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Cass City man bound over

Hampton charged in death of son

A Cass City man accused of causing the death of his 3-month-old son last year will face formal arraignment on charges next month in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Dale E. Hampton, 22, appeared in Tuscola County District Court Friday for his preliminary examination. Visiting District Judge Michael Matuzak bound him over to circuit court following the exam.

Hampton faces 2 charges — manslaughter, a 15-year felony, and second degree child abuse, which is punishable by up to 4 years in prison.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said Hampton is accused of causing his son's death by placing a blanket around the child's head in February 2005 at the Cass City

Dale E. Hampton

area residence he shared with the mother of the boy and the child's twin brother.

Reene said it isn't unusual for certain cases to go to court several months after the date of the alleged crime.

"It's pretty common with cases of this type," he added. "Over time, you

look at a case and more statements are made. Something happens to a child, and the evidence at times is limited (initially) and there's no analysis of the case."

Reene indicated the charges filed against Hampton are the result of his actions.

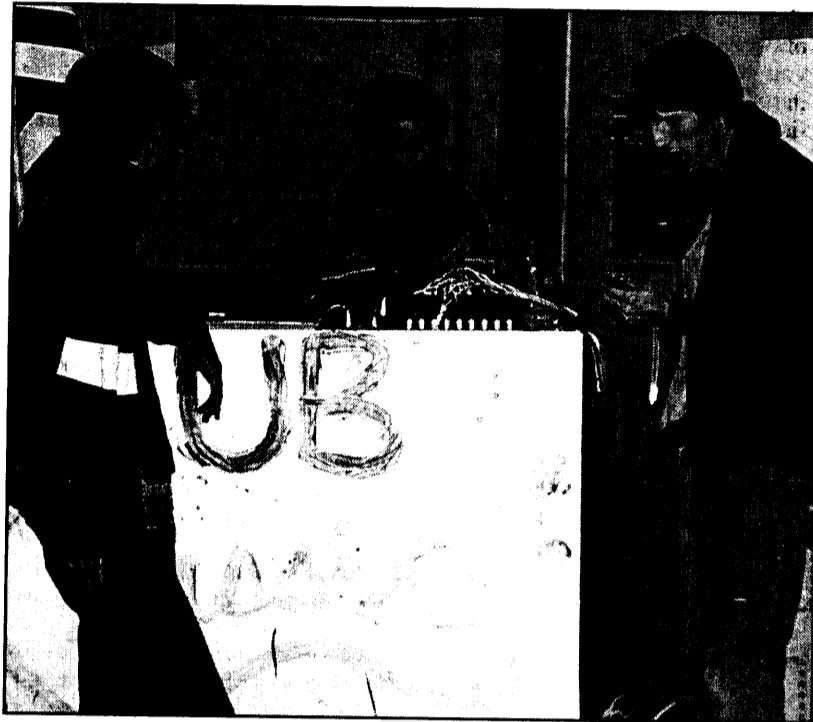
"It's (death) not accidental. I think accidental tends to imply a lack of accountability, and that's not the case here," he said. "It was his conduct that resulted in the boy's death. It was certain conduct that he had been warned about before - placing a blanket over the child's head."

"When you engage in that kind of conduct with a baby of that age, it's beyond my ability to comprehend." Reene said testimony from Forensic Pathologist Dr. Kanu Virani, who performed an autopsy on the child, indicated the victim's lungs showed signs of physical damage from a lack of oxygen.

According to testimony presented Friday, the child's mother found the baby in his crib in distress. Tuscola County 911 dispatchers instructed family members to perform CPR, but the child was unresponsive.

Sandusky attorney Elaine Sawyer, who is representing Hampton, called the death "an unfortunate accident" and said Hampton did not intend to harm the baby.

Reene said Hampton is already incarcerated on unrelated convictions. He faces formal arraignment on the manslaughter and child abuse charges Wednesday, Dec. 6, in Tuscola County Circuit Court.



CLUB CLASSIC NIGHTS aren't drawing the crowds of teens, especially local youths, that owner Bob Cleland would like to see. Cleland is pictured in the photo at right (center). At left, Addison Eilers (left) and his brother, Alex Eilers, set their equipment up Friday night. The brothers form the Port Hope-based band, Ephus.

Club Classic

Local youth ignoring teen club, owners say

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

As a former police officer, Bob Cleland has seen his share of young offenders arrested for possessing drugs, breaking into homes and vandalizing property.

Cleland feels many young people might not get into trouble if they had something more positive to do with

their peers, but the options are few and far between in most Thumb area communities.

That subject got Cleland talking with his fiancé, Cathie Lipson, and the pair decided to create a teen club for area youth at Cleland's Classic Driving School business, located just outside the west village limits of Cass City.

That was 5 months ago, and while

the couple continues to host bands and a dozen or 2 Thumb teens every Friday night, the lack of attendance by Cass City teens has them scratching their heads.

"We don't understand," Cleland said Friday as he and Lipson prepared for a Club Classic night. "I think I've probably seen 5 kids, maybe 6 kids from Cass City since we started this."

"We see them up and down the streets at night, and we have flyers at the high school," Lipson added.

"It's not DTE - we're not going to bring in Bob Seger," said Cleland, who

noted many of the teens the couple hosts are from Huron County towns. "We're taking baby steps to make this better, and we need the kids to do that."

"We can't do this forever, and don't want to close it," Cleland said. "We're thinking of relocating because Cass City (teens) aren't supporting it."

That's not to say members of the community haven't supported the idea, according to Cleland, who pointed out local school administra-

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Ohio man dies after fall from tree stand

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed Monday on a hunter whose body was found hours after he apparently fell from a hunting stand Saturday in Sanilac County's Moore Township.

According to Lt. Jim Wagester of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Sanilac County Central Dispatch personnel were notified Sunday morning of a hunter - later identified as Jeffrey C. Atkeson, 47, of Ohio - who had been missing since the previous evening's hunt. The caller also told dispatchers that those searching for the man had just located him and believed he was deceased.

"Upon arrival, deputies were directed to the location of the downed hunter which was approximately a half-mile in a northwest direction from the intersection of Townline and Nicol roads in Moore Township," Wagester reported.

Wagester said deputies learned that Atkeson was in the area hunting with friends. It appears that he fell some 18 feet from a tree stand, and that he had been lying on the ground since the night before.

Members of the hunting party stated that they looked for Atkeson until about midnight Saturday and then resumed their search Sunday morning.

Deputies are continuing their investigation. They were assisted at the scene by the Sandusky Police and Fire departments, the Moore Township Fire Department and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



Decking the halls...

NOTED THUMB AREA artist Adiel DeBoever was in Cass City Friday, helping local merchants, including Gilligan's owner Mike Sines, spruce up their store fronts in preparation for the village's holiday open house over the weekend. DeBoever, a Sebawaing resident, has been commissioned to paint a number of murals for Thumb schools as well as private residences. His work can be seen in the high school gyms at Owen-Gage, Akron-Fairgrove and Lakers, among others.

