan agriculture.

Laurie's extensive resume also includes memberships in many organizations and

associations, including the Michigan Milk Producers Association and the Michigan Livestock Exchange; 3 governor and 2 national commission appointments; and an honorary Doctorate of Agriculture Degree from MSU.

Laurie Acres, a 1,600-acre cash crop and 650-cow dairy farm, is located near Cass City. Laurie's sons are the third generation to operate the family farm.



DOG DAYS - A trio of purebred golden retrievers - Sonny and Sabrina and their offspring, Junior - wait for Don Shagene to return from the NAPA Auto and Truck Parts store in Cass City Thursday morning.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



Clarence and Leona Depcinski, Ray and Rita Depcinski, and Molly and Eugene Depcinski left on a Big Daddy mystery tour Monday to the Eleanor and Edsel Ford Museum in Grosse Pointe Shores where they had dinner. They saw a movie on the life of Edsel and Eleanor Ford and toured the museum and the estate and house where they saw a dollhouse with all miniature furniture that was built for their 7-year-old daughter, and also saw antique cars. They went to Domino Pizza that was all decorated for Christmas and stopped at McDonald's at Fenton on their way home.

Wayne Sweeney of Saginaw, Sally and Pat Bell, Lauren and Katelynn of Cheboygan, Frances Tschirhart of Bad Axe, Bruce Sweeney, Eric, Heidi, Brandon, Nicole and Brett Sweeney were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney and also celebrated Katelynn's second birthday with Mary Kay and Dan Ritter, Alex and Beth, Katelynn and Beth of Elkton.

Ed Schember of Bad Axe, Jack Kennedy, Jim Lewis, Allen Farrelly and Ron Wolschlagier met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis of Davison were Saturday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mike and Ellen Moorman and Bryce and Betty Hagen visited Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope Thursday afternoon.

Agnes Kucharczyk visited Florence Watson Tuesday.

Bill Cleland of Walled Lake spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

George and Elna Botkins of Fairgrove, David and Kris Carpenter, Jason, Stacy and Kelsey, Donald and Carolyn Carpenter of Caro, Joe and Betty Myers of Gladwin, Bob and Carol Osantoski, Bradley and Matthew of Bad Axe, Kristin Osantoski of Kalamazoo, Greg and Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Filton, Charles and Therese, Shawn and Nicole, Rita and Ray Depcinski were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Dean and Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Timothy and Jessica. They helped Jessica celebrate her 11th birthday. Other supper guests were Richard and Cindy Depcinski and Brooke.

Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at Covenant Cooper Hospital in Saginaw Saturday afternoon.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford returned home Sunday after spending several days with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Sister Marie Decker of Adrian spent a few days with Florence Watson.

Mike and Ellen Moorman, Mary Hagen and friend Jim, Dennis and Sharlene Hagen and Brad were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Betty and Bryce Hagen.

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the Masonic pancake breakfast at Bad Axe Sunday morning and later visited Jardine and Bob Zurek.

Allen Farrelly was a Friday guest of Valerie Terwilliger.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka spent Thanksgiving weekend with Drs. William and Melonie Godell and Laurie and Amy at Lincolnshire, Ill., and were Sunday dinner guests of Matt and Christie Particka

Historical society to meet

The Watrousville/Caro Area Historical Society will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Juniata Township Hall, 1971 S. Ringle Rd., Watrousville.

Betty Rohlfis will present a program with Christmas readings and the singing of Christmas carols.

The public is invited. Members are asked to bring some Christmas cookies for refreshments.

Engaged



Darin Gilbert and Marsha Laming

Melvin and Bonnie Laming of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Marsha, to Darin Gilbert, son of Dale and Marilyn Gilbert of Rapson.

Laming is employed at Henkel Surface Technologies in the Customer Service Department, located in Madison Heights. She is also attending Baker College and will be graduating in December 2002 with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management.

Gilbert is employed at The Cadre Corporation in Madison Heights, as a Project Engineer. He graduated from Michigan Tech in May 1996.

An Oct. 5, 2000, wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Warren.

It's a girl!



Kate Lynn Pohlod

Kate Lynn Pohlod was born Sept. 7, 2001, at Lapeer Regional Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Victor and Shelli Pohlod of Cass City.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Diane Peruski of Cass City. Paternal grandparents are Roger and Maryann Pohlod of Deford.

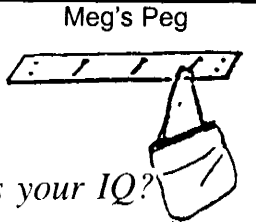
Maternal great-grandparents are Sophie Peruski of Ubyly and the late Joseph Peruski. Paternal great-grandparents are John and Helen Pohlod of Kingston and Mary Sabo of Kingston and the late Louis Sabo.

Cass City Social Item

Mrs. Cheryl Egres of Clarkston visited her aunt, Charlotte LaPeer, Friday and Saturday.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Meg's Peg



How's your IQ?

by Melva E. Guinther

Think you're smart? Well, here's your chance to check it out. This is purported to be the latest Mensa test of mental flexibility. Supposedly, if you answer 23 of the 33 correctly, you're a genius.

Whether or not it's a legitimate Mensa project, it's a fun exercise for your brain.

I must warn you that we aren't giving you the answers. Facts, we don't know all the answers. The copy we received only tells if you're right or wrong, and we're still working on nos. 16, 19, 28, 30 and 31.

I'll also warn you that it's addictive. You'll find yourself working on it every time your mind has a free moment, even though you might will it to let go.

Example: 24 H in a D = 24 hours in a day.

1. 26 L of the A
2. 7 D of the W
3. 7 W of the W
4. 12 S of the Z
5. 66 B of the B

Engler entering institute



Shaun R. Engler has been accepted this fall into the Honors Institute at Albion College.

The Honors Institute at Albion College is designed for students interested in challenges and opportunities which go beyond the traditional lecture and laboratory courses. Honors students are required to enroll in 4 "Great Issues" seminars in humanities, science, social science, and fine arts.

In addition to the seminars, honors students must graduate with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and produce an Honors thesis.

Engler is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Albion College Honors Institute. He is the son of Eric Engler and Linda Engler of Cass City and a graduate of Cass City High School.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meal, by calling Lois Remsing, 989-872-5089. The dining center is located at 6106 Beechwood St. (K of C Hall), Cass City.

Tuesday - Sweet & sour chicken, Chinese vegetables, broccoli, rice, fortune cookie.

Friday - Baked cod, coleslaw, Brussels sprouts, fruit.

Monday - Pork chop suet over rice, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, fruit.

Tuesday - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, brownie.

Friday - Vegetarian lasagna, corn, garlic bread, tossed salad, cake.

New books at the library

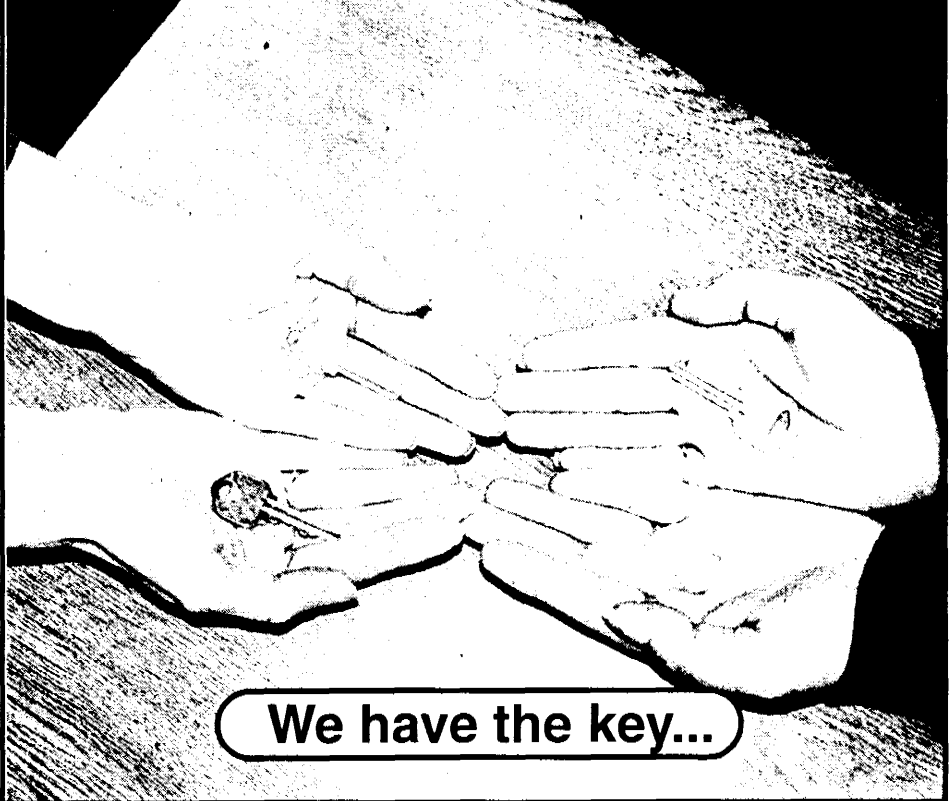
Children of the West: Family Life on the Frontier by Cathy Luchetti (nonfiction): A journey into the lives of the families who populated the pioneer West, from black Exodusters and Spanish rancheros to Asian immigrants and Native Americans, is described in their own words in letters, diaries, and journal, and is accompanied by more than 100 photographs. The book tells the story of the hardships and triumphs of living in an awe-inspiring yet harsh landscape. The author reveals how couples created farms and ranches in the rugged frontier and how their children took after their strong and individualistic parents, learning determination with their prayers.

