

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Eventful 1997 in review - top stories, pictures, pages 8-9

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Beanie Baby promo to aid community



THESE 5 PRINCESS Beanie Babies will be given away in a unique plan devised to help the community. Displaying the prizes is Geraldine Prieskorn, who devised the giveaway.

Princess beanie baby, the hot collectible of the year, a \$5.95 doll, is selling for upwards of \$250 but 5 of them are being given away by the Gerald Prieskorns, co-owners of the Cass City Ben Franklin Store.

We hope to pass them out, Geraldine Prieskorn said, where they will do the most good for the community.

Here's the plan. There are 5 beanie babies available. Two of them will be awarded in drawings at Ben Franklin, Sundays, Jan. 11 and 25, at 3 p.m.

To participate in the drawings residents will be required to bring 2 cans of non-perishable food items that will be given to a charity for local distribution.

Three other beanie babies will be given to local civic groups to raise funds.

The organizations receiving the free babies will be the ones with a plan that promises the most good for the community, Prieskorn explained.

She asks that proposals be submitted by Jan. 12.

Christmas day Browns die in auto crash

A Christmas Day traffic accident in Florida has claimed the lives of a longtime Cass

City area couple. A spokeswoman with the Florida Highway Patrol re-

ported Hazen Bernard Brown, 84, of Port Richey and Cass City, was pro-

nounced dead following the Thursday afternoon crash. His wife, Margaret, 80, died from her injuries Friday at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

The Browns are survived by 3 children, Nancy (Dean) Hutchinson of Cass City, Marilyn Brown of Fenton and M. Louise (John) Wright of Cass City; 5 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Margaret is survived by her brothers, Clare (Phyllis) McQueen of Cass City and George (Marilyn) McQueen of St. Johns, Mich., and Fort Myers, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, James and Clark.

Hazen was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Frank, Harold, Roy, Lloyd and Elton Brown, and sisters, Amber and Marcella.

The Browns were also preceded in death by a son-in-law, David D. Graham.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at the United Methodist Church of Cass City, with the Rev. Philip Rice officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery.

Visitation is scheduled for today (Wednesday) from 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Little & Kranz Funeral Home, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Hazen and Margaret Brown Scholarship Fund.



Margaret and Hazen Brown

OBITUARIES

Hazen was born May 22, 1913, in Trenton to Walter and Catherine (Melcher) Brown.

Margaret was born June 16, 1917, to James and Laura (Brown) McQueen.

The couple were married May 2, 1942, in her parents' home.

The Browns, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this year, met at a dance in the 1940s at St. Columbkille Hall. Hazen played guitar in a band in the 1940s, and Margaret played piano and guitar, giving guitar lessons in earlier years. They also square danced in later years in both Cass City and Florida.

Hazen farmed for nearly 70 years and worked at the Caro Sugar Factory. He was a member and past master of the Cass City Tyler Masonic Lodge #317 and was a member of the Eastern Star.

Margaret taught school for nearly 30 years at country

Council okays 3% village wage boost

The combined base wages for Cass City Village employees will total about \$42,400 more in 1998.

The Village Council's recent adoption of a proposed 1998 budget formalized across-the-board pay raises of 3 percent for all full-time employees. The increase is the same percentage ap-

proved in 1997.

However, the bulk of the overall increase in base wages in 1998 is due to the hiring of an additional police officer earlier this year. The officer was hired through a federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant, which will pay up to Please turn to back page.

Merchants report Yule business season good

A generally sound economy translated into a decent holiday shopping season for a number of local businesses, despite continued pressure from the retail giants.

The odds were stacked against some businesses, including those who depend on cold winter weather to boost warm clothing sales.

Bill Kritzman, owner of Kritzman's Clothing Inc., acknowledged a lack of significant snow and cold hurt boot sales this year, and at one time it looked as if the season might be a bust.

However, sales picked up in the end.

"The warm weather really slowed things down. It started out good, but then we got that warm spell," he said. "Then, those last few days, it took off again."

"Compared to last year, it was a little better. Not much, but a little better."

Kritzman noted the holiday shopping season can make or break clothing businesses "because you invest so much money into stock in your store." Knowing when to cut prices to move merchandise, and when to hang on and see what happens, can make all the difference.

In any event, Kritzman indicated, it's a gamble.

"You just don't know in this business. You don't know when a customer is going to come through the door, or when a customer isn't going to come through the door."

Also reporting solid holiday sales were the owners of Coach Light Pharmacy and the New Sheridan Health Mart-Book Mart.

"It was definitely positive," Coach Light owner Mike Weaver commented. "All my Christmas ornaments and decorative lights went very well, and the gift department went very well."

Weaver said he hasn't put

any figures together, but he's certain sales are up over 1996. "The whole store is very upbeat," he added.

"We're really pleased," said Cheryl Shores, who along with husband Jon own and operate the New Sheridan Health Mart.

"It went very well. We're continually growing," she said, noting a new line of Christmas cards moved particularly well this year. "Every department seems to stay level, and when one rises, they all seem to rise."

The Christmas season was boosted by a number of activities, including story hour at the library and the bike drawings sponsored by the chamber of commerce, according to Cheryl. "We had a big turnout for Santa pictures," she added. "We figure we did 200 kids."

Cheryl said the holiday shopping season doesn't make or break sales in any given year, "but it is a nice little boost for us at the end of the year."

At the east end of Main Street, Schneeberger's Furniture and Appliances enjoyed decent retail sales, according to Russ Schneeberger.

"They're good, but we won't know until the next week or so because we sell a lot after" Christmas, he said, adding LA-Z-BOY sofas and recliners proved popular among shoppers this year. "Sales are up. We're doing very well."

Across the street, Dennis and Bunny Porter, who recently opened Timeless Treasures, reported they're pleased following their first Christmas season as business owners.

"I'm very, very happy with what's happened here with us," commented Dennis, who along with his wife opened the gift shop Nov. 10.

Prizes await first baby of year



UP AND WALKING — Miranda Catherine Spry, the Chronicle's 1997 New Year's baby, will celebrate her first birthday Jan. 3. She is the daughter of Jeff and Joan Spry of Deford.

There's a host of prizes waiting for the first baby of the year born to an area couple whenever he or she arrives.

That arrival could be just minutes after the new year starts or as long as a month and a half into 1998, judging by the arrival of the first baby in years past.

Last year the first baby arrived Jan. 3 at 9:24 p.m., the daughter of Joan and Jeff Spry of Deford.

There are a total of 12 gifts waiting for the first arrival next year. Cass City IGA will give \$1 off any purchase of diapers each week for a year.

Erla's Food Center has a \$10 gift certificate for the new arrival, and a gift arrangement for the new mom and baby will be presented by Joel and Carol Ingles of Cass City Floral.

Chemical Bank Bay Area will open a savings account with \$10, and Kritzman's Inc. has a \$10 gift certificate waiting for the first arrival.

The baby's parents will be able to read all about it for a year with a free Chronicle subscription and Coach Light Pharmacy will give \$10 towards any prescription.

Mom and dad will be able to enjoy a free movie and free refreshments with 2 passes from the Cass Theatre. Cass City ServiStar Hardware will give a \$10 gift certificate, and New Sheridan Health Mart has a baby gift assortment valued at \$25 waiting for the first arrival.

The Cass City office of Thumb National Bank will open a \$10 savings account.

Village of Cass City 1998 Wage/Fringe Benefits		
	1997	1998
OFFICE		
Manager***		49,000
Bookkeeper	27,540	28,367
Secretary	27,540	28,367
Start	23,996	
6 months	25,455	
12 months	26,962	
30 months	28,367	
Clerk	450	750
Treasurer	2,000	2,250
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS		
Superintendent	42,429	43,702
Crew		
1st year	28,136	28,981
2nd year	29,681	30,572
3rd year	31,359	32,300
4th year	33,073	34,066
5th year	35,638	36,708
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT		
Superintendent	42,429	43,702
Chief Operator	36,507	37,603
1st year	28,136	28,981
2nd year	29,681	30,572
3rd year	31,359	32,300
4th year	33,073	34,066
5th year	35,638	36,708
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Police Chief	42,429	43,702
Sergeant	36,212	37,299
Officer		
1st year	28,136	28,981
2nd year	29,681	30,572
3rd year	31,359	32,300
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Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

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Sandy and Andy Welter of West Carrollton, Ohio, spent from Tuesday night until Sunday with her parents, Stan and Melva Guinther. Mark and Shelley Guinther, Drew and Spencer of Cranberry Township, Pa., arrived Friday and are spending this week with the Stan Guinthers.

Christmas Eve dinner guests of Charlotte LaPeer were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curry and Patti Timmons. Evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood LaPeer, Brent Fritz and Mrs. Kareem Khoury and Jalal.

Twenty-five members of the McClorey family held their Christmas dinner at the home of Marion McClorey Christmas Day.

Mrs. Joyce Polega was a Tuesday evening dinner guest of Charlotte LaPeer.

Christmas Eve guests of Dale and Mary Damm were Randy and Carmen Damm and sons, Jason and Ethan, and Tim and Susan Wooster of Flint. The Woosters were overnight guests of Dale and Mary Damm and spent Christmas Day with Tim's mother, Nancy Frederick, in Caro.

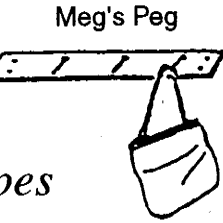


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Meg's Peg Recipes



by Melva E. Guinther

Tired of Christmas leftovers? Here are some recipes you might want to try.

This simple but delicious dessert recipe comes from Arlene Kawecki. For lack of a name, we'll call it

ARLENE'S DESSERT

- 1 box chocolate graham crackers
- 2 small boxes instant French vanilla pudding
- 3 cups milk
- 1 8-oz. carton Cool Whip

Lay graham crackers in bottom of a 9x13 glass cake dish. Mix the instant pudding and milk. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread pudding mixture over graham crackers. Repeat layers. You may top with additional Cool Whip. Refrigerate. (It's especially good with some crumbled graham crackers placed on top just before serving.)

This casserole is another of Kathleen Hartwick's delicious dishes.

BEAN & SAUERKRAUT CASSEROLE

- 1 can sauerkraut (drained)
- 1 can pork & beans
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 (or 2) sticks Polish sausage, sliced up

Mix all together in casserole dish. Bake at 350 for 1 hour, uncovered.

Rita Hanby's recipe for a different type of salad is a favorite at church carry-in dinners.

CHINESE SALAD

- 1 head cabbage, shredded
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- Set aside.

In a skillet, melt 1/4 cup margarine. Add: 1 pkg. crushed ramen noodles (without season packet)

- 1 - 1 1/2 cups slivered almonds
- 2 TBS. sesame seeds.
- Brown all together. Cool.

- In a saucepan, mix: 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 cup oil
- 2 TBS. soy sauce

Bring to a boil and boil one minute. Let cool.

Mix everything together 1/2 - one hour before serving.



Marriage licenses

Arthur Michael Putnam Jr. and Stacey Marie Sharrard, both of Deford.

Jeremy Thomas Ball, Fairgrove, and Kelly Diane Kastraba, Caro.

Robert Edward Kosha and Melissa Doreen Humphries, both of Vassar.

Michael Thomas Furness, Cass City, and Joann Marie Arquette, Filion.

Sam Patterson and Debra Brown, both of Caro.

Thomas Ronald Bellows, Bay City, and Bonnie Mae McCalpin, Mayville.

Dale Edwin Roose and Karen Jean Reid, both of Caro.

Terry Lee Brimmer and Nancy Carol Hayes, both of Vassar.

George Raymond Rierson, Reese, and Darlene Marie Benson, Munger.

Dance slated in Sandusky

The Sandusky Thumb Dancers will hold its next open dance at the Sandusky Maple Valley School on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, from 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Music will be by United Sound. A potluck dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL) A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis," and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis, relieves pain by first selectively attracting and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur Itis, is available immediately without a prescription in an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream or new roll-on liquid form. Arthur Itis, is guaranteed to work or your money back.

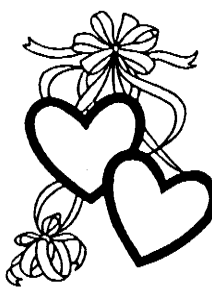
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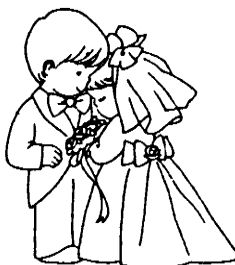
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Hess farm designated "centennial"

Twenty-eight farms, including one in Tuscola County, have been certified by the Michigan Historical Commission as centennial farms, Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced last week.

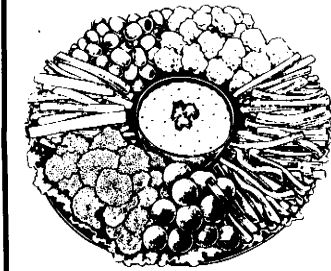
The newly designated centennial farm in Tuscola County is at 1494 S. Ringle Road, Caro, and is owned by Frederick and Alberta Hess. It has been in the same family since 1891. Today, the 79-acre farm produces corn and soybeans.

"I congratulate the Hess family as their farm joins the roster of more than 5,000 Michigan centennial farms," said Secretary Miller, the state's official historian. "Centennial farm owners can be proud of their efforts to preserve Michigan's rich farming heritage and for reminding us of the important economic and social role that family farms have played in our culture."

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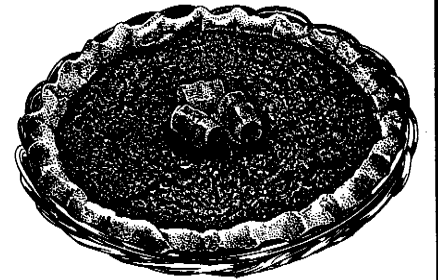
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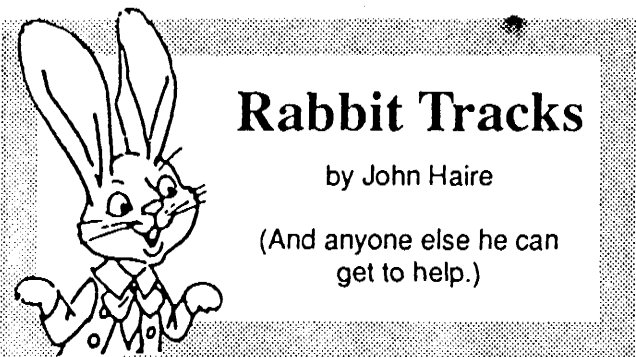
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Hills & Dales General Hospital and its staff would like to extend our best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year!



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Ruth Ann Lundgren of Saginaw was tracing her family tree recently and while delving through the files informed us that she is the granddaughter of F. J. Klump, who she said was one of the founders of the Chronicle in 1900.

Possibly with H. F. Lenzner, who was the publisher since the paper originated until sold to John Haire in 1951.

If you caught the story about "Pal", the injured dog looking for a home and money for surgery, there's a happy ending. The dog survived the surgery and has found a home, the Tuscola County Humane Society reports.

Donations for expenses are still being taken and any funds in excess of the surgery needs will go in a fund for future emergency animal care. Send it to the Society at P.O. Box 6, Vassar, marked Medical Emergency Fund.

The final 2 winners of the mountain bikes given away by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce were Rochelle Dohn and Lisa Erla.

The Cass City Rotary Club has been involved in 2 "Womenless Weddings" as club fund raisers, but the play in Cass City didn't originate with the club.

Submitted to the Chronicle was a copy of the play cast for "Womenless Wedding" presented in 1929 by the PTA. Funds raised were used to purchase school playground equipment.

It was a true community endeavor. The cast included 69 men from the community and included practically all of the business leaders of the era, including the presidents of both banks, Fred Pinney and Meredith Auten.

Don Markel, wrestling coach, didn't complain but he had every right to after his name was omitted from the list printed last week of coaches helpful to the Chronicle.

It was a case of missing the trees because of the forest. Markel had just left the office after coming to the paper during his vacation to see that we got the results, when we wrote about the coaches.

Needless to say, we appreciate his help.



The second semester is just around the corner. For seniors, graduation plans are also going to be well underway. The month of May will sneak up on us sooner than we can imagine.

The yearbook class was busy collecting senior pictures before school was let out for break. Soon, Dorland Kuntz, high school principal, will be calling upon students for their pictures for the area newspapers.

Also during this next semester the seniors take time to reminisce about memories from the past. It's a time when they are rummaging through old pictures to use for the slide show and in the yearbook. It is also a time that the seniors vote for class t-shirts, class polls, and order their graduation announcements.

Some seniors would tell you, if you asked, that the end of the year could not

come too soon. Others would tell you that they could stay in high school for another four years. From my perspective, I can't wait to graduate and move on to college.

"The graduation open house scene" will soon reappear and eat up everyone's weekends for June and July. Many students already have their open houses planned right down to the exact menu. Others don't have a clue when their open house will even be.

The 1998 junior/senior prom planning is also well underway. Prom is slated for Saturday, May 9, at the Eagles Club in Caro. Soon all the girls will be scanning the dress shops for the perfect dress to wear on this special night.

1997 ended in a hurry. Let's hope that 1998 is a year for us to remember.

The Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	36	28	0
Wednesday	34	30	.34"
Thursday	35	33	.03"
Friday	34	26	0
Saturday	30	15	0
Sunday	35	11	0
Monday	34	24	.03"

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DISPLAYING CERTIFICATES and ribbons signifying their selection for the Red Hawk Award of Excellence are, from left: Madeline Dooley, Deford school; Amber Weiss, Campbell school; Tyler Ferris, middle school, and Ryan Hutchinson, high school.

Red Hawk Award

Local students honored

Four students from Cass City Schools were honored before last week's school board meeting by their selection for the Red Hawk Award of Excellence. The award is presented 4 times yearly to a student from each of the district's 4 buildings.

It is not an academic award, but recognizes students for contributions made to the school and the community. The students are selected by the principal and staff of each building. The criteria for selection are leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance and accomplishments outside of school.

Selected from the middle school was Tyler Ferris, son of Randy and Alesia Ferris of Cass City. He was honored for making a smooth transition as a new student in the district and for his maturity and his sense of responsibility.

Selected from Deford Elementary School was Madeline Dooley, daughter of Richelle and Timothy Dooley of Deford. Her teacher, Kathy Dorland, calls

Dooley a model student who is a positive role model and one that follows through on tasks presented to her.

Chosen from Campbell Elementary School was Amber Weiss, daughter of Danny and Lori Weiss of Deford. She is described as a person with a talent for recognizing when something needs to be done, or someone needs assistance, and taking charge of the situation. She is an excep-

tional role model.

Ryan Hutchinson, son of Elden and Kay Hutchinson, was selected from the high school. He is involved in a host of community endeavors including Toys for Tots, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, F.E.T.C.H and tutoring classes.

Hutchinson is noted at the school for his efforts to help where and when needed, the teachers reported.

It's probable that I will never reach the exulted state of becoming an almost native of Cass City. But for most folks as I enter my 47th year in Cass City I have shed my "newcomer" status. I said most folks, not all.

For guys like Walt Goodall I probably still rank as a recent arrival.

The reason my status is changing, oh, so slowly, is that fewer and fewer of the movers and shakers in the community in the 50s, 60s and 70s are still around.

I wonder what some of them would think if they could see us now. Certainly the change in the residential and commercial buildings would be striking.

No banks on the main 4 corners, no post office downtown. Fewer and fewer apartments over downtown buildings and a thriving business district on the west edge of town where there was nothing but open space 20 years or so ago.

It's sure that even more striking to many of the natives would be the change in the fabric of the community. Gone is the closeness of the business people and the customers that they served. For years, just before Christmas, businessmen took turns hosting a party for business owners including many of their competitors who were many times also their friends.

That's long gone today for a variety of reasons including a rapidly shifting population and absentee owners of businesses.

There's still plenty of the small town attitude in the community and it's noticeable if you have never been exposed to it. My wife comes to town after a lifetime in the Bay City area and can't get over how many folks know all about her as she shops around town.

She hardly believes me when I tell her that the closeness is not nearly what it once was.

She finds it incredible that there was a time when a stranger walking down Main Street inevitably became an object of speculation...who was that person and why was he or she in town?

In the days that I walked the main stem looking for advertising, I knew all the business places in town and most of the people that worked there.

One by one the owners and workers active in 1951 have departed the business community and I have the dubi-



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I finally did it. I wrote a Christmas letter.

I wrote my letter before Christmas — even though you will be reading this after the holiday. Lots of folks read my Christmas letter after the holidays, too, but I blame that on the postal service. (I started writing in plenty of time.)

Besides, Christmas letters are like fruitcakes. They're not going anywhere.

I've never sent a Christmas letter before, in deference to folks who think these missives are stilted and impersonal. I suppose they could be, but almost any news is better than no news.

I admit there's something about recounting the year's events that makes a person giddy. There's nothing like 4 pages of vacation stories or the minute details of Junior's first birthday to keep the reader on the edge of his chair.

Even that wouldn't be so bad if they didn't list the ingredients in the baby's cake. (He wouldn't have spit-up if they hadn't used so much chocolate.)

My Christmas letter was nothing like that. Anyone who enjoys 2 pages of fishing stories probably got a big kick out of it.

We've sent family photos with our Christmas cards for years, but we forgot to do that this time. Maybe it was just too big of a project.

Last year we sent photos of my wife and me with the kids. The year before our pictures included Connie and me, plus the kids and their dogs. (Folks who don't have grandkids send photos of the dogs.)

Family photos are nice, but they are such a hassle. How can you get a picture of everyone and still find someone to operate the camera?

I solved that problem last year with that little timer on the camera. The one that gives you 20 seconds to run into the photo, adjust your

tie, and bare your teeth.

We got everyone lined up on the hearth in front of the fireplace and set the camera on a tripod. The kids were sitting in front, Connie was in the middle, and I was supposed to squat down on the hearth behind them.

I've taken these before, so I'm kind of an expert at it. I focused the camera, made sure the flash was working, and set the timer.

Then, I ran to the hearth, squeezed-in behind everyone and squatted down. The camera went off, and everyone was smiling except me.

The kids said I should have noticed the fireplace poker before I set the timer; but I

can't see how that was my fault. I never take a good photo, anyway.

Well, I got my Christmas letter mailed, and I hope everyone had a nice holiday. If you didn't get my letter, drop me a note and I'll send you one.

If you didn't get a photo, forget it. I'm not taking any more of those.

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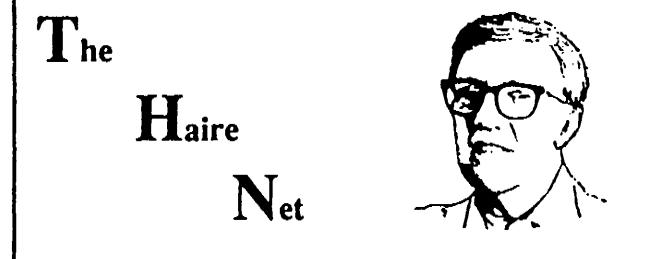
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Breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. The program will begin at 8:00 a.m., and will include a bean commission update; market report from Neil Mosher, bean merchandiser from Agri-Sales; Greg Varner's variety trial results; a discussion of the white mold detection kits, and Jim LeCureux will discuss the added value concept for agricultural commodities. The program will conclude around 10:30 a.m.

For further information, please contact the Tuscola County MSU Extension office in Caro by calling (517) 672-3870.