Welch identified as driver in crash

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky are continuing their investigation into a traffic crash that claimed the life of a 48-year-old Gagetown man last week in Sanilac County's Minden Township.

Troopers, who identified the victim as Gregory Welch, said the crash occurred at about 2:40 p.m. Thursday on Bay City-Forestville Road, just east of Polk Road.

According to a news release issued by the post, the motorist was driving east when his vehicle partially left the right side of the roadway, and he apparently over-corrected, causing him to swerve across the westbound lane. The vehicle then left the roadway and struck a culvert and then a brick wall along a private driveway, troopers said.

The victim was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown to the passenger side of his vehicle, according to reports, which state alcohol and drugs appear to have been a factor. Troopers noted, however, that lab results are pending.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Minden City Fire Department, Sherman Township Fire Department, Sanilac EMS and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe.

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Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting at Oswald Hall in Bad Axe Tuesday, where they said the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. After the potluck dinner, they played bingo.

The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Big Boy Thursday with 11 members present. They will meet at Coffee Cup Plus in 2 weeks.

Allen Farrelly spent Monday to Thursday in Sterling Heights at the home of June Rutz and family.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Thursday afternoon.

The Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Bad Axe Church for their Thanksgiving dinner with Midge Clemens as hostess. Roll call was answered by the most recent thing you were thankful for. Charlotte Particka will be the hostess at next month's meeting.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended the chicken dinner at Verona Tavern Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon were Sunday evening guests of Thelma Jackson.

Mrs. Jim Doerr, Amy Doerr, and Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland Thursday in Bad Axe.

Allen Farrelly visited Ida Irvin and Thelma Jackson Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson brought in a shrimp dinner with all the trimmings for Thelma Jackson's 92nd birthday. I'd like to thank everyone who came to see me and sent me cards. I really enjoyed it. Thank you.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Mrs. Dan Franzel and Allen Farrelly attended the wedding of Karen Gyer

and Miles Strangler at a Lutheran church in Bay City and the wedding reception that followed at the K of C Hall in Bay City Saturday.

Susan Sofka and Patricia Evacman of Bay City, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hank and Winifred Sofka, visited Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Thelma Jackson Monday.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Friday lunch guest of Fred Goodwin of Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sweeney of Brown City were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney.

Leona Masouf and Kathleen Cleland of Harbor Beach were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Franzel visited Thelma Jackson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the benefit breakfast for Gary Wolschlagler.

Allen Farrelly came home Friday after spending some time in Sterling Heights.

Visitors at the Dan Franzel home last week were Joan Warner Tuesday afternoon, and Mr. and Mrs. Alger Novak Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the K of C and D of I meeting at the K of C Hall Thursday evening in Bad Axe.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights is spending a week with Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Allen Farrelly visited Thelma Jackson.

Mrs. Dale Hind spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Harold Ballagh.

Nine members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Plaza in Bad Axe Tuesday. They will meet at Big Boy next week.



Keith and Marie Goslin

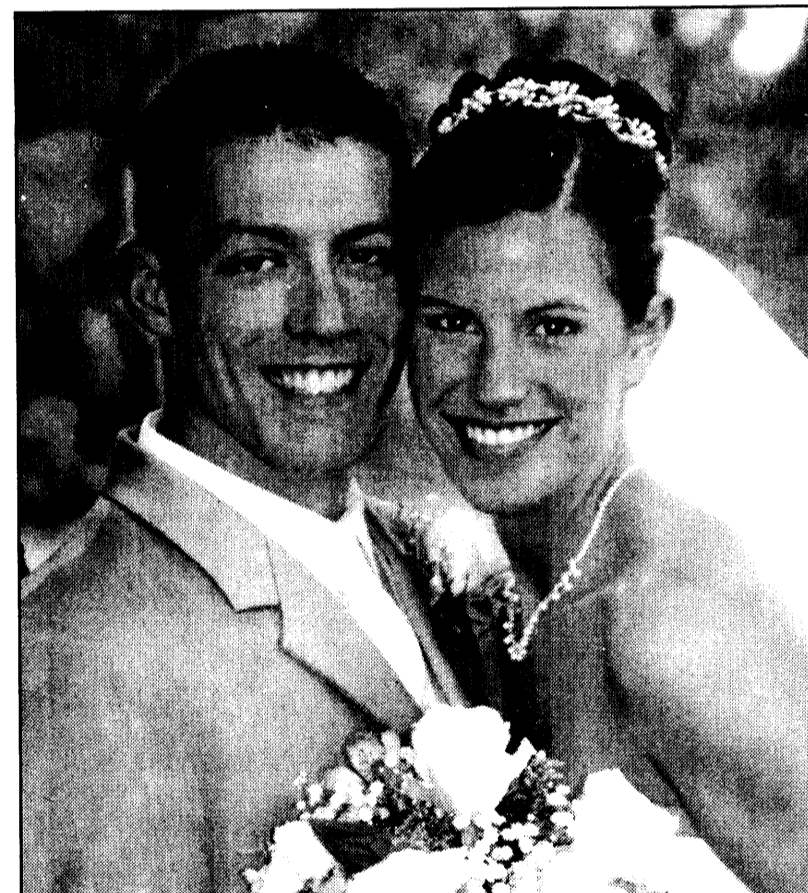
Goslins mark 50th anniversary

Keith and Marie (Shannon) Goslin of Gageton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception held in their honor at Brentwood in Caro, Nov. 25.

They have 6 children: Brad (Ann) Goslin of Gageton, Patricia (Jim) Topham of Saginaw, Brenda (Phil) Bader of Findlay, Ohio, Mark Goslin of Grand Rapids, Leslie (Brian) Miller of Saginaw, and Marsha Goslin, deceased. They have 7 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Keith retired in 1998 from farming. Marie is a homemaker.

They met at the Sebewaing VFW Hall and were married Dec. 1, 1956 at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton.



Ashley and Kyle Greenwood

Ouvry and Greenwood exchange their vows

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ouvry of Cass City announce the marriage of their daughter, Ashley Beth, to Kyle Robert Greenwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Greenwood of Caro and Tucson, Ariz.

The Rev. Phillip Whipple officiated the afternoon ceremony July 2, 2006 at the Colwood United Brethren in Christ Church of Caro. The ceremony included a trumpet introit by Wayne Heckman and pianist was Ryan Stumpo. The vocalists were Julie and David Blakley and readers were Alison and Kevin Klein.

Matron of honor was Brooke Walker, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Shannon Underwood, Kari Lowe, Sara Homakie and Megan Giroux.

Best man was Tyler Colling, friend of the groom. Groomsmen and ushers were Bryant Haist, Brant Wilson, Will Witkovsky, Kevin Ouvry, Brian Pattullo and Paul Caris.

Ashley and Kyle greeted their guests at a dinner reception following the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro. The couple currently resides in Grand Rapids.