Arctic Dreams: Imagination and Desire in a Northern Landscape by Barry Lopez (nonfiction): This book is a passionate tour of the Arctic landscape that covers such topics as the aurora borealis, polar bears, killer whales, migrating icebergs, the region's indigenous people, and the author's spiritual experiences there.

Berlin by David Clay Large (nonfiction): This story of Berlin reflects the love-hate relationship the world has had with a city that many tout as the hot metropolis of today's Europe. The author examines the city's complex political, social, economic and cultural strands from Bismarck to post-war Berlin. Includes black and white photos of its leaders, popular stars, monuments and architecture, old and new.



DAISY GIRL Scout Troop 498 makes mitten trees each year to collect new or handmade mittens, hats and scarves to help local children in need during the winter months. Above, (from left) Victoria Davis, Chelsea Hoppe, Alexander Clapper, Lauren Bukowski and Emily Mason pose with one of the trees, which are located at Chemical bank, Thumb National Bank, New Sheridan Health Mart, Little Caesar's and J & J's Dollar and More.



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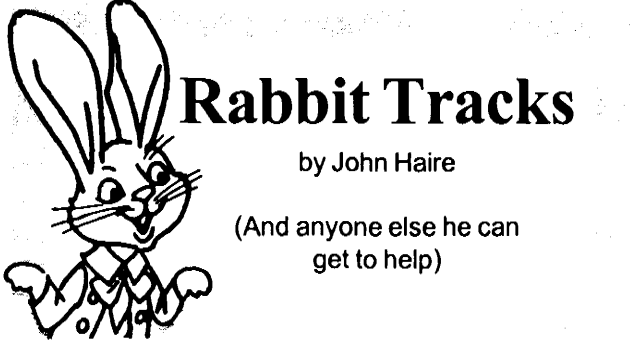
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

This is a true story. She is in her mid-thirties, very nice looking and with a figure to match. She lives in Midland and works at a Saginaw hospital. She often is in a race to get to work on time and, how should I put this?, has a tendency to not notice speed limit signs. One morning as she was zipping to work she was stopped by a cop. Maybe because she was wearing her nurse's uniform he took mercy on her. Whatever the reason, he let her go with a warning. Feeling that such a nice person deserved a token of appreciation, she took one of the large homemade cookies in her lunch bucket and gave it to him. A couple of days later the police pulled her over again, in just about the same location. The nurse was ready to protest because this time she was guilt-free and was all set to tell the cop a thing or 2. The policeman approached the car and was recognized as the same officer that gave her a break before. Before she could say a thing, the officer said, "got any more of those cookies?"

I can't prove it, of course, but I think that there are more outdoor Christmas lights and displays than there have been in recent years. One reason for feeling there are more came when traveling on Cemetery Road, south of Cass City. But no matter where you travel in the area you can't go far before another display catches the eye. When they do the thought arises, is this increase due to the Sept. 11 attack?

We get letters.....most of the time because we have opinions that aren't shared by the reader, or to point out our errors. Once in a while we get one that makes the day a little nicer. One of those came from Gerald Miller of Caro last week. "I enjoy your paper so much. We are former Cass City residents as were my mother and father. My father, Ervin Miller, was Santa for a while and he really enjoyed it."

Monday, when this was written, was a beautiful warm sunny day. It can't last I know. Snow is in the forecast. Still, hope springs eternal. Remember back a dozen years or more when the diehards were playing golf on the day after Christmas and snow was practically nonexistent until late February and then was gone in days? That can't happen again. Or can it?

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Cass City Public Schools
PROGRESS IN EDUCATION
from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent
SCHOOLS ARE SAFER

In a publication from the U.S. Department of Education entitled, "Community Update", interesting information was reported about the declining rate of school violence. The following is taken directly from the February/March 2001 issue.

"Although several high-profile shootings over the past decade have created the perception that schools are no longer safe, overall school violence continues to drop, according to an annual report card on school crime.

Since 1992, crime against students — including theft, rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and simple assault — has decreased by nearly a third. There were 101 incidents per 1,000 students in 1998, compared to 144 crimes per 1,000 9 years ago.

One of several related studies released this past October, the 2000 Annual Report on School Safety — jointly authored by the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice — confirms that schools remain among the safest places for children and youth. This past school year, 90 percent of the nation's schools reported no serious violent crime, and 43 percent say they experienced no crime at all."

Some tips for creating safe schools include:

1. Provide strong administrative support for assessing and enhancing school safety.
2. Redesign the school facility to eliminate dark, secluded and unsupervised spaces.
3. Design an effective school discipline policy.
4. Build partnerships with local law enforcement.
5. Implement schoolwide education and training on avoiding and preventing violence and violent behavior.
6. Create a climate of tolerance.
7. Provide appropriate educational service for students.
8. Provide crisis response services.
9. Reach out to communities and businesses to assist in improving the safety of students.

Here in Cass City, we will continue to work hard to maintain a safe, healthy and friendly environment in which our students can learn, while striving to seek continual improvements.

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

12 file complaints in village

Vandals target autos

Vandals kept Cass City police busy over the weekend with more than a dozen reports of slashed tires and damaged property. All of the incidents reportedly took place late Friday or early Saturday morning, according to reports. Among those filing complaints were: •Kathy Darling, Oak Street, reported slashed left front and left rear tires on her 1994 Chevrolet. Damage is estimated at \$200. •Tyson M. Bitzer, Third Street, reported the rear win-

Flu shots available Dec. 6

Flu shots will be given Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Cass City Senior Dining Center, located at the Cass City K of C hall from 1 to 3. Flu shots are \$10 for anyone under 60 years of age.

CPR class set for Dec. 13

Hills and Dales General Hospital will be offering an American Red Cross adult, infant and child CPR class Dec. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. Class will be held at the M.A.R.C. building in Cass City. Cost for the class is \$25.

For questions or to register, please call Kathy, RN, at Hills and Dales General Hospital at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 365).

dow of his vehicle smashed. Damage is estimated at \$200. •Charles McPhail, Houghton Street, reported 2 tires slashed on his Chevrolet pickup truck. At the same residence, Jennifer Knowlton reported the left front tire on her Saturn also slashed. Damage is estimated at a combined \$300. •Katie A. Wood, Crawford Road, reported one tire slashed on her 1994 Oldsmobile while the vehicle was parked at a friend's Sherman Street residence. Damage is estimated at \$100. •Gary Gohsman, Houghton Street, reported one tire slashed on both his 1999 Jeep and a van parked at his residence. Damage is estimated at \$200. •John E. Dunham, Third Street, reported one tire slashed on his 2000 Chevrolet van. Damage is estimated at \$100. •Officials at the Living

Word Worship Center, Houghton Street, reported 2 windows smashed on the church bus. Damage is estimated at \$150. •Scott C. Kelley, Houghton Street, reported one tire slashed on his Dodge van. Damage is estimated at \$100. •Sarah A. Cronk, Houghton Street, reported one tire slashed on her 1987 Dodge van. Damage is estimated at \$100. •Debra A. Hansen, Oak Street, reported one tire slashed on her 1994 Dodge Shadow. Damage is estimated at \$100. •Elaine Howard, Seeger Street, reported 2 tires slashed on her 1998 Ford van and scratches on the vehicle's sliding door and rear quarter panel. Damage is estimated at \$450. •Norbert G. Reehl, Houghton Street, reported 6 candy cane lawn ornaments damaged at his residence. Damage is estimated at \$80.



The Haire Net

Let's talk about a group of winners. Let's talk about a group of losers. It's the same group, a classic oxymoron. We are talking about the pool fund-raising committee. It's apparent that the last-gasp drive has fallen short and the community will not have a pool at the school. When the first ballpark figures for the cost of the pool were announced, the cost was estimated at \$1 million. That left \$250,000 to be raised in the community at large. Frankly, I felt that the dollars needed was way beyond the community's capacity to raise. It wasn't. If the original cost had proved accurate a new pool would be in the building stage today. The \$394,000 pledged was astonishing and each and every member of the committee should be lauded by all, even those who believed that a pool was not a good idea. It proved that this community has a nucleus of movers and shakers willing to devote time and talent to move the school and the community a notch above the ordinary.

The problem, said committee member Kelly Smith, is that there weren't enough people who were willing to get behind the program. When chairman Ed Fox reported to the Cass City School Board last week he said that if the school were to offer money "we wouldn't turn it down." That fell flat without any conversation at all. Three board members have been supportive of the project. Teresa Rabideau and Danny Haag were members of the committee and Dave Knight has been openly behind the drive. That doesn't mean, of course, that they would endorse school funds for the construction. There have been many significant pledges received from supporters who have no personal reasons for helping. The names have not been re-

leased, but I happen to know of 3 persons who no longer live in Cass City who have pledged \$5,000 or more and their chances of using the pool are very remote at best. The money raised was pledged despite being conducted at the most inopportune time with a fund drive for the new assisted care center underway, a plunging stock market and the farm economy in a down year. The committee members left no stone unturned. Dorothy Scollon, for instance, wrote requests for grants from dozens of foundations. The committee members are Fox, Haag, Nora Frederick, Scollon, Laura Kausch, Robert Tuckey, Ken Micklash, Jeanne Lohela, Karen Powell, Smith, Gerald Prieskorn, Geraldine Prieskorn, Knight, Don Richards and Rabideau. Salute these winners the next time you meet.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I don't know if I can survive another holiday. We ate so much turkey for Thanksgiving. I'm afraid I may sleep until Christmas. My wife has a thing about Thanksgiving dinners. If Connie couldn't cook a huge turkey, pounds of vegetables, and several pies, the Thanksgiving holiday would be a failure for her. Do I sound like I'm complaining? I'm not! There aren't many women who can cook like she does, and hardly anyone can make pies, anymore. So I eat as much as I can. Then, sit around in a stupor the rest of the day — and wonder what the poor people are doing. That's an old saying. When everyone was poor, and we had an especially nice meal, we would say, "Well, I wonder what the poor people are doing today?"

