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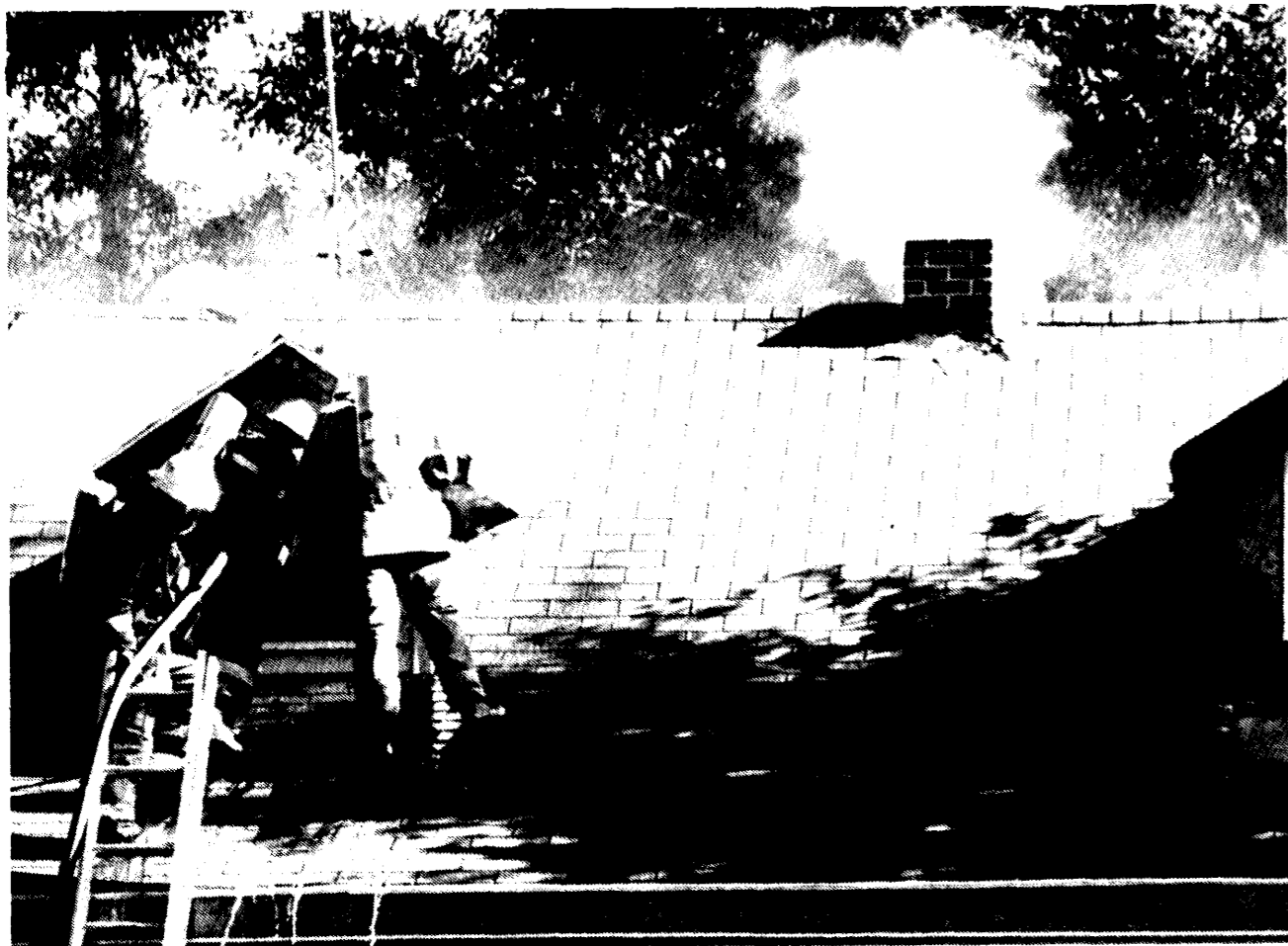
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SUSPICIOUS — THE Mike Flowers residence, 6990 Gilford Rd., sustained an estimated \$30,000 damage in what fire fighters believe was the work of an arsonist Saturday afternoon. The fire was the sixth suspicious blaze reported in the area this month, and a \$5,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the person or persons responsible.

At Northwood Golf Course

Suspect charged in theft

A Deford man has been charged in connection with the theft and damage of more than \$15,000 worth of merchandise at a Cass City business July 13.

