



AREA RESIDENTS are not thrilled with a proposed 4-cent gas tax, however, there is support for the increase provided roads such as M-81 (above) receive badly needed repairs.

# Fairgrove man jailed after wild police chase

A Fairgrove man's attempt to escape arrest resulted in some damaged vehicles, including a sheriff's department car, but there were no serious injuries.

"We were very fortunate. 1 think everybody did a good job out there under the cir-Tuscola cumstances," County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske said of the chase, which started at Akron-Fairgrove High School and continued southeast into the village of Caro last Wednes-

According to Tuscola County Sheriff's Department reports, a Bay County Sheriff's Department detective contacted Tuscola County Detective Pat Woidan, saying he had information that Sting was going to pick up his girl friend at the high school at about 3 p.m.

The Bay County detective, east onto Deckerville. who was investigating a lar-Woidan said he then heard ceny complaint, asked that Sting had rammed Woidan to arrest Sting on Walker's car on the right side, valid warrant. then lost control and struck

a larceny charge at the time of the chase, continued to Woidan called in for backup. Woidan lost sight of resist officers even after he Sting as he pursued the suscrashed, according to Jashinske. pect, however, he later heard

He said the suspect refused Sting's vehicle was northto leave his vehicle, and ofbound on Cleaver Road from ficers were forced to use a M-81. Woidan stated he tried chemical spray on him in orto get in front of Sting to box in his vehicle, but the suspect der to take him into custody. avoided Woidan by turning

Two officers suffered minor injuries. Deputy John Oliver sprained his wrist and arm as he swerved to miss a collision with Sting's car, and Lt.

# Residents speak out **Road fuel tax finds** grudging area support

By Angela Cook Staff writer

While some area residents say Governor John Engler's proposed 4-cent fuel tax increase would make a dent in their pocketbooks, most agree it is needed to repair Michigan's deteriorating roads. "I say what else can we do."

commented Pat Britt of Cass City. Britt said she does not like

the thought of a higher gas tax to repair Michigan roads, however, she would rather see repairs to the roads than further wear and tear on her car.

As an example, she cited the stretch of M-53 from Cass City to Marlette. "It's worse than Caro to Cass City on M-

Engler's proposal is entitled Build Michigan II, a plan that would increase the gas tax by 4 cents and, according to the governor, improve more than 3,300 miles of Michigan roads each year.

The plan, if approved, would result in improvements to every state road in Michigan in need of repair over the next 10 years, Engler said.

Under the proposal, the state would assume responsibility of over 23,000 miles of city and county roads. Lynn Sherman, Cass City,

agreed Michigan roads are in need of repair, but said she wishes the jurisdiction over the roads would not be

Bill Jurva, agreed the tax hike is a good idea and should go to repair roads such as M-81. Jurva noted he now avoids M-81, because of its condition, and takes Cemetery Road instead. "It should be resurfaced from Cass City all the way to Reese."

Other states' roads are in much better shape than Michigan's, said Jurva, who added he didn't notice the hike. gas being any more expen-

sive in those states. Jurva's wife, Ada, also cited other states as having roads superior to Michigan's. "Once in a while you hit a bad spot, but not like here."

**Technicality dispute** 

Don't look for immediate road repair if fuel tax adopted. See Haire Net, page 3

She said she believes the he'll support it.

"I know a lot of people don't agree, but something has to be done," he said.

Jim Miklovic, director of Bill Urane, Cass City, said finance for the Tuscola he does not exactly agree County Road Commission, with the 4-cent gas tax hike declined to comment on the and would rather see the proposal, saying it could money taken from a slush have an impact on county fund. But if it takes a tax hike roads, but that it's too early to repair the roads, he said to say how much.

Albrecht refuses to sign O-G labor pacts

only fair way to increase rev-

enue to repair the state's

roads is through a gas tax

The routine signing of concept their contract offers, however, Albrecht insisted tracts for Owen-Gage School on a resolution. "Make a administrators turned out to motion to ratify them and I'll be anything but routine Monday night when school board sign them," he said. "It secretary James Albrecht reshould be in the board minfused to sign the pacts. utes.' Thies stated board Presi-

The board approved new contracts for Supt. Manuel dent Terry Muntz could Thies, junior/senior high nominate another board school Principal Thomas member to sign in Albrecht's place. Wade and elementary school Principal William Britt last Brinkman urged Muntz to

the intent of the statement was to void only old policies addressed in the new, updated versions presented to the board Monday.

Albrecht also expressed concern over wording regarding the superintendent serving as chief executive of the board, and a section that allows the school board president to authorize other school officials to seek opin

Sheriff's department officers were assisted by the Bay County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police and Caro Police Department. In the end, suspect Jeffrey E. Sting, 20, Fairgrove, lost control of his vehicle in Caro and slammed into a tree, but not before ramming Detective Sgt. Larry Walker's car about 3 blocks away from the sheriff's department.

Walker was not injured, but his car sustained an estimated \$2,000 in damage. Sting also escaped injury, but his girl friend, whom he had picked up before the chase began, suffered a broken nose.

Both detectives met at the a tree near the intersection of high school, where Woidan asked school officials to Caro. point out Sting's girl friend. Woidan reported he was

also directed to the suspect's car. He approached Sting's car, asked him to identify himself, and told him he was under arrest. Woidan said he reached inside the automobile and grabbed Sting's arm, but Sting put his car into reverse, slamming into a parked pickup truck.

Woidan stated he could not reach the ignition, so he let go just prior to the crash. Sting then fled to the east, cutting across the school's athletic field and a farm field

Frank and Ward streets in One witness, a motorist, told police she was almost struck by Sting on Fairgrove Road, and that the suspect

onto Dutcher Road.

was traveling at speeds of at least 100 miles per hour. Jashinske said the chase did not involve a high-speed pursuit in the village of Caro. However, he indicated the safety of others was at risk as Sting ran stop signs, made illegal turns and drove across

vards in the business district at a busy time of day - between 3 p.m. and 3:20 p.m. Sting, who was out on bail and awaiting sentencing on

Jim Giroux suffered lacer tions to his hand as he helped remove Sting from his ve-

hicle. Bond for Sting was set at a combined \$100,000 in **Tuscola County District** Court, where he was formally charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, malicious destruction of a police car, 3 counts of resisting and obstructing a police officer, fleeing a police officer, failure to stop at a collision, and reckless driving.

He also faces one count of larceny in a building stemming from an alleged incident April 24 in Fairgrove Township.

handed over to the state. "I wish the money could be

given to counties so the raise; Britt, a 2-year contract counties could do it instead with 3.75 pay increases each of the state," she added. year, and Thies, a 3-year pact Dick Donahue, a member offering a 5-percent hike the of the Tuscola County Road first year and 4 percent in-Commission Board, also is creases in each of the final 2 not in favor of handing conyears. trol of primary roads over to the state.

Albrecht and Trustee Paul The further away the county Hunter still needed to sign moves from local control, the contracts. Hunter agreed, Donahue said, the less likely the county will be able to meet the needs of the community.

he thinks the 4 cent gas tax is a good idea, and that the state should earmark some roads in dire need of repair in this part of the state, par-

"I think M-81 is in terrible shape," he added. "It should be repaired from Cass City all the way to Reese." Another Cass City resident,

but Albrecht balked, saying the board should first vote on a resolution ratifying the contracts. In the past, Thies said, the

March.

board always offered administrators contracts, and if they were accepted by the administrators, no further action was taken

Trustee Ron Good agreed. "None of them turned it down, therefore they stand," he said

Thies noted Monday that

and updated so far.

make a nomination. Wade was offered a one-Muntz agreed, nominating year pact with a 4-percent Hunter to sign for Albrecht.

**BOARD POLICIES** 

Turning to school policies,

the board debated a list of

proposed, updated policies

as recommended by the

The committee is in the pro-

cess of reviewing all dated

board resolutions and by-

laws in an effort to draft a

complete book of up-to-date

policies. Monday's presen-

tation involved only about a

Albrecht questioned word-

ing at the beginning of the

policies stating that all past

board policies would be void

when the updated version

was approved. As it reads,

he said, the board is voiding

all school policies expect the

few that have been reviewed

half-dozen policy areas.

board's policy committee.

Trustee Jack

ions from the district's law firm.

Brinkman disagreed with a section that prohibits a school board member from talking to other board members or administrators about the hiring of a family member. A board member should not be allowed to vote on such a hiring, but he or she should be able to discuss it with the board and administration, he said.

Other board members agreed, and Thies stated he will make wording changes and present the updated policies to the board next month for action.

### **IN OTHER BUSINESS**

In other business during the monthly meeting, the board: Approved second year probation for teachers Joseph

Muntz disagreed, saying Please turn to back page.

# Confiscate knife from middle school student

Cass City School officials confiscated a knife taken to school by a middle school student last week.

According to Cass City Police reports, school officials received a report that a student had a knife in his possession Thursday. The boy, who had been placed in foster care with an area family, admitted to taking the weapon to school. However, he stated he did not threaten anyone nor did he intend to hurt anyone.

The knife, described as a folding lock-blade type with a 3 1/2-inch blade, was found in a first floor boys bathroom, concealed above ceiling tile.

A juvenile petition was authorized for the boy by the **Tuscola County Prosecutor's** office. Reports state the boy was placed in the Macomb County Juvenile Detention Center

Caro.

In other police reports last week

 Police arrested Jennifer L. Chrzan, 25, Cass City, on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, driving without a license and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle.

driven by Chrzan was stopped near the corner of West and Main streets Friday at 10:22 p.m.

•Walter Shatto, a driver for Erla's Food Center, 6233 Church St., reported someone entered the truck he

drives and stole a radio val-Reports state a vehicle ued at \$150. Also taken were 28 gallons of gasoline valued at \$49.98.

taken place sometime May 4 bike, black in color.

when the vehicle was parked behind the store.

 Andrew Cubitt, Cass City, reported Friday that his bicycle had been taken from in front of his residence. The bike, valued at \$100, is a The theft is believed to have Huffy 12-speed mountain

# Estimate \$300,000 loss in Caro Walbro fire

Walbro Corporation offiot the facility will be up and going in a week." cials hope to have the Fire fighters were called to company's test center up and running again as soon as pos-Walbro Automotive Corp., 630 Columbia St., at 12:27 sible following a gasoline fire last Wednesday at Walbro p.m The blaze was located in the Automotive Corporation in

automotive plant's test center, where Walbro tests its "We're trying to sort that products as well as those of out, because only a portion of the facility was affected," outside customers.

Caro Fire Chief Dave Bill Ewald, director of pur-Mattlin said the test facility chasing, commented Friday. was fully engulfed when fire "Everything is shut down fighters arrived. "We had from a safety perspective. (but) I would say 80 percent heavy fire coming from the

northwest side of the building, in the gasoline storage area," he said.

'We did have one explosion; one 55-gallon drum of gasoline exploded, but we managed to put enough water on it to get it under control. We hit it hard and fast, and we were successful."

Mattlin indicated there were some tense moments, as the drum was one of 32 located in the storage area.

Please turn to back page.

**PIRANHA!** — SHARP teeth and voracious appetites are trademarks of the piranha. Piranhas are fast swimmers and organized hunters, according to a local teen who recently purchased 8 of the carnivores and is raising them in a home aquarium. (Story, page 5)

Nat Tuttle, Cass City, said

ticularly M-81.

Thies, as well as Wade and Britt, verbally agreed to acPAGE TWO



Richard J. Parrott II, son of Richard and Deborah Parrott of Cass City, was named to the GMI Engineering and Management Institute's dean's list. Students must have a grade-point average of 92 with no grade below 85 to qualify.

Mary and Dale Damm, Susan Wooster and Marion McClorey had Mother's Day dinner at Sherwood on the Hill, Gagetown. Wooster was a visitor at the Damm home Sunday morning and spent the day with Wes and Nancy Frederick in Caro.

Esther Allen Haire was feted Saturday at a dinner hosted by her daughter and son-in-law, Bob and Jane Zito of Clarkston. John Haire accompanied his wife.

Marion McClorey and Mary Damm attended a baby shower for Aaron Morgan McClorey at his home Saturday afternoon.

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the cast. Tim ternoon visitor.