I was reminded of those days when my wife's family gathered for a big dinner at an Amish restaurant some years ago. We had ham, roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, several vegetables, and pie for dessert. As we were leaving someone said, "What a nice dinner. You just never see a meal like that, anymore." That's right," I agreed. "That's the way we used to eat when nobody had any money."

Or as my brother used to say, "We may not be getting rich, but we do eat good." This year's Thanksgiving feast was kind of special because all of the kids were here, and we took family pictures for the Christmas cards. It's been years since we took family photos — and apparently we had forgotten why. I don't know why getting everyone together for a photo is so hard, but something always seems to complicate the process. The shutter remote for the camera was the culprit this time.

This contraption was probably made for somebody's camera, but it obviously wasn't made for mine. I figured I could fix it with my hammer, but I didn't. So I reverted to the old trick of setting the camera's timer and then running to my assigned location before the camera goes off. I've done this many times and have

become an expert of sorts. The first time we tried the timer trick, I set the camera on the tripod and got everyone lined up in front of the fireplace. The kids were sitting in front, Connie was in the middle, and I was supposed to squat down on the hearth behind them. I focused the camera, made sure the flash was working,

and set the timer. Then I ran to the hearth, squeezed in behind everyone and squatted down. The camera went off, and everyone was smiling except me. The kids said I should have noticed the fireplace poker before I set the timer; but I can't see how that was my fault. I never take a good photo, anyway.

The Weather

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5YEARSAGO

Tuscola County has boasted one of the lowest rates of juvenile index crime arrests among Michigan counties in recent years. However, more Tuscola children are eligible for free and reduced meals at school, and trends have worsened in the area of low birth-weight babies, births to teens and high school drop-outs.

Santa will reside in a new home this holiday season in Cass City thanks to the efforts of Cass City industrial arts students Damian Izydorek and Jeff Powell. The Cass City seniors were steered by industrial arts instructor Dave Hoard. Hardee's Restaurants are being closed in Michigan, and the Cass City store's doors closed after business Friday.

Owen-Gage students collected a ton of food during a 5 1/2-week "Second Harvest" canned food drive sponsored by the school's National Honor Society chapter. A \$50 pizza party was the first prize for the class who brought in the most food. The seventh grade class won the contest with a total of 740 pounds of food collected, followed by the juniors (517 pounds), seniors (337 pounds), eighth grade (97 pounds) and sophomores (85 pounds).

The Annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner was the event's biggest year ever, according to organizers, who said 285 dinners were served, including about 70 takeout meals.

A field trip to Frankenmuth for the Cass City Middle School 5th grade was held Wednesday, Nov. 20. The 6th grade went Thursday, Nov. 21.

10YEARSAGO

Area residents are invited to an open house commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. It will be held Saturday from one to 5 p.m. at the VFW hall in Cass City.

Winter is well underway in Cass City, where road crews were busy early Tuesday morning, cleaning up about 3 inches of snow that fell the night before. More of the white stuff was expected early this week in the area, which had its first significant snowfall of the season Thursday (4.5 inches).

Police are investigating a break-in at the Parkway store and a theft complaint filed by Cass City Hardware. At Parkway, reported missing were an undetermined number of cartons of cigarettes. The theft of a \$50 cordless drill and attachments from Cass City Hardware was reported.

After some 53 years of horse pulling, Walt Putnam has no plans to quit competing. Putnam, 72, of Cass City, a Caro native, was recently honored at the Michigan-Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show and Pull, held at the state fairgrounds in Lansing, for his "many years of faithful service" to the sport of horse pulling. Veronica Gaszczynski was presented a silver platter by Nina Davis, for being selected woman of the year by the Cass City Business and Professional Women, at their monthly meeting.

25YEARSAGO

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners gave the okay to a consent order aimed at closing 17 unlicensed landfills which the Department of Natural Resources claims are polluting the environment. Included are landfills serving Gagetown and Elmwood, Columbia, Akron, Gifford, Fairgrove and Juniata townships.

"Sherman Tank", a black Labrador Retriever, has been donated by Bill Zeidler, of rural Cass City, to the Leader Dog program at Rochester. The dog will be trained to act as the "eyes" of a blind person.

Cass City rolled to an easy victory over outmanned Marlette Friday, 67-46. In double figures were Clarke Haire and Paul Battel with 15 points each, and Rick

Richards with 10 points. Student drinking at Cass City High School is on the rise, administrators, police and students agree. Administrators are concerned about the increase and are studying ways to deal with it. They all agree, raising the drinking age to 21 would help.

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department officials were releasing few details Tuesday surrounding a mysterious fire which claimed the life of Richard Lee Kelley, 32, of Hurds corner Rd., Caro, Sunday afternoon. Kelly's body was discovered around 3 p.m. in the rear of a pickup camper parked in his driveway. The camper was reportedly heavily damaged by the fire.

35YEARSAGO

Authorities for Klein Fertilizers, Inc. announced this week that construction of a new fertilizer plant to serve the Thumb started this week. The plant is on Vulcan Street near the Grand Trunk railroad in southwest Cass City. In charge of the McPhail family now is big sister, Judy McPhail, 22, after their parents were killed in separate accidents. Hutson McPhail was killed July 5, 1961, when he was busy working on a construction job and fell 20 feet from a stationary cement mixer when 45 years old. Mrs. Geraldine McPhail was killed in an auto accident Oct. 31 in a Detroit suburb. The family consists of Larry, 12, Donald, 10, and Mary, 8. Mrs. Agnes Morell of Ubly won a free television in the first of the weekly drawings sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

John Zinnecker, Stanley Walters, James Milligan and Arlington Hoffman attended the International livestock show in Chicago Tuesday. A report from the delegates to the National FFA Convention at Kansas City highlighted the meeting of the Cass City Chapter held at the school. The delegates were Richard Barriger, Rod Wentworth, Garry Edzik, and Ed Gordon. The 8-day trip was taken by bus.

Cass City man faces jail time for drug delivery

A Cass City man charged in connection with a Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) investigation of Ecstasy trafficking in the Thumb has been ordered to serve 180 days in the Tuscola County Jail. Gary J. Periso, 39, was sentenced Thursday in Tuscola County Circuit Court. In addition to jail time, he was ordered to serve 36 months probation, undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling and pay \$2,640 in court costs and fines plus a \$150 forensic fee. Periso, who pleaded guilty to delivery/manufacture of Ecstasy June 22 in Wells Township, was one of 3 suspects in the investigation. The others are Ronald R. Mouton, 38, of Caro, and Bron E. Bastian, 26, of Kingston. TNU investigators said the trio delivered 60 Ecstasy tablets to an undercover officer. Ecstasy is a relatively new and popular party drug, especially in more urban areas. Also MDMA, the drug can cause hallucinations and result in a sharp increase in body temperature leading to kidney system and cardiovascular system failure.

HDC announces food distribution

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will hold its Tuscola County Temporary Emergency Food Distribution (TEFAP - yellow card registration) Friday at the following location: HDC Warehouse, 165 Butler St., Caro, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. These surplus commodities have been made available to HDC by the federal government, and are intended for personal consumption by eligible low-income families. Income guidelines and household size (number of persons) are used to determine eligibility for this distribution. This information may be obtained by contacting the Human Development Commission. Persons who wish to participate in this distribution are invited to appear in person at the designated site and time mentioned above. For further information, please contact HDC in Caro at (989) 673-4121, or call toll-free at 1-800-843-6394. Other scheduled distributions include: Thursday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Huron County Expo Center, 170 West Soper Rd., Bad Axe; Sanilac County, Thursday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sandusky Civic Center.

AWANA clubs meet

First Baptist Church of Cass City would like to invite any child between the ages of 3 and eighth grade to our AWANA Clubs. For 3 weeks of every month, children meet to learn about the Word of God through devotionals given and Scripture memorization. Games are also a great way for the kids to have fun with their peers. Children ages 3 through second grade meet at the church and those in third through eighth grade meet at the elementary school in town at 7 p.m. The church is located at 6420 Houghton St. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at (989) 872-3155 or AWANA Commander, Jerry Meredith, at (989) 658-2428.

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Letter to the editor

School would benefit from PTA organization

My daughter Victoria (Tori) began the K-5 program at Campbell Elementary this year. Tori is extremely shy, so I was terrified of being away from her for 5 days out of the week. Like any other parent I am constantly worrying, but the school system has certainly given me reason to.

In September my daughter was selling candy bars through Campbell Elementary. I called the office to have them leave my newly ordered case at the school for me to pick up. Later that day I was waiting at home for my daughter to get off the bus. As time passed the bus never showed up. I finally decided to call the school. Just as I reached for the phone, it rang. My mother-in-law was on the line telling me that the school had contacted her to pick Tori up. She was in shock thinking that I had not picked her up, since the school claimed I was supposed to.