Donnie K. Harp II, 22, was arraigned in Tuscola County District Court on charges of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, larceny in a building and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at more than \$100.

The charges carry maximum penalties ranging from 4 to 10 years in prison and/or fines of up to \$2,500.

Bond in the case was set at \$20,000. Harp was to have faced a preliminary examination Tuesday morning.

A second suspect is expected to be charged, however, his name has not been released pending a formal arraignment.

Northwood Golf Course owner Joe Howard reported

the theft and damage to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies. Howard stated a trailer, several power and hand tools, hundreds of compact discs, golf equipment and a 4-wheel vehicle were among the items stolen.

In addition, Howard's vintage race car was vandalized, as was a custom race car belonging to Tom Howe, owner of Tommy's Pizzeria in Cass City.

According to Howard, the thieves gained entry from breaking the rear doors of the clubhouse. They proceeded to load the trailer full of equipment, then pulled the trailer across a putting green on the course with the stolen 4-wheeler.

Howard, Don Howard and

Ross Campbell tracked the tire impressions left by the 4-wheeler for more than 11 miles until they came across the stolen goods at a Shabbona Road residence in the Deford area.

Detective Sgt. Larry Walker of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department said the stolen goods have been linked to other thefts in the county, including a pair of lawn tractors taken from Lathem Equipment Co. in Caro. Evidence at the scene also led investigators to a \$30,000 backhoe stolen north of Gagetown and recovered last Wednesday in the Wilmot area.

Additional charges have not been filed against Harp or his unnamed co-defendant.

Offer \$5,000 reward

6th suspicious fire damages area home

A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of those responsible for any of a half-dozen suspicious fires in the Cass City area this month.

Elkland Township fire fighters were beginning to breathe a sigh of relief last week after a string of 5 blazes and several false alarms appeared to come to an end with a barn fire July 13.

The respite was brief, however, lasting only 5 days.

Firemen were called to a house fire about 7 miles southeast of Cass City late Saturday afternoon. Damage to the home and contents was estimated at \$30,000.

"It was suspicious. In fact, the fire marshal is going to be out here today," Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said Monday morning. Later in the day, Pawloski reported the Michigan Arson Committee has authorized a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the individual(s) responsible for that fire and several others.

Anyone with information is asked to call 1-800-4-ARSON, or the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department at (517) 673-8738.

Investigators at the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department said Monday they are looking into a couple of possible suspects, however, they declined to elaborate. No charges had been filed as of press time.

Pawloski said he has not formulated any theories on why the fires are being set.

"The only thing I can say is that it's getting scary and it's getting very frustrating," he commented. "It's starting to wear on the firemen."

If all of the blazes are the work of one person, Saturday's fire was the first to target a house.

No one was home when fire fighters were dispatched to

the Mike Flowers residence, 6990 Gilford Rd., at 5:22 p.m. Flames were shooting out of the roof on the east

another suspicious barn fire 2 days later on Warner Road, south of DeLong Rd.

Fire fighters were called out

"The only thing I can say is that it's getting scary and it's getting very frustrating."

--Fire Chief Ron Pawloski

side of the residence, located at the corner of Englehart Road, when firemen arrived.

Pawloski said the blaze originated at the top of a staircase. It isn't certain how the fire began, although the fire chief ruled out an electrical cause.

The state fire marshal had not issued a report on his findings after inspecting the scene Monday.

Elkland Township volunteers remained at the scene for about 3 hours. They were assisted by the Caro, Elmhurst-Gagetown, Kingston and Lamotte Township fire departments.

Pawloski said the reporting of false alarms also resumed over the weekend.

"On Sunday at 1:15 a.m. we were dispatched to a trailer house fire on Crawford Road, south of Mushroom Road, which turned out to be a hoax," he said.

Another alarm sounded at 10:07 p.m. Sunday, sending fire fighters to General Cable Co., 6285 Garfield Ave. Someone used a cellular phone to report a large electrical box arcing at the Cass City plant, where Pawloski is employed. However, employees at the plant reported they were not aware of any problems.

The recent string of suspicious fires began July 5, when a wind-damaged barn and a shed were set on fire at 7175 Hadley Road. Two days later, a shed was set on fire at the Jack Esau residence, 6100 Milligan Rd., and firemen extinguished

someone placed some cardboard boxes up against the doors of a barn on Cedar Run Road, south of M-81, and set them on fire. Flames traveled up the doors and across a beam, but the fire apparently burned itself out.