Mary Damm, Susan Wooster of Flint and Carmen Damm attended the motherdaughter banquet at the

noon. Shannon McClorey,

Marion McClorey's grand-

# VFW to install

officers iary will hold their installa-

98 year, Friday, May 23, at the Post hall. There will be a potluck dinner for members, starting at



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**FIRST AID and** 

for May 18 Living Truth is a unique and Marion McClorey, Mary Damm and Susan Wooster unusual Christian music group composed of Russ and attended the play, "Hospital", at Owen-Gage Elemen-DeeDee Tibbits and Elroy and Tammie Kosters, all tary School Sunday after-

bined plays 18 different indaughter, was a member of struments, both antique and contemporary. These include hammered and Appalachian Manly Fay of Waterford spent Wednesday and Thursdulcimers, recorders, harmonica, zither, soprano saxoday with Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord LaPeer. Roger phone, wooden flute, bass guitar, acoustic guitars, Parrish was a Wednesday afuleklin, marxaphone, psaltry, steel drum, melodica, mandolin, and keyboards. They travel throughout all of

diversified musical program United Methodist Church in in combination with their tes-Cass City Saturday evening. timonies of a vital relation-

Post 3644 VFW and Auxiltion of officers for the 1997-

cert to be held at the Evangelical Free Church of Cass City, 6430 Chestnut Blvd.. Sunday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. A free will offering will be taken. For more information call: 872-5060.

from Caro. The family (the

2 girls being sisters) com-

Michigan and occasionally

out of state presenting their

The Cass City Ministerial

Association has engaged the

group for a community con-

ship with Jesus Christ.

# 16 retirees gather in Frankenmuth

Sixteen Cass City Retired Persons traveled to Fritz's restaurant May 8 for lunch, and then to Frankenmuth, where the group visited "Zeesenagel Italian Alpine Village."

They visited the gift shop and viewed many unusual gifts before being ushered into the galleries for the presentation of over 400 hand crafted figures which have been created by owners,

The setting is in the northern Italian Alps. The occasion is celebration of the birth of Christ where all the townspeople come. Beside the nativity scene were the merchants such as candlestick maker, the baker, the weaver, etc. All figures were at me He has the most vivid very individual in dress and

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retirement. Well, this is what People keep asking how we're enjoying my husband's it looks like.



One day while playing out-

side, he picked up a rake and

get me the keys?'

I was frankly afraid to.

When the two of them dis-

appeared from view one day

after playing on the deck, I

went looking and couldn't

see them anywhere. I finally

found them cleaning the in-

side of their mother's car

with a squirt bottle, a broom

and the mop they'd been us-

ing to scrub bird doo-doo off

Mommy's little helpers!

Another trait that makes

Spencer irresistible is his

politeness. He's quick to say

"Excuse me" or "I sorry," and

when you give him some-

thing or do something for

him, he says, "Thank you SO

much", with such sincerity

that you want to give him

more just to hear him say it

I figure him for a future

your house and your life up-

side down in a hurry. And

when they're gone and peace

and quiet is restored, you

find yourself missing them

like crazy and wondering

how soon you can get to-

gether again.

salesman or politician. Two little guys can turn

the deck.

again.

The truth is that we haven't had much time to reflect on it since Stan retired last month. Our 2 grandsons have been keeping us out of each other's hair.

Between trips to the park, Willie and Rosemary Goodall's pond and McDonalds, Grandpa has been too busy to miss going to work.

Drew, the 4 year old, has become Grandpa's fishing buddy after catching his first fish. He's even got the fish stories down. They get bigger every time somebody asks.

When he's not fishing, Drew's the consummate helper. Give that boy a job to do and he's happy. He'll do windows, cooking, dishes, laundry, yard work, just about anything a grandparent could ask. But he's especially happy working with dirt and/or water.

Spencer, the 2 year old, has enlarged his vocabulary considerably since the last time Dave Zeese and Don Nagel. he visited us. He was always a chatterbox, but now we can understand what he's saying. Spencer's the charmer. No matter how much mischief he gets into, you can't possibly stay annoyed when he flashes that irresistible smile and teases, "You're not mad



Aaron Morgan McClorey

Brian and Deborah McClorey announce the birth of a baby boy, Aaron Morgan McClorey. Aaron was born April 23 at 8:02 a.m. at Saginaw General Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Richard and Margaret McClorey and Keith and Jane Mitchell. Great-grandmothers are Marion McClorey and Millie Mark.



Gary Dean Campbell and Dawn Denise Searles, both of Vassar Robert Dean Fetting Jr. and

Kay Ann Harris, both of Caro. Jeffrey Michael Wagner and

Suzanne Annette Gross, both of LaCrosse, Wis.

Jeffrey Scott Phillips, Otisville, and Vikki Lynn Proper, Fostoria.

Charles Ray Hall and Joyce Marie Light, both of Johnson City, Tenn.

Shannon Jared Keinath, Millington, and Laura Lee Isetts, Reese. Charles Vincent Palreka III and Angela Ruth Maggio, both of Caro.





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Cards were sent to shut-ins and a potluck dinner was In other parts of the United States -\$20.00 a year, or 2 years \$35.00. Payable in advance. served.

Winners of a 50-50 draw-

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air monthly meeting USWA Local 6222, which ing were Sybil Jubar and is now SOAR, met May 6 at Louis Nemeth. Door prizes the VFW Hall in Cass City. went to Harold Heck and Mary Jane Aumock. Bingo was played. The next meeting will be

June 3 at the VFW Hall in Cass City. All retirees of General Cable Co. Local 6222 are invited



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### CASS CITY, MICHIGAN



The Cass City Planning Commission meeting at which a request for rezoning the property housing the middle school will be presented will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, not May 15 as reported last week.

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Cass City boosters who joined to back notes so that the Jordan College building could be erected were notified last week that they are off the hook.

The mortgage is paid and Baker College now owns the property.

More good news: Some \$60,000 earned on the investment remains and the money will be used by the Cass City Economic Development Corp. to promote the community.

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Just to keep you posted. This week in May is a week of weeks. It's Hospital Week, Nursing Home Week, National Police/Law Enforcement Week and the start of Michigan Week (May 17-26).

Both Hills and Dales General Hospital and Tendercare in Cass City have planned activities.

Michigan Week in recent years has slid by almost without notice in the area and the annual mayors' exchange between communities of corresponding size, long since abandoned. This year's theme has a nice ring: "Celebrate the Magic of Michigan: It's no Illusion.".

### \*\*\*\*\*\*

Make welcome this year's Chronicle student intern from Central Michigan University, who will be with us for the summer.

She's Angela Cook, who starts her senior year next fall. Her home is in Owosso.

# Ladies Aid airs meet

The Ladies Aid of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church met Monday, May 5, with 15 ladies present. Gin Lounsbury read a book entitled "I'll Love You Forever" for the opening.

The Ladies Aid, together with Aid Association For Lutheran Branch 7607, will sponsor a breakfast for the confirmands and high school and college graduates Sunday, May 18, at 8 a.m. A and Eloise Dorsch.

cookbook will be produced in connection with the church's 50th anniversary in 1998 The June Ladies Aid meeting will be a picnic. The location will be announced at

a later date. Ruth Balzer led a Bible Study on the book of Proverbs about cheerfulness coming through faith in Jesus. Refreshments were served by hostesses Gin Lounsbury

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**The Weather** 



THE MCDONALD'S Restaurant in Cass City hosted a safety day Saturday featuring free activities such as bike inspections and registrations. Above, Cass City Police Sgt. Craig Haynes fingerprints a youngster in the restaurant's play area.

# Kern lauds officers

Sheriff Tom Kern reminds residents of Tuscola County that May 11-17 is National Police/Law Enforcement

Officers Week. The week is set aside to honor the service of law en-

forcement officers throughout the nation. Also, the week is designed to remember those officers who gave their lives in the performance of their duties.

"Police officers put their lives on the line each and every day," said Kern. "I think it is fitting that we remember not only the officers who keep our community safe, but also those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our citizens."

National Police/Law Enforcement Officers Week is celebrated across the nation, including a memorial in the nation's capitol at the Law Enforcement Officers Me-



morial, and in Lansing on the remember those officers and east portico of the Capitol. the important role they play Kern urges all citizens to in society.



Don't look for the potholes transportation department. on M-53 and M-81 to go Surer than the repair of the away soon, no matter what roads will be the posturing of happens in Lansing this year. politicians as they dance In the Capital Review around to avoid the blame.

mailed by Rep. Mike Green When the money finally before the Engler announcebecomes available, and one ment of the 4-cent gas tax, way or another it will, let's he reviews the GOP call for hope that the money is spent major changes in transportamore wisely than it is being tion and stresses reform of spent on M-81 this year. how transportation money is spent is the first order of business. Until that is changed,

there should be no increase in gas tax, the report said. We called Green to determine if the views expressed

taking it day by day.'

Readers may recall that Mount St. Helens was spewthe day.

One evening I got a call from a university administrator. "We just heard that Mount St. Helens erupted again today," he said.

area? I was wondering, is there anything we should do?

This hit me crosswise for some reason. The mountain is erupting. What should Washington State University and cooperative extension

The back forty by Roger Pond © 1997 Roger Pond

This has been a good year for disasters: Drought, floods, snow, hurricanes, you name it. Anyone who hasn't had a disaster this year is certainly entitled to some kind of award.

Nearly every day we see the President flying around the country looking at disasters. Then he comes on the news and explains how he's going to help everyone affected by this unprecedented event. I don't think I've ever seen

a more generous person than our President. That man must have a lot of money.

I'm in favor of disaster relief, of course, but I think the federal government has gotten a little carried away with the whole thing.

I remember when Mount St. Helens blew her top in the early '80's. I was a county extension agent about 100 miles from St. Helens, and the mountain report soon became the news of the day. The bigwigs in Washington, D.C., would call up Washington State University and ask, "What's the mountain doing today?"

The university guys would say, "It looks pretty calm now, but we know it could go off at any time. We're just

ing small amounts of volcanic ash for months after the initial eruption. These little burps of dust would drift north, south, east, or west, depending upon the wind of



do?"

All I could think of was, (Wahkiakum county) to res-"Unless we've got an awfully cue an owl. big cork, I can't see us doing It seems researchers in Oregon tagged a few spotted

much of anything." A few weeks ago I read that someone found a county in the state of Washington that didn't have a disaster this year. Wahkiakum County (in the southwest corner of the state) was forced to refuse federal relief because they

couldn't find a disaster. Folks were so startled they didn't know what to do. Every other county in Washington is getting some kind of relief for natural disasters.

Wahkiakum County might still qualify, though. This week I learned that wildlife agents raided the tavern in Wash., Skamokawa,

Does that qualify as a disaster? It does if you're a wildlife agent in Skamokawa.





owls and were following

them around with a radio

antennae when one of the

little boogers stopped beep-

ing. The researchers finally

crossed the Columbia River

and picked up the owl's sig-

nal at the tavern in

Suspecting the worst (spot-

ted hotwings), law enforce-

ment agents swooped down

on the tavern. They found an

electronic dart board sound-

ing just like an owl with a

radio transmitter on his back.

Skamokawa.

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in the Review that he mails to constituents and media were changed. He said that he would support the tax.

The Democrats immediately countered with a \$23 million for roads plan with no tax increase. It's a role reversal as Democrats adopt the Republican battle cry.

No one believes that this plan will fly and even its sponsors acknowledge that it does not address the long term needs for roads and bridges.

Green tc.'d the Chronicle that even if the gas tax passes, there's no assurance that M-53 and M-81 will immediately benefit. I'm going to fight for a fair

share for the Thumb, Green said.

He also explained why the 5-mile stretch on M-81 will be resurfaced from Cass City to Green Road this year instead of parts of the road that obviously are in poorer condition.

It's a matter of money. It is relatively inexpensive to resurface the road as far as the DNR office at the curve. Work on part of this stretch was completed a few years ago and in comparison to the rest of the road to Caro, is like riding on a cloud.

The road after that is in such horrible shape that it would take a massive amount of money to repair. Which translates to "take

these crumbs or get nothing.' It's also a sad commentary on the way Michigan has run its



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# **Down Memory Lane**

From the files of the Chronicle

### **5 YEARS AGO**

Students in the 45-member high school band traded in their 15-year-old uniforms for new ones during class Monday morning. Seventyfive maroon-and-white uniforms were bought. Raising the almost \$18,000 needed to pay for the uniforms was a community effort.

