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## Meyer addresses NRC

State Rep. Tom Meyer went before the Natural Resources Commission at its January meeting to present what he called the overwhelmingly "against" message he received from his constituents regarding the proposed Quality Deer Management (QDM) program.

"More than 400 contacts from individuals, organizations and chambers of com-

**QDM president  
Perry Russo re-  
sponds in letter.  
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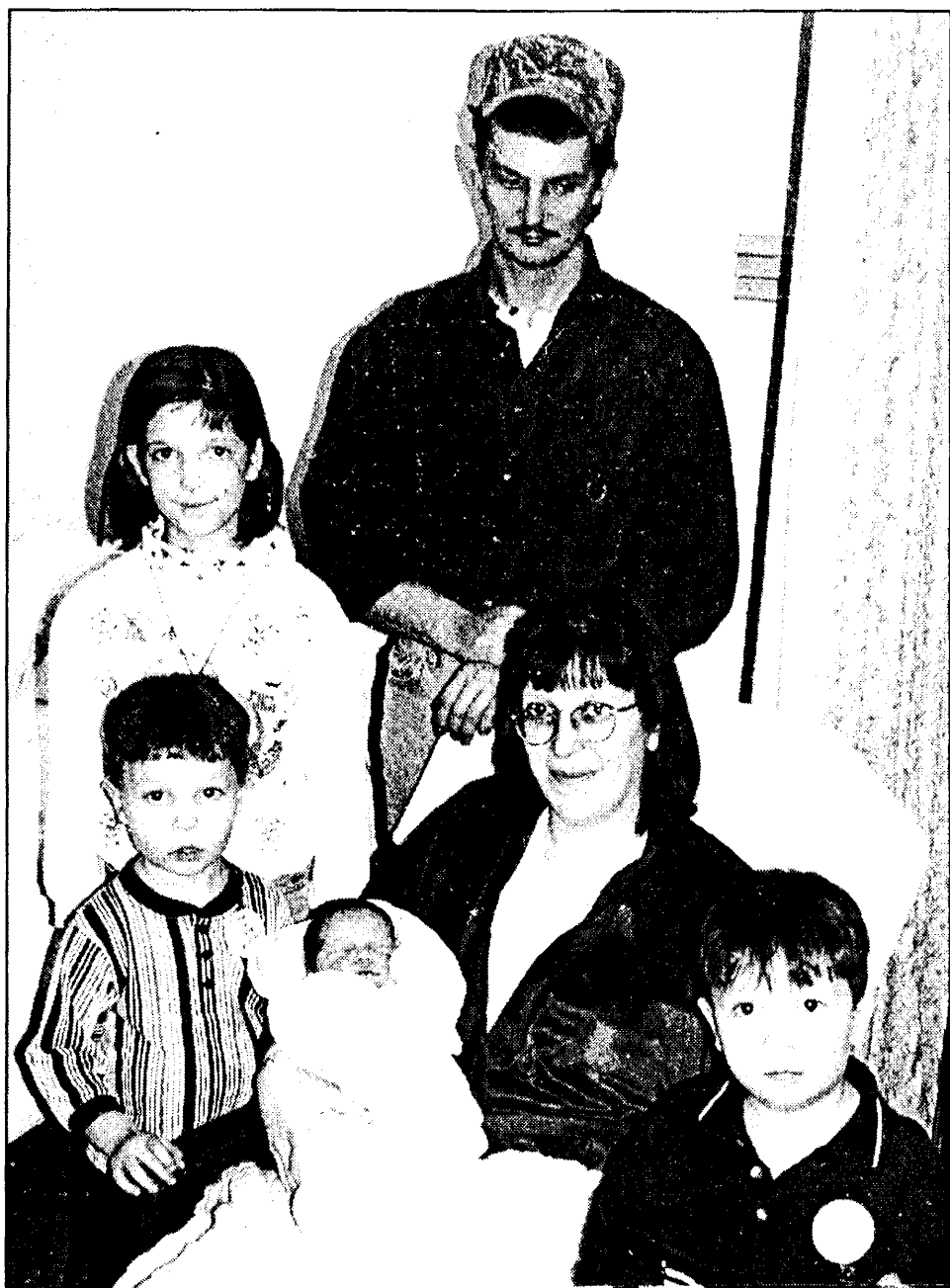
merce have come in completely opposed to the QDM program proposed for Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties, and only about a dozen responses were in favor of it," said Meyer, R-Bad Axe.

"Thumb area residents are concerned the QDM regulations will harm hunting and tourism-related businesses in an already flat economy, and cause families who hunt deer to put food on the table to go without," he added.

"I hope the commission will consider the results of my informal survey in its final decision, because it is as good as the process the DNR and QDM people are using."

Last fall Meyer began recording the comments he received from Thumb residents to gauge their interest in the QDM plan, which would redefine a legal white-tailed buck as a deer with a minimum of 4 points on at least one antler. Currently, hunters may harvest a first buck with spikes at least 3 inches long, with a second buck required to have a minimum of 4 points on at least one

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## First baby

**KATHY AND Pete Gamet welcomed a new son, Anthony James, Friday at 12:43 a.m. at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. Also pictured are the Cass City couple's other children, Amber, 10, Joshua, 4, and Jacob, 2. See story, page 11.**

## Farming accident fatal

A farm-related accident claimed the life of a Gagetown man Saturday afternoon in Huron County's Grant Township.

Huron County Sheriff's deputies reported Melvin

John Zimmer, 61, died from injuries he suffered when he fell into a manure spreader in a field near his Gagetown area farm at 4837 Maxwell Rd.

The accident occurred be-

tween 4 and 4:30 p.m., according to investigators.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The Owendale Fire Department assisted deputies at the scene.

## To offset budget deficit

# Gagetown seeking 7-mill tax increase in March

Gagetown officials will ask village residents to approve a 7-mill tax increase in the spring.

Budget deficits prompted the request, according to Village Clerk-Treasurer Maggie Root. "We were \$20,000 in expenditures over revenues last year," she said. "It (7 mills) sounds like a lot, but it doesn't get you very far."

Village President Charles Wright agreed, saying officials have been struggling with red ink for at least the past 4 years.

"We've been talking about it for the past 6 months," Wright said of the proposed tax hike. "I've lived here 41 years and we've never had an increase in taxes. The (property) values have increased a little bit, but not that much. And the cost of everything sure has gone up."

"We're just trying to get it where we can pretty much break even. We're just trying to keep our heads above water," Wright added. "We've got to do something."

Gagetown currently levies 15 mills for general operations - the maximum allowed by law without a vote of the people. One mill in the village generates about \$3,300.

If approved, the proposed 7-mill tax would generate an additional \$23,000 the first year, boosting the village's general operations revenue to an estimated \$72,561. For

the owner of a home with a market value of \$60,000, the levy would translate into an additional \$210 in taxes annually.

Officials are asking residents to approve the increase for a period of 10 years beginning in July 2002. The election is scheduled for Monday, March 11.

Village officials have scheduled a public hearing on the proposal for Monday, Feb. 4, starting at 7 p.m. at the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Municipal Building, 6437 Lincoln St., Gagetown.

"There's been a lot of talk about it around town, both pro and con," Wright said.

tional income to maintain existing services. "They want a policeman back, and

*"I've lived here 41 years and we've never had an increase in taxes"*

**Village President  
Charles Wright**

adding he's heard both positive and negative comments.

The bottom line, he noted, is the village needs addi-

we can't do it without a millage," he said, referring to the

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## Snowmobiler killed

A snowmobile accident claimed the life of a Cass City man early Friday morning.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said Steven Joseph Meffer, 30, 6252 Cedar Dr., suffered a fatal neck injury while driving a snowmobile on private property south of Cass City.

According to reports, Meffer was traveling westbound in a field located east of Seeger Street, near Division Street, when he struck a guide wire. The accident occurred at about 4 a.m., deputies said.

Meffer was transported by MMR Ambulance to Hills

and Dales General Hospital. Cass City police assisted deputies at the scene.

### OBITUARY

Meffer was born March 8, 1971, in Grosse Pointe to John J. and Penny (Bennett) Meffer.

He graduated from Marlette High School and worked for CSS Concrete in Cass City.

Meffer is survived by his wife, Dawn Meffer; children, Steven Meffer, Samantha Meffer and Tyler Meffer, all at home; his parents, John and Penny Meffer of Bad Axe; brothers, Jim (Angie) Meffer of Gulliver, and John

Meffer of Warren; sisters, Barbara (Jimmy) Moase of Charlotte, N.C., and Anita Meffer of Bad Axe; and 6 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph Meffer, and grandparents, John and Helen Meffer and Robert and Olive Bennett.

Funeral services were held Monday at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Brian Cuddie of Calvary Baptist officiating.

Interment will take place in the spring in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Steven Meffer Children's Education Fund.



## Fun in the... snow!

A DECENT SNOWFALL and a half-day of school spelled some outdoor fun for a small group of sledders who gathered at the hill in Cass City Friday. At left, Sarah Reed, 11, and Arial Veneziano, 11, both of Cass City, double their fun.



## On Michigan Merit Awards

# Local students cashing in

More and more area high school students, including those in Cass City, are cashing in on a state incentive that rewards passing Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test scores with a \$2,500 scholarship.

Scores recently released by the Michigan Department of Treasury revealed an increase in the number of high school seniors earning the scholarships in 2001 compared to 2000, the first year for the Michigan Merit Scholarship Award program.

The release of the 2001 data was delayed several weeks due to error corrections in the test scores.

Students earn the \$2,500 Merit Award by scoring a minimum of 2 in reading,

writing, math and science, or by a combination of MEAP and ACT scores. Students are allowed to take areas of the test more than once if they fail the first time around.

Statewide, 48,760 students in the graduating class of 2001 qualified for the Michigan Merit Award.

Of those, 43,652 students, or 43 percent of the 2001 public school class enrollment earned a Merit Award compared to 37 percent of students reported for the Class of 2000. More importantly, officials say, is that 53 percent of public school students who took all 4 required tests qualified in 2001, compared to 45 percent the year before.

The number of public

school students qualifying for a Michigan Merit Award increased by 14 percent in 2001 compared to 2000. Another 5,108 private school students qualified for the award, an increase of 16 percent compared to the Class of 2000.

Among Cass City High School students, 59 seniors, or more than 57 percent of the members of the Class of 2001, qualified for a Michigan Merit Award, compared to 41 seniors, representing 38.3 percent of the Class of 2000.

Cass City seniors last year earned a combined \$147,500 in Merit Award scholarships.

Cass City School officials have always encouraged students to take the MEAP, but

the \$2,500 state incentive has made a big difference, and the students are taking advantage of it, according to high school Counselor Wayne Dillon. "I give the kids credit, but I also give the teachers a lot of credit," he added.