I could not even imagine first of all why the school had thought I would be picking Tori up, and second why no one had called me prior to my mother-in-law. Honestly, I was furious. I immediately contacted the office, who admitted they had mixed my message about picking up the candy bars to picking Tori up. I then asked why I was not contacted first. The secretary said that she had tried to call me, but that my number was disconnected. I asked for the number and it turns out it was my old one. I knew I had written down my

correct phone number for the school just weeks prior for Tori's enrollment. I still don't understand where she got that number from, unless she looked it up in an old phone book.

I went up to Campbell the following day and was assured that a mistake like this would never happen again. I asked when the next PTA meeting would be held, since I certainly thought this issue needed to be addressed with other parents. To my surprise I was informed that Cass City Schools do not have one. This really bothers me. I feel very strongly that parents and teachers should get together at least once a month to discuss upcoming events, problems and ideas.

All parents should be well informed of what is happening in their children's lives. There are so many things that happen each day, which need to be discussed. My daughter was almost dropped off by a substitute bus driver at the wrong residence twice now. You would think the problem would have been corrected the first time.

Please try to imagine my heartache to know that my daughter was on the last step of the bus, about to get off, and she was too shy to tell the male driver that it was the wrong house. Luckily, another child caught the mistake right before my daughter's feet hit the ground. If Tori had been left there she would never have been brave enough to knock

on a stranger's door to tell them what had happened.

When Tori arrived home I had to look into her swollen face with tears running down her cheeks. Why didn't the bus driver try to calm her instead of letting her ride the rest of the way home crying? What is wrong with the system? PTA's would discuss issues like this.

PTA's are the largest volunteer child advocacy organizations in the United States. The PTA is a not for profit association of parents, educators, students, and other citizens active in their schools and communities. PTA is the leader in reminding our nation of its obligations to children.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTA, please contact me (Renate Davis) by phone at (989) 872-3891 or by mail at 5841 E. Cass City Road, Cass City, MI 48726. I would like to hear your ideas and concerns. If you would like more information regarding what the PTA does, please visit www.pta.org

It would be great if we could get a meeting together for January. "Let's start the year off right".

Please understand that I am not trying to cut the Cass City School System down. I would expect some errors, however, I just think these errors were really avoidable and I want to ensure they don't happen again.

Renate Davis
Cass City

Hunters should act now

Dear Clarke,

Please print my letter and the following letter by Wes O'Dell. My father is the author and addresses the concerns of many people, hunters and landowners alike. Or what should be our concerns.

After reading the letter, a number of citizens in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties have come to understand the issue better. I wonder how many people realize that not one resident in the 3 counties listed could be consulted on this issue.

If they own land here in our area, but live in Timbuktu, they could be voting on our right to hunt. If they have hunted in this area in the past, they could vote on our issue. I think we need to take a look at their list of voters. How did they pick these landowners and hunters?

Do these people drive our roads daily and see the deer carcasses along the way? Do they worry about the damage the deer cause to our crops?

Deer caused 68,000 automobile accidents state wide in 1996, according to information I found printed on the Michigan State Police Home Page. MDOT says that accidents cost Michigan residents more than \$100 million annually. The average deer-vehicle crash causes about \$1,700 in damages. Over half of these accidents occur in southern Michigan. That equates to an average of 179 deer-vehicle crashes each day!

We are one of the largest farming areas in the country. Our fertile soil is some of the richest in the world. Our farmers produce grain crops, and world famous navy beans. Deer do a tremendous amount of crop damage. Like Dad says, ACT NOW!! Don't wait. This issue is important to many of us. It doesn't just affect deer hunters, but drivers and farmers, too.

Shelley deBeaubien
First time successful deer hunter

Editor,

All deer hunters and land

owners in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties should be concerned about the proposed QDM (Quality Deer Management) proposal being considered by the NRC (Natural Resource Commission). The QDMA, (Quality Deer Management Association) and unknown contributors have plastered the tri-county area with large billboard advertising leading the public to believe that they will have a chance to vote on this issue.

Nothing could be further from the truth. This is a gross misrepresentation and misconduct on the part of the NRC and QDM. The fact is that the NRC will send out 2,000 surveys: 1,000 will go to land owners in the tri-county area and 1,000 will go to hunters who have indicated (on past surveys) that they hunt deer in one or more of these counties.

If 66% of the returned surveys show that those people are in favor of the proposal, it will become law for the 2002 season and will be in

effect for at least 5 years.

Hunters and landowners beware. This constitutes a case of manipulation by a large special interest group who have money to back them. Where that money comes from is unknown. We as hunters and landowners should be concerned. This is wrong. Where are we going next? Every citizen in Michigan should be concerned. Hunters and landowners should stand up and be counted.

Write letters to local newspapers, contact state representatives, contact the NRC, contact the MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs). Don't wait, do it now. Time is of the essence.

Wesley O'Dell
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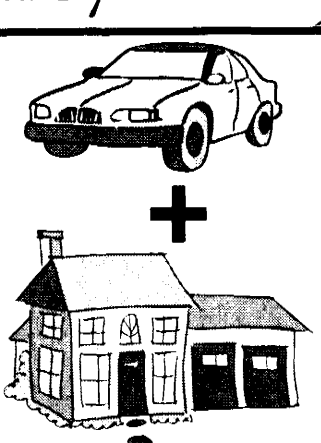
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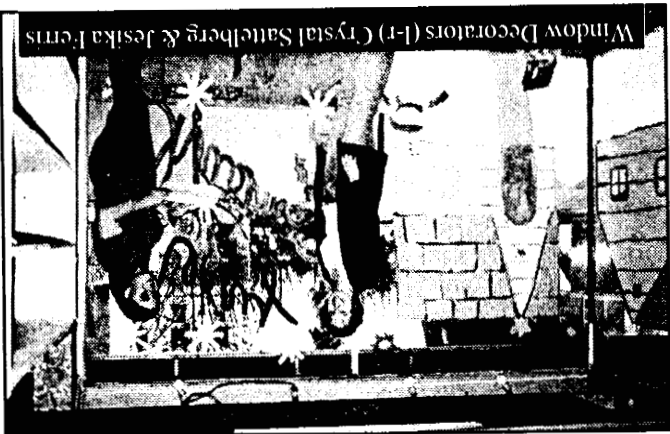
fulfill the dream, we knew in our hearts, it was the perfect time. When we can lift the spirits of those in our community, we know we did the right thing and the timing was perfect. Wow mom, did you see that, was the comment of a wide-eyed young boy and that's what it's all about," said Johanne Luth. The couple has worked closely with Bronner's in Frankenmuth, to select the right pieces and their plan is to add new pieces each year to help to complete the Luth's dream.

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The Cass City Middle School robotics team competed in the first or second in every category of the competition and won an additional award for most robust design.

The team consists of Ivan Peruski, Alex Hlatt, Andrew Peruski, Brandon Hartwick, Tyler Tomlinson, Brad Hanby, Josh Inbody, Carl Nichol, Aaron Bardwell, and will be representing the Saginaw region at the state level.

The team look first place in the regional championship. The team captured second in every category of the competition and won an additional award for most robust design.

