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**JULIA SKINNER** enjoys the rich supply of candies she caught during the Independence Day parade Saturday morning.

## Nothing serious, say police

# Report minor gang activities in Cass City and Reese

Cass City isn't alone when it comes to gang-related problems miles away from Detroit, Flint, Saginaw and other large cities, according to a survey conducted in March by the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

In the survey, released last week, law enforcement agencies report at least 300 youth gangs in more than half of the state's 83 counties, from southern lower Michigan to the Upper Peninsula.

Membership ranges from a half dozen to hundreds, and gang activity from painting graffiti to drive-by shootings.

Tuscola County is among the counties listed, with the types of activities present including graffiti, vandalism, assault, and breaking and entering.

The survey also reports a drive-by shooting in the county, however, Sheriff Tom Kern and First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the Michigan State Police post in Caro, say they aren't aware of any such incident taking place.

The survey confirms gang problems are not just a big city problem anymore, although the severity and frequency of youth crimes here pale in comparison to large urban areas.

In Tuscola County, Cass City and Reese appear to be

the only communities having problems with apparent gang activities, according to Kern, who believes a majority of youths making trouble are "wanna-bes" influenced by what they hear and read about gangs in other areas.

"We have had a problem with one kid (in a trailer park west of Reese) trying to get kids from Reese involved," Kern said. He noted the activities there have been limited primarily to graffiti.

### NOTHING SERIOUS

"Nothing real serious at this point," he added, "but it has been making people sit up and take notice and keep their eye on things."

In Cass City, the latest gang-type incident took place late last month in the village park, where youths painted graffiti on the walls and set a fire in a sink in the men's room at the village park.

According to Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson, the term 'gang' is being used locally to describe a loose group of youths involved in various crimes. The problems began more than a year ago, when a handful of teens, dressed alike in gang garb, began to hang around storefronts in town.

Complaints from business owners prompted a crackdown on loitering, and the youths seemingly disappeared from Main Street.

But they've continued to try to make their presence known.

"We can identify a loose group of teenagers in this area which numbers probably from 20 down to, hardcore, maybe a half dozen members," Wilson said.

"Originally, some of the hardcore members moved into this area from Pontiac and Saginaw. The oldest one I know of was 20 or 21, and

the other ones, we get down to junior high. Probably the youngest is 13.

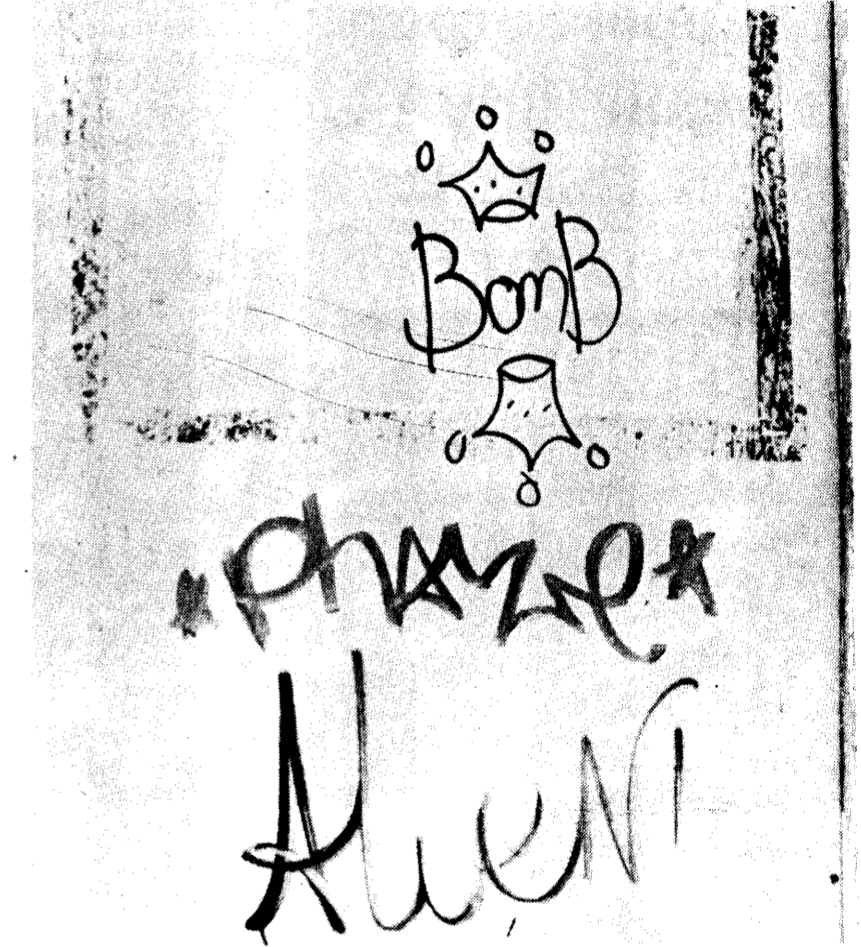
"Of all these kids, almost every one came from a split home or a one-party home or a home that's been reunited with a stepmother or stepfather," Wilson continued.

### VANDALISM, THEFT

Aside from graffiti, the teens have been involved in

incidents involving vandalism in the pool building and of Christmas decorations in the park, auto theft, and standing in the street in an effort to stop traffic.

Last summer, a man was assaulted. A 20-year-old was charged with assault and battery in the incident, and he was returned to prison for violating parole, according to Wilson, who said 3 other gang members have been released following the 10:37 p.m. accident.



**SIGN OF THE times?** Gang-related graffiti and incidents involving vandalism and other crimes have been on the rise in Cass City since signs of gang activity began to appear more than a year ago. Above, a vacant building in the village bears the mark of a Saginaw-based gang.

# Weather cooperates, new events draw large crowd to Festival

The weather provided a happy medium for Cass City's 16th annual July 4 Festival weekend activities Thursday through Saturday.

Although small bursts of rain put a slight damper on the Friday events, for the most part the weekend stayed dry and gave Cass City the opportunity to host another enjoyable celebration of Independence Day.

"I don't think you're going to get 3 days together in Michigan any better than that," said Della Poirier, who helped organize the week-end-long activities at Northwood Shores Golf Course and Restaurant.

Festival Co-chairman Jim Ceranski was especially thankful that the village was able to avoid rain during Saturday's activities, which raise the majority of the money which allows the festival to return every year.

Festival-goers could enjoy the activities from the mid-morning parade to the late-night fireworks without being concerned about overwhelming heat, Ceranski remarked. "The absence of heat helped everybody," he explained. "It didn't sap us of our energy."

Most of the crowd on Main Street termed the expanded 10:30 parade Saturday a success. With the addition of the Northern Aurora Drum and Bugle Corps of Saginaw, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and the Tittabawassee Fife and Drum Corps, the parade was stronger and more impressive, said Festival Coordinator Jane Hittler.