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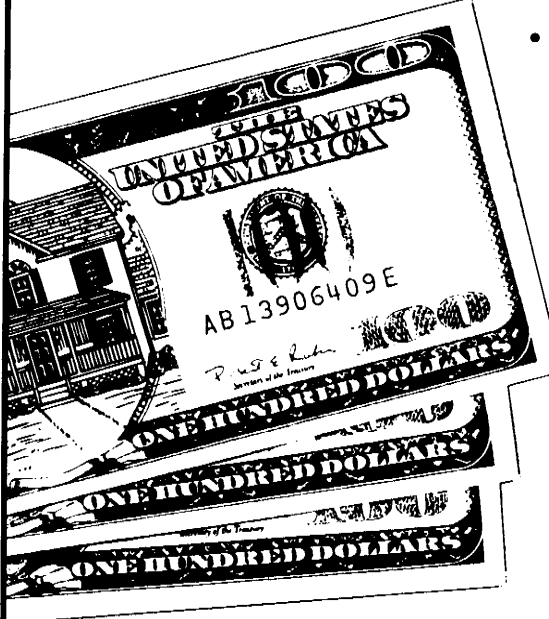

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U-M band member

Edwards at Rose Bowl

A Cass City High School graduate will be marching at this year's Rose Bowl festivities.

Jackie Freiburger of Cass City.

Edwards is currently a junior at U-M. A dean's list student, she is majoring in graphic design and working

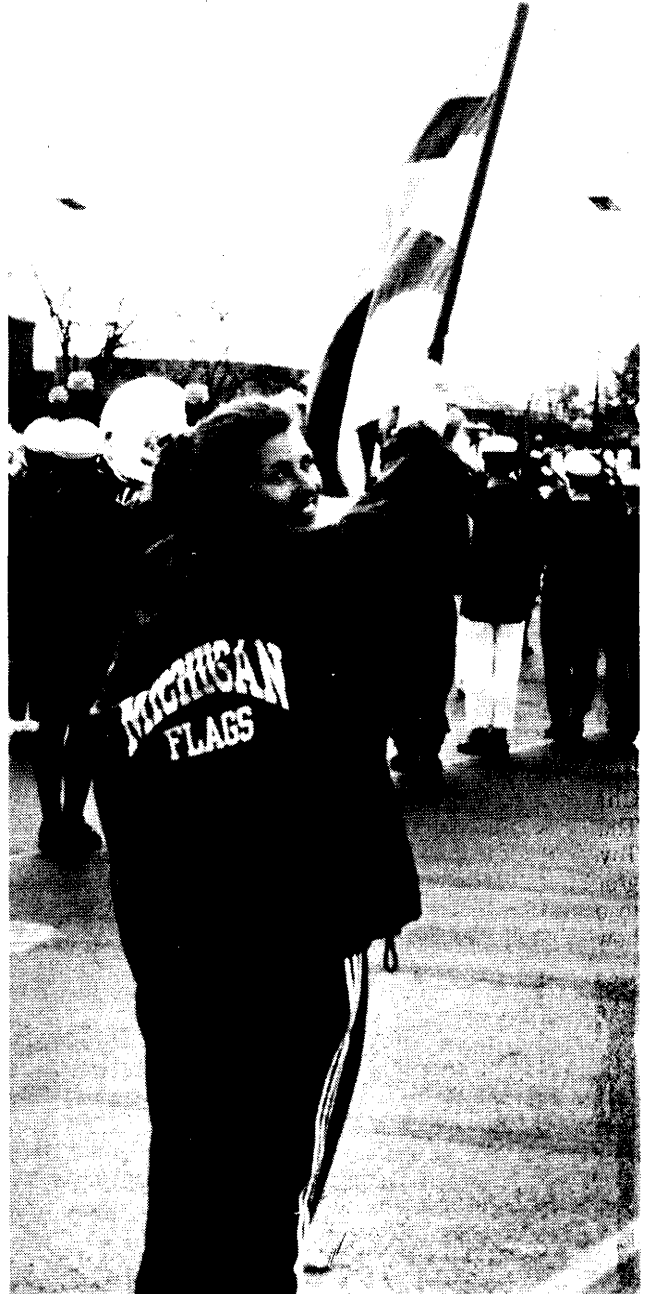
towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a concentration in sculpture and photography.

Leana Edwards, daughter of Linda Edwards of Cass City and the late Ralph Edwards, will be marching and performing in the parade, pre-game and half-time shows as a member of the University of Michigan Marching Band. Other scheduled performances include stops at Disneyland and various concerts in the Pasadena, Calif., area.

Edwards, a member of the U-M band's flag line, designed the rank tee shirts and flag that will be used in the performances. The familiar M logo is the focal point of Edwards' design, with a variegated wave background and regulation rose emblem. This will be Edwards' third bowl trip.

As a senior drum major in the Cass City High School band, she performed in the Citrus Bowl, and participated in last year's Outback Bowl as a sophomore at U-M.

Also planning to attend are her mother and grandmother.



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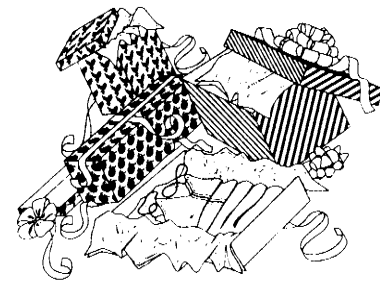
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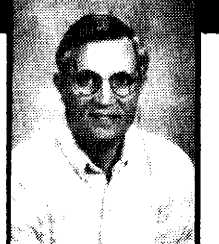
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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

The Rotary-sponsored 3 on 3 tournament Saturday attracted 59 teams competing in 8 divisions in a long day of basketball that started at 8 a.m. and concluded just after midnight. The men's recreation league toga was taken by a Cass City team "Charmont", that included Todd Comment, Jeff Hartel, Gary Warju, Craig Kelley and Clarke Haire.

The Cass City Village Council last week approved a proposed 1993 spending plan totaling \$1.78 million. The new budget represents a planned spending increase of some \$100,000, or 13.4 percent, over 1992, and includes a wage hike of 3.5 percent for most village employees.

The Village Council last week acknowledged a \$1,000 donation from the Cass City Oil and Gas Co. for the village's walking trail.

Sixty members of the Merchante Bowling League took part in a moonlight tournament at the Charmont in Cass City Thursday to benefit the local Toys For Tots agency. The group raised \$400, according to organizers. The winning bowlers were Geri Corcoran

(657), Elaine Romain (655), Pat McIntosh (649) and Margo Miller and Jean Hutchinson, who tied with scores of 624.

10 YEARS AGO

Justin Salas and his dad, Louis Salas, of Cass City, were among the first persons to cross the new Zilwaukee bridge when it opened Wednesday, Dec. 23. They received a sign saying, "We Crossed the Z-Bridge."

Medicare programs at Hills and Dales General Hospital and Caro Community Hospital are expected to pay for themselves following approval of new Medicare reimbursement rules by Congress early last week. The new rules translate into an expected annual increase of \$200,000 for each hospital in payments for Medicare patients.

Fire destroyed a 1973 AMC Pacer while it was parked in front of Wildwood Farms Restaurant. The vehicle, owned by Cass City resident Frank Preba, had been driven to the location by Preba's daughter, Susan Vincent. She parked it to go to work, and smoke started pouring out of the hood.

Jeff and Martha Prieskorn of Arlington, Va., spent Christmas until Sunday with his family, the Gerald Prieskorns.

25 YEARS AGO

Steve Batts, 18, of Cass City, is still in the Intensive Care Unit of Flint Hurley Hospital after being injured in a 2-car crash, Tuesday, Dec. 19. Batts was on his way to work in Pontiac when the accident occurred 2 miles north of Lapeer at 3:44 p.m.

One thousand dollars has been given to the park expansion program as a gift of Pinney State Bank.

A pre-Christmas party was held for the boys at Teen Ranch in Kingston. A pool table was purchased for the ranch with some \$1,500 raised in Cass City in behalf of the project. The party was hosted by the James Bauers, who have sponsored the event annually for several years.

The village council voted to table granting a building permit to Smith Builders of Caro for 2 more apartment building complexes to be located north of the present apartment dwelling on Hill Street, until a cooperative solution between the village and Smith Builders can be ar-

ranged to handle the expected additional water runoff in that area.

35 YEARS AGO

The Sunmobile - a model car powered by sunlight - is one of the exciting demonstrations in store for Cass City students when General Motors Previews of Progress is presented at Cass City High School Friday.

According to Lewis Bishop, Cass City postmaster, postal rates for first class, domestic air mail, first class post cards and air mail cards will go up another penny, effective Monday. First class letters will be 5 cents an ounce, with domestic air mail letters at 8 cents an ounce. First class

post cards will be 4 cents and air mail cards will go from 5 to 6 cents.

A log, a huge white ash, was taken from a farm woodlot near Shabbona by Clair Auslander, logger for the Fairhaven Industrial Wood Products, Bay Port, last July. It measured 50 inches in diameter and was 12 feet long. It was bought by William Ross, a buyer for various German companies. Ross, who purchases logs all over the United States and Canada, later told Auslander that the log was the "largest he'd ever seen."

Five guests were present Thursday afternoon to help Marsha Kay Ball celebrate her 10th birthday. Games were played and cake and ice cream served.

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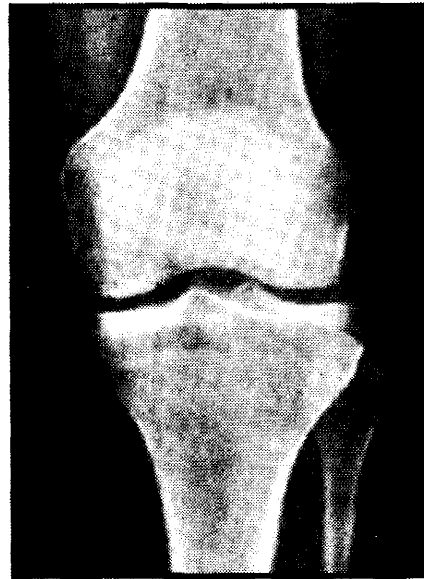
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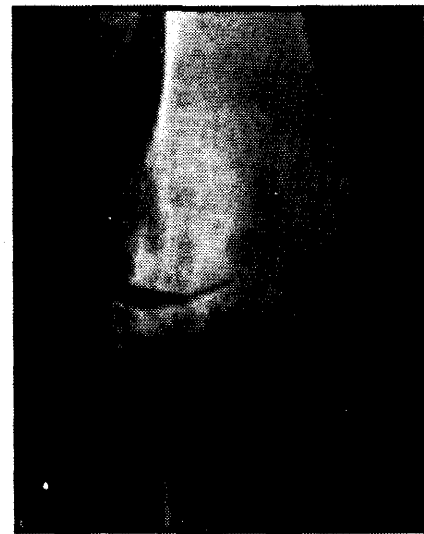
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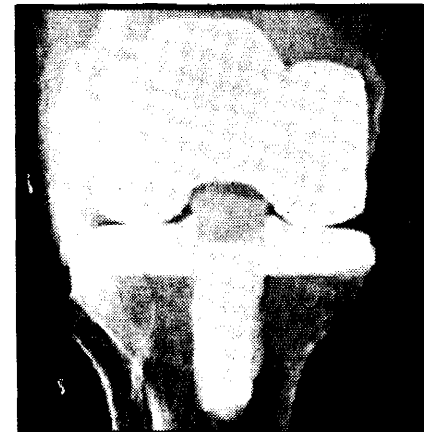
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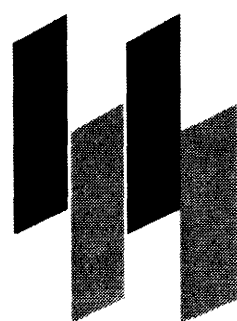
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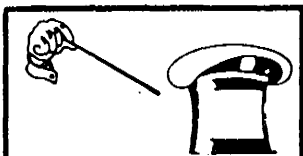
Society to present gun safety program

The Watrousville-Caro Historical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 in the Caro Municipal Building in Caro.

Bill TerBush and Dave O'Connor will present a program on gun safety. Topics will include:

1. Statistics on how safe hunting is compared to some other outdoor activities.
2. Safe storage of guns and ammunition.
3. The dangers of handguns as compared to long guns.
4. The dangers of turkey hunting.
5. Where most firearm accidents happen.
6. Use your binocular when viewing while hunting.
7. NRA's Eddie Eagle safety program for small children.
8. Why at close range, shotguns can be more dangerous than rifles.

Refreshments will be served following the program. The public is invited to attend.



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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, December 31

No duplicate bridge games scheduled Dec. 31. New Year's Eve Gospel Sing at New Cass City Middle School, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 1

Have a Safe and Happy New Year.

Friday, January 2

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Monday, January 5

Novesta Twp. Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

31st annual sing

New middle school will host New Year's concert

The old and new will be combined New Year's Eve in Cass City as the 31st Annual New Year's Eve Concert gets underway in the new Cass City Middle School gymnasium.

The concert, sponsored by the Cass City Layman's Club, is slated to begin at 8 p.m. and will be the first major event held in the new gym.

The new middle school is located 3 blocks north of the stoplight in Cass City to the blinking light, 2 blocks east

to the park entrance, then one block north on the left.

Heading up this year's gospel groups are "Michigan's Goodwill Ambassadors," the Calvarymen Quartet, from Flint, which appeared at the first Cass City New Year's Eve Concert and hasn't missed a year since.

Also scheduled to appear are the Gospel Harmony Boys from Huntington, W.V., a group described as the "epitome of class and style." The Gospel Harmony Boys were among the featured singers in Cass City during the 1995 New Year's Concert and proved popular with the audience.

New to the concert this year will be the Sacred Heart Men's Choir from Caro. The choir is composed of men

from Caro who share their ministry in song with area churches and at other local functions.

There is no admission charge for the concert, however, a free-will offering will be taken to help cover expenses. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

The annual New Year's sing each year draws 500 to 1,000 people. It's a tradition that offers families an opportunity to bring in the new year with a full evening of gospel music and fellowship.

That was the goal when the concert debuted in 1966, and the family continues to be the target of the event, according to Arthur Severance, who along with his father, Lloyd, and a number of other area men formed the Layman's Club 31 years ago. Club members share a common desire to serve God as layman.

In fact, formation of the club and the New Year's Eve concert went hand in hand.

The concert proved popular, drawing 400 to 500 people the first year at the old Cass City Middle School. The event was later moved to the high school after it was built in the late 1960s.

Over the years, the Layman's Club has experimented with organizing gospel sings in the spring and fall, but nothing has compared with the popularity of the New Year's gathering, which in its peak drew a crowd of 1,000 to 1,200 people.

Letter to the editor

Can anyone

help save

our trees?

To the Editor:

Christmas Day - 9:30 a.m. - 1997

Jane and I were on our way to spend the day with our family in Manchester, Michigan, and about this time we were headed west on Highway 81 going through Caro. I was in a good mood and feeling fine until we noticed some construction signs and we started wondering what was ahead for us - a detour maybe? The signs said, "construction zone - 9 miles". This was when I started to notice the trees marked with an 'X' indicating that they are scheduled to be cut down. This got my attention - some of these trees are at least 100 years old.

The same thing happened when 81 was being rebuilt west of Cass City, we lost some beautiful trees along the highway. Trees that were not bothering anyone, but must have been in the road "right of way". Trees that were left were severely pruned around the electrical wires. Now we have a beautiful view of telephone poles and electrical lines.

If these trees must be cut, they should be replanted with other species that do not grow too tall. We need to think about our wildlife, fall colors and the beauty we experience as we drive along our roadways.

I am not against good roads, electrical power or safety, but I did lose some sleep last night thinking that someone has to come forward to try and save our trees.

CAN ANYONE OUT THERE HELP?

Respectfully,

John and Jane Ryba

2 men hurt in accident

Two local men were injured last week when the pickup truck they were riding in left Elmwood Road near Doerr Road.

Michigan State Police troopers from the Bad Axe post reported the accident occurred at 2:10 a.m. Dec. 24.

The driver of the 1994 Chevrolet pickup, Scott Hutchinson, 31, Cass City, was westbound on Elmwood Road when he lost control and struck a tree, according to reports, which state the vehicle left the north side of the road.

Both Hutchinson and his passenger, Alex Favazza, 25, Cass City, were transported by MMR Ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Hutchinson and Favazza were both admitted for treatment, however, no other information was being released by hospital officials.

It's uncertain whether either occupant was wearing a seat belt, according to troopers, who said alcohol was a factor in the crash.

The accident remains under investigation.

The corner of Elmwood Road and Doerr Road was the scene of a similar accident that led to the evacuation of about 125 people from the nearby Huntsville Mobile Home Park on Thanksgiving morning.

In that accident, a motorist failed to negotiate the curve and struck a major natural gas line, causing some tense moments for neighbors and emergency crews alike. There were no serious injuries.

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The good news is that the Cass City Red Hawks will start the new year undefeated in 4 games. The bad news is that the team has yet to meet the schools that figure to be among the elite in the Greater Thumb West League.

In the opening 4 games, only Harbor Beach was among the top teams in the Thumb. The Pirates are 3-1 and have a win over Lakers. Other than that, the opening victories are nice to reflect upon, but prove little as to the strength of the team.

Overall, the Hawk victims are just 5-11. The club is also efficient from the foul line, shooting 70 percent.

Coach Jeff Hartel says as the season progresses, the defense is getting better. Teams are shooting only 32 percent against us, he points out.

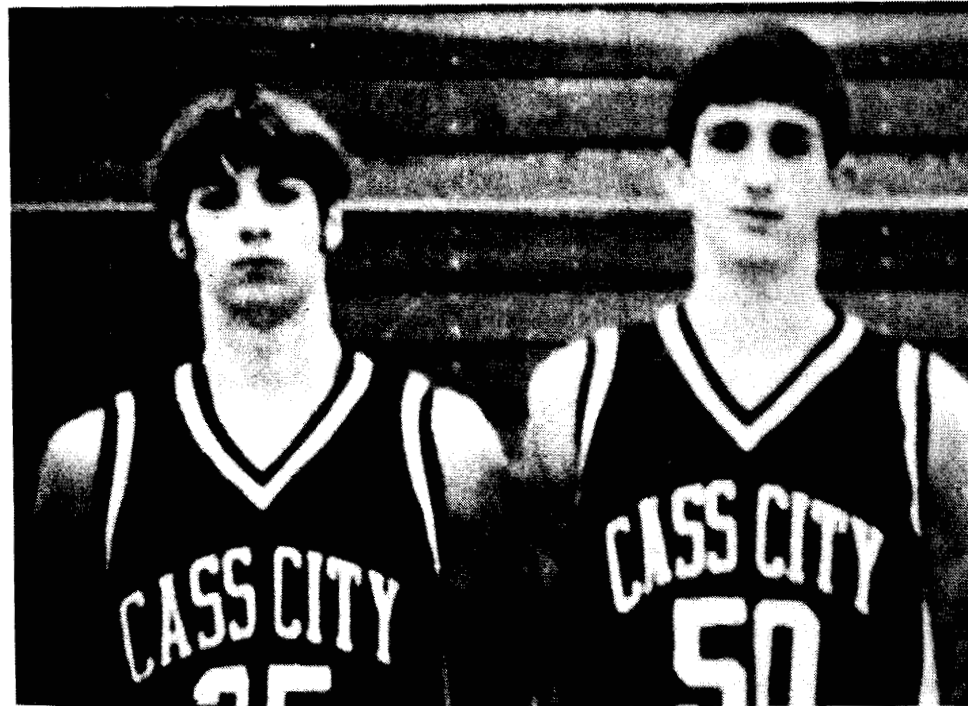
Helping the defense has been the inside play of Craig Emmert and Heath Zawilinski. Emmert has 19 blocked shots and Zawilinski, 4. Both players

have forced opponents to alter their shots.

Cass City will need all the defense it can muster when the games resume. After playing at Marlette Tuesday, the Hawks meet Reese at home in a battle between unbeaten.

Following that on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 2:30 p.m. Cass City meets Caro at the Palace in Auburn Hills.

After those games Hawk fans will know just how good this year's team is and its chances of walking off with a league and tourney title.



Heath Zawilinski
Leading scorer

Craig Emmert
Shot blocker

Oils and spices a help for chicks

Adding oil or spice to the diets of chicks may help stave off intestinal parasites that cause avian coccidiosis, according to USDA researchers. Coccidiosis causes lesions on the intestines of chicks, causing them to grow slower or possibly die. It costs the poultry industry \$350 million annually in losses and medication expense. Oils and spices trigger a natural biochemical response in chicks called oxidative stress, which helps eliminate the lesions.

Cass City Bowling

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES Feb. 26

Easy 7	5
The Family	5
Dodgers	4
Gators	3
Men of Steel	2
Grumblers	2
Rolling Thunder	*0
Bye	*0
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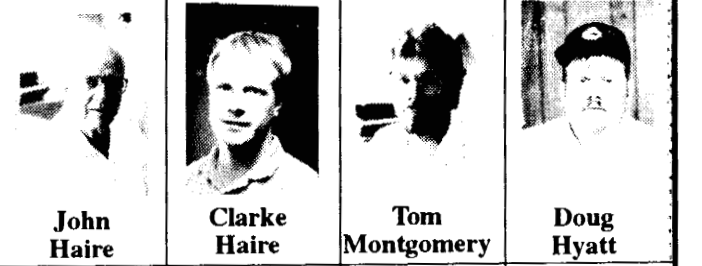
Men's High Series & Games: T. Potrykus 618 (223), T. Smith 529 (219).
Women's High Series & Game: M. Smith 477 (197).
High Team Series & Game: Gators 2169 (769).

CHARMONT LADIES

Wild John's	22
Team # 7	20
J.B.'s Crew	19
Live Wires	18 1/2
Cable-ettes	14 1/2
Cass City Tire	12
Dec's M.P. Rockets	10
Pizza Villa	9
Dott Manufacturing	8
Sister Act	7

High Team Game: J.B.'s Crew 1034.
High Team Series: Team # 7 2999.
High Series: B. Ware 512, D. Mathewson 507, B. Batkie 483, M. Mathewson 485, D. Jamieson 473, N. Davis 477.
High Games: M. Mathewson 192, D. Mathewson 185, B. Ware 180, L. Ondrajka 176, M. Horne 174, S. Hutchinson 172, N. Davis 179, B. Kilbourn 171.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast



John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
January 6 H. Beach at Bad Axe MLS at BCAS Cass City at Marlette Lakers at Ubyl Mayville at Deckerville Reese at Sandusky Cros-Lex at USA North Branch at Yale Pt. Hope at Akron-Fair. Kingston at Caseville C-PS at Peck N. Huron at O-G	Harbor Beach MLS Cass City Lakers Mayville Reese Cros-Lex North Branch Port Hope Kingston Peck North Huron	Harbor Beach BCAS Cass City Lakers Mayville Reese Cros-Lex North Branch Port Hope Kingston Peck Owen-Gage	Harbor Beach BCAS Cass City Lakers Mayville Reese USA North Branch Port Hope Kingston Peck North Huron
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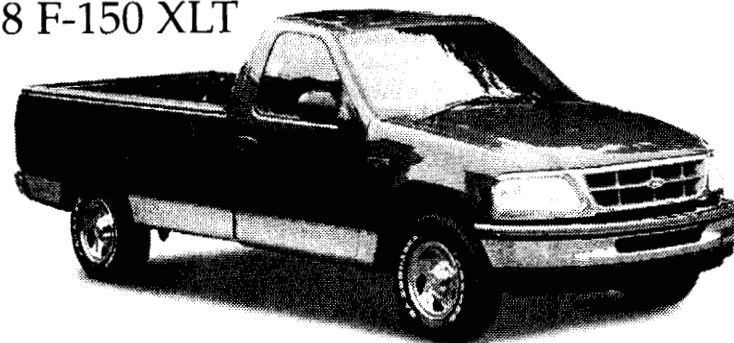
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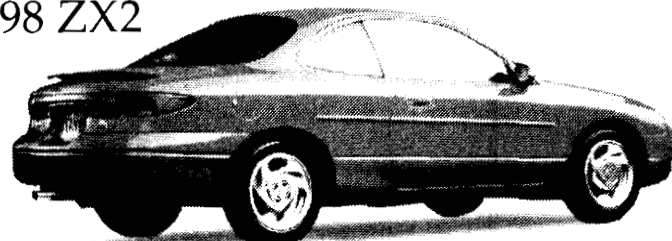


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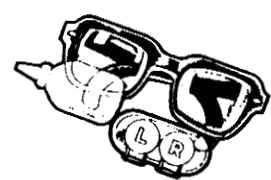


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Year in review

1997 was an eventful, memorable year

Selecting the top stories of the year isn't as easy as it might sound, given the subjectivity of the task; what's important to one person may have little meaning to another.