The St. Pancratius Women's Council's annual motherdaughter potluck dinner was held May 4, with 125 persons attending. A motherdaughter tribute was read by Brenda Phillips and daughter Shere. Iris Kappen was chairperson for the evening, assisted by Monica LaValley, Marilyn Tyo and Brenda Phillips.

The Red Hawk girls' track team finished third Saturday in the Bad Axe Invitational. Cass City's Jodi LaRoche was the lone Hawk winner of the 11-school meet, with a leap of 15'11" in the long jump. Another highlight of the day was the performance of Cass City's Essi Reponen, who added her third school record with a toss of 33'11" in the shot put, good for a second place, as was her leap of 4'10" in the high jump. Donations are being sought

for the family of Richard Barnes of Deford, who injured his right knee about 4 years ago in July and since then has been unable to work



and support his family. He Department May 1 to invesneeds \$850 to pay for a special brace which will provide support to his knee and allow him adequate mobility.

## **10 YEARS AGO**

After 61 years, Frederick H. Pinney has ended his career at Chemical Bank Cass City and was given a vote of thanks by the board of directors at the bank. Alan W. Ott was elected chairman of the

bank to replace Pinney. Cass City resident Kathy Bock entered her first ceramics competition ever recently and netted 3 honors, including Best of Show. Bock, a certified ceramics teacher, is employed at Betty Lynn's

Country Crafts in Cass City. Through a nationwide sales incentive program put on by John Deere, Mark and Cindy Gettel of Pigeon and 167 other couples won a trip to visit Hong Kong and China. The tour group left March 24. The Gettels report it was a cultural shock when they entered Hong Kong. Everything is backward. The steering wheels were backwards and they drive on the opposite side of the road. Even their escalators are backwards. Cindy said that going through China was like going back to the Middle Ages. Tuscola County Sheriff's

Department was called by the Elkland Township Fire

tigate a suspected arson at the old M & M Block plant near Cass City in which a 1970 pickup truck and camper and a 1966 farm truck with a dump box caught fire. Also

### discovered were 73 cut tires on various vehicles and farm implements. Damage of \$4,000 was reported.

Police Chief Gene Wilson announced this week that Cass City police will begin enforcing curfew laws. All children under 16 years old are to be off the streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by an adult.

The Cass City School Board, members of the administration, coaches and interested taxpayers kicked around a proposed change in the basketball program in the intermediate school Monday night. The proposal by the administration is to change the present program of school teams competing on a limited schedule with other schools to an intramural program.

25 YEARS AGO

A major step in the preparations for Artrain was completed with the purchase of rose bushes which will be set at the site of the traveling museum, Harry Little of Cass City, who is also planting marigolds for the site, devised the plan whereby

women from several groups each bought a rose and took it to him for potting and care. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Perry of Owosso and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry helped celebrate the 35th anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perry, with dinner at Wild-

wood Farms April 30. Grace Nemeth, president of the local BPW, and Clara Gaffney, treasurer, attended the 54th annual state convention of the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. held May 5-7 in Grand Rapids.

# **35 YEARS AGO**

Andrew Bigelow has redent of the vilsigned as presi lage because of illness, and former president, C.R.Hunt, has agreed to accept an ap-

pointment to fill the vacancy. Bigelow started on the council in December of 1954 and his resignation brings to an end a long career of public service.

Construction work is under way on a new 7,000 square foot IGA Foodliner to be located on M-81 just west of Croft-Clara Lumber Inc. According to owner, Harry Lenda, the ultra-modern super market will be in operation by Aug. 1.

Valedictorian of the Class of 1962 is Betty Spaulding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Spaulding of East Caro Road. Salutatorian honors for this year's class were earned by Heather Milligan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Milligan of Milligan Road.

A sales contest paid off for Leland (Bill) DeLong of Cass City. DeLong, one of 16 winners in a year-long sales program for the Midwest representatives of Delano Granite Works of Delano, Minn., pocketed more than \$1,900 in cash as prize money.

The first class to complete all 9 elementary grades at the Evergreen School will graduate Thursday evening. The 12 eighth graders are Colleen Gargil, Patty Rogers, Patty Freshney, Alvin Burk, Robert Langenburg, Wayne McLeish, Carol Sue Copeland, John Fox, Earl Feifel, Bonnie Kennedy, Judy Heronemus and Larry Strace.

# **PETA takes** on fishermen

The radical animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has a new target - fishermen. The group in the past has been known for its membership's radical offense against the use of animals for food, clothing and medical uses. PETA said it will turn its attention to sportfishing tournaments, taking distracting actions, including throwing rocks into the water and frightening away potential catches.

# Launch campaign to immunize children A group of business and

health care leaders have launched a campaign aimed at helping protect children from infectious diseases through regular immunizations.

"The Immunize Your Little Michigander" campaign is targeted at educating more than one million Michigan families about the importance of immunizing children against diseases such as whooping cough, measles, mumps and rubella. Immunization awareness materials such as schedules

and logs, brochures, pamphlets and posters are being distributed throughout the state at county health departments, hospitals, physician offices and participating McDonald restaurants in an effort to continue reductions in statewide cases of childhood disease, James K. Haveman Jr., director of Michigan Department of

Community Health (MDCH), said in Lansing. "Although we have made progress in the past year, there is still much to do,"

Haveman said. "One in 4 toddlers in Michigan is still not properly immunized against infectious and potentially deadly diseases.' The campaign, which coin-

cides with National Infant Immunization Week (April 20-27), focuses on encouraging parents to immunize their children, whether through a private physician, a public

health department or managed-care clinic. Children can receive free vaccines and guidelines on further immunization needs

at local health departments. Parents can call 1-800-26-BIRTH for additional immunization information.

> Sponsors of the campaign include Ronald McDonald House Charities, Michigan McDonald's Restaurants, Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan Association of Broadcasters, Michigan Health & Hospital Association, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons, and McNeil Consumer Products, makers of Children's Tylenol.

### Sr. Citizens' Menu

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

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Monday - Swiss steak, dilled potatoes, buttered corn, Italian bread, blueberry cheese cake.

Tuesday - Baked ham, baked beans, broccoli, cukes, sour cream, hot roll, lemon pie square.

Friday - Roast beef gravy, mashed potatoes, harvard beets, tomato wedges, variety bread, apple pie.





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# **Ordinance 113** Village of Gagetown **Authorization for Private Sale of Property**

Section 1 - Purpose

The ordinance is declared necessary to authorize the Gagetown Village Council to sell property as necessary on behalf of the Village of Gagetown.

Section 2 - Definitions

As used in this ordinance:

- Council members means those persons having been elected by the residents of the Village of Gagetown, a. to serve on the village council, and whose terms are in effect at the time the sale of property is to take effect,
- Property refers to real or personal property for which ownership is titled in the name of the Village of b. Gagetown.

Section 3 - Terms

- That the council members of the Village of Gagetown are hereby authorized to sell property as 1. necessary on behalf of the Village of Gagetown,
- That the Village President and Village Clerk shall have authority to execute property deeds as 2. necessary in the event that any sale of property on behalf of the Village of Gagetown takes place,
- That this ordinance shall grant the Village Council members the authority to sell the described premises 3. situated in the Village of Gagetown, Township of Elmwood, County of Tuscola and State of Michigan described as Lot 11 and 12 of Block 1 of James Cleaver's Addition to the Village of Gagetown to Vita Plus Corporation, a Wisconsin Corporation; such sale to be effective retroactive to the date of February 3, 1997 on which a Warranty Deed transferring such property was signed, and funds received by the Village of Gagetown in consideration for such property.

# Section 4 - Severability

Should any section, subdivision, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid or unenforceable, such holding shall not effect the validity or enforceability of the Ordinance as a whole or of any part thereof, other than such parts so invalidated or declared unenforceable.

## Authentication

This is to certify that the undersigned do hereby authenticate the foregoing Ordinance adopted May 5, 1997 and published on May 13, 1997, to be effective June 13, 1997.

Charles Wright, Village President

Maggie Root, Village Clerk



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**ROB BLISS OF Cass City poses next to the aquarium in his** bedroom, where he is raising several young piranhas.

# **Record United Way** distribution underway

A host of Cass City area residents, from preschoolers to classical music lovers to fire victims, are beginning to reap the benefits of another hugely successful local United Way campaign.

The Cass City United Way Board's annual spring fund distribution is underway, with a host of groups receiving checks for various amounts.

The distribution, which promises to be another for the record books, is actually an on-going process that will continue throughout the coming year, according to United Way Treasurer Nina Davis. To-date, she said, more than \$31,000 has been allocated

contributions are:

Bills designed to stabilize dairy pricing

Boy Scout Troop #594, American Association of University Women, Cass City Fourth of July Festival, Cass City Literacy Council, Cass City Mid-Thumb Girl Scouts, Cass City Girls Softball, Cass City Cub Scout Pack #3594, Cass City Boys

> Little and Pony leagues, Cass City Co-op Preschool, Rawson Memorial Library, Tom Thumb Community Choir, ThumbArea Compassionate Friends, Cass City High School Close Up Program, village of Cass City and the Village Bach Festi-

val. In addition, funds were spent on the local United Way's annual Christmas Basket program, and donations were given to the families left Among those receiving homeless by a fire that gutted the Sommers Bakery and

Shetler buildings in downtown Cass City. The 1996-97 United Way campaign, which officially ran from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15, sought to reach a goal of

\$25,000. In the end, however, the board reported contributions totalling a whopping \$45,000, \$20,000 more than the goal and \$11,600 more than the amount collected the previous year.

Broken records have been the rule in recent local United Way campaigns.

In 1995-96, donations totaled a then-record \$34,000, exceeding that year's goal by \$14,000. A total of \$29,000 was collected in 1994-95, when the goal was \$19,000, and \$24,000 was donated in 1993-94, easily topping that year's goal of \$18,000.

United Way officials' attribute the campaign's success to the generosity of area business and industry and their employees, as well as individuals in the community.

Also key is the fact that a full 85 percent of local United Way funds remain in the community. Money is

Only at

Piranha! South American fish expert hunters, Cass City teen says

son," he added.

pointed out.

fast swimmers.

efficient in their attacks, Bliss

"They take turns biting, and

as soon as one grabs a hold

(of a goldfish), the others join

in. They go after their fins,

so they can't swim," he ex-

plained. "They're extremely

Despite the piranha's repu-

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the age of 2? Because chil-

dren 2 and under are at a

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Diphtheria, a respiratory ill-

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by a germ entering the skin

Pertussis, a respiratory ill-

ness, causes terrible cough-

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can last up to 15 minutes at a

time. Pertussis may last for

6 weeks or longer. These dis-

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There is a new vaccine

called DTaP-Diphtheria,

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Pertussis that is very mild

and is now available to in-

fants just starting their shots.

It is less likely to cause the

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ria, Tetanus and Pertussis)

such as fever, fussiness, loss

of appetite and persistent

Parents remember the

schedule for the first 3 doses

of DTaP vaccine because

age and death.

of these terrible diseases.

Rob Bliss has enjoyed keeping an aquarium filled with a variety of fish over the past several years, learning how to care for both fresh and saltwater species.

But he's particularly fond of the latest addition to his aquarium, even if they wouldn't think twice about biting the hand that feeds them.

Bliss, a sophomore at Cass City High School, recently purchased 8 young piranhas, a South American species that has earned its reputation as a fierce, flesh-eating predator with razor sharp teeth, lightning speed and a

habit of hunting in packs. "I've always wanted them," Bliss commented Saturday, recalling his decision to buy the fish while shopping at a mall with some friends a couple weeks ago.

Bliss, the son of Bob and Beryl Bliss, Cass City, spent \$3 for each of the 2-inch long piranhas, which share a 15gallon tank filled with fresh water. He estimates the total investment, including tank, aerator and heater, at about

the nose, throat, or airway. "They'll get as big as the Tetanus causes severe tank will allow, or how much muscle spasms and is caused you feed them," he explained through a cut or wound.

The fish don't require a lot of special attention, although water temperature is vital, according to the 16-year-old, who maintains the water temperature at about 78 degrees.