The float winners were showcased during the parade. Tendercare, for the 2nd consecutive year, won the President's Award. Cass

City First Baptist Church was awarded the Harry Crandell Memorial Award, Trinity United Methodist was honored with the Belle Schwaderer Memorial Award and Hills and Dales General Hospital was granted the Meredith Auten Memorial Award.

Saturday ended as brightly as it began, added Hittler, because the fireworks show was bigger and better. Festival Co-chairman Alan Sward approached several area businesses and corporations Saturday in an effort to expand the fireworks display. The collections sparked an additional finale.

The cool temperatures especially helped the day-long sports activity Saturday. The 3-on-3 Fire in the Sky Tournament entertained the crowd throughout the day, according to event organizer Matt Priesskorn. And, new events also were successful.

The Poker Walk sponsored by the Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center will continue and grow due to its positive reception from the crowd, said event Chairwoman Jan Daniel.

More than 40 kids squealed with delight during the return of the greased pig contest Saturday afternoon, which awarded Matt Little a \$10 prize in the 8-10-year-olds category. Casey Spencer received the same prize in the 11 and 12-year-olds division after a messy fight with the pig, which was covered with Crisco oil.

But, the Little Miss Pageant Thursday put the first kick of success into the weekend with its country/western theme in the Cass City High School cafeteria.

The 6th annual event crowned three age categories of girls after 3 judges ranked their on-stage talent and personality perfor-

mances. In the Tiny Miss division (pre-school through kindergarten) Sarah Overdier received the grand bouquet. The Little Miss (first-through third-graders) category awarded Candi Rhodes top honors after her stunning performances and in the finale of the Junior Miss (fourth-through sixth-graders) competition, Nicole Doerr captured the first place crown.

Meanwhile, 2 runners-up also were named for each division. Choosing among the 16 Tiny Miss pageanters was difficult for the judges. A tie breaking vote was cast, leaving Kelcie Sweney the 2nd place runner-up and Kristie

Karr in the third place runner-up position. In the Little Miss category Adrienne Warju impressed the judges for a 2nd place runner-up trophy and Jessica Caister took the slot directly behind her. For the Junior Miss division, Sarah Taylor stepped into place as the older division's 2nd place runner-up and Danielle Guilds danced into the 3rd place winning spot.

Friday the fun roared through the streets even though the weekend's only moisture fell on Cruise Nite, according to event Chairwoman Christine Elrod. "It went so incredibly well. I don't think we could have had a better turnout," she

said.

About 50 cars registered for the event while 20 others joined them in the streets without formally entering the drive. A panel of 5 judges awarded 3 trophies: best engine, best paint job and best overall car. Several cars were distinguished with honorable mentions, because of the high caliber turnout, Elrod added.

Frank Peplinski received high honors in the best engine category with his 1968 orange Chevelle. Lenny Longuski and his bright pink 1930 coupe grabbed the best paint award, and Greg Stout's top notch 1963 Ford coupe captured the trophy for best car overall.



**NEW ARRIVALS** — The Rev. Bob Garrett and his wife Charlene stand next to their new home at Cass City's Salem United Methodist Church, where they began serving the congregation last week. Story page 5.

# Announce building plans for senior citizen complex

Area developers will soon break ground for Homestead at Northwood Lake, a full-service senior community in Cass City.

Pigeon-area developers S&H Enterprises, the Financial Source Inc., Edward Foster and Richard Hensel head up the landmark community. Birkey Design Group Inc. of Denver, Colo., is designing living space, Hensel Associates of Goshen, Ind., will coordinate construction, and the FOURMIDABLE Group of Farmington Hills will manage and market the community.

In addition to duplexes

ranging from 1,200 square feet to 1,500 square feet, a variety of apartments will be offered at the complex. One-bedroom apartments range in size from 687 square feet to 1,038 square feet, and 2-bedroom apartments are 1,020 square feet.

Homestead at Northwood Lake will have meals available for residents, as well as housekeeping and linen service. Residents will have access to on-site amenities such as a beauty salon, health club and social activities.

Emergency pull cords will be positioned in each bedroom and bathroom of every

apartment, according to Harold Deering, president of S&H Enterprises.

"We will provide residents with a community that makes them feel safe and secure, where they can live a very happy life," he said.

The developers have planned 2 phases for the 146,189-square-foot property which is owned by Homestead at Northwood Lake Inc.

Phase one will begin Aug. 1 and is expected to be completed by spring 1995. This phase includes 46 units of one and 2-bedroom apartments and duplexes.

# Prosecutor drops charges against David Moore

The last in a series of breaking and entering and larceny charges filed against a Cass City man have been dismissed in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

David H. Moore, 28, Cass City, had been scheduled to go to trial next month in connection with the Jan. 12 break-in of a residence at 4897 Northwood Circle, Cass City.

Moore was accused of breaking into the home and stealing money, guns, a VCR, television and camera.

According to court records, the charges were dropped because a co-defendant's testimony did not prove

Moore's involvement beyond a reasonable doubt; because of a lack of evidence or lab results proving

# 6-year old hit by car, avoids serious injury

A 6-year-old Cass City boy was struck by a car after the annual July 4 Festival fireworks display in the village Saturday night.

The boy, Kyle C. Sieradzki, 6204 Cedar Dr., was transported by Cass City-Mercy Ambulance to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where he was treated and

Moore was at the scene of the crime, and because "it is not in the best interest of justice or lab results proving

released following the 10:37 p.m. accident.

Cass City police reported the youth darted out in front of an eastbound car, driven by Matthew A. Shay, 19, of Caro, on Church Street near Ale Street. The boy apparently was watching another pedestrian and didn't see the vehicle, reports state.



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brown

## Browns celebrate 50th anniversary

In honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, the family of Bernard and Phyllis Brown are celebrating with an open house at First Baptist Church of Lapeer Saturday, July 30, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Bernard retired from GM Truck and Bus in Pontiac and Phyllis was a home-maker. They have 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. They lived much of their lives in the Pontiac, and then Lapeer area, where they presently reside.

## Area support group plans picnic July 12

The Thumb Area Parkinson Support Group will hold its annual picnic July 12, at 11:30 at the Cass City Park.

Food will be catered but those attending are asked to bring a dessert to pass. If there are any questions, contact Nancy Cech at 872-4053.

## Cass City Area Social and Personal Items

Call your local news to the Chronicle office - 872-2010

A group of old friends travelled to Tennessee recently to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Bob and Ann Schuckert. The Schuckerts were the owners of several theaters including the Cass Theatre. Attending the celebration from Cass City were Jeanne Auten, Evelyn MacRae, Jim and Wanda Tuckey, Mark and Carol Tuckey, Joe and Ruth VanAcker and Bernard and Jackie Freiburger.

Mrs. Linda Barron of Rochester spent from Tuesday until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. George Frank and visited Mrs. Marion McClorey. Mrs. McClorey and Mrs. Beatrice Cellner were among a group who enjoyed a cookout at the Frank home Monday afternoon.