A majority of the fires reported to-date have been set during the evening hours — most after 10 p.m. — and involved the use of some form of accelerant. Until the Tuckey barn fire, most of the structures involved hadn't been used in years and damage was minimal.

Pawloski said his department has responded to about a dozen false fire alarms this month.

House leaders shelve Durant, pension proposal

Leaders in the Michigan House of Representatives last week shelved a proposal designed to help fund teacher retirement programs and at the same time settle a costly lawsuit brought by schools against the state.

Under a package of bills passed by the Senate July 10, the state would issue bonds to raise \$1 billion to make up for underfunding a school employees' pension plan.

The proposal would save schools some of the money they now have to pay for teachers' and other employees' pensions, freeing up money for school districts' day-to-day operations.

For their part, school districts would have to agree to drop their claims against the state in the Durant case for underfunding special education.

Schools would realize a net savings of 2.44 percent of their payrolls — a combined \$177 million annually statewide — under the plan.

The savings translates into an estimated \$135,785 for the Cass City School District. Among other county school districts, Kingston would save \$62,958, while Caro Schools topped the list with an estimated savings of \$218,326.

However, the legislation stalled last week in the House, where Speaker Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit) said he had too many unanswered questions to move ahead on the issue.

Now, both the House and Senate are adjourned until Sept. 23, when they will take up the 1998 budget for the Department of Transportation.

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Merchants: sidewalk sales fair to good

Sidewalk sales came into stiff competition last week, thus depleting the number of shoppers attending the sales.

Bill Kritzman of Kritzman's said the sidewalk sales were fair overall, noting the stiff competition of the Tuscola County Fair and Bad Axe sidewalk sales.

"We didn't have the crowds as we did last year," he said. "We just didn't have the people on Main Street."

He said in prior years the sales have brought in people from all over the area, which didn't happen this year due to the competition.

"We try to get a lot of tourists around the bay area," he said.

Despite this, Kritzman said he did sell most of his summer apparel, noting that this was one positive side to the sales.

"In that respect I came out pretty good," he said.

Geraldine Prieskorn agreed the sales were fair overall and not a big improvement from prior years.

She said the merchants might have done better if more crafters had attended the sales.

"The hot weather capped off some of the crafters from coming," she said. "It would have been better if we had more people on the street."

Prieskorn also pointed out the Tuscola County Fair, which took place two weeks earlier than last year, conflicted with the sales.

"That certainly didn't help," she said.

As for next year, Prieskorn said the merchants will have to discuss whether they need to move the sales to a different week.

Very good year

Cass City 4-Hers shine at county fair

By Angela Cook
Staff writer

This year was yet another success for the Cass City Livestock Club and the leaders attribute it to family.

This year members of the livestock club received Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion honors in all of the categories of the large animal show at the Tuscola County Fair, except in dairy cows. Lucile DeLong said this kind of a success makes a statement about the club.

"(This says) Cass City Livestock Club is still very active," she said. "We always did pride ourselves on doing so well."

Kathleen Nizzola, also a leader of the club, said this year's fair was a success not only because of the honors they received but because of the number of kids participating.

Nizzola said at one time they had to stake the animals outside the building to accommodate the large numbers. In recent years though,

she said this hasn't been the case, noting some stalls in the barns are left vacant.

However, this year while they didn't have to stake the animals outside the barns, few stalls were left empty.

"It was a very good year," she said. "This year we did pretty well."