Still, it's probably safe to say that certain events affected the majority of residents similarly. For example, how many area motorists weren't elated as road crews finally started badly needed repairs to M-81, or who couldn't help but feel a tinge of sadness as flames swept away a bit of village history in the form of Sommers Bakery.

As another year draws to a close, it seems appropriate to take a few moments to look back on the past 12 months and on some of the stories that made 1997 memorable. With that in mind, the Chronicle presents the following round-up of the year's top stories.

But the good news doesn't end there; several other improvements have been or will be completed, including an addition to Campbell Elementary School, renovation of the old middle school annex and parking lot paving, thanks to a healthy bottom line in the district.

BAKERY FIRE

Cass City residents and members of the downtown business community watched a long bakery tradition come to an end March 19, when flames ignited by wiring swept through Sommers Bakery, destroying the business along with the adjoining Shetler building, which housed Tri-County Medical Equipment at the time.

There were only a handful of minor injuries, and the efforts of 70 fire fighters from 7 departments prevented the fire from spreading to neighboring Main Street buildings.

However, there was a great sense of loss, not only for new owners Charles and Debbie Wilt, who had purchased the bakery the previous fall, but also for longtime former owners Stu and Joan Merchant.

The Merchants had owned and operated the bakery since 1967, and Joan's parents, Joe and Lucille Sommers, were the previous owners, establishing Sommers in 1937. Before that, the business was Heller's Bakery for nearly 30 years.

Since the fire, the Wilts have opened another bakery in Sandusky, and what was left of the Cass City bakery was leveled and cleared away after a fire and demolition auction last June.

All that remain are 3 empty lots, still for sale. And the memories.

ARSON, ROBBERY

Thankfully, major crimes are still a relative stranger to Cass City, but some stories serve as reminders that no town is completely insulated from the worst in humankind.

The Sept. 3 armed robbery of a Schweigler Road resident is an example, although it turned out not to be a random crime, as one of the victim's 3 assailants — all teens from the Lansing area — was related to him.

Ironically, the only injury came to one of the suspects, who fell or was pushed out of the suspect vehicle as it fled the scene.

No one was hurt, and in the end, all 3 defendants were handed lengthy prison terms courtesy of Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn.

Earlier in the year, a series of arson fires and false alarms made headlines.

The fires — 7 in all — began July 5 when a wind-damaged barn was set on fire on Hadley Road. Not long after, the arsonist(s) targeted a shed and barn, but damage was insignificant until a barn on Elmwood Road was ignited, causing a \$10,000 loss. Then a house on Gilford Road was set on fire, causing \$30,000 in damage. Finally, an automobile was destroyed in yet another suspicious blaze.

A \$5,000 reward was offered for information leading to the suspect(s). However, the reward was never collected and the fires stopped as mysteriously as they began.

UPS STRIKE

A nationwide strike hit home Aug. 4 as UPS employees represented by the Teamsters walked off the job over a number of contract issues, including pay, full-time job opportunities and

subcontracting.

Some 54 Cass City UPS employees were among 185,000 of the delivery giant's workers who picketed nationwide. The local figure included 31 drivers who deliver an average of 3,000 parcels a day.

Area business and industry, too, were affected as they scrambled to find other shipping avenues, including the U.S. Postal Service.

Both the company and employees, as well as their customers, breathed a sigh of relief when the strike ended about 2 weeks later and the familiar brown delivery trucks returned to the roads.

KU KLUX KLAN

Hate, no matter how veiled or sugarcoated, is hate, and the Ku Klux Klan brought its brand of racism to the Thumb Sept. 27.

Interestingly, very few of the 350 people who attended the klan's 2-hour rally in Caro were area residents. There were a few, of course, but the majority were protestors and skinheads from other areas of the state.

Thomas Robb, national director of the Arkansas-based Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, had his say in the face of screaming protestors along with a handful of supporters who waved Nazi flags and vowed their loyalty with choruses of "Seig Heil!"

There were no injuries, thanks largely to the planning of Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern and his department, which insured peace by posting some 125 police officers from 5 counties throughout the perimeter of the rally site.

County residents were left to shoulder the cost of security, but the klan left with a promise not to return.

AGRICULTURE

It was a year of uncertainty

for farmers. In other words, another typical year for agriculture in Michigan's Thumb.

A cool, wet spring delayed planting efforts by 2 weeks or more this year, and growers spent much of the growing season trying to catch up. Just when it looked as if crops would not mature completely, an Indian Summer arrived in October, giving farmers and their crops the boost they needed.

The harvest didn't leave producers dancing in the fields, but the year did mark a record beet crop, while decent yields were seen in soybeans and corn fields. The dry bean crop was perhaps the most disappointing.

In a related story, Thumb area farmers are looking to their future with the organization of an "added-value" cooperative called the Thumb Oilseed Producers Cooperative, which earlier this year voted to move forward with a project to establish an 800,000-bushel soybean extrusion plant to produce oil and meal from their crop.

The farmers' goal is to go beyond production of raw crops into processing and marketing of a variety of products ranging from food grade oils to industrial solvents.

ROAD WORK

A 4-cent gas tax hike approved by the Michigan Legislature this year did what years of lobbying could not: convince state officials to fund badly-needed improvements to a significant portion of M-81 between Caro and Cass City.

The gas tax increase, including a state transportation funding package, resulted in more than 8 miles of the highway being repaired over the summer, and brought additional funds to local governments, including Cass City.

However, enthusiasm for the package remains guarded due to some unresolved issues, including a state plan to take over control of some county roads. In addition, Act 51, which determines how road funds are funneled from the state to local governmental units, is due to expire Sept. 30, 1998.

Locally, the year brought another welcome improvement: reconstruction of Seeger Street in Cass City. The project cost in the neighborhood of a half-million dollars, but much of the price tag was covered by a grant written by former longtime Village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

As always, there were clouds covering the business horizon, countered by rays of sunshine cutting through the economic setbacks in the community.

Folks who were familiar with and made a habit of visiting "The Home of Irish Bread" were forced to go elsewhere when Sommers Bakery and Restaurant was demolished by fire.

The sign announcing that Bigelow's Hardware was "Up to Date Since '88" was obliterated and the hardware store's service to the community ended when it closed with an auction sale.

While the hardware closed, the building still serves as home to a viable business since it was taken over by The Paint Store.

Occupying the Paint Store building will be an auto parts store.

Heartening to the business community was the start of new businesses that selected Cass City to serve the Thumb area because of its central location.

Michigan Highway Department selected Cass City for an MDOT center, and an MRI Center to serve the Thumb was established. On the drawing boards is a dialysis center.

SPORTS YEAR

Highlighting the year in sports was the continued

championship caliber play at Kingston and Owen-Gage and the play of Chad Tate.

Tate, an all-state Class C golfer, completed his fabulous career by leading Cass City to a Greater Thumb West title and was instrumental in driving the team into state competition.

He finished 5th in the state in 1997 and was the state-runner up in his junior year.

Owen-Gage continued its championship volleyball play. The team again rolled to district and regional titles before falling in the state quarterfinals.

Kingston continued a remarkable domination of league and area basketball and football teams. The Car-

dinals went to the regional finals in basketball and the state semifinals in football.

OTHER STORIES

Other stories worth a mention include:

- Lou LaPonsie's retirement after 25 years of service to the village. The community also welcomed a new fire chief in Ron Pawloski, and a new leadership team — Dee McKrow, Kathy Rowe and Jean Anthony — at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

- Area residents, both young and old — benefited from a Sanilac County man's quest to bring the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall to the Thumb.

Harley Rich, Sanilac

County Veteran's Affairs director, put 15 months of work into the project, including spearheading an effort to raise the \$26,000 needed to bring the wall to Sandusky last August. Co-sponsors of the project included Robert Gornowicz, a veteran and Cass City businessman.

• The Cass City United Way recorded another hugely successful campaign this year, thanks to the generosity of local business, industry and residents.

A goal of \$30,000 was easily surpassed. Early estimates set donations at a combined \$42,000 with some pledges yet to be received. Officials expect the tally to reach last year's record of \$45,000.



CASS CITY Middle School students moved into their new building recently with the help of a host of volunteers. The move, involving more than 500 students and 50 staff members, was completed in just 2 days.



KNIGHTS OF THE Ku Klux Klan National Director Thomas Robb and a small entourage staged a 2-hour rally in Caro over the summer. The event drew plenty of heated words and protests, but few area residents.

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FIRE SWEEPED THROUGH Sommers Bakery in March, ending a longtime bakery tradition in Cass City. The bakery and an adjoining building have since been leveled and removed, but the empty lots continue to be a reminder of the loss.



A 4-CENT GAS tax hike in 1997 paid off for area motorists, as MDOT officials repaved an extended length of M-81. Another badly needed repair job — Seeger Street in Cass City (above) — was completed thanks largely to a grant secured by the village.



CASS CITY VILLAGE Manager Lou S. LaPonsie ended his 25-year career at the end of 1997. He is pictured above with new Village Manager Jane A. Downing.



THE GROWING season started out cool and wet, but farmers saw most crops mature nicely during a late Indian Summer, and sugar beet growers posted a record year.

Compost your Christmas tree

Send your Christmas tree back to nature with the Christmas Compost Project. Your family had a great time choosing the perfect tree for your holiday. Now complete the season by sending your tree back to nature. Gather the family together and bring your Christmas tree in for recycling. Be sure to remove all ornaments and tinsel from your tree. For each Christmas tree that you bring to the drop-off locations you will receive a coupon for a free tree seedling that you can pick up at the Tuscola County Soil Conservation District Spring Sale. Plant this free tree to replace the one you enjoyed this Christmas. Trees are a renewable resource that benefits everyone.

mas compost can be composted for later use in the garden. Christmas compost can also be used around trees and shrubs to help retain soil moisture and to suppress weeds. If you'd like to take your chips home, please bring a bag.

Bring your trees to recycle Jan. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to the Tuscola County Fairgrounds on 188 Park Dr. in Caro or Vassar Industrial Park on Enterprise Drive in Vassar.

Helping are the following sponsors and volunteers: Kappen Tree Service of Cass City who is furnishing the chippers and manpower to create the Christmas Compost, Tuscola County Recycling for organizing the project, Tuscola County Soil Conservation District for donating the tree seedlings, Pioneer Work and Learn for providing volunteers, Vassar High School Environmental Club for providing volunteers, and the Mitten Bay Brownie Troop 834 for providing volunteers.

Seedless

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Level I Word 7.0 (Office '97)	M	Jan 19 - Feb 16	6-9	5	#300 (COT)	\$75	This word processor is the latest version for Windows '95 with various menus, commands, toolbars, and buttons needed to create and refine a document. Students will create page layouts and mail merges. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Level II Word 7.0 (Office '97)	W	Jan 21 - Feb 18	6-9	5	#300 (COT)	\$75	Learn many of the advanced features in Word, including tables & calculations, columns, sections, macros, toolbar buttons, etc. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Intro to PC & Windows '95	M or W	Jan 19 - Apr 8	6-9	12	#300 (CAS)	\$150	Learn the basics of computer software and hardware. Students will utilize Windows '95 to explore word processing (Word), database (Access) and spreadsheet (Excel). <i>Pat Mattson.</i>
Level I Excel 7.0 (Office '97)	W	Feb 25 - Apr 8	6-9	7	#300 (COT)	\$105	Learn one of the most popular spreadsheet programs for Windows '95. Students will learn concepts of formulas and reports. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Level II Excel 7.0 (Office '97)	Th	Jan 22 - Mar 5	6-9	7	#300 (CAS)	\$105	Learn to use advanced functions and complex charts to create their own spreadsheet applications. Topics covered are application design, macros, and graphs. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Level I Access 7.0 (Office '97)	Th	Mar 12 - Apr 30	6-9	7	#300 (CAS)	\$105	The Windows '95 database. Students will learn the steps to design a database and to print reports. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Level II Access 7.0 (Office '97)	M	Feb 23 - Apr 6	6-9	7	#300 (COT)	\$105	This class covers advanced formatting of tables, queries, forms, application design, macros, security, and simple SQL statements. <i>Terry Stark.</i>
Microsoft Windows '95	T	Jan 20 - Jan 27	6-10	2	#300 (COT)	\$55	Unlock your computer's potential. Students will navigate desktop, work with shortcuts, and learn to customize Windows '95. <i>Robert Frost.</i>
Microsoft Works 4.0	T	Jan 20 - Mar 24	6-9	10	#300 (CAS)	\$125	Create word processing documents, spreadsheets, databases, and reports. Students will understand and use the integrated capabilities of Works. <i>Lynn Morris.</i>
Surf the Internet Level I	T	Feb 10	6-9:30	2	#300 (COT)	\$30	Gain hands-on experience with installing and running software used to access the Internet. Students will learn terminology and use various bulletin board systems including World Wide Web. <i>Robert Frost.</i>
Surf the Internet Level II	T	Feb 24	6-9:30	2	#300 (COT)	\$30	

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All classes are evening unless otherwise noted

CLASS	DAY	DATE	TIME	WKS	COST	ROOM	DESCRIPTION
Beginning Sign Language	T	Jan 27 - Mar 10	6:30-8:30	7	\$35	#303	A beginning course in signed communication. ASL and SEE are examined. <i>Carla Spoon.</i>
Intermediate Sign Language	T	Mar 24 - May 12	6:30-8:30	7	\$35	#303	Designed for the student who has completed a basic sign language class. Prerequisite: Beginning Sign Language. Book fee \$35. <i>Carla Spoon.</i>
Kids' Sign Language	T	Jan 27 - Mar 10	4:15-5:45	7	\$25	#303	Children ages 9-14 will learn basic sign language communication in a fun and unique learning experience. <i>Carla Spoon.</i>

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ANN YPMA (left), of Hills & Dales General Hospital, hands Cathy Lenda turkey coupons for distribution to the needy of Tuscola County. Staff from the hospital received a free turkey for the holidays, which many donated for distribution through Tuscola County Mental Health.

Roller blades abound at Ponder home



IT'S NOT UNUSUAL to see kids on roller blades at Christmas time. After spotting this pair Monday we delved into the records and found that in 1987 a Christmas photo feature depicted another area youngster enjoying a snowless holiday on roller blades. It is unusual to find one household where 4 children received the skates for Christmas. They are members of the Tom Ponder, Cass City, household. Pictured, from left, are Sherry Putman and Brittney Ponder. Others to receive the skates were Galen Ponder and Charles DePelsmaker.

Sr. Citizens' Menu
Senior citizens are asked to make reservations on the day of the meal between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. by calling Berenice Sowden, 872-2397.

Friday - Macaroni and cheese, salad, cream style corn, dinner roll, diced pears.
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Tuesday - Old fashioned pot roast, sliced zucchini, carrots, onions and potatoes, variety bread, coconut cake.

Friday - Buffet ham, baked beans, broccoli/cukes with sour cream, hot roll, lemon pie squares.

Obituaries

Doris Hurd

Doris Hurd, 74, of Cass City, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 1997, at Tendercare Nursing Facility.

Born Oct. 9, 1923, in Greenfield Township, she was the daughter of Andrew and Louisa (Tewksbury) Cross. She married A. David Hurd Feb. 27, 1943, in Cass City. He died May 9, 1977.

She was a member of Living Word Worship Center.

Surviving are 5 daughters, Connie (Russell) Bradley, Margaret Pasanski and Kathleen Cummins, all of Cass City, Janice (Jack) Viney of Kissimmee, Fla., and Shirley M. (Danny) Haag of Cass City; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lena May Green of Chicago, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth E. Hurd; a grandson, Jonathan Cory Cummins; a brother, Donald Cross, and a half sister, Myrtle Noble.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, at Living Word Worship Center, Cass City, with the Rev. Mark Todd, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be in Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

Little & Kranz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Genevieve Schwartz

Genevieve Schwartz, 83, of Cass City, died Thursday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1997, at Tendercare Nursing Facility.

Born Dec. 28, 1913, in Detroit, she was the daughter of Walter and Cecilia (Stopczynski) Lenda. She married Jacob Schwartz Aug. 30, 1935, in Gagetown. He died July 25, 1994.

She was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church and a former Altar Society member.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Joann (Keith) Pobanz of Cass City, Mary Jane (Kenneth) Pincoski of Manton and Janet (Derald) Caister of Elkton; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers, John Lenda of Warren, George (Wanda) Lenda of Hamtramck, Bernard Lenda of Caro and Harry (Mabel) Lenda of Cass City; 3 sisters, Ann Lenda of Caro, Welda (Darl) Gilbert of Warren and Irene Krug of Bad Axe, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dolores Rabideau; a grandson, Brian Caister; 2 brothers, Edmund and Peter Lenda, and 4 sisters, Josephine Schwartz, Helen Mihalik and twins Sophie and Mary Lenda.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 29, at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with the Rev. Paul Bala of St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, and Sr. Joan Maher, St. Agatha Catholic Church, officiating.

Iva Wilson

Iva Blanch Wilson, 89, of Deford, died Thursday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1997, in Caro Community Hospital.

Born Oct. 16, 1908, in Vassar, she was the daughter of George and Florence (Berry) Shaver. She married Leigh Wilson June 27, 1942, in Angola, Ind.

Prior to her marriage, she worked for AC Spark Plug in Flint. She was a school bus driver for the Beverly School and Kingston Community

Schools for 12 years, and helped her husband farm. She attended Deford Community Church.

Surviving are her husband, Leigh; a sister, Margaret (Eisel) Wilcox of Deford; a brother, Robert Ray (Marjorie) Shaver of Clarkston, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Cecil, Willis and Frank Shaver.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 29, at Little & Kranz Funeral Home with Randy Shaver (Wilson's nephew), layman at Fostoria Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment was in East Dayton Cemetery, Caro. Memorials may be made to the family discretionary fund.

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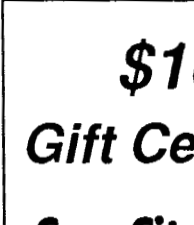
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JUSTIN McLaren (left) was named the winner and Dale Minkler the runner-up in a school-level National Geography Bee competition.

Announce O-G "bee" winners

Justin McLaren, a seventh grade student at Owen-Gage High School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee Dec. 18 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. Runner-up in the local competition was Dale Minkler, an eighth grade student at Owen-Gage High School. The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the tenth annual National Geography Bee. The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers, the nation's leading provider of supplemental education services to students at all skill levels. The kick-off for this year's bee was the week of Dec. 1, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the 5 U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Justin, 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 April 3. 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 Geography Bee national championship May 19 and 20. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy!", will moderate the national finals May 20. The program will be produced by Maryland Public Television and will air on PBS stations. Check local listings for dates and times. The National Geographic Society developed the National Geography Bee in response to a growing concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States.

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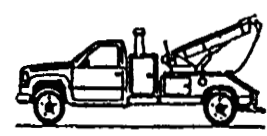
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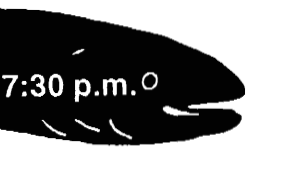
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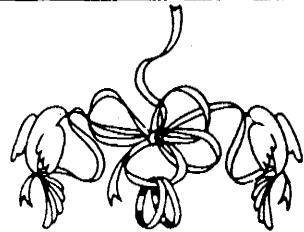
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TWINS ASHLEY Wilson and Dustin Wilson, children of Michael and Sandy Wilson of Cass City, were the winners of a large stuffed raccoon given away recently in a LA-Z-BOY promotion drawing sponsored by Schneeberger's Furniture and Appliance. Pictured above with the twins is Russ Schneeberger.



TYLER LODGE 317 F&AM, Cass City, recently installed new officers. Pictured above are (front row, left) Leslie Profit, senior warden; Willard Dobbs, treasurer; Arlington Hoffman, worshipful master; Carl Palmateer, junior warden; (second row, left) Clarence Merchant, chaplain; Charles Timmons, installing marshal; Edwin Karr, secretary; (back row, left) Kenneth Blue, junior deacon; James Wilson, senior deacon, and John Marshall, installing secretary. Missing are Robert Ricker, tyler, and Ted Furness, marshal.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RALPH VETTRAIANO AND LISA L. VETTRAIANO, HUSBAND AND WIFE to STANDARD FEDERAL BANK, Mortgagee, dated July 21, 1993, and recorded on August 3, 1993, in Liber 644, on page 1384, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of twelve thousand seven hundred ninety seven and 61/100 Dollars (\$12,797.61), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH J. BURROWS AND JANICE C. BURROWS, HIS WIFE to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee, dated July 23, 1982, and recorded on July 26, 1982, in Liber 526 on page 704, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy two thousand nine hundred ninety eight and 64/100 Dollars (\$72,998.64), including interest at 13.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, 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 of the Court house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 30, 1998.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, 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 of the Court house in the Village of Caro, Tuscola, MI, at 11:00 AM on January 23, 1998.

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

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Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning on the North Line of Section 32, at a point West 1670.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 32, Thence S 00 degrees 14 min 40 sec E 1337.67 feet thence N 89 deg 10 min 40" W 378.35 feet to the East Line of New York Central Railroad thence North 20 degrees 57 min 22 sec West 998.26 feet along said line thence East 401.33 feet thence North 00 degrees 14' 40" West 400 feet thence East 330 feet to the point of beginning.

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DATED: December 10, 1997

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David CHURCH, a married man and Nina CHURCH, his wife, to MICHIGAN MORTGAGE LENDERS CORP., Mortgagee, dated October 4, 1996, and recorded on October 4, 1996, in Liber 698, on page 728, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three and 91/100 Dollars (\$10,863.91), including interest at 16.99% per annum.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry L. BOOTH a married man and Deborah S. BOOTH, his wife (Original Mortgagees), to FIRST CHICAGO NBD MORTGAGE COMPANY, (f/k/a NBD Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation), Mortgagee, dated May 7, 1996, and recorded on May 20, 1996, in Liber 698 on Page 1098, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve And 55/100 Dollars (\$93,912.55), including interest at 8.60% 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 o'clock A.M., on January 30, 1998.