Helen Hulien of Caseville had a picnic Sunday for her family. Attending were Fred and Linda Leeson, Joe, Jill and Stephanie Leeson of Ferndale, Tom and Debi Hulien of Hampton, N.H., Jack and Carol Connell and Jeff Connell and friend Karen, all of Frankenmuth.

Four Cass City ladies went rummage saling in style recently in the Romeo-Sterling Heights area. Phyllis Brinkman, Janice Winters, Twila Bardwell and Joan Merchant pulled up to the sale sites in a great big, white stretch limousine. The limo for the day was furnished by Tim, Terry and Tom Brinkman in honor of their mother's birthday. Never had so much fun, Phyllis chuckled.

Sandy and Andy Welter of Dayton, Ohio, spent the weekend with her parents, Stan and Melva Guinther, and brother and family, Mark, Shelley and Drew Guinther of Concord, Calif., who are vacationing in Cass City.

The regular meeting of Post 3644 VFW will be Monday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the post hall.

Arthur and Janet Severance spent the weekend in Houston, Texas with their son Tim and his wife Roxann.

Guest of Mrs. Marion McClorey from Tuesday till Monday was Mrs. Beatrice Cellner of Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crawford of Caro came Friday with their camper and camped until Monday afternoon. Miss Lessel Crawford of Rochester Hills spent from Sunday until Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. McClorey. Guests Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Courlis of Caro. A potluck supper was held Sunday with 14 relatives and friends attending.

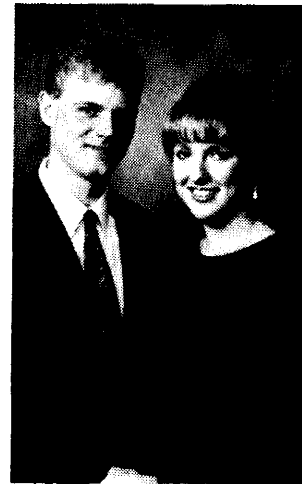
Larry McIntire and Lonnie visited Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer Saturday night. They all enjoyed the Cass City fireworks.

Three students from the area compiled perfect 4-point records at Michigan Technological University in Houghton in the spring quarter. The students are James W. Thane, Deford, a sophomore, and Michael and Steven Bills, seniors who graduated this spring.

### Steven Irvine enlists in army

Steven D. Irvine II, a student at Cass City High School and the son of Cindy and Steven D. Irvine of Cass City, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army's Delayed Entry Program for a 4-year tour of duty in the infantry. He is scheduled to report for active duty in June 1995.

### Engaged



Kathy Marshall  
Dennis Ziemba

Roger and Linda Marshall of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Ann, to Dennis G. Ziemba, son of Leonard and Marilyn Ziemba of Decker.

Kathy, a 1988 graduate of Cass City High School and 1993 graduate of Michigan State University, is employed at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. Dennis, a 1987 graduate of Cass City High School and 1989 graduate of Macomb Community College, is employed at Moore Motor Sales, Caro.

A Sept. 24 wedding is planned.

### Plant soybeans

Michigan farmers expect to plant 1.5 million acres of soybeans this year. If the weather allows it, this would be the largest number of soybean acres ever planted in the state.



Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Osentoski

## Osentoskis celebrate 40th anniversary

Enoch "Red" and Rose Osentoski of Cass City celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 19. They were married in St.

Agatha's Catholic Church in Gagetown June 19, 1954. The Osentoskis have 7 children and several grandchildren.

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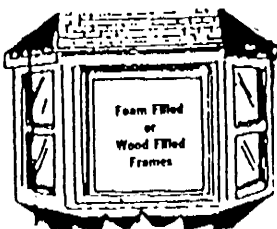
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### Engaged



Vickey Englehart  
Jimmie Priest Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Engelhart Sr. of Deford announce the engagement of their daughter, Vickey Lee, to Jimmie Lee Priest Jr., son of Ms. Sandra Priest of Pontiac.

The groom-to-be is attending the University of Michigan, studying mechanical engineering. The bride-to-be is employed at Society Bank in Ann Arbor as a branch administrative manager.

An Aug. 20 wedding is planned.



### Marriage licenses

Thomas Marc Newcombe and Lori Lynn Beaver, both of Fairgrove.

Phillip John Martin, Saginaw, and Adele Renea Davis, Vassar.

Jerry Mitchell Stoick, Caro, and Angela Marie Edgett, Mayville.

Frederick John Tuckey, Unionville, and Gail Louise Greer, Millington.

I arrived here from California just in time, it seems. My grandma just didn't have time to write her column this week, so I'm filling in.

Frankly, I don't know how the woman ever gets anything done. Ever since I got here, all she does is play.

That's a funny thing about grandmas. They're big and they're old, but they aren't grown up. They make silly faces and do silly things and you just have to laugh at them.

Moms and dads and grandpas play with a kid, too, but they have other, grown-up, things to do sometimes. Grandmas don't seem to.

When I was here a year ago, I was just learning to walk and there were a lot of things I didn't get around to investigating. But now I'm 2, and I run. You can cover a lot more territory once you get the hang of using your feet.

One of the things I discovered was that Grandma and Grandpa have stairs all over the place that are great for climbing. Sometimes coming down is kind of bumpy, though. We have only a couple steps in our house, and they're not much of a challenge.

Grandma also has a lot of toys, not quite as shiny as the ones at home (Grandma says they're garage sale specials), but they're fun.

Grandpa gives me rides in a red wagon that he says Dad and Aunt Sandy used to ride in. I don't think he'd lie about it, but I know how long Dad's arms and legs are, and Aunt Sandy must be at least 5 ft., 8! There's just no way they could both get in that thing at the same time!

Aunt Sandy and Uncle Andy brought 2 kitties with them from Ohio, but they didn't seem to be very playful. Every time I ran after them, they got this scared look on their faces and ran behind the couch or under a chair. Sometimes my kitty, Moose, does that too. I don't know why cats are so nervous.

Our trip to Michigan was okay, but Mom insists on traveling at night when she and I come alone. She's a

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THE VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN ORDAINS:

Section 1. OWEN-GAGE Public school buses are hereby authorized and permitted to load and unload students of the OWEN-GAGE Public schools at any location within the Village of Gagetown, for the purpose of transporting them to and from school.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after its adoption.

Enacted by the Village Council of Gagetown, Tuscola County, Michigan this 06 day of June, 1994.