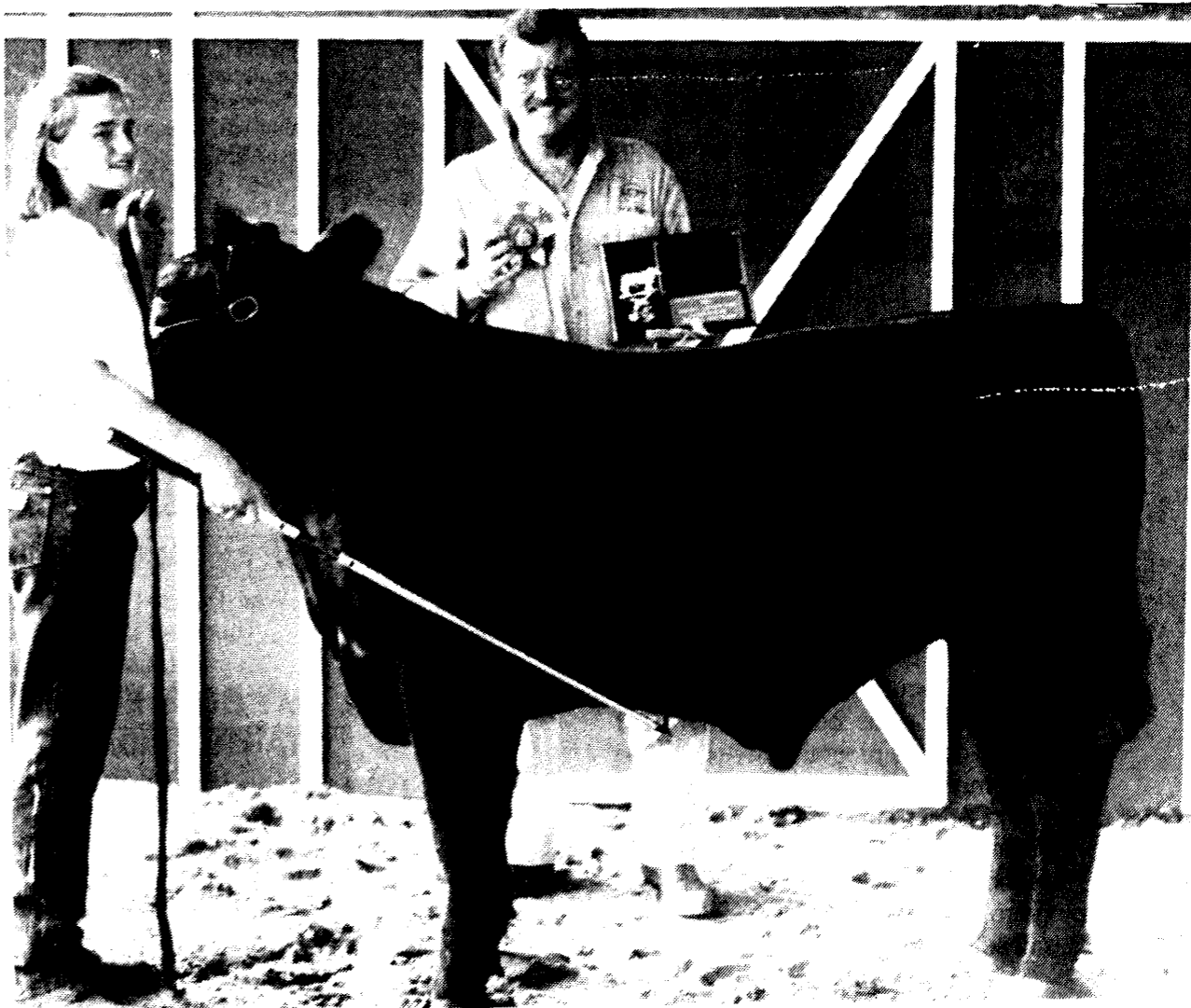
Nizzola attributes their long history of success to the families within the clubs.

"I think for us it's become a family tradition," she said. "It's like that for a lot of us."

The families pass down their skills from generation to generation. Nizzola explained, making it only natural for the kids to do so well every year.

Nizzola also said the parents support the kids financially when it comes to 4-H and if not for this support, the kids would have a hard time raising the animals. She pointed out the cost of raising beef cattle and the expense of taking care of them year round.

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THIS YEAR'S GRAND Champion Steer belonged to Kate DeLong of the Cass City Livestock Club. Joseph Chevrolet and Pontiac purchased the steer for \$2.85 a pound during the annual livestock sale held Thursday at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds in Caro. (Additional photos, pages 4, 5)

Senior citizen movies scheduled

Rawson Memorial Library Senior Citizen movies will be shown Friday, July 25, at 1:30 p.m. They are:

The 8:30 to Silvertown: This beautiful presentation covers the journey from Durango to Silvertown of Engine number 482, through summer and fall. You will also see the railroad's other engines - the 473, 476, 478, 480 and 481 - as they work the Silvertown line as double-headers, freight trains, work trains and a photographers' special excursion. In the high country the green of summer changes to the yellow, orange and red of fall. The San Juan Mountains come alive with color as the scene is set for an incredible railroad journey! (60 minutes)