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 o'clock A.M., on January 23, 1998.

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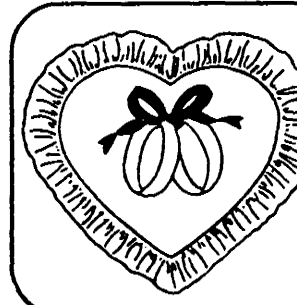
75 percent of his total salary and benefits over a 3-year period.

The village employs a total of 16 full-time people, most of whom are at the top of the pay scale based on years of service. The exceptions are police officer Lee Pavlichek and new Village Manager Jane A. Downing.

Cass City currently employs: a village manager, bookkeeper and secretary; department of public works superintendent and 5 crew

members; wastewater treatment plant superintendent, chief operator and 3 crew members, and a police chief, 2 sergeants and one officer.

Base wages in 1998 will total about \$674,000. The figure does not include overtime and pay for part-time, seasonal employees hired each summer. Life guards, arts and crafts workers, parks and recreation employees, and others are paid anywhere from \$6.35 to \$8 per hour depending on their position and years of service to the village.



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A WOMAN AND her 2 young children were extricated from a car that was discovered upside down in a deep ditch on the east side of Colwood Road, just north of Hobart Road, early Monday morning. Ambulances transported all 3 occupants to area hospitals. Witnesses said the vehicle had apparently been in the ditch several hours before it was discovered. No other information was available at press time.

Retailers: holiday sales not bad, despite economy

Local retailers are reporting decent holiday sales in spite of a struggling economy and the loss of hundreds of factory jobs in the Thumb over the past several months.

"I guess it was a little bit slow (as far as individual customers, but we had a lot of commercial sales — like factories, churches, the hospital — which compensated for the other," said Bud Schneeberger at Schneeberger's Furniture, TV and Appliance.

Schneeberger said commercial customers have included Millennium Industries and Hills and Dales General Hospital, both in Cass City, and the Lighthouse in Caro, as well as churches in the area. Across the street at Timeless Treasures, owner Bunny Porter reported sales were down a bit.

"I think it was down a little from last year," she said. "I think that a lot of people did a lot of last minute shopping,

but overall it turned out well."

Sales between Thanksgiving and Christmas are a key part of annual sales for many retailers, including Porter. "I'd say it's very important," she said. "It kind of carries you through the winter."

Fairway Discount Store Manager Chris Wright indicated she was pleased with this year's holiday sales.

"We did really good this year, I think a little bit better than last year. We sold a lot of gifts and Christmas items," she said. "A week after Thanksgiving was really busy, then it slowed down, then 2 weeks before Christmas we were really busy."

Steve Eyer, manager of Coach Light Pharmacy, offered a similar report.

"I think we did quite well. We also do quite well in gifts and we have a good selection," he said, noting col-

lectibles and Hallmark ornaments continue to be very popular items among customers. The store's "12 Days of Christmas" promotion, which offered special items on sale each day, also helped, he added.

Considering the economy, Eyer said, "I think we did as well as expected, maybe even better than expected."

All of the retailers agreed the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's Christmas in the Village promotions continue to be successful in terms of drawing more people into town.

This year's promotion included an open house on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, with all retailers encouraged to participate. New this year was a "Cass City Cash" promotion in which shoppers could purchase fake money at a 20 percent discount and spend it just like

legal tender at local businesses. The available \$5,000 in Cass City Cash disappeared in just 4 1/2 days.

The chamber also organized the Christmas in the Village Extravaganza Dec. 7, which featured a community gathering, refreshments, singing and Santa's arrival.

"I think that it brings people into town and gives them a good sense of community, and once they're in town they do some shopping," Porter said.

Eyer agreed. "It served its purpose. The idea is to get people into town and it seems to be working," he said. "We saw a lot of dollars even that early — the Sunday open house before Thanksgiving."

"The funny money seemed to do quite well, and obviously that's \$5,000 spent. Please turn to page 9.

The year in review: 2002

Ask a dozen area residents to describe 2002 and chances are good you'll get a dozen different answers.

The year was tragic for those who lost a loved one in an accident or violent crime; challenging for local school officials struggling with revenue losses stemming from shrinking enrollments, and county officials unable to secure millage to offset red ink; victorious for law enforcement officials working to put drug dealers out of business.

The list goes on and on. The only constant seemed to be

change.

The new year is just a day away. But before marching onward, it seems appropriate to take a brief look back on the past 12 months and the events that helped shape 2002.

With that in mind, the Chronicle presents the following top stories of the year as compiled by the editorial staff.

MILLAGES

Good economic news was a rare commodity in 2002 as communities, the

state and nation struggled in the wake of the terrorist attacks of more than a year ago.

Locally, increasingly tough financial times prompted a host of area governmental units and agencies to seek more tax revenue from voters, who both supported and rejected millage increases.

In Cass City, voters supported a pair of taxes in August to support Rawson Memorial Library, and county residents as a whole approved funding for renovation/expansion at the medical care facility. However, voters rejected requests to boost funding for county government.

Tuscola County commissioners revised their requests and tried again in November. The vote was closer, but residents again rejected a proposed increase in taxes. The county has since approved some \$450,000 worth of cuts in non-mandated services, and more are likely in the face of another state revenue fund cut of about \$40,000. Commissioners recently voted to try for third millage sometime in 2003.

Elsewhere, Gagetown voters approved a 7-mill tax increase to offset chronic red ink in that village's budget, and Kingston Community School voters okayed a \$3.9 million bond issue to fund an elementary school expansion project.

BUSINESS

On the business front, there were ups and downs along Main Street. Cass City, with some businesses closing and others opening their doors. The death of longtime businessman Tom Sutter briefly closed Sutter's Bakery, which has since been purchased and reopened by Doug and Kathy Kruse.

A restructuring at TI Group led to the move of 50 jobs at Walbro Engine Management to Mexico. However, the company plans to create more jobs locally with the addition of nearly \$2 million

worth of new and replacement equipment.

Millennium Industries, meanwhile, moved into the former General Cable Co. building and is expanding its manufacturing operation. Company officials project employment will increase by 50 workers in 2003, with sales expected to reach about \$65 million.

Regionally, the farming community enjoyed some victories when the new farmer-owned Michigan Sugar Cooperative closed on its \$63.5 million purchase of 4 Michigan Sugar Company plants, including one in Caro. Cooperative officials recently announced an initial payment of \$26 per ton to the grower/owners for what they described as a decent first crop.

Another shot in the arm was provided by Broin Companies of South Dakota, which recently opened Michigan's first ethanol plant in Caro. The plant, which employs about 40 people, will use about 16 million bushels of corn each year to produce 40 million gallons of ethanol and 120,000 tons of livestock feed. Aside from creating a new local market for corn, the plant is expected to pour millions of dollars into the area economy annually.

ELECTIONS

Area voters had a hand in deciding several heated political battles in the November general election, which saw Michigan residents elect the state's first female governor in Democrat Jennifer Granholm, who defeated Republican Dick Posthumus. Locally, voters returned incumbent Republican Tuscola County Commissioner Ed Scollon to office. New district boundaries forced Scollon into a 4-way race in the primary. He defeated challenger John Hunter in November.

In other high profile races, Democratic Congressman

Jim Barcia topped former state Rep. Mike Green for Joel Gougeon's State Senate seat, and first-term incumbent state Rep. Tom Meyer turned back Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern to win another term.

ENROLLMENTS

Area schools continued to struggle with enrollment losses in 2002.

Cass City School officials estimate the district has lost 100 students over the past 3 years, which translates into \$650,000 in state funding. In response, the district took advantage of 2 principal retirements to reduce the administrative staff in an effort to reduce expenses. Also eliminated were 2 teaching positions.

In the Owen-Gage School District, the board of education also reduced its administrative staff and recently approved a spending freeze in hopes of stemming the tide of lost state funding. The district's enrollment has fallen by some 80 students over a 5-year period.

QDMA

A grass-roots organization composed of Thumb area sportsmen and women formed and quickly went to work when the Thumb branch of the Quality Deer Management Association proposed mandatory point restrictions for whitetailed deer hunters in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties.

Members of the United Sportsmen's Alliance immediately raised the money they needed to fund a campaign against mandatory point restrictions. They lobbied the Natural Resources Commission and held public information meetings.

In the end, the group claimed the victory when a DNR survey of hunters and landowners failed to net enough support to secure a recommendation of approval.

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AARON ARMSTEAD stands in the candle shop he and his fiancée, Sherri Custer, recently opened in Cass City. Mythos Creations offers a variety of candles, crafts and classes along with fantasy-based collectible game pieces.

Mythos Creations

Couple opens candle, gaming business

Aaron Armstead and Sherri Custer are newcomers to the world of small business ownership, but the couple more than make up for their inexperience with an enthusiasm for what they hope to achieve and contribute to Cass City's business community.

Armstead, a Cass City native, and Custer, a former Chicago resident, opened Mythos Creations, located next to Howard's Heating,

just over a month ago.

The business is a combination candle shop and fantasy-based game collectibles store.

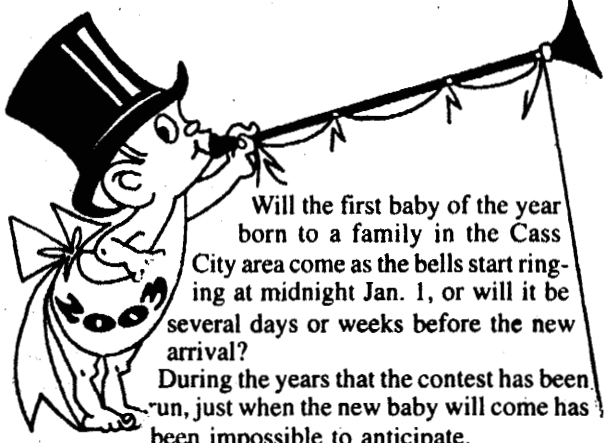
Armstead spent 14 years living in Florida before returning to Michigan in search of a better job market. He met Custer, now his fiancée, while living in Ann Arbor. The pair met when Armstead began working at a Meijer's. "She (Custer) was the store trainer. She trained me so

well she took me home," Armstead joked.

He credits his return to Cass City to his father, longtime Cass City accountant Ray Armstead, who had found a candle shop business for sale on the internet auction site e-Bay and asked his son if he would be interested in the business. He also owned the building in town, so the couple decided to give it a

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Gifts await first newborn of 2003



What's sure is that area merchants have a host of prizes waiting for his or her arrival. In 2001 the first baby was Ethan Hunter Fetterhoff, son of Steve and Lindsay Fetterhoff, arriving on Jan. 1 at 10:38 a.m. In 2002 the first baby, Anthony James Gamet, did not arrive until Friday, Jan. 18.

Regardless of the date the new arrival will have a host of prizes from area merchants.

There will be an evening out with 2 free passes and free refreshments for the parents at the Cass Theatre.

Coach Light Pharmacy will give \$10 towards any prescription needed by the family. Eria's sends best wishes to the new arrival with a \$10 gift certificate.

Special Scents Floral Shoppe has a \$20 floral bouquet to help the family celebrate.

Two banks in the community will start the new arrival off with a savings account. Chemical Bank and Thumb National Bank each has a \$10 savings account waiting. Independent Bank will present the new arrival with a \$50 savings bond.

The family can read about the new arrival and the local news all year with a free one-year subscription to the Chronicle.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



Pat and Dean Adams, Bob and Joan Jackson, Thelma Jackson, Marie Grifka and family, Mike and Linda Rumpitz and family, of Uby; Lin and Tony Tittjung and family of Sterling Heights; Rich and Ginny Bukowski and family of Lake Orion; John and Sue Mergl and family of Oakland; were among 40 family members, which includes 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, that attended a Christmas celebration, dinner and gift giving on Christmas day at the home of Clarence and Vivian Rumpitz.

Volunteers planning supper

The Tuscola County Volunteer-In-Action group invites the public to an all-u-can-eat chili and hot dog supper Thursday, Jan. 16 at the Caro United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (lower level parking lot) from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Cost for adults is \$3.50, youth (12 and under) is \$1.75 and under 3 is free. Take out orders are available.

Door prizes will be given. All proceeds go towards the volunteer program and activities for senior citizens and the disabled.

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of Mrs. Earl Schenk. Paul O'Henley of Birch Run, Mark O'Henley of Chicago, Keith Rutkowski of Marquette, Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski, Brian, Julie and Amy, Albert and Ann Depcinski, Andy, Steve and Heather, Wilfred Depcinski, Dale and Elaine Laming, Kevin, Tracy, Gary and Lisa, Ervin Depcinski, Allen and Alice Depcinski were Christmas day dinner guests of Alvin and Anita Iseler and family of Port Hope.

Allen Farrelly was an early Christmas dinner guest on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and sons.

Early Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurdorf of Cass City were Christine Damm of Alexandria, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kohtz, Landon and Micklea of Wayland; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rubey and Paul, Clara Bond of Cass City; and Thelma Jackson. Other afternoon guests were Bob Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker on Saturday.

Estella Tyll and Mrs. Mike Maurer were Monday evening guests of Jack Krug.

Visitors through the week to see Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Nancy Braun and girls, Donna Walsh, Christopher and Amy Chockley and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and Lana Puterbaugh.

Rick Stuart, Ed Schember, Jim Lewis, Wayne Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe for breakfast Saturday morning.

Randy Schenk, John, Durell, Amber and Janec visited Mrs. Earl Schenk on Tuesday.

Heather Depcinski spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farrelly of Clarkston entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly and sons and Allen Farrelly, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rickling and family of Rochester Hills for Christmas dinner on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Particka.

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended the Daughters of Isabella and the K of C Christmas party at the K of C Hall in Bad Axe on Thursday. A potluck lunch was served. The group sang Christmas songs and Santa gave out the presents.

Tim O'Connor who is stationed in the Army in Ger-

many visited Wayne Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hill, Adam and Andrea of Ruth and Mrs. Mike Maurer were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gordon and family at Port Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly went to Bay City on Tuesday to get Sharon Franzel of Georgia who is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Bryce and Betty Hagen were Dennis and Sharlene Hagen, Clint, Melissa and Dylan Hagen, Brad Hagen and a friend, Mary Hagen and friend Jim, Ellen and Mike Moorman, Jim and Dorene Hagen, Nicholas and Jennie. After supper Christmas gifts were opened.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson on Monday.

Bob Andersen of Livonia and Mrs. Earl Schenk visited Arlene Champagne on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka were Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Archie Guigar.

Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy of Caro were Sunday afternoon guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski.

Frances Tschirhart of Bad Axe, Mary K and Dan Ritter, Alex and Elizabeth of Elkton, Sally and Pat Bell, Lauren and Katelynn of Cheboygan, Bruce Sweeney, Wayne Sweeney, Eric and Heidi Sweeney and Brandon, Nicole, Brett and Bruce Sweeney were early Christmas dinner guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

David Matthews of Bad Axe was a Monday evening guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Sharon Franzel of Georgia, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly were Saturday dinner and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Rita Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Saturday afternoon.

Bryce and Betty Hagen visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Medical Care Facility on Wednesday.

Bob Andersen of Livonia spent from Tuesday till Thursday with Mrs. Earl Schenk.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Loeffler and Chris and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dewildt, Payton and Sadie were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loeffler at Midland.

Engaged



Carlenda Haukoos and Reid Goslin

John and Barbara Gennardo of St. Charles, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carlenda Kae Haukoos, to Reid J. Goslin, son of Francis and Evelyn Goslin of Gageton.

Carlenda is a 1991 graduate of St. Charles High School in St. Charles, Ill. and a 1995 graduate of Northern Illinois University. She is employed as a teacher by L'Anse Creuse Public Schools in Macomb.

Reid is a 1985 graduate of Owen-Gage High School and a 1989 graduate of Michigan State University. He is also employed as a teacher by L'Anse Creuse Public Schools.

A July, 2003 wedding is being planned.

Sprague poster winner

Desirae Sprague, a sixth grader at Owendale-Gageton Schools, was awarded a plaque and a \$50 check award for her winning poster in the local Lion's Club International Peace Poster contest.

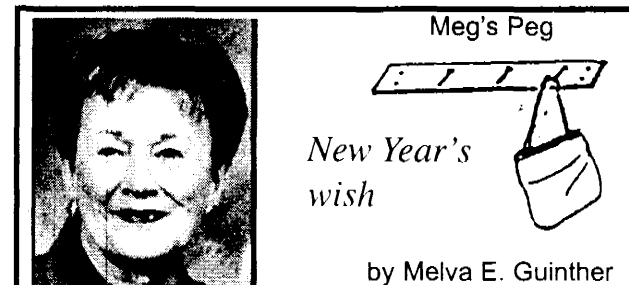
Lion's Club representative Fred Sullivan presented Sprague with her award Dec. 16 at the school.

The year's theme is "Dreaming of Peace". Sprague's poster will advance to the next round of competition. All students who submitted posters for the contest were also awarded certificates.

Adam Kain, a senior at Owendale-Gageton Schools, was also awarded a plaque for his winning poster in Lion's Club Jr./Sr. High Peace Poster contest.

This year's theme was also "Dreaming of Peace".

Kain's name will be the first name engraved on a special plaque that will be permanently displayed in the school. The Lion's Club plans to host the event annually. All junior and senior high students who participated in the contest received certificates.



I trust all of our readers had a merry, fattening Christmas. It's almost inevitable that we overeat during the holidays. Isn't that part of the fun? The Christmas cookies, the cheese balls and candy, not to mention the traditional Christmas dinner with all the

trimmings almost ensure the gain of at least a few pounds. Frankly, I agree with the wise person who said it's not what you eat between Christmas and New Year's that does you in, it's what you eat between New Year's and Christmas.

Nevertheless, I thought most of us could relate to this clever poem from the Crosswalk website.

"Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse. The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste At the holiday parties had gone to my waist. When I got on the scales there arose such a number! When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber), I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared; The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rare, The punch and the candy, the bread and the cheese And the way I'd not said, "No thank you, please." As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt And prepared once again to do battle with dirt - I said to myself, as only I can, "You can't spend the winter disguised as a man!" So - away with the last of the sour cream dip, Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip, Every last bit of food that I like must be banished Till all the additional ounces have vanished. I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread or pie, I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry. I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore - But isn't that what January is for? Unable to giggle, no longer a riot, Happy New Year to all, and to all a good diet!"

Winter reading program on tap

Looking for an enjoyable indoor activity that the whole family can participate in this winter? Join the Rawson Memorial Library winter reading program, "Snowy Days". This program encourages every member of the family to read as many books as possible during the 6 weeks between Jan. 13 and Feb. 21.

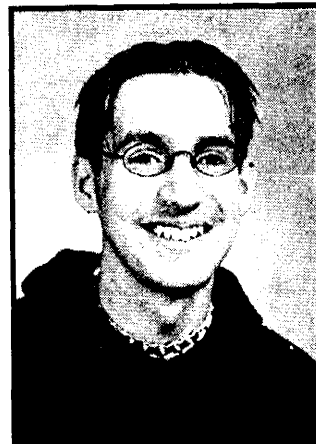
When enrolling, each family will receive a book bag, bookmarks and a reading log to keep track of books read. Every family that reads will win cool prizes at a closing party set for 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26. The family that reads the most books will win a gift certificate for pizza and bowling at Charmont. Second place prize is movie tickets for the Cass Theatre plus popcorn and drinks. Many other prizes will be given out - you won't want to miss it!

Complete rules for the program will be available at sign-up beginning Jan. 6. Every member of the family is encouraged to read this winter and win some prizes in the process. So grab your coat, pull on your boots and "on a snowy day find your way to the library!"

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Wise 'student' of month' at O-G



James Wise

James Wise has been named Owendale-Gageton Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for December.

Wise has been a member of the 3.0 Club each year at Owen-Gage and a member of the National Honor Society his junior and senior years. He was a homecoming representative both as a freshman and as a senior. He also has participated in both basketball and football.

As a junior, Wise was a member of the French Club. Currently he is serving as a

teacher's aide and is vice-president of the senior class. Wise is the son of Casey and LaDonna Wise of Gageton. His future plans include pursuing a master's degree in Forensic Science at Michigan State University.

Classes scheduled

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, is offering a series of diabetic classes on Wednesday mornings, Jan. 8 through Jan. 29, from 9 to 11 a.m. Whether you're a newly diagnosed diabetic or someone with diabetes who would like more information, this series of classes is for you.

Classes will be presented by Ann Booms, R.N., certified diabetic educator, along with Denise Schmidt, registered dietician.

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<p>Computer Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Adobe Photoshop I & II ◆ Basic Keyboarding ◆ E-Mail Attachments ◆ Exploring your PDA ◆ HTML I & II ◆ Introduction to Computers ◆ Mail Merge ◆ Microsoft PowerPoint ◆ Microsoft Publisher ◆ Microsoft Word Excel Access ◆ PrintMaster Gold ◆ QuickBooks Pro ◆ Quick Bytes Forms Business Cards Booklets <p>Career-Technical Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Automatic Transmissions ◆ Basic Construction ◆ Basic Machining ◆ Blueprint Reading for Machinists ◆ Building Trades ◆ Certified Nurse Aide Training ◆ Computer Numerical Control ◆ Differential & Manual Transmissions ◆ GED Preparation & Testing ◆ Medical Terminology ◆ Network + Certification ◆ Welding & Cutting 	<p>Senior Citizen Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Chair Aerobics ◆ Matwork Pilates ◆ Nutrition Diabetes General Healthy Heart ◆ Senior E-Mail ◆ Senior Introduction to Computer I & II ◆ Senior Microsoft Excel ◆ Senior Microsoft Publisher ◆ Senior Microsoft Word ◆ Senior PrintMaster Gold ◆ Therapeutic Water Exercise ◆ Therapeutic Water Wakeup <p>Personal Development Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Art of Drawing ◆ Crocheting Basics ◆ Easter Floral Arrangements ◆ Knitting Basics ◆ Lawn Care ◆ Matwork Pilates ◆ Perennial Garden Care ◆ Scrapbooking ◆ Sign Language ◆ Therapeutic Water Exercise ◆ Valentine Bouquets <p>Youth Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All-Terrain Vehicle Safety ◆ Babysitting Training ◆ Karate for Kids ◆ Tiny Tots Swim
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Happy New Year and it's time to start breaking all those new year resolutions that didn't go crashing at that New Year's Eve party.

Max & Erma's are a small chain of restaurants, one of which we visited at 2515 Lake Lansing Road, just off the 127 exit at the Eastwood Town Center mall in Lansing.

My choice was Singapore Salmon, basted with a tangy Oriental sauce, and served with mashed potatoes and a vegetable.

She ordered shrimp served with a "loaded" baked potato with cheese, bacon bits, chives and sour cream.

She had a cup of coffee and I a cup of chili. The chili was top notch and had me wishing that I had a bowl full and forgot about the salmon.

The food was good, but not exceptional. The prices were slightly above average. The bill was \$34.82, plus tip. A 6.5 on the 1-10 scale. Give it a 6 if you don't count the chili that, for me, rated about 9.5.

MADD (Mothers against drunk driving) is again distributing red ribbons to be placed on vehicles as a reminder to drive sober this holiday season and all through the year. The Chronicle has a very limited number of ribbons available for supporters of the program.

Memberships are solicited, \$10 for senior citizens, \$20 for individuals and \$40 for families. Accident victims and their families can be members at no cost. Membership applications are available with the ribbons.