"Actually, you just feed them," he said. "It's not how often, but how much you feed them. They eat probably 2 or 3 fish per day, and the fish are about as long as they are."

Bliss feeds his piranhas a steady diet of goldfish, however, "They'll eat pretty much any meat that's alive." The piranhas' diet includes their own kind. "When they get big, they get more aggressive, so when they get big, I'll end up with one or 2 because they'll eat each other.'

their baby is young and the Bliss said his fish will reach series is given regularly eva length of 4 to 6 inches. He

crying.

front of me. Now, they'll rarely eat in front of a perto be relatively tame. At least when their stomachs are full. "I've stuck my hand in there Piranhas typically eat at and I was leery, but they didn't do anything. I had one night, preferring darkness swim right up to my hand. and the protection of weed That was when I was really growth or other cover. They are extremely organized and leery," he said.

> Bliss released a small goldfish into his piranha tank, but it swam around untouched and seemingly unnoticed by its would-be attackers.

"They (goldfish) swim right up to them, and the piranhas really don't care," Bliss observed. "Until they get hungry."

# **Booster shots** vital for kids

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For more information on DTaP, please contact your health care provider or your local health department.

**Calendar of Events** 

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

# Wednesday, May 14

Eastern Stars regular meeting, 8 p.m., Masonic Temple. Friday, May 16

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

Humane Society of Tuscola County Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Kingston Community Park on M-46, in Kingston.

# Saturday, May 17

Deckerville Historical Museum opens with "Shipping, Lighthouse and Civil War" show, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10th Michigan Infantry encampment set up and Civil War memorial service, 10 a.m.

Book Fair, Deford Community Church gym, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Questions call Sue 517-872-4198.

# Monday, May 19

Cass City Area Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

Cass City Women's Club meeting, 6 p.m. at Veronica's Restaurant.

# Tuesday, May 20

Thumb Area Parkinson Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital.

Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge.

# Wednesday, May 21

Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Last week's winners: Lyle and Marilyn DeRousse.

Sanilac County Democratic party will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Riverside Restaurant, 27 North Howard St., Croswell.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Charlotte Hill, a Tendercare resident, celebrated her 100th birthday last week with family members. Born May 6, 1897, Hill and her late husband spent much of their lives in the Detroit area. She has 2 sons, 11 grandchildren. 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

During the past 5 weeks, dairy producer pay prices have dropped dramatically and 2 bills introduced in the U.S. Senate would stabilize price volatility by incorporating producer cost and manufacturing plant pricing data into the new Basic Formula Price (BFP)

Senate Bill 604 directs the Secretary of Agriculture to factor in feed costs and other cash expenses to determine the BFP. S.603 would require the USDA to assemble and apply statistically reliable milk manufacturing plant information when setting the BFP.

"This is an issue that requires immediate attention to assist the thousands of dairy farmers in Pennsylvania and throughout the nation who are facing the dual problems of a record high cost of feed grain and a record drop in the Basic Formula Price," said Senator Arlen Spector, (D) Penn., when introducing the legislation.

This latest legislation comes during an unstable dairy marketing environment, created in May 1995 when the current BFP formulation became law. As the National Cheese Exchange closed just 2 weeks ago, and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange assumed cheese trad-

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ing, it's unclear whether the new market will more accurately signal statistically ac-

curate pricing information from dairy production areas. "An extremely important part of Senator Spector's legislation introduction was a

renewed request for Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to establish an interim price floor of \$13.50 per hundredweight," said National Farmers President Gene Paul. "Dairy producers know the markets that determine their pay prices do not accurately reflect true market conditions.

The latest market drop comes after a period beginning in October 1996, when dairy prices fell nearly 30 percent, costing producers over \$1 billion.

"We commend Senator Spector for introducing these bills," said Paul. "His home state of Pennsylvania is fifth in total milk production, and he is taking the legislative lead to ensure farmers can continue to supply America's appetite for high quality dairy farmer products."

National Farmers encourages dairy farmers from coast to coast to contact Senator Spector and their U.S. congressmen, and tell them how important these bills are to their future. Getting Married? We can help!

also allocated to the United Way of Tuscola County to help fund agencies and services that benefit residents in the Cass City area.

indicated that watching piranhas hunt and eat has been a real education.

"At first, they would eat in

ery other month for 6 months. The fourth dose of DTaP is a "booster" for the first 3 doses and can be given when the child is at least 12-





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Phil Schimmell

Doug Lautner

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### MERCHANTS May 7, 1997

**Results of League Rolloff:** 

1. Milletics Surveying, 3140 pins.

2. Charmont, 3111 pins. 3. Cole Carbide, 3000 pins.



**RED HAWK Matt Gilliam hands the baton to teammate Matt** Perry during the running of the 1600-meter relay Tuesday against visiting Mayville. The Wildcats posted a 106-56 nonconference win.

# **Criminal cases**

# **Tuscola Circuit Court**

ing and obstructing a police The following people apofficer Aug. 29 in Mayville. peared Friday in Tuscola A pre-trial hearing was or-County Circuit Court on dered scheduled in the case. various criminal charges: Eckler was remanded to the •Michael S. Patterson, 39, Caro, pleaded guilty to poscustody of the sheriff's department session of marijuana Sept. 14

•Timothy C. Reed, 41, Saginaw, pleaded guilty to A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond probation violation — failure to report to his supervising was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be schedprobation agent.

He was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, and •Jerry J. Eckler, 20, his probation was reinstated. Mayville, pleaded innocent to 3 counts of absconding or •Jeffrey E. Sting, 20, Fairgrove, was sentenced to forfeiting bond June 28 in 2 to 4 years in prison for his Caro, and one count of resistplea of guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Aug. 28 in Caro.

\*Inmate Alan D. Humes Jr., 22, was sentenced to one year and six months to 4 years in prison for his plea of guilty to jail escape Dec. 31 in Caro. He was also ordered to pay \$700 in restitu-

> •Loretta A. Taylor, 51, Millington, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 120 days in jail for her plea of no contest to attempted home invasion, second degree, Aug. 14 in Arbela Township. Taylor, who was remanded

> to the custody of the sheriff's department, was also ordered to undergo alcohol testing/ substance abuse counseling, and pay \$200 in costs and fines, \$500 in restitution and

years probation and 120 days

on electronic surveillance for

his plea of guilty to home

invasion, second degree, Feb.

Maynard was also ordered

to pay \$5,755.10 in restitu-

tion, \$500 in costs and fines

and a \$60 victim crime fee.

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25 grams of fiber a day. Un-

fortunately, most Americans

don't even consume half that

13 in Novesta Township.

a \$60 victim crime fee.

was held Tuesday at USA. There will be a host of outstanding athletes descending on Cass City Saturday when the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Class C régional track meet is held at the park in the village.

Hatchet Invitational results

Lakers.

18 teams in Cass

The meet manager is Wayne Brady, athletic director at Bad Axe High School. The participating teams include: Armada, Capac, Frankenmuth, Mayville, New Lothrop, Sandusky, Bay City All Saints, Cass City, Harbor Beach, Montrose, Pigeon and Sebewaing.

Others are: Brown City, Deckerville, Marlette, New Haven and Reese.

The Hawks competed in the annual Hatchet Invitational Saturday and the league meet

At the Hatchet Invitational, the Bad Axe girls took the team trophy with a score of 134.25 to edge the Caro Ti-gers with 125.25. Cass City finished sixth with 28 points. Other teams in order of finish: Mayville, Cros-Lex, Harbor Beach, Ubly and

Best finish for Cass City

was posted by Andrea Rea

with a second to Karen Van

Erp of Bad Axe in the shot

put. Van Erp posted a 35 feet,

3.25 inches mark and Rea, 34

feet, 5.5 inches. Rea was also

third in the discus (100 feet).

Others to earn points were:

Heather Hulburt, 4th, 100-

meter hurdles; Carrie

Schmotzer, 5th, 100-meter

dash; 800-meter relay, 6th;

The girls were kept from a

total manhandling by the

Wildcats by Heather Hulburt

and Andrea Rea. The girls

each won two events as

Mayville coasted to a 109-42

Hulburt took the 100-meter

hurdles (:17.61) and the 300-

meter hurdles (:54.59). Rea

won the shot put (34 feet, 2

inches) and the discus (96

decision

**City hosted regional** 

Shelly Ulfig, tie for 4th, high jump; Becky Laming, 5th, discus, and Schmotzer, 6th in long jump. In the boys' competition, Caro was the champion with

Susan O'Hara, 6th, shot put;

113 points, followed by Mayville with 97. Cass City was 10th and last with 15 points. Other schools' results in order of finish: Bad Axe, Cros-Lex, Ubly, Lakers and Harbor Beach.

Chad Lenhard and Kurt Iwankovitsch were the top point producers for Cass City. Lenhard was 5th in the 100-meter and sixth in the 200-meter and the long jump. Iwankovitsch was second in the shot put and sixth in the discus. D. J. Malone was sixth in the 110-hurdles.

# Hawk boys, girls fall to Mayville

The long dual season is eran mentor said. In the final before the over. Coach Larry Robinson said that the winless Hawks regionals, the Hawk boys failed to progress as much as and girls were overpowered he would have liked. by the Mayville Wildcats.

Robinson pinpointed a variety of maladies for the teams' performances this year. One of the chief problems among the girls is the loss of athletes due to conflicts. We had 38 report for pictures and 11 of the girls never made it to the first practice. We are now down to 16 girls on the squad.

While the numbers among the boys stayed fairly constant, Robinson pointed out, we suffered from eligibility problems. Last week 5 boys who were point producers were incligible.

There is a bright spot. There are only 2 seniors on each of the boys' and girls' squads, Robinson pointed out, and many of our thinclads posted their best times of the year. In most instances that was not enough to win this year, but we should be much more

feet, 11 inches). Squires was a triple winner for Mayville in the 100 and 400 meter and the long jump.

Cass City's Chad Lenhard was a triple winner, but the boys were no match for the Wildcats, who won 106-56. Lenhard won the dash events, the 100-meter (:12.04), the 200-meter (

(:24.96) and the 400-meter (:56.25). In addition, he was second in the long jump to tally 18 points for Cass City. First was also recorded by D. J. Malone in the 110-

hurdles (:16.37).



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M. Murphy/K. Martin



to the custody of the sheriff's department, was ordered to pay \$790.98 in restitution.

Sting, who was remanded

•Bryon S. Smith, 20, Mayville, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 30 days in jail, with worksite privileges, for his pleas of guilty to delivery of marijuana Nov. 13 in Fremont Township, and attempted delivery of LSD Jan. 23 in Fremont Township.

Smith was also ordered to reimburse the county its expenses and pay \$400 in court costs and fines, \$240 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.

•Loyd Leuneberg, 36, Flint, was sentenced to 2 years probation and 60 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to attempted obtaining a controlled substance by fraud Oct. 6 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to undergo alcohol testing/substance abuse counseling, and pay \$400 in costs and fines, \$480 in oversight fees and a \$60 victim crime fee.



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# Hawk softball, baseball teams take titles

# Girls win 3, topple undefeated A-E

The Cass City High School softball team won 3 of 4 games played last week, including a victory over undefeated Arenac Eastern on the way to an Akron-Fairgrove tournament championship.

Despite these rosy results, the Hawks have yet to win a game in the Thumb National League and are 0-4 in the conference.

There's still plenty of softball to be played. Scheduled games against the Lakers were rained out and will be played Monday, May 19. In addition, there are confer-22. Next Monday a nonleague game is slated against

Reese. Only the USA game is at home.

In analyzing the season, Coach Dave Hoard said that it's hard to know which Hawk team will show up. Sometimes we come out ence games against USA and hit and hit and hit, and Thursday and Marlette, May other times our bats go into the deep freeze. The same goes for our defense. It's

out. While the Hawks don't have an overpowering pitcher, Hoard said that the pitching has been uniformly good this year. When we put it all together

we can be tough, the coach said. Saturday at the Akron-Fairgrove tourney Cass City did that.

In the opener, the Hawks locked horns with the Owen-Gage Bulldogs and won, 6-3.

It was a pitching duel between Kate Powers and Jodi Hurd. Hurd allowed 8 hits, walked one and didn't strike out anyone.