Russ Bieffer, who serves as MEAP coordinator at the high school, agreed.

"I know we have worked really hard at getting the students what they need to pass the MEAP test," Bieffer said. "We're not (teaching to the test). We're teaching the skills that you need to pass the test, and I think we're doing a much better job of it."

"We've always encouraged everybody to take the MEAP test," Bieffer added. "Not only have we pushed them, but every year I've gone into the tenth grade classes and told them they could take the test early for dual enrollment, which means if they take the MEAP test and qualify, they can take college credit free. That's a big plus. We've had students leaving here who are almost (college) sophomores by the time they (graduate)."

"Now, with the \$2,500 reward, there's even more reason to take the test and do well."

As for the Class of 2002, students are still qualifying, but the outlook is already very encouraging, according to

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## How area schools have fared

	Graduates	Merit Award Winners
<b>Cass City High School</b>		
Class of 2001	103	59
Class of 2000	107	41
<b>Kingston High School</b>		
Class of 2001	43	20
Class of 2000	41	19
<b>Owen-Gage High School</b>		
Class of 2001	19	11
Class of 2000	21	8
<b>Ubley High School</b>		
Class of 2001	80	52
Class of 2000	59	42

## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 658-2347



Those who visited Thelma Jackson at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City and Courtney Manor Nursing Home in Bad Axe were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Ubyly, Clara Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendrick of Cass City, Mrs. Kevin O'Connor of Minden City, Mrs. Kevin Robinson, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Brian Sweeney, Mrs. John O'Henley, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Archie Rumpitz, Allen Farrelly, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Floyd Pardo of Ubyly, Vera Beyers of Pigeon, Mrs. Bob Deachin of Clarkston, Irene Tschirhart of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook of Harbor Beach, Mrs. Don Musall, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirrett,

Mr. and Mrs. Al McLeod of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hanby, and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer of Cass City.

Ed Schember, Rick Stuart, Jim Lewis, Wayne and Jack Kennedy, Tom Talaski, Ron Wolschlagier and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe were Tuesday evening guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Thelma Jackson came home Wednesday after spending some time at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City and Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

Jim Foster of Caseville and Doris Western and Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday afternoon with Dan Franzel at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

The euchre club met Saturday January 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Beulla. High prizes were won by Mrs. Jerry Decker and Ronnie Gracey. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Arnold Lapeer and Jerry Decker. Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer won the traveling prize. The next party will be held at the home of Mrs. Arnold Lapeer on February 9th.

Ray and Rita Depcinski, Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hebert and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the K of C Breakfast at St. Johns Church hall in Ubyly Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Knapp and Bill Cleland of Walled Lake were Saturday dinner and afternoon guests of Bob Cleland Jr.

Mrs. Ben (Donelda) Meske of Port Hope returned home Saturday after spending some time at the Harbor Beach Long Term Care.

Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly visited Dan Franzel at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe Friday afternoon.

Susan Krozek and Rita Depcinski spent Saturday in Bay City and Saginaw shopping.

Rick Stuart, Jim Lewis, Jack and Wayne Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe on Tuesday.

Rita Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting and card party at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe where prizes were given.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen received word that her sister Mrs. Robert Harris (Mary Lou) had hip surgery Monday at a West Branch Hospital.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser had dinner with Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Friday.

The Traveling Breakfast Club met Thursday morning at Big Boy in Bad Axe with 10 members attending. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Archie and Penny Guigar, Eleanor Flannery and Allen Farrelly were Wednesday supper guests of Barbara and Julie Salowitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick of Harbor Beach

were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Wendy Rickett and Caitlynn, Lana Puterbaugh and Klynn and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday evening guests of Clarence and Leone Depcinski for birthday cake and ice cream for Clarence's 62nd birthday.

Bill Adams, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Tuesday morning.

## Weisenbach honored at Owen-Gage



David Weisenbach

David Weisenbach has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for January. He is the son of Richard and Shirley Weisenbach of Sebawaing.

Weisenbach responded to the following questions after being selected:

Q: How do you feel about graduation?

A: I feel good about it. I'm excited. I love it!

Q: How do you like being a senior?

A: I like it, because I know I don't have to come back next year.

Q: What classes are you in?

A: I have Life Skills, BST, library aide, cafeteria aide, math, and I work at Pit Stop.

Q: What is your best memory of high school?

A: I liked using the computers.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Macaroni and cheese.

Q: What is your favorite sporting event in high school?

A: Basketball.

Q: Who has helped you the most during your high school years?

A: Mrs. Seurnyck and my classmates.

Q: Do you have a best friend? If so, who?

A: All of my classmates in Mrs. Seurnyck's room.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: I love purple.

Q: What is your favorite animal?

A: My dog, Alec, and my cat, Little Possum.

## Engaged



Susan O'Hara & Joshua Sorenson

Ellen Curtiss of Cass City announces the engagement of her daughter, Susan Kay O'Hara to Joshua Craig Sorenson, son of Craig and Carolyn Sorenson of Cass City.

The bride-elect is currently attending Saginaw Valley State University, majoring in Elementary Education. She will be graduating in December 2002. Her grandparents are Ted and Marilyn Morgan of Snover.

The prospective groom is employed at Laethem's John Deere of Caro as Motor Sports Service Manager. His grandparents are Mary Smith and the late Richard Smith of Caro and Lillian Sorenson and the late Harold Sorenson of Cass City.

A June 2002 wedding is being planned.

## Engaged

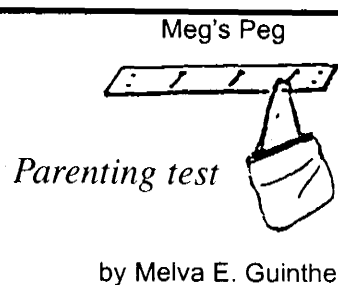


Brandi Einhardt & Paul Kruse

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Einhardt of Sebawaing and Mr. & Mrs. Dean Kruse of Cass City announce the engagement of their children, Brandi Sue Einhardt & Paul Dean Kruse.

The bride-elect is currently employed at Thumb National Bank & Trust Co. and attending classes at Saginaw Valley State University, majoring in Finance. The future groom is currently employed at Sebawaing Concrete and attending classes at Delta College focusing on welding.

The wedding is planned for July of this year.



Parenting test

by Melva E. Guinther

This test is for people trying to decide if they want to have children or if they're suited for that lifestyle. It came from the You Make Me Laugh website. While it's supposedly designed for those without, only people who have had children can truly appreciate it.

MESS TEST: Smear peanut butter on the sofa and curtains. Now rub your hands in the wet flowerbed and rub on the walls. Cover the stains with crayons. Place a fish stick behind the couch and leave it there all summer.

TOY TEST: Obtain a 55-gallon box of Legos. (If Legos aren't available, you may substitute roofing tacks or broken bottles.) Have a friend spread them all over the house. Put on a blindfold. Try to walk to the bathroom or kitchen. Do not scream (This could wake a child at night).

GROCERY STORE TEST: Borrow one or 2 small animals (Goats are best) and take them with you as you shop at the grocery store. Always keep them in sight and pay for anything they eat or damage.

DRESSING TEST: Obtain one large, unhappy, live octopus. Stuff into a small net bag, making sure that all arms stay inside.

FEEDING TEST: Obtain a

large plastic milk jug. Fill halfway with water. Suspend from the ceiling with a strong cord. Start the jug swinging. Try to insert spoonfuls of soggy cereal into the mouth of the jug while pretending to be an airplane. Now dump the contents of the jug on the floor.

NIGHT TEST: Prepare by obtaining a small cloth bag and fill it with 8-12 pounds of sand. Soak it thoroughly in water. At 8 p.m., begin to waltz and hum with the bag until 9 p.m. Lay down your bag and set your alarm for 10 p.m. Get up, pick up your bag, and sing every song you have ever heard. Make up about a dozen more and sing these too until 4 a.m. Set alarm for 5 a.m. and make breakfast. Keep this up for 5 years. Look cheerful.

PHYSICAL TEST (Women): Obtain a large beanbag chair and attach it to the front of your clothes. Leave it there for 9 months. Now remove 10% of the beans.

PHYSICAL TEST (Men): Go to the nearest drug store. Set your wallet on the counter. Ask the clerk to help himself. Now proceed to the nearest food store. Go to the head office and arrange for your paycheck to be directly deposited to the store. Purchase a newspaper. Go home and read it quietly for the last time.

FINAL ASSIGNMENT: Find a couple who have a small child. Lecture them on how they can improve their discipline, patience, tolerance, toilet training and child's table manners. Suggest many ways they can do it better. Emphasize to them that they should never allow their children to run riot. Enjoy this experience. It will be the last time you will have all the answers.



Bettie and Bryce Hagen

## Hagens mark 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen of Bingham Township celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 20, 2001.

Bryce Hagen and Bettie McIntyre were married in 1951 at the First Presbyterian Church of Ubyly with the Rev. Robert Morton officiating.

They have farmed in the Ubyly area their entire married life.

They have four children,

Dennis Hagen and his wife, Sharlene Pichla, Mary Hagen, Ellen Moorman and her husband, Mike, and E. James Hagen and his wife, Doreen Krohn, all of Ubyly; and five grandchildren, Keith, Clint Hagen and his wife, Melissa Barry, Bradley, Nicholas and Jennifer Hagen; and one great-grandchild, Dylan Hagen.

The family recently gathered at The Farm Restaurant in Port Austin to celebrate the occasion.

## Women's league to host prayer service

The Thumb Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League/Lutheran Women In Mission will hold a Day of Prayer Service Tuesday, Feb. 5, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville. The Prayer Service will be-

gin at 6 p.m., proceeded by a supper at 5 p.m. Bible study will be held at 4 p.m. and then again at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

In case of inclement weather the alternate date will be March 5.

## 74 donate blood in Cass City

Seventy-four people donated blood at the Cass City VFW hall Jan. 15.

First-time donors were: Tyler Harp & Dave Laurie. One gallon donors were: Helen Ramsey, David House, Bryan Parrish, Christine Turner and Diana Zimmerman. 2-gallon donors were: Robert Bender and Robert Garrett; 4-gallon donor was: James Kranz; 5-gallon donor was: Michael Williams; 9-gallon donor was: David Smith; and 15-gallon donor was: Thomas Perry.

The sponsoring organization was Hills and Dales General Hospital Ladies Auxiliary.

The next blood drive will be April 2.