For further information call Carole Johnson, 810-245-6200.

The holidays are nearing the end and as they are my reaction is always the same. It was a great time and it was a hectic time. It distorts the regular rhythm of work and play. Thursdays feel like Monday and Wednesdays like Sunday.

It's like taking a vacation when it's great to go and great to get back. Routine is comfortable. It will be nice to return to our normal Wednesday publication date.

The annual special section devoted to weddings and solutions to problems that may occur will be coming your way in mid January. It will feature the latest fashions. Area firms are advertising special gifts and bridal services.

One of the most popular features in the section is pictures of couples who have been married 25 years or more. Just bring in a current picture (or we will take one) and a picture when marriage vows were exchanged.

There is no charge for publishing the pictures. Deadline for receiving the pictures at the Chronicle is Friday, Jan. 10.

Pictures will not be harmed. All pictures will be available to be picked up immediately after publication.

TRY THE CLASSIFIEDS!

\$47,779 awarded to help Tuscola needy

Tuscola County has been chosen to receive \$47,779 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consisting of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and the United Way of America.

The local board was charged with distributing the funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

The local board is made up of several community agencies, including the Human Development Commission (HDC), Church of the Sacred Heart, Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, Bethel Chapel Assembly of God, Jewish Faith, Saginaw Inter-tribunal Association, American Red Cross, United Way of Tuscola County and Continuum of Care - Thumb Area.

This board will determine how the funds awarded to Tuscola County will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice non-discrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Tuscola County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with many organizations, including Thumb Area As-

sault Crisis Center, St. Agatha Food Pantry, Tuscola Place for Peace, Tuscola County Homeless Coalition, and Share Shop participating. These agencies were responsible for providing 12,362 meals and 78 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Sean Smith, Local Board contact person, at the Human Development Commission (HDC) at 1-800-843-6394.

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is one of 1,000 Community Action Agency members of the National Community Action Partnership. As such, it is dedicated to "Helping People and Changing Lives". HDC offers more than 50 programs and services for individuals and communities, helping them to secure the resources necessary for self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

The Haire Net



Let's not let 2002 be placed in the record book without sincere wishes for a happy new year and thanks for contributions to the community and to the less fortunate that were given a helping hand when it was needed most.

The list is endless, but first our thanks to special contributors to the paper.

Laura Enderle's reports from Brazil are detailed and great. They came so well written and interesting that we were able to publish them verbatim. She has a rare talent if she elects to enter the journalism field.

Alissa Pasant has kept us informed about school affairs for 2 school years. When she moves on she will leave big shoes to fill. Melva Gunther has been retired for a couple of years now, but she continues to write her column. Doug Hyatt is always agreeable to help when asked. Our Thelma Jackson still reigns as the only person on the staff who pre-dates me at the paper.

A happy new year. To Shelia Tomlinson for her work on the benefit for Kelly and J.C. Knight. To Gary Vollmer and Kelly Smith for bringing Millennium to the community. To Roger Marshall for his contribution to Northwood Meadows. To Ed Fox for his work on so many community projects. To Wayne Dillon who each year can be depended on to volunteer for any community event.

To the ABATE bike riders who proved again that a motorcycle club can be a credit to the community. To Amy Osantowski and Scott Mills for keeping the traditional free Thanksgiving dinner alive and well for another year. To Bert Althaver who never saw a committee formed for the community good that he failed to join and devote more hours to than was expected or re-

quired. To Pat Curtis who has been quick to support our schools and our community.

Those are just a few names that come flitting by my radar screen. There are others, dozens, perhaps hundreds, that should be listed.

How can you name all the folks who opened their hearts and their wallets when called. The hundreds who lent a helping hand for the Knights and Alison Emmert and those who worked to make sure that there was something for Christmas in every area home.

They all helped make it a happy year as possible for everyone and we wish them the best in the year ahead with thanks for all they have done in the past.



The back forty by Roger Pond

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Everyone has their own measure of prosperity. For some it's a trip to Europe. Others might want a new sports car.

For me, nothing says prosperity like your wife going out and buying a rock. I figure when a person starts buying rocks we can assume they have just about everything they ever wanted.

That's why I was surprised when my wife bought her rock last week. I knew she had a lot of stuff, but certainly not everything!

I'm not suggesting I'm a good provider or anything like that. Connie makes more money than I do. Has for several years.

That doesn't bother me, though. I tell people, "My wife makes more than I do per week and per month, but I still make more per hour."

Buying boulders has me a little shaken, though. I've never really thought about buying a rock, except for gravel and stuff like that.

Rocks are like bottled water it seems to me. "But we already have water in four-teen different faucets."

"Then, it's not in a bottle, now is it?"

It might be different if we lived in the city, where you can't find a good rock when you need one. But we have rocks like a bulldog has ugly.

We've got all the basic stones: Boulders, mossbacks, rollers, pounders, skippers, flingers. We never seem to have the right kind, however.

My wife's new rock is columnar basalt. It only cost \$11. The rock costs \$11, but the hole costs \$60.

It seems this company sells you a rock. Then they charge you \$40 per foot to drill a hole in it.

I guess that's what baffles me the most. Buying rocks is one thing, but buying holes! That's about as extravagant as one can get.

Connie needs a rock with a hole for a water feature. The magazine story shows a rock in a pool of water with a pump underneath. The pump forces water out the top - where it trickles down over the side.

(The whole thing looks like a drinking fountain to me.)

Then, this week we got a phone message from the rock company saying they had

trouble drilling the hole. "The rock must have had a crack in it," the woman said. "When the guys tried to drill the hole, the rock broke. You will need to come in and pick out another one, or stop at our other location where we have some already drilled."

"The rock broke!?" I thought. "Hot dog, the rock

broke! Now maybe we'll have some time to rethink this project."

I have suggested we get some flat rocks (like we already have) and make a larger pool with a waterfall. I know it's going to cost a lot more in the long run, but I'll do almost anything to avoid buying a hole.

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Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant



The nets are up, and volleyball season is in full swing.

The girls have been working hard since before mandatory practices even began.

During the summer, there were open gyms for anyone who wanted to go and play and these continued throughout the school year until practices started. The open gyms were moved to Saturday mornings so any volleyball player who was also in another sport had the opportunity to attend. Practices for volleyball players didn't begin until November 20. This was two days after mandatory was supposed to begin, but the girls' basketball team was playing in districts at the time.

All three volleyball teams, freshmen, JV and varsity, participated in a fundraiser at the start of their season. The fundraiser was called "Maid for a Day." The players sold tickets for \$2 apiece, or six tickets for \$10. There were twenty winners from the fundraiser. The volleyball players had to go and clean a winner's house or do odd jobs for that person for two hours. The teams would split up into groups of two or three to go and clean. This fundraiser helped buy new

uniforms, tournament shirts, and to get team shoes for the first time.

Third year coach, Amy Cuthrell, coaches the freshmen team. The team consists of 11 players and they have been consistently strong at the freshmen level. The team's first game was December 14, at the North Branch Tournament. Coach Cuthrell said, "If we continue to work hard, we should be competitive."

Sally Pergande coaches the JV team. The team consists of 11 players. The captains of the team are LuAnn Laming and Krista Homakie. On Wednesday, December 18, the JV had a scrimmage at home against Mayville, Vassar, and Marlette. They ended up taking 5 out of the 6 games that they played. Then on Friday, December 20, the team traveled to Caro where they won the Silver Bracket Round. Coach Pergande said, "I have a real rounded team with a lot of good athletes. They can play all positions. I am looking forward to a very good year." The JV's next game is Friday, January 3, at Bad Axe.

Beth Howard coaches the varsity volleyball team. The team consists of 11 players: 3 seniors, 7 juniors, and 1 freshman was moved up to varsity. The team's captains are Becky Hartel, Krystee Dorland and Amy Howard. The varsity's season began in the summer. They attended Northwood University Team Camp at the end of July. This was a 3-day camp where they learned drills and scrimmaged other teams. The varsity has been doing very well. When they traveled to Vassar on Wednesday, December 18, the team beat Vassar, Mayville, and Marlette. The scores of the Vassar games were 15-5 and 15-8, the scores of the Mayville games were 15-0 and 15-1, and the scores of the Marlette games were 15-3 and 15-0. The varsity also took second place at the Caro tournament Saturday, December 21. The only team they lost to was Nouvel Catholic Central, a Class B school. Coach Howard said, "I have a real solid team with no weak spots. We should do real well this season." The varsity's next home game is Monday, January 6 with Caro.

Snowmobile safety classes scheduled

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department in cooperation with MSU Extension's 4-H Youth Program will be sponsoring Snowmobile Safety Classes in January. Deputy Rod Jaskowski will be conducting the hands-on safety class.

The classes will consist of one session from noon to 5 p.m. Those participants that are 12 (in 2003) to 17 years old by March 1, 2003 will receive certification - if the entire class is attended and tests passed. Please bring your helmet and appropriate clothing. Testing will be held at the conclusion of the class.

Youth under 12 years old will receive a certificate of completion. Parents and children under 12 are also welcome to attend.

The sessions are scheduled at the following dates and locations: Sunday, Jan. 19, and Jan. 26, at the County Conference Rooms located at 37 Austin St. in Sandusky. Both sessions will be held from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Registration forms may be obtained by contacting the Sanilac County Extension Office located at 37 Austin St. in Sandusky (810) 648-2515. When registering please indicate at which session you will be attending. There is no cost involved to participate in this class. Registrations are due Jan. 17.

First aid classes offered

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, will be offering a Red Cross Certified First Aid class Wednesday, Jan. 8, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Huron Medical Center's West Campus, 1142 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe (east end of the health department).

The cost of the class is \$15, which must be prepaid one week in advance of the class.

The class will concentrate on how to recognize when professional assistance should be called and the appropriate action to take until professional help arrives.

To register, please call Huron Medical Center's Health Management Department at (989) 269-2882 before Wednesday, Jan. 1. Class size is limited.



PICTURED above are (from left) Sue Mohr, National Workforce Association; Marv Pichla, executive director, Thumb Area Michigan Works!; Ken Mayfield, president, National Association of Counties; and Hub Walsh, National Association of County Human Services Administrators.

Thumb Area Michigan Works! honored recently

The National Association of Counties is recognizing Thumb Area Michigan Works! with the 2002 Workforce Development Award of Excellence.

The Thumb agency received this award on behalf of the National Association of Counties for Auto-Mation 2002.

"We are honored that Auto-Mation 2002 is receiving national recognition," said Thumb Area Michigan Works! Executive Director Marv Pichla. "It teaches 21st century work ethic, which includes not only showing up on time, being clean and conveying a willingness to learn, but also retaining a basic knowledge of technology, communication and quality. These skills are essential to achieving success in today's workplace."

Pichla accepted the award in November during the 31st annual Workforce Development and Human Services Conference in San Francisco, California. This is the second time Thumb Area Michigan Works! has won this award. The first time was back in 1998 for its Tool Chest program.

Auto-Mation 2002 also won Michigan's 2002 Excellence in Customer Service

Award in August. Thumb Area Michigan Works! partnered with Ford Motor Company, Learning Designs, Inc. and Questech to design and pilot this innovative work training program in Lapeer, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

The next session of Auto-Mation classes begin Monday, Feb. 3, 2003. Also beginning Feb. 3, 2003, is Auto-

Mation's sister program, Serv-Ustry. This work training series focuses on customer satisfaction, service industry principles, technology and communication in non-manufacturing fields.

For more information on Auto-Mation and Serv-Ustry, please call Thumb Area Michigan Works! at (989) 635-3561.

Sanilac Dairy Banquet slated

Are you ready for a fun night out filled with great entertainment and a chance to renew old friendships? Then make plans to attend the 67th Annual Sanilac County Dairy Banquet.

The banquet will take place on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Sandusky High School at 7:30 p.m. Sandusky High School is located on Pine Tree Lane, which is east off of M-19 on the south side of Sandusky.

This year's entertainment will be highlighted by the first-ever appearance in Sanilac County of famed comedian and magician Joel Tracey, whose act combines comedy, juggling, and magic. He is renowned across the state of Michigan as a premier entertainer.

The Sanilac County Dairy Banquet is held each year to celebrate the accomplishments of Sanilac County's largest industry: the dairy industry. Sanilac County is home to more dairy farms than any county in the state of Michigan. Each year the important accomplishments of individual dairy farmers and dairy farms are honored at the Sanilac County Dairy Banquet.

Tickets are available at the Sanilac County Michigan State University Extension Office at 37 Austin St. in Sandusky or from one of the following dairy banquet committee members: Mike Bender and Dr. Rick Langolf of Croswell; Dorothy Sanford, Dr. Mark Fox and Mary Nichol of Deckerville; Tom Stamp of Marlette; Art Glaza of Decker; Dinah Osentoski of Uby; Dwight and Nancy Bartle of Brown City; Pam Thom of Peck; or any of the DHIA technicians (Mark Battel, Kim Byrnes,

Letters to the editor

Author needs a reminder

Editor

I just finished reading Mr. Donaldson's Letter to the Editor.

Someone should remind him that he lives in the Best Country in the world and things get done because people pay taxes.

If he dislikes this place so much I'll buy him a flashlight and he can go for his midnight walks and try living in Canada or better yet, Mexico.

Stanley Otulakowski,
Snover

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.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch for: The National Rural Health Association at www.NRHA.org.

The National Association of Counties and Allergy and Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics at www.aanma.org.

The Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission at www.sweetpotato.org.

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Enderle sends holiday greetings

Editor's note: The following is a "letter home" written by Laura Enderle, an Owen-Gage High School junior who began a year-long adventure in July as a Rotary Exchange student in Taubate, a city of about 245,000 people in Brazil. Enderle is the daughter of Ron and Arlene Jamieson of Cass City and Frank Enderle of Caro.

Five months have already gone by since I first arrived in Brazil. Once I make it through the holidays, it's all down hill from there. I have already received papers from my travel agent to confirm my flight home. I think they send it this early so exchange students have enough time to realize we must return.



I sure have done and seen some amazing things so far, but now that it's summer here the only thing I want to see is my swimming pool or my fan spinning while enjoying a cold glass of water.

Before I left on my trip to Pantanal and Bonito, I had my first Rotary Conference in Brazil. It was very similar to the get-togethers in my district back home, with all the "inbounds", "outbounds", "rebounds", and parents. They arranged separate meetings with all the different groups, and this time, instead of making sure I had all my paperwork done and correct, I was on the other end and they were making sure I was having fun and enjoying my time in Brazil.

After all the meetings and presentations, Rotary held a dance for everyone with a live D.J. It was so much fun, the students danced all night and later enjoyed swimming, singing next to the pool (accompanied by a guitar player) and playing billiards. Finally, at 6:30 a.m., the last exchange student went to sleep, but I don't know why - the wake-up call was 7:30 a.m.

Unlike in the states, Rotary did not give us a curfew and I am thankful for that because this was probably one of the most enjoyable weekends I have had yet in Brazil! Unfortunately, it lasted only 2 days and everyone left by noon Sunday.

BEAUTIFUL CITY

My first host family took me up the mountains Nov. 9 to see a beautiful city called Campos do Jordao. This town is the city with the highest altitude in Brazil. It's also the coldest and is known as the "Sweden of Brazil".

The city has lots of tourism and reminded me of Frankenmuth because the architecture and designs are very similar. In July they have a big winter festival that many people from all over Brazil attend.

Nov. 15-18 I took my last trip to Ubatuba with my first host family. We had a full house all weekend. It was a normal weekend other than it rained more than usual, but it was nice to cool things off.

On the way home we stopped in a little town called Sao Luiz, which is known for and named after a famous Brazilian doctor who lived and practiced here in the

1800s. It was a very short visit because it was such a hot day and everyone wanted to get home. I thought it was very thoughtful for them to stop there and let me see the city as they have done many other times.

Nov. 23 my Rotary district held a barbecue get-together for Christmas at the farm of one of the Rotarians. He gave us a small tour of his farm and I got to see many exotic fruit trees. Did you know there are 14 different kinds of bananas grown in Brazil?

It was really great to be able to see all the exchange students from my district again. It doesn't really feel like Christmas time here because all the holiday get-togethers are usually barbecues, but I am getting used to it.

BIG MOVE

Thanksgiving Day was the day of my big move. What an emotional day! I packed everything the day before so that on Thursday, I simply had to clean my room and could spend the rest of the day with my family. They had a nice luncheon for me with flowers. In return I had gifts for them with flowers as well. It was a nice dinner with a lot of reminiscing.

Later in the day, while I was cleaning my room, my mom came in and started asking me questions she already knew the answers to, then she sat down on my bed and we started to cry. She told me how special I was to her, how much fun she had with me and that I will always be her daughter.

We hugged and went to the kitchen to cook together with Rose (our maid). When Rose was getting ready to leave, I started to cry again! She is such a wonderful person and I enjoyed so much talking to her and helping her every afternoon. She almost started to cry, too, and told me that I have to visit often and share my pictures with her (she loved to see all my pictures because she has never been to many of the places I have been to in Brazil).

I gave her some of my clothes I didn't wear anymore and I realized how thankful she was for them when she didn't even look at all of them or pick through them. It was such a comfort to be able to give back to her.

I was preparing to leave when a bunch of relatives started showing up at the house. Little did I know my mom had planned a small farewell party for me. It was short and sweet, but certainly made me realize how well I was liked there and how much I truly loved my family.

When my second mom, Marcia, came to pick me up, I cried again because this family and home was the first and only thing I had known since I left Huron County. When I thought about it, I didn't want to move. After everything was loaded and hugs and kisses were exchanged, I headed down the road (2 blocks away). That night my family went over a few basic rules with me, then we all slept. I was so exhausted, I slept like a baby.

NEW FAMILY

My new family is a lot different from my first family, but I am trying to adjust as well as possible.

My dad is a professor at the University of Taubate and teaches endodontics. He goes to work very early and comes home late. When I do see him, mostly on the weekends, we usually have some pretty good conversations. He is a very intelligent, interesting and understanding person. My mom is a dental hygienist in Taubate. Although she doesn't work very often, she is not home a lot and when she is, she's sleeping.

I have a 14-year-old sister who plays soccer, guitar and recently started to play piano. My 10-year-old brother rarely talks to me because he is always in front of the computer screen. I also have an 18-year-old brother, but he is in Finland on a Rotary exchange. Everyone is looking forward to his return Dec.

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My family is pretty private and likes to stay in their rooms when they are home even though there are many things to do here. This family has 2 separate houses that are right next to each other. One is where we actually live and sleep and is very fancy. The other house is where we eat and store things, and it has a backyard where we can swim, play volleyball, soccer and ping pong, or just relax in the Brazilian sun.

We also have 2 Doberman dogs that are caged in the back yard. When they are loose I am not allowed in the second home because I am told they will eat me.

We have 2 maids in this home. One works Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and only cooks and does laundry. The other comes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and strictly cleans the houses. I am not expected to help and

am bored a lot more often here.

VISITS

When I am bored here I visit my first host family or exercise at TCC. These days I exercise about 3 to 5 hours a day. I am taking aerobics, a spinning class (biking) and a class called Body Combat. There are only a few weeks left until the northeast tour, so I need to get in shape for all the beaches!

Since I arrived in Brazil I have lost 3 kilos (7 pounds). I am sure it doesn't seem like a lot to you, but considering most exchange students gain weight on their year away, I am doing pretty good. I am satisfied with myself, it just takes a little self-discipline.

Like I mentioned before, time is going pretty fast. Once my brother comes home, the whole family is taking a vacation to an is-

land near Ubatuba for New Year's.

I have to return early to get ready for my northeast tour. A few places I will be visiting are Belo Horizonte, Ouro Preto, Brazilia, Maceio, Natal, Fortaleza, Recife, Salvador, Porto Seguro, and our last stop will be Rio de Janeiro for 5 days.

Once January flies by while I am on vacation, I will be back in school in February and home before you know it.

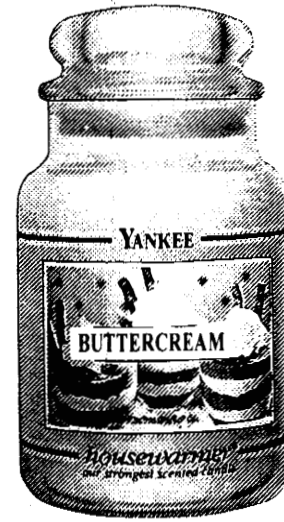
I hope everyone enjoys the holidays. It sure has been different for me. If nothing else, I now can truly appreciate the meaning of Christmas, having spent it away from home for the first time in a completely different culture and atmosphere.

Thank you for all the continuous mail, prayers and support.

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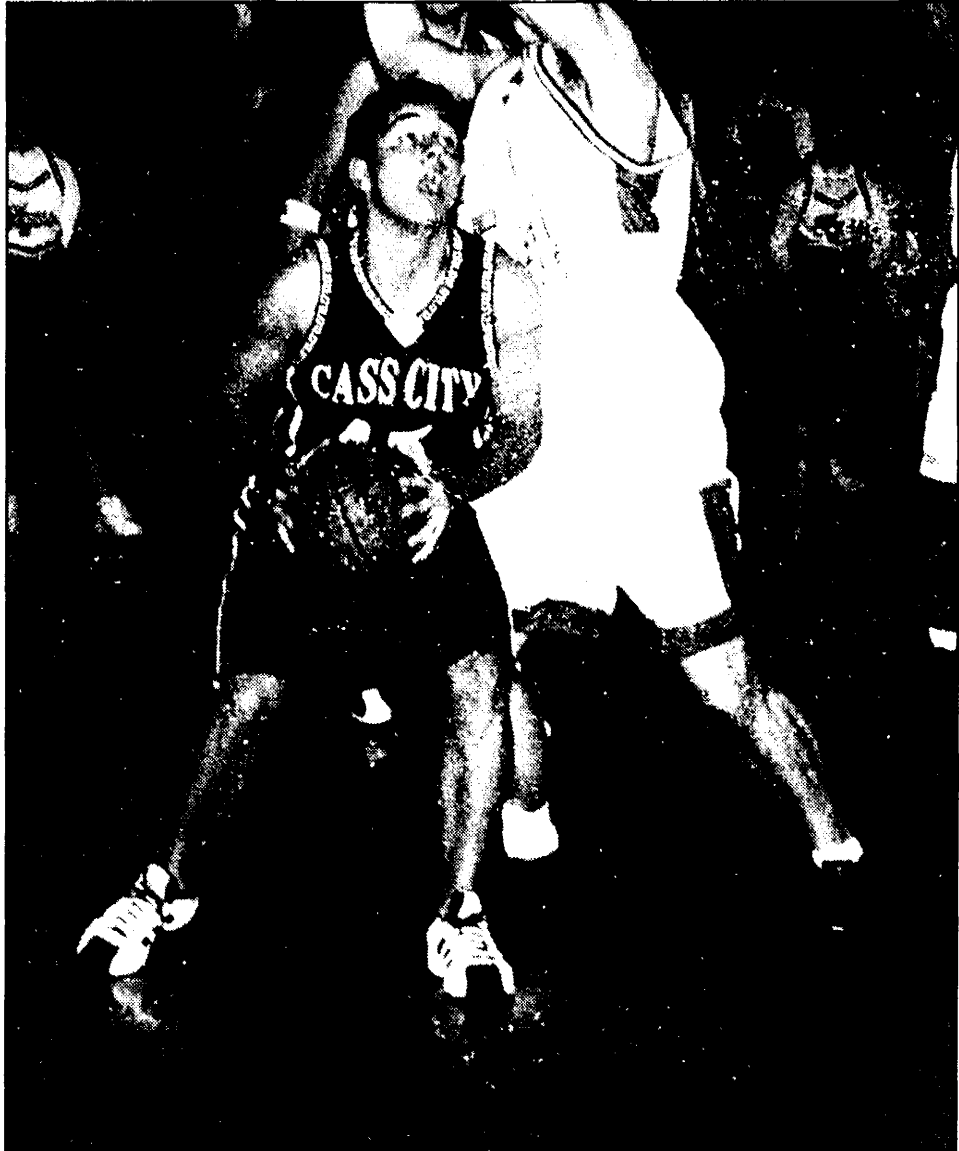
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THE CASS CITY RED HAWKS consistently are pitted against taller players this season. A team rebounding effort led by Chris Maharg (pictured) has kept them competitive with an unexpected 4-1 record after Friday's win over Caro.