Meg's Peg Grandmas & grouches

by Melva E. Guinther

Kim Michalski sent me a nice note and enclosed the following report written by an anonymous third grader. She found a copy of it while going through her grandmother's letters and photographs.

It's been around before, but I'm sure my fellow grandmas will appreciate reading it again (if they can find their glasses).

son, because grandmas are the only grownups who have got time.

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own. She likes other people's little girls.

A grandfather is a man grandmother. He goes for walks with the boys and they talk about fishing and tractors and like that.

Grandmas don't have to do anything except be there. They're old, so they shouldn't play hard or run.

It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is and have lots of dimes ready.

If they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves or caterpillars. They should never say "Hurry up."

Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums off.

It is better if they don't typewrite or play cards, except with us.

They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like "Why don't dogs like cats?" and "How come God isn't married?"

They don't talk baby talk like visitors do, because it is too hard to understand.

When they read to us they don't skip, or mind if it is the same story again.

Everybody should try to have one, especially if you don't have televi-

I can personally attest to the fact that "they shouldn't play hard or run." Last week this grandma played too hard with the one-year-olds at MOPS and wiped out while chasing a balloon. I was pretty sore for a couple days. Guess I have to start acting my age. (Not likely!)

On the subject of elderly, fat people, did you ever wonder why some man-ages to maintain a pleasant appearance, as they grow older and others always look like they just swallowed a pickle and may be on the verge of spitting it back up?

Trying to figure out insurance plans, and how to pay medical bills can surely contribute to a sour disposition. But my personal goal is to remain agreeable in spite of the challenges.

However, according to an article in one of the dailies, being a grumpy old man or a feisty old lady might be a good thing.

A psychology professor at Morgan State in Baltimore co-authored a study that concludes that upon reaching the age of 60, disagreeable people maintain a higher level of intelligence than people who are nicer to be around.

Some might think that's just an excuse.

Nevertheless, the professor says, that grouchy seniors have a higher vocabulary and a better knowledge of the facts.

I guess I'd rather be blissfully ignorant and just keep on playing with kids.

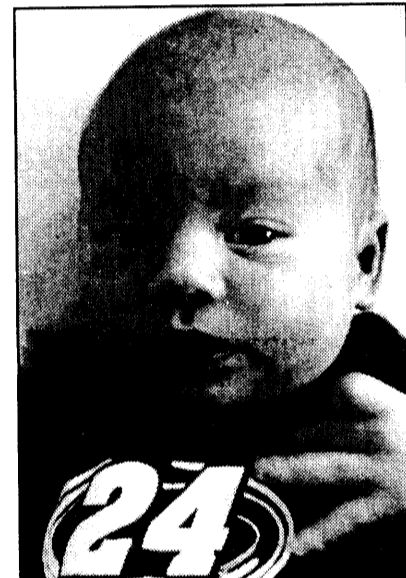
It's a boy!

Steve and Sandi Wright of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Eli Steven Wright.

Eli was born Aug. 14, 2006 at Covenant Health Care, Saginaw. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Mia.

Grandparents are Dalbert and Nancy Wright of Cass City, Gail Hutchinson of Bad Axe, and Adrian Hutchinson of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Myra Jordan of Caro, and Anna Richardson of Bad Axe.



Eli Steven Wright



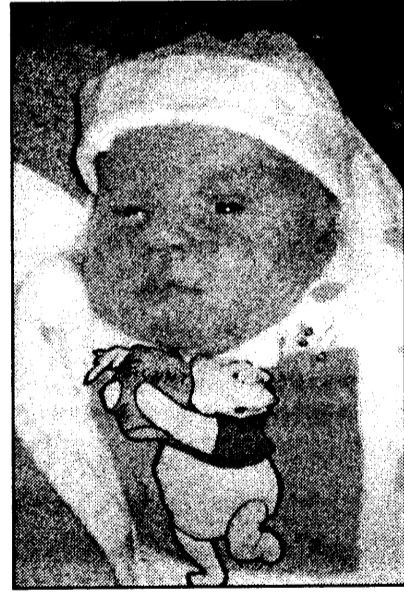
Brent and Deborah Morley

Stange, Morley exchange vows

Deborah Anne Stange and Brent Robert Morley were married Sept. 23,

2006 at First United Methodist Church, Saginaw. The Rev. Kathryn S. Snedeker officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Kathy Stange of Mio. The groom is the son of Bob and Margie Morley of Cass City and the late Helen Morley.

It's a girl!



Milena Sofia McDonald

Mr. and Mrs. Darren McDonald of Marshall announce the birth of their daughter, Milena Sofia.

Milena was born Oct. 20, 2006 at Oakland Hospital at 2:52 p.m. She weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home by a sister, Delfina, and a brother, Brandon. Paternal grandparents are Jeannette McDonald of Owendale and the late Bud McDonald. Maternal grandparents are Gunter and Erika Weigel of Eschollbrucken, Germany.

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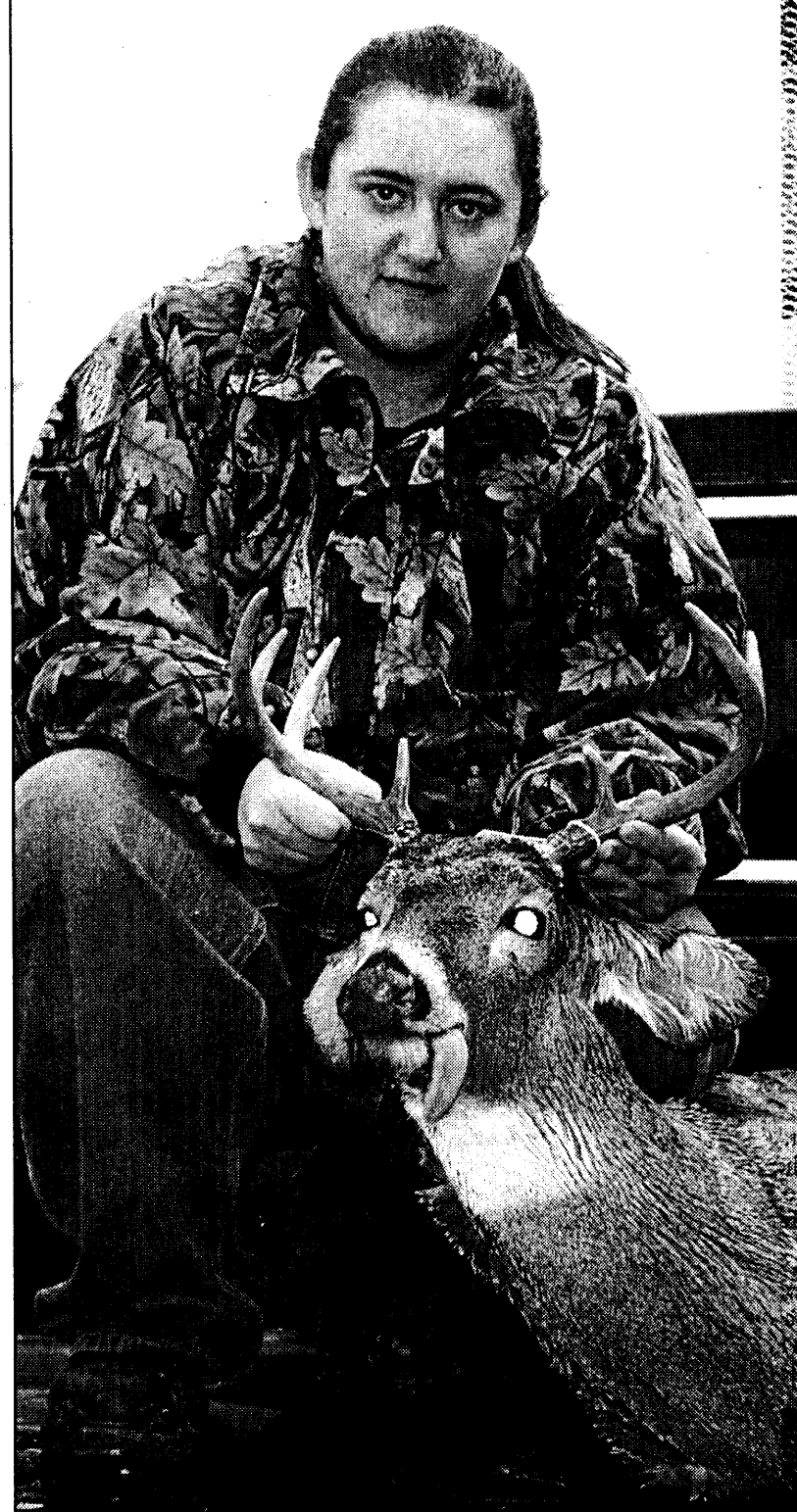
Area hunters bag their bucks in the Thumb