Powers allowed 7 hits and struck out 9, including the side in the fifth. However control was a problem as she walked 9 and hit a batter. The walks were the keys to

a 3-run third inning and a 2run sixth inning. Melissa Heinlein and Lori

Brown each collected 2 hits and drove in a run for Cass City. Powers drove in a pair of runs on 2 hits for Owen-Gage.

### ARENAC EASTERN

Cass City earned its way to the finals with an extra inning win over previously undefeated Arenac Eastern, 7-6. Sophomore Sarah Dore went the entire 9 innings to get the win.

Arenac used 2 big innings to score all of its runs, counting 4 times in the third and 2 more in the fourth. After that Dore pitched 5 shutout innings and allowed just 2 hits.

The Hawks chipped away with single runs in the first 3 innings and added a pair in the fourth. The run that knotted the score at 6-all came in the sixth and came without a Hawk hit. Janis Mastie walked and came home on an error.

Mandy Deering scored the winning run in the ninth as she led off with a single and scored on an Arenac error.

total for the team.

TITLE GAME

In the championship game, Hurd turned in one of her

best games of the season to

lead Cass City to a 7-1 deci-

sion over Akron Fairgrove.

She limited the Vikings to 5

hits, struck out 2 and did not

She was helped by some

tight fielding by her team-

mates, who committed just 2

walk a batter.

good, then bad, he pointed errors. The game was closer than the final score indicates. Cass City scored a run in the first inning on an error and a hit by Shawna Long to drive in Katie Anthony, who was

> safe on an error. That was all the scoring until the fourth when the Hawks scored again as Dore opened the inning with one of her 2 hits. Leading 4-1 going into the

> final inning, Cass City scored 3 times to remove all doubt about the outcome. Mastie, Dore and Hurd each had 2 hits for Cass City.

Akron-Fairgrove moved into the finals with the Hawks after handing Owen-Gage its second loss of the tournament. The Vikings chalked up a 6-3 decision. Powers was charged with the loss as she was nicked for 8 hits and a pair of walks in 6 innings. Errors at critical

times were costly for the Bulldogs. Owen-Gage rapped out 11 hits but had to hit to get on as the Viking hurler issued no walks.

Powers, Tonya Smith, Cassie Vargo and Jennifer Winchester each collected 2 hits.

Although Akron-Fairgrove was in front all the way after scoring a run in the first inning, the game was in doubt until the final out.

At the end of 3 it was 3-2. The Vikings then scored a pair in the fourth and 2 more in the fifth to move into the championship round.

# **BROWN CITY GAME**

The Hawks ran into some superior pitching Tuesday as Hill allowed just 3 hits and her teammates backed her with a 9-hit attack as Brown City rolled to a 9-0 decision. Dore took the loss, allowing 9 hits and was uncharac-

teristically wild, walking 5. The Hawks' entire offen-



MATT OESCH EYES Arenac Eastern's hurler in the opening game of the Akron-Fairgrove Invitational Saturday. The Hawks took the title.

# **Good pitching keys** baseball victories

In the Hawks' contest

against host Akron, Mike

decision. Prosowski allowed

man Addam Kraynak suf-

fered the loss for the hosts.

Cass City scored once in

their initial trip to the plate,

and then added 4 runs in their

next bats to take a 5-2 mar-

gin into the 3rd frame. Ak-

ron added lone markers in

the 4th, 5th and 7th innings.

At the plate, Matt Oesch led

The Red Hawk baseball team continues to shine in non-league play, collecting a pair of wins Saturday to take rifice for the winners. top honors at the Akron-Fairgrove Invitational tournament. Rookie Coach Toby Wegener's squad now stands Prosowski worked 4 innings on the mound and received at 16-5 overall. However, the Hawks' record in Thumb C credit for the win with a 7-5 action remains at 0-2. Cass City will seek their 5 hits and struck out 7. Fresh-

first conference wins this Thursday when they travel to face the EPBP Lakers.

At Akron, Cass City rode the arm of senior hurler Chad Diegel (4-1) to victory over Arenac Eastern in their opening tilt. Diegel was nearly flawless in 7 innings of work where he fanned 10 and yielded a solo safety. Diegel

Diegel helped his own trouble disposing of visiting cause, scoring twice on a 1-Brown City by the score of 2 showing at the plate. Tim 11-1. Micklash added an RBI sac-

Cuddie was the pitcher of record for the hosts. Ryan Kalbfleisch suffered the loss. Cass City added to a 4-0 margin with 7 markers in the bottom of the 3rd inning.

Several Hawks had career days during the 16 hit, 10 RBI, victory. Cuddie went 3-4 at the plate, including a double and 2 RBIs. Diegel and Oesch also collected 3 hits for the Hawks.

Jody Richardson led Brown City with 2 singles.





GOING ALL OUT to beat the throw is Cara Graichen. The Hawks won in extra innings on the way to the championship.



THE CASS CITY RED HAWKS had very few base runners as Brown City won, 9-0. One of the few was Shawna Long, who hustled back to second base to avert being picked off.

# **O-G** tops Port Hope, testing week ahead

This week will tell just where we are at, said Coach Dean Roller about his Owen-Gage Bulldog softball team.

Speaking before Monday's game with Akron-Fairgrove, a Thursday game at home state-ranked against Kingston and a make-up game Friday against North Huron, the veteran coach feels that the team will have its hands full.

Kingston is the league powerhouse and Akron-Fairgrove has been playing well this season.

There have been encouraging moments for Bulldog fans, but Roller said the biggest problem has been inconsistency.

With a veteran team, Owen-Gage has compiled a 3 win, one loss record in North Central League play after defeating Port Hope twice last week

Kate Powers was credited with the win in both games as she upped her season's record to 6-1. In the opener, Powers

pitched a no-hitter in a game mercied after 5 innings with the Bulldogs in front 11-1. A walk led to Port Hope's lone run. Melissa Albrecht and Powers each contributed 2

hits in the 8-hit Bulldog at-

nings as Powers pitched 3

perfect innings before turning the mound chores over to a relief pitcher as the team went on to post a 16-11 win, again in just 5 innings. The Bulldogs hammered

tack The Bulldogs jumped off to a 12-0 lead in the first 3 in-

out 14 hits, led by Beth Nickerson, who scored 4

times and collected 3 hits in 3 tries. Jodi Plester slammed

3 hits for Port Hope.

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As the score indicates, the pitching was about equal. Dore allowed 11 hits, struck out 7 and walked one. walks Sinlagel allowed 10 hits and struck out 4. The Arenac hurler was a force at the plate

in 3 runs for the winners. with 4 hits in 5 trips. Mastie and 0-4 in the league. collected 3 hits for the Hawks, the only multiple hit

sive output was singles by walked one while besting Arenac's Aaron Ziembo 5-0. Anthony, Mastie and Heinlein, plus a couple of Ziembo also went the dis-Kraft had 3 hits and drove Cass City's record is 11-12

tance, whiffing 9 but surrendering 10 free passes. Leading 1-0, Cass City added 4 insurance tallies in the 6th frame.

the winners with a perfect 2-2 outing. Dan Cuddie helped calling the winners with a pair of 872-2010 singles. with feature **BROWN CITY** story ideas Earlier in the week on Tuesday, Cass City had little



### PAGE EIGHT

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Heights Friday

Mrs. Gerald Wills was a

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Sunday evening guest of Mr.

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evening guests of Mr. and

Joe Konkel was a Tuesday

afternoon guest of Mr. and

Mrs. Larry Konkel and

Bryce and Betty Hagen at-

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### **EUCHRE PARTY**

The Euchre Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laming. High prizes were won by Mrs. Leonard Beulla and Ronnie Gracey. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Arnold LaPeer and Jerry Decker. Leonard Beulla won the traveling prize.

The group had supper at Veronica's Restaurant in Cass City.

The next party will be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Fuester June 21.

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Jim Doerr and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Sunday supper guests of Wendy Rickett, Cory and Caitlyn and Tom Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bezemek and Marie, Laura Kulish and Allen Farrelly had Saturday supper at the Peppermill in Bad Axe and spent the evening at the Bezemek home.

Florence Campbell of St. Helen and Ella Mae Becker of Cass City were Wednesday forenoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Reva Silver visited Mrs. Gerald Wills Wednesday afternoon.

Mary Lou Harris of Auburn Heights was a Wednesday forenoon guest of Betty and Bryce Hagen and an overnight guest of Ben and Donalda Meske at Port

Hope. Bobbi and Cheryl Allen and Allen Farrelly had Friday supper at the Peppermill in

Bad Axe. at Tri City Airport Tuesday. Fifteen members of the Mr. and Mrs. Cieslinski re-Traveling Breakfast Club turned home after spending met at Franklin Inn Thursday the winter in Zephyrhills, morning. They will meet at Fla. the Peppermill in Bad Axe

next week. Mr. and Mrs. Ray the Ubly Heights Country Depcinski attended a dinner Club shareholders dinner at and awards banquet at the K Ubly of C Hall in Bad Axe Sunevening. day afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka came home Tuesday evening after spending a week with Mark and Lynn Particka, Adam and Ashley in Houston, Texas, and Sunday attended Adam's first holy communion at the Saint Simon and Jude Catholic Church at Woodland, Texas. Monday they went to a zoo

in Houston. Allen Farrelly was a Monday guest of Laura Kulish. Mr. and Mrs. Ray

Wednesday morning. Depcinski attended a deerburger party at the Trail Lee and Allen Farrelly were Wednesday guests of Laura Blazers Hall. Kulish.

Mrs. John O'Henley, Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mrs. Allen Ted Particka of Clinton Township spent the weekend Depcinski, Mrs. Dale Lamwith Felix Osentoski. ing, Tracy and Lisa, Mrs. Mrs. Tom O'Henley, Mrs. Albert Depcinski and Heather attended the mother-Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Randy daughter banquet at St. Rutkowski and Mrs. Dale Laming went to a quilt show John's Catholic church hall in Ubly Monday evening. Saturday at Clare. Entertainment was furnished Waterford, who spent 4 by the Holdwicks. The banquet was catered by Diann



nounced.

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### **7TH GRADE**

All A's - Matt Field, Danielle Guilds, Cason Harris, Sara Homakie, Chuck Keiser, Timothy Khoury, R.J. Klaus, Jaime Leiterman, Kari Lowe, Robin Messing, Jessica Metzger, Ashley Ouvry, Elise Pasant, Julie Roche, Rebecca Rockwell, Jason Rogers, Kerry Shagene, Jennifer Tenbusch, Jessica Tenbusch, Lyndi Trischler, Erin Venema, Wright, Tessi Amanda Zawilinski.

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Doerr, Rochelle Dohn, Aaron

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Dorland, Clint Drinkard, Becky Hartel, Heidi Renee Dufresne, Matt Ender, Hartwick, Joe Hawley, Sara Jesika Ferris, Ryan Forrest, Henderson, Lindsey Grant Frank, Jason Ganley, Hendrick, Justin King, Ryan Jason Glaza, Rob Havens, King, Jessica Koepf, Jessica Kozan, Estee LaFave, Ashley Autumn Helland, Eric Hopper, Nathan Izvdorek, Aaron LaPeer, Joe Lounsbury, Chris Maharg, Brooke Marks, Sam Moore, Crystal Moss, Chrystal Nicol, Jessica Nicol, Anne Nizzola, Renee Puterbaugh, Ben Rhyndress, Cory Rickett, Samantha Kayla Posluszny, Stephanie Sabo, Brandon Speirs, Don Ramsey, Amber Reese, Crys-Spencer, Tiffany Spencer, Stephanie Stevens, Brad **5TH GRADE** 

> All A's - Alison Emmert, Nathan Fisher, Kristi Fluegge, Leslie Hacker, Erik Helwig, Elizabeth Hillaker, Sarah Hobbs, Amy Howard, Erika Karavas, Kayla Karr, Maegan Laurie, Dustin Mallory, Cole Mellendorf, Mallory Powell, Jennifer Sweeney, Arielle Urban.