Hawks win nail-biter over Caro to retain M-81 trophy

Cass City owns the M-81 Traveling Trophy, given to the winner of the Caro-Cass City game, for another year. They own it, but can they find it? Right now it's lost, but the good news is that school officials will have a full year to find it following Cass City's 60-53 win at Caro Friday.

Although Cass City led most of the way, it was a nail-biter all the way, tied at the end of the first quarter and tied again at 30-all in the opening moments of the third quarter. But the Hawks came back to take the lead and stayed ahead the rest of the way.

Chris Maharg started the spurt with a 3-pointer. Tyler Erla converted one of 2 from the charity line and followed it with a hoop after a beautiful feed from Jake Brinkman to put Cass City in front, 36-30.

Caro answered that spurt as Brandon Emeott and Joshua Nordstrom scored to move the Tigers to within 2 points with 3:14 left to play.

In the last 3 minutes of the quarter the Hawks went on a 9-2 roll to open a 7-point gap going into the final period. Nordstrom scored the first

2 baskets in the last quarter to move the Tigers to within 3 points with 4 minutes left.

Matt Stoutenburg hit a big 3-pointer and Erla counted 5 points as he scored and then scored again and was fouled.

With a 53-46 lead, Cass City switched to a controlled ball offense with 1:23 left. The Hawks scored their last 7 points from the foul line as Stoutenburg hit 2 of 3 and Maharg 5 of 6 to cement the win.

It was a big win for us against a good team, coach Aaron Fernald said. Getting to the free throw line 22 times and holding our own on the boards against the taller Tigers were keys to the win, he pointed out.

Erla was named the game's most valuable player. He scored a career-high 22 points and was especially effective in the first quarter. The Tigers jumped off to a 6-0 lead before Erla scored 7 straight points to put the Hawks in front 7-6. After a triple by Maharg he added 2 more hoops for 11 points in the quarter that ended tied at 14.

For the night the Hawks had 3 players in double figures.

Besides Erla, Maharg scored



Tyler Erla - MVP

15 points and Matt Stoutenburg netted 11. Nordstrom led the Tigers with 15 points and Corkins was in double figures with 10.

Cass City will swing back into league action Friday and will be favored to defeat visiting Bad Axe. But who knows? Upsets have been the norm, not the exception in league play this season.

The Cass City junior varsity defeated Caro, 45-35.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS AND SCHEDULE

GREATER THUMB WEST			
Team	W	L	W L
BCAS	2	0	4 0
Cass City	2	0	4 1
Reese	1	1	3 1
Valley Lutheran	1	1	3 1
Laker	0	1	3 1
USA	0	1	2 1
Bad Axe	0	2	2 2

GREATER THUMB EAST			
Team	W	L	W L
Marlette	2	0	2 2
Harbor Beach	1	0	2 2
Deckerville	1	0	1 2
Sandusky	1	1	2 2
Brown City	1	1	2 3
Ubyly	0	1	2 3
Mayville	0	2	0 4

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB NORTH			
Team	W	L	W L
Caseville	3	0	3 0
North Huron	3	0	3 0
Owen-Gage	1	2	1 3
Port Hope	0	3	0 3
A-Fairgrove	0	3	0 3

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB SOUTH			
Team	W	L	W L
CPS	3	0	3 0
Kingston	2	1	3 1
Peck	2	1	2 1
Memphis	1	2	2 3
Dryden	0	3	0 3

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Cass City 80, Caro 53
Ubyly 72, North Huron 36
Capac 58, Brown City 55
Kingston 68, Genesee Christian 48
BCAS 51, Bangor John Glenn 40

USA to meet

The next meeting of the United Sportsmen's Alliance will be held at the Cass City Gun Club Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. Final plans will be made for the banquet to be held at the Ubyly Fox Hunter's Club on M-19

(north of Ubyly) Jan. 18, at 5 p.m.

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Rep. Tom Meyer.

The public is invited to attend both events. For more information, please call (989) 872-5606.

Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This week's match ups	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
January 3 Bad Axe at Cass City Laker at USA Reese at Mayville Valley Lutheran at BCAS Brown City at Marlette Ubyly at Sandusky Harbor Beach at Deckerville Peck at Owen-Gage CPS at Cros-Lex	Cass City USA Reese BCAS Brown City Ubyly Harbor Beach Peck Cros-Lex	Cass City USA Reese BCAS Brown City Ubyly Harbor Beach Peck CPS	Cass City Laker Reese BCAS Marlette Sandusky Harbor Beach Peck CPS	Cass City USA Reese BCAS Brown City Ubyly Harbor Beach Peck CPS
Season's results	27-13 (68%)	28-12 (70%)	27-13 (68%)	30-10 (75%)

Spikers compete at Alma

The Red Hawk volleyball team traveled to Alma Saturday and returned home with a 3-3 record during play at the 20-team invite.

Alma (22-23, 21-19, 14-16) and Freeland (15-21, 13-21) defeated Coach Beth Howard's spikers, while the Hawks knocked off Bay City Central (21-13, 21-16) and Waverly (21-11, 21-18) in its pool play matches. Howard explained that rally scoring was used in the pool play rounds with a cap of 23 points.

"We faced a lot tougher teams," says Howard. "That will help us entering league play."

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AMY HOWARD



BECKY HARTEL

Cass City's pool play mark of 2-2 earned them a spot in the Silver bracket elimination rounds where they defeated Lakeville, 15-6 and 15-12, before exiting the tourney with 15-12 and 15-10 decisions against Pewamo-Westphal.

Amy Howard led Cass City on the day with 30 kills, 7 blocks and 47 assists, while Becky Hartel added 30 kills, 42 assists and 2 blocks. Mallory Powell recorded a team best 31 points to complement 39 digs.

Krystee Dorland continues to play well for the Hawks along the back row, chipping in 89 receptions and 74 digs. Cass City also received 14 kills from Lindsey Hendrick and a dozen kills from Courtney Green.

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Cass City Bowling

Thursday Nite Trio As of Dec. 26

Schmaltz Construction	7
JEBCo	6
Dairy Queen Braz-Caro	5
Mycogen Seeds	5
Cass Tavern	4
Wickes Lumber	4
Osentoski Farm Equip.	4
Marlette RV	3
Riversbend	3
Marlette Oil & Gas	3
Kelly & Co.	3
Martin Electric	1

Individual High Games & Series: O. Beecher 224-223-213 (660); Da. Beecher 243-210 (614); D. O'Dell 236-213 (614); J. Brinkman 212. Team High Game: Marlette RV, 676. Team High Series: Dairy Queen Braz-Caro, 1969.

Sunday No Rollers As of Dec. 15

Out of the Kitchen	4
Been There Done That	3
Par-T-Ranch	3
Deford Drifters	3
Damn Near Last	3
Rolling Thunder	2
CB's	2
Chemical Bank Pinheads	1
We'll Get Back To You	1
Fearsome Foursome	1
One-Nighters	0

Individual High Games & Series: R. Wright 226; R. Kessler 224 (579); D. Brown 222; D. Williams 222 (599) - 125 pins over series. Team High Game & Series: Out of the Kitchen, 819 (2228).

Merchanette League As of Dec. 19

Langenburg Plumb/Heat21	19
The Chiropractors	19
Charlie's Angels	19
FBI Gals	18
Cablettes	18
Thumb Octagon Barn	13
JB's Crew	13
Osentoski Realty/Auct.	12
All Season Video	10
Moffitt's Corner Store	10
Gagetown Cutting Corners	9

Individual High Games: J. Montgomery 186; D. Gornowicz 183-169; J. Morell 179; M. Gettel 176-155-153; J. Bemus 175-168; R. Diaz 175; D. Potrykus 168; B. Doran 168; C. Brown 168-167; D. Williams 167-158; C. Smith 166; P. Bauer 161-155; E. Romain 160; C. Davidson 159; S. Hutchinson 159-158; C. Wallace 158; L. Pabst 157; L. Clark 154; M.A. Opanasenko 153; F. Witherspoon 152; N. Ellis 151.

Individual High Series: D. Gornowicz 487; M. Gettel 484; C. Brown 479; D. Williams 467; S. Buschlen 461; P. Bauer 459; J. Bemus 454; J. Krol 453; C. Smith 453; C. Wallace 452. Team High Game: The Chiropractors, 668. Team High Series: FBI Gals, 1812. Split Conversions: N. Ellis 3-10.

Merchants As of Dec. 12

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Charmont	19
Locust Hill Farms	13
Muffler Man	13
Trisch Septic	13
Charmont Motel	12
Lee Morgan Painting	11.5
Stafono's	11
Patrick's Flooring	3.5

Individual High Games & Series: J. Smithson 237-264 (701); T. Pattengill 289 (667); M. Gettel 246 (617); R. Byrnes (590); R. Hull (590); T. Lis 225 (588); J. Krol 220 (584); D. Hyatt (583); K. Repshinska 211-213 (580); D. Ortan 225; D. Salcido 213; T. Kuck 212; M. Zawilinski 212; S. Summers 211. Team High Game & Series: Charmont 995 actual, (2873 actual).

Wedding Announcements and Invitations



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BASKETBALL - WRESTLING - VOLLEYBALL

GYMNASTICS

CATCH THE HAWKS AT HOME BASKETBALL

January 3
Cass City vs. Bad Axe
January 7
Cass City vs. Marlette

VOLLEYBALL

January 6
Cass City vs. Caro
January 9
Cass City vs. BCAS

WRESTLING

January 11
Cass City Invitational

Cass City Red Hawks 2002-2003 Boys' Basketball

Dec. 10	Brown City 49, Cass City 53
Dec. 13	Valley Lutheran 62, Cass City 70
Dec. 17	Ubyly 51, Cass City 42
Dec. 20	Lakers 40, Cass City 48
Dec. 27	Caro 53, Cass City 60
Jan. 3	Bad Axe 5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 7	Marlette 5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 10	USA 5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 14	Mayville 5:00 p.m. A
Jan. 17	Reese 6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 21	Deckerville 5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 24	BCAS 5:00 p.m. H
Jan. 30	Valley Lutheran (F) 6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 31	Valley Luth (JV/V) 6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 4	Lakers 6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 7	Bad Axe 5:00 p.m. A
Feb. 11	Harbor Beach 5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 14	USA 6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 21	Reese 5:00 p.m. H
Feb. 25	BCAS 5:00 p.m. A
Feb. 28	Sandusky 5:00 p.m. H
March 3-8	Districts @ Cass City TBA

Cass City Red Hawks 2002-2003 Wrestling

Dec. 5	N. Branch/Bridgeport @ N. Branch	6 p.m.
Dec. 7	Cros-Lex (JV/V)	10:00 a.m. A
Dec. 12	Caro/Gaylord	6:00 p.m. A
Dec. 14	Marlette (JV/V)	8:00 a.m. A
Dec. 19	Pinconning/Gaylord	6:00 p.m. A
Jan. 3	North Branch (JV)	5:00 p.m. A
Jan. 4	North Branch (V)	9:00 a.m. A
Jan. 8	USA/Brown City @ Brown City	6 p.m.
Jan. 11	Cass City Invite	10:00 a.m. H
Jan. 15	Valley Luth/Lakers	6:00 p.m. H
Jan. 18	Mayville Invite	8:00 a.m. A
Jan. 22	Marlette/Novel/CC @ Marlette	6 p.m.
Jan. 25	Imlay City	8:30 a.m. A
Jan. 29	Sandusky/Mayville	6:00 p.m. A
Feb. 1	Standish/Sterling	9:00 a.m. A
Feb. 5	Millington	6:00 p.m. H
Feb. 8	League Invite @ Mayville	10 a.m.
Feb. 12	Team Districts	TBA

Cass City Red Hawks 2002-2003 Girls' Volleyball

Dec. 14	North Branch (F)	9:00 a.m.	A
Dec. 18	Vassar (V Quad)	6:00 p.m.	A
Dec. 18	Vassar (JV Quad)	6:30 p.m.	H
Dec. 20	Caro Invite (JV)	4:15 p.m.	A
Dec. 21	Caro Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Dec. 27	Alma Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 3	Bad Axe Invite (F/JV)	3:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 4	Bad Axe Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Jan. 6	Caro	6:30 p.m.	H
Jan. 9	BCAS	6:30 p.m.	H
Jan. 11	Laker Invite (F)	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 13	Sandusky	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 16	Valley Lutheran	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 18	Laker Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 18	Cass City Invite (V)	10:00 a.m.	H
Jan. 23	Lakers	6:30 p.m.	H
Jan. 30	USA	6:30 p.m.	A
Feb. 1	Northwood Invite (V)	TBA	
Feb. 1	USA Invite (F)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 6	Reese	6:30 p.m.	A
Feb. 8	USA Invite (V)	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 8	Fenton Invite (JV)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 13	Bad Axe	6:30 p.m.	H
Feb. 15	Laker Invite (V)	9:00 a.m.	A
Feb. 15	League Invite (JV) Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 15	League Invite (F) USA	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 20	Ubyly	7:00 p.m.	A
Feb. 22	League Invite (V) Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.	A
Feb. 22	Northwood Invite (JV)	TBA	
Mar. 1	Districts		

Cass City Red Hawks 2002-2003 Gymnastics

Dec. 17	Vassar	6:00 p.m.	A
Jan. 4	Cadillac Invite	11:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 9	Hartland	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 11	Troy	10:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 18	Hartland Invite	9:00 a.m.	A
Jan. 20	Midland	6:30 p.m.	A
Jan. 25	Vassar Invite	Noon	A
Feb. 8	St. John's Invite		
Feb. 12	Midland/Freeland	6:00 p.m.	H
Feb. 18	Vassar/Cadillac	6:00 p.m.	H

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Ugly Schools' Marc Tenbusch Longtime business manager honored

Marc Tenbusch, Business Manager of Ugly Community Schools for the past 47 years, was recently honored at a retirement party attended by some 400 people at the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus Hall.

The celebration was held at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church of Parisville. A polka mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. T.J. Fleming, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church of Ugly and the Rev. Fr. William Rutkowski, pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church of Bay City.

Providing music were Wally Tenbusch of Bad Axe and Douglas Tenbusch of Cass City, nephews, and James Lepeak, a friend, of Auburn. Readings were given by Luann Oberski of Ruth and Mary Ventine of Ugly. Gift bearers were Beatrice Oswald of Minden City and Bob and Marie Tenbusch of Bad Axe, sister and brother. Eucharistic ministers included Erma Cook of Ruth, Bernard Puvalowski of Ruth and Gloria Smalley of Ugly, all

friends of Tenbusch.

Ushers of hospitality included friends Gerald Booms and Eugene Smalley of Ugly and James Maurer and Marvin Cook of Ruth. Cross bearer was Calvin Oberski of Ruth, friend. Steven and Brian Rutkowski of Ruth were altar servers.

John and Marilyn Bismack, friends from Minden City, served as host and hostess for the mass and reception. Tenbusch offered the petitions and prayers of the faithful.

Following the reception line and dinner, an appreciation program was conducted with various speakers. Richard Holdship of Ugly served as master of ceremonies. Toast to the guests was given by Wally Tenbusch. Appreciation remarks were given by Fred Ligrow, Ugly High School Principal; James Maurer, a friend; A. James Philp, president of Ugly Board of Education; Barbara Polega, director of finance at Huron Intermediate School District; and David Jaroch,

president of Ugly Education Association.

Concluding remarks were made by David Landeryou, superintendent of Ugly Schools. He also presented plaques from James Barcia, U.S. Congressman, and Tom Meyer, State Representative. Plaques were also given by the Board of Education and the Ugly Athletic Association. Tenbusch was given a lifetime admission to all athletic events.

Tenbusch began working in the business office in 1957, at which time he was drafted into the U.S. Army until he was honorably discharged in February 1959. His military time was served in Personnel Headquarters of the 1st Guided Missile Battalion of Fort Bliss (El Paso) Texas.

He resumed his duties as business manager June 1, 1959, until December 31, 2002.

He is a member of Michigan School Business Official, St. Mary Roman Catholic Church of Parisville and St. Mary's Men's Club, St. Mary Parish Council (president numerous times), St. Mary Parish Festival Committee, Saginaw Diocesan Commission, Ruth Knights of Columbus Council No. 3823, Member Ugly Community Club (former president and secretary), and the Pulaski Club of Bay City.

He was inducted into the Michigan State Polka Hall of Fame in 2001, was a "Top 10" Educational Office Personnel of the Year in 1971-72, and is a recipient of the Thumb Friend of Youth Meet of Champions Award.

Tenbusch is the son of the late Clarence and Helen Tenbusch.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

The old and new will be combined New Year's Eve in Cass City as the 31st Annual New Year's Eve Concert gets underway in the new Cass City Middle School gymnasium. The concert, sponsored by the Cass City Layman's Club, is slated to begin at 8 p.m. and will be the first major event held in the new gym.

The combined base wages for Cass City Village employees will total about \$42,400 more in 1998. The Village Council's recent adoption of a proposed 1998 budget formalized across-the-board pay raises of 3 percent for all full-time employees. The increase is the same percentage approved in 1997.

Princess beanie baby, the hot collectible of the year, a \$5.95 doll, is selling for upwards of \$250, but 5 of them are being given away by Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn, co-owners of the Cass City Ben Franklin Store. The organizations receiving the free beanies will be the ones with a plan that promises the most good for the community, Prieskorn explained.

10 YEARS AGO

Cass City could have a parks and recreation director next year if a proposal now under consideration becomes reality. The plan was mullied last week by the Village Council. The park director proposal was brought up by Trustee Matt Prieskorn, chairman of the council's Parks and Promotion Committee, who stated the idea was discussed recently during a meeting attended by representatives of village government, chamber of commerce, retailers and recreational groups.

Five Owen-Gage High School band members have been selected as members of the Tri-County Honors Band, which will perform next month in Caro.

Mary Damm said she has been teased because the Chronicle greeting ad last week listed her in charge of circulation. That's the least of what I do, she says. The truth is that in a small operation like ours, everyone wears a multitude of hats. Everyone on the staff could probably qualify for all of the departments listed with the exception of columnist and publisher. Without exception, we could list everyone as "gofers".

25 YEARS AGO

Navy Equipment Operator Third Class Robert B. Goodall, son of Martha E. Blehm of Gageton, recently participated in a search and rescue mission in the Mediterranean Sea. He is serving as a member of Beachmaster Unit Two, homebased at the Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, VA. Nov. 25, his unit was involved in the search and rescue of five sailors who were adrift at sea in a utility launch.

Recent figures indicate Michigan economic well-being has improved on two fronts - total employment and personal income are increasing faster than the national average and welfare caseloads have hit a two-year low. Governor Milliken called the figures encouraging news and cited a major factor in the rebound from the 1973 recession was due to the industrial plant rehabilitation act.

General Telephone is in the process of changing the coin telephone operating procedure in the Cass City exchange, according to Division Manager C.R. Kowalski.

In the past it was necessary to deposit money into the telephone prior to placing a local call or dialing the operator. Under the revised system, no coins need to be placed in the telephone to contact the operator. To speak with the operator, lift the handset and dial "0".

35 YEARS AGO

Increased rates for all classes of mail except parcel post and international mail will go into effect Monday, Postmaster Grant Glaspie reminded postal customers today. The new rates are six cents for first-class, 10 cents for airmail; for postcards, five cents, and for airmail postcards, eight cents.

Persons who operate snowmobiles on public streets and roadways or on shoulders are violating state and village laws, Chief Carl Palmateer of the Cass City department announced this week. Violators can be arrested for operating an unlicensed vehicle on public thoroughfares, Palmateer continued, but the department recognizes that there are times when there is a legitimate need for snowmobile operators to cross a street or highway. The department also cautions operators who travel across private property, to secure the permission of the landowners first.

The most widely circulated column in Michigan will appear in the Chronicle beginning this week. It is "If It Fizz" written by Jim Fitzgerald, editor of The Lapeer County Press. Fitzgerald admits his wide Michigan circulation, even leading such nationally syndicated columnists as Ann Landers, is purely temporary. While the Detroit Free Press and News are on strike, his column is appearing in one of the big city's emergency newspapers, The Daily Express.

Walk for Warmth set

Three area bands, Garage Girlz, Triple Gain, and Far In-Between made a special performance Nov. 22 at the Brentwood in Caro to benefit the Human Development Commission (HDC) Walk for Warmth campaign.

The bands put on a 2-hour concert and entertained many friends, classmates, and parents. Admission of \$5 went to help families who are experiencing heating emergencies. The concert raised nearly \$300.

"When Jana Wagner (a member of Garage Girlz and a senior at Caro High School) called me to ask if I would be interested in having these 3 bands raise money for Walk For Warmth, I was thrilled. I was so impressed that Jana and other band members contacted the Brentwood, distributed flyers, held a rehearsal, and arranged for all of the concert details. I was also very touched by their eagerness to help people in our community. The band members have graciously agreed to hold another concert in 2003," commented fundraising Manager Olga Long.

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will hold its 12th annual Walk For Warmth campaign Saturday, Feb. 22. Simultaneous walks will occur in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, beginning with registration at 9 a.m. and the walks themselves at 9:30 a.m. Participants are volunteers from HDC and the community; each gathers pledges in advance and walks on a one-mile fixed route on the day of the event. The Tuscola County Walk For Warmth Committee is headed up by Long and Assistant Branch Manager of Independent Bank East Michigan in Caro, Jessica Swanson.

Donation canisters will be dropped off at several locations around the county and W4W Donation Boots will be available as well. Schools, local churches, and businesses in the county will receive pledge sheets and flyers. The Tuscola committee will be holding a W4W Luncheon at HDC in February. The date is to be announced. For further information or to receive pledge sheets, call Long at the Tuscola County HDC office at (989) 673-4121.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:
Earth Share at www.earthshare.org.
American Diabetes Association at <http://store.diabetes.org>.
The Susan G. Komen Foundation at www.breastcancerinfo.com.
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The American Psychological Association at www.helping.org.
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Journal of Natural Health at www.whitewing.com.
The Polaroid Education Program is at www.polaroidwork.com/education.
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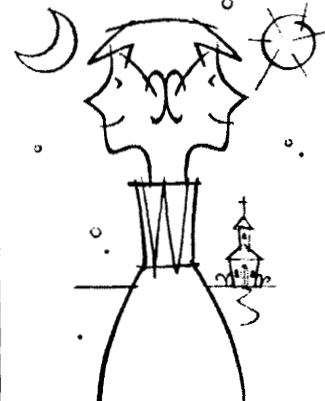
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The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god of gates and doorways, who is depicted as having two faces looking in opposite directions. Thus, we think of January as the doorway to the New Year, a time when we close the door on the old year and open the door to the new one. It is a time to reflect on the past and resolve for the future. January is also the month when most of us make — and break — our New Year's resolutions, perhaps because we are overly optimistic about the future while neglecting the realities of the past. Our past really does influence who we are, and it is virtually impossible to throw it off in a wholesale way. Likewise, we often set impossible resolutions for ourselves, somehow expecting that we can become completely different people overnight. This year, as you look back on your past and forward to your future, consider how your past has shaped you, and take that into account in framing your goals for the future. Resolve to be happy with who you are while trying to improve yourself modestly. A calm acceptance of ourselves, with all of our faults, and a gentle resolve to be a better person, if only in some small way, is a fitting way to start the year. Finally, start the new year prayerfully, seeing God's counsel in understanding your past and planning for your future.