MEGAN PARRISH, 12, of Cass City, took this trophy 8-point buck that weighed in at 165 lbs. It was her second buck of the season.



CODEY ANKER, Cass City 13-year-old, bagged his first buck on opening morning of the 2006 firearm season. He took this 6-point using a muzzleloader.



PROPHETIC - When Anne Nizzola, 22, of Cass City became the first hunter to report success on opening day, she said that she was ready to get back hunting to get a doe. It didn't take long, she bagged one with her car on the way home. The 8-point buck was taken on private property north of Cass City in Tuscola County before 8 a.m. It was her first buck, although in previous years she bagged a doe.

CASS CITY BOWLING LEAGUES

Thursday Nite Trio as of Nov. 16

Doerr Landscaping	29
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Barrons Team Bears	4
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Individual High Games & Series: E. Schmaltz 214-214-213 (641); R. Doerr 242 (618); G. Robinson 232 (610); K. Martin 226; D. Doerr 222; D. Miller 214; W. Laming 214.
Team High Game & Series: Martin Electric 672 (1811).

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Individual High Games & Series: M. Zawilinski 238-213 (658); L. Morgan 244 (650); D. Doerr 231 (629); T. Lis 235; H. Zawilinski 222; J. Krol 214.
Awards: M. Stevens - 180 Game (140 Average or less) (190 & 187); M. Stevens - 500 Series (140 Average or less) (545); R. Payne - 200 Game (160 Average or less) (202).
Team High Games & Series: R & H Body Shop 599; Lee Morgan Painting (1698).

Individual High Games & Series: D. Williams 194 (464); K. Maurer 190 (464); J. Koch 177; D. Zdrojewski 173 (476); C. Brown 173 (453).
Team High Game & Series: Gagetown C. Corners 650 (1774).



JOHN THYBAULT, a 1976 Owen-Gage graduate, holds the 8-point buck he bagged Monday morning while hunting with Rick Tuckey at the Tuckey Deer Camp east of Cass City.



UNIONVILLE RESIDENT Mike Sting bagged this 7-point buck hunting near Gagetown on opening day.

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MATTHEW BOCK, left, Cass City 19-year-old, harvested this 7-point buck in Sanilac County while hunting 6 miles east of Cass City.