B Average - Allyson Bell, Jamie Benjamin, Jacob Brinkman, Justin Darr, Chris Dillon, Greg Dillon, Krystee Dorland, Santana Eckhardt, Missy Erla, Tyler Erla, Gavin Frederick, Larry Galloway, Eric Hanby, Jesse Johnson, Tyson Kappen, Adam Kessler, Lia Krantz, Jenna Kruger, Kevin Kulinski, Alex Kundinger, Nathan Laming, Kevin Lowe, Kyle Lowe, Tiaja Lowrey, Tim Martin, Jeff McMahan, Hank Metzger, DeAnna Newby, Josh O'Dell, Nicole Oskey, Norman Pierce, Tommy Sabo, Amanda Smith, Elizabeth Sobczak, Shanna Spencer, Brandon Stec, Brice Stine, Zachary Sutter, Nick Swanson, Randy Tenbusch, Megan Toner, Zack Toner, Nick Walther, Steven Walther, Mary Ann Wasserman, MonicaWilcox,

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Evelyn Miller of Ubly and Mrs. Martin Sweeney met Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cieslinski Laming. Other Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. and A.J. and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Osentoski. Chervl Allen and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at the Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly Peppermill Wednesday. and Allen Farrelly attended

Gary Wills of Port Austin was a Saturday afternoon guest of Mrs. Gerald Wills. Mrs. Jim Hewitt, Gail Lindquest and Mrs. Charlie Corbishley attended the mother-daughter banquet at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church

Betty and Bryce Hagen attended Play School graduation for Nicholas Hagen at the skill center in Bad Axe Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Ray English and a friend, Ron Wolschlager, and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's for breakfast Friday morning

Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Susan Krozek and Samantha, Cindy Depcinski and Kimberley, Theresa Depcinski and Nicole attended the mother-daughter banquet at St. John's Catholic Church hall in Ubly Monday evening.

# **4-H Spring**

Recently 2 4-H Spring Achievements were held: April 21, at the Harbor Beach High School, and April 28, at the Ubly Community School. The Achievements involved 4-H members who have completed projects in clothing, clothes buymanship, sewing-for-fun and wearable creative art. 4-H members with personal appearance projects took part in a fashion show where they modeled to narrations they wrote about their projects. Completed craft projects made by members were also on exhibit. Each 4-H mem-

came home Saturday and was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol

Name middle school honor roll

The Cass City Middle School honor roll for the 5th marking period has been an-

### **8TH GRADE**

All A's - Holli Cooper, Josh Keyser, Jamie Kilbourn, Dillon, Craig Emmert, Jamie Rebecca Kruse, Rob Lowe. Fluegge, Katie Hacker, Christi Sheppard, Andy Chris Marks, Crystal Martin, David Mayer, Tim McFarland, Paul Middaugh, Kris Patera, Trela Pohl,

tal Sattleburg, Jessica Smith, Stine, Jeremy Stomber, Jeff Storm, Brandon Vargo, Christine Walters, Heather Waltz, Chris Wasserman, Jer-Manisha

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ber received a 4-H Spring Achievement participation ribbon and a sewing notion of their choice.

A drawing was held for 4-H members in the sewing project area ages 12-19 years old at both achievements. Jaime Priemer, Ruth, of the Happy Gals 4-H Club was the winner from the Harbor Beach Spring Achievement, and Crystal Messing, Ruth, of Family & Friends 4-H Club was the winner from the Ubly/Bad Axe Spring Achievement.

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# Warner: Caution key in treating for head lice

Ask a parent whose child has battled head lice, and chances are good he or she will describe the ordeal as a nightmare.

Head lice are tiny bugs that weave into hair, attach to the scalp, suck blood and move freely from victim to victim. They are easy to get, frustratingly difficult to get rid of. It's a problem Kay Warner, 47, Cass City, never really thought about. Until last fall, when an itchy scalp led to a discovery that she, indeed, had become a victim.

Several months, repeated reatments and volumes of research later, Warner is finally rid of the stubborn parasites.

She is also very concerned about a debate over whether the tiny parasites are becoming immune to over-thecounter remedies and, more importantly, that parents might be unknowingly putting the health of their children and themselves at risk by repeatedly using chemical treatments.

Warner recalled her experience with lice began in November, after visiting with family from Georgia. A couple weeks later, she came down with an itchy scalp.

Warner learned she had been a victim during a visit to the health department, where a nurse examined her hair and found nits, or lice egg casings. It was a shock, she confided.

Warner purchased an overthe-counter treatment at the health department, thinking that would take care of the problem. And, she noted, "We literally tore the house apart. I took every piece of clothing I have and washed

However, nits continued to appear, although Warner never saw a live parasite. After the second treatment, she said, "I washed everything again."

### **GOING CRAZY**

Over several weeks, Warner would try 4 over-the-counter treatments and one prescription treatment. But nits continued to appear. "By this time, the lady at the health department and I are going

crazy," she continued. Warner also saw a local doctor and a dermatologist, who says she now appears to be free of the parasites.

In the process of trying to beat the problem, Warner began doing some research, which led her to read an ar- lice.

ticle about lice, and a phone number for an organization called the National Pediculosis Association (NPA), a non-profit health education agency established

to protect children from potentially harmful pesticide treatments for head lice and scabies.

The association claims it receives an average 50 calls a day from parents and health professionals reporting product treatment failure, with frustrated parents responding to persistent infestations by using treatment products repeatedly, only to continue finding adult-sized crawling

# What to do about lice

The National Pediculosis Association (NPA) offers the following suggestions when treating for head lice:

\*Discontinue use of a lice medication at the earliest sign of treatment failure. Do not reuse the same product in hope of killing the lice. Remember that lice treatment products are pesticides.

\*Never resort to remedies such as lindane, kerosene or pet shampoos.

\*Never use a lice spray. Lice sprays are pesticides marketed for use on children's bedding, cars, rugs, garments and furniture. Vacuuming is the safe and effective alternative to spraying. Head lice are human parasites and will not survive without human blood.

Parents need not exhaust themselves with obsessive housecleaning and "bagging." They should save their energies for that which pays the most benefit: manual removal of both lice and eggs from the infested individual.

\*Manual removal is crucial when pediculicides have failed. Use safety scissors to snip out individual hairs with attached nits. Nit combing tools that don't always work for nit removal, can work to comb out critters. Besides the nit combing tool to help remove live lice.

other methods include the use of tweezers, fingernails and double-sided scotch tape.

\*Continue to check children often. Screen for lice and nits. Early detection is the best prevention. Make checking for lice and nits part of routine hygiene.

Several factors influence what, how much deer eat they are familiar with them One question being asked ber of factors, interrelation-- water and fertilizer usually ships, and their variation; it ing." ing is, "what plants can we increase palatability, digestis not possible to reliably preibility and nutritional content dict what a deer will or won't - age of the plant growth According to Glenn eat without knowing the conditions at the time. Even

The possible dangers of repeated treatments hit home for Warner. "What we're doing is putting chemicals on our body," she said. "We're

putting pesticides in our system." Warner said the NPA emphasizes getting back to the basics: daily, manual removal of both lice and eggs; washing all recently worn clothing and bedding, and vacuuming rugs and furniture.

Warner acknowledged there's still a negative stigma attached to lice, but she pointed out people have to start talking about the problem and to seek help without being ashamed.

### DON'T RETREAT

She urges parents who treat a child for lice not to repeat the treatment if the infestation persists. She also recommends anyone who might be infected to seek help at the health department, in part because not everyone can spot lice and/or nits.

"Head lice is a nuisance disease, but they are a major pain," agreed Bernadette Herreshoff, R.N., who serves as public health coordinator at the Tuscola County Health Department.

"We see at the health department, maybe 50, 60 people a month for head lice" exams, prescriptions and consultation, she said.

"The problem with lice is their sheer numbers. They only live for about a month, but they are tenacious breeders," Herreshoff explained, adding a single female louse can lay up to 150 eggs over the final 2 weeks of its life. Herreshoff indicated lice shampoos are alright to use

as an initial treatment, but she emphasized the importance of following directions to the letter, and she doesn't recommend preventative treatment.

you have to get all those eggs out. The shampoo is an in-

FEW CASES "We haven't had a problem," Cass City Schools nurse Geri Tonti commented. "I get a few cases every year, but because I am here, I watch the classes very closely. If I find a case, I go to the room and check everyone.'

Tonti said lice treatment shampoos usually take care of the problem, however, she doesn't recommend repeat treatments. "I have always cautioned parents because it is a pesticide." Tonti also agrees that children who don't show signs of lice should not be treated. And although it takes some

work, she added, manual removal of nits is necessary to ensure a child is free of the parasites.

Tonti and Herreshoff both agreed parents should not feel ashamed if their children become temporary hosts to head lice. "Anyone can get it," Tonti said. Warner, meanwhile, hap-

pily reported her battle with lice is over, although she hasn't yet shaken off the experience.

"I'm still paranoid," said the area resident, who is working to help others by distributing literature to schools, the health department and area physicians.

"I'm still in the process of constantly looking at my head," Warner concluded. "I still don't have the pillows back on my couch, because I'm afraid. It was such a hassle.'

Editor's note: Anyone interested in learning more can. contact the health department at 517-673-8114, or the National Pediculosis Association at (617) 449-6487.



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IT WAS COLD and windy, but 22 youngsters didn't let that stop them from riding for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in an annual bike-a-thon held Saturday in the parking lot at Walbro Corp. The kids were dedicated, with one boy riding 20 miles, and a few others putting in as many as 16 or 17 miles, event Coordinator Linda Derfiny reported.



more frequently in landscapuse that deer won't eat?" Dudderar, Michigan State University Fisheries and Wildlife Specialist, many organizations have published lists of plants categorized according to how frequently they are damaged by browsing deer. Interestingly, when these lists are compared, they often disagree. The reason the disagreement occurs, is because what a deer eats is determined by a variety of factors and how the factors interact.

Factors Influencing What and How Much Deer Eat

- how hungry the deer are and how many deer there are - the familiarity of the food to deer

- the nutritional content of the food

- the specific nutritional needs of the deer (which vary by season)

- the digestibility of the food

- the relative abundance and availability of all foods

- the palatability of the food Some of the fascinating but complex and confusing interrelationships include the following:

- palatability, digestibility, and nutritional content varies with plant species or varieties

- deer prefer foods that have high palatability, digestibility, and nutritional content; if

# Consumer confidence

A recent survey asked people about their biggest concern about what could be in the food they eat. Only 16 percent worry about pesticide contamination. A full 61 percent of those surveyed said they think the government is doing a good job of ensuring they consume safe products.

affects palatability, digestibility and nutritional content - deer browsing affects palatability, digestibility and nutritional content

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feather, lavender, lupine.

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White-Tailed Deer: Woody -

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American bittersweet, honey

locust, common lilac, red

osier dogwood, forsythia, red

pine, hollies. Herbaceous -

ageratum, amaranth, mari-

golds, peppers, alyssum,

periwinkle, polygonum,

snapdragon, stock, begonia.

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campion, zinnia.

- growing site conditions other than water and soil fertility; such as wind, temperature, shade, and competition with other plants affect palatability, digestibility, and nutrition

- the relative availability, abundance, palatability, digestibility and nutritional content of plants varies between seasons and within seasons because of weather changes

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She pointed out children are easy targets for lice because of the amount of time they spend together in school. Which is why all Tuscola County schools have adopted a "no nit" policy, in which students are not allowed back in school until they are nit

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**DISPLAYING MEDALS won for their video productions are Cass City** Middle School students, (front row, left) Mary Wasserman, Jared Ferris, Mike Todd, Dale Hampton, (back row, left) Ben Rhyndress, David Mayer, Robert Giddings, Lee Beyette, Tom Sabo, Monica Wilcox, and teacher Nesa Johnson. Missing are Aaron Keyser, Chrystal Nicol, Gordon Wills, Chris Dubay, Bridgett Vandemark, Emily Giddings, Melinda Scott and Eber Hollinshead.



NESA JOHNSON'S students, including (from left) Ryan King, Monica Wilcox, Ben Rhyndress and Lee Beyette, have transformed their classroom into Sherwood Forest as part of their on-going "armchair" travels around the world. The students are currently studying the Middle Ages/Renaissance Period.

# Local students shine at film, video festival

Winning video productions are nothing new for Cass City Middle School teacher Nesa Johnson and her students.

The local students recently brought home first and second-division awards from the 1997 Michigan Student Film and Video Festival, held at the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts. According to Johnson, the students received a first division award for their video entitled "Thor Visits the Land of the Giants," a reenactment of a Viking tale.