## Senior 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.

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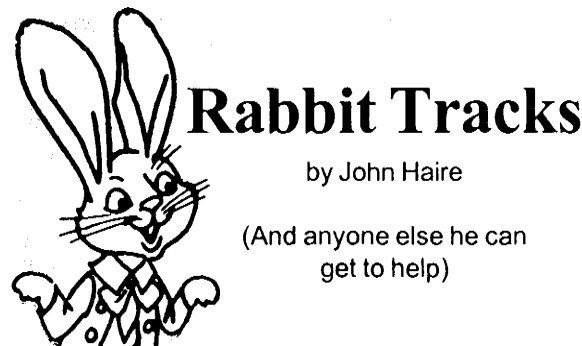
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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Seros is located on M-24 in the Oxford-Lake Orion area. It bills itself as a family restaurant, which it is, but evidently has a Greek food specialty. While we were there one of the classic flaming Greek dishes was served, Opa!

We didn't have any specialty dishes. Mine was salmon, choice of potato, peas, soup and salad for \$7.95. Milk was \$1.25. She ordered egg beaters, sausage, toast and potatoes. \$3.45.

The portions were generous and the quality acceptable to good. Give it a 6.5 on the one-10 scale.

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Don't put off digging out that wedding picture. If it's been around 25 years or more, it will published without cost in next week's bridal section. The wedding pictures, along with a current photo, has been a very popular addition to the section.

Wedding pictures without current pictures are okay, but we will take a current picture at our office if desired. Deadline is Friday.

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There are times when a job with the Federal government has perks not available to many working in non-government jobs.

Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. day, was one of them. All Federal offices were closed in respect. My 2 daughters also lucked out, one works for the Farm Home Administration and the other a principal at Plymouth-Canton School.

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# Vandals target autos

Vandals kept Cass City police busy Thursday, when 3 residents reported damaged to vehicles and other property in the village.

Police discovered a parked 1992 Chevrolet Cavalier

damaged early Thursday on Main Street. Reports state someone had broken out the driver's door glass.

Mike Randall also filed a report involving broken door glass on a 1989 Jeep and

a Dodge car, both parked near Cass City Tire, 6407 Main St.

Also, Ruth Ann Czekai told officers that someone broke an exterior night light at her Brooker Street residence Thursday. Damage was estimated at \$242, according to police, who believe the same person was responsible for all of the complaints.

In other recent complaints:

•A clerk at the People's Choice Market, 6144 Main St., reported the theft of a 12-pack of beer Jan. 15. The clerk stated a white male entered the store at about 3:20 a.m., took the beer out of a cooler and fled the store without paying. She described him as being 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing about 200 pounds and wearing blue jeans and a heavy blue jean jacket with a gray hooded sweatshirt.

•Arthur L. Brinkman reported a driver's side mirror broken on a 1999 International tractor parked in a village lot between West and Leach streets. The damage, estimated at \$100, took place sometime between Friday and Sunday, reports state.

# Grant funding to help pay for M-81 projects in Caro

Road improvements on M-81 in Caro will be completed with the help of \$192,000 in grants. State Rep. Tom Meyer announced Friday.

The grants to resurface and add turn lanes on M-81 at Prospect Street and widen South Colling Road address the expected increase in trucking traffic to the Michigan Ethanol Plant, now under construction in the Caro Industrial Park.

"This money is another way we are strengthening the local economy," Meyer, R-Bad Axe, said. "Michigan Ethanol is making an investment in Caro that will add jobs and

bolster the value of our agriculture industry.

"These road projects ensure the needs of the business and area residents are met."

The state will pay \$64,000 of the \$96,000 price tag to add left turn and deceleration lanes on M-81 to allow for safe access to Prospect Street.

A grant of \$128,000 will be applied to the \$192,000 cost to widen South Colling Road to allow traffic to turn onto M-81 coming from the Michigan Ethanol facility.

The money comes from the Michigan Department of Transportation's Economic Development Fund.

# Foundation has funding available

The Tuscola County Community Foundation's Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Advisory Committee recently announced that \$4,308 is currently available to provide support for existing or new programs designed to improve the health of youth and seniors in the county.

The priority continues to be programs that address issues related to tobacco use prevention or cessation.

To obtain an application, write to: Tuscola County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, or call (989) 673-8223.

Completed applications must be postmarked on or before Feb. 15. Applicants will be notified by Feb. 28.

**The Haire Net**

You can easily understand why North Carolina and Tennessee are spending none of the big bucks received from the tobacco industry to curb smoking. After all tobacco is a major crop for them.

It's a little hard to understand why Michigan is the only other state among the 46 receiving funds though the class action suit that is listed with the 2 southern states not spending a farthing for programs designed to cut smoking.

It's not like we are talking about token money here. The settlement reached in 1998 calls for \$280 billion to be paid to the states over 25 years. Already Michigan has received \$610.4 million.

On the surface it appears that we are getting short-changed in the drive to protect our youth. The money was supposed to be used for public education and stepped-up laws blocking sales to under aged kids.

Instead the money went for other programs including merit scholarships for high school seniors, a prescription drug program for senior citizens and rural health needs.

Despite this, the numbers indicate that something is having a beneficial effect in the war on smoking. In Michigan 34 percent of students in high school smoked in 1999, in 2001 it decreased to 28 percent. Among adults 24 percent smoked in 2000, 26 percent in 1999.

Smoking by youth has declined all over the country and the principal reason says anti-smoking people are the increase in prices.

Youth are by far the most sensitive to prices because they have less money and are not as heavily addicted as older smokers.

There's no way of telling if a more concentrated program calling for the millions of

dollars available to be spent only on programs to curb smoking by youths would be more effective

It's doubtful if throwing dollars at adult programs would do much good. Most adults know the health hazards. Many have tried various quit smoking programs. Patches, gums, hypnotists and many others "guaranteed" to be effective.

They must work for some, but I have yet to talk to a reformed smoker that was successful over the long haul.

I've met dozens of guys who have kicked the habit for good and every one did it cold turkey.

That works, but let me tell you from personal experience, that it's a LOT EASIER if you never start at all.



# The back forty

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by Roger Pond

A recent study of college costs proves once again that some folks have a strange set of values. An Associated Press story says the Lumina Foundation for Education reports that college is too expensive for many low and median-income students.

The Foundation's survey of 3,000 colleges and universities shows many students will have to borrow money if they want to attend college.

Duh? What a drag! I hope this doesn't affect the type of car these kids have to drive.

I remember a similar survey of college seniors a few years back. Many of those students had outstanding loans for their education.

Several said, "This is horrible! I planned to travel around Europe for a year or two, but now I'll have to get a job to pay off my loans!"

Welcome to the real world Sweetie. Lots of folks have to get a job.

Why would kids who borrow money for cars, televisions, and vacations object to taking out loans for school? It wasn't that long ago when borrowing money for college was quite a privilege.

I remember heading off to Ohio State University in the early 60s when tuition was \$100 per quarter. That seems cheap by today's standards, but it wasn't in those days.

My alma mater wasn't the most expensive college in the world, but a reputable university nonetheless. Graduates have gone on to become everything from bums to brain surgeons. I'm almost sure I didn't learn everything the university had to offer.

I felt lost on the huge campus, but I looked around and noticed everyone else was lost, too. You could see it in their eyes, as they stumbled about - bumping into ginkgo trees and bearded guys in turtleneck sweaters.

I might have gone to Dartmouth or Brown if I had known where those places were, but I just wasn't the liberal arts type. Besides, I had no idea what kind of squirrel hunting they had in New England.

So my old buddy Doug and I chose Ohio State. We planned to get an apartment and live high on the hog for

a few years, or however long it takes to go to college.

That's when we learned how many hogs it takes to pay the rent on those apartments - and how many pigs had apparently lived there before us. Then, Doug got cold feet and chickened out. I went, though, squeaking by on scholarships and government loans.

College students loved to borrow money in the 60s. The generation before us had to work their way through college. Government loans

meant students of modest means could attend school full-time if they wanted to.

I know some of the doctors, lawyers, and veterinarians had much higher loans to pay off than I did. And I sympathize with them. Those were smart people, though, and I'll bet you anything they found a way to get it back.

I don't think I'll ever feel sorry for folks who borrow for their education. That's some of the best money they'll ever get to spend.

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*from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent*

**2002 MEAP Testing**

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) testing window for students in grades 4, 5, 7, 8 will begin the week of January 28 and end February 15. The following tests will be administered at each grade level:

**4th grade** - Math and Reading

**5th grade** - Science, Social Studies and Writing

**7th grade** - Reading and Writing

**8th grade** - Math, Science and Social Studies

Fourth grade students received a letter with information about the tests to take home to their parents last week. Letters were mailed home to the parents of all fifth, seventh and eighth grade students explaining which tests will be administered along with a schedule of dates they will be given. Testing in grades 4, 5 and 7 is scheduled to take place in the morning on the testing dates. Eighth grade students will take their tests during their regularly scheduled classes throughout the day for each test subject.

Regular attendance during the testing weeks is very important to eliminate the need for make-up testing. Parents are encouraged to avoid scheduling doctor or dental appointments for their children during the testing dates.

Cass City Public Schools is committed to continue to improve our test scores by aligning our curriculum and taking advantage of teacher training opportunities. We are confident that our students will do well on the MEAP tests and we appreciate the encouragement and cooperation of parents during this very important time of the school year.

A parent meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Campbell cafeteria to answer questions about the MEAP tests and focus mainly on the 4th and 5th grade MEAP tests. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

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OLD MAN WINTER has finally arrived in the Thumb, making for some picturesque outdoor scenes, including this shot looking east over the Cass River bridge on Cemetery Road.

## Forensics team on a roll

Chad Daniels took just 11 students to a forensics tournament hosted by Chelsea High School Saturday, but all 11 made their mark in the competition.

"The entire team broke the semi-finals," said the Cass City High School Forensics Coach, who noted the tournament featured about 15 schools and 200 to 300 competitors. "We finished in second place."

Cass City sophomore Jamie Robinson finished second overall in oratory, while sophomore Eric Hanby was third in sales speaking, and

## O-G honors pupils

Owen-Gage School officials recently honored a student in each grade level, all nominated for best exemplifying the district's "adult role focus" of being responsible learners.

The students, in grades K-12, are Brett Morrish, Jeremy Jamieson, Christin Harris, Holly Errer, Zack Mroz, Katie Rhodes, Joshua Starks, Alec Powell, Michelle Brown, Mary Ellen McKee, Heidi Scott, Carrie Sheuflert and Earl McKee.

### Millage Increase Public Hearing (Truth in Taxation) Notice

The Village of Gagetown Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed property tax millage increase to be placed on the Village General Election Ballot  
Monday, March 11, 2002.