On roll call - vote was: Yeas 6 Nays 0

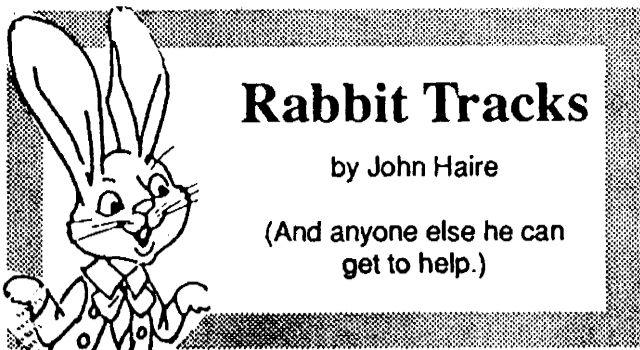
*Charles Wright*  
Charles Wright, Village President

*George R. Wilson*  
George Wilson, Village Clerk

Certification

I, George Wilson, Clerk of the Village of Gagetown, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Gagetown at a regular meeting held June 06, 1994 at the Gagetown Village Hall

*George R. Wilson*  
George Wilson, Village Clerk



**Rabbit Tracks**

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Home owners living on the edge of town often have deer browsing, especially at night or in the evening. Seldom does one come visiting in the middle of town at 8 a.m. But one did Tuesday morning. Walking to work down Oak Street, a deer was in the yard between Houghton and Third Streets. It casually watched me until I was about 50 feet away and then trotted across the street to the St. Pancratius Church parking lot. It was last seen headed south along the side of Seeger Street.

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Dick Hendrick is well into his first year of retirement from General Telephone Co. We asked him how he was getting along. Great, he replied, I don't miss the phone company at all.

Maybe that's because in "retirement" the Hendricks (wife, Elaine) now keep the Cass Theatre open every night.

To Dick, operating the theater, and the free movies prior to that, has always been something that he really enjoyed doing.

Doing what you want to do is everyone's idea of a perfect retirement and for Dick, operating the Cass is where it's at.

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Saturday evening on the way north, I-75 was stop and go in 2 places because of minor traffic mishaps, and it figured that returning traffic on July 4 would be horrendous.

Not so. On the road at about 6 p.m., one of the peak traffic periods, the traffic was no heavier than on a normal weekend.

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A publicity release about "Fiery Trial", a book about the 1881 fire that swept through the Thumb, recently crossed my desk. Nothing unusual about that except that one of the co-authors is James Donahue, retired Thumb writer for the Post Huron Times Herald.

Another is that the book is published by Anchor Publications of Cass City. If you are wondering where the company's office is located, join me. I suspect that it is Post Office Box 34. Anyway, if you want the revised edition of the book, send \$14 to Box 34 in Cass City and the book will be sent.

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The Cass City Rotary Club has sponsored 2 or more exchange students for decades and the families hosting the students almost unanimously have reported that it was a worthwhile experience.

This fall a student from Spain is coming to Cass City. The club needs housing for the youth, who will be in the senior class at Cass City.

Students stay with each family for 4 months. Persons wishing to get more information about the program can call Rotarians Doug Laurie (665-2668) or Supt. Ken Micklash at Cass City High School (872-2200).



**NEW REGIME - Cass City Rotary president Jim Bolton presents the gavel to the Club's 1994-95 president, Craig Bellew, during the club's installation dinner held Wednesday at Rolling Hills Golf Course.**

**146 citations issued**

**Troopers: holiday busy, safe**

Michigan State Police troopers at the Caro post reported a busy but safe July 4 holiday.

Over the holiday weekend, troopers were kept busy with some 42 complaint investigations as well as stepped-

up traffic enforcement.

Troopers and sergeants worked about 80 hours of traffic patrol over the weekend and wrote a total of 146 traffic citations. Of those, 60 were for violations of the seat belt law.

In addition, troopers arrested 4 drivers for operating under the influence of liquor, and arrested 8 others for open alcohol containers in a motor vehicle. Nine subjects were lodged in the Tuscola County Jail.

The weekend appeared to be a safe one as troopers handled only 3 traffic accidents involving 4 injuries. No fatal accidents were reported to the state police (county totals were unavailable).

Officials noted 40 percent of the weekend's traffic citations were for seat belt law violations.

Post Commander First Lt. Doug Lautner said troopers plan to continue increased efforts to educate the public on the importance of wearing seat belts all the time and issue tickets to those who aren't buckling up.



For 75 years or more a printer could walk into any print shop and the machines in use would be familiar, regardless of whether it printed the New York Times or the Cass City Chronicle. Naturally, a big paper had bigger, faster presses and more gadgets on the typesetters of the time, but basically the process was the same as when my grandfather ran the Boyne Citizen in Boyne City.

About 30 years ago that changed as the process called offset started filtering into print shops. It trickled into the business and now is a computer-aided flood that changes almost monthly. We have obsolete typesetting machines that become that way in less than 10 years. Before the revolution, typesetters were used for 40 years or more because the technology never varied.

Experts in the field are making widely different predictions on what's ahead in the business. No one knows except that the changes will be significant and perhaps as revolutionary as the one generated when computers became industry workhorses.

We should live longer and more comfortably with the advances in science that have become commonplace.

All of these advances flashed by as I read a metro paper last week. Two stories that captured my attention made me think of the arenas I visited in Rome where the Christians were slaughtered by the lions and the gladiators

battled to the death. The stories concerned the request of Donald Evans, sentenced to death for murdering and raping a 10-year-old girl, and a suspect in 60 other murders, who was willing to plead guilty if his execution could appear on television.

The second concerned papers that indicated the United States Energy Department had experimented with radiation on 1,200 persons without their knowledge or consent.

You could say that Evans was a kook and his antics are not indicative of where we are today.

That may be true, too. What is also true is that if Evans succeeded in getting on the Phil Donahue show, his TV ratings would skyrocket to an all time high.

We don't know if the viewers would stand up and cheer like the spectators did when the lions chewed the Christians, but there would be thousands who would be glued to the TV and later announce with satisfaction that the rapist-murderer got exactly what he deserved.

That's different than what happened in the arenas 2,000 years ago but it's only a matter of degree. It still shows that we have not lost our voracious appetite for watching gory spectacles, and basically people haven't changed much since the dawn of Christianity.

**"If It Fitz...."**

**It's no sin to enjoy silence**

By Jim Fitzgerald



Along with a fine haircut, my new barber, Joan Parks of Lapeer, also gave me *deja vu*, which is not a cologne.

Joan also tends the heads of my wife, youngest daughter and various grandchildren and other relatives. During a hairy conversation with my wife, Joan politely mentioned in passing that when I'm in the barber's chair, I don't talk as much as the rest of my family. Subsequently, my wife relayed this comment to me in her usual fashion, which is to imply that I'm a rude boob.

That's when the *deja vu* was.

**QUICK TRIM AND INTERROGATION**

When I was a young boy, around 55 years ago, my barber was continually asking me what I learned in school that day. Because I spent most of my class time hiding behind larger students so the teacher couldn't see me and ask me to talk, I couldn't think of an intelligent answer. Besides, I didn't think the barber was really interesting in my schooling.

So I limited my answers to one syllable, mumbled. Or sometimes I pretended I didn't hear him.

