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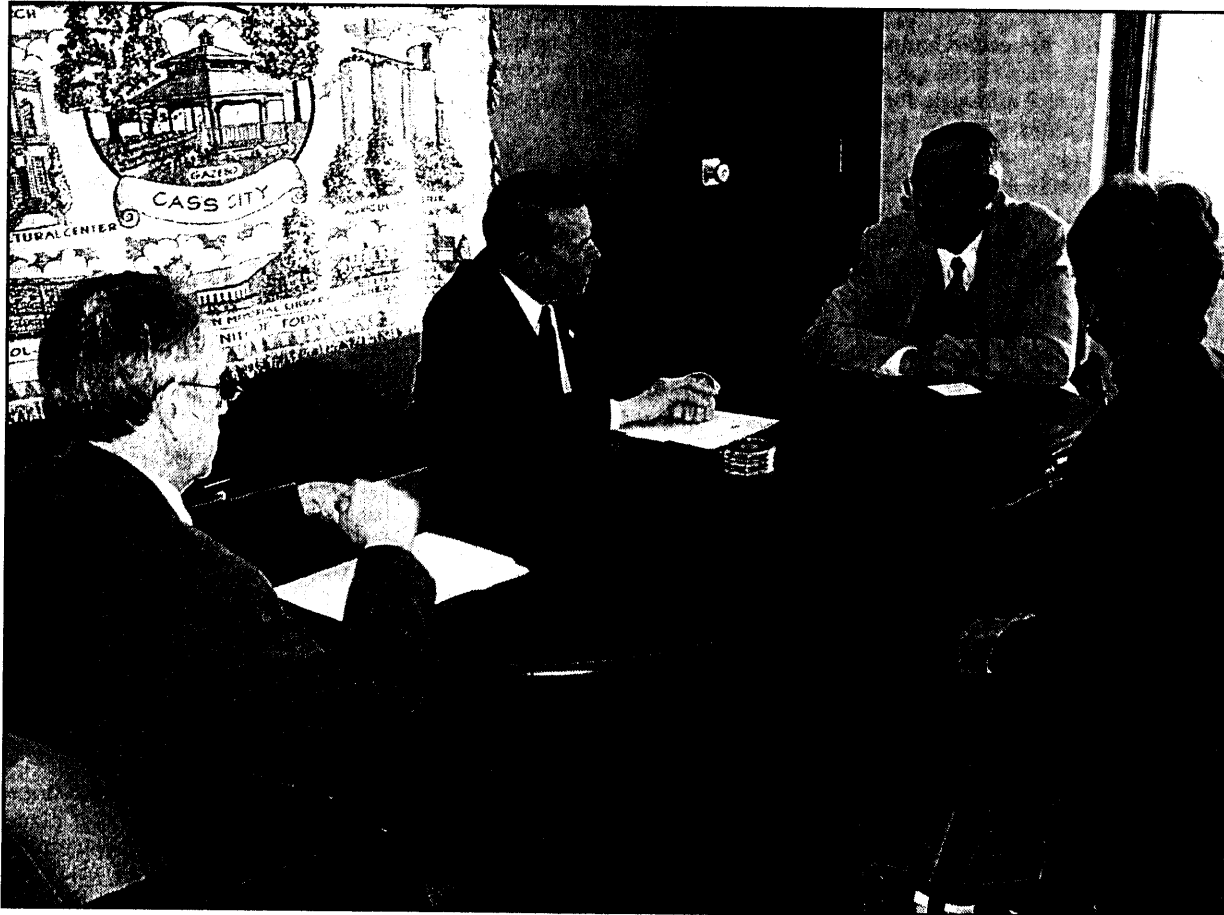
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## Holbrook Area News



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Doris Western, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Krug, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly attended the K of C fish fry in Bad Axe Friday evening.

Six members of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Northwood Meadows in Cass City with Jean Clark and Midge Clemens as co-hostesses. Patty Korth, community education director from Hills and Dales General Hospital, was the guest speaker. The next meeting will be on bones. Visitors are welcome to come to the next meeting April 9 with a noon lunch.

Mrs. Ronnie Gracey of Bad Axe visited Mr. and Mrs. Art Morell of Courtney Manor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the senior dinner at St. Joseph Hall in Argyle Sunday.

Mrs. Dale Laming and Lisa were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Mrs. Jim Doerr visited Leone Doerr in Argyle Tuesday.

Myron Wruble, Allen Farrelly and June Rutz spent Tuesday in Flat Rock.

June Rutz and Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Twenty-five members of the Curtis Cleland family met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland in Bad Axe for a triple celebration for S.P.C. David Sturgil, who had spent several months in Iraq, a belated Christmas party, and Mrs. Curtis Cleland's 85th birthday. After a potluck dinner, gifts were exchanged and the afternoon was spent visiting.

Al Peruski of Parisville, Claude Mestack, Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Thursday morning.

Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Mrs. Ronnie Gracey of Bad Axe, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Beverly Puvalowski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Brian Sweeney.

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## Ubly school officials announce honor roll

Ubly High School announces the first semester honor roll.

### Grade 9

Kyle Bischer, Kara Booms\*, Mitchel Cleary, Heather Depcinski, Emily Dropiewski, Sean Fligger, Kayla Franzel, Rebecca Gentner\*, Amanda Grika, Paul Halifax, Kayln Helewski\*, Carley Holdwick, Jordan Kaufman, Leandra Kramer, Kayla Kubacki, Eric LaBuhn, Mary Lancaster, Alicia Leipprandt, Nathan Leppke, Megan Lubeski, Adam Maurer, Jennifer Messing\*, Lauren Messing, Taylor Messing, Kenneth Murray, Alexander Osentoski, Chelsie Peruski, Isaac Peruski, Kenneth Peters, Nicholas Pichla, Sheila Pichla, Ross Pionk, Robert Pollum, Jason Schroeder, Janee Snyder, Brandon Dorenson, Alexandria Stevenson, Robyn Tolin, Kayla Vogel, Marlena Walsh and Lyndsay White\*.

### Grade 10

Teri Gentner, Tricia Heleski, Jason Kubacki, Shelby Lemke\*, Brandi Messing, Kevin Messing\*, Patrick Murdock, Bree Ann O'Connor\*, Nicole Peplinski, Grant Pichla\*, Gwen Pionk, Tammy Rutkowski, Courtney Stomack, Parsaraporn Vootapanich, Beth Weber, Shannon Weber\*, Travis Wolschleger and Erin Yarbrough.

### Grade 11

Heath Farrelly, Rita Gentner, Andrea Hill\*, Woong-Bin Kang, Jade Kaufman, Nicole Klee, Rebecca Kubacki, James Mazure, Alison McDonald, Renee Melnik, Megan Morell, Phillip Movish\*, Courtney Ney\*, Shawn Oberski, Faith Osentoski, Shelby Partaka, Justin Peruski, Kendall Peruski, Lucas Priemer, Rick Romain, Cynthia Rumpitz, Steven Rutkowski, Imke Schmidt-Eylers, Ryan Simmerlein, Paul Smaglinski, Aaron Smithers and Bianca Weltin.

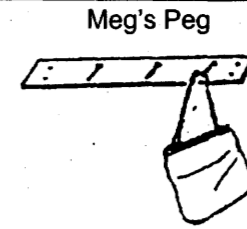
### Grade 12

Jaimie Bolda\*, Seth Briolat, Krysta Cleary, Steven Depcinski, Keyin Geiger\*, Bobbi Gentner, Jenni Guigar, Joshua Holdwick, Kimberly Lackowski\*, Nicholas Lindquist\*, Jessica Maurer\*, Andrea McCarty\*, Danielle McLean, Megan Mellas, Samuel Osentoski, Frank Particka, Stephanie Peruski, Sara Pettinger\*, Rebecca Philp, Eric Pionk, Laura Pollum, Jared Puvalowski\*, Mark Recker\*, Sarah Roberts\*, Ashley Romzek, Amy Rutkowski, Eric Rutkowski, Jason Samuelson, Amy Schroeder, Mary Tibbetts, Sarah Walsh and Dan Weber.

\*Denotes all A's



Calling heaven



by Melva E. Guinther

Everybody I know has gone through the frustration of dealing with what I call Auto Annie. She's the electronic voice that gives you innumerable options followed by more innumerable options when you call just about any company these days.

If your patience holds out to the end, by the time you finally get through, you've forgotten why you placed the call in the first place.

With that in mind, some wag has come up with the following imaginary scenario if heaven were to install an automated system. (We'd all be in

big trouble if this were to happen):

Thank you for calling heaven.  
For English, press 1.  
For Spanish, press 2.  
For all other languages, press 3.

Please select one of the following options:

Press one for request. (That one would always be busy.)  
Press 2 for thanksgiving.  
Press 3 for complaints.  
Press 4 for all others

I am sorry, all of our angels are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order it was received. Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to:  
God, press one  
Jesus, press 2  
Holy Spirit, press 3

To find a loved one who has been assigned to heaven, press 5, then enter his or her social security number followed by the pound sign.

If you receive a negative response, please hang up and dial area code 666.

For reservations to heaven, please enter J-O-H-N, followed by the numbers, 3 and 16.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, life on other planets, etc., please wait until you arrive in heaven for the specifics.

Our computers show that you have already been prayed for today. Please hang up and call again tomorrow.

The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday.

If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor.

Thank you and have a heavenly day.

Kind of gives new appreciation for Psalm 46:1 - "God is ... an ever present help in the time of trouble", doesn't it?

## S. Walther earns degree at institute

Steven Walther of Cass City recently graduated from Universal Technical Institute in Glendale Heights, Ill.

He received a degree in auto/diesel/industrial technology.

While in school, Walther was chosen to work as a peer tutor. He was named "student of the course" 7 times and remained on the director's list throughout the program, graduating with a 3.94 grade point average.

Walther is employed by Wieland International in Saginaw as a diesel technician.

He is the son of Cathy and Jeff Healy of Cass City and Steve Walther of Roscommon. His grandparents are Bill and Judy Britt, Thomas and the late Nadara Walther and Delbert and Dorothy Healy, all of Cass City.

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Venema, the daughter of Stuart and Brenda Venema, is a senior majoring in special education.

