

## Girls prep for district cage tourney battle

Drawings for district 86 were held Monday morning at Cass City High School for the girls' basketball tourney to be held in Cass City Nov. 21, 24, 26.

Tournament director Roland Pakonen conducted the drawing and most coaches of the participating teams attended.

The tournament favorite will be Brown City which boasts a 15-2 record with one of the losses coming from Armada, the team that knocked Cass City out of the regionals last fall.

Chief challengers are expected to be Marlette (11-6) and Cass City (11-7). Cass City is expected to breeze by Mayville in the opening round. The Wildcats are winless this year.

The pairings with team records as of Nov. 10:

**FRIDAY, NOV. 21**  
Sandusky (8-9) bye  
7 p.m. Marlette (11-6) vs. Deckerville (6-11)  
8:30 p.m. - Cass City (10-7) vs. Mayville (0-17)  
Brown City (15-2) bye

**MONDAY, NOV. 24**  
7 p.m. - Sandusky vs. winner of Deckerville-Marlette  
8:30 p.m. - Brown City vs. winner of Cass City-Mayville

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26**  
7:30 p.m. - championship game  
**Class D at Carsonville**

North Central D League champion Owen-Gage will play host Carsonville-Port Sanilac in its opening round of the District 113 Class D girls' basketball tournament.

The drawing to determine pairings was made Monday. Drawing first round byes were Caseville and Peck.

Thursday, Nov. 20, Kingston will play Port Hope at 7 p.m. and Owen-Gage takes on C-PS at 8:30.

Second round action is Saturday, Nov. 22. Caseville faces the winner of the Port Hope-Kingston game at 2 p.m. and Peck will play the winner of the Bulldog-Carsonville game at 7 p.m.

The championship game at Carsonville will be Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. The only team in the tournament Owen-Gage has lost to is Port Hope, with whom it split during the two regular season games. It ends the season with games against Peck and C-PS.

## 3 Bulldogs all-league in North Central

Owen-Gage landed three players on the North Central D League all-conference football team, selected by coaches last week. Jim Glidden was a unanimous selection as an end on the offensive team and was



Scott Gaeth Jim Glidden Craig Gettel

named to the defensive squad as a defensive half-back. Craig Gettel was picked as the quarterback and Scott Gaeth was named as a linebacker on the offensive team.

Other members of the offensive squad were: center, Mark Crow, Peck; guards, Todd Mahaffey, Peck, and Ken Baranski, North Huron; tackles, Jim VanConant, Peck, and Kevin Kennedy, NH; ends, Tim Travis, Carsonville-Port Sanilac, and running backs, Alan Bell, Peck (unanimous), Jon Binder, NH

(unanimous), and Scott Lindenberg, Akron-Fairgrove. Other defensive all-conference selections were: Linemen, Kennedy (unanimous), Bucky Streeter, A-F (unanimous), Buck Bradley, Peck,

Travis and Baranski; linebackers, VanConant, Lindenberg, Bill Miracle, Kingston, and defensive halfbacks, Brian Rayl, A-F. Among those named to the offensive second team were Jim Kuhr, Owen-Gage, guard, and Jim Legg, Kingston, end, Scott Gaeth and Miracle and Ted Remsig, Kingston, were honorable mention.

Kuhr was named to the defensive second team as a lineman and Todd Remsig and Jason Koehler of Kingston received honorable mention. Firearms deer season starts Saturday and continues through Nov. 30. Because of the Saturday start, plus the price of gasoline encouraging some Detroit area hunters to not travel as far from home, Jarvis expects lots of hunters in the upper Thumb opening day. He also expects the deer harvest will be even better than last year, not just because there are more hunters, but because there will be more deer. One indicator is that bow hunters have been doing "especially well," especially north and east of Cass City. Bow season started Oct. 1. Aiding hunters in this area is that farmers have harvested most of their corn, so deer will have fewer places to hide. Although there are some areas up north, Jarvis said, where the percentage of successful hunters will be better than in the Thumb, that isn't true every place, so "all in all, it might be a toss-up." One difference between the Thumb and northern Michigan is the percentage

## League title on the line

# It's showdown time as Hawks face Raiders Friday

The biggest game of the year for the Cass City Red Hawks will be played Friday at Cass City High School. That's when tough Marlette comes to town in the final home game of the year.

That game may well decide the Thumb B Association championship. Here's the picture. Cass City now leads Bad Axe by one game. Both schools have two games left. After the Marlette encounter, Cass City plays their last game of the year against Vassar.

Meanwhile, Bad Axe has games with Lakers and

Caro. Any of these teams is capable of scoring an upset against the front runners. Marlette is especially tough. The Hawks clung to the league lead with a pair of clutch wins over North Branch and Sandusky.

North Branch turned what appeared to be an easy win in the first half to a tight, tight contest last Wednesday before bowing, 40-36. The Broncos trailed after the first 16 minutes, 24-16, but came roaring back in the third period to post a 12-5 margin and move within a point, 29-28. But the Hawks

got their game in gear again in the final 8 minutes to pull out the crucial win. Padgett Randall netted 23 for Cass City. Kim Marston, 16, and Sue Nellenbach, 10, were in double figures for North Branch. Cass City shot 36 percent from the floor and 57 percent from the free throw line. Michelle Fahrner snared 9 rebounds and Randall hauled down 8.