The public hearing will be held at the Elmwood Township Gagetown Municipal Building located at 6437 Lincoln Street, Gagetown on  
Monday, February 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied, and the subject of this hearing, is 22 mills (\$1 for every \$1,000 taxable value) for a duration of 10 years, beginning July 2002. This is an increase of 7 mills from the current tax rate of 15 mills.**

It is estimated that this millage levy of 22 mills will bring \$72,561.00 in revenue the first year, and increase to our current annual revenue of \$23,000.00. The purpose of this increase in millage is general operations.

Notice complies with 1999 PA 248

*Prepared by: Maggie Root  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Village of Gagetown  
January 16, 2002*

# Letters to the editor

## QDM: Meyer divided sportsmen

Dear Representative Tom Meyer:

This letter is in response to your participation and opposition, at the January 10th Public Meeting of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC), concerning the Thumb Area Quality Deer Management Proposal (QDM) being considered for your constituents in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

We would like to inform the landowners and sportsmen in those areas that there is an established "Procedure for Initiation, Evaluation and Review of Mandatory Quality Deer Management Proposals." This document, which is available on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) web-site, was crafted by a broad range of organizations including Commemorative Bucks of Michigan, Gateway Sportsman Club, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Bowhunters, the MDNR, and the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) to name a few. The intent of this document is to allow, with the support of landowners and hunters via a random survey, a process

## Gun law "spin" was interesting

It was interesting to see the "spin" that Mr. Haire placed on his understated subtle acceptance that he was wrong about the new gun law and its assurance of creating a Dodge City in Michigan.

I say interesting because it was certainly not gratifying to all those that he would have placed in jeopardy if his thoughts on gun control were put into action.

I did note that the "hoards" (whatever this is intended to mean) of new licensed responsible citizens have thus far severely disappointed the gun-grabbers. However, we all know that at some point there will be an incident that will bring them all out again and shouting "No guns-No violence".

This is the thinking of the gun-grabbers and it is just as dangerous as the violent predators that wait for their prey in dark places. They believe that a citizen should not have the right to protect himself or herself because they don't think we can act responsibly. They believe that the Government can and will protect us one and all.

When our society can once again sleep with an unlocked door then we will know that it may be the time to discuss the ownership of hand guns but we all know that day is far off in the future, if at all. This is the reality of the situation without any "spin".

Mike Byron  
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in which regional 5-year QDM demonstration areas may be approved.

The QDMA has an altruistic approach when considering the effects of QDM on white-tailed deer populations. Because we must manage our wildlife resources with the aid of sound scientific and biological data (Proposal G), we must have a mechanism available to generate new management data. For it's only with this new data that the State can make management decisions based on scientific fact, instead of emotions or an individual's desires.

At the NRC meeting, you stated that one of the reasons you were presenting information to the NRC, and encouraging the NRC to consider that information when determining whether to enact the QDM proposal, was due to the results of press releases you issued within your district. In your attempt to ask the NRC to stop the proposal, it is implausible how the 400 plus people that responded to your press releases as opposing the QDM proposal could be viewed as fair or unbiased. Those press releases in the local newspapers failed to solicit input from individuals that either hunt or own land in your district, but do not have their permanent homestead there. If they failed to read your press releases in the local papers, they were excluded from the process. Using a quote from Huron County resident Tom Talaski Sr., "talk about your taxation without representation."

Additionally, you affirmed to the NRC that 30 percent of the individuals surveyed were not residents of Huron, Sanilac or Tuscola counties. This was another of your "major reasons" for presenting this information to the commission. As Commissioner Garner stated during the meeting, this was in fact a bad argument. He, like many others in Michigan, owns property or hunts somewhere in the State other than where they reside. These people have an equal right to be surveyed under this same process. Commissioner Garner also indicated he practiced QDM on his own property and supported the philosophy.

State Representative Meyer, we think you can understand that many sportsmen own property or hunt in these affected counties, but may live elsewhere in the State of Michigan. These individuals contribute to the economy and pay property taxes on the lands they own. In most cases their property taxes are considerably higher than the taxes paid by local residents whose homesteads are in your district.

State Representative Meyer, you also stated at the NRC meeting that in your district "hunting is primarily for food and not for trophy racks." You also stated that "hunting in the 84th District has provided individuals that hunt for sport, as well as individuals that hunt for food, equal and ample opportunity to prevail in their quests. If this proposal is enacted that will no longer be the case." This statement couldn't be further from the truth. It is inconceivable that you, after having sat through a nearly one-hour presentation on QDM this past summer, would still view QDM as nothing but "trophy racks."

The QDM practice of harvesting does to improve the sex ratio allows ample opportunity for those hunters wishing to put meat on the table. The increased numbers of 2 1/2 and 3 1/2-year-old bucks in the deer population would also provide added excitement for those individuals that hunt for sport, while also ensuring that mature bucks are available during the breeding season. As a result, the potential benefits of QDM may have been harmed by your perception of QDM as being trophy hunting.

State Representative Meyer, QDM is becoming one of the most practiced white-tail management philosophies across the United States, including Michigan. Recently, the MDNR and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University conducted a comprehensive study of 10,000 State Surveyed Deer Hunters (SSDH) from across Michigan, including 426 Michigan QDMA members. The results of this survey will endow our state agencies with a more accurate evaluation of Michigan hunter's views towards QDM.

The results showed that 55 percent of the SSDH and 90 percent of the QDMA members supported the "MDNR to maintain an older age structure among bucks that produces more mature bucks." Also, 59 percent of the SSDH and 93 percent of the QDMA members "would support a proposal for further minimum antler restrictions in their hunting area to protect yearling bucks." Additionally, the analysis showed that 83 percent of QDMA members, compared to 31 percent of the SSDH indicated that they voluntarily "strongly encouraged" the shooting of does. The most popular reason for the SSDH to harvest a doe was "as a last resort to get venison for the season." The most popular reason for the QDMA members to harvest a doe was "to balance the ratio of bucks to does."

The survey also indicated that "the average for the entire sample was a 61 percent approval rate" for the implementation of QDM proposals. Could you imagine if a similar approval rate was required to elect state Representatives? Also, would you think it's fair that during your election campaign that your opposition engaged in the practice of stealing your campaign signs? Signs that you paid for out of your own pocket. Well that has been exactly what the QDMA has been subject to over the past few months. Even more so recently, when many of our large boards have disappeared, support posts and all. These are not tactics of an ethical group. Do we want this type of group determining wildlife management strategies based on their own selfish needs?

State Representative Meyer, we have reached a point in Michigan where we have enough white-tailed deer to reasonable satisfy most factions of the hunting and non-hunting public. In fact, there is ample evidence that deer are too plentiful in many areas, even for their own good. In the most liberal sense of the term, QDM is the maintenance of a healthy population that is socially and nutritionally balanced with existing habitat conditions. Above all, such a strategy calls for upgrading the white-tails "quality of life" by providing quality habitat, which produces larger and healthier quality bucks, does, and fawns.

The only disappointment for the Thumb Area Branch of the QDMA was your ability to divide sportsmen on this issue with the rationale that QDM is only about trophy hunting. Learning is rewarding, however our desires, attitudes, interests, and expectations can influence perception. Perception has guided how people believe something to be true without enough consideration of the facts. State Representative Meyer, the deer herd and deer hunting in Michigan can, during the upcoming years under QDM, be better than it ever has been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perry S. Russo, President  
Thumb Area Branch - Quality Deer Management Association

**Letters to the Editor**  
*The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.*  
*Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.*  
*The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.*  
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## Hills & Dales General Hospital

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Hills & Dales General Hospital on February 25, 26, 27, 28, 2002. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded to the organization.

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations  
Organization Liaison  
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
One Renaissance Boulevard  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

Date Posted: 1/18/02



## Drug raid nets pot, 3 arrests

A Saturday afternoon Sanilac County Drug Task Force raid on a Marlette apartment resulted in the seizure of more than one-quarter pound of marijuana pre-packaged for retail sale, and the arrest of 3 Marlette residents.

Charges against a fourth person are pending further investigation, according to William Gray, Sanilac County Drug Task Force director.

Gray said the task force received several anonymous citizen tips regarding suspected drug activity at an apartment in the 3100 block of Fenner Street.

"Some tips noted only one specific apartment as the source of suspected drug activity without naming an individual, while other tips specifically named a 23-year-old Marlette man as being responsible for marijuana sales from the apartment," he added. "A drug task force investigation resulted in a number of undercover drug buys being made from the 23-year-old Marlette man."

Drug task force officers along with the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit and Marlette police

executed the search warrant at 1:30 p.m. Aside from marijuana, officers seized packaging materials, scales, records and financial documents.

"The marijuana was being sold from the apartment in varying weights for \$10 per gram, and the marijuana had a street sale value of more than \$1,200," Gray said.

He noted the 3 suspects were transported to the Sanilac County Jail, booked on several drug related charges and released on bond pending formal arraignment, which will likely take place later this month.

Gray said the 23-year-old Marlette man was arrested on charges of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, and maintaining a drug house. The second suspect, age 17, and the third, age 18, were arrested for frequenting a drug house.

"Two children under the age of 3 were found to be living in the apartment along with their 20-year-old mother," he continued. "The 20-year-old mother was not arrested at the time of the raid so that she could provide short-term care for the children. The mother will be charged at a later date with maintaining a drug house."

"The drug task force will forward information concerning drug sales from the apartment to the Family Independence Agency for that agency to evaluate the children's long-term well being."

Gray attributed the success of the investigation to the combined efforts of the drug task force, sheriff's deputies, Marlette police, Brown City police and the Michigan State Police.

Residents can report suspected drug activity anonymously by calling toll-free 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).



**JOSH WARK practices and works out at least 4 days a week as he prepares for a career in dancing. He currently is waiting for scholarship offers from several prestigious art schools to continue his education. He is a sophomore at Cass City High School.**

## MARC upgrading

Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center (MARC) officials in Cass City have added to the free-weight selection for their community fitness program.

A "Smith machine" has been added to allow users to lift Olympic weights on a counter balanced bar system which provides a safer alternative to traditional barbell

lifting. The machine comes with a moveable incline/decline/flat bench. Users may lift weights in increments between 55 and 340 pounds. In addition, hexagon dumbbells have been added to complete a system offering weights from 3 through 50 pounds.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-2084.

## Dancing career more than a wish for 15-year-old

Joshua (Josh) Wark is ready for the next step in a career ambition to become a professional dancer. Never mind that he is just 15 years old and a sophomore at Cass City High School. He is a sophomore in reading, writing and arithmetic, but in dance he is well on his way to becoming a seasoned veteran.

While his dance career started when he enrolled for a class at the Sally Doerr Dance Studio in Cass City when he was 13, the groundwork was laid when he was a member of the gymnastic squad, Gym Jesters, in Saginaw. He was a state champion with the club when 11 years old, his mother, Kim Wark recalled.