My father went to the same barber. One day they talked about me, and Dad came home to say: "The barber says you are a remarkable boy. He says he cut your hair 3 times before he realized you were a deaf mute."

My father was a garrulous man. He was forever giving after-dinner speeches and toastmastering various functions. If he were alive today, he would surely agree when my wife says my quiet demeanor could easily be mistaken for boobish rudeness.

Ever since that boyhood barbering, I've used maga-

zines to defend myself against barbers, who usually won't interrupt your reading with conversation. In recent years, I've continued to put *People* or *Life* in my lap, even though the words are only a blur and I get agitated trying to see if I'm looking at a picture of Bill or Hillary Clinton. The worst thing about a haircut is you can't wear glasses hooked to your ears while getting one.

I'd use those fancy glasses that hook to your nose, or on the end of a stick, except people would ask me why and then I'd have to talk.

Some people are expert at small talk, and some aren't. To each his own. My wife couldn't possibly stand in a crowded elevator without speaking to the first stranger who didn't avoid her gaze. On the other hand, I stood in line for 2 years in the Army and never talked to the guy in front of me. I don't know if there was a guy behind me because I never turned around. I was afraid he might be a barber.

**THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT**

I think a man with nothing to say, shouldn't say it. I think I'm doing a man a favor if I don't ask him if he's had enough rain. I think it's

friendly not to disturb a man who is obviously thinking about something that puts a contented look on his face.

The man alone at the end of the bar is not necessarily a lonely soul who would love to hear why the Tigers won't win the pennant. He may be seeing splendid reflections of his childhood in his beer.

My wife says I'm "just not friendly." Measured by the most popular yardstick, maybe not. But there should be another measuring stick for the quiet types. After all, I'm willing to share great gobs of my silence with perfect strangers, free. Any stranger who says that isn't friendly, isn't perfect.

I don't tell the windy man to shut up. He shouldn't tell me to speak up. That's simple courtesy, isn't it? Nowhere is it etched in stone that it's a sin to enjoy silence. No law says a nightmare is more important than a daydream. No person should be awakened from either except for good reason.

Hotels supply "Do Not Disturb" signs. Maybe I could wear a sign saying yes, it's hot enough, or cold enough, for me.

Onward and Upward. But if it's anything important, just knock on my nose.

**The Weather**

	High	Low	Precip.
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Wednesday	81	65	.05"
Thursday	80	60	.06"
Friday	84	60	0
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**Read Meg's Peg**

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**Blood drive set July 12**

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For more information, call 872-2746.

**Hofmeister joins Army**

Brendon M. Hofmeister, a student at Caro High School, son of Richard Hofmeister of Gagetown, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army's Delayed Entry Program for a 4-year, 17-week tour of duty in the infantry.

The Caro High School student is scheduled to report for active duty in June 1995.

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**Your neighbor says**

**Garage sales give summer more sizzle**

Garage Sales give the summer more sizzle for one Cass City resident. Most people don't realize the amount of preparation associated with smoothly running a bargain palace. "A lot of work goes into setting them up," said Audrey Frankowski — and she knows her garage sales.

She and her husband, Stanley, are "garage freaks," she laughed. Every couple of weeks throughout the summer the couple cleans out a few more old items from the house to add to their re-occurring garage sale, which suits Frankowski great because she can sell "what ordinarily would be junk to me."



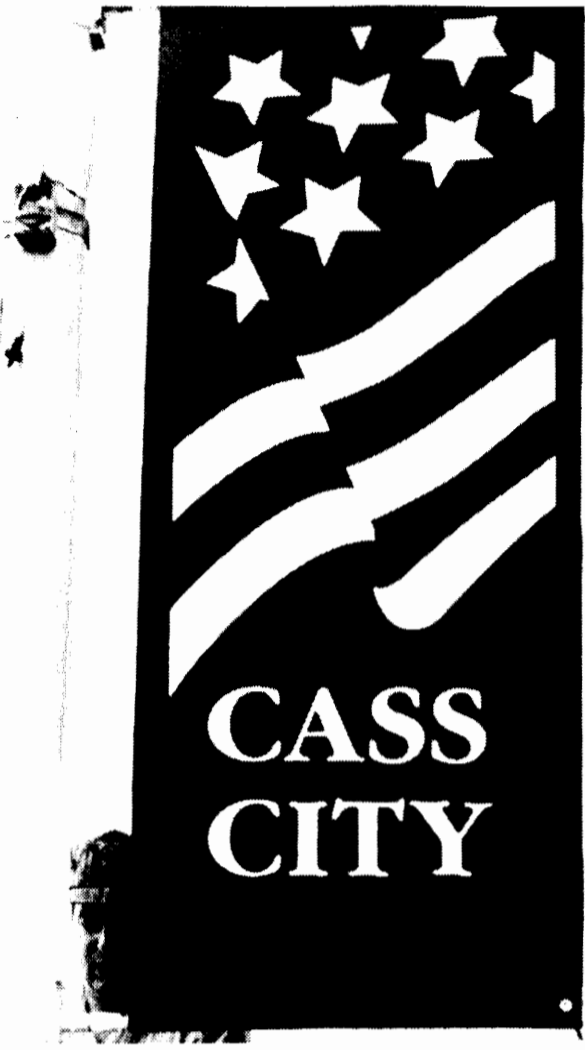
The retired crossing guard said she got a later start on the dealing action because she and her husband were in Arizona for 3 months. So they didn't begin their garage sales until the end of April, she added. They'll swing down their garage door after the final sale of the season, during the last weekend in September.

Her involvement with garage sales doesn't end there though. The Arkansas native also participates in a huge annual family sale at one of her 3 sons' homes.

Then, when Thursdays roll around, the Frankowskis are themselves on the bargain hunt. The couple usually tries to go to the majority of sales within Cass City, but doesn't like to travel too far outside of town, she added.

So far this season, their bargains have been scarce. Mrs. Frankowski commented that she usually likes to at least pick up an item or 2 at every garage sale, but this year she hasn't accumulated as many treasures along her way. "I just haven't been able to find anything interesting," she said.

But, she's not done looking.



**JULY 4 Festival preparations last week included putting up 26 new flag banners along Main Street. The banners are part of a \$13,500, year-round decoration project spearheaded by the Cass City DDA.**

**Gang activities minor**

Continued from page one. sent to juvenile court on a breaking and entering complaint.

"The worst thing we know has happened, is we took a sawed off shotgun from a group of them a year ago," Wilson said. "It was never used. They got a hold of a single shot shotgun, sawed off both ends, and were parading around the neighborhood."

Some adults confiscated the weapon and handed it over to police, the chief noted.

While area law enforcement agencies are taking any form of gang activity seriously, officials say they're also concerned about blowing the incidents out of proportion.

"If you start giving (gangs) that kind of individualized attention, then you're doing what they want; they want

attention, they want to be heard," Lautner commented.