**SANDUSKY GAME**  
Cass City had little trouble protecting its league lead at

Sandusky Monday night the Hawks went out in fr early and were never seriously threatened. The score was 45-34.

Cass City got out in fro in the first period 11-6. Al led 23-16 at the intermission. A 10-6 third quarter margin put the game safely in the win column and the Hawk coasted in from there.

Randall netted 14 points and led the team with 10 rebounds. Shelley Lape added 12. Ann Sofredine, and Anna Krause, 7, led 4 losers.

# Throngs expected in area for opening of deer season

Thumb area deer hunters may be as successful staying close to home as they would be up north, according to Department of Natural Resources area wildlife biologist Carlton (Bud) Jarvis.

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One difference between the Thumb and northern Michigan is the percentage

of bucks will be greater in this area.

The reason is the severe winter of 1978-79 in the northern part of the state. Very cold temperatures, according to Glenn Dudderar, Michigan State University extension wildlife specialist, combined with deep snow that kept deer yarded up and made food hard to find well into March, resulted in a reduced crop of fawns that spring, so there are relatively few two to four-point bucks around this year.

There are some older bucks around, but not many because most don't last through many hunting seasons. There will be lots of antlerless deer, but permits to shoot them are being issued only in certain areas.

There was a bumper crop of fawns this past spring, which bodes well for next year if this winter is a mild one.

In contrast, Jarvis pointed out, the Thumb didn't see such severe losses as the last few winters have been milder here.

The 1979 deer hunting season was a good one in the upper Thumb "and I think we will have an even better season than last year."

Because of the expected large influx of hunters, Jarvis urged hunters to keep safety precautions in mind.

Deer hunters who do shoot a deer are invited to stop by the DNR office on M-24, south of Caro, to obtain a "successful deer hunter" patch.

The office will be open Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and after that on weekdays only during those same hours.

## Court case is critical for O-G

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transfers from Owen-Gage. The only way it could then survive would be for voters to approve a very large property tax increase and to lay off staff.

The board decided to send a letter to residents of the district warning them of the seriousness of the situation and to urge them to contact members of the Senate Education Committee, asking the senators to approve House Bill 5411, thus sending it to the floor of the Senate so all the lawmakers can vote on it.

The bill introduced by State Rep. Quincy Hoffman, R-Applegate, approved by the House of Representatives in April, 76-6, would require a public vote after more than 10 percent of the district was transferred away.

Since it passed the house, it has been bottled up in the Senate Education Committee, Erickson said, because its chairman, Sen. Jack Faxon of Detroit, opposes it. If the Senate doesn't approve the bill by the end of this year, it will have to be reintroduced next year and Hoffman, who is retiring, won't be around to do so.

**PAYLESS PAYDAYS**

In presenting the financial statement, Erickson said it appears there won't be enough money left at the end

of this month for the Det payroll, which would be the last payday Nov. 21.

Pay will resume once district starts getting so property tax revenue and expects it will get some from Brookfield township before the end of December.

Board Treasurer Ja Brinkman said there may not be enough revenue for the Dec 5 payroll. "If we can make it, we will," the superintendent commented.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Purchase of two L-shaped desks and two chairs for total of \$311 and leasing four IBM electric typewriters for a total of \$124 a month for the commercial room was approved.

Permission was given teacher Vicky Rayl for her four French students to begin raising funds to finance a study tour to Quebec City, Quebec, in April or May. Cost will be \$243 per student plus meals, with the total made by train.

Receipt of a federal Title IV grant of \$1,965, primarily for purchase of library books, was noted. Librarian Connie Baranski filled out the application for the funds.

Elementary Principal William Britt announced the Christmas program will be in the Gagetown gym. No date has been set.

October student of the month was senior Beck, Howard.

# Drug bust

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(Novesta township). Tony W. Welch, 19, Caro, two charges of delivery of LSD (Caro, Indianfields township).

Ronald A. James, 25, Caro, marijuana (Indianfields). Kurt A. Urban, 19, Caro, marijuana (Indianfields). Also arrested on warrant charging him with extortion in an apparently non-related case.

Larry J. Overfield, 30, Caro, delivery of PCE (Caro), marijuana (Caro). Gregory A. Welch, 22, Caro, marijuana (Caro). Edward A. Westerby, 27, Akron, marijuana (Akron township).

**THOSE WHO APPEARED** before Magistrate Donald Smith following their arrest are as follows. Arraignment date before Judge Kern was scheduled Nov. 17 or 24. Bond was either \$3,000 or \$5,000.

Rodney Berlin, 19, Mayville, distributing marijuana without remuneration (Mayville). William J. Bennett, 17, Caro, delivery of marijuana (Caro).