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## Several from area named to dean's list

Several area residents were among the students recently named to the honors list at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, for the fall semester.

They are:  
**Cass City** — junior Heidi C. Cheng, sophomore Krystee R. Dorland, sophomore Leslie A. Hacker, freshman Bryan S. Hill, senior Jason C. Hill, senior Amanda R. Osentoski, freshman Stephanie A. Richards, senior Amy K. Schuette and senior Lyndi J. Trischler.

**Deford** — senior Tyler E. Lyons.  
**Kingston** — senior Justin R. Diegel, senior Melissa M. Hill, senior Angela R. King and senior Brianne M. Ross.

**Owendale** — senior Joshua S. Errer and junior Kristen L. Kreh.

**Snover** — sophomore Jamie L. Marston, senior Jennifer M. Marston and sophomore Amanda L. Walsh.

**Ubly** — senior Erin K. Cleland, senior Laura K. Laming, senior Gina M. Morell, junior Adam M. Peruski, senior Kyle J. Recker, junior Matthew R. Romain and freshman Jason L. Rutkowski.

Students named to the honors list have achieved a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

## Hoyts awarded scholarships

Jessup Hoyt and Elizabeth Hoyt, the children of Janet Hoyt of Snover, have been awarded scholarships at Northwood University, Midland.

Jessup Hoyt, a Northwood freshman from Snover, was granted the Jeffrey A. Bennett Accounting Scholarship for the 2005-06 academic year. Elizabeth Hoyt, a Northwood junior from Bay City, was awarded the Tri-City Scholarship for the same period.

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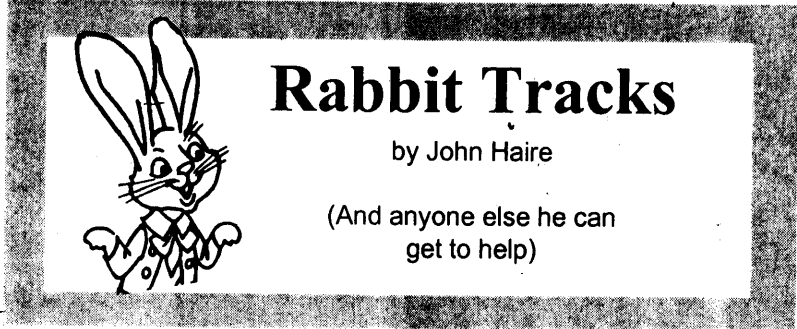
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

When Dale and Louise Buehrly, Cass City, called last week, Wednesday, it was a fairly moderate winter day that made it seem not at all incongruous that a pair of robins were spotted in their yards.

Monday morning when the temperature hovered around 10 degrees I thought of those birds and wondered how they survived, although I know that many stay the year around, provided that they have enough feed.

The Buehrlys keep an eye to the sky. Last year they sighted a pair of bald eagles along the Cass River.

The majestic national symbol is recovering well from near extinction and may soon be taken from the threatened species list.

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Esther and I spent a day at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City on our wedding anniversary. It's functional and the best feature is that it's new and the rooms are fresh and do not have the musty smell of some older facilities.

Price is not a big attraction. A night with a "city view" costs \$106 and with a "river view" costs \$30 more. (We've seen that river many, many times. Need I say more?)

It was Valentine's Day and we ate at the hotel. Esther's choice was shrimp, crab cakes and tossed salad. Mine was salmon on a plank surrounded with potatoes and mixed vegetables and a cup of corn bisque. Warm rolls were tasty. Portions were generous. Including 2 glasses of wine, the cost with tip was \$69. Oh, yes, when we paid the bill Esther was presented with a complimentary miniature heart-shaped box of chocolates.

Give it a 7.5 on the 1-10 scale. Considering the candy, Esther may rate it a notch higher.

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Thoughts about the NBA all-star game. I watched parts of it Sunday night during the first half while channel scanning. If you like to watch amazing athletes do their tricks you can get a boatload of it watching the all stars.

If you enjoy the game played at its highest level, wait for the playoffs. Despite what the league honchos are trying to promote it's still just an exhibition and no one really cares who wins.

There's twice the excitement, for me, watching a pair of high school teams perform.

# Township board okays road work

The Elkland Township Board approved some road improvement projects during its regular February monthly meeting last week.

The repaving projects include .12 of a mile of West Elizabeth Street, from West to Cemetery; .06 of a mile of West Street, from West Elizabeth to Seventh; .06 of a mile of Leach Street, from West Elizabeth to Seventh; .12 of a mile of East Elizabeth Street, from Cemetery to Maple; and .03 of a mile of Maple Street, from East Elizabeth Street to the Cass City village limits.

Total cost of the projects is \$33,904.60, and the board approved a contract for the improvements with the Tuscola County Road Commission and Saginaw Asphalt.

In other business, the board: \*Heard from township Clerk Norma Wallace, who reported that an agreement has been made between the township and the village to store 2 voting machines that have been replaced through the federal

government's HAVA (Help America Vote Act) until Nov. 30, 2010, at which time the township will be responsible for disposing of them.

\*Noted the township has sent a letter to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in support of the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Board related to development of a 6-acre parcel.

\*Noted VFW Post 3644, Cass City, has been notified to reserve its hall for the upcoming Tuesday, May 2, school election.

\*Learned the township's board of review has scheduled an organizational meeting for March 7, with the official board of review meetings set for March 13, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., and March 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

\*Scheduled the township's budget meeting, to follow the Monday, March 13, monthly meeting. The township annual meeting will be held Monday, March 20, at 7 p.m.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

I finally broke down and bought a bigger boat. Not a new boat by any means. This boat is nearly 20 years old, but it's 30 years younger than my old one.

I like old boats. They are so conducive to remodeling.

A person with a new boat puts up with all kinds of inconveniences, just because he's afraid to change things. The new boat owner is so concerned about retaining the boat's value he doesn't want to touch anything.

A guy with an old boat doesn't care about value. He didn't pay much for it, anyway.

So he drills holes, tears things out, and puts stuff where it ought to be. It's like my brother told me years ago, "You know, I don't think anything I own is just quite perfect."

The previous owner of my boat told me how much he liked to fish. He said the boat was all set up for fishing.

"In a pig's eye," I thought. This boat doesn't even have a livewell, the rod holders are in the wrong places, and the seats are better suited for sunbathing than for fishing. It looks like a dadburn skiing boat to me.

So I went to work. I threw one seat out, cut a lounge seat in half — turned it around, and moved the depth-finder.

"This will be a fishing boat before you know it," I said to myself.

The next thing to attract my ire were the stereo speakers. Why would a person want to go out on the river and make a bunch of noise with his stereo?

I hate those things. So, I ripped them out.

When I pried out the speakers I said to myself, "This ain't no dancin' boat. This is a gol-dang fishin' boat!"

My sour mood and surly attitude reminded me of the man who ran the tavern near my old hometown. This fellow could be grouchy, too, and mornings were his worst time.

One Sunday morning a pert, little woman from a nearby campground popped in to order some sandwiches. The tavern owner was leaning on the end of his bar and looking kind of tough.

He hadn't shaved, his hair wasn't combed, and his shirt was unbuttoned to his waist. He wasn't expecting any strangers at that time in the morning.

"I need four deli sandwiches: One ham with Swiss on rye, two ham with American on sourdough, and one roast beef on white bread," the sprightly lady said.

That was just like poking a bear with a stick. The tavern man put both hands on his bar and glowered at the happy camper.

Then he said, "Look lady. This ain't no dang eatin' place. This is a gol-dang drinkin' place!"

The only customer present that day says the little lady turned on her heels and left so fast the screen door was still rattling when she was two miles down the road.

I don't know what all of this has to do with boats, but I'm pretty sure our tavern owner would have ripped out those speakers just like I did.

## The Haire Net

Anything to get message across

Anything to get the message in front of potential buyers is the mantra of major advertisers. Anything to make a buck is evidently television's answer to the demand.

What has plagued the industry for years is that the viewers skip around during commercial time or record the show and eliminate the advertising. I confess that I have been guilty on both counts.

But the industry is fighting back and you are getting the advertising whether you know it or not.

That, of course, has been going on for years. What's new is that the advertising is inserted after the show has been filmed. It's called digital product integration and it has a lot going for it—for both the advertiser and the network.

I'd think that there is a benefit in addition to guaranteeing that viewers will at least be exposed to the product.

It's possible now to make the product advertised be relevant to the episode that is aired. The Detroit Free Press outlined in a story the product integration for Club crackers. A highly visible box of the crackers was inserted in a prominent position in a scene in which the actors of "Yes, Dear" were eating cheese and fruit. There's no chance that the scene will

end up on the cutting room floor.

As a viewer, I feel that these ads are fine as long as they don't interfere with the enjoyment of the program. It's much easier to take than a minute and a half of commercials as the story reaches its emotional climax.

The trouble with it is that there's very little doubt that we will get the product integration ads and the regular commercials also.

It has been estimated that product placement spending in 2004 was valued at \$3.46 billion with television and movies claiming the lion's share, 91 percent, of the money.

Some major companies have invested in the new advertising scheme including SC Johnson Wax, Kellogg products and General Motors.

Success for the new way to reach potential customers may be hard to measure, but be sure that there will be a couple of results if product integration advertising is a success.

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## Red Hawk Talks

by Donna Bushong

For the last couple of weeks, the band room has been full after school with students practicing for Solo and Ensemble Festival.

This festival is our often forgotten aspect of the band program. Most performances by band members are with the band. Solo and Ensemble gives individual musicians a chance to show their own musical talent.

This festival took place Feb. 18 at North Branch High School. Events started around 8 a.m. and lasted until late afternoon. Each participant in the festival is allowed to perform in 3 events. These events can be a solo, duet, trio, quartet, quintet, sextet, septet or octet.

Upon arrival at the festival site, pre-registered performers sign in at their warm-up room. If they have spare time, they can watch other performances. If they don't, they start warming up. Performers should allow themselves at least 30 minutes of warm up time. This allows time to fix any emergencies and to triple check that everything is ready.