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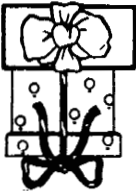
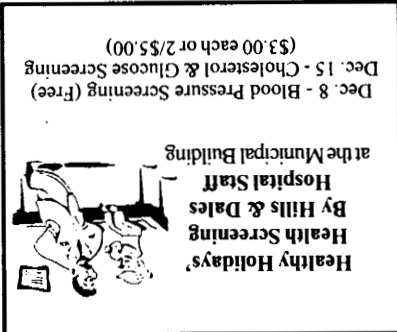
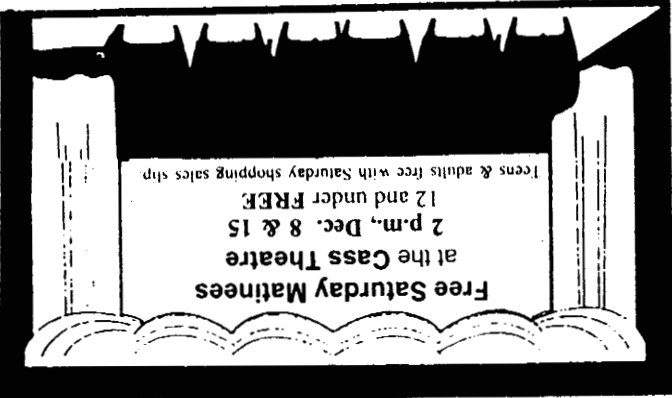
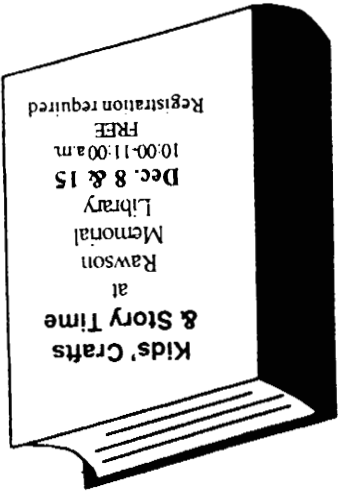
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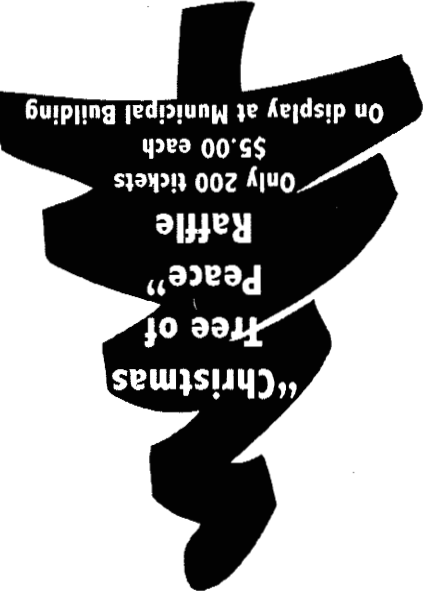
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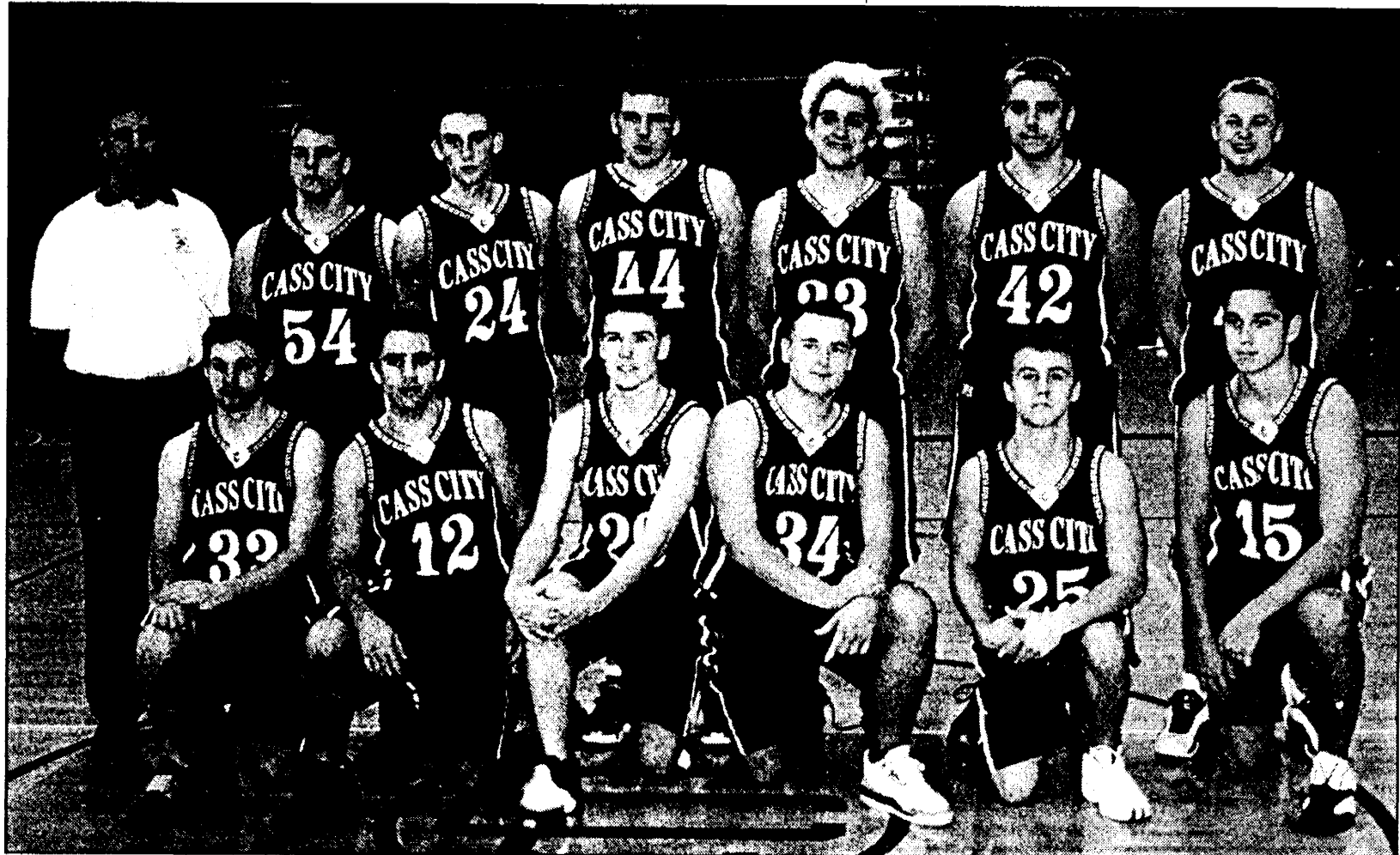
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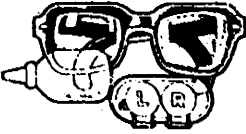
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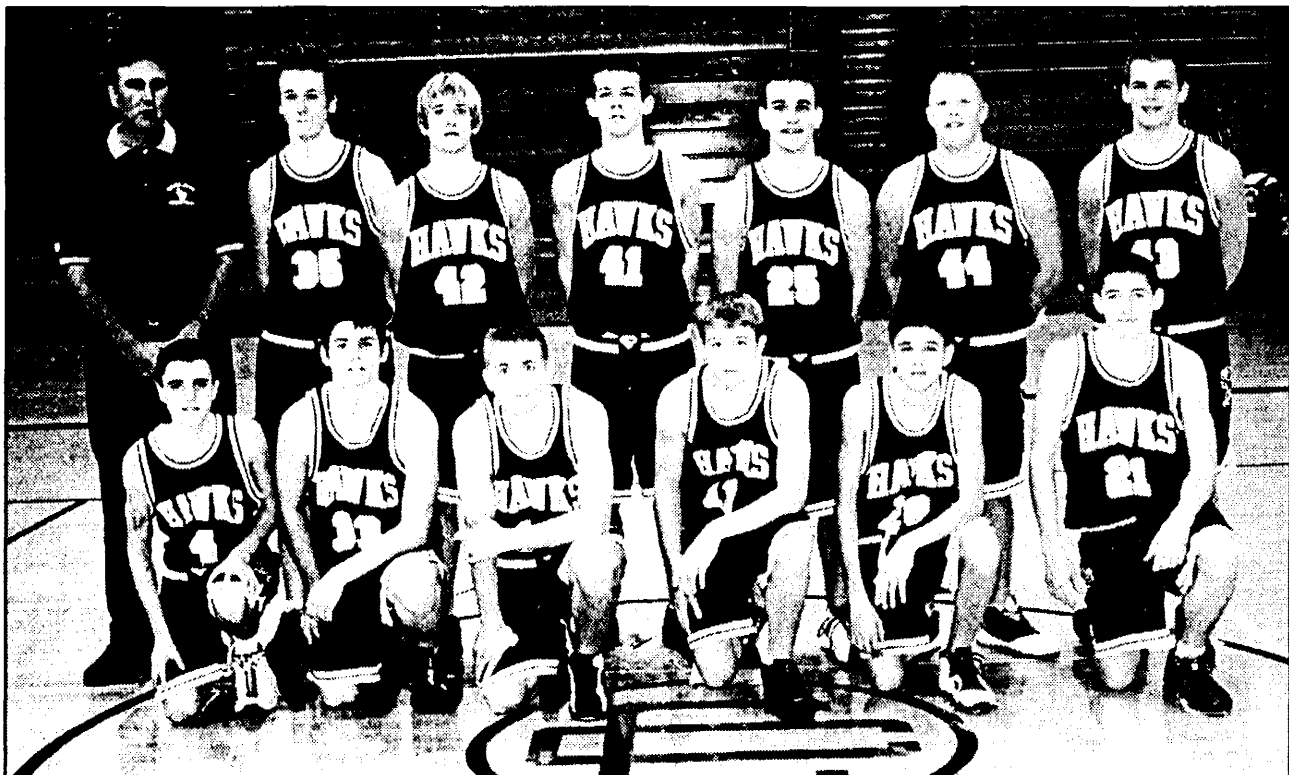
HAWK VARSITY basketball squad, from left, front row: Matt Stoutenburg, Timothy Khoury, Jake Brinkman, Aaron Diegel, Noal Powell and Chris Maharg. Back row: Jason Hill, Nick Chappel, Bill Thane, Grant Frank, Jeff Storm and Rob Havens.



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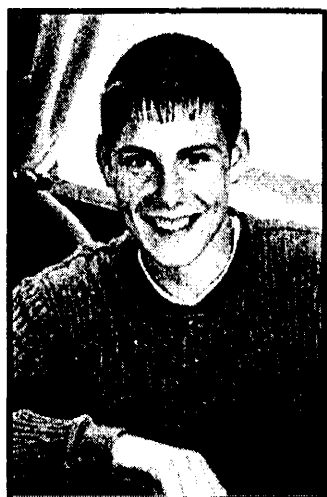
Name 2 to cross country all-state academic team

Two Cass City runners have been named to the academic cross-country all-state team. Named were Brandon Vargo and Annjea Tanton.

To qualify, runners must have earned an academic average of 3.50 or better and finish in the half among the racers in the state cross-country meet. Vargo finished 123 among the boys and Tanton 117 among the girls. Both students have a 3.8 average.



Annjea Tanton



Brandon Vargo

Hawks seek to fill gaps left by departed seniors

In the first varsity coaching job, Aaron Fernald will be directing a Cass City High School basketball team that is rebuilding after 2 banner years. While never a varsity coach, Fernald has years of experience as a junior varsity coach at USA and at Saginaw Valley. His full time job is teaching at USA.