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Pastor: Ellen Burns
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Couple opens "Mythos Creations"

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go. It was a natural fit for Armstead and Custer, whose shared interest in mythology made it easy to come up with a name for their new business.

"Aaron and I are both pretty creative and between us we've covered just about every craft medium you can do. I think we have a lot to offer," Custer said.

"We started out at renaissance fairs," she added, noting she specialized in making stuffed dragons and wire bead jewelry while Aaron enjoyed creating clay dragons and is skilled in glass etching.

"She's been wanting to do (candles) since she was a

kid," Armstead said.

The couple's start in the candle-making business was provided by the owner of the business they purchased, Alpena resident Jim Miller, who showed them the ropes, offering his 30 years of experience.

"It takes some getting used to, but it's not really that hard," said Custer, who compared candle-making skill to cooking. "It's really in the technique," she added. "Doing this by hand - it's a pretty involved process. You have to be patient, that's what I'm learning."

Custer explained the process begins with melting wax - temperature is a key in candle making - and then experimenting with various scents and shades of color.

"It's all done in double boilers. There is no flame," she said.

The couple spent a couple weeks working with Miller while at the same time cleaning out and fixing up their store. The training period was short, but they quickly began building an inventory of candle types, from tiny scent buttons to votives to jar candles and pillars. They've also created some of their specialty candles, such as a platter of cupcakes, complete with "frosting".

"We plan to do specialty holiday candles," Custer said.

"We also do custom orders, so if someone wants special scents or special colors... if it's within our power to make it, we will," Armstead said. Custer noted her work has

involved a lot of experimentation. She recently created her own signature scent, which she calls Mythos Rose, and she's been giving away free tea light samples.

The couple, who have already hosted some local scouting groups and showed them how to make angel cup candle holders and granulated wax candles, is planning a full slate of classes in January offering instruction in making beaded earrings, beaded cabochon, charm bags, ice candles and hurricane candles.

Aside from candles, the shop also features some of Armstead's dragon figures and glass etchings. The couple also offer some items created by other Thumb artists, including cast cement

leaves created by a Port Hope resident, and sterling silver and crystal jewelry made by Cass City's Donna Auten.

Next door, Armstead has set up his gaming business, which features HeroClix - miniature collectible comic book heroes - along with the fantasy-based Mage Knight and futuristic Mech Warrior collectibles. He explained the collectibles are used in tabletop strategy games.

"One of the nice things about the miniatures is you don't have to spend a lot of money," Armstead said.

Custer nodded, adding \$20 can purchase a starter kit with enough pieces to start playing right away. "We wanted something that everybody could do, but not the same old, whatever.

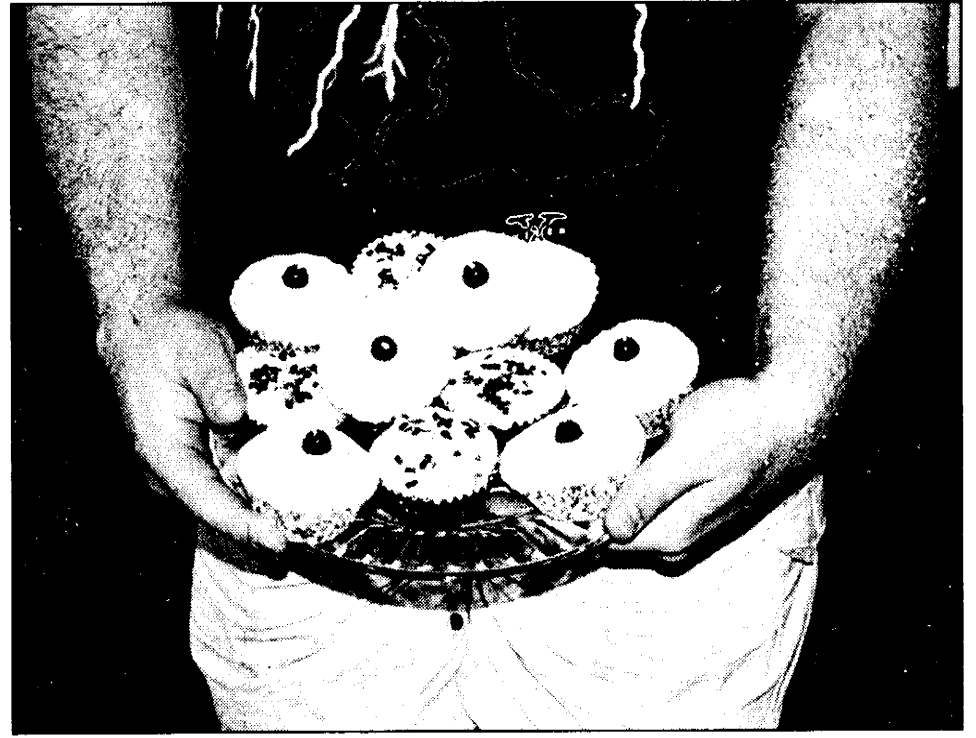
Tournaments are popular among kids and adults alike, according to Armstead, who plans to give free demonstrations and host tournaments. Family game nights featuring checkers, chess and board games are also in the works.

"You know, come on in, just get comfortable and you don't have to go and spend a lot of money," Custer said. She emphasized that kids are welcome to stop by and visit.

"You need to have things to keep kids occupied" in a small town," Custer added. "You have to have something for them to do."

Armstead and Custer hope to see a regular flow of customers once area residents become familiar with their new business. In the meantime, they're doing all they can to ensure someone's first visit isn't their last.

"I try to look for things that someone will come in and say, 'wow, I've never seen anything like that before,'" Custer said. "I'm so proud of what I've brought in and I'm proud of what we're turning out ourselves."



THIS IS AN example of the couple's custom candle-making skills, a platter of frosted cupcakes.



EMPLOYEE NICOLE Ash checks stock at the Fairway Discount Store in Cass City, where store Manager Chris Wright reported holiday sales were very good this year in spite of a slowed economy.

Local sales not bad

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here in Cass City," Eyer added

"They (chamber promotions) do help," Wright said. "The more advertising you get out there, the better."

Police probe break-in, theft

The owners of a new Cass City business received a rude welcome from a would-be thief last week.

Cass City police are investigating an attempted break-in early Thursday morning at the business, Mythos Creations, 6529 Main St.

Co-owner Aaron Armstead told police a young male suspect attempted to enter the business by breaking glass in the front door sometime around 4:20 a.m. The suspect was then seen running north behind the building.

In other reports, police are looking into several incidents of theft at a local restaurant.

Alicia Hoppe, a manager at Little Caesar's, 4518 Leach St., told officers \$350.13 is missing from the business. Hoppe stated she discovered \$65 missing from the register and \$70 from a safe when she opened the business Dec. 22. She also reported amounts of \$75.19, \$85.25 and \$54.69 were found missing Dec. 11, 15 and 19, respectively.

Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

The joyous sounds of carolers and the beauty of the Christmas season were found at Northwood Meadows in December.

Bright red poinsettias graced the entry of our facility and each of our resident suites in Assisted Living. In our Great Room our beautiful fireplace featured fanciful stockings (hand-made by Pat Smith and Delores Bednarczyk) and the twinkling of white lights over pine garland. White doves of peace and ornaments of gold, blue and burgundy graced the tree. In the lobby a very special Christmas tree held family heirloom ornaments belonging to many of our residents. Our Dementia Care Center was truly a showcase for lovingly homemade ornaments on the Christmas trees and decorations everywhere you looked. Thank you Sue Pawloski and your entire staff for creating such an enchanting environment.

Our grateful thanks to all the groups who came to sing carols for our residents during the month, and who did such a terrific job of it: Cub Scout Pack 3594, Girl Scout Troop 604, Cass City High School Chorus, Cass City High School Honor Society, the Farver Road Baptist Church, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classes of Mrs. Walker, Mrs. McGee, and Mrs. Bushong at Campbell Elementary School. Hot chocolate and treats were given to all! We appreciate the leaders of these groups for remembering our residents!

We also send high praises to Karen Raths for her splendid program of Christmas Music played on the organ. Local church ministers reminded us of the reason for the season when they gave services here this month.

Lastly, we held our Holiday Buffet for our residents and their families along with our employees and their families. This proved to be a wonderful afternoon for all of us to gather for a potluck menu, a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus (thank you Paul & Phyllis Findley of Caro for putting us in touch), and most importantly love and laughter.

The residents and staff members of Northwood Meadows would like to wish all of our readers A Very Healthy and Happy New Year.

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After experiencing a total knee replacement four years ago, Mary Hillman of Imlay City did not look forward to having to go through the process of surgery and recovery once again. But the absence of cartilage and the onset of arthritis in her right knee made the prospect of surgery loom in her future.

That is, however, until she once again consulted Dr. John DeSantis at The Knee and Orthopaedic Center in Lapeer.

"I didn't want go through the recovery process again for three to six months," remarked Mary when she visited Dr. DeSantis. What she didn't know at that time, however, was that Dr. DeSantis had something else in mind that could alleviate Mary's discomfort and perhaps prolong the need for surgery.

DeSantis, who had earlier performed Mary's left knee replacement surgery, suggested she try the visco supplementation injection called Supartz. These injections, applied directly into the side of the knee, serve as a lubricant between the joints of the knee. Although not a permanent solution or an alternative to surgery, Supartz can alleviate both pain and discomfort and can also postpone the need for surgery.

Administered in a series of five weekly injections, Supartz can bring relief from the agony of knee pain for up to six months or more. And, if the pain begins to return, the Supartz treatment can be re-administered. In Mary's case, she remains trouble-free after her last injection four months ago.

"It's working so far for me," remarked Mary who, along with her husband of 55 years, Howard, lead full and active lives as the parents of three children, the grandparents of seven and the great-grandparents of six... with one more great-grandchild expected to arrive soon.

Now under Dr. DeSantis' care for approximately five years, Mary would recommend The Knee and Orthopaedic Center to everyone.

"They're great," she exclaimed. "Even if the waiting room looks busy, there's never any wait. Everything moves right along. The girls of the staff take great care of you and once you're in the examination room, the doctor is with you within five minutes."

"Even when I was in the hospital after my knee replacement surgery, Dr. DeSantis came to see me everyday and gave me excellent care," she added.



From Left: Gordon A. McClimans II, D.O.; Nicole Ruzzone, P.A.-C.; John G. DeSantis, D.O.; Joseph Paese, D.O.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith D. Weber and Heidi S. Weber, Husband and Wife (original mortgagors), to TCF National Bank f/k/a Great Lakes Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1983 and recorded on October 5, 1983 in Liber 537 on Page 1067 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on November 14, 1983 in Liber 537 on Page 58, Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 39/100 dollars (\$19,447.39), including interest at 7.360% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 30, 2003.

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

Commencing at a point on the West 1/8 line of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, 270.50 feet northerly along said section; thence northerly on said 1/8 line 100 feet; thence westerly 175 feet on a line 1/4 extended westerly to intersect the west line at a point 374.08 feet northerly along said section line from the southeast corner of said section; thence southerly parallel to the west 1/8 line 100 feet; thence easterly 175 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 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 1, 2003
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
 Team F (248) 593-1313
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys and Counselors
 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200234566

Team F 1-1-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry G. Nusz and Holly N. Nusz, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Small Business Administration, Mortgagee, dated October 15, 1996 and recorded on October 22, 1996 in Liber 699 on Page 952 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation. Assignee by an assignment dated January 17, 2002, which was recorded on February 22, 2002 in Liber 866 on Page 335, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 71/100 dollars (\$16,295.71), including interest at 3.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 23, 2003.

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

The Southwest 75 Feet of Lot 20 and the Southwest 75 Feet of the Southeast 1/2 of Lot 21, all in Block 3 of Charles Montague's Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 109, now being Page 11A.

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: December 25, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
 Team G (248) 593-1312
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys and Counselors
 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200230478

Team W 12-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jimmy W. Bills and Gladys J. Bills, his wife (original mortgagors), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2000 and recorded on November 9, 2000 in Liber 815 on Page 630 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND FORTY-EIGHT AND 31/100 dollars (\$64,048.31), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 23, 2003.

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

Part of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 21, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning on the North line of Section 21 at a point of South 88 degrees, 26 minutes, West 929.98 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, thence South 01 degrees, 18 minutes, 30 seconds East, 330.00 feet, thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes West 100.00 feet, thence North 01 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East, 330.00 feet, thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes East, 100.00 feet to the point of beginning, 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: December 25, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
 Team C (248) 593-1301
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys and Counselors
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 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200217867

Team C 12-25-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas J. Wilinski and Cindi E. Wilinski, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 30, 1999 and recorded on December 17, 1999 in Liber 790 on Page 1238 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Washington Mutual Bank, its successors and assigns, Assignee by an assignment dated November 17, 2000, which was recorded on March 8, 2001, in Liber 823 on Page 794, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE AND 42/100 dollars (\$74,483.42), including interest at 10.600% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 30, 2003.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 11 North, Range 7 East described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 24, which is North 689.84 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said section 24; thence continuing along the West line of Section 24, North 150.00 feet to the South line of Proctor Heights, according to the plat recorded in 2 of plats, Page 31; thence along said South line of Proctor Heights, East 294 feet; thence South 150.00 feet; thence West 294.00 feet to the West line of said Section 24 and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: December 18, 2002
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 File # 200232460

Team G 12-18-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy McTaggart, A Single Man (original mortgagors), to Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 12, 2002 and recorded on March 4, 2002 in Liber 868 on Page 431 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT AND 42/100 dollars (\$80,768.42), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 16, 2003.

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the South part of the West part of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence West 8 rods; thence North 20 rods; thence East 8 rods; thence South 20 rods to the place

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

Dated: December 4, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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 File # 200231959

Team J 12-4-5

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CALL THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth C. Nagy and Julie E. Nagy, husband and wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Fifth Third Bank successor-in-interest by merger Old Kent Bank, dated the 19th day of November, A.D. 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on the 21st day of March, A.D. 2000 in Liber 796 of Tuscola County Records, on page 1179, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$66,840.35 (Sixty-six thousand Eight hundred forty dollars and thirty five cents), including interest there on at 8.30% (eight point three zero percent) per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 16th day of January, A.D. 2003 at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Juniata, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Commencing 440 feet South and 587 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 13, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence South 100 feet; thence West 323 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East 323 feet to point of beginning.

Tax ID: 014-013-000-2600-00

The redemption period shall be six 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: December 18, 2002
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

Daniel E. Best (P.58501)
 Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
 755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
 Troy, Michigan 48064
 WWR#02541957

1-1-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jackie L. Horning, a single woman (original mortgagors), to American Financial Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 1, 1997 and recorded on December 1, 1997 in Liber 725 on Page 600 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., successor by merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a South Carolina Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated November 1, 1999, which was recorded on December 8, 1999 in Liber 789 on Page 1139, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AND 66/100 dollars (\$64,786.66), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 16, 2003.

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

Lot 34 of Hillcrest Subdivision, according to the Plat recorded in Liber of Plats, Pages 27-28.

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

Dated: December 4, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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 Trott & Trott, P.C.
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 File # 200229525

Team F 12-4-5

SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT THIS DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John S. Redfield, a/k/a John Redfield, a married man, and Cynthia K. Redfield, a/k/a Cynthia Redfield, his wife, of Tuscola County, Michigan, original mortgagors, to Michigan National Bank, a national banking association, mortgagee dated the 25th day of April, A.D. 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on the 26th day of May, A.D. 2000 in Liber 802, Tuscola County Records, on pages 189-195, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late charges, the sum of Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$43,192.00).

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of February, A.D. 2003 at 10:00 o'clock AM in the forenoon said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest equal to the Prime Rate, as published in the Wall Street Journal on the fifteenth day of the month, plus an added 1.5% Margin added to the Index Rate pursuant to the terms of said agreement and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows. All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Village of Watrousville, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, as described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2, and the South 1/2 of Lot 1, Block 8 of the Village of Watrousville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 6 of Deeds, Page 12, EXCEPT the South 3 rods of Lot 1 and EXCEPT the South 3 rods of the East 55 feet of Lot 2 and EXCEPT the North part of Lot 2 conveyed to State of Michigan by deed recorded in Liber 205, Page 371.

Tax Parcel No. 014-500-108-0100-00

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

Dated: December 23, 2002

Standard Federal Bank, formerly known as Michigan National Bank
 Mortgagee

SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C.
 By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq.
 Attorneys for Mortgagee
 1425 Ford Building
 615 Griswold Street
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Czekai married man and Shannon K. Czekai, his wife (original mortgagors), to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2000 and recorded on January 17, 2001 in Liber 819 on Page 717 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Merrill Lynch Mortgage Capital, Assignee by an assignment dated October 24, 2002, which was recorded on November 7, 2002 in Liber 901 on Page 854, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 05/100 dollars (\$54,273.05), including interest at 12.100% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 16, 2003.

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

Lot 5, Block 1, James Hitchcock's Addition to the Village of Cass City, Tuscola County, Michigan as Recorded in Liber 2, Page 3 Now Being as 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 the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 4, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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 File # 200219156

Team R 12-4-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lorene M. Hoeldtke and Timothy Hoeldtke, her husband, to Alliance Funding, a Division of Superior Bank FSB, mortgagee, dated August 23, 2000 and recorded September 25, 2000 in Liber 811, Page 381, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank, NA, f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated 10/1/00, Series 2000-3 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight and 73/100 Dollars (\$204,548.73), including interest at the rate of 9.15% 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, MI in January 16, 2003.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Northeast 1/4 which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said East line, 810.00 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 17, thence continuing South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said East line, 250.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Northeast 1/4, 790.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said East line, 450.00 feet to the South line of a previous unrecorded survey by Spicer Engineering Company for Louis Redwanz dated 4-24-85, thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East along said South line and parallel with said North line, 460.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said East line, 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East, parallel with said North line, 330.00 feet 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: December 4, 2002

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
 Attorney for LaSalle Bank, NA, f/k/a LaSalle National Bank, as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated 10/1/00, Series 2000-3. As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 (248) 457-1000
 File No. 199.0824

12-11-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Robinson and Rebecca Robinson, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Homestead Lending, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2000 and recorded on May 25, 2000 in Liber 801 on Page 1447 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, as assignee by an assignment dated November 8, 2002, which was recorded on December 6, 2002 in Liber 906 on Page 80, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR AND 14/100 dollars (\$115,574.14), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 30, 2003.

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

Commencing 2 rods West and 2 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 23, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence South 16 rods; thence West 10 rods; thence North 16 rods; thence East 10 rods to place of beginning, 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: December 18, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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 Attorneys and Counselors
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 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File # 200231114

Team J 12-18-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHERRIE JUNE LESOSKI, unmarried, and ELEANOR M. LESOSKI, unmarried, Mortgagors, to THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee, dated the 18th day of May, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, of the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 31st day of May, 2001 in Liber 1105, said Mortgage having been assigned to US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, not in its individual capacity, but as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of the Mortgage Backed Pass-Through Certificate Series 2001-HE22, by its Attorney-in-fact, Olympus Servicing, LP fka Calmco Servicing, LP, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty-six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen and 06/100 Dollars (\$46,813.06), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of January, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 16, 2003.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbel Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Northeast 1/4 which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said East line, 810.00 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 17, thence continuing South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said East line, 250.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Northeast 1/4, 790.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said East line, 450.00 feet to the South line of a previous unrecorded survey by Spicer Engineering Company for Louis Redwanz dated 4-24-85, thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East along said South line and parallel with said North line, 460.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said East line, 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East, parallel with said North line, 330.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Village of Gageton, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Obituaries

John Bogart

John H. William Bogart died unexpectedly Dec. 27, 2002 at his home. He was born Dec. 29, 1956 in Saginaw.

Bogart graduated from Sault Area High School in 1974. He was the first ROTC Marksman in the state of Michigan in 1974. He served his country in the U.S. Army in Germany after high school.

He is survived by 4 sisters and 2 brothers: Judy Forbes of Ewart, Linda Hubbard of Vellwood, Fla., Larry Bogart of Cass City, Beverly Marshall of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, Jerry Butler of Huntsville, Alabama, Herman Bogart of Freeland and Mary Lou Hoig of Marquette; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Herman W. and Geraldine Bogart; and his brother, Jerry.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 2, at Hovie Funeral Home, Sault Ste. Marie.

Arrangements were made by Hovie Funeral Home, Sault Ste. Marie.

Pauline Kelly

Pauline J. Kelly, 80, of Cass City, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002 in St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, after a short illness.

She was born July 12, 1922 in Tyre to Albert and Belle (Park) Hill.

She married John A. Kelly Aug. 1, 1947 in Scottville. He died April 8, 1981.

Kelly attended school until the 8th grade and recently completed the requirements to receive her diploma. She attended Patricia Stevens' School of Modeling in Detroit. She worked at Nestle's in Cass City for 11 years and then for the State of Michigan at Caro Regional Center for 11 years. She attended St. Pancratius Catholic Church, was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Post #3644 Cass City VFW, Clan Cambell Society and the Caseville Eagles Loc #3690.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Dale) Kelly of Cass City; 3 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; sister, Barbara (Lyle) Jochim of Fairgrove; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sisters: Laverne Dodge and Margaret Hill; and her brothers: Lloyd, Roy "Bunker" and Clifford Hill.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 30 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church with the Rev. Steve Fillion officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Andersen Eye Institute (to help people with Macular Degeneration), 5400 Mackinaw, Suite 5000, Saginaw, MI 48604.