Holland and the Amazing Dutch: A fast moving, colorful and informative story of Holland and the Amazing Dutch People. Highlights: Windmills; Rotterdam - world's busiest seaport; Delta plan - building dikes; Zuidzeemuseum; Madurodam - Miniature town; Friesland - dancing, clock makers, pole jumping; Keukenhof Gardens; Amsterdam - Riksmuseum, night life, canal trip and much more! (60 minutes)

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Open house set for Irene Tracy

The children and grandchildren of Irene Tracy are celebrating her 80th birthday with an open house Saturday, July 26, at Sutton-Sunshine United Methodist Church from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Irene Tracy

Her children are Theo (Donna) O'Dell of Milan, Ray (Madonna) O'Dell of Flat Rock, Duane (Kathy) O'Dell of Deford, Douglas (Kris) O'Dell of Cass City and Karen (Jim) Bolz of Milan.

She also has 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Wallace named to dean's list

Marc P. Wallace, 4637 Schweigler Rd., Cass City, is among 3,462 undergraduate students who have been named to the dean's list at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

Help for lost pets

The Humane Society of Tuscola County attempts to reunite lost pets with owners. You may call 517-673-6357 if you have lost or found an animal.

Meg's Peg

Legal expertise

by Melva E. Guinther

No reflection on the attorneys we know, who are all extremely intelligent and articulate, but here are some examples showing that even highly educated lawyers can say some pretty dumb things.

These are questions actually asked, and in some cases answered, of witnesses by attorneys during trials, as reported in the Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyers Journal.

> Now, doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

> The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

> Were you present when your picture was taken?

> Were you alone or by yourself?

> Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?

> How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?

> You were there until you left, is that true?

> Did he kill you?

> How many times have you committed suicide?

> So the date of conception (of your baby) was August 8?

[Answer: Yes.] And what were you doing at that time?

> She had 3 children, right?

[Answer: Yes.] How many were boys?

[Answer: None.] Were there any girls?

> You say the stairs went down to the basement?

[Answer: Yes] And these stairs, did they also go up?

> Mr. Slatery, you went on a rather elaborate honeymoon, didn't you?

[Answer: I went to Europe, sir.] And you took your new wife?

> How was your first marriage terminated?

[Answer: By death.] And by whose death was it terminated?

> Can you describe the individual?

[Answer: He was about medium height and had a beard.] Was this a male or a female?

> Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

[Answer: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.]

> Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

[Answer: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.]

> All your responses must be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

[Answer: Oral.]

> Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

[Answer: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.] And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?

[Answer: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.]

> You were not shot in the fracas?

[Answer: No, I was shot midway between the fracas and the navel.]

> Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

[Answer: I have been since early childhood]

If those didn't make you chuckle, try this groaner.

A panda walks into a restaurant, sits down and orders a sandwich. He eats the sandwich, pulls out a gun and shoots the waiter. As the panda stands up to go, the manager shouts, "Hey! Where are you going? You just shot my waiter and you didn't pay for your sandwich!"

The panda yells back at the manager, "Hey, man, I'm a panda! Look it up!"

The manager opens his dictionary and sees the following definition for panda: A tree dwelling marsupial of Asian origin, characterized by black and white coloring. Eats shoots and leaves."

Wanted: candidates for state bean queen contest

The Michigan Bean Festival is seeking applicants to run for Michigan Bean Queen. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 to 25, female, single, and preferably from an agricultural background (not absolutely necessary, but it helps).

The newly crowned queen will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, plaque, sash, crown, official photograph, and fun-filled year as a spokesman for the Michigan Dry Bean Industry. First runner-up will receive \$250 and second runner-up will receive \$150. All contestants will be given a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Judging will take place at the Vassar Golf Course Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m., with the crowning Aug. 29 at 8 p.m. at the Michigan Bean Festival grandstand.

For more information and an application, call Renee McCoy at 517-693-6114 or Cathy Childs, 517-693-6887.

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Cass City Social Items

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A shower was held Sunday for Debbie Timmons and Wayne Curry at the Owendale Methodist Church. Sixty-five people attended. Those from a distance were Mrs. Beverly Fay of Clarkston, Mrs. Cheryl Egges and Ann Fay of Waterford and Mrs. Marcia Schultz of Lapeer. Debbie and Wayne will be married Saturday, Sept. 6, in the Owendale Methodist Church.

Kathy Churchill of Burlington, Ontario, Carol Adorizzi of Clarkston, Ann Smith of Caro and Clarence and Phyllis Cox of Deford attended the christening of Jordan Nowell DeMarco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don DeMarco and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Churchill of Elbron, N.J., July 13.