Most of the players that were responsible for the team that is the defending Greater Thumb West champion and won the district title in class B 2 seasons ago, have left.

Gone are 2 all-conference players, 6-5 Craig Emmert and Joel Brinkman. Gone are 2 other tall rebounders, 6-3 Nathan Brinkman and 6-4 Ryan Holmgren. Gone is Zach Glaspie, who started at guard with Brinkman.

Fernald will need outstanding performances from veterans who saw considerable playing time last year. It starts with Jeff Storm who has 3 years on the varsity. He was hampered by a serious knee injury suffered in the regional finals 2 years ago and slowly worked back into game condition last year. Storm can play both inside and outside and is a good offensive rebounder.

Grant Frank, 6-1, and Bill Thane, 6-3, were the first

players off the bench last year. Thane is ticketed for a post position with Frank on the wing. Rob Havens, 6-0, saw limited action and will play in the front court.

Three other seniors on the squad are Tim Khoury, guard, and Nick Chappel, wing player, and Tom Armstead, 6-3 post player.

After that, players from an above average junior varsity will need to fill the gaps.

Chris Maharg, 6-1, is athletic on the wing and last year showed that he was a capable scorer and rebounder.

Look for Matt Stoutenburg, 5-8, at point guard. He's quick and Fernald looks for him to take over the team.

Jake Brinkman is the only

sophomore on the team and is quick, athletic and a competitor.

Two other juniors, Aaron Diegel and Noal Powell will compete for playing time.

Looking at the league teams, Fernald sees USA, Reese and Lakers as teams to beat. USA, the defending district champion, is high on everyone's list of good teams. They have a veteran team returning bolstered by the transfer of Matt Kitchen from Mayville where he was named all-conference as a sophomore on the basis of his tremendous outcourt shooting.

The Hawks were scheduled to entertain Caro Tuesday and play at Brown City next Tuesday.

CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL 2001-2002

Dec. 4	Caro	Home	5:00
11	Brown City	Away	5:00
14	Harbor Beach	Home	5:00
Jan. 3	Valley Luth (F)	Away	6:00
4	Valley Luth (V/JV)	Away	6:00
8	Marlette	Away	5:00
11	Lakers	Away	6:00
15	Caseville (V/JV)	Home	6:00
18	Bad Axe	Away	6:00
22	Deckerville	Home	5:00
25	USA	Away	6:00
29	Reese	Home	5:00
Feb. 1	BCAS	Away	5:00
5	Mayville	Home	5:00
8	Valley Lutheran	Home	5:00
12	Lakers	Home	5:00
15	Bad Axe	Home	5:00
19	USA	Home	5:00
22	Reese	Away	5:00
26	BCAS	Home	5:00
March 1	Mayville	Away	5:00
4-9	District	TBA	TBA
12-16	Regional	TBA	TBA
19	Quarterfinal	TBA	TBA
21	Semi-Final	Breslin	TBA
23	State Final	Breslin	TBA

Sandusky quiz bowl champions

The Sanilac County Junior High Quiz Bowl was held Nov. 12 at Sandusky Middle School. Teams from 6 Sanilac County school districts participated in 4 preliminary rounds. A final round was held between the 2 highest scoring teams.

The seventh grade competition final round was between Deckerville and Marlette. Victorious by just 10 points was the Marlette team, receiving a gold trophy and individual medals. Deckerville was awarded silver medals and trophy.

In the eighth grade final round, Sandusky challenged Carsonville-Port Sanilac. After a close match for both teams (ending in a tiebreaker), Sandusky took home the gold.

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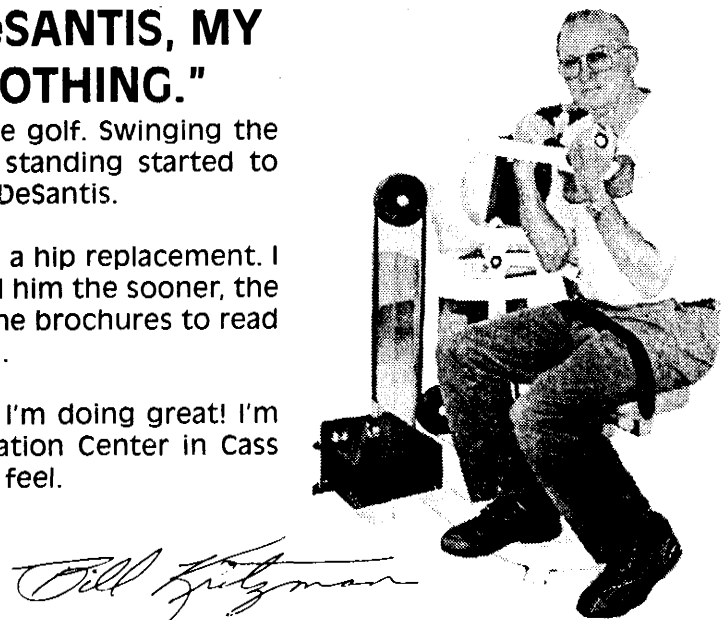
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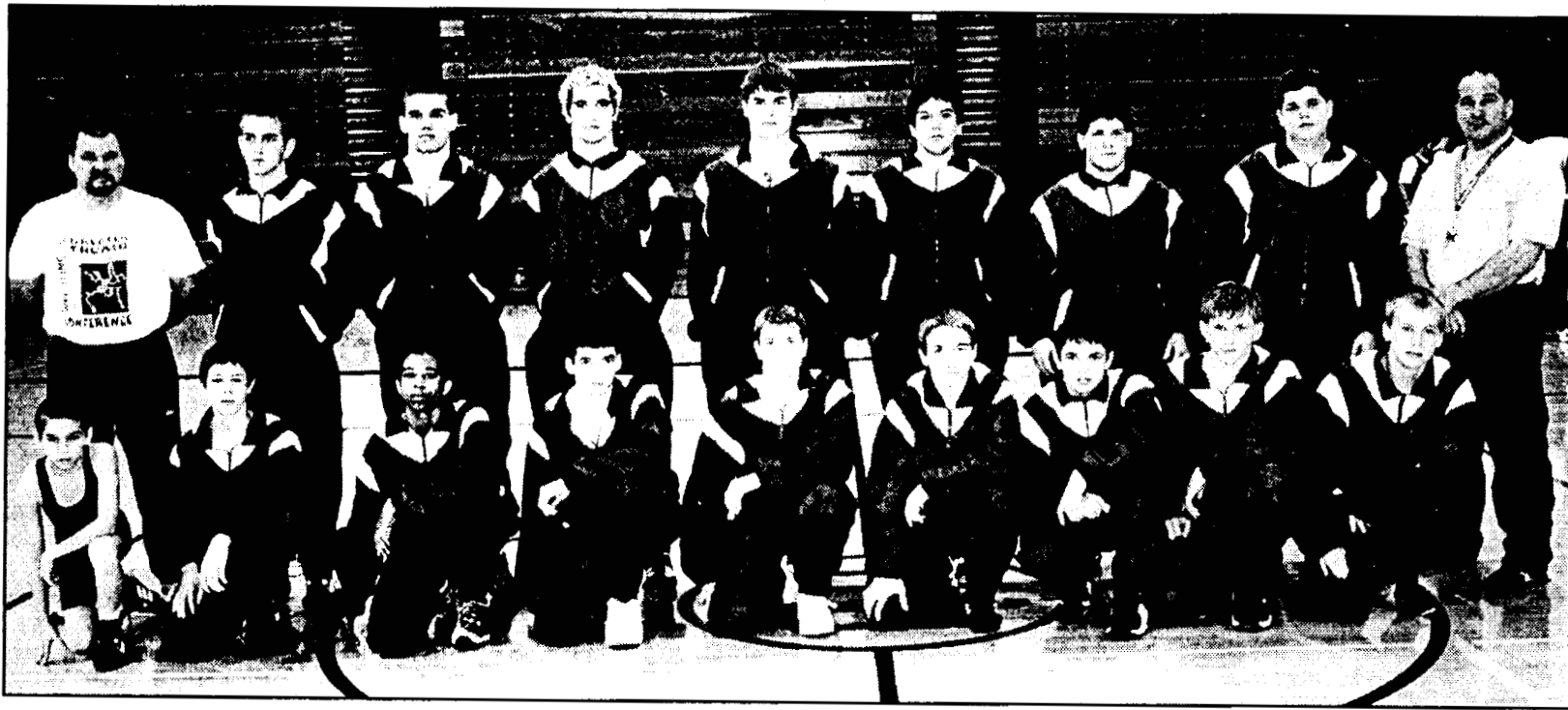
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THE HAWK wrestling squad, front row, from left: Manager Kevven Dorland, Marcel Helland, Sean Cole, Sam Moore, Don Spencer, Larry Galloway, Jerry Crandall, Tom Randall, Paul Smith. Back row: Coach Don Markel, Jeff Tenbusch, Aaron Dorland, Eric Hollis, Travis Jensen, Corey Brooks, David Mayer, Lee Hutchinson, Coach Tom Dorland. Missing: Wes Becker.

Coach Markel starts 17th year at helm

Freshmen's progress key to team success

Coach Don Markel will be hard pressed to add to his impressive 17-year record as wrestling coach at Cass City High School.