When it's a performer's assigned playing time (or later if the judge talks a lot), they enter the performance rooms. A last tuning note or 2 is given and then it is time to show everything that they have been working on. Most soloists have a piano accompaniment to help them out but ensembles are mostly on their own.

Many people don't view performances at this festival. Besides the judge and chairperson, usually only the family and a couple of the friends of the performer are in the room.

Sometimes with a person or instrument that is well liked, the room is packed. It is very nerve racking in this performance. Even though there

aren't many people, you are being judged so it is important to do the absolute best that you can.

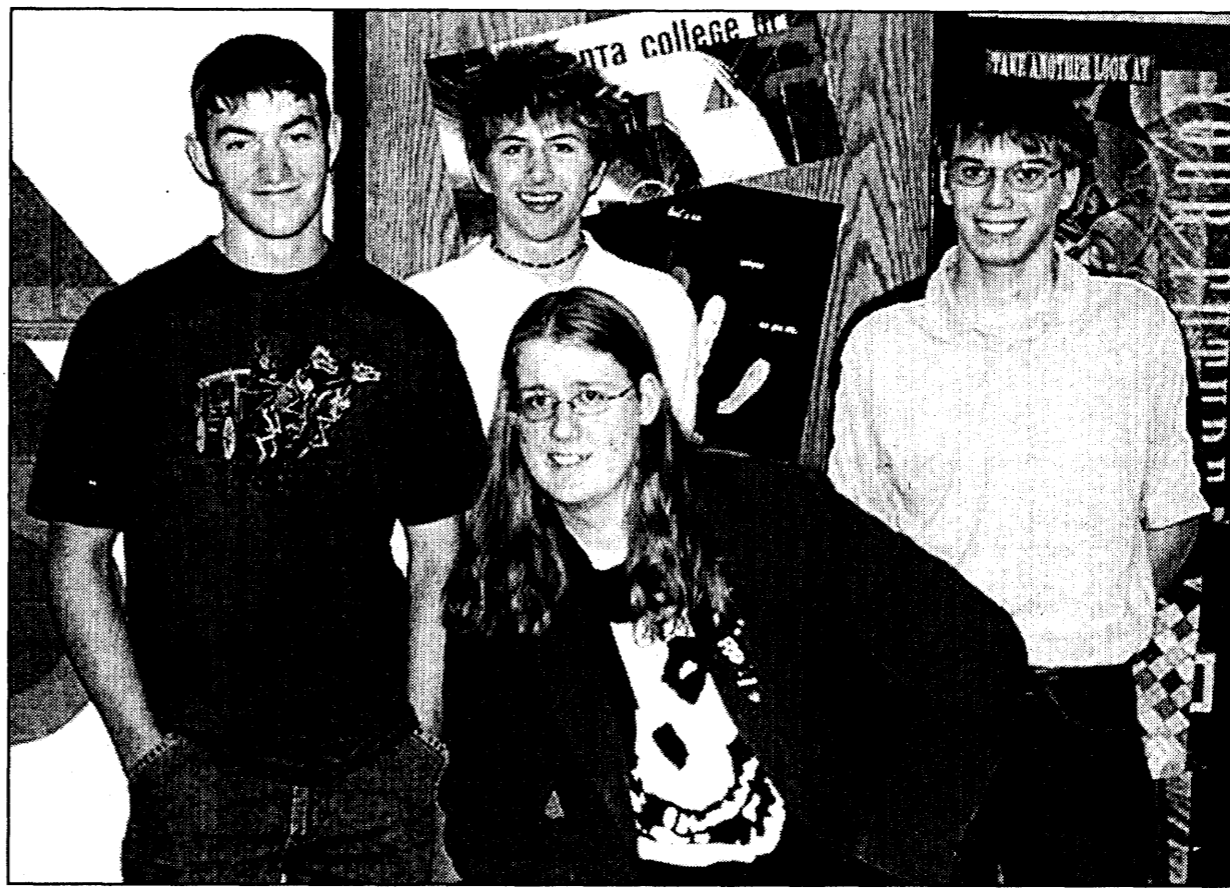
Once the performer has finished the judge will comment on the performance. These comments are meant to help students in their future musical experiences. When the judge is finished, musician and spectators enter the hallway to await a rating. Ratings of I, II, or III are given (I being the best). IVs and Vs are also possible, but very rare. Those who are given a I or a II receive a medal and those who received Is move on to the state festival.

At state festival, performers play their solo (or ensemble piece) once again for a judge. Upperclass soloists also have to sight read a piece and play some scales to demonstrate proficiency. This festival takes place in March.

Some of the soloists from Cass City who will be attending state festival this year are Kyle Kaush, Ashlee Spencer, Lysa Knight, Danielle Delamarter, Evan Bushong and myself along with others. Also attending state festival will be the percussion ensemble, 2 clarinet ensembles, and other groups.

A lot of work has been put into preparation for Solo and Ensemble Festival. Students had to pick their music and find times to rehearse with their group and/or accompanist. Many Cass City events were dropped because they weren't ready.

The band will keep busy as they have district band festival on March 4, and now some students have to prepare for State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Although it may not always be noticed, things are never calm in the band program.



CASS CITY HIGH School students Logan Gaymer (seated), Gavin Mills (from left), Kelton Roth and Jeff Wills will have their artwork on display at the Saginaw Art Museum through March 5. The art show features the work of students from the 5 counties in Region 11 and is sponsored by the Michigan Art Education Association. Missing in the photo is Jenny Hadd.

## Several appear in court

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

•Kaelyn M. Kraus, 19, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) Nov. 8 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•James T. Lester, 25, Mayville, was sentenced to 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005, and July 1, 2005, through Nov. 9, 2005.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,140 plus restitution of \$43,393.53.

•Jason C. Mester, 25, Cass City, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in the county jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer Aug. 7 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,060 in costs and fines.

•Tyler G. Trollman, 40, Mayville, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 93 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$1,000 May 20-21 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$52,080.

•Richard W. Matthews, 35, Saginaw, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 63 days in jail (deferred) for his plea of guilty to possession of counterfeit money in June-July in Akron.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,702 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$100.

•James R. Woodley, 45, Flint, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 90 days in jail for his pleas of guilty

to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams Dec. 12 in Caro, and to failure to pay child support from Dec. 1, 1999, through Nov. 16, 2005.

He as also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$1,140.

•Lawrence D. Wheaton II, 28, Fostoria, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 26 in Watertown Township, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay \$620 in costs and fines plus \$500 in attorneys fees.

•Danny A. Binkley, 58, Flint, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred) for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor July 3 in Almer Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,370 in costs and fines.

•Mark W. Hendrix, 31, Des Moines, Iowa, was sentenced to 10 to 15 years in prison for his jury convictions on 9 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years between May 30 and July 2004 in Arbel Township.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$540.

•Trent L. Darling, 43, Caro, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change in address July 10-27 in

Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay \$120 in costs in fines.

•Andrew D. Harp, 26, Silverwood, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 183 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon Oct. 2 in Dayton Township.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$2,810. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•Jeffrey A. Meyers, 41, Essexville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and possession of marijuana Jan. 23 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Nathaniel G. Brock, 19, Akron, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Sept. 14 in Akron.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Donald D. Taylor, 34, Elkton, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond July 11 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

## Letters to the Editor

### Reader lauds J. Jezewski

Dear Editor,

It makes me feel proud to be living in a country that is protected by men and women like Jason Jezewski.

He is one of many people in this world who applied his God-given talents to make a good life for himself, and his family, and will continue to make this a better place to live for many others.

He is able to put his feelings and thoughts in writing for the people around him to enjoy.

For a young man he has accomplished more in his time on this Earth than many people can only hope for. What an example he shows for a lot of young people to follow and apply their talents to their lives.

Jason will continue in this life with his ability to deal with people and show the world what one person can do if you apply yourself.

Good job Jason!

Respectfully,  
Stanley R. Otulakowski,  
Snover

## Defined by greatness, not illness

With the passing of President's Day, we often find ourselves paying tribute to the powerful and revered presidents from our nation's history. One of our most famous and celebrated presidents was Abraham Lincoln - but many people forget that his greatness came at a high personal cost.

It's a relatively unknown fact that our 16th president suffered from a mental illness. Often, stigmas associated with mental illness eclipses the great accomplishments of a person battling their illness or diagnosis. But for the most part, those who battle a mental illness still thrive in their careers.

Lincoln suffered from severe, incapacitating and occasionally suicidal depressions, and bipolar disorder. But he used his own personal turmoil to battle stigma, fuel grand achievements and to become known as one of America's greatest leaders. Most people don't understand how common mental illnesses are in our society, and who are facing such struggles every day.

One in 5 people are affected with a mental illness at one point in their life, and Michigan alone has 1.4 million adults with various forms of mental illness. Instead of receiving compassion and acceptance, people with mental illness experience stigma everyday. Mental illnesses are real, common and treatable.

According to recent American Psychological Association (APA) statistics, approximately one out of every 5 Americans can expect to get some form of depression, and over one in 20 Americans have a depressive disorder every year. Depression is one of the most common and most serious mental health problems facing people today. Stress often triggers depression, and is a common component of everyday life. It contributes greatly to how we perceive and contend with day-to-day dilemmas.

Americans know Lincoln as the emancipator of slaves, the man who held America together in its darkest days. No one viewed him as someone who had a mental illness. That's how he overcame stigma - by being known by what he accomplished on the outside, not by what he was suffering from inside. He was able to face and overcome his illness by perseverance, staying positive and self-knowledge. Despite his inner turmoil, he persevered, and served his nation eloquently.

Sharing stories of our personal mental illnesses, or those of people we admire, contributes to eliminating stigma. Stigma associated with mental illness is often disguised as fear - fear of the unknown. Don't be scared of what you don't know. Seek knowledge and become educated.

All of us are responsible for treating every person, without exception, with respect and compassion. Lincoln was defined by his greatness, not his illness.

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A Cass City woman and her 7-year-old passenger suffered minor injuries in a 2-vehicle accident in the village last Wednesday.

Cass City police reported the crash occurred at about 3:20 p.m. at the intersection of Main and West streets.

According to reports, Kristy L. Sherman, 26, 7027 Milligan Rd., Cass City, was northbound on West Street when she stopped at the signed intersection at Main Street and then

pulled into the path of a westbound car driven by Jarvis D. Choyce, 22, of Saginaw.