Marriage licenses

Lynn Boyce Topham, Mayville, and Debbie Sue McLaughlin, Kingston.

Chad Michael Hill and Shelly Lynn Rondt, both of Mayville.

Jesus Garcia Vasquez and Danyell Clarice Griffin, both of Unionville.

Gregory Abraham Havens and Julie Ann Bradish, both of Fostoria.

Jeremy Allan Langenburg and Anne Marie Shier, both of Vassar.

Brandon Hamilton Baker and Valerie Ann Germaine, both of Vassar.

Terry Lee Acha and Betty Jo Crittendon, both of Caro.

Michael J. Carnes and Pamela Gale Neumann, both of Reese.

Anthony Joseph Blackburn and Shari Lorraine Hollister, both of Akron.

John Joseph Meacham, Millington, and Julie Ann Anthony, Davison.

New books at the library

Rawson Memorial Library continually purchases new books. Best sellers, both fiction and non-fiction, are always on the list and other books with good reviews are also chosen. Here are reviews of some recent arrivals at the library.

Los Alamos by Joseph Kanon: Spring 1945. As work on the first atomic bomb nears completion on a remote mesa in New Mexico, Karl Bruner, a Manhattan Project security officer, is found murdered in nearby Santa Fe. Is Bruner the victim of a violent sexual encounter, as the local police believe, or is his death a crime that threatens to jeopardize the secret of the Project itself? This is the mainspring of Joseph Kanon's Los Alamos. Connolly, the intelligence officer brought in to crack Bruner's case - and then make it disappear - soon discovers that investigating a murder in Los Alamos is not going to be easy. In a town so secret that it does not officially exist, he must tread his way through a community of displaced emigres, soldiers and idealistic scientists for whom murder is, at best, an unwelcome intrusion as they race to end World War II.

King Con by Stephen J. Cannell: There have always been and there always will be charming, slyly clever con men. But a master of the game as charismatic, ingenious, elusive, and irresistible as Beano X. Bates comes along only once in a generation. His exploits are so legendary as to have earned him the highest accolade in the realm of confidence men: the title King Con. But the king's reign is threatened when he crosses Joe "Dancer" Rina, a New Jersey crime boss who doesn't take kindly to being cheated at high stakes poker. Rina beats Beano nearly to death, and the grifter is so shaken that he seriously considers quitting the business. But when his beloved cousin Carol is murdered just before testifying against Rina, Beano masterminds one final "Mother of all Scams" that he hopes will destroy Joe Rina and his Mob family.

The Passion Dream Book by Whitney Otto (the author of "How to Make an American Quilt"). This book begins during the Italian Renaissance, when a girl spends her days spying on a young Michelangelo and experiences the divided love of wanting the artist and wanting to be the artist. It then shifts to the early years of the 20th century, when the novel follows Romy March, a descendant of the Renaissance girl, and Augustine Marks, who are both artists. The novel is an imaginative mix of fact and fiction, history and story, about 2 enduring, occasionally conflicting passions of love and work.

Ministry team coming

CONQUERORS, a summer ministry team from Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary, will present its ministry at First Baptist Church on Sunday Aug. 3, at 6:30 p.m. Their program includes uplifting, worshipful music, heartwarming testimonies, and a challenging message.

CONQUERORS is traveling throughout the Great Lakes area of the United States for ten weeks this summer, ministering in churches and camps. Jon Boyd, a junior from Hibbing, MN, is the team's leader and speaker.

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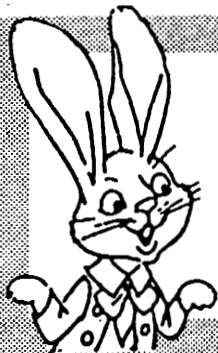
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Last week ended miserably for the Chronicle family. Wednesday, Publisher John Haire had emergency surgery to remove his infected gall bladder while vacationing on the west coast. To make matters worse, Editor Tom Montgomery's youngest daughter, Lindsey, had her appendix removed at Hills & Dales Hospital Thursday in another emergency procedure.

This week, however, is starting out fine. Both patients are recuperating nicely.

For all you computer buffs, the Chronicle has a new e-mail address. Write to us 24 hours daily at: cjhaire@agri.net. We'll include the author of our first letter with next week's trivia.

Speaking of the airways, Roger Marshall loves to fly. So much that he has his own plane. Something most pilots would consider tops.