Entering the season, his teams have compiled 191 wins, 93 losses and 2 ties. The Hawks enter the season with just 5 returning letter-winners, including Aaron Dorland who last year was a state qualifier with a 46-11 record.

In addition, there are fewer wrestlers on the squad this season. There are only 16 on the squad. Markel says that 2 weight classes will be voided.

Gone from last year's squad that posted a sparkling 7-1-1 record are 3 seniors and a promising freshman. The seniors and their last year's records: Jeremy Klinkman, 42-11; Anand Raythatha, 145 pounds; league cham-

pion Guy Nanney, 29-11, and Charles Maxwell, 160 pounds. Also gone is Cliff Biskner.

CASS CITY HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING 2001-2002

Nov. 29	Caro/Sandusky	Home	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	Cros-Lex Invite (V)	Away	10:00 a.m.
8	Marlette Invite (JV/V)	Away	8:00 a.m.
12	Lapeer East (Quad)	Away	6:00 p.m.
15	Yale Invite (JV)	Away	9:00 a.m.
20	Pinconning	Away	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 3	Sandusky/V. Lutheran @	Brown City	6:00 p.m.
5	Yale Invite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
9	Lakers/Yale	Home	6:00 p.m.
12	Cass City Invite (JV/V)	Home	10:00 a.m.
16	Bad Axe/Mayville	@ Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
19	Mayville Invite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.
23	Cros-Lex/Brown City	Home	6:00 p.m.
26	Imlay City Invite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.
30	Marlette	Away	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Standish-Ster. Invite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.
9	League Invite	@ Marlette	10:00 a.m.

a promising freshman and regional qualifier, who moved and will be wrestling this year at Bay City Central.

The team will have to draw on its strong tradition, Markel feels, and a very good work ethic. Freshmen are progressing rapidly and there are 9 freshmen on the 16-member team.

Teams to beat, Markel says, are Yale, Mayville, Brown City and Cros-Lex.

Wrestlers split first meet

Cass City High School wrestlers opened the season Thursday at home in a duel meet with Caro and Sandusky.

The Hawks split in the meet. The "young" Red Hawk squad defeated Sandusky, 54-24, before losing to a very talented and state-ranked Caro team, 72-9. Double winners for the Hawks were Aaron Dorland and Travis Jensen.

Saturday, the Hawks competed in the Cros-Lex invitational.

This 9-team event was a combination varsity and J.V. tournament. Because we are so young, Coach Don Markel said, we split our squad and allowed our "rookies" to gain valuable mat experience in the J.V. tournament. Two Cass City wrestlers came away with first place medals in J.V. competition. They were Jeff Tenbusch at 152 pounds and David Mayer at 275 pounds. Half of the team competed in the varsity tournament and had a very respectable showing, earning 66 points and placing 6th. Imlay City won with 190 points.

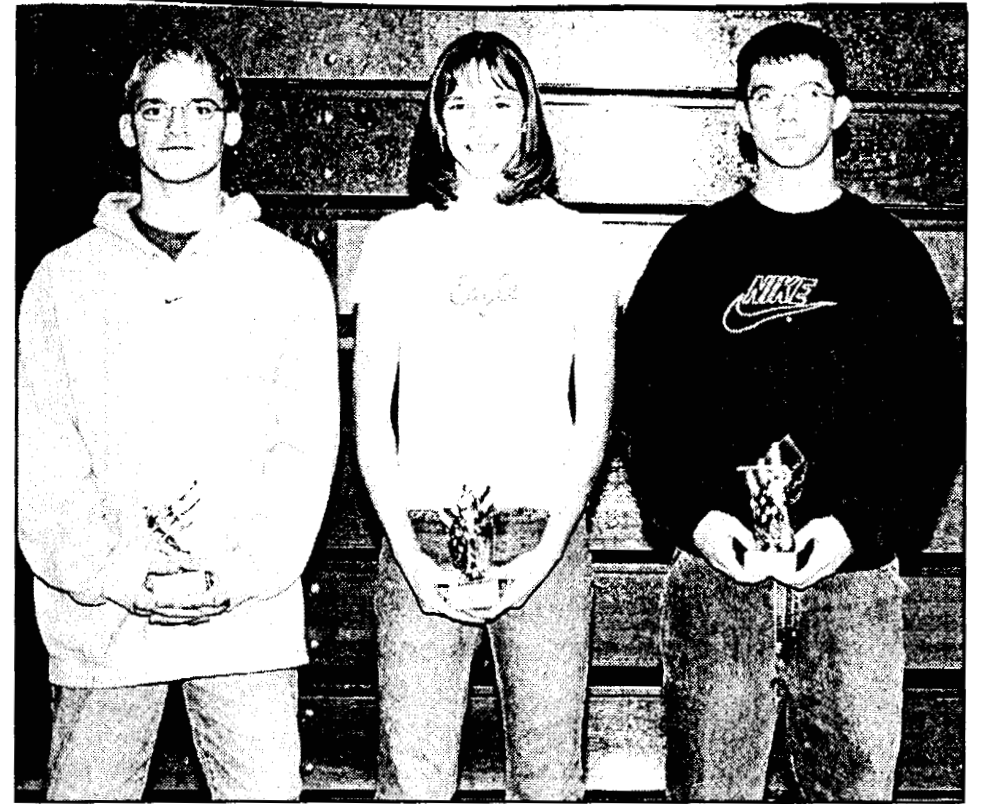
Final team standings: 190 - Imlay City, 178 - Port Huron High, 113 1/2 - Armada, 89 - Mt. Clemens Lutheran North, 85 - Cros-Lex, 66 - Cass City, 59 1/2 - Marysville, 50 - Dryden, 23 - Yale's "B" team.

Four varsity wrestlers placed on Saturday.

Having an outstanding day, Travis Jensen placed first at 189 pounds, after having been seeded only 4th; Lee Hutchinson, 4th at 275 pounds; Sam Moore, 3rd at 119 pounds; and Aaron Dorland 1st at 160 pounds.

Davis on Navy duty in Greece

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Roy A. Davis, son of Tina J. and Roy A. Davis of 3883 Hadley Road, Decker, recently reported for duty at Naval Support Activity, Souda Bay, Greece. Davis joined the Navy in January 2001.



AWARDS EARNED by athletes in fall sports were presented at the fall all-sports banquet Tuesday night. Earning most valuable player honors were Cody Howard, football; Kayla Zaleski, basketball; and Adam Kain, golf.



MOST IMPROVED awards at Owen-Gage were presented to Corbin Swiastyn, golf; Kelly Zaleski, basketball; and Jeremy Story, football.

Two runners end in top 10

Cass City's top distance runners, Liz Hoyt and Annjea Tanton-Carmichael, placed in the top 10 women finishing at Flushing's Christmas Stocking 4-mile run Saturday. The Riverbed Strider sponsored race drew 300-plus runners. Tanton-Carmichael was the first female in her age division, 16-19, to cross the finish line with a running time of 28:03. Teammate Liz Hoyt finished second in the 16-19 division with a time of 28:48.

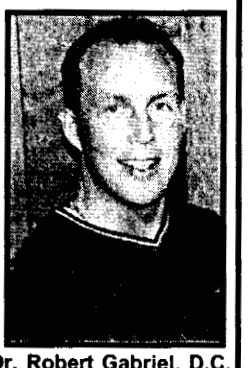
The overall female winner was Carrie Gould, 23, with a time of 24:05. Kirk Walrath, 31, was the overall winner finishing with 21:01. This was the second road race for Tanton and Hoyt since cross country season ended. The team has medaled in all their road races and are entered in next Saturday's 10K series at Reese High School. Tanton-Carmichael won her division in the series last year and is expected to repeat. Hoyt continually placed in the top 3 in all her road races last year and has continued this winning way.

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Repairing older watches can be time consuming and costly, Biebel pointed out, but sometimes the sentimental value is worth it. Biebel took out a watch and said that repairing would probably be more than the worth of the watch, but it is worth it to the family.

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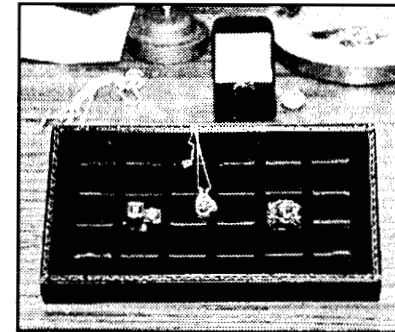
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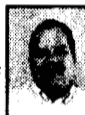
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VILLAGE OF CASS CITY

The Regular December meeting of the Cass City Village Council will be Monday December 17, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, Michigan.