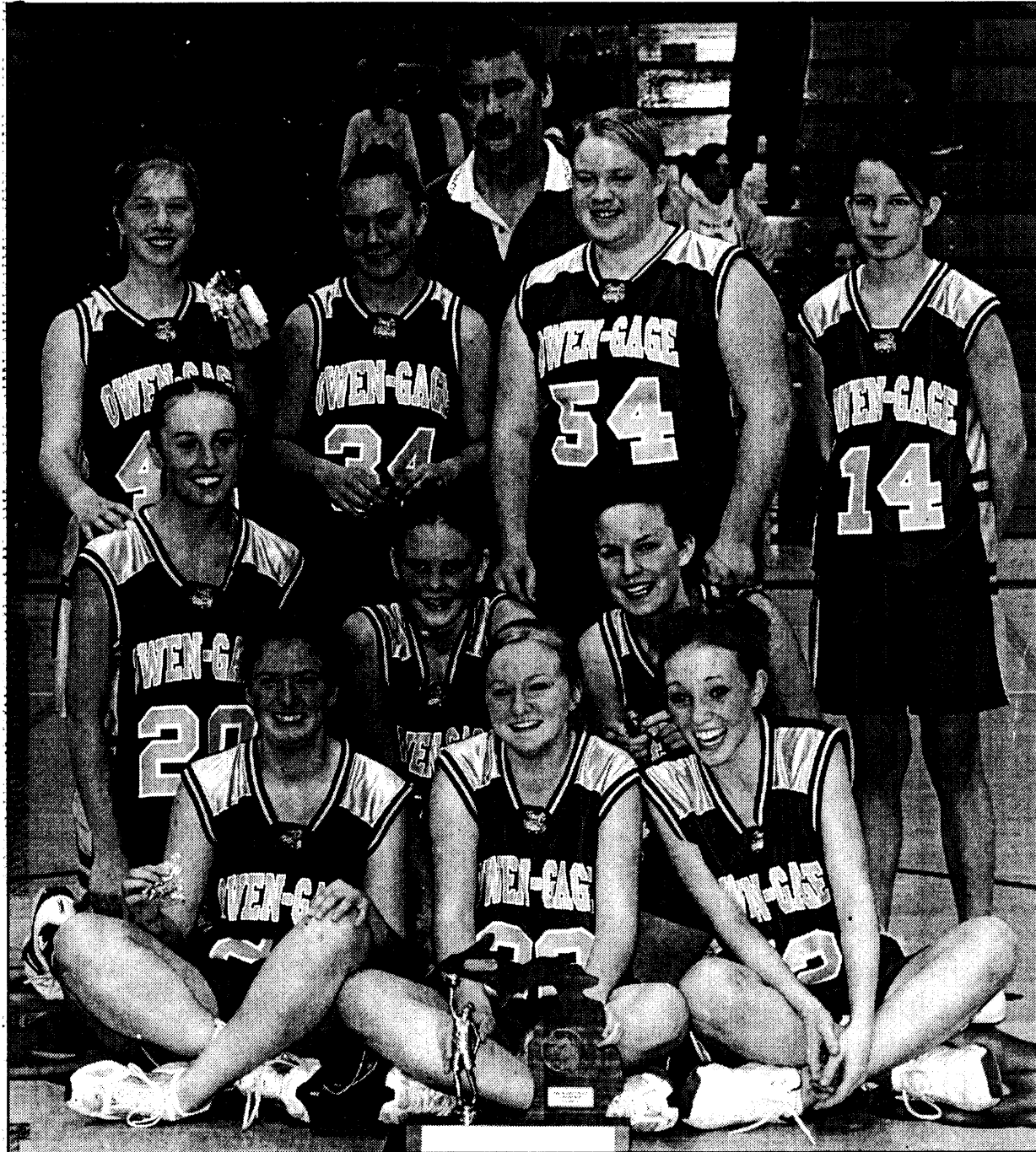
CASS CITY BOWLING

Sunday No Rollers as of Nov. 5

Sometimers
Pinheads
JebCo
Gutter Gods
Par-T-Ranch
Damn Near Last

Individual High Games & Series: Mathewson 194-259-200 (653); R. Wright 253 (603); S. Baker 197; D. Silance (508).

Team High Game & Series: Sometimes 664 (1826).



Owen-Gage earns district hardware

Memories of a meager regular season were wiped clean Friday night for Owen-Gage, as coach Dave Fritz' Bulldogs claimed the Class D district title with a hard fought victory over North Central Thumb League foe Caseville.

After failing to win 3 consecutive outings during the season, the Bulldogs, who entered district play with a 5-14 mark, accomplished the feat with a 40-37 decision in the championship game of their own district in Owendale.

The Eagles, who defeated the overwhelming favorite Port Hope in the

district semis, grabbed a 14-7 edge after one period as Emily Quinn's shots were on the mark in the early going where she nailed 3 mid range jump shots.

After trading baskets to open the next frame, Owen-Gage capitalized on foul troubles for the Eagles that sent Quinn and Anne Bowly to the bench with 3 fouls apiece.

With 2:40 remaining in the half, a pretty left-handed lay in from Amanda Faist sliced the Eagle advantage to 16-11. The Bulldogs, who were put into a bonus situation early in the quarter, then used free throw tosses from Becky Schmidt and Faist combined with a hoop on an offensive rebound from Bethany Kovach to take an 18-16 advantage into the break.

just over 5 minutes remaining enjoyed a 34-30 margin.

From there, Faist, who led all scorers with a game-high 13 points, took control. The Bulldog sophomore connected on a baseline jumper to even the score and then put the hosts in front for the first time in the final period, 36-34.

The Eagles responded with Meaghan Fortsch's second triple of the half moments later to regain the lead at 37-36.

But Owen-Gage wouldn't be denied, as they scored the final 4 points that included a big Mindy Error corner jump shot that put Owen-Gage on top for good.

Trailing 38-37, Caseville went to a full court press that resulted in an easy basket for Kovach that ended the scoring on the night.

In the final 13 seconds, Caseville gave Fortsch 2 looks from behind the 3-point arc, but her final attempt banged off the rim, advancing Owen-Gage into regional action in Owosso.

Besides Faist, Owen-Gage's Schmidt reached double digits and finished with 10 points.

Fortsch, who recorded 12 markers, paced Caseville.

THE 2006 Class D district champion Bulldogs are: (front, l-r) Mindy Error, Heather Collon, Becky Schmidt (middle) April Nowaczyk, Amanda Faist, Bethany Kovach (back) Katie Rhodes, Samantha Radabaugh, coach Dave Fritz, Stacie Dorsch and Alisha Kovach.

Bulldog season ends with loss in regional play against Burton

As expected, the Owen-Gage tournament trail ended Monday night in Class D regional action in Owosso.

Burton Genesee Christian set the tone early as they had their way with the Bulldogs, cruising to a 57-28 victory.

Burton, which surrendered only 14 points in its district final win over Valley Christian, put together another strong defensive showing and held the Bulldogs to an Amanda Faist field goal in the game's opening 8 minutes where they took a 16-2 advantage.

Burton's Megan Bement showed why she is considered one of the state's top Class D performers in the early going as she tallied 13 first half markers, including 7 during the initial frame.

After their disastrous start, the Bulldogs settled down and traded baskets to the intermission as Becky Schmidt and April Nowaczyk each connected on a pair of shots from the floor in the second period that ended 29-13.

While Burton's defensive effort proved to be the difference, the winners showcased a balanced offensive attack during an 18-8 run to open the final half.

Bement, Holly VanValin and Courtney Selvia shared the scoring load for Burton in the third period, as each player contributed a pair of field goals. Owen-Gage, meanwhile, was limited to a pair of hoops from Schmidt and a solo field goal from Faist leading into the final period.

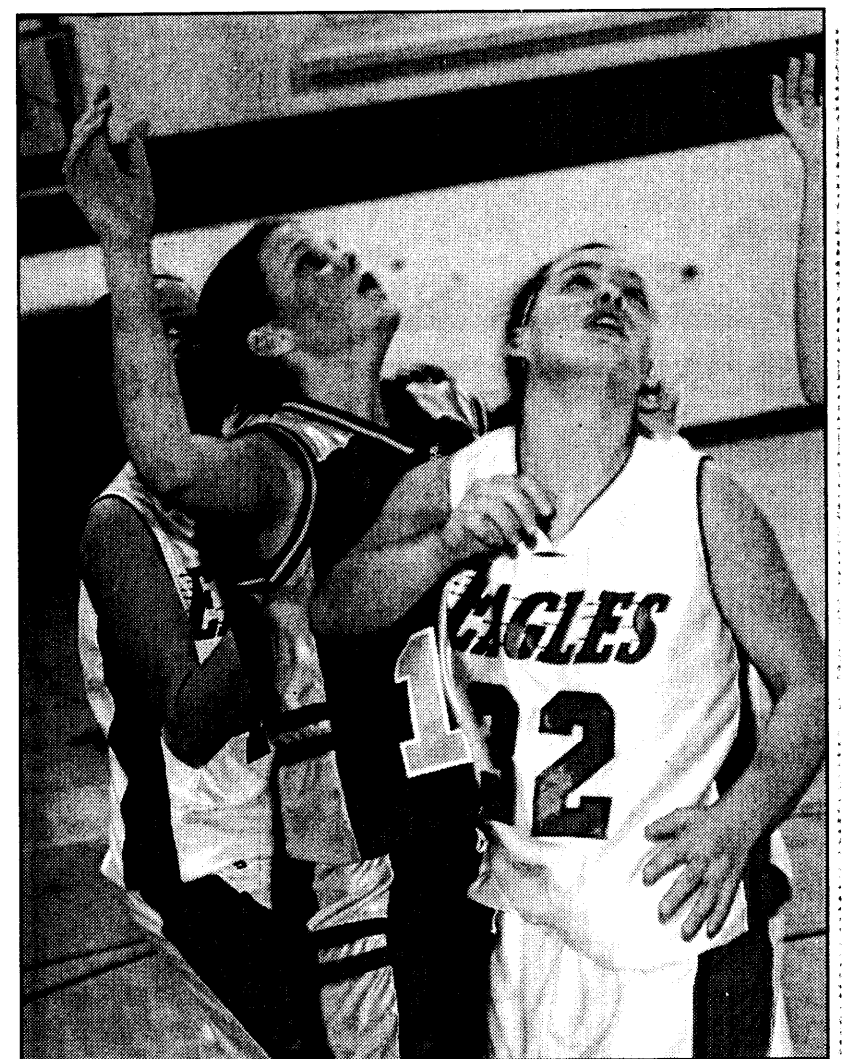
Trailing 47-21, Burton received a pair of treys from Megan Vogel in the final stanza where they outscored the Bulldogs 10-7 to the final whistle.