That first class morphed into his present status as an assistant at the studio where he works and trains 4 days a week. Josh was quick to point out that the dance studio and the qualified guest instructors that Sally Doerr brought in provided a giant step upwards for his career.

In the next few months the next step in Josh's career will be decided. That's when he and his mother will decide which prestigious school of the arts he will attend.

He has been accepted at Interlochen Center for the Arts at Interlochen, Mich. and Idyllwild Arts Academy in Idyllwild, Calif. The Broadway Dance Center in New York City, from which a Jammnation Scholarship was received, is under consideration for further study.

Just where he will be studying next year depends on the scholarship help that is offered, Kim Wark, says. He

definitely is in his final year at Cass City.

He has earned the attention of these advanced schools for the arts with a series of successes in competitions.

He won the right to attend the Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp last summer and also qualified for the Blue Lakes International Exchange Tour, but declined due to other commitments.

His dancing has taken him to both New York and California. A real highlight was his trip to New York City, Aug. 9-14 last year, as a member of the "Kar All Star Kids". He spent 6 days and 5 nights at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. There were classes presented by masters and a tour that few ever enjoy. It included 2 Broadway shows, Greenwich Village, Chinatown, Little Italy, Fifth Avenue, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall and the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Ferry excursion. When he returned home, New York City had become his favorite place to be.

During the Christmas holiday his career opportunities took Josh to San Francisco to attend classes including Hip Hop at the Rhythm Motion Center.

Josh's most recent performance was in "Aurora, the Sleeping Beauty" Nov. 23-24 at the beautiful Ramsdell Theater in Traverse City. He choreographed and danced as the Jester.

It will be a great addition to his resume, Kim Wark stressed. Judging by his progress it promises to be one of many as his career in the arts advances.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, January 24

Free Senior Citizen Bingo, 1:00-4:00 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City, 4533 Veterans Dr., Cass City. Prizes & refreshments. Sponsored by Post 3644 Ladies Auxiliary.

BI-Polar Group: BI-Polar is also known as manic depression. It is a type of mental illness that involves mood swings, or irritable to feeling sad. Support group meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Caro United Methodist Church, Gilford Rd., Caro.

### Friday, January 25

Bereavement Support Group (6-week session), sponsored by United Hospice Service, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Scheurer Hospital Conference Room, 170 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

### Monday, January 28

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

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

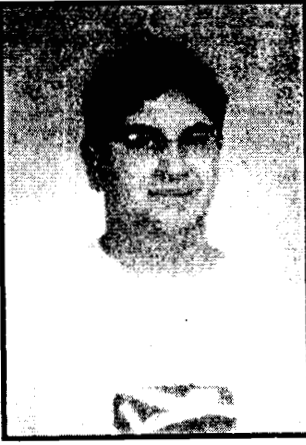
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

## Lopez tops in geographic bee

Trace Lopez, an eighth grade student in the Owen-Gage School District, recently won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the 5 U.S. territories participated. The school winners, including Lopez, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state bee, which is scheduled for April 5.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee National Championship May 21 and 22. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.



Other Owen-Gage participants who placed in the event were: Alec Powell (seventh grade), second place; Josh Howard (seventh grade), third place; Matthew Volk (sixth grade), fourth place; and Tiffany Glaza (eighth grade), fifth place.

The competition, in which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 13th annual National Geographic Bee.

## Soybean

The soybean came from Asia to the United States in 1829 for the production of soy sauce. In the 1900s, Henry Ford began to find many uses for soybeans. One of the more widely known products he made from soy was an auto trunk lid. Ford even hit the lid with an axe to show durability.

## Cass City Area Church Directory

### Believing In Advance

There are many ways in which we can put our faith into action. One of the most obvious ways is by believing in advance of the evidence and acting as if the outcome is assured. Think of the many ways in which this sort of thinking promotes our goals in everyday life. In sports and other types of competition, the one who believes that they will win usually does. Likewise, in social interactions, the person who believes that they are going to like someone they are about to meet will probably like them, because this belief will cause them to treat the person in a friendly way. In the spiritual realm, those who believe ardently that they will someday find a place in heaven are more likely to behave like saints than like fallen angels. Believe that you can do the things that you aspire to and you will meet with success by consciously working to make that belief a reality. Believe that you will someday be among the saints in Heaven, and by putting your faith into action, you will be advancing along that blessed road.

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.  
R.S.V. Hebrews 11:1*

**Cass City Church of Christ**  
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Building phone 872-5440  
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Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
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**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2604 or 872-5201  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study & Children Activities 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4393 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2729  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: David Edwards

**Cass City United Methodist Church**  
5100 N. Cemetery Rd., P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor - Dr. Philip Rice

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
Phone: 872-5060 Fax: 872-8855  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
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**First Baptist Church**  
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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## Storm explodes for 31 points Friday in win over Bad Axe

Led by Jeff Storm, Cass City rolled to an easy Greater Thumb West Conference win at Bad Axe Friday, 75-56. Storm scored the first 14 points for his team to propel the Hawks in front, 14-6, with 2:31 left in the first quarter.

In his spurge the senior forward scored most of his points inside with some vicious rebounding and close-in shots. He showed his versatility by moving outside to score a 3-point hoop from the top of the key during his scoring spurge.

When the Storm attack let up briefly his teammates took over to push the lead to 20-11 at the end of the quarter.

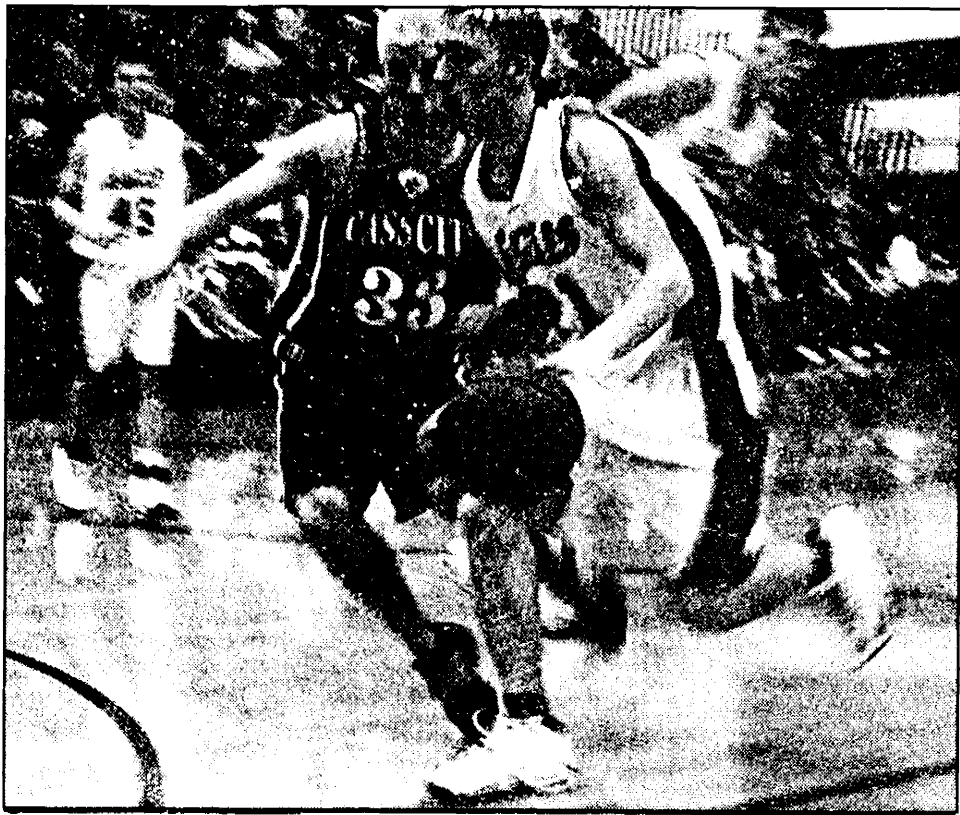
It was nice to have the shots falling against the Hatches, coach Aaron Fernald said. It

**CASS CITY** - Khoury 1-0 (0-1) 2; Maharg 1-0 (0-0) 2; Brinkman 1-2 (1-2) 9; Frank 2-3 (0-1) 13; Chappel 0-0 (2-2) 2; Powell 1-0 (0-1) Stoutenburg 0-1 (0-0) 3; Storm 13-1 (2-4) 31; Thane 3-0 (3-5) 9; Havens 1-0 (0-0) 2.

**TOTALS** - 23-7 (8-16) 75

**BAD AXE** - Lascoski 0-2 (1-4) 7; Brown 6-2 (2-2) 20; DeCourval 2-0 (0-0) 4; Hurley 1-0 (0-0) 2; Craven 2-0 (2-4) 6; Bachman 1-2 (0-0) 8; Wagner 1-0 (4-6) 6.

**TOTALS** - 13-7 (9-17) 56



**CASS CITY FELL BEHIND** early against Caseville before taking charge of the game against the Eagles. Applying the defensive pressure on J. Kuhn is the Hawks' Matt Stoutenburg.

## CPS tops host Owen-Gage

Come ready to play every minute, every week, in the well balanced North Central Thumb League conference or pay the price, says Owen-Gage rookie mentor Troy Perry.

Perry's Bulldogs fell to 3-3 Friday in league action when visiting Carsonville Port-Sanilac hung on to claim a 58-55 win in a contest as tight as the final margin suggests.

"I wasn't happy with the way we were moving offensively and I didn't think we were as aggressive defensively as we needed to be," commented Perry.

The Bulldogs will need to come up with a better effort soon if they hope to return to the win column. Owen-Gage will host an STA-NCTL crossover meeting Friday that will follow Tuesday's tilt with undefeated powerhouse Kingston.

After trading baskets throughout the opening half, the Tigers broke open a 28-28 deadlock when they caught the hosts flat and quickly grabbed an 8-point margin to begin the final half. The spurt prompted an upset Perry to empty his bench.

"I sat my starters and put my

**OWEN-GAGE** - Swiastyn 10-2 (0-0) 26, Kain 2-0 (0-0) 4, Fritz 2-0 (3-6) 7, Perdue 0-0 (2-2) 2, Story 0-0 (3-4) 3, Hunt 1-0 (0-0) 2, McKee 4-1 (0-0) 11.

**TOTALS** - 19-3 (8-12) 55.

**CPS** - Cayce 1-0 (0-0) 2, Nagelkirk 0-1 (0-0) 3, Winkley 6-1 (0-0) 15, Albrecht 1-0 (1-2) 3, Falcon 3-0 (0-0) 6, Willis 2-0 (0-0) 4, Steeb 3-0 (0-0) 6, Bezemck 6-0 (2-2) 14; Bartley 2-0 (1-1) 5.