The second division award was presented for a video entitled "The Dubbing of Knights by King Arthur". "This was a ceremony dubbing the students into Knighthood," Johnson explained. "Following the reciting of their code of honor, a medieval feast was enjoyed by all."

This year's festival, which is open to film and video work done students in grades K-12, drew 360 entries from across the state, making it the one of the biggest festivals in the event's 28-year history. The festival is conducted by Detroit Area Film and Television, and is designed to positively reinforce students participation in film and video.

To-date, Johnson's students have won 3 first division awards and one second division award in the state competition.

Her students' videos have been produced in conjunction with a unit called "180 Days Around the World" in which students participate in the world. The project was vision contest.

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Grant, and \$18,582 in a dis- stay there.

started in 1993. "Thus far we have explored North America and delved into the history of the native Americans and the heritage

of the Inuit," Johnson explained. "We spent months of energy in South America on the plight of the rain forests. The students' next tours included Africa, Australia,

Asia, China, Japan and the Netherlands. "In Sweden we participated in their St. Luciadagen Festival," she continued. "While in Holland we learned of Van Gogh. The visit to Norway was spent with Thor the

Thunder God and other Vikings.' Currently, Johnson's class is working on its next unit on

the Middle Ages/Renaissance Period. Students are participating in a host of activities, including creating period crafts, learning foreign languages, listening to folk music, reading tales and stories representing the era, preparing native foods, studying flora and fauna, and participating in period sports and games.

One of the goals, Johnson said, is to discover "information about the period in history and its ramifications on our present standard of living.

"At the conclusion of the Middle Ages theme unit the students will have transformed the classroom into Sherwood Forest where they will attempt to interpret Robin Hood," she added. The skit will be videotaped and entered into the next "armchair" travels around Detroit Area Film and Tele-

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# **Obituaries**

### **Benjamin McAlpine**

Benjamin McAlpine, 86, of Gagetown, died Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. He was born Oct. 3, 1910, in Brookfield Township, Huron County, to Andrew and Flossie (Stock) McAlpine. He married Thelma K.

Palmer Nov. 26, 1930, at the United Methodist Church in Gagetown. She died Oct. 22, 1984.

McAlpine thrashed for many years in 3 counties. He also farmed and had a home based gravel business. He worked as an overhead crane operator for General Motors in Saginaw, retiring after 20 years.

He was a former member of the Boot & Saddle Club, Indian Trails Riding Club, and the Good Sam Club. McAlpine is survived by his children: Gerald (Donna) McAlpine of Gagetown, Robert (Sharon) McAlpine of Silverwood, Bruce McAlpine of Auburn, Donna (Fred) Schulz of Twin Lake, Ruth Ann (Jesse) Willerton of Argyle; 25 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Cecile Howk of Caro; several

He was preceded in death by 2 daughters, an infant in 1937 and Betty Olsowy in 1988; a son, Harold McAlpine, in 1992; a granddaughter, Betty Lynn Schulz, in 1973; his parents; brothers, George and Alger McAlpine, and a sister, Suvilla Foust.

nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Little & Kranz Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Jean and Rev. James Rencontre of Argyle United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Soci-

ety Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral

Home, Cass City. cemetery.

John "Pat" Sullivan, 73, of Sheridan Township, missing from his residence since April 21, was found Thursday, May 8, 1997. Born Sept. 13, 1923, in Bad Axe, he was the son of John

Thomas and Frances (O'Henley) Sullivan. He never married. He attended the Batie

Country School and was a 1942 graduate of Bad Axe High School. He attended Sacred Heart Seminary for 2 years and received a B.A. in business administration from Assumption University in Windsor, Ontario.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy who served from 1944-46 in air sea rescue and as a machinist mate, he was employed at Chrysler Corporation at the Jefferson Ave. plant in the planning department for marine engines. He was driver for E & L Transport of Dearborn for 38 years and retired in 1995. He was a member of the Bad Axe Council #1546 Knights of Columbus, a teamster, a lifelong parishioner of St. Columbkille Parish and former usher of the parish.

Surviving are one sister, Rose Mary Daley of Sterling Heights, and 4 brothers, Bernard Sullivan of Bad Axe, Angus J. Sullivan of South Branch, Jerry Sullivan and his wife, Florence, of Bad Axe and Edward Sullivan of Fairgrove, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Josephine Troy, in 1996 and a baby brother, Donald.

A K of C rosary was held Saturday night and a parish wake service was held Sunday night.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 12, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church of Sheridan. The Rev. Randy Kelly, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the church





Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly.

### **Marguerite Flynn**

Marguerite S. Flynn, 97, of Cass City, died Monday, May 12, 1997, at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Born Nov. 28, 1899, in Capac, she was the daughter of John and Katherine (O'Meara) Lynch. She married John Flynn June 22, 1927, in Detroit.

She was owner of The Pantry in Capac for 32 years. A member of the American Legion Auxiliary, St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Capac and the Women's Study Club, she was a former church council member and taught catechism. Before her marriage she taught in rural schools for 6 years.

Surviving are 2 daughters: Kathleen Jackson of Cass City and Betty (Dougal) Stevenson of Dearborn; 7 grandchildren, and 12 greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and a son-in-law, Thomas Jackson.

Funeral services were scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, with the Rev. Paul Bala officiating.

Interment was to be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Nicholas Catholic Church of Capac, Capac Historical Society, or Capac Public Library

Arrangements were made by Little & Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

# Urban living

A report by the United Nations said that by the turn of the century, for the first time, more persons will be living in urban areas and cities than in rural areas. The report says in 1975, only a third of all persons lived in cities, but by the year 2005, more than 2/3 of the world's population will live in towns and cities.

# Public hearing slated **Region VII seeks input**

Region VII Area Agency on Aging is sponsoring 2 public hearings to receive comments on the proposed Multi-Year Plan for fiscal years 1998-2000.

Comments will also be received on the Region VII's Application for Funding for fiscal year 1998 and approval to request a transfer of \$119,058 from Congregate Nutrition Services to inhome Supportive Services for FY 1997

Region VII Area Agency on Aging is the regional planning and service agency which is responsible for implementing the Older

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American Act and Older placement Michiganian's Act program in Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.

This October marks the beginning of a new 3-year planning period. Each Area Agency on Aging is responsible for identifying the needs of the older population, establishing priorities for the expenditure of state and federal funds, and planning strategies to address

problems of our aging population, especially the unmet needs of the frail elderly who are at risk of nursing home

Public Hearings will be held at the following locations

Thursday, June 5, 10 a.m., Region VIIAAA Office, 126 Washington Ave., Bay City, MI 48708.

Thursday, June 12, 10:30 a.m., Marie Davis Senior Center, 233 N. Second Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. Interested persons are en-

couraged to attend one of these hearings and provide their comments and suggestions.

A summary of both the Multi-Year plan and the 1998

enue, Bay City, MI 48708 by June 18. Anyone needing more information may contact Julia Heilig, program manager.





located worker grant, according to Senator Joel Gougeon (R-Bay City) and Representative Mike Green (R-Mayville).

The grants were awarded by the Michigan Jobs Commission to local Michigan Works! agencies.

The Work First Incentive Grant will be used to enhance services provided to Work First participants across the state. The dislocated worker grant helps workers who have been terminated or laid off or who have received notice of termination or layoff and are unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

"Giving Michigan workers the opportunity to improve their skills helps keep them and our state work force competitive," Gougeon said.

"These grants provide services that allow workers to reevaluate their skills so they can better determine their next step.'

"These grants go a long way toward helping workers get back on their feet," Green added. "Especially as the work force gets more global and more competitive, pro-

Funding for the Work First Program is provided jointly by the State of Michigan and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Funding for the Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Assistance Act is made available by the federal Job Training Partnership Act. Both programs are administered through the Michigan



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CASS CITY HIGH school junior Trent Dorland (left) hands a bucket of Cass River water to a classmate behind the wastewater treatment plant Monday. Fifty students participated in a variety of water tests as part of the School River Monitoring **Program.** 

# AAA Michigan: stress bike safety

They say you never forget how to ride a bike. That may be true, but statistics show that for children, at least, they may forget how to do it safely.

And that's where parents come in, now that summer beckons, and bicycles have taken over for skis and ice

skates as the thing to do, ac-cording to AAA Michigan. Bike riding can be dangerous when precautions are not observed - - or are forgotten.

the 29 bike deaths recorded in Michigan that year. "Parents can play a crucial

role by reminding children how to ride safely, what to do and what not to do," said In 1994, the last year for Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan which statistics are available, **Community Safety Services** 17 bicyclists under age 15 died statewide, 59 percent of manager.



### CASS CITY CHRONICLE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1997

# **Beet yields, wheat focus** of MŠU researchers

Finding ways to reverse the participate in the project. decline in Michigan's sugar beet yields and reduce or prevent the threat of the fungus that nearly devastated the 1996 wheat crop is a goal of Michigan State University research agronomists.

Ian Gray, director of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES). says that the 2 problems pose a serious risk to the continued viability of 2 of Michigan's more prominent agricultural industries. Partly because of meetings

with wheat industry leaders last year and a statewide conference that focused on fusarium blight, generally known as "scab" in wheat, a major research program involving 10 Upper Midwest universities is being proposed.

Gray says Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri and Ohio (Kentucky and New York may also become involved) share the common problem of scab in wheat and barley. Gray's idea is to pool their collective talents to focus on scab abatement research. The group is hoping for

\$5.1 million in research funding for 5 years from Congress. Gray credits Pat Hart, MSU Extension plant pathologist, and Rick Ward, MAES wheat breeder, for

is such a pervasive problem in the region and finding a solution through our combined efforts is very important to the industries that require quality barley and wheat production," Gray says. "Further, this approach will be much more efficient in finding a solution because it will be fully integrated and not duplicate efforts to arrive at solutions." He estimates that between

"I think we stand a reason-

40 and 60 researchers would be involved in the project, along with numerous Extension specialists and agents who are involved in wheat and barley production in the participating states. MAES and MSU Extension

are also undergirding an agronomist position for the Sugarbeet (sic) Advancement Committee (SAC), organized in December to focus on bolstering sugar beet production. Sugar beet yields have been declining since the mid-1980s - - by 25 percent according to some growers. Michigan's sugar beet production was just over 2 million tons in 1996, the lowest since 1983.

In the agreement, MSU will split the expenses with the SAC, which consists of growers, sugar beet processors and agribusiness operagetting their counterparts to tors. The joint venture will

ably good chance of obtaining the funding because this specified.

support the cost for the agronomist's salary, research and equipment expenses. A dollar amount has not been

'We are extremely pleased with the assistance the university is providing the industry," says John Spero, chair of the SAC and a grower near Saginaw. "We

are quite optimistic that the new agronomist will be on the job by midsummer."

"Extension and MAES agronomists have been involved with the SAC from its beginning, helping the committee to get organized and focus on what needs to be done to preserve the value of this industry," Gray says.

"It's clear to the SAC that a major overhaul is necessary in some parts of the industry if it is to survive and become more profitable, and it's also clear that the university needs to be much more involved in working with the industry to determine jointly the priorities for research and Extension," he adds.











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# **Quick work limits** Walbro fire loss

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"It was extremely dangerous, and I want to commend all of the fire fighters who were out there fighting that fire," he said. "They did an outstanding job in the face of extreme danger. They prevented a real disaster, not only to Walbro Corporation, but also to the village of Caro.'

Mattlin said fire fighters were able to contain the blaze to the test center.

Miraculously, there was only one injury reported. Walbro employee Bruce Voss suffered burns to his head and an arm. He was treated at Caro Community Hospital and then released.

# Sweet spots

Northeastern Native Americans were the first people to make maple syrup. Today, Michigan, Vermont, New York and Wisconsin are the nation's leading syrup producers. But Canada produces about 20 times as much syrup each year as we do.

"Mr. Voss was in the test center, transferring gasoline from a large container into a smaller container, and the fumes. . .were ignited by static electricity," Mattlin explained. "He was very fortunate.

Mattlin offered what he called a "very rough" damage estimate, saying the loss could total \$350,000 to \$500.000.

Ewald estimated Friday that the damage will probably be at the low end of that scale, at \$250,000 to \$300,000. "It appears as if there's less content damage. It looks like smoke damage is universal throughout the facility," he said.