While gang activity is always a concern, he added, "it hasn't been of the violent magnitude we hear about in other areas."

Wilson suggested a number of kids join gangs in order to get the attention they lack at home. Locally, he said, most of kids involved are wanna-bes who are borrowing the names and looks of Saginaw gangs.

Wilson said he doesn't believe the problem will get out of control in the area as long as police continue to come down hard on young violators.

He acknowledged the types of crimes seen here are a far cry from those experienced in more urban areas, but added, "If we ignore it and let it go, it could escalate into a real problem."

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**Salem church welcomes new, part-time pastor**

by Marjory Raymer Staff Writer

With 43 years of experience behind him, the new pastor at Cass City's Salem United Methodist Church is half way to retirement.

Last month, the Rev. Bob Garrett and his wife, Charlene, retired. This month, they popped into town to begin serving their 12th congregation.

After "a lot of begging" from the district superintendent, the parents of 4 agreed to split their week into segments of relaxation at their Port Austin retirement home and of service at another new home, Cass City.

And, they're glad to be in both places at once.

"I don't think we're ready to stop serving people yet," Mrs. Garrett said. Although Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays, the couple primarily will be enjoying retirement, the reverend stressed, "if there is something going on, I'm going to be there."

Before retirement and Cass City, the couple served in Blissfield. Prior to that, however, the big city natives made their home in Port Austin for 21 years. There, they raised their children while serving at the Port Austin United Protestant Church.

Now, the Garretts are looking forward to both of their new lives. The pastor said he simply wants to try to meet Cass City's needs, as well as rake the yard and mow the lawn at his Port Austin "acre in the woods with 100 Oak trees."

Mrs. Garrett, likewise, is getting acquainted with the

people of Cass City and concentrating more on growing flowers and writing poetry. Her first collection of poems was published 2 years ago, and she is finishing her second.

"Mr. Coupon Clipper," as Mrs. Garrett affectionately refers to her husband, said he has led larger churches than the 150 member Salem United Methodist Church, but it doesn't matter. "We are very favorably impressed with the community," he said.

The reverend, who also helped initiate the Top of the Thumb Legion Ministries, individualizes his services with his powerful singing ability. Bob Garrett said he remembers singing for his grandmother's friends, and still enjoys performing. So, he adds solo acts into his addresses.

Both of the grandparents of 12 also have been active in community theater. The reverend said his favorite part is Alfred B. Doolittle, while Mrs. Garrett fondly remembers a different role. "In 'The Sound of Music,' I got to be a nun," she smiled.

And, now that they are starting to settle in to their fast paced retirement, the couple said they'll stay as long as they're needed.

**Calendar of Events**

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

**Wednesday, July 6**

Abbreviated contemporary worship service, 7 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church. Special music.

**Thursday, July 7**

Sanilac County Republican Party monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., County Conference Room, 37 Austin St., Sandusky. All interested public are invited. For further information please call Chairman, Della M. Wright, (810) 648-2070.

**Friday, July 8**

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

**Saturday, July 9**

"Demonstration of Flint Knapping I," (making arrowheads), 12-4 p.m., James Payne, Archaeologist, University of Michigan. For families. Sanilac Petroglyphs Park on Germania Rd.

**Sunday, July 10**

"The Metis I," 1-3 p.m., Al Pifer, Traverse City. Native American Music, Lore, Artifacts and Stories. For families. Sanilac Petroglyphs Park on Germania Rd.

**Monday, July 11**

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m. Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Cass City School Board, special meeting, 7:30 p.m. Lake Huron Chorus of Sweet Adelines invites women interested in singing to come and sing. 7-9:30 p.m. Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

**Tuesday, July 12**

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and the Cass City Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Bank at Hills & Dales General Hospital, 1-6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 13**

Duplicate Bridge, 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome. Last week's winners, Bill Dupuis and John Haire. July 13-16 Book Sale, Rawson Memorial Library.

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**THIS GROUP WAS** one of 2 fife and drum corps to march in Saturday's parade, which also featured a drum and bugle corps and the Cass City High School Marching Band.



**DYNAMITE THE Clown** entertained the parade crowds as he walked the route down Main Street.



**I LOVE A PARADE.** . . Among those enjoying Saturday's annual July 4 parade in Cass City were out-of-town visitors (left to right) Jessie Hinds, 7, Megan Hinds, 5, and (far right) Joey Hinds, 6, all of Dayton, Ohio, who shared a piece of curb with their cousin, Lindsey Montgomery, 6, of Cass City.