Burton will now meet the winner of the Carsonville-Port Sanilac-Portland St. Patrick contest for the regional crown.

Bement recorded game scoring honors with 17 points, while Vogel added 10 for Burton.


Schmidt was the only Bulldog to reach double digits and finished with 11 points.

The Bulldogs finished the season with an 8-15 record. Playing in their final game for the Bulldogs were seniors Schmidt, Mindy Error and Heather Collon.



BULLDOG AMANDA Faist is sandwiched between a pair of Eagle defenders in Friday's district final in Owendale.

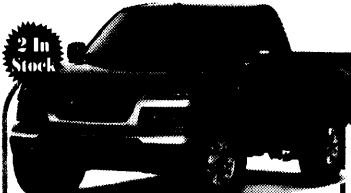


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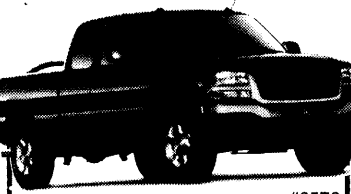



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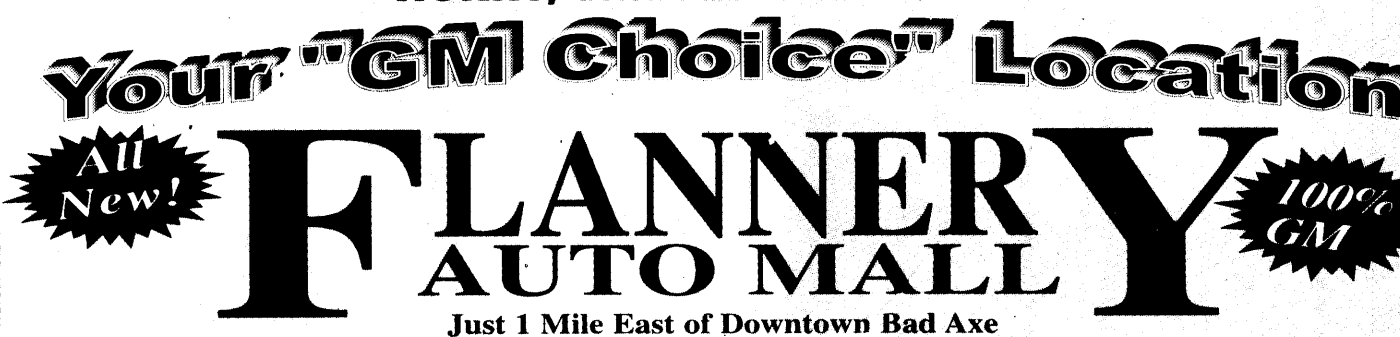
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Cass City bows to Swan Valley

The Cass City Red Hawks bowed to the towering Swan Valley Vikings Monday, 31-23, in the opening game in regional number 13 tournament action at Alma High School.

Keys to the victory for the Vikings were the team's defense and the Hawks' foul trouble. Sophomore Ciara Zimer and junior Aubrey Maxa blocked shots around the hoop and

were able to control the boards for the winners.

Cass City was forced to play without Emily Schinnerer for over half of the game. She picked up 2 fouls early and left the game with just over 3 minutes left in the first quarter and did not return until there was only 1:29 left before the intermission.

The Hawks played well without their top scorer and second place rebounder. Neither team could find the basket in the first quarter. Cass City scored 3 points on a basket and a free throw and Madison Wakeman tied the score on a 3-pointer from the

top of the key.

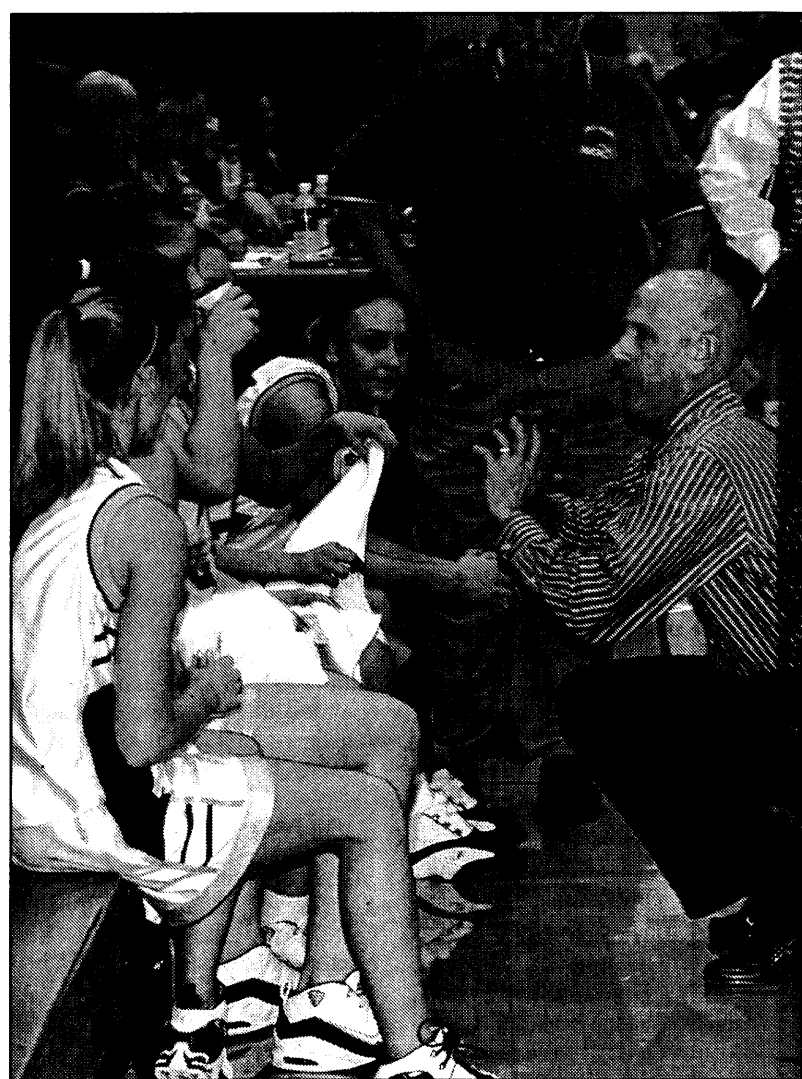
The Vikings staged a 9-1 run in the second quarter and were in front 12-4 before Schinnerer hit the only Hawk field goal in the quarter and the Hawks trailed at the intermission, 12-6.