His wife, Linda, did that one better. She booked the couple a surprise trip to Europe for Roger's 60th birthday. The flight, on the Concorde, was icing on the cake.

The Michigan Lottery commission reports that still unclaimed is one winning \$6.6 million lotto jackpot ticket. If you were vacationing over the July 4th holiday near Berrien Springs, it could be yours.

Any gratitude for this information can be slid through the Chronicle's drop box located on our east front entrance.

If you're interested (or not), since the inception of the lottery more than \$216 million in prizes have been unclaimed.

The Weather

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Wednesday	92	72	0
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RAY PRILL, Human Resources/Community Relations Coordinator of Hills & Dales General Hospital, presents guidance counselor Wayne Dillon (right) with a \$790 check earmarked for the Cass City Schools Vocational Education Fund.

Report theft, damage

Cass City police are investigating the theft of cash from a local business.

According to reports, Theresa Vatter, manager of the Subway shop, 6144 Main St., reported \$137.55 missing from a cash box at the business July 14. Police have suspects in the case, but no arrests have been made.

In other police reports: •Jerry Quinn of C.R. Hunt Construction Co., Cass City, reported someone damaged a 1988 Ford tractor while attempting to break into the vehicle July 12-14. Damage was estimated at \$200.

•James Schram, 6467 Main St., told police Saturday that someone had damaged the windshield and rear window on his truck while the vehicle was parked behind his residence. Damage was estimated at \$350.

•Jefferson Piaskowski, Cass City, reported his car

was scratched and later egged last week while parked

near his Elizabeth Street residence.

The Haire Net



Editor Tom Montgomery is filling in this week for vacationing Publisher John Haire.

It's easy to take for granted all that Cass City has to offer as a place to live.

The thought occurred to me as I transported my kids for the umpteenth time to the village pool for swimming lessons, to be followed by arts and crafts and then another dip in the pool, all while under the supervision of a great crew of young people.

For the kids, it's summer and this is business as usual in their hometown.

They don't know how lucky they are.

I'm originally from the Grand Rapids area, and I spent a few of my childhood years living in the city. It was a fearful time, a time when I was exposed to more violence, drugs and hopelessness than any youth should be.

It was a place where your ability to fight — or run — determined whether you would get home from school without needing stitches. Where dope was as readily available as candy, and where you knew a confrontation with a knife-wielding gang member could be just around the next corner.

I left the city and eventually went on to college. A year after graduation, a job brought me to Cass City. It was my first trip to the Thumb, and after 11 years here, I'm getting pretty comfortable with my surroundings.

Not because I've found paradise, but because I enjoy seeing so many familiar, friendly faces every time I drive through town. I appreciate the festive atmosphere of a hometown celebration, envy the closeness high school classmates share years after graduation, and never cease to be amazed at the way this community rises up to meet the needs of someone in trouble, time after time.

Is there a drug problem in the Thumb? Sure, but the extent of the problem pales in comparison to Saginaw, Flint or Grand Rapids. And crime? Same story.

Which is why I can't help but smile when I hear some-

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I don't know about you, but I'm getting a bit skeptical about that Mars landing we've been seeing on television. First they tell us the Pathfinder space ship is one of the cheapest NASA has ever made. Now they say the pile of rocks and dust where the ship landed is pretty much like eastern Washington.

This week they're saying boulders on Mars are about the same as one might expect on Mt. Hood. The whole thing looks a little fishy to me.

How do we know they landed on Mars? I'm pretty sure I saw the tavern in Kahlolus in one of those newscasts.

If I had a camera and the resources CBS has I'll bet I could prove this whole thing is being filmed at Kahlolus. I've seen two-hour documentaries based on less evidence than I've seen already.

Maybe that's why Pathfinder was so cheap. They probably made it at a Nissan factory and drove it down from Spokane.

Now I see NASA has their little four-wheel "rover" running around the Pathfinder landing site, sniffing at rocks and generally making a fool of itself. I can't tell if that thing is looking for minerals or marking its territory.

They'd better keep Rover down in the coulees, as far as I'm concerned. If it gets up on a hilltop it's likely to get flattened by a combine!

Some of those wheat farmers are cranky enough under normal circumstances, and they don't stop for anybody during harvest. I'd hate to be the scientist who busts somebody's combine header with a toy four-wheeler.

The first thing the NASA scientists said after the spaceship landed was that Mars has experienced extensive flooding. Then they started comparing it to the channeled scablands of eastern Washington.