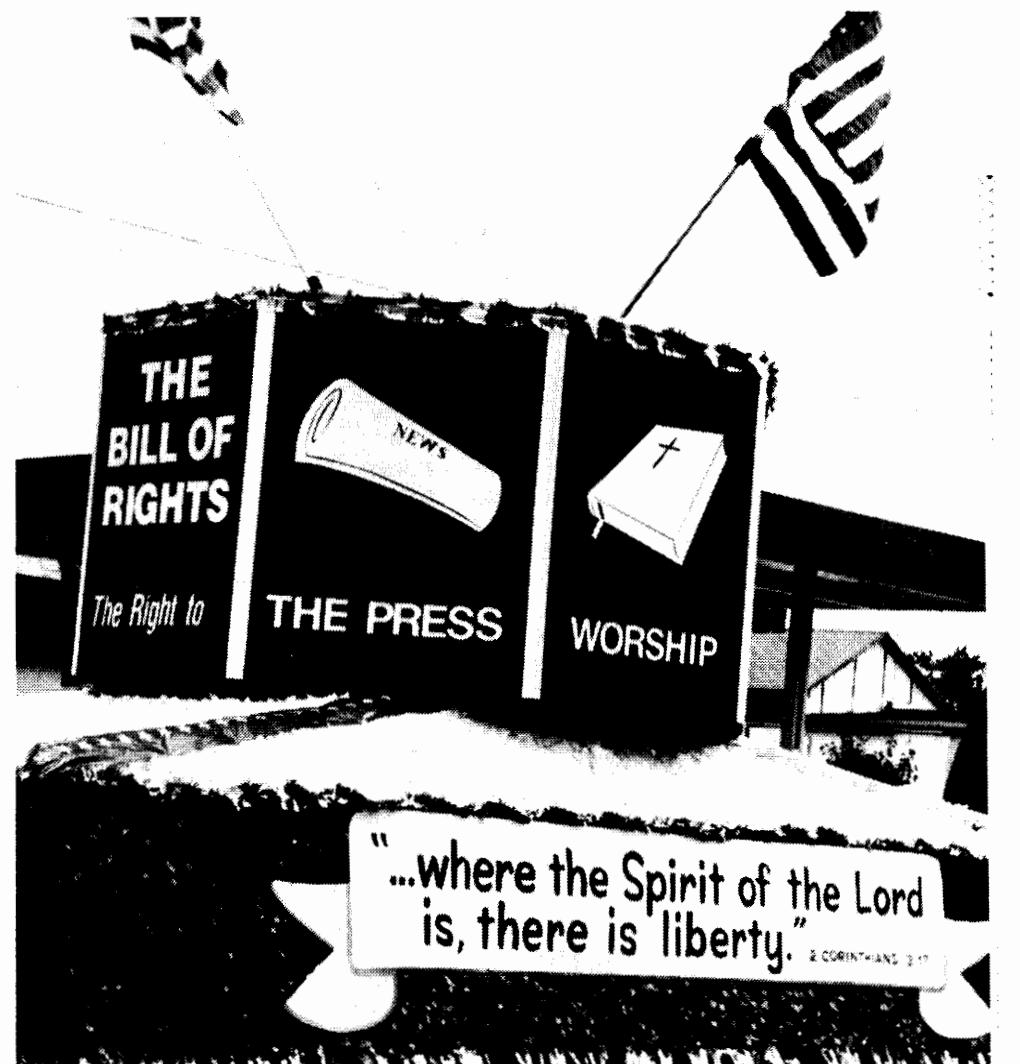


**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST Church** celebrates 125 years of religious activity with its float, which symbolized worship in 1869 and 1994. The float was awarded the Belle Schwaderer Memorial Award prior to the Saturday morning parade.

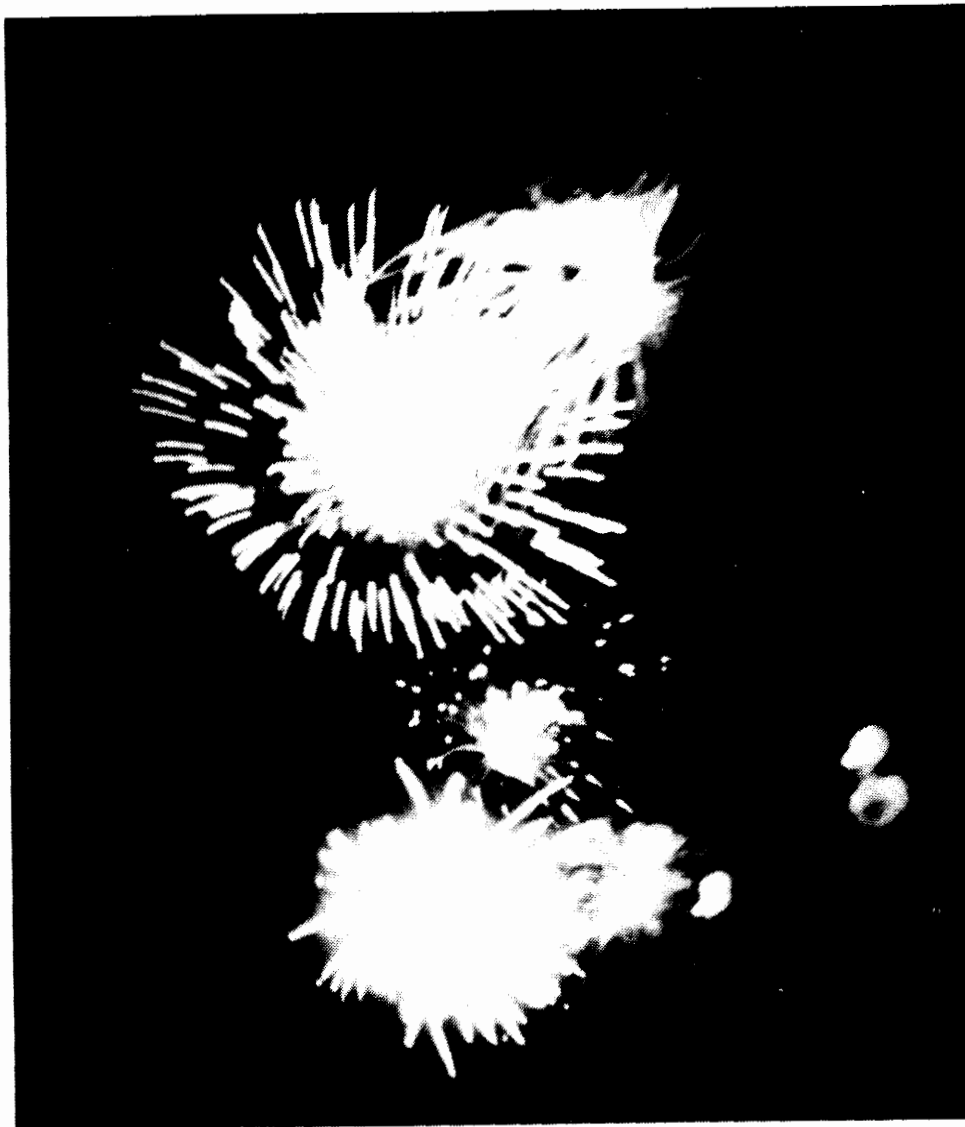
## The festival in pictures



**DeWITT SQUADRON LIONS AIRFORCE** spun through the parade Saturday morning with airplanes designed to educate the public about blindness. The planes also took a shot at the crowd with rapid fire squirts of water.



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** of Cass City put a new angle on its parade float, which was awarded the Harry Crandell Memorial Award, to illustrate the 10 articles of the Bill of Rights on the rotating 12-sided figure.



**HUNDREDS OF** people packed into Cass City Recreational Park and surrounding areas to watch the traditional fireworks display, which brought to an end another successful July 4 Festival.



**NEW TO THE** parade this year was the Saginaw-based Northern Aurora Drum and Bugle Corps.

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It is a luxury to be understood.  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



**PLAYING DOCTOR** won Hills and Dales General Hospital the Meredith Auten Memorial Award for its float in the 4th of July parade Saturday. The float featured a group of youths in full medical attire.

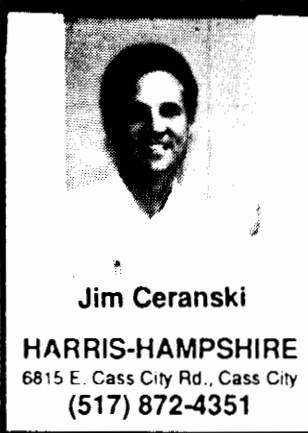
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**BEACH VOLLEYBALL** hit the spot for some area teams, who took advantage of the warm weather to try a hand at one of the less notorious festival activities Saturday afternoon.



**CASEY SPENCER** uses more than strength to capture the win in the 11 and 12-year-old division of the greased pig contest. After a lengthy battle with the slippery animal, Spencer took hold and won \$10 in the event Saturday afternoon. In the younger category, 10-year-old Matt Little showed familiarity can prove advantageous as he tackled the pig his father loaned out to the competition and won \$10 in the process.