Sherman and her passenger, Hope L. Stilson, 7, 7027 Milligan Rd., Cass City, were transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital for treatment of their injuries. Choyce was not injured.

Police reported that all of the occupants were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident.

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**UNITED HOSPICE** volunteers, including (above, from left) Suzette Glaza, Carole Hollis and Iris Kappen of Cass City, along with Volunteer Coordinator Joan Whitson, recently met with other volunteers from Cass City, Pigeon and Caseville to assemble jars filled with soup and cookie mixes for area hospice families. United Hospice Service provides hospice services to the entire Thumb region and has more than 150 volunteers.

## Bike-a-thon organizers changing date of event

After 25 years of Cass City Bike-A-Thons held in May, leaders of the local effort have selected June 3 as the date for the 2006 ride. Last year, \$2,442 was raised for St.

Jude Children's Research Hospital by 41 local riders in an event shortened by rain. The bike-a-thon will again be held in the parking lot at Walbro Corpo-

ration on Garfield Avenue. The event in Cass City is sponsored by 4 local churches: First Presbyterian, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Cass City United Methodist and St. Pancratius. Linda Derfny will again chair the ride.

Any other churches, organizations or individuals who would like to help are urged to contact Derfny at 872-2069. Pledge sheets for riders will be available at the 4 churches and Rawson Memorial Library beginning May 12. All ages are encouraged to get pledges and enjoy the event while helping a good cause.

The increase in the overall survival rate of children with cancer from 30 percent to 70 percent has been made possible through research. The funds from events like the Cass City Bike-A-Thon make that research possible. The citizens of Cass City support the researchers, technicians and doctors at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to provide treatments and cures for children of catastrophic diseases.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located in Memphis, Tenn., is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children.

Founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas, St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay.

**5 YEARS AGO**  
Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative (TOPC) officials expect to begin refining soybean oil into food-grade cooking oil this spring. The 200-member soybean processing cooperative, based in Ubyly, has offered 700 additional shares to Michigan soybean growers willing to invest in the business and commit to at least 500 bushels per share of non-genetically modified (GMO) soybeans each year. The co-op has a refinery on order and plans to sell food-grade oil in bulk to a bottler.

A coach from Alma College was in the stands Friday at the USA-Cass City basketball game to scout Craig Emmert. Emmert responded with one of his better nights. There's little doubt that the senior Hawk hoopster could receive some financial help for attending Alma. The question is what kind of help would be available. A supporter of San Diego State here Steve Fisher, former coach at the University of Michigan, has requested a tape of Emmert in action to show the coach. A tape of the USA game will be sent. There couldn't have been a better choice. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Curtis Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge and Jeep, Cass City, has earned Daimler Chrysler's prestigious Five Star designation by successfully establishing a rigorous set of processes designed to ensure the highest level of customer satisfaction. The Five Star program is designed so dealers continually examine and reevaluate the methods they use to conduct business. To maintain their Five Star status, dealers are encouraged to establish ideas to put the customer first in every interaction with the dealership. Pat Curtis, Curtis Chrysler owner, has always insisted on customer service in his dealerships, so Five Star was an easy fit for the local dealership.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Cody Rabideau has been competing in motorcycle ice racing for only a few weeks, but he's already notched a trio of second-place finishes in 5 races held in Gladwin, Port Huron and Canada. Not bad, considering he hasn't even started kindergarten yet. In fact, the Caro youngster, whose sponsors include Cass City Hardware and Pirahna Racing of Caro, celebrated his fourth birthday just 2 1/2 months ago. "He was the one who decided he wanted to ride, and we decided if that's what he likes to do, we'll back him," commented his father, Cass City native Rich Rabideau. Here's an item from the "Michigan Trivia" book that caught my eye. "Question: Before 1857, how was the Bark Shanty Times of Port Sanilac published without any editors, reporters or printers?" "Answer: Everyone

who visited the general store-post office wrote news or commentary on newsprint kept on the counter." Wow, the lawyers would have a field day with that system today. (From Rabbit Tracks)

**25 YEARS AGO**  
John Glaza began working at Thumb Electric Co-operative the day it generated its first watt of electricity. That was June 18, 1938. After more than 42 years on the job, he finally decided it was time to retire. Friday, Feb. 20, was his last day. He was the last of the original employees to retire. Saturday, he was guest of honor at a retirement dinner at the Ubyly Heights Country Club. Glaza, who celebrated his 64th birthday his last day at work, held only two jobs during his 42 plus years. He was a power plant operator until 1967 and chief engineer at the Ubyly plant after that, which still involved some operator's duties. He had a role in bringing electricity to the rural areas of the three upper Thumb counties even before Thumb Electric started generating power.

A new, high performance roller vane rotary fuel pump suitable for advanced types of electronic fuel injection systems has been developed by Walbro Corporation. "The Series 7000 roller vane pump combines exceptional performance with a high degree of design flexibility, making it a real problem solver for designers working on state-of-the-art fuel injection systems," according to Victor M. Guernsey, senior vice-president in charge of Walbro's Automotive Products Group. He announced development of the new product at a Feb. 18 meeting of the Detroit Auto Writers Group in Detroit. The pump is being highlighted at this week's Society of Automotive Engineers Exposition in Detroit.

Michigan motorists ranked among the nation's leaders in gasoline conservation in 1980 by cutting gas use 11 percent, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan. "Motorists in Michigan used approximately 4.25

billion gallons of gasoline last year, the lowest level in 10 years and 26 percent behind the record consumption year in 1978," stated Auto Club Touring Manager Joseph Ratke. According to the Federal Highway Administration's most recent figures (through October), Michigan ranked second in reducing gasoline use with a 10.7 percent cut compared with a 10.9 percent drop in Arkansas. This is the second straight year that motorists in Michigan have voluntarily cut their driving.

**35 YEARS AGO**  
The annual shopping list of the nation's trucking industry includes 20.4 billion gallons of motor fuel. Total expenditures of the industry are equivalent to 9.3 percent of the gross national product.

Cass City freshmen scored a pair of victories last week in games played at home and away. Monday, Feb. 15, the Hawks rolled at Ubyly, 62-48. Ubyly was defeated but showed marked improvement over previous games when Cass City scored one-sided victories. Still there was no doubt about the game. Mike Frederick scored 20 points to lead the way. Dave Hillaker and Tom Mellendorf added 12. Nick Gibas scored 7 and Scott Guinther, 4. Thursday the Lakers were in Cass City and Cass City posted a 67-42 decision. Coach Tom Woody said that Cass City played fine defensive ball in the game. The win helped to atone for the loss by the Hawks to the Lakers in the Frosh tourney held here in mid-year.

Basil "Slim" Wotton of Cass City was happy enough with the size of the pike he speared a couple of weeks ago in Saginaw Bay that he had mounted. But, like all fishermen, Slim is still moaning about the one that got away. Made this one look like a little brother, he says regretfully. Still, the one that didn't get away weighed in at 13 1/2 pounds and was 36 1/2 inches long, which are impressive statistics to go with while waiting for that real monster.



**CASS CITY Tiger Cubs** recently toured the Chronicle office to learn the ins and outs of producing a newspaper. They, from left, Brent Baker, Brad Baker, Braden Yoe, Zachary McLachlan, Seth Osentoski and Alexander Messing.

## Marlette Community adds new pieces of equipment

Marlette Community Hospital is once again on the cutting edge of technology. The hospital recently purchased 2 new pieces of equipment, the Vivid 7 Cardiac and Vascular Ultrasound machines from GE Healthcare.

"We're very pleased to bring this testing ability to patients in the Marlette area," said Nate Petrie, senior director of Ancillary Services. "This technology will allow our Cardiology staff to perform tests that, in the past, required patients to travel further distances for treatment," he said.

Ultrasound is a diagnostic procedure that uses high frequency sound waves to detect heartbeat or blood flowing through arteries and veins. Even though ultrasound equipment is very sophisticated, the procedure itself is simple and painless.

"It requires no preparation or special instructions and usually takes less than 30 minutes to perform," explained Katrina Pandrea Moorehead, Cardiopulmonary Services manager. "The technologist applies a special gel on a probe (also called a transducer) then places the probe on your skin over the heart, veins or arteries that a physician requests to be observed."

The gel allows the passage of high frequency sound waves from the probe to the following: heart chambers, heart valves, heart muscle, carotid (neck) arteries, the arteries and veins in the arms and legs, and renal (kidney) arteries. Sound waves reflect off the tissue structure sending information back to the probe creating sounds and moving images on a monitor screen.

The images are recorded for the physician to review and interpret. Because ultrasound does not involve any radiation, as opposed to an x-ray, it is a very safe test. The new ultrasound equipment has several new features that will help the physician to better diagnose and treat their patients.

Marlette Community Hospital is staffed with 2 technologists who perform Cardiac and/or Vascular Ultra-

sound. Doug Fox, who has been with Marlette Community Hospital for 10 years, has been performing Cardiac and Vascular Ultrasound for over 15 years. Michelle Peters has been with Marlette Community Hospital for 8 years and has been performing Vascular Ultrasound for 5 years.

In addition to the new equipment, the Cardiac and Vascular Ultrasound department has moved to a new larger area of the hospital. This additional space allows the department to have digital capability equipment. Images taken by the technologist can be stored digitally then sent on to the interpreting cardiologist or radiologist within minutes of completing the study.

## Forensics team takes championship

Saturday the Cass City Forensic Team traveled to Beaverton High School for its second tournament of the year.

After all was said and done, the team walked away with the championship in their division. All together, Cass City had 9 entries, with 8 of those 9 making it to semi finals and 7 making it to the finals.

Individual honors went to the multiple team of Allie Richards, Jennifer Hacker, Jill Dillon, Allie Hillaker, Carly Rabideau, Jennica Richards and Phil Nahamek for their first place championship. Also with first places were Courtney Rabideau in Broadcasting and Sarah Langmaid in Sales.

In storytelling, Kurt Hanby finished third and Courtney Hacker finished fifth. Brittany Loomis placed fifth in Oratory 9/10. Finally, the Duo of Anna and Ashley Deel finished sixth.