**TOTALS** - 24-2 (4-7) 58.

### Career Nights

**Red Hawk**  
Jeff Storm  
31 points

**Bulldog**  
Corbin Swiastyn  
26 points

## Hawk wrestlers split dual meet in Mayville

The Cass City Red Hawk wrestling team is young, inexperienced and without wrestlers in 2 weight classes, but coach Don Markel's charges are more than holding their own in the Greater Thumb Conference.

The Hawks split in a dual meet against league teams Wednesday at Mayville. Cass City defeated a depleted USA squad, 66-12, before losing to Mayville, 41-36, as a Cass City rally fell just short. Cass City fell behind, 30-0, while losing the first 5 matches before roaring back to take 7 of the last 9 matches.

The Hawks are now 4-2 in the conference.

Saturday the Hawks finished in the middle of the pack in the 14-team Mayville Invitational. Sterling Heights won. Following the winners the top 6 teams finished in the following order: Mio, Mayville, Capac, Vassar and Memphis.

The Hawks defeated Memphis, 42-33; Bay City Western B team, 66-18, and Dryden, 54-30. Cass City lost to Sterling Heights, 56-18, and to Capac, 48-28.

Three Hawks had outstanding performances. Marcel Helland (103) went 4-1. Aaron Dorland (160/171) and Travis Jensen (189/215) posted perfect 5-0 records.

For the season Dorland is 25-2 and Jensen 28-1.

In dual meets Cass City's record is now 9-8.

## Red Hawks handle visiting Caseville despite slow start

The Cass City Red Hawks quickly learned last Tuesday that there was no way that they could coast their way to a victory over visiting Caseville. Never mind that the Eagles are a school with a small class D enrollment, they came to play.

Cass City learned that quickly when Caseville charged off to an 11-0 lead behind the fine play by Dustin Tonn and Shawn Quinn.

The Eagles continued to play hard, but in the end Cass City's superior firepower prevailed and the Hawks chalked up a 66-43 decision.

Getting the Cass City offense in motion was Chris Maharg when he hit the first of 3 trifectas in the quarter. Cass City tied the score at 11-all with 2:01 left in the period and forged in front, 19-13, by the end of the quarter.

Jake Brinkman came off the bench to spark the attack in the second quarter with a pair of treys and a 2-pointer on his way to his career high of 18 points for the night. At the half the Hawks were in front, 40-26.

Caseville staged a mini run in the opening minutes of the third quarter, closing to within 9 points, 40-31, before the Hawks answered with an 11-3 run to lead, 51-43.

Cass City stretched its victory margin in the final quarter with a 15-9 advantage as coach Aaron Fernald turned to his bench.

Jeff Storm led the Hawks with 19 points and Maharg was in double figures with 12.

Cass City won the junior varsity game, 73-39.

**CASS CITY** - Khoury 0-0 (1-2) 1; Maharg 0-4 (0-0) 12; Brinkman 2-4 (2-4) 18; Frank 1-1 (0-2) 5; Chappel 1-0 (2-2) 4; Stoutenburg 0-0 (3-4) 3; Storm 6-1 (4-4) 19; Thane 2-0 (0-0) 4.

**TOTALS** - 12-10 (12-18) 66.

**CASEVILLE** - Davis 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kuhn 2-1 (0-0) 7; Tonn 6-0 (1-3) 13; Quinn 4-0 (5-7) 13; Graf 4-0 (0-0) 8.

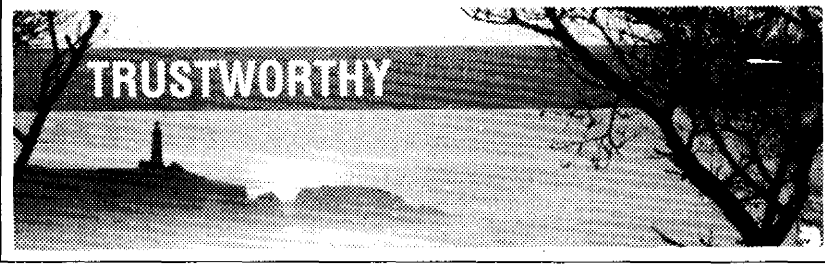
**TOTALS** - 17-1 (6-10) 43.

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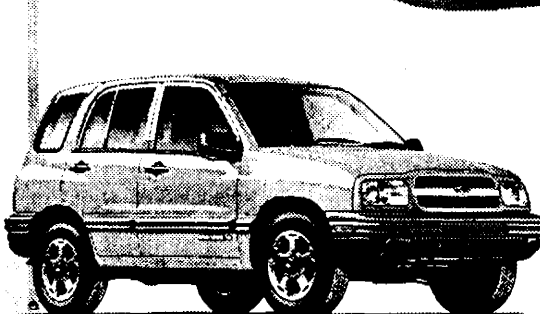
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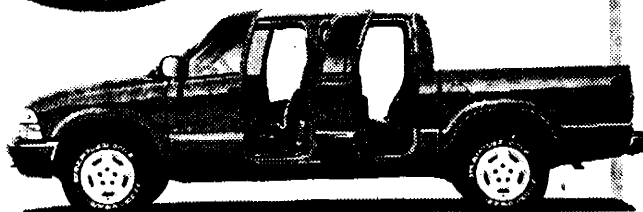
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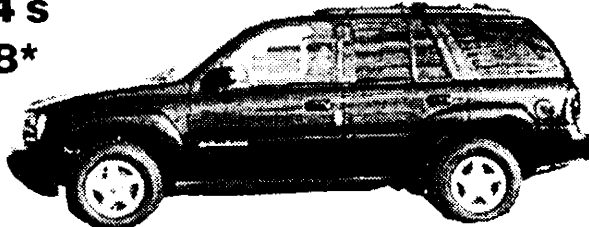
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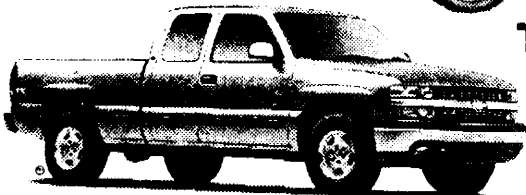
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## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

### This week's match ups



John Haire



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**Tuesday, January 22**  
Caro at Nouvel  
Brown City at USA  
Reese at Vassar  
Valley Luth. at Harbor Beach  
Marlette at Lakers  
Mayville at Sandusky  
Deckerville at Cass City  
Grace Baptist at Akron-Fair.  
North Huron at C-PS  
Owen-Gage at Kingston  
Port Hope at Peck  
**Friday, January 25**  
Caro at Vassar  
Bridgeport at Birch Run  
North Branch at Frankenthuth  
Garber at Millington  
Cass City at USA  
Valley Lutheran at Reese  
Harbor Beach at Sandusky  
Marlette at Cros-Lex  
Mayville at BCAS  
Bad Axe at Lakers  
Uby at Deckerville  
Brown City at Yale  
**Last week's results**  
**Season's results**

Nouvel  
USA  
Vassar  
Harbor Beach  
Lakers  
Mayville  
Deckerville  
Akron-Fairgrove  
North Huron  
Kingston  
Peck

Vassar  
Bridgeport  
North Branch  
Garber  
USA  
Reese  
Harbor Beach  
Marlette  
Mayville  
Lakers  
Uby  
Brown City  
16-12  
64-30 (68%)

Nouvel  
USA  
Reese  
Harbor Beach  
Lakers  
Mayville  
Cass City  
Akron-Fairgrove  
North Huron  
Kingston  
Peck

Vassar  
Bridgeport  
North Branch  
Garber  
USA  
Reese  
Harbor Beach  
Cros-Lex  
Mayville  
Lakers  
Uby  
Brown City  
20-8  
71-23 (76%)

Nouvel  
USA  
Vassar  
Harbor Beach  
Lakers  
Mayville  
Cass City  
Akron-Fairgrove  
North Huron  
Kingston  
Peck

Vassar  
Bridgeport  
North Branch  
Garber  
USA  
Reese  
Harbor Beach  
Cros-Lex  
Mayville  
Lakers  
Uby  
Brown City  
20-8  
69-25 (73%)

Caro  
USA  
Reese  
Harbor Beach  
Lakers  
Mayville  
Cass City  
Akron-Fairgrove  
North Huron  
Kingston  
Peck

Caro  
Bridgeport  
North Branch  
Millington  
USA  
Reese  
Harbor Beach  
Cros-Lex  
Mayville  
Lakers  
Deckerville  
Brown City  
18-10  
66-28 (70%)





# Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

## 5YEARSAGO

Sue Baker of Cass City has battled cancer for more than 5 years, has undergone a host of treatments, including chemotherapy and radiation, and has been forced to leave her job of 16 years at the Tendercare nursing home in Cass City. Now, Baker, 53, has a whole new outlook on life after undergoing a bone marrow transplant.

Area dairy farmer Leslie Severance was presented with 2 awards Saturday, including one for outstanding quality milk production, at the annual meeting of the MMPA's Deford Local, held at the Shabbona United Methodist Church.

The sign at Thumb National Bank read minus 5 degrees Friday morning, but bitter breezes sent the wind chill factor plummeting to a dangerous minus 30 to minus 40 degrees.

Richard Shemko, 28, a 1986 graduate of Owen-Gage High School, has already visited 6 continents and is preparing to visit the seventh — Antarctica — next month, where he plans to see "places where humans have never been."

A pair of losses to Marlette and Bay City All Saints last week effectively eliminated any chance of contending for the Thumb C National title.

## 10YEARSAGO

Steve and Sandi Wright, 4842 Hemlock Lane, Cass City, awoke Jan. 14 to find their vehicles blocked by snow drifts as high as 5 feet in some spots. It took about 4 hours to dig out with a snow blower.

Fire destroyed a 2-story, wood frame house about 4 miles southeast of Cass City Thursday morning. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. The house was owned by James Kelly.

Honored for years of service at Walbro Corporation with a choice of a \$500 savings bond or a gift were employees with 37 years with the company. They were Beverly Leidki, Shirley Zinnecker, Lambert Althaver, Mildred Kain and Donald Cummings. William Eberline was honored for 39 years at Walbro.

Cass City resident Richard Brooks Jr. recently received an answer to a letter he sent to President Bush outlining his concerns about the homeless and unemployment benefits. The reply was written by Shirley M. Green, special assistant to Bush.

Bob and Shirley Bader and Arthur and Janet Severance returned home Sunday after spending a week at New Smyrna Beach, Fla. While there they visited Jerry and Normaleen Root and Harold and Helen Copeland of Daventon and Russ and Harriet Richards of Orlando.