**"DOG ON A STICK"** won the 4th of July 3-3 basketball tourney. Team members are (from left) Paul Ufig, John Gibson, Joel Palmateer, Roy Callahan.

### GOLF STANDINGS

#### TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' LEAGUE

**FLIGHT #1 - 18 Holes**

Lil Jaroch	58.5
Joan Montgomery	55.5
Fran Bellow	43.0
Bunny O'Berski	31.0
Nelle Maharg	27.0
Toby Weaver	25.0
Millie Nadison	23.0
Kally Maharg	19.5
Ruth Houghton	18.0
Mary Rabideau	14.5

**FLIGHT #2 - 18 Holes**

Linda Helwig	57.5
Blanche Rumpitz	55.5
Cathy Hellow	51.5
Barb Wilson	50.5
Eleanora Rees	49.5
Peg Veldman	44.0
Noreen Krug	41.5
Marie Scott	25.5
Dani Hicks	23.5

**FLIGHT #3 - 9 Holes**

Gene Palmer	50
Jane Hool	49
Mary Lou Maurer	46
Joann Brown	44
Betty Zulauf	40
Jean Pasieczny	33
Phyllis Ridge	31
Vera Ferguson	27

**FLIGHT #4 - 9 Holes**

Marie Harm	81
Peg Harrington	52
Joyce McConkey	47
Marian Harm	43
Enid Craig	42
Evelyn Coaster	39
Helen Grika	36
Verna Mae MacRae	35
Virginia Ruthko	23

## 5 face charges in district court

The following people were recently arraigned on felony charges in Tuscola County District Court:

•Daniel E. Willette, 44, Millington, faces 2 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (knife) and a charge of resisting and obstructing a police officer. The charges stem from a July 3 incident in Millington Township, according to court records.

Bond was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for Thursday morning.

•Billy J. Baize, 29, Akron, faces one count of delivery and/or possession with intent to deliver less than 50 grams of cocaine. The offense allegedly took place in the spring of 1992, according to court records, which state the charge stems from a Multi-County Citizens Grand Jury indictment.

Bond in the case was set at \$20,000 and a preliminary examination was scheduled for 9 a.m. July 15.

•Timothy J. Guinther, 19, Caro, was arraigned on charges of unlawfully driving a motor vehicle and conspiracy to unlawfully drive away a motor vehicle June 21 in Caro.

Baize's bond was set at \$7,500. His preliminary exam is scheduled for Thursday morning.

•Dale D. Gilmore Jr., 23, Mayville, was arraigned on a charge of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a child under the age of 13 years June 16 in Fremont Township.

A preliminary exam will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday. Bond was set at \$3,000.

•Ronald M. Foster, 22, Caro, is charged with larceny of money from a building Feb. 11 in Caro.

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**NEW GAVEL CLUB** member Steve Birkam kept the flames burning and the bratwurst turning Saturday morning and afternoon as part of the service club's efforts to raise money. The Lions and Rotary clubs also donated part of their proceeds to the fireworks show and the festival committee.



**TALENT ABOUNDED** from the Junior Miss category as Nicole Doerr (center) danced into the first place spot, Sarah Taylor (far left) caught the second place runner-up standing and Danielle Guilds swung into the third place runner-up slot Thursday in the Little Miss Pageant.



**CANDI RHODES** (center) captured the judges' hearts in the Little Miss category of the pageant Thursday to win the top honors as Adrienne Warju (far right) walked away with a second place standing and Jessica Caister got the third place runner-up prize during the pageant at Cass City High School Thursday evening.



**WITH AN OUTSTANDING** personality presentation, Sarah Overdier (center) was crowned Tiny Miss during Thursday's Little Miss Pageant. In the race for second place runner-up, Kelcie Sweeney (far left) was selected and Kristie Karr followed not far behind with her third place runner-up trophy.

## Seek queen candidates

The time has arrived for the submitting Tuscola County Bean Queen candidate applications to the MSU Extension Office, Caro.

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- 6:30 p.m. - Crowning Bean Queen
- 7:00 p.m. - 4-H Talent Show & Crowning of 4-H King & Queen

★ **Monday, July 18**

- 9:00 a.m. - 4-H Horse Show
- 9:00 a.m. - 4-H Rabbit & Poultry Shows
- 1:00 p.m. - Harness Racing
- 7:30 p.m. - Pickup & Tractor Pull

★ **Tuesday, July 19**

- KID'S DAY 14 yrs. & under \$5 until 5 p.m.**
- 9:00 a.m. - 4-H Swine Show
  - 9:00 a.m. - 4-H Goat Show
  - 9:00 a.m. - 4-H Horse Show
  - 9:00 a.m. - 4-H & Open Dairy Show
  - 1:00 p.m. - Harness Racing
  - 8:00 p.m. - Da Yoopers

★ **Wednesday, July 20**

- 9:00 a.m. - Open Horse Show
- 9:00 a.m. - Open Goat Show
- 9:00 a.m. - 4-H & Open Beef Show
- 9:00 a.m. - 4-H & Open Sheep Show (after beef)
- 1:00 p.m. - Harness Racing
- 7:00 p.m. - 4-H Large Livestock Sweepstakes
- 7:30 p.m. - Demolition Derby

★ **Thursday, July 21**

- SENIOR CITIZENS Free till 6 p.m.**
- 9:30 a.m. - 4-H & FFA Small Animal Sale
  - 1:00 p.m. - 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale
  - 1:00 p.m. - Harness Racing
  - 3:30 p.m. - Draft Horse Cart Class in Show Arena
  - 6:00 p.m. - Draft Horse Multiple Hitch Show in front of Grandstand
  - 7:00 p.m. - Sheriff's Posse Drill Team
  - 8:00 p.m. - Carriage Horses

★ **Friday, July 22**

- 9:00 a.m. - Large Livestock Judging Contest
- 9:00 a.m. - Draft Horse Halter Show
- 1:00 p.m. - RAIN DATE HARNESS RACES
- 2:30 p.m. - 4-H Small Animal Sweepstakes
- 4:00 p.m. - Pedal Pull
- 7:00 p.m. - I.P.R.A. Championship Rodeo

★ **Saturday, July 23**

- 10:00 a.m. - Light Horse Pull
- 1:00 p.m. - Heavy Horse Pull
- 4-6:00 p.m. - 4-H Exhibits Checkout
- 5:00 p.m. - Motorcycle Time Trials
- 7:30 p.m. - Motorcycle Racing

★ **Sunday, July 24**

- 1:30 p.m. - County-wide "Lip-sync" (Tryouts July 14 - 6:30 p.m. at Brentwood)
- SPONSORED BY  
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Thursday, July 21  
Free until 6 p.m.

**Lip-sync**  
Sunday, July 24  
1:30 p.m.

**Da Yoopers**  
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8:00 p.m.

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Sunday, July 24  
5:00 p.m.



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PROGRAM MAY BE ALTERED DUE TO WEATHER OR  
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