Cass City opened the second half with 5 quick points on a trey by Amanda Langenburg and a hoop by Sara Meeker to close the gap to one point, 12-11. That was as close as Cass City was to get. Alex Ramirez hit a hoop and Maxa followed with another to stretch the lead to 16-11 before Courtney Rabideau hit a short jumper. At the end of the third quar-

ter the Hawks trailed by 3 points and it was anybody's game.

The Vikings put away the game with a 7-1 run to open the fourth quarter, paced by a pair of hoops by Maxa and a hoop and a free throw by Zimer. With a comfortable 27-16 lead the Vikings coasted to the victory.

Meeker with 9 points was the top Hawk scorer. She also was a very tough rebounder, keeping the Hawks in contention despite battling Zimer and Maxa, both as tall or taller than the senior Hawk center. Zimer was in double figures with 11 points to top Swan Valley.



LISTEN UP!

CASS CITY Coach Lloyd Schinnerer addresses his Red Hawk cagers during a timeout in Monday's regional action at Alma High School.

Hawks post easy win in district semis

What a difference a week makes. In the last regular season game of the hoop season the Cass City Red Hawks bowed to the Caro Tigers by a single point.

In that game Cass City was in front most of the way, but the Tigers overcame the Hawk lead with a pressing defense and won at the buzzer.

Wednesday the 2 teams met in the second round of the district class B tournament at North Branch and it was a repeat of the previous game, but with a major difference. This time the Hawks were so far ahead that there was no realistic chance for Caro to bounce back for a win. The final score was 38-25.

Pushing towards what proved to be an easy win was a tight Hawk defense, numerous Tiger turnovers, and a cold Caro shooting night in most of the first half.

For the first quarter and half of the second quarter Caro's total offensive production was a field goal by Stacey Babcock.

Paced by the 3 veteran seniors, Sara Meeker, Emily Schinnerer and Courtney Rabideau, the Hawks took charge and Cass City shot into a 15-2 lead before the Tigers scored again midway through the second quarter.

Leading 22-8 at the half, Cass City turned the game into a rout by starting the third period with a 9-2 run as Meeker scored twice, Amanda Langenburg added a triple and Courtney Rabideau capped the streak with a hoop. Cass City's lead stretched to 34-10 with 2 minutes left in the quarter.

Coach Jeff Sauser switched to a full-court press and, like it did in the first game between the schools, it caused Cass City trouble.

Caro outscored the Hawks 11-4 spurred by numerous Cass City turnovers (20 for the game) that really had no effect on the outcome outside of making the final score more respectable.

Uncharacteristically, the Hawks were unable to cash in on numerous Tiger fouls in the last quarter, missing 3 one and one attempts and were just 2 for 7 in the fourth quarter.

Meeker continued her late season surge, helping produce what coach Lloyd Schinnerer called a fine defensive effort. Meeker was the only player on either team in double figures. Schinnerer led the rebounders with 8.

Cass City claims consecutive class B district championship with win over Frankenmuth

Cass City celebrated its second straight class B district championship with a stirring come-from-behind victory over Frankenmuth Friday at North Branch, 43-38.

The Hawks overcame a slow start and the loss of their point guard with fouls in the crucial moments of the third quarter and the last 5 minutes of the game to claim the championship.

When Courtney Rabideau left the game Frankenmuth had turned back a Cass City challenge to gain a 35-28 lead after Allie Dodson canned a trey for the Eagles.

Credit the Cass City bench for filling the void left after Rabideau was forced out. With Allie Richards and Megan VanVliet avoiding turnovers at the guard spot, Cass City went on a game-winning championship drive. Meeker started it with 2 quick hoops,

Richards added a basket, Meeker scored again and the Hawks went ahead for the first time in the game, 38-37 with 38 seconds left to play.

The win was cemented in the waning seconds as Emily Schinnerer converted 2 free throws and a basket.

It was Schinnerer who provided the firepower that got the Hawks back in the game in the third quarter. It didn't start out that way. In the first quarter the team's leading scorer missed 5 of 6 free throws and Muth was in front, 6-5, at the end of the first period.

After that Schinnerer was automatic at the charity stripe all night, converting 7 out of 7 the rest of the way.

It was in the third period that Schinnerer paced the rally that overcame the Eagle's 19-11 lead at the intermission. Pouring in baskets from outside and inside, she notched 11



EMILY SCHINNERER was surrounded by members of the Caro Tigers as she eyed the hoop for a possible shot in the opening game of the district tournament at North Branch.

Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK



Schneeberger's salutes the entire Cass City basketball team for capturing the Class B district basketball title Friday at North Branch. First year coach Lloyd Schinnerer called the Red Hawks' 43-38 championship victory over Frankenmuth a great win, noting everybody played well, especially the seniors. The team members included: from left to right, front row: Allie Richards, Emily Schinnerer, Courtney Rabideau, Ashleigh Rabideau, Terra Czekai, Jennica Richards. Middle row: Sara Meeker, Megan VanVliet, Allie Kappen. Back row: Kelli Lautner, Carly Howard, Amanda Langenburg, Maddie Dooley, Carly Rabideau and Sarah Howard.

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Community invited to help firm brighten holidays for Marines

A small group of legal professionals in Cass City hopes to make the holiday a little nicer for some U.S. Marines serving their country overseas. The staff at Amanda L. Roggenbuck & Associates have been busy collecting items for 5 servicemen, all of whom have been serving in Iraq for at least one year.

"We have a box in our waiting area and will be collecting donations through Dec. 2," she noted. "We will then forward the items collected to the group of soldiers."

Anyone interested in making a donation can drop it off at Roggenbuck's office, which is located at 6505 Main St. (between Osentoski Realty and Auctioneering and Dan's Fireplace and Stove. Residents can also call her at (989) 872-8881 for more information.

"We adopted the soldiers through an organization known as Soldiers Angels," Roggenbuck explained. "The soldiers have requested items that make life a little easier over there."

Requested items include lotion and/or body wash, phone cards, religious items - Catholic (in Spanish, if possible) and Baptist, Gospel music, backpacks, games, socks (black), letter writing materials (stationary, envelopes and pens), electric alarm clocks and cameras.

Roggenbuck said the idea of "adopting" the servicemen came about through a friend who serves in Cub Scout leadership with the Lake Huron Area Council. "We were talking one day and he said, 'you know, there are always soldiers that need to be adopted,'" she recalled.

After contacting Soldiers Angels, Roggenbuck took the idea back to the office to share with her staff, which was very receptive to getting involved in the project.