The forensic season is in full swing with the next tournament slated for Saturday in Ludington.

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Chuck Carr  
Transportation available

**Cass City Church of Christ**  
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-2729  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor - Bob Sweeney  
www.casscitymc.org

**Cass City United Methodist Church**  
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,  
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
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Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
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Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
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Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould



**First Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
AWANA 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays  
Pastor: Eric Holmgren  
Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller  
Website: www.fbccc.us

**First Presbyterian Church  
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
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Pastor: Keith Misany

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Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

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# DISTRICT DRAWS

## Class B in Frankenmuth

Frankenmuth High School has everything going for it in the class B district 58 Michigan High School basketball tournament. The Eagles are the definite favorites and also have the added advantage of playing at home.

In the opening night Monday, Mar. 6, Birch Run meets North Branch. Millington drew a bye and will face the winner Wednesday, Mar. 8.

Tuesday, Mar. 7, Frankenmuth plays Caro and the winner meets Cass City, that drew a bye, Thursday, Mar. 9. The finals will be Saturday, Mar. 11. All games start at 7 p.m.

## Class D in Owendale

The district 113 class D tournament scheduled at Owen-Gage promises to be a wide-open affair.

Although North Huron will rank as the slight favorite, it would not be a surprise if one of the other teams plays well and captures the crown.

The tourney starts with Saginaw Arts-Science meeting Akron Fairgrove at 6 p.m. Monday, Mar. 6. The winner of this game will meet North Huron Wednesday, Mar. 8, at 6 p.m.

Owen-Gage plays in the second game Mar. 6 when the team meets Caseville in a game that starts at about 7:30 p.m. The winner faces Caseville in the Mar. 8 nightcap.

Finals are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday.

# Cardinals, Eagles handle Bulldogs

Defending champion Caseville vaulted past Owen-Gage in the North Central Thumb League-North standings Friday with a 54-45 decision over the visiting Bulldogs.

With the win, the Eagles remain in the hunt for their 4th straight conference title. Meanwhile, Owen-Gage suffered its third straight NCTL-N defeat and appears destined for a middle of the pack finish in the league standings after holding the top spot for most of the season. Entering the final 2 weeks of the regular season, both the Eagles and Bulldogs trail league-leading North Huron by 2 games in the loss column.

However, if the Bulldogs could stage a huge upset Tuesday over visiting Carsonville-Port Sanilac, who stands at 14-1 in the much tougher NCTL-South division, then Friday's Snowcoming outing with North Huron in Owendale will gain significant meaning for both schools.

After trading baskets in the early stages, Caseville took control over the Bulldogs before the break with a 17-8 scoring advantage in the second quarter. The Eagles held their guests to a lone Brandon Dubs field goal in the period that ended with the hosts in front, 28-16.

In the final half, Owen-Gage was able to slice a point from the Eagle margin in the third stanza and then drew to within 36-32 with a 7-0 run to open the final 8 minutes.

Dubs heated up in the final period, tossing in a dozen of his team-high 14 markers, including a pair of buckets from behind the 3-point arc. But the Eagles were able to hold off the Bulldog rally with an 18-7 run midway through the final period.

The game was actually decided at the foul line, where the hosts connected on 24 of 40 attempts while Owen-Gage, who didn't score from the charity stripe in the final half, made 8 of only 22 tries.

Besides Dubs, Owen-Gage had Andy Dronsella in double figures with 10 points.

Dustin Stormzand led the winners with 16 points, while Curtis Ostrander added 12.

KINGSTON

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, Kingston had no problem keeping its record unblemished with a lopsided 85-38 NCTL crossover win against visiting Owen-Gage.

The Cardinals jetted to a 27-5 first quarter lead and never looked back en route to leads of 45-18 at the intermission and 69-28 entering the final period.

The winners had 4 players reach double figures, paced by Brandon Jones who registered 17 points. Brian Stine and Tristin Pennington each chipped in 14 points for Kingston, while Matt Neff collected 13.

Aaron Gaeth was the lone bright spot for the Bulldog offense and poured in 17 tallies that included 5 triples.

OWEN-GAGE - Reil 2-0 (0-0) 4; Dubs 3-0 (0-2) 6; Dronsella 0-0 (3-4) 3; Howard 1-1 (1-2) 6; Rogers 1-0 (0-0) 2; Gaeth 1-5 (0-0) 17. TOTALS - 8-6 (4-8) 38.

KINGSTON - Flikkie 2-0 (2-3) 6; Dawson 1-0 (0-0) 2; Neff 4-1 (2-2) 13; Greer 2-0 (1-2) 5; Stine 5-0 (4-7) 14; Jones 7-0 (3-4) 17; Pennington 4-1 (3-4) 14; Filipek 1-1 (0-0) 5; Harneck 4-0 (1-2) 9. TOTALS - 30-3 (16-24) 85.

OWEN-GAGE - Reil 0-0 (0-2) 0; Dubs 4-2 (0-1) 14; Dronsella 3-1 (1-4) 10; Howard 0-1 (2-5) 5; Rogers 1-0 (0-0) 2; Zaleski 1-0 (4-8) 6; Champagne 2-0 (1-2) 5; Gaeth 0-1 (0-0) 3. TOTALS - 11-5 (8-22) 45.

CASEVILLE - Stormzand 2-2 (6-8) 16; D. Grates 1-0 (7-11) 9; Ostrander 2-2 (2-5) 12; Quinn 1-0 (3-4) 5; Kretzschmer 1-0 (1-2) 3; Rogers 2-0 (5-10) 9. TOTALS - 9-4 (24-40) 54.



**KINGSTON GUARD Seth Flikkie rips down a rebound during Tuesday's NCTL victory over Owen-Gage.**

# Hawks roll past Lakers

The Cass City Red Hawks rolled past Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Tuesday by running up a commanding first half lead and then coasting to a 47-35 decision.

One of the bright notes for Cass City fans was the return to the forefront of Brad Langenburg, who together with Chris Landrith paced the Hawks to the win.

On a night when scoring ace Justin Glaza was held to his lowest scoring total (5 points) of the season, Langenburg carried the team to its big first half lead. He netted a trey and a hoop in the first period on his way to 11 points before the intermission.

In the second half coach Bill McLellan switched to a triangle and 2 defense, opening the way for Landrith to net 8 of his 10 points in the last 2 quarters.

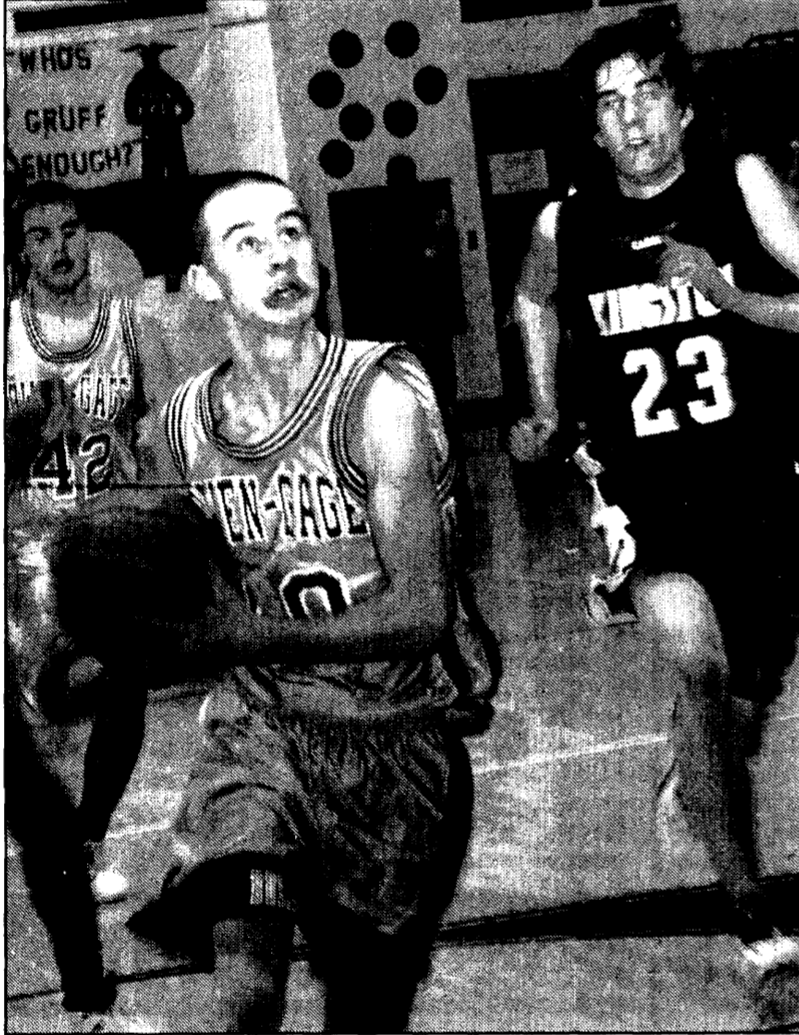
The game was close in the first quarter with the Hawks in front, 11-8, at the end of the period.

In the decisive second quarter the Lakers were able to score only a hoop by Mark Feger, a free throw by Neil Gaeth and a trey by Duane Ertman. Cass City posted its best quarter of the night with 18 points to lead 29-14 at the intermission.

The Lakers cut into the margin in the third quarter with some fine outside shooting that included 3 treys (2 by Kyle Dubs) and 4 regular hoops for 17 points and the Hawks' lead was cut to 39-31.

Cass City controlled the ball in the last quarter to salt away the win.

Langenburg ended with 18 points and Landrith scored 10. Dubs was in double figures for the Lakers with 10 points.