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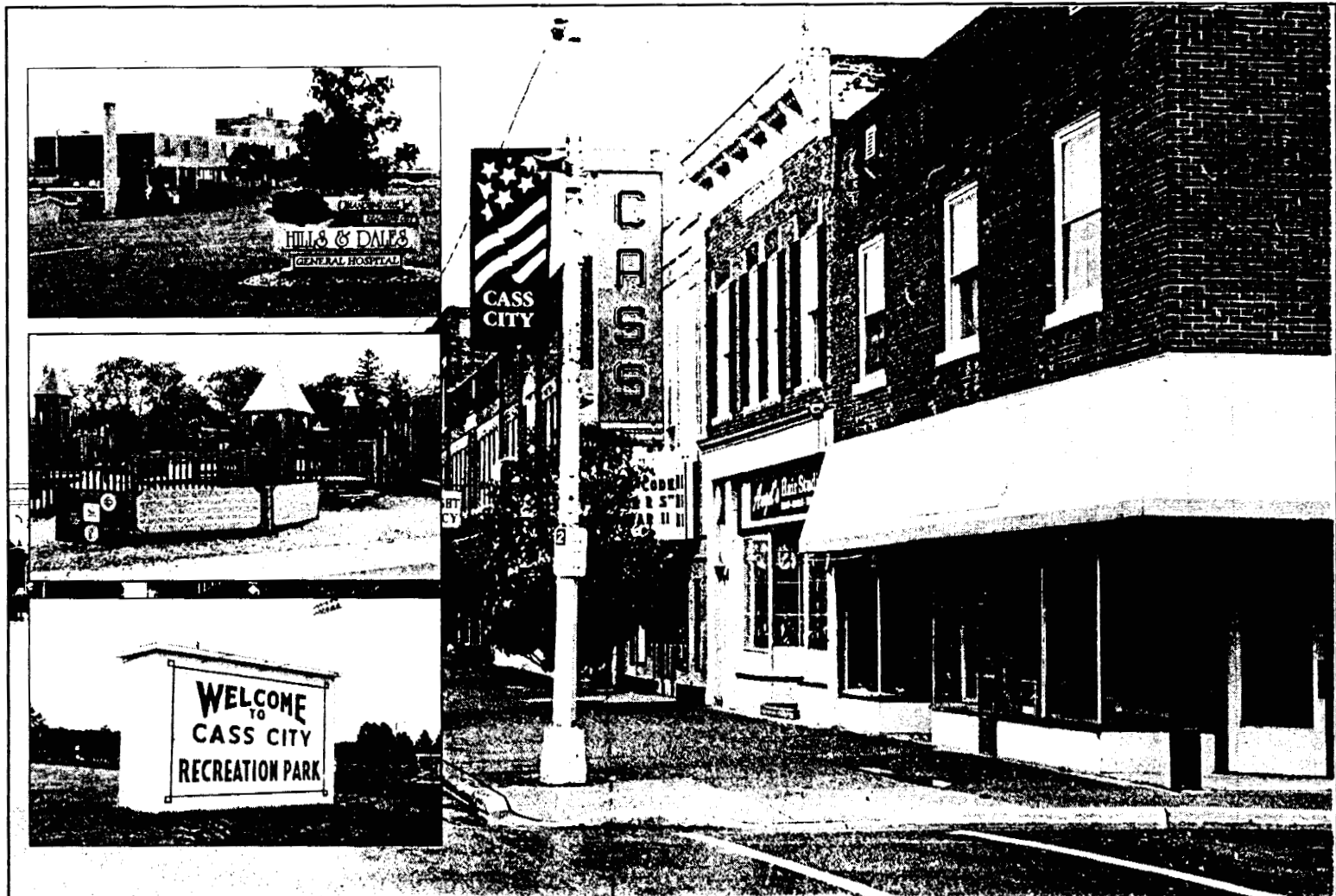
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THE CASS CITY Community Promotion Group formed in 2002 in an effort to attract families to the village. The campaign, which is focusing on the quality of life in Cass City, will include a community open house in the spring.

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from the DNR's Wildlife Division. The alliance remains intact today. The group meets regularly and offers its support to other groups opposed to mandatory quality deer management rules.

VILLAGE PROMOTION

The Cass City Community Promotion Group formed in 2002 with the goal of promoting the quality of life in Cass City to families considering a move away from other areas of the state. Private contributions have funded the group's campaign, which has already involved production of brochures and their distribution across the state. A toll-free information number has been secured, and an advertising campaign is underway, targeting the Detroit suburban market as well as the Flint, Saginaw and Bay City areas. The promotion group, composed of representatives of the senior citizen community, real estate and home construction businesses, health care industry and chamber of commerce, is now focusing its attention on a community open house scheduled for May 31. The event will focus on providing visitors with personal tours of the community.

POT FARM SALE

An extensive investigation into perhaps the largest and most sophisticated marijuana growing and processing operation in the upper Thumb was rewarded last fall with the sale of the Sanilac County farm used by the out-of-state suspects to grow thousands of marijuana plants over a 2-year period. An unidentified Cass City area resident purchased the 74.5-acre Evergreen Township farm, which was auctioned off by the U.S. Marshal's Service, just a week shy of the investigation's 6-year anniversary. There were 30 bids in all, and the winning bid totaled \$170,500. The Sanilac County Drug Task Force led the investigation, which began Oct. 31, 1996, after neighbors reported horses running loose at the farm, located at 5647 Argyle Rd. Local, state and federal authorities combined efforts, tracking down 10 suspects from Indiana and Kentucky who had purchased and operated the farm. All 10 were indicted and convicted on federal drug charges. Appropriately, the Sanilac County Drug Task Force will take the lion's share of the auction proceeds — \$100,000 or more — and the money will be used in the continuing battle to put drug

traffickers out of business.

BIBLE BOWL CHAMPS

Mention the Novesta Church of Christ in Bible Quiz Bowl circles and it's likely you'll turn some heads. And rightly so. The Cass City church's Bible Bowl Team ran away with its third national championship in 4 years. The squad topped 124 other teams from across the country last June in Columbus, Ohio. Novesta's senior team won all 7 of its rounds in the final, clobbering last year's junior championship team by a score of 581-180 to clinch the title. Novesta squads previously won the national championships in 1999 in Denver, Colo., and in 2000 in Louisville, Ky.

COMMUNITY

There was no shortage of good news in a community where neighbors are quick to lend a hand to help someone else out. Residents again volunteered their time and resources to organize an annual community Thanksgiving dinner, a former Cass City grad returned to the village to take the helm of a similar dinner Christmas Day, a host of neighbors and friends rallied around a woman struggling with a debilitating illness and the prospect of losing her home. But one of the most touching stories centered around 16-year-old Alison Emmert, whose year-long battle with cancer ended with her death at home in October. Members of the community embraced the family from the start, offering words of comfort, a meal, and financial assistance through a well-attended benefit dinner. Prayer vigils outside the family's home drew 200 people. An anonymous area resident purchased a used car last spring with the idea of making it a present for Alison. In no time, he received offers to fix up the car. There were donations of parts and labor. The effort was rewarded with a wide smile from the teen, whose courage in the face of death inspired a community.

SPORTS

It's been a year of exciting achievements and disappointing losses for the area's athletic teams. The Cass City High School girls successfully defended their Greater Thumb West league basketball crown, but for the second straight year were unable to win a district tournament title. Three seniors on the team, Deidre Deering, Lindsey Hendrick and Becky Hartel, who earned all-conference honors, ended their high school

basketball careers. Owen-Gage girls lost their first 4 basketball games of the season and then rallied to win the North Central Thumb league crown, but were also defeated in the districts. Cass City girls produced a strong cross-country season behind the running of the team's big 3, Liz Hoyt, Carrie Hillaker and Annjea Tanton. The team was third in the regionals. The Cass City golf team continued its domination by winning its sixth straight GTW golf title. Cass City's football team continued to struggle with a junior-laden team. Hopes for improvement next year depend on the experience gained this year and help from a better than average junior varsity. Although the soccer team's wins were few and far between, coach Chuck Reed's squad showed improvement as it becomes more accustomed to playing against teams in longer-established programs. Owen-Gage was the baseball powerhouse in the NCTL. The Bulldogs went undefeated in league play and finished with a sparkling 27-6 record.

There appears to be good things ahead for Cass City baseball fans. The Cass City Junior team for boys 13 and 14 years old went undefeated in a 20-game regular season. Owen-Gage continued its volleyball domination with another NCTL title and district championship trophy. The Hawk volleyball team continued to show improvement, winning the GTW invitational and going to the finals in the districts before falling. It's a young team and hopes are high for the 2002-03 season.



DOUG AND Kathy Kruse purchased and reopened Sutter's Bakery in Cass City after the death of longtime businessman Tom Sutter.

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POLITICAL battles were plentiful in the Cass City area during the November general election, which saw state voters elect Michigan's first woman governor.



CASS CITY's Tom Lounsbury served as president of the United Sportsmen's Alliance, which worked to oppose mandatory point restrictions for whitetailed deer hunters in the Thumb.



THE NOVESTA Church of Christ Bible Bowl Team secured its third national crown in 4 years during a national championship tournament in Ohio last June.

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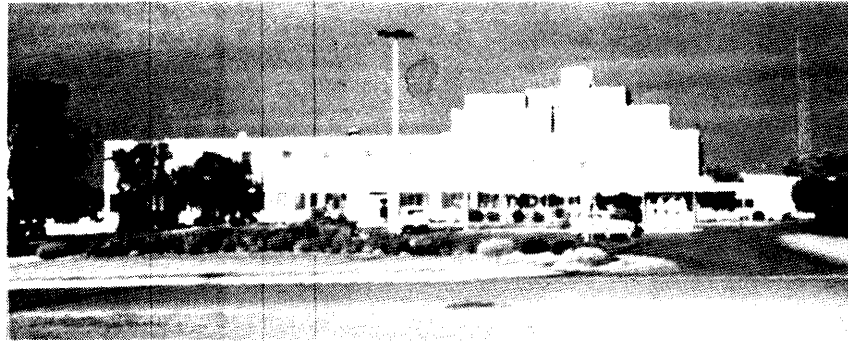
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New Physicians Join Hills & Dales Medical Staff

Hills and Dales General Hospital is pleased to welcome two new physicians to their medical staff: Dr. JoAnn Riggins, DO and Dr. Francis Ozim, MD.

Dr. Riggins joins the Hills and Dales General Hospital staff as Medical Director and Family Practice Physician. She is a graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her family practice residency and osteopathic internship at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing. Dr. Riggins is Board Certified in Family Practice medicine and has special interest in the area of women's health. She has expertise in practice management and received an executive MBA from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Dr. Riggins is seeing patients at the Unionville Medical Clinic, located at 6456 Center St. in Unionville on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am- 5:00pm. Appointments can be made by calling (989)674-8603.

Dr. Ozim is a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. He completed his internship at Georgetown University Hospital and his residency at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. Dr. Ozim is Board Certified in General Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Appointments with Dr. Ozim can be made at (989)872-5282. His office is located at 4672 Hill Street in Cass City and is open Monday through Friday.



JoAnn Riggins, DO
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Silver Healthy Workplace Award Received

Hills and Dales General Hospital was recently awarded a Silver Healthy Workplace Award by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports on October 21 at the Lansing Center in Lansing.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports bestows the Healthy Workplace Award on companies with outstanding health and wellness programs. Businesses are recognized for initiating new programs and for long-term commitments to the health of their employees by establishing creative worksite health promotion programs with demonstrated success.

The Silver Award recognizes workplaces that have sustained participation or comprehensive programs in physical fitness, health and sports. Silver Award recipients must score at least 15 points in three categories on the wellness survey and have had programs in place for at least one year.

Hills and Dales General Hospital has worked hard to promote a healthy workplace, for example, the Healthy New Year/ Employee Wellness was a three-month program that promoted healthy lifestyles among the facility's employees. Teams were formed with the goal of earning the most points through a variation of methods, incorporating nutrition, exercise, stress reduction and smoking cessation. Employees were rewarded with fruit baskets and gift certificates.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and the Michigan Fitness Foundation are working to change the behavior of Michiganders to help them become more physically active and, in turn, healthier. Its programs reach a wide range of people in a systematic way, helping people to maintain lifelong health and prevent chronic disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, increased physical activity can help prevent risk factors for heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity and some forms of cancer. For more information, contact the Governor's Council at (800)434-8642 or visit www.michiganfitness.org. If your business would like to develop a workplace wellness program, Hills & Dales can help. Call the Occupational Health department at (989) 872-2121, extension 365.

Hills & Dales Joins Fight Against Colorectal Cancer

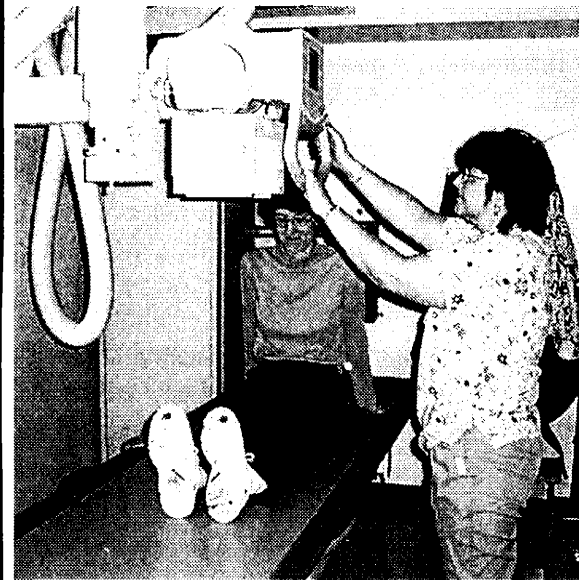
Many people do not know that colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer-related death in the state of Michigan. Even more alarming is the fact that compared to all of the counties in the state of Michigan, Tuscola county has the sixth highest mortality rate for colorectal cancer. Knowing this, the Community Education department at Hills and Dales and the Tuscola County Health Department are working together on a Colorectal Cancer Risk Assessment Program to educate the community about colorectal cancer. The program presents information about the human body and how it is affected by colorectal cancer, risk factors, prevention, and methods used for screening, detection and treatment. Funding for this project is provided by a grant from the Michigan Public Health Institute and the Michigan Department of Community Health.

The American Cancer Society recommends that men and women age 50 and over be screened. Screening begins earlier if a person is considered high risk, such as those with a history of chronic inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease or chronic ulcerative colitis) or a strong family predisposition to colorectal cancer. "Colorectal cancer is the disease that nobody wants to talk about. By going out into the community, we hope that people will be empowered to talk to their families and their doctors about it", said Kathy Dropeski, RN, Community Educator at Hills and Dales. The program will also include an individual risk assessment for each person to find out what risk factors they might have. Participants will also receive a packet of information to take home with them. Educators at Hills & Dales and the Tuscola County Health Department would like to present their program to any group that is interested in learning about colorectal cancer. The program will last about 1 hour. If your church, community or workplace group is interested in hosting a presentation, please call the Community Education department at (989)872-2121 extension 215.

Technology at Forefront in Radiology Renovation

The radiology department at Hills and Dales General Hospital is undergoing some very positive changes that will dramatically change the traditional environment of x-rays and radiology in the near future. Hills and Dales is currently completing a department renovation and equipment upgrade project. Capital equipment expenditures have begun on both radiology rooms, a new ultrasound, a new portable x-ray machine and a new mammography processor. In addition, the new equipment will be complimented with the addition of computed radiography (CR) that will eliminate traditional dark room film processing via the transfer to a picture archive communication system, commonly referred to as PACS. The PACS will allow physicians, in-house and abroad, the ability to view images over computer monitors via the Internet.

The new system will have considerable costs up-front; however there will be a definite return on investment over a period of 5 to 6 years. One of the most dramatic areas of cost savings will be the elimination



Peggy Davidson, Radiology Manager at Hills and Dales, demonstrates use of the new state-of-the-art X-Ray equipment. Digital imaging will allow more precise pictures and eliminate the need for film and chemical processing.

of film processing. Costs for radiology film and chemicals absorb a large percentage of a department's budget; therefore a filmless system will virtually eliminate these expenses. Additional areas of cost savings will be seen through a reduction in dedicated space for the storage of film, and repeat testing due to poor image quality will be nearly eliminated due to image enhancements available by the computer.

This state-of-the-art system will not only change the processes at the hospital, but at your physician's office as well. With the image being stored on a central server, your physician can view images immediately following the procedure by means of a computer and Internet connection. The image will also be accompanied by the dictated report from the radiologist, a process that will quicken report turn-around time.

Our new equipment will also add to our availability of services as the new ultrasound unit will have the capability of heart imaging, as well as provide improved quality for all ultrasound procedures.

As the most up-to date-technology makes its way to Hills & Dales General Hospital, our patients can be reassured that they will continue to experience the highest quality care and comfort, with the most precise imaging techniques for the physicians who serve them.

A Letter From Dee McKrow, CEO Hills and Dales General Hospital

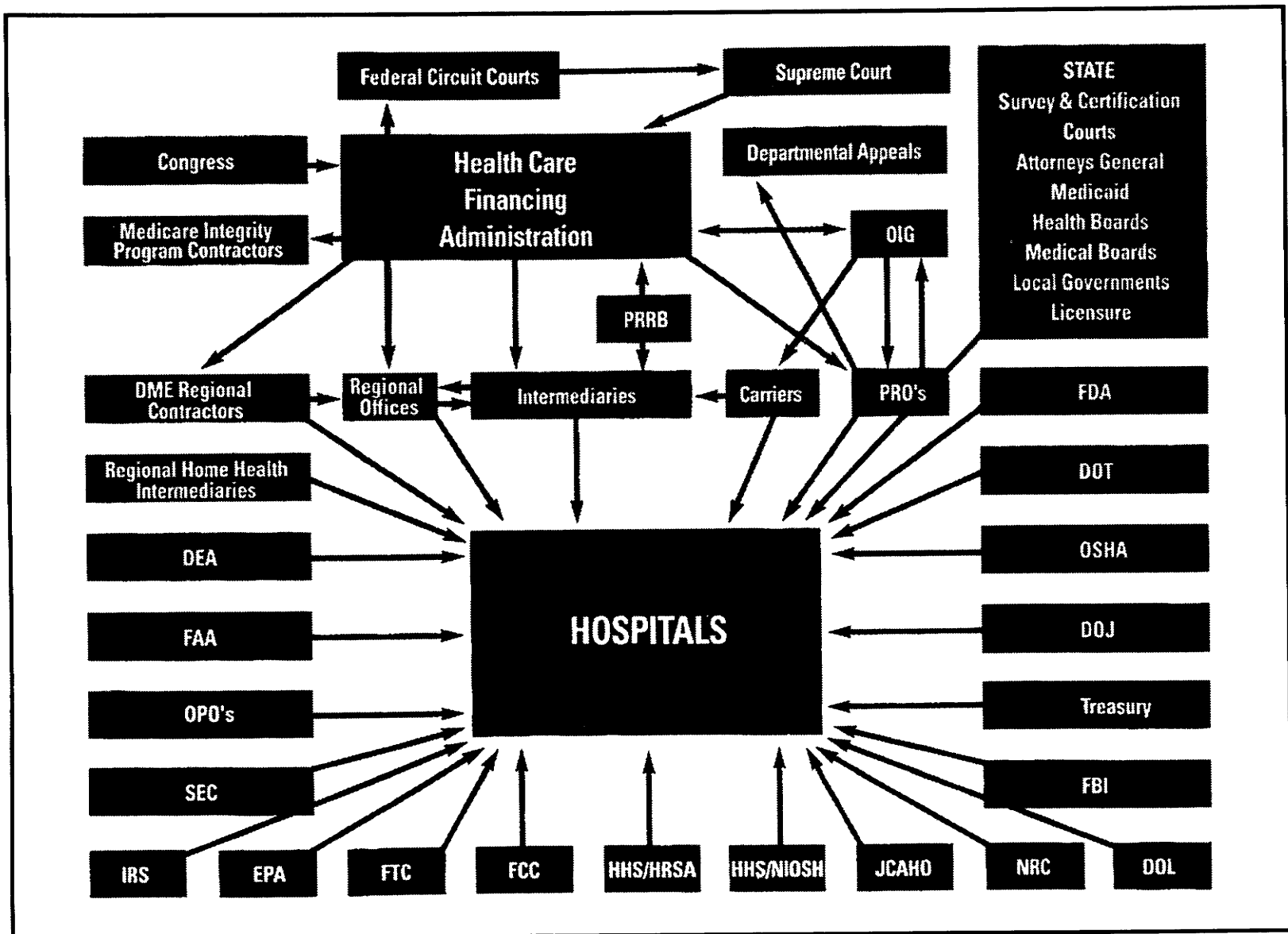
Please understand, I often seem to be trying to explain to our community, the Board of Trustees, the staff and to our patients, why they need to understand what our hospital is facing with the increasing demand in regulations. As a small community hospital, we are blessed with small town friendliness and everybody knowing everybody else or indirectly being related. However, our hospital is faced with an increasing amount of regulations and requirements that we are obligated by law to follow and may be perceived by the community as being unfriendly. For instance, imagine that your father is deceased and your 85 year-old mother has been admitted to the hospital. You are the only family member left to help your mother in her health care needs. Unfortunately, your mother has chosen not to tell you she has been admitted or has not signed the necessary release needed to be able to share this information with you. The hospital, the staff and the physician, by law, cannot provide you with any information. Legally, we could not even tell you what nursing home your mother was transferred to. Is this ridiculous? Absolutely! However, that is the federal law protecting a patient's right to privacy. By the way, the same law applies for your spouse or a son or daughter over the age of 18.

Federal, state and local laws and regulations govern a typical hospital. In addition, we are reviewed by three different accrediting organizations including JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations), CAP (College of American Pathologists) and CHAP (Community Health Accreditation Program). So what is the big deal, everybody has someone they have to answer to, right? The chart on the next page shows how many agencies are involved in regulating hospitals— almost 30 at the federal level alone! The rules and instructions for third party payors are also demanding. The Medicare and Medicaid rules and instructions are more than 130,000 pages— that's three times the size of the Internal Revenue Service Code and it's federal tax regulations.

Now, our federal agencies and congress have told us we need more regulations. Last year, the federal agencies passed a new act providing for stronger privacy provisions called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This complex act must be implemented at Hills and Dales. In fact, the cost of implementing this act will exceed over \$250,000 in the next five years at this hospital alone. On a national level, it is estimated to cost hospitals \$22 billion over the next five years. Hills and Dales will accommodate these new rules and we will train and educate our staff to follow them. But please understand our explanations and frustration as we are trying to explain to you why we cannot tell you where your mother was transferred to. We are on your side and are willing to act as your advocate, but we are obligated to obey these demanding rules.

Dee McKrow, CEO
Hills and Dales General Hospital

Government Regulation of Health Care Today:
 Complex, Cumbersome and Confusing *fig. 3*



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Community Calendar

Fitness classes at Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Centers

Low Impact Chair Aerobics: An aerobics class designed for seniors. Offered Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30am at Northwood Meadows. Call M.A.R.C. Cass City for more information at 872-2084

Aquatics exercise: Working out in the water is fun and relaxing, even for people who are physically limited and would not be able to exercise otherwise, such as older adults, and those who are injured, frail, overweight or have medical conditions that limit mobility. You do not need to know how to swim and you do not have to get your hair wet. There are a wide variety of classes offered for all fitness levels, including water yoga and muscle strengthening. Classes are offered Monday through Saturday, as early as 5:45am and as late as 4:30pm. Call M.A.R.C. Caro for more information at 673-4999.

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Not sure what kind of exercise is right for you? Our personal trainers can help you find a program that is safe and effective for you. Call M.A.R.C. Cass City at 872-2084 or M.A.R.C. Caro at 673-4999.

Other events at Hills and Dales

Nutrition Before, During and After Pregnancy, Plus Baby's First Year: Are you a new mom, pregnant, or planning to get pregnant? Then this class is for you. January 7, 2003 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Distance Learning Classroom at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Registration fee is \$5. Please call Kristen Blausey, Registered Dietitian at 872-2121 extension 222 to register or for more information.

Diabetes Support Group: A support group for anyone with diabetes, their family members and/or caregivers. Meets at Hills and Dales General Hospital in the Distance Learning Classroom. No fee. Next meeting: January 29, 2003 from 3:00pm-4:00pm. For more information, call Kathy Dropeski, RN at 872-2121 ext. 365.