## 25YEARSAGO

Cass City is getting a \$10,800 gift it really doesn't need. And it's costing taxpayers \$1,200. But Uncle Sam says the village has to take it. The gift is about 350 new street signs. They'll be going up all over town as soon as the steel posts needed to support them come in and weather conditions permit.

Authorities at Thumb National Bank and Trust Co. of

Pigeon announced this week their application for a branch office in Cass City has been denied.

Band director George Bushong reports that band boosters and band members recently sold 2,000 candles and netted \$2,000 for the organization.

Mrs. Judy Eskilsen, 42, of Cass City, recently graduated from Delta College's R.N. program, along with holding down a full-time job and helping raise 3 children.

Around \$600 in cash was reported stolen last week following a break-in at Beagios Pizza House on Main Street.

Cass City's 1976 crime rate dropped by 11 percent according to Police Chief Gene Wilson's annual report issued this week. Among crimes committed, vandalism and drug complaints both showed a 44 percent drop over last year.

## 35YEARSAGO

Miss Linda Calka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Calka of Cass City, was awarded the Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizen award last week. She was selected from among 5 finalists chosen by the student body. The final selection was made by the school faculty.

Snover merchants hailed the opening of the branch of the Kingston State Bank last week and were unanimously of the opinion that the communities first bank since the bank holiday closed the previous facility was bound to help business.

Lynn Haire of Cass City, a 16-year-old student at Cass City High school, will represent the Cass City Lions Club as its entry in Lions International's \$50,000 Peace Essay Contest. Miss Haire won the right from 6 entries to enter the district level judging en route to the grand prize.

An estimated 110 persons attended a Cass City Cub Scout space derby Monday evening at the Willis Campbell Elementary School. Copping the speed portion of the contest was Kurt Kendall, who received a trophy. Ribbons were given to the next 3 finishers, Randy Lapeer, second; Eddie Stoutenburg, third; and Blaine Eubank, fourth. Ricky Damm won the trophy for design and originality.

Plans are being made for the annual antique show sponsored by the Zonta Club. It will be held in St. Pancratius Hall Feb. 17 and 18. Mrs. Harold Wells and Mrs. Keith McConkey are cochairmen of the affair.

# BASKETBALL - GYMNASISTICS - VOLLEYBALL - WRESTLING

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	

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.	

**Catch  
the  
Hawks  
at  
Home**

**BASKETBALL  
January 29  
Reese**

**VOLLEYBALL  
February 4  
Sandusky**

**WRESTLING  
January 23  
Cros-Lex/Brown City**

VOLLEYBALL 2001-2002				
Dec. 17	Akron/Ubly V	@ Akron	6:00 p.m.	
17	JV	@ Uby	6:00 p.m.	
20	Brown City/Mayville V	@ Home	6:00 p.m.	
20	JV @ Mayville		6:00 p.m.	
20	F	@ B. City	6:00 p.m.	
29	SVSU Invite (V)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
Jan. 3	Caro	Away	6:00 p.m.	
4	Bad Axe Invite (JV/F)	Away	3:30 p.m.	
5	Bad Axe (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.	
10	Valley Lutheran	Away	6:30 p.m.	
12	Laker Invite (F)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
14	Brown City (JV/F)	Away	6:30 p.m.	
17	Lakers	Home	6:30 p.m.	
19	Cass City Invite (V)	Home	9:00 a.m.	
19	Laker Invite (JV)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
24	Bad Axe	Away	6:30 p.m.	
31	USA	Away	6:30 p.m.	
Feb. 2	Northwood Invite (V)	Away	TBA	
2	USA Invite (F)	Away	9:00 a.m.	
4	Sandusky	Home	6:30 p.m.	
7	Reese	Home	6:30 p.m.	
9	USA Invite (V)	Away	8:30 a.m.	
9	Fenton Invite (JV)		TBA	
14	BCAS	Away	6:30 p.m.	
16	League Invite (F)	@ Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.	
16	League Invite (JV)	@ Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.	
21	Mayville	Home	6:30 p.m.	
23	Northwood Invite (JV)	Away	TBA	
23	League Invite (V)	@ USA	8:30 a.m.	
27	North Branch	Away	6:00 p.m.	
March 2	Districts	TBA	TBA	
9	Regionals	TBA	TBA	

GYMNASTICS 2001-2002				
Dec. 5	Midland Dow	Away	6:00 p.m.	
15	Troy Athens Invite	Away	10:00 a.m.	
19	Cadillac/Hartland	Home	6:00 p.m.	
Jan. 5	Traverse City Invite	Away	Noon	
10	Midland Dow/Vassar	Home	6:30 p.m.	
19	Hartland Invite	Away	TBA	
21	Midland	Home	6:30 p.m.	
26	Vassar Invite	Away	Noon	
Feb. 9	St. John Invite	Away	10:00 a.m.	
14	Vassar	Away	6:30 p.m.	
20	Midland	Away	6:30 p.m.	

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# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## Village of Cass City, Michigan - 2001

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act. This legislation added a provision requiring all community water systems, deliver to their customers, a brief Annual Water Quality Report.

The Village of Cass City is pleased to provide you with this year’s Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water quality and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Village of Cass City obtains its water from three different municipal wells. All three wells are located in the Village Park, at the east end of town. Wells No. 1 and No. 2, located just east of the tennis courts, were installed in 1946. They are 290 feet and 240 feet deep respectively. Well No. 3 is located on the west side of the volleyball courts. Well No. 3 was installed in 1998 and extends to a depth of 311 feet. All three municipal wells are drilled into the bedrock of the Michigan Formation. The Village now has the capacity to pump 1,656,000 gallons of water per day.

To increase the quality of our water, the village started adding phosphate to the supply. The addition of phosphate began on September 12, 2001. The phosphate used for this purpose has been designed to remove the detrimental affects of iron and hardness from the supply. Phosphate performs two functions in the water supply. It helps keep the linings of pipes clean and coats them to prevent iron from leaching out of cast iron pipes. It also sequesters (surrounds) particles of iron already in the water, and keeps it from oxidizing and staining cloths and fixtures.

The State of Michigan will be producing a Source Water Assessment by the year 2003. The Village will inform you of how to obtain a copy of the assessment when it is completed.

It is our pleasure to report that the Village of Cass City drinking water is safe and meets all current Federal and State requirements.

If you have any questions concerning this report, or about your water, or your water utility please contact Village Manager Frank Sheridan, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m., 989-872-2911. The Village also has regular scheduled Village Council Meetings, the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 6506 Main Street, Cass City Michigan. The public is welcome at all meetings of the Village Council.

The Village of Cass City routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The Village has conducted tests for over 150 different contaminants, on each municipal well and throughout the system. The following table shows the results of our monitoring, for the period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) “Safe Drinking Water Hotline: at 1-800-426-4791.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we’ve provided the following definitions:

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts Per Million (ppm)** or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts Per Billion (ppb)** or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - The “maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water . MCL are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

The State of Michigan allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of our water quality, but some are more than one year old. The table below represents the most current testing information available.

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, MICHIGAN  
DRINKING WATER TEST ANALYSIS - 2001

Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant	Date of Most Recent Testing	Level Detected	Violation Y/N	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	02-19-97	20ppb	No	ppb	* 10ppb	0	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards
Barium	01-15-97	.17ppm	No	ppm	2ppm	2ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	01-15-97	1ppb	No	ppb	100ppb	100ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	02-21-2001	.8ppm	No	ppm	4ppm	4ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth

\* On January 23, 2006 the MCL for arsenic will be decreased to 10ppb and the MCLG will be 0. Until January 23, 2006, the MCL remains at 50ppb and there is no MCLG. The village **will be** in violation of the EPA’s new Maximum Contaminant Level for arsenic on January 23, 2006, if the arensenic concentrations are not reduced.

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

The Village of Cass City will be researching methods of reducing the arsenic in our water, so we can be in compliance by January 23, 2006.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH CONCERNS:**

**Arsenic** - Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Barium** - Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

**Chromium** - Some people who use water containing chromium well in excess of the MCL, over many years could experience allergic dermatitis.

**Fluoride** - Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL, over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.

**Total Coliform:** The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet strict limits for coliform bacteria.

**Coliform Bacteria** are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio.

The EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) is reviewing the Drinking Water Standard for arsenic because of special concerns that the standard may not be stringent enough. Arsenic is a naturally occurring mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be:

**Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

**Radioactive contaminants**, are naturally occurring, or can the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants, the presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public systems. The FDA regulates contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

MCL’s (Maximum Contaminant Levels) are set at very stringent standards. To understand the possible health effects described ,for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime, to have a “one-in-a-million chance” of experiencing the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by crypto sporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call the Village Office if you have any questions or would like to see the reports for all of the tests the Village has conducted. The contact person for this information is Village Manager Frank Sheridan, telephone: (989) 872-2911.







## Legal Notices

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Aulbert, AKA Bruce Alan Aulbert and Tammy Aulbert, AKA Tammy Lynn Aulbert, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank, Indiana), mortgagee, dated November 20, 1998 and recorded November 20, 1998 in Liber 756, Page 471, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Two and 1/100 Dollars (\$69,442.01) including interest at the rate of 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2002.

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

A Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at a point 570 feet North of the Centerline of C&O Railroad on the North-South 1/4 line; thence West 400 feet; thence South to the North right of way line of said C&O Railroad; thence Southeast along said North right of way line of the C&O Railroad to the North-South 1/4 line; thence North along said North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: January 23, 2002

**ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC**  
Attorneys for Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank, Indiana),  
As Mortgagee  
2501 Rochester Court  
Troy, MI 48063  
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File No. 200.0205

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth A. Grady a single man and Kenneth E. Grady a married man (original mortgagors) to The Prime Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2000, and recorded on August 28, 2000 in Liber 809, on Page 611, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the CitiMortgage, Inc., as assigned by an assignment dated August 24, 2000, which was recorded on August 28, 2000, in Liber 809, on Page 618, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE AND 16/100 dollars (\$62,753.16), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on March 8, 2002.

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

Lot 2 of Block 20 of Seegar's Addition to the Village of Cass City according to the Plat recorded in Liber 29 of Deeds, Page 144, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: January 23, 2002

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Warren R. Alvord and Angelic M. Alvord his wife (original mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated July 18, 1996, and recorded on July 22, 1996 in Liber 694, on Page 462, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation, as assigned by an assignment dated July 25, 1996, which was recorded on October 29, 1996, in Liber 699, on Page 1352, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 66/100 dollars (\$88,127.66), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on March 8, 2002.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 55 of Eno Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 2, Page 39, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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

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**NORTHWOOD MEADOWS**, Cass City's assisted living project, held a gathering last week to showcase its newly opened facility. A public grand opening is slated for March 11.