**BULLDOG FRESHMAN Brent Reil beats Kingston's Matt Neff to the basket during the Cardinals 85-38 home win.**

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST				
Team	W	L	W	L
USA	8	0	14	0
Reese	6	2	10	5
Cass City	6	3	12	4
BCAS	5	4	11	4
Valley Lutheran	3	5	4	12
Lakers	1	7	5	11
Bad Axe	0	8	1	14

GREATER THUMB EAST				
Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	8	2	13	3
Marlette	7	2	11	4
Sandusky	6	3	9	6
Harbor Beach	4	4	9	7
Ubyly	3	4	7	8
Mayville	2	6	4	11
Deckerville	0	9	1	16

NCTLNORTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
North Huron	8	6	8	6
Caseville	7	8	7	9
Owen-Gage	6	8	7	9
Port Hope	2	13	3	13
Akron-Fairgrove	0	15	0	16

NCLSOUTH				
Team	W	L	W	L
Kingston	14	0	16	0
CPS	14	1	15	2
Memphis	8	8	8	8
Dryden	7	7	8	8
Peck	6	8	6	9

## Fabulous Four's Fearless Forecast

This Week's Forecast	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Doug Hyatt
	Tuesday, February 21 USA at Cass City Ubyly at Deckerville Reese at Mayville Caseville at Brown City Memphis at Akron-Fairgrove Dryden at North Huron CPS at Owen-Gage Kingston at Port Hope	USA Ubyly Reese Brown City Memphis North Huron CPS Kingston	USA Ubyly Reese Brown City Memphis North Huron CPS Kingston	USA Ubyly Reese Brown City Memphis North Huron CPS Kingston
Wednesday, February 22 Lakers at Reese Brown City at BCAS	Reese BCAS	Reese BCAS	Reese Brown City	Reese BCAS
Friday, February 24 Bad Axe at BCAS Saginaw Nouvel at USA Cass City at Reese Valley Lutheran at Lakers North Huron at Owen-Gage Caseville at Akron-Fairgrove Harbor Beach at Mayville Sandusky at Deckerville Marlette at Ubyly Kingston at CPS Memphis at Peck	BCAS USA Reese Valley Lutheran North Huron Caseville Harbor Beach Sandusky Ubyly Kingston Peck	BCAS USA Reese Valley Lutheran North Huron Caseville Harbor Beach Sandusky Ubyly Kingston Memphis	BCAS USA Reese Lakers North Huron Caseville Harbor Beach Sandusky Marlette Kingston Peck	BCAS USA Reese Valley Lutheran North Huron Caseville Harbor Beach Sandusky Marlette Kingston Peck
Last week's results	13-2	12-3	12-3	12-3
Season's results	108-33 (77%)	111-30 (79%)	104-37 (74%)	109-32 (77%)

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Awards: Don Doerr - 75 Pins over Avg. game (92) (275-183).

Team High Game & Series: Doerr Landscaping 654 (1754).

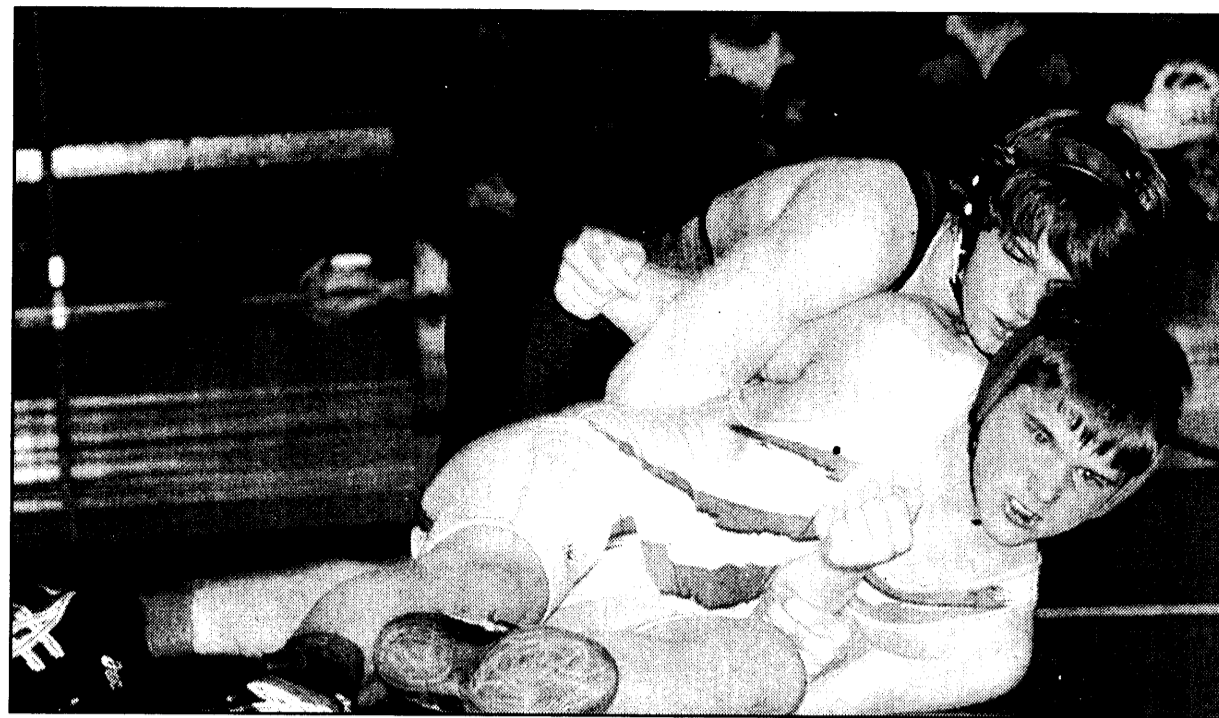
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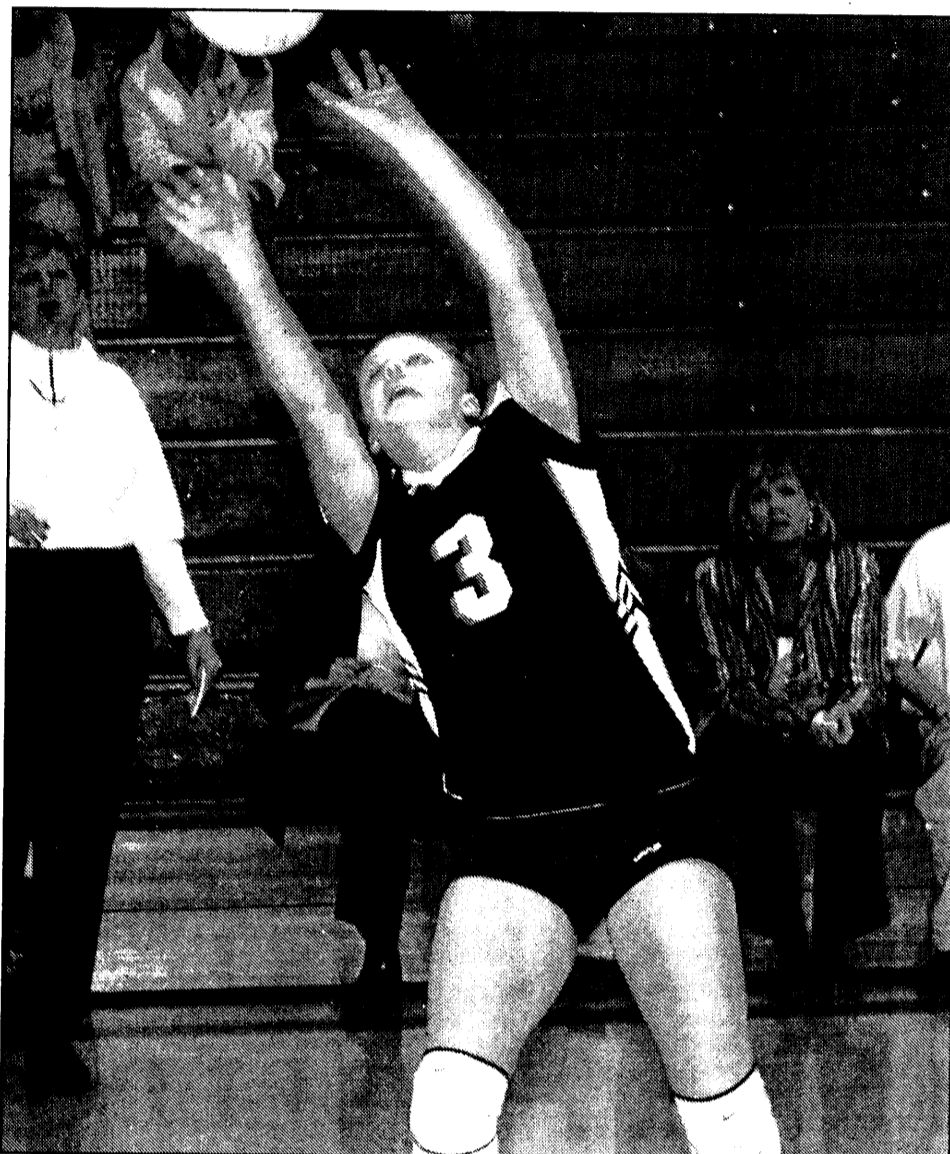
Team High Game: Crowley Chiropractic, 820.

Team High Series: Charlie's Angels, 2303.



**RED HAWK Kyle Reif (rear) works towards his 100th career win Saturday at**

**Caro during individual district action. Reif captured third place in the 135 lb. class to advance into the regionals at Goodrich this weekend.**



**CASS CITY freshman Amanda Langenburg sets up a teammate during Monday's Greater Thumb West victory over visiting Reese in straight games.**

## Cass City spikers appear ready for powerful Hatchets

The Cass City volleyball team will enter this week's crucial Greater Thumb West match up in Bad Axe riding high following Monday's dominating performance against visiting Reese.

With their win, the Hawks remain just one game back of the Hatchets who, along with Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, are undefeated in conference play. Bad Axe is scheduled to face the Lakers tonight (Wednesday) for the undisputed GTW lead, while Cass City will make its first of 2 visits this week to Bad Axe on Thursday.

If the Hatchets defeat the Lakers and Cass City knocks off Bad Axe, all 3 schools would enter Saturday's GTW tourney, also at Bad Axe, with identical GTW records.

Judging by Monday's performance against the Rockets, the Hawks should provide the defending co-champion Hatchets with a stern test.

The Hawks showcased their offensive power against Reese, winning in straight games by the scores of 25-11, 25-17 and 25-11.

After taking the opening game without a struggle, Game 2 saw the Rockets close to within 16-12. But with freshman Amanda Langenburg at the service line the Hawks ran off 4 straight points to gain a 20-12 margin and never look back. Sparking the scoring spurt was junior middle hitter Sara Meeker, who sandwiched a spike and block at the net around a kill by Emily Schinnerer.