Joyce A. Bemus
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Several appear in circuit court

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

- Joshua D. Humes, 22, Caro, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to attempted forgery and attempted uttering and publishing involving a \$286 check drawn on Wells Fargo Bank, South Dakota, on or before June 15.
- Humes was also ordered to pay \$1,560 in court costs and fines plus \$286 in restitution.
- Timothy L. Biauce, 53, Waterford, was sentenced to 2 to 7 years in prison for his plea of guilty to 3 counts of obtaining money or personal property by false pretenses between April and June 2000 in Arbelia and Millington townships, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- He was also ordered to pay restitution totaling \$10,400.
- Joseph M. Quinn, 22, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to obstruction of justice by witness tampering between Nov. 27, 2000, and May 2, 2001, in Indianfields Township, and to resisting and obstructing a police officer Aug. 24 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- Quinn was ordered to complete his high school education and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,820.
- Clifford A. Edgin, 63, Deford, pleaded guilty to second degree criminal sexual conduct and no contest to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years Aug. 1 in Kingston Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and Edgin was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.
- John E. Orr Jr., 38, Mayville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 30 in Wells Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Daniel S. Esterline, 26, Mayville, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and fleeing and eluding a police officer, fourth degree, Aug. 31 in Fremont Township.
- He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,360.
- Larry R. Smith Jr., 21, Tuscola, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to attempted receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000 in September/December 2000 in Tuscola Township.
- Smith was ordered to pay costs and fines of \$1,400 plus restitution totaling \$10,000.
- Leon A. Kuberski, 30, Millington, was sentenced to 4 years and 9 months to 10 years in prison for his plea of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder June 23 in Vassar Township.
- He was also ordered to pay \$1,225 in restitution.
- John L. Robinson Jr., 54, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 16 in Almer Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$150,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Delbert L. Williams Jr., 42, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Sept. 27 in Tuscola Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- The plea was taken under advisement by the court, which ordered a pre-sentence investigation and continued bond at \$30,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Robert Pratt, 46, Millington, pleaded guilty to fleeing a police officer May 15 in Watertown Township, and no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon May 19 in Watertown Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Trent L. Darling, 39, Caro, stood mute to charges of retail fraud, first degree Sept. 4 in Caro, resisting and obstructing a police officer Nov. 9 in Caro, and resisting and obstructing a police officer Nov. 3 in Caro.
- A pre-trial hearing was ordered by the court, which remanded Darling to the custody of the sheriff's department. Bond was continued at \$13,000.
- Paul G. McClorey, 36, Vassar, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Oct. 9 in Vassar, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$15,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Dave G. Crittenden, 33, Kingston, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) with intent to deliver Nov. 10 in Ellington Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- Shawn D. Ellesin, 30, Caro, pleaded guilty to forgery and uttering and publishing involving a \$200 check drawn on Team One Credit Union March 29-30, and to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny April 7 in Fairgrove Township.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.
- William R. Herriman II, 21, Clio, stood mute to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, arson - preparation to burn property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000, and assault or assault and battery Oct. 24 in Arbelia Township.
- A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$7,500.
- William Churcott, 60, Vassar, pleaded no contest to fourth degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion Oct. 12 in Vassar.
- A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.



WINNERS OF the annual local Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee are (front row, left) Rodney Abasso, Scarlett Helland, Adam Kranz, Ivy Hiatt, Lief Parr, (back row, left) Marissa Summersett, Lauren Bennett, Kaylin Tack, Garrett Wichert and Joey Daneault. They now advance to a regional competition slated for Jan. 12 in Saginaw.

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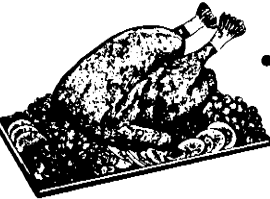
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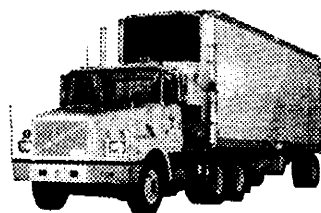
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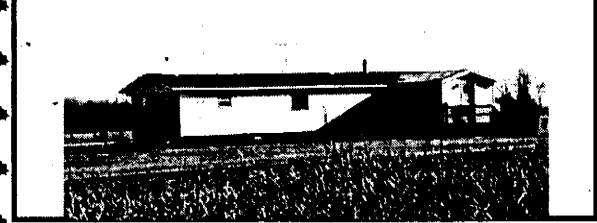
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Obituaries

Ashley Bussard

Ashley Nicole Bussard, 2, of Unionville, died unexpectedly Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

She was born May 22, 1999, in Saginaw to Mark and Jennifer (Davis) Bussard.

She is survived by her parents, Mark and Jennifer Bussard; her brother, Allen, and sister, Allissa; grandparents, Miles and Nancy Showers and Richard and Mary Davis, all of Columbus, Ohio; aunts and uncles, Doug (Laurie) Davis of Grove City, Ohio, Darrell (Shirley) Davis of Columbus, Ohio, Beth and Mike Stokes of Grove City, Ohio, Susan (Greg) Galloway of Grove City, Ohio, and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Betty Righter and Fern and Charles Davis.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 3, at Miller Funeral Home, Grove City, Ohio, with the Rev. Darrell Davis officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Ronald Ceckowski

Ronald Franklin Ceckowski, 53, of Cass City, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2001, near his home in Cass City.

He was born May 11, 1948, in Detroit, to Stephen and Virginia (Kapa) Ceckowski. He married Carole Trueman May 17, 1986, in Detroit.

He was a combat veteran of the Vietnam War; SP4; CoB 1st Battalion, 46 Infantry 10/68-10/69. He retired as a Lieutenant from the Detroit Fire Department after 28 years.

He is survived by his wife, Carole; children, Loraine Lorkowski of Algonac and Samuel Ceckowski at home; step-daughter, Wendy (Van) Hauswirth of Grosse Pointe Woods; 2 step-grandchildren; mother, Virginia Ceckowski of Mt. Clemens; brothers, Leonard (Ann) Ceckowski of Northstreet, Gerald (Denise) Ceckowski of Chesterfield Township; sister, Arlene (Mack) Worl of Daytona Beach, Fla., and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stephen Ceckowski.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chaplain McNealy of the Detroit Fire Department officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Geraldine Coleman

Geraldine Ruth Coleman, 88, of Deford, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

She was born Feb. 26, 1913, in Caro to Louis F. and Sarah M. (Mowry) Wilmut. She married Myles Coleman Dec. 27, 1936, in Caro. He died March 15, 1989.

She attended County Normal and Central Michigan University. She taught in Cass City and Deford schools for 33 years. She was a member of the Vassar Seventh-Day Adventist Church. She was a member of the Tuscola County Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by her children, Gary (Pat) Coleman of Niceville, Fla., Barton (Ilse) Coleman of Vassar, Russell (Bonnie) Coleman of West Bloomfield; daughter-in-law, Sandy Coleman of Downers Grove, Ill.; 9 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Larry Coleman; granddaughter, Tia Nicole Coleman; sisters, Bernice Main and Ovel Maier, and brother, Russell Wilmut.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Nathan Renner of Vassar Seventh-Day Adventist Church officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library.

Raymond Osentoski

Raymond R. Osentoski, 81, of Uby, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

He was born Nov. 23, 1920, in Austin Township, son of Peter and Laura (Grifka) Osentoski. He married Donna Franzel June 17, 1950, at St.

Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg. She preceded him in death March 9, 1996.

He was a graduate of the country school. He farmed in Austin Township and was a Journeyman carpenter on road construction throughout the country for 10 years. He worked at General Cable in

Cass City for 20 years and he retired in 1986. He was a lifelong parishioner of St. John Catholic Church of Uby. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus and a former member of the United Steel Workers Union.

He is survived by one

daughter, Suzann Johnson of Lake Orion; 5 sons, William and his wife Lynn of Greeley, Colo., Carl and his wife Deborah of Uby, Dale and his wife Karen of Lake Orion, Dean and his wife Beverly of Owendale, Lee and his wife Melissa of Harbor Beach; 8 grandchildren; 3

sisters, Irene Lee of Marlette, Minnie Cook and her husband Walter of Harbor Beach, and Lucille Glowinski of Ocala, Fla.

He was preceded in death by 5 brothers, Clarence, Floyd, John, Edmund and Louis; 2 sisters, Anna Tanton and Theresa Rumpitz.

A memorial mass was scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 4, at St. John Catholic Church of Uby with the Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in the church cemetery. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Uby.

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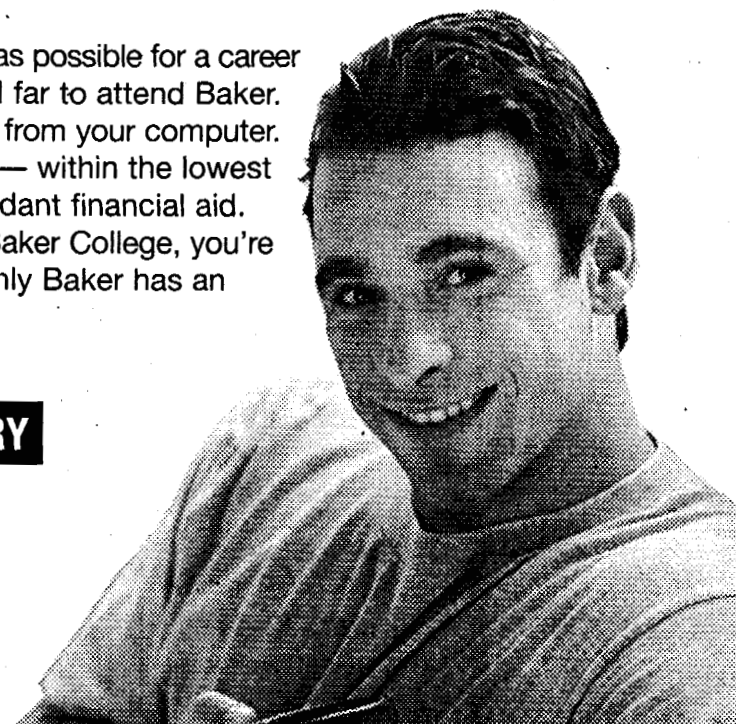
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