"I think that sending gifts to our soldiers is a great cause. The soldiers need our support, especially during the holidays," said legal assistant Bill Edens.

Intern Tracy Searles agreed. "Since our proud troops cannot be home for the holidays, we hope to send them joy and cheer with our items."

Added attorney Adrienne DeFord: "I am so pleased with all the donations and support from the community for this important cause."

"We just thought it was a good way to support them and give them things they might not ordinarily be able to get over there," said Roggenbuck, who noted she and her staff were asked to send one or two packages to the Marines they've "adopted" over a 6-month period.

"This will be the first big package that we're sending over there, and they know it's coming. I think they're excited," Roggenbuck said. "We just wanted to get involved. It's not a big investment, but it means a lot to them."

Act a plus for foundations

The Pension Protection Act signed into law by President Bush earlier this year included important charitable provisions that have received little publicity in the national media, according to Ken Micklash, executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

For a limited time, he explained, through the end of 2006 and 2007, anyone ages 70 1/2 and older can use their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to make a direct transfer to charity of up to \$100,000 a year.

"Why is this important? Because charitable individuals in this age group already face the requirement to take annual payouts from their IRAs, money which they may not need for daily living," Micklash said. "Now, these individuals can make a tax-free gift during their lifetime from their IRAs."

The new law allows donors to direct the transfer straight from their IRA to the charity, rather than first taking the payout, counting this amount as income and paying income tax on it. Donors choose the charities they care about and can see the money put to work immediately to support their favorite causes.

"This is a win-win proposition, representing a way for donors to help themselves while they help Tuscola County communities," Micklash said.

"As the community foundation serving the Tuscola County area, we look forward to seeing additional dollars flow toward charity during the rest of 2006 and all of 2007," he added.

"We urge anyone who is interested in making a current gift of IRA assets under this new law to take advice from their professional advisor about how to make this happen."

More information is available by calling the foundation at (989) 673-8223.



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CASS CITY ATTORNEY Amanda Roggenbuck (right) and intern Tracy Searles display the collection box in Roggenbuck's office. The donated items will be boxed and shipped off in time for the holidays for 5 U.S. Marines the local business recently adopted. Area residents are invited to drop off items at the office through Saturday, Dec. 2.

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Local youth ignore teen club

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tors have been open to the concept and have allowed them to post flyers. And, the local Little Caesar's and Radio Shack businesses have do-

nated food and prizes. Cleland said he combined his truck and teen driving business with a teen club in hopes of meeting a demand. "There was a need for both in the

area, and I thought, why not?" he added. "There is nothing for these kids to do. There are hardly any teen clubs in Michigan. In the Thumb, there's nothing."

Cleland has been licensed by the state for the past several years to offer commercial and teen driving lessons. His professional background includes 10 years as a deputy with the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, and one year with the Department of Justice, working in the federal prison system.

Lipson, meanwhile, is the lead dispatcher for Thumb Area Transit. Both have teens of their own, and both agree the teen club they opened last June could make a big difference in terms of providing an alternative activity for area young people to enjoy every Friday night.

"We have a big town atmosphere with little town appeal," Lipson said. "We're a substance-free teen center," explained Cleland, who enforces some basic, no-nonsense rules such as no smoking or drinking, no swearing, and no vulgar language or gestures from the bands they host. In fact, band members are required to sign an agreement stating they will adhere to the rules.

"They have no choice - I'll unplug them. It's not negotiable. I can't do that (allow drugs or other negative behavior), I won't do that. The parents need to know their kids are safe," said Cleland, who ensures there are 4 adults providing supervision and security on every Club Classic night.

"The kids have a little more freedom here," Lipson said. "It's a rock atmosphere. We are trying to let them have freedom without being hurt. They're good kids. We haven't had any problems."

"We want to offer an atmosphere where they can enjoy themselves - feel safe, be safe."

The couple charges a \$6 admission, but they cover most of the cost - sound and lighting equipment, electricity, games, etc. — for each Club Classic night, which averages 4 to 5 hours.

"That (admission) gets 4 to 5 bands that do anywhere from 30- to 45-minute sets," noted Lipson, who explained most of the bands are composed of young musicians willing to travel and perform for gas money. "We have 245 bands that want to play here. We're booked through Jan. 20 right now," she added.

Friday night's Club Classic featured punk rock music, but Cleland and Lipson try to offer a variety for both the youth and the bands. The have a Christian night planned for Nov. 25.

"We have open venue nights, and we want to do like a pre-teen night here, too," said Cleland, who added the club hosts Unionville college professor Erik Sven Rurikson, also known as "the Far-Traveler" every Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. for programs on Viking traditions and history.

Cleland acknowledged that, like any businessman, he hopes to eventually make a profit on the teen club. But for now, he and Lipson agreed it's more important to promote the club and encourage more young people to take advantage of a safe and inexpensive night of music and socialization with their friends.

"We're trying. We're trying. That's all we can do," Lipson said.

Cleland added, "Are Cathe and I going to stop it (teens getting into trouble)? No, of course not, but if we can stop one kid...that's our goal," he said.

Editor's note: Cleland welcomes adult volunteers from the community to attend and help out during Club Classic nights, which begin at 6 p.m. More information is available by contacting Cleland at (989) 872-4045. Information is also available on-line by visiting myspace.com/clubclassic.

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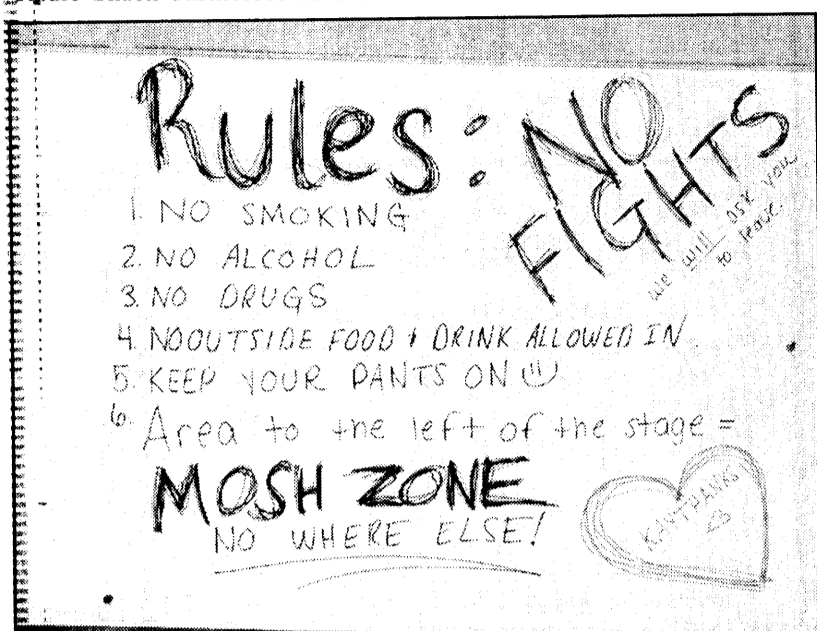
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