Leading 22-16, Courtney Rabideau recorded Cass City's final 3 tallies of the middle game as an Ashley Hendrick block and tip resulted in the game's final 2 markers.

Hendrick, Cass City's strongest hitter, put the hosts up 3-0 in the final game with a trio of ace serves. The Hawks then extended a 10-4 advantage into a 15-4 margin with 5 straight service points from Rabideau, which included a pair of aces. From there, Cass City used a pair of aces from Ashleigh Rabideau and a block by Schinnerer to gain a 22-9 gap before Langenburg served out the win.

Meeker and Hendrick were credited with 8 kills each, while Langenburg added 6. Schinnerer recorded a team-best 4 blocks.

## O-G defeats Eagles

Old Man Winter limited the Owen-Gage Bulldog volleyball team to just one outing last week in Owendale where the hosts defeated Caseville during a 4 game North Central Thumb League tilt.

The scores of Monday's hard-fought match were 25-19, 25-19, 14-25 and 25-20.

Amanda Faist had 5 aces, 2 blocks and 3 kills to lead the winners, while Becky Schmidt added 6 aces and 4 kills and Katie Rhodes, 7 aces and 6 assists.

Owen-Gage will travel to face North Huron on Thursday.

# Hawk grapplers advance foursome

## Sieradzki sets new mark

Kyle Sieradzki's banner wrestling season continued over the weekend in Caro during individual district play where he created a new Cass City mark for victories in a single season.

The Red Hawk standout compiled a record of 2-2 on the day; good for 4th place in the 171 lb. class and will now advance into this Saturday's regional action in Goodrich with a record of 52-5. His win total erases the school's old mark of 50 wins established by Bob Lefler during the 1989-90 season.

Most of Sieradzki's wins this year have come while wrestling in the 160 lb. class, but Saturday the feisty junior elected to go up one weight class.

"I weighed in at 160.3, but thought I would have a better chance advancing in the 171 class," Sieradzki said. Only the top 4 wrestlers in each class advance.

Joining Sieradzki at the Goodrich regional will be teammates Scott Meeker, Kyle Reif and Jeremy Farr.

Meeker posted Cass City's best finish at the 14-team district with a runner-up finish in the 275 lb. class. The Red Hawk senior, after posting a 2-1

mark Saturday, will enter regional play with an impressive 44-5 record. Juniors Farr, in the 125 lb. class, and Reif, in the 135 lb. class, both recorded third place honors. Reif also notched his 100th career win at the Caro district.

"He (Reif) is only the 4th Red Hawk wrestler to reach such a lofty record in his junior year. The others were brothers Adam and Aaron Dorland and Kyle Sieradzki," said coach Don Markel.

### TEAM DISTRICT

On Wednesday, Cass City traveled to Saginaw Nouvel where they met powerful Caro in the first round of team district.

The Tigers easily defeated Cass City 62-12 and then whipped Essexville-Garber 54-18 to claim the district crown. Caro now moves on to face the Oscoda Owls tonight (Wednesday) at Essexville-Garber.

Meeker and Andrew Peruski were the only Hawks to earn victory on the day as Cass City concluded its dual meet season with a 26-16 record.

# Hawk gymnasts shine at regular season finale

The Cass City gymnastic team's final meet of the regular season, last week Tuesday in Midland, proved extra special for Allie Richards and Caitlin Sorenson.

The Red Hawk pair each earned their 4th required regional qualifying mark - Richards during the floor exercise and Sorenson on the uneven bars - and will join 4 other Cass City gymnasts in individual regional competition scheduled in Hartland on March 4th.

Coach Kathy Bouverette stated she was proud of her team's performance at Midland, noting, "our team point

total of 115.50 was our highest of the year."

At the 4-team invite, Cass City received team-high marks of 8.2 in the vault and 7.25 in the uneven bars from Sorenson, 7.5 from Megan VanVliet in the beam and 8.4 from Jennica Richards in the floor routine.

The complete list of regional competitors, and their events, for Cass City include: Jennica and Allie Richards - vault, floor exercise; Sorenson - vault, uneven bars; and VanVliet, Ashley Weiss and Allie Hillaker in the vault.

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### CLASS D VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS AT BAY CITY ALLSAINTS CENTRAL

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Arts & Sciences	Sat., March 4 10:00 a.m.	
Bye	BCAS	
BCAS		Sat., March 4 2:00 p.m.
Akron-Fairgrove		
Wed., March 1 7:00 p.m.		
Owen-Gage		
	Sat., March 4 11:30 a.m.	
Caseville	Caseville	
		Starting times are approximate
Bye		

### CLASS B VOLLEYBALL DISTRICTS AT BIRCH RUN

Caro		
Bye		
	Sat., March 4 10:00 a.m.	
Cass City		
Wed., March 1 6:00 p.m.		
Millington		Sat., March 4 1:30 p.m.
Frankenmuth		
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Birch Run	Sat., March 4 11:30 a.m.	
Bye		
Lakeville		

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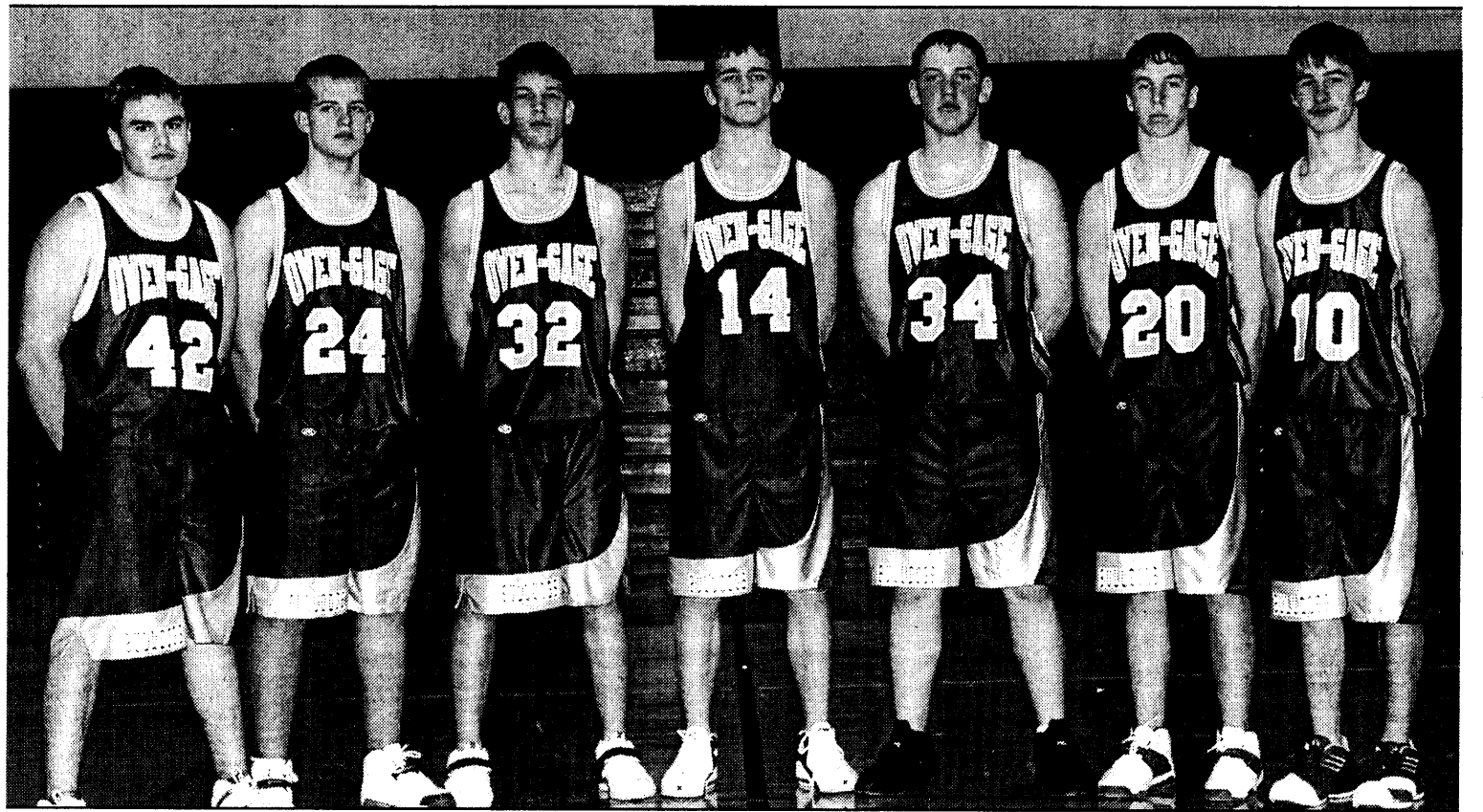
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**THE SNOW, ICE and bitter winds that closed many Thumb schools, including Cass City, Thursday and Friday didn't deter sisters Erika, 13, and Megan Badgley, 8, of Cass City, from trekking to the village's sledding hill Friday morning.**

### Kingston students collecting

Kingston Elementary students began collecting pop can tabs Feb. 1 and will continue to collect through April 28, with proceeds benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

The pop can tab drive is being sponsored by the Independent Bank office in Kingston which will reward the class that collects the most pop can tabs with a pizza party.

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Independent Bank's East Michigan offices have been collecting pop can tabs since August 2005 to donate to the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. Pop can tabs are being accepted at any area Independent Bank from now until April 28.