## First local baby arrives

If it takes a little luck to give birth to the Chronicle's first baby of the year, Kathy and Pete Gamet must be charmed.

The Cass City couple has done it twice.

Kathy Gamet gave birth to the couple's fourth child Friday, Jan. 18, at 12:43 a.m. at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. Anthony James

Gamet weighed 8 pounds and 10 1/4 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Aside from his parents and grandparents, Anthony was welcomed by a sister, Amber, 10, and 2 brothers, Joshua, 4, and Jacob, 2.

The Gamets previously welcomed the community's first baby of the year in 1998,

when Joshua Aaron was born Jan. 4 at Huron Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and 11 3/4 ounces.

As is the tradition, local business will shower Anthony and parents with a host of gifts ranging from gift certificates to an evening out at the movies to \$10 savings accounts.

## 'Next step' workshop series set

It was so successful the first time, now it's time to take The Next Step. Thumb Area Michigan Works! has announced the addition of a new free professional development workshop series entitled "The Next Step."

The series is modeled after the Step Up Workshop Series launched by Thumb Area Michigan Works! in 2001. This professional development opportunity is available right now for people living in Lapeer, Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

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in the workplace.

The classes run through Dec. 16, 2002. They are held every Monday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and, for convenience, the class locations will rotate between Davenport University-Bad Axe and Caro campuses, Mott Community College-Lapeer campus and Maggie's Restaurant West Park Inn in Sandusky. The original Step Up Workshop Series launched in 2001 is still being offered every Wednesday from 9 a.m.

to 3:30 p.m. These class categories include job hunting and the workplace, technology in the workplace, excelling in the workplace and teamwork in the workplace. The locations will rotate between Davenport University-Bad Axe, Mott Community College-Lapeer, Sanilac Career Center-Peck and Davenport University-Caro. To pre-register, call the Thumb Area Michigan Works! at 1-800-285-WORKS. Step Up!

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Lepeak.

The social is a benefit for the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Aid Fund and for free art instruction for youth ages 5 through 15 with artist Lois Irish.

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Plans, proposals, and specifications may be obtained by qualified bidders at the office of **Osminski & Associates, 255 E. Huron Avenue, Bad Axe, Michigan, 48413, (Telephone 989-269-7465, Fax 989-269-9081)** beginning at **4:00 p.m., Friday, January 18, 2002** at a non-refundable reproductions charge of **\$20.00** for each set if picked up or **\$25.00** if mailed.

**Frank Sheridan, Village Manager**  
**Village of Cass City**

## Meyer addresses NCR

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antler.

The Department of Natural Resources randomly sent 1,000 surveys to owners of Thumb area property (at least 5 acres) and another 1,000 surveys to hunters who have responded to DNR surveys in the past.

Meyer noted that more than 700 of the survey recipients - 35 percent - do not reside in the affected counties, and some don't even live in Michigan.

QDM units already exist in Michigan, both voluntarily and by law, in an effort to balance the state herd's buck-to-doe ration and provide larger animals with bigger antler racks, Meyer said.

The National Quality Deer Management Association is working through its Thumb Area Branch chapter to implement a 5-year QDM Demonstration program.

Meyer said he welcomes residents to continue submitting their comments by calling toll-free 1-888-254-5284, sending a fax to (517) 373-9852, e-mailing [tommeyer@house.state.mi.us](mailto:tommeyer@house.state.mi.us), or by writing: S1188 Anderson Office Building, State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48913.

The NRC is expected to make a decision in the spring on whether to designate Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties as a mandatory QDM area.

## Janet Bishop

Janet Marie Bishop, 95, of Clinton, South Carolina and formerly of Cass City died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at National Health Care Facility in Clinton, South Carolina. Services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 25 at Cass City United Methodist Church, Cass City, MI.

She was born Jan. 15, 1907 in Hopkins, Michigan, the daughter of John M. and Nellie B. (Seabright) Moloney. She was raised in the Hopkins area and attended Hopkins schools, graduating in 1925 from Hopkins High School. She attended Grand Rapids Business College in 1926. She went to work for the telephone company in Lake Odessa and Ionia until 1933.

She married Lewis H. Bishop on March 2, 1929. The family moved to Detroit in 1935. The family relocated to Cass City in the spring of 1947 when she and her husband purchased Bishop Hardware Store. She worked in the store along side her husband until it sold in 1960/1961. Her husband went to work as Postmaster and she became a full-time homemaker. Following retirement, the couple spent winters in Florida, spring and summers in Cass City until 1990 when they returned full time to Cass City. She relocated to South Carolina in December 2000.

She was a member of Cass City First Presbyterian Church, V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary, and many years on the Election Board.

She is survived by a son, Lewis J. Bishop of Fountain Inn, S.C.; a daughter-in-law, Janet L. Bishop of Big Rapids; 2 granddaughters, one grandson, 5 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Celestine E. Moloney of Battle Creek.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband Lewis, in March 1991; and brother James L. Moloney.

Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Hastings, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the Janet Marie Bishop Memorial Fund, c/o Village of Cass City, 6506 Main Street, Cass City, MI 48726. Arrangements were made by Wren Funeral Home of Hastings.

## Jay Randall

Jay D. Randall, 63, of Vassar, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, in his winter home in Hudson, Fla. He was born Aug. 9, 1938, at home in Kingston to Leslie and Irene (Dulak) Randall. He married Dorothy Crawford Hilborn June 3, 1995 in Vassar.

Randall served in the U.S. Army in Fort Steward, Ga., as the driver for a colonel. He worked for General Dynamic as a quality assurance engineer. He was the final inspector of the M1A1 tanks, and worked as a tool and die journeyman. He spent 6 years in Egypt.

Randall was a past member of the Kingston Lions Club, past president of the MLBA and former coach and sponsor for Kingston Little League Baseball. He built and owned the Kingswood Inn in Kingston, and encouraged and sponsored bloopers, baseball, softball and basketball teams in the Thumb area. He began an annual Father's Day tournament, and was a professional

# Obituaries

Santa Claus for many years, giving many area families gifts and visits to help brighten their holiday.

Randall is survived by his wife, Dorothy; children: Suzanne R. (Michael) Alexis of Atlanta, Ga., Jay D. Randall, Jr. of Findlay, Ohio; mother of his children, Patricia Gendron Randall; step-children: Bob (Julie) Hilborn of Mayville, Debbie (Mike) Peché of Vassar, Diane (Kevin) Payne of Montrose, Jim (Shawn) Jenkins of Vassar; 4 grandchildren, 9 step-grandchildren; father Leslie C. Randall of Kingston; brothers: Leslie C. (Chris) Randall, Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., Kirk (Margo) Randall of Keego Harbor; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his brother, James Randall, and his mother, Irene.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Terry Butters of Kingston United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment is in Kingston Cemetery, Kingston. Memorials may be made to Kingston High School Scholarship Fund or Kingston Fire and Rescue. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Richard "Dick" Ross, Jr.

Richard L. Ross, Jr., 59, of Caro, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw. He was born Feb. 22, 1942, in Cass

City to Richard L. and Vera I. (Curry) Ross.

Ross graduated from Kingston High School in 1960. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1965 with a BA in Education. He taught in the Millington School system, retiring in 1995 after 30 years as a history and government teacher. Ross also taught Adult Education at the Adult Learning Center in Caro.

He held a seat on the Wells Township Board of Review and was a member of the Michigan Education Association, the National Education Association, the International Farm Youth Exchange, the Michigan Poultry Breeders Association, the Bay City Poultry Breeders Association, ABA & APA, and Farmhouse Fraternity. He raised rare breeds of poultry to show and sell around the United States and Canada.

He is survived by his sisters: Jane Ross and her husband, Jon Christiano of Essex Junction, Vt., Judy Ross and her husband, Arnold Leese of Lexington; and life companion, Earl Jones of Caro.

His parents preceded him in death.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Margaret Passenger of Pigeon First United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment is in Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro. Memorials may be made to Seton Cancer Institute St. Mary's Hospital Saginaw. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Students

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Biefer. He said 61 students out of a class of 120 seniors have already qualified for the Michigan Merit Award. That's nearly 51 percent, but the percentage is actually higher, he said, because the average number of students who have tested is 108.

"And I have 19 more students who need to pass only one more section of the test to qualify, so we could have as many as 80 who qualify," he noted. "I think this is the best we've done. Each year we get a little bit more improvement."

Treasury Department officials noted several statewide trends among students qualifying for Michigan Merit Awards. They include:

• Fewer students in the Class of 2001 relied on the ACT and SAT as an alternative means of qualifying compared to the previous year.

• Ninety-seven percent of the Class of 2001 public school students and 93 percent of non-public school students who qualified did so on the basis of the MEAP test scores alone, compared to 94 percent of public school students and 89 percent of non-public school students in the Class of 2000.

## Tax hike

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council's decision to eliminate the village's police department when former Chief Ken Currey resigned last August.

Wright said council members have not talked about possible cuts in services if voters reject the tax hike. "If it's not approved, then we're going to have to discuss that."

## Huron picnic on tap in Florida

The 42nd Annual Huron County Picnic will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16, at Sun-Fun Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road in Sarasota, Florida.

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mile East. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. in Woodland Hall. A buffet potluck will be held at noon with everyone bringing their own table service and a dish to pass.

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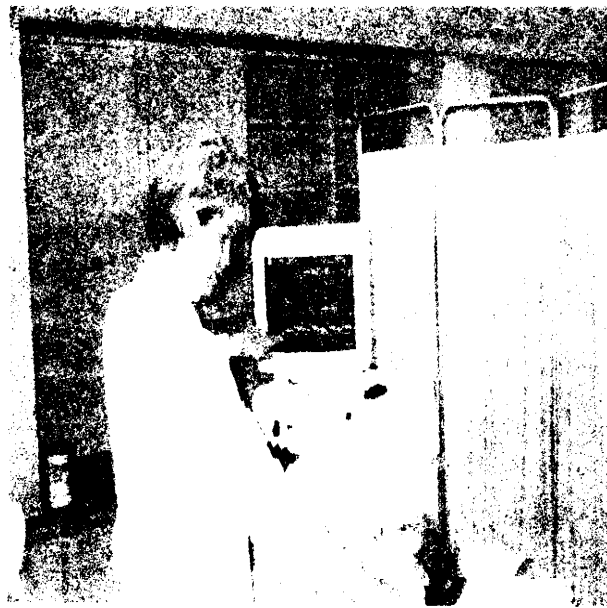


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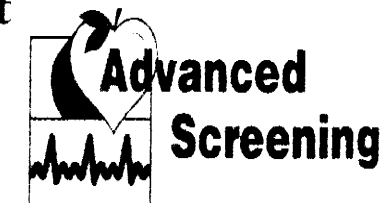
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