Fire fighters remained at the scene for about 3 hours. The Caro department's 15 firemen on the scene were assisted by 30 other fire fighters from 5 other departments Akron, Cass City, Mayville, Unionville and Vassar. "We had lots of good help," Mattlin commented. Ewald commended the departments. "We're very fortunate," he said. "The fire

departments did a super, ad-

mirable job."



**CANADIAN AUTHOR/illustrator Ian Wallace was the guest** speaker last Wednesday during the annual Young Authors celebration at Campbell Elementary School. Above, Wallace invited second grader Brandy Brown to join him in answering students' questions.

24,800 pounds, and the large,

The sociologists also talked

with the 14 farmers who had

closed their operations since

"Of the 14 closures in the

from 18,000 to 29,330.

# Trend: fewer larger dairy herds

tion (based on 1994 farm-

There were 16 percent fewer dairy operations and 7 percent fewer cows in the Deckerville school district in 1995 than there were in 1988, and the mean average herd size increased from 75 to 83

In some cases, the big dairies got bigger, but half of the



dairies still have 70 or fewer milking cows.

University Department of

Sociology. They believe the

study reflects Michigan's

gate milk receipts). The study was funded by the These figures are from a study conducted by Harry Michigan Agricultural Ex-Schwarzweller and Aimee G. periment Station. Vieira, of the Michigan State

"Deckerville dairies are the initial survey was confairly representative of dairyducted in 1988. ing in the Lower Peninsula and they reflect rather well school district the past 7 the Thumb region situation," vears, half had 45 or fewer Shwarzweller says. "The cows," Schwarzweller says. herd sizes in the district, the mix of small and large dairy "Athough the decision to operations, labor inputs, close is generally caused by

managerial arrangements, illness, retirement or death, ownership status and other in most cases, the closure basic organizational characwas anticipated by the famteristics are similar to what ily years earlier." has been observed, on aver-"Almost invariably, the age, in statewide surveys." Schwarzweller and Vieira

adult children are not interested in the farm, and the interviewed all of the dairy economic return of a small farmers in the school district, dairy operation is not suffi-18 of whom had 12 to 44 cient to sustain a young famcows (small), 21 who had 48 ily in addition to providing to 80 cows (medium) and 18 supplemental income for the whose herds ranged from 82 elders unless someone in the

full-time, non-farm job and convert the farm into a cash crop operation. Retired dairy farmers usually rent the land to neighbors but may farm it themselves on a part-time basis to augment their retirement income.

The pattern was much the same for the 3 mid-sized dairies that closed.

"None had an heir to take over and the families could not or were not willing to sell their farms," Schwarzweller says. "Wanting to retire, they simply sold their cows and milking equipment and began a less strenuous cash crop operation."

Large farm operations that closed down did so mainly because of catastrophic events such as a debilitating accident or sudden death involving the principal operators. Other factors included financial uncertainties, labor problems, and/or a void or weakness in managerial leadership. Schwarzweller and Vieira were surprised by the startup of 3 new farms. For the most part, the operations arose from idled dairying facilities and all appeared to be relatively successful.

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# O-G board meeting

# **Trustees squabble over pact**

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Candela and Doug Hassler, and third year probation for counselor Joel Brandel. The votes were unanimous with the exception of Hassler, with Albrecht the lone "no" vote.

•Approved a computer "code of conduct" presented by Britt, who announced that the elementary school is preparing to gain access to the internet. The conduct code, which outlines appropriate uses of the internet, will lay the groundwork, he said.

Also planned are staff inservice meetings and workshops, according to Britt, who assured the board that students who access the internet will be monitored at all times.

•Learned a parent has tions appointing election invoiced concern over profan- spectors, agreeing to partici-

ity in a junior high English book. Thies said there are some curse words, primarily the word "damn", on 8 pages of the 916-page book.

 Accepted the resignation of an elementary school aide.

•Met briefly in executive session to review a confidential attorney-client privileged communication.

•Agreed to begin the June monthly meeting 30 minutes earlier, at 7 p.m., due to a planned presentation of the proposed 1997-98 budget.

 Acknowledged the receipt of a certificate honoring the district's 100 percent immunization compliance.

Approved annual resolu-



 Accepted the nomination of Amanda Salcido as th senior "student of the month" for May.

•Recognized this month's 'adult role focus" students, who have excelled as technology users. The students, in grades K through 12, are: Cassandra Parker, Branden Edler, Grant Champagne, Rochelle Parth, Jerr, Crandall, Justin Rogers, Julie Howard, Corbin Swiastyn, Ryan Fritz, Kristen Mandich, Jesse Powell, Chadd Rhodes and Laine Tetil.



to 375 cows (large). The family takes an off-farm job," small operations averaged Vieira adds.

15,000 to 24,000 pounds of If the owner of the small milk per cow per year; the dairy operation is not of remedium, from 14,000 to tirement age, he may take a

# **Legal Notices**

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by

a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

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of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at

of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan

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1/4 of Section 15, Town 10 North, Range

9 East, described as: Beginning at a point

on the East line of said Section 15, which

is S02 degrees 00'54" E, 424.00 feet from

the East 1/4 corner of said Section 15;

thence continuing along said East line,

S02 degrees 00'54" E, 331.00 feet, thence

S87 degrees 46'03" W 1317.71 feet to

the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the

Southeast 1/4 of said Section 15; thence along said West line, N02 degrees 04'28" W, 331.00 feet; thence N87 degrees

46'03" E. 1318.05 feet to the East line of

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The Mission of Hills and Dales General Hospital is to serve the majority of our community's and surrounding areas' health needs, through our family of services.



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Hills & Dales General Hospital





# **Looking Toward the Future**

As Hills and Dales General Hospital looks ahead to the future, we see no other constant in our field of service but change itself. Therefore, it is our conclusion that only those who have planned wisely and well will actually be here to enjoy the fruits of their labors; we intend to be one of them!

• We will continue to look for new ways to improve service to the community by increasing the number and the scope of our specialty clinics, dedicating ourselves to the principle of "building a better health care team" right here at home.

• We also will, whenever feasible, assist our neighboring communities in securing primary health care in their areas.

• We will enhance the services offered at Hills & Dales General Hospital by improving technology and availability of medical and ancillary services.

• We will actively participate in the Thumb-wide MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) project along with our colleague hospitals in the Thumb, in order to bring another state-of-the-art medical diagnostic and therapeutic service closer to home. • We will initiate a Development Fund (Foundation) to assure that quality health care remains in Cass City. In these times of changing demand and expectations, it is important to maintain such a fund to invest for the future.

• We will enhance rehabilitation services in the Thumb area (e.g. Cardiac Rehab and Occupational Therapy), especially through the synergistic effect of blending our Michigan Athletic and Rehabilitation Center (M.A.R.C.) with our newly-purchased Premier Athletic Club (PAC) in Caro.

• We will, of course, continue to engage in physician recruitment on a long-term basis, and we will be seeking your support in this endeavor.

• We have erected a "Wall of History" within the Hospital, and have opened an on-site chapel, and will continue to make them available to patients, visitors, and staff.

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Hospital. As we "branch out and reach out", we seek to serve your Healthcare needs in a continuously improving fashion. Our logo - a sturdy, healthy tree - symbolizes the life, vitality, and growth of Hills & Dales General

# Greetings from the Chairman of the Board

pare for that future. This report will tell you about those things, and will allow you to examine our ideas and our vision for that future. It will also afford you the think we are doing right, and to suggest different paths where you think they are look over our Annual Report for 1996. Your support, including your interest in this document, is of great importance to us as we seek to "Build a Better Health and Administrative officers, but also of our consumers and the members of the opportunity to comment on those ideas and plans... to let us know what you We are greatly pleased that you've taken the time to read this message, and to Care Team". As we see it, that team is composed not only of our Staff, Board, Healthcare with the conviction that we are doing the right things today to pregeneral populace. Together, we believe, we can face an uncertain future in advisable.

Dales just in the past few months alone. Please be assured the trend is not unique adapting to this change, assuring that Hills and Dales will have a viable place in You may already know that a great deal of change has occurred here at Hills and to this hospital or our subsidiaries. Healthcare, in general, is undergoing a revolutionary change all across this country and the world; we are putting our all into the future of that Healthcare. In this report, you will learn more about that change, and what it means to this institution and to our community.

on in this report. We think you may be surprised at what we're "up to" here at Hills and Dales General Hospital (pleasantly so, of course). But, most of all, we Please, take a few moments now, perhaps with a cup of coffee or tea, and read want you to be **informed** of our activities, our plans, our Mission... so that you can be a very important part of it all as we move into the 21st Century.

Sincerely

Chairman of The Board of Trustees John C. Burns,

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# Hospital Specialty and **Ambulatory Services**

cities", but Hills and Dales has recognized that rural people a walk-in (ambulatory) or out-patient basis. This shift in tient care) has allowed us to expand the breadth of care cialties were once thought to be available only in the "big terparts. Thus, because of changes in technology, cuscian practice patterns, our patients are being offered more services than ever before in the out-patient setting. The merous fields now practicing here as frequently as one tomer expectations, third-party payors' rules, and physicommunity now enjoys an unprecedented opportunity to signed to help "build a better health care team". In recent increasing number of services and medical specialties on day per week to one day per month. Many of these speexperience the same health-care needs as their urban counthe traditional mix of services (which long favored in-paoffered at Hills and Dales, with medical specialists in nu-Hills and Dales General Hospital is responding to change in the Healthcare arena in a number of ways, each deyears, one of these responses has been to offer an everbe a partner in its cwn care.

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Thumb Area Home Care Agency: An Attractive Alternative to Extended Hospitalization



As indicated earlier in the brief history section, Hills and Dales General Hospital established its home-care service in 1985. Now an operating department of the Hospital, known as Thumb Area Home Care Agency, this growing service occupies its own quarters at 6240 West Main Street in Cass City. And, rest assured, "Service" is the functional word. Thumb Area Home Care provides: Nursing, Dietary counseling, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Enterostomal Therapy (assistance with draining wounds or special stomal dressings), Mobile Laboratory, Home Health Aides and Medical Social Work.

Serving Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties, Thumb Area Home Care Agency provides its outreach to recently hospitalized individuals, the elderly, the terminally ill, new mothers and infants, and others in need of its special brand of care. All services are provided or overseen by a fully-qualified nursing staff, and are extended without regard for race, age, color, national origin, handicap, religion, disease, or political beliefs.

We are equipped to bill your insurance company directly; Home Care is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and Blue Cross, provided the criteria under the insurance program are met. If insurance will not cover the services, Thumb Area Home Care Agency can provide medically necessary care on a sliding scale basis.

We hope you will call on us if you find yourself, or a loved one, in a health situation which would benefit from home care. We will be happy to provide you with more information, to provide an assessment of your case, and examine your insurance plan to determine the proper option for you. We are located at 6240 Main Street in Cass City, Ph. (517) 872-2300, or 1-800-358-4749.

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# High Ratings from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations

Both Hills and Dales General Hospital and Thumb Area Home Care Agency were recognized for excellent performance in 1996, receiving letters of accreditation with congratulations from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO). Rated at 91% and 98% respectively, the Hospital and the Home Care Agency were lauded for their overall performance under standards which examine patient-focused functions, organization functions, and structural functions. These standards include such categories as patients' rights, assessment of patients, care of patients, leadership and management, governance, medical staff, and nursing. The accreditations and ratings, granted in March of 1996, are effective for three years.

In essence, the ratings measure the quality levels of the services, the organization, and the staffs of the respective organizations being examined. Since there is no way to truly describe quality as it is viewed by patients and by the public, the ratings provide some semblance of a "yardstick". They allow us to recognize our relative performance, along with areas of potential improvement, as we continually aim for that elusive "100%" rating. They also drive us to examine our services and staff from the "quality point of view": we seek to do our jobs correctly the first and every time (consistency). we attempt to bring our services into agreement with what our consumers want (conformance), we become more aware of all those who are affected by the work we do (customers), and we strive to meet the agreed-upon specifications for our services (expectations). Thus, as we work to earn high JCAHO ratings and accreditation, we also create a working definition of Quality as Consistent Conformance to Customers' Expectations.

# Laboratory Receives Highest Rating from the College of American Pathology

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