**Board of Review Meeting Scheduled**  
**The Elmwood Township Board of Review for 2006**  
will be held at the Elmwood Township Hall  
6437 Lincoln Street, Gagetown, MI 48735 on the following dates:  
**Monday, March 13, 9 a.m. - Noon & 1-4 p.m.**  
**Thursday, March 16, 3-9 p.m.**

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and equalize the 2006 assessments.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of Real property and Personal Property for 2006 are as follows:

Agricultural	43.61%	1.14653
Commercial	49.91%	1.00180
Industrial	36.39%	1.36277
Residential	43.14%	1.15902
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

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**Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW**  
for Greenleaf Township  
Will Be Held  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2006 6:30 p.m.**  
To present the roll. No public protest heard.  
**Monday, March 13, 2006 9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, March 15 2-5 & 6-9 p.m.**  
Greenleaf Township Hall on Gilbert Rd., 2 miles north of Cass City Rd.  
Taxpayers may appeal assessments at either of the last two meetings or by mail to Judy Doerr, Clerk, at 7381 Germania Rd., Uby, MI 48475

**Tentative Equalization Factor**

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	42.52%	1.17605
Commercial	45.12%	1.10816
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Residential	46.69%	1.07089
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

The township will provide necessary reasonable service to individuals with Disabilities at the Board of Review Meeting upon 3 days notice to clerk.  
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**Notice of BOARD OF REVIEW for Novesta Township will be held**  
**March 13, 2006 9 a.m.-12 & 1-4 p.m.**  
**March 14, 2006 1-4 & 6-9 p.m.**

**Tentative Equalization Factor**

	Multiplier	Ratio
Residential	1.01585	49.22
Agricultural	1.15324	43.36
Commercial	1.000	50.00
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**Novesta Township Budget Public Hearing Notice**

The Novesta Township Board will hold a Public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year April 1, 2006- March 31, 2007 at Novesta Township Hall on March 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at:  
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**Karen Mozden, Clerk**

## Calendar of Events

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

**Wednesday, February 22**  
Ravenous Readers', noon, Rawson Memorial Library.

**Thursday, February 23**  
Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall. Donations will be accepted.  
Seniors' Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.  
Kids' Gardening Craft, 3:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

**Friday, February 24**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.  
Women's Health Class, "Anti-Aging Lifestyle," 9:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library. Call 989-872-2856 to register.

**Saturday, February 25**  
YA Book Club, 11 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.  
Gardening Tips and Ideas by Yvonne Greer, master gardener, 1 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

**Monday, February 27**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.  
Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.  
Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.  
Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Northwood Meadows.  
Tuscola County Right to Life Organization meeting, 6:30 p.m., Caro Library.

## Obituaries

**Rex Cox**

Rex L. Cox, 80, of Cass City, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006 at Phoenix Mountain Nursing Center, Phoenix, Ariz.

He was born Sept. 8, 1925 in Traverse City, the son of the late Murray and Lillie (Hunt) Cox.

He married Lucille M. Miller April 14, 1945, at the Salem Methodist Church in Pigeon.

Cox and his wife moved to the Dearborn area shortly after they married where they raised their family. During the mid-50s, Cox opened Rex's Shell Service on Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. In 1968, he began his career at Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1988 for health reasons. In 1990, they moved back to the area, settling in Cass City. He attended the Cass City United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; his children: Deanna (Norman) Aronson of Whitmore Lake, Dale (Lynh) Cox of Hamburg and Marsha (Tim) Healy of Clarkston; 6 grand-children; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters: Lila (Donald) Stover of Comstock Park and Ethel (Bill) Kunze of Traverse City; and a sister-in-law, Elayne Cox of Traverse City.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Cox.

A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Burial will be in the Grandlawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

**Elmer Voss**

Elmer Gottlob Voss, 84, of Caro, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at Caro Community Hospital.

He was born Sept. 7, 1921 in Essexville. He was baptized Oct. 2 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Bay City, and confirmed June 10, 1934 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merritt Township.

Voss married Luetta Margaret Dorothea Bergman Feb. 7, 1942, at the Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon. She died Nov. 19, 1980. He then married Marilyn (Behr) Deering at Peace Lutheran Church, Sandusky.

Voss was a life-long Tuscola County farmer living in the Deford and Caro areas. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Fairgrove.

Voss is survived by his wife, Marilyn; a daughter, Margaret LeValley of Caro; 4 sons: Ronald (Linda) Voss of Deford, Lee (Sue) Voss of Deford, Earl (Beverly) Voss of Fairgrove, and Paul (Cindy) Voss of Caro; step-children: Bonnie Watson of Hemans, Lee (Glenda) Deering of Deford, David (Kris) Deering of Deford, Sharon Deering of Bay City, Cathy (Tom) Chard of Decker, and Rodney (Lisa) Deering of Deford; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren; siblings: Eleanor Schlicker of Bay City and Archie (JoAnn) Voss of Daytona Beach, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Voss, October 12, 1984; and siblings: William, Clarence and Leonard Voss, Freida Oblander and Laura Buchholz.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 18, at Grace Lutheran Church, Fairgrove, with Pastor Leonard Astrowski officiating. Cremation followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the building fund at Grace Lutheran Church or the Lutheran Hour.

Arrangements were made by Colton Funeral Home, Caro.

**Jessy Kornelson**

Jessy L. Kornelson, 27, of Deford, died unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 17, 2006 in Memorial Herman Hospital, Houston, TX.

He was born Feb. 27, 1978 in Wyandotte, the son of Leonard and Deborah (Lizotte) Kornelson.

Kornelson graduated from Cass City High School. In high school, he played soccer and baseball.

Kornelson is survived by his mother, Deborah (Benny) Rhyndress of Deford; father, Leonard Kornelson of Arizona; brothers: Ryan (Kelly) Kornelson of Roseville and Benjamin Rhyndress of Deford; a nephew, Brandon; nieces: Amanda and Kayla; grandparents: Louise Lizotte of St. Clair Shores, Carol Rhyndress of St. Helen, and Leon Rhyndress of Prescott; a great-grandmother, Nellie Kornelson of New Boston; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Wendy Kornelson; grandparents: Thomas Lizotte and Patricia and Lowell Kornelson.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Kranz

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CASS CITY HIGH School senior Caitie Barnes, one of 5 dining assistants at Tendercare, Cass City, serves a glass of water and visits with resident Fred Maxwell Friday afternoon. Barnes and 4 other high school students were training and hired locally in conjunction with a pilot program in Michigan that could result in state policy allowing nursing homes to utilize training dining assistants.

## Tendercare participating in study

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"We pick up water pitchers and get them cleaned and then fill them up and take them back to the tables," said Barnes, 17, who like her fellow dining assistants completed 17 hours of training on various topics related to patient safety. "We take residents' (meal) orders and then bring them out, and we encourage the residents to eat."

Tendercare, Cass City, is currently the only Tendercare facility in the state that is participating in the pilot program, but there are several other long-term care facilities throughout Michigan that are a part of the pro-

gram.

Locally, Tendercare has had 2 students each assisting around mealtimes for 3 hours each day, Monday through Sunday, since the holidays. The students are paid employees, earning about \$8 an hour.

"We're hoping to expand the hours when summer comes," said Kretzschmer, who explained the pilot program is being conducted by the Michigan Department of Community Health and Michigan State University, and will run for about 6 months, with research being conducted during and after to determine the impact of the study on the residents. The findings of that research will be

used to determine state policy on whether or not to allow nursing homes to hire and train dining room assistants.

Kretzschmer is already convinced that the experiment has netted some very positive results.

"We've actually been very successful," she said. "Two residents have had no additional (weight) loss and 3 have had an actual gain, so it's very positive."

"The preliminary reports show that it is amazingly successful," Kretzschmer added. "The social interaction between young and old is a win-win situation that provides both nutritional support and psycho/social support to all residents at Tendercare, Cass City."

A key ingredient all along has been the students themselves, Kretzschmer said. She described the students as being enthusiastic, dedicated and upbeat in their interaction with the residents.

"I like talking to all of the residents. It's interesting learning where they came from," Barnes said of what she enjoys most about working as a dining assistant.

Doerr, 17, agreed. "I want to go into nursing so I thought this environment would be good to get used to," she said. The experience, Doerr added, turned out to be much different than she expected.

"I didn't expect to bond so much with the residents. They all have such different personalities," she said. "They're really friendly. I get hugs all the time and they'll tell me about their grandkids."

The feeling is mutual among the residents, according to Kretzschmer. "They'll ask, 'is that cute girl coming today,'" she said. "They (students) add life to the place."

## Tuscola mentors needed

Mentor Tuscola officials are encouraging area residents to consider serving as a mentor.

A large number of children are in need of a mentor, according to officials, who say children benefit from mentoring because they develop a friendship, get a chance to express feelings, learn communication skills, gain confidence, learn how to care for others, receive help with school work, and get an opportunity to experience new and different activities.

Mentors also benefit - they also gain friendship, a real sense of self-fulfillment because they have made a difference in the life of a young person. In addition, mentoring provides the opportunity to stay active, share life experiences and more.

Volunteers don't need a lot of time, money or experience, just a willingness to share a little of themselves with someone else. Male mentors, in particular, are in demand.

Mentor-Tuscola meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office, located at 362 Green St., Caro.

Officials are currently planning mentoring training sessions. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to contact Pat Beck, AmeriCorps, MSU 4-H Youth Mentoring coordinator, at (989) 672-3874, or by e-mail - beckp@msu.edu.

# Neeb first Dem to join race

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the Michigan House of Representatives, I will continue to work at developing ways to encourage business development in this area and in this state."

In addition to his recent business experience, Neeb worked as an assistant plant engineer at Active Industries (now Tower Automotive) in Elkton, and as an industrial engineer for the Bad Axe and Uby plants of Hamill Manufacturing Division of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

Neeb is also an attorney with a law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. In addition, he has completed advanced studies in corpora-

tion and finance at Wayne State University Law School.

Neeb has resided in Huron County his entire life. He and his wife, Maryanne, have raised 6 children.

Neeb is a member of the Thumb Area Michigan Works! Advisory Board, former chairman of the Thumb District, Lake Huron Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and past president of the Harbor Beach Rotary Club. He is also a member of the National Rifle Association and the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association.

The race for Meyer's 84th District seat is getting crowded. Among the other candidates seeking the office are Republicans Ken Micklash, a

veteran Thumb area educator who recently retired from the Cass City Public Schools after 18 years as superintendent; Phillip W. Hardy, a long-time Koylton Township resident and businessman; and John Hunt, a lifelong resident of Huron County's Verona Township and a veteran Huron County road commissioner.

## Meeting set

The Kedron Chapter #33 of the O.E.S. of Caro will meet for its regular meeting at 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, at the Masonic Temple in Caro. A lunch will be served at noon.

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