Joseph J. Wenta, 22, Caro, marijuana (Indianfields). Steven D. Irvine, 26,

Caro, marijuana (Fairgrove township). Charles H. Lake Jr., 22, Mayville, marijuana (Fremont township).

Patrick S. Kraynak, 19, Fairgrove, marijuana (Fairgrove). Allen Popp, 32, Caro, delivery of PCE (Ellington township).

Kin Lado Geihart, 25, Caro, PCE (Indianfields). Robert J. Howell, 18, of 651 Little Road, Cass City, marijuana (Ellington township).

Joseph J. Murday, 25, Fairgrove, marijuana (Fairgrove). Alvin K. Vollmer, 23, Akron, marijuana (Akron).

Michael Martins or Martinez, 24, Caro, marijuana (Caro). Timothy Timko, 18, Caro, marijuana (Caro).

Dwaine A. Proper, 19, Akron, delivery of PCPY (Akron). Wayne A. Koper, 26, Fairgrove, distributing marijuana without remuneration (Fairgrove).

As of Wednesday morning, two persons charged were still to be arrested. Most of those who had been arrested had posted bond and were released from the county jail.

# Owen-Gage girls clinch share of North Central D basketball title

Coach Judy Campbell's Bulldogs clinched at least a share of the North Central D League girls' basketball title last Thursday with a 65-60 win at North Huron.

A win against Peck this Thursday at Owendale or Tuesday at Carsonville-Port Sanilac, the last two games of the regular season, will give Owen-Gage the title outright.

It is the Bulldogs' third title in four years under coach Campbell. The Bulldogs led at the end of the first quarter by four points and stretched the margin to eight at the half. The Warriors pulled to

within two points in the third quarter, only to fall back to a seven-point margin at the three-quarter mark.

In the final stanza, with Becky Howard on the bench with four fouls, North Huron took the lead. The Bulldogs rallied upon her return to preserve the win.

Howard scored 43 points, her second highest total ever, and pulled down 13 rebounds. Julie Andrakowicz collected 16 rebounds and 11 points.

In double figures for North Huron were Mary Kennedy with 16 points and Julie Parks and Barb Irwin, each with 13.

Kennedy grabbed 16 rebounds and Mary Theresa Goretzki, 12. The Warrior junior varsity won, 48-13.

O-G 15 18 12 20 65  
NH 11 14 13 22 60

**CASEVILLE**  
Owen-Gage won a crucial game at home against Caseville Tuesday, Nov. 4, 63-50.

The Bulldogs had three players in double figures, Becky Howard with 19, Terri Sontag, 15, and Joan Mosack, 11.

Julie Andrakowicz led the defensive effort, pulling down 18 rebounds. Mosack grabbed 10.

BeeBee Dubey scored 21 points for the Eagles; Michelle McCormick had 18. Each recovered 11 rebounds. Caseville won the junior varsity game, 29-13.

**NORTH CENTRAL D LEAGUE**  
(as of Nov. 6)

Team	W	L
Owen-Gage	11	1
Caseville	10	3
North Huron	9	3
Port Hope	6	5
Kingston	5	7
Peck	3	8
Akron-Fairgrove	2	10
Carsonville-PS	1	10

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## Be careful

Economical portable heaters can be deadly, says expert

A variety of portable heaters now on the market can help reduce energy costs if used for short periods of time. They can also be hazardous if used improperly.

Of special concern to Richard Pfister, Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service safety specialist, are the flame-powered units being advertised for home use.

He points out that, regardless of any safety features, they use oxygen and produce carbon dioxide and varying amounts of carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that builds up in the red blood cells. It may reach toxic levels in minutes or over several hours. Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include dizziness, headache, and/or nausea. Eliminating carbon monoxide from the body takes from 10 to 24 hours.

"Any flame must have oxygen to survive," Pfister points out. "So must humans. Put a flame and a human within a fairly tight, weatherized house, and they will compete for oxygen."

"I'm not saying that every flame-powered portable heater is unsafe to use," he adds. "But I do not think it would be wise to use any of these for more than an hour at a time without ventilating the house."

Some flame-powered portable heaters have carbon monoxide detectors built into them. These are supposed to turn the flame off when the carbon monoxide level in

the air around the heater becomes too high.

"Even so, I'd want to be cautious about sustained use," Pfister advises. "If the flame does go out, and the unit doesn't run out of fuel, the house should be ventilated immediately."

Electrical portable heaters can be energy conservers if they're used briefly to warm one part of the house rather than turning on the furnace and heating the whole house.

"This really is what they are intended for," Pfister says. "If these units are used to warm the house for several hours, the costs may become quite steep in comparison with the costs of conventional heating methods."

He recommends that only portable electric heaters that require no more than 1,500 watts be plugged into ordinary electrical household outlets. Special wiring should be provided for heaters that require more than 1,500 watts. Otherwise, fuses will blow or wiring could overheat, creating a fire hazard.

Portable heaters should carry the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label and have an automatic shutoff in case they are knocked over. They should also have protective guarding so a youngster cannot stick something into them and touch the heating elements.

Persons who use portable heaters should be sure to place them away from any combustible materials, such as hanging towels, curtains, etc.