That's typical for a geologist as far as I can tell. You can put a geologist on a mole hill in the California desert, and he'll find evidence of massive flooding.

Soon after that he'll notice striations in the rock formations and undisputed evidence of prehistoric earthquakes. All I can see is a mole hill and some rocks, but I'm more of a biologist, I guess.

Folks who haven't been to Mars or eastern Washington may wonder where the expression "scabland" comes from. I can't answer that for sure, but a fellow from South Carolina convinced me the term has veracity.

This fellow was a county agent in South Carolina and we were talking about agriculture around the country, when he asked about my place in Washington. I told him it's just a homesite with a few acres of oaks and pines — with a little scabland mixed in.

"Scabland?" he said. "Ah think that's about the most descriptive word Ah've ever heard."

That's the main thing I get out of all this space exploration. I figure anyone with a map and a little imagination can see the same thing right here at home.

Recycling day set Aug. 8

The Tuscola County Humane Society is having a recycling day Friday, Aug. 8, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Caro Shoprite.

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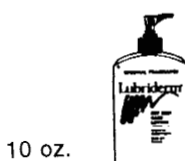
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Future outlook bright Second quarter sales, income down at Walbro

L.E. Althaver, chairman and chief executive officer, Walbro Corporation, reported sales of \$153,841,000 for the second quarter ended June 30, 1997, compared with \$155,086,000 for the second quarter of 1996.

Net income was \$1,184,000 for the second quarter of 1997 compared with \$4,824,000 for the same period in 1996. The company posted net income per share of \$.14 for the second quarter of 1997, compared with \$.56 for the same period in 1996. Average shares outstanding for the second quarter were 8,669,264 in 1997 and 8,658,608 in 1996.

"Sales of automotive products were down compared with the same period of 1996, reflecting a reduction of vehicle sales in the US during the second quarter," Althaver said. "Automotive shipments were affected by the 29-day strike at Chrysler Corporation's Mound Road engine plant. That strike reduced Walbro's sales by approximately \$3.6 million in the second quarter, while reducing earnings by approximately \$1 million, or 11 cents per share, after all related costs."

"In-sourcing by a major customer of products formerly supplied by Walbro continued during the second quarter, but has now been completed," he said.

"Walbro's overseas joint ventures performed well during the second quarter. However, the strong dollar continued to negatively affect the

profitability of all European and Japanese operations during the period," the Walbro chief executive noted.

"The second quarter saw an increase in sales of small engine ignition systems and float-feed carburetors. In addition, Walbro's sales of automotive and small engine aftermarket products were strong during the quarter," he added.

"Start-up expenses remained at high levels at Walbro's new manufacturing facility in China and at the company's joint venture in Korea," Althaver said. "However, profitability at Walbro's new fuel tank facility in Brazil is improving as production levels increase."

"Construction of Walbro's new Meriden, Connecticut, facility is now complete, and production of fuel storage and delivery systems for the new 1998 Dodge Durango is scheduled to begin in August," he said.

"The first major '98 model year plastic fuel tank program was launched at Walbro's Ossian, Indiana, facility in late June," Althaver noted. "The second and third programs are scheduled to launch in late July. The fourth '98 program has been delayed until December."

"Heavy investment in hiring and training of production and technical personnel to support these launches contributed to lower earnings during the second quarter," Althaver said.

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Cass City 4-Hers shine at Tuscola County Fair

LASHAE LAJOIE of the Young Riders, Cass City, received Grand Champion honors in the market fryer division. Big Acre bought the market fryers for \$110.

OSENTOSKI REALTY BOUGHT this Reserve Champion market pen hog for \$3.75 a pound from Kurt Russell, Cass City Livestock Club member.

CHAD LAJOIE EARNED Reserve Grand Champion honors in the market fryer category. The Tuscola County Sheriff's Posse bought the fryers for \$75.

WEISS EQUIPMENT bought this Reserve Champion Pen hog for \$1.50 a pound from Amy Venema, a Cass City Livestock Club member. The remaining hog was purchased by Michelle Biddinger, attorney.

BRAD RUSSELL OF the Cass City Livestock Club earned Reserve Grand Champion honors in the market geese category. Thumb National Bank bought the market geese for \$55.

McKrow appointed to council

Dee McKrow, chief executive officer of Hills and Dales General Hospital, has accepted appointment to serve as a member on the Michigan Health & Hospital Association Council on Small and Rural Hospitals for the 1997-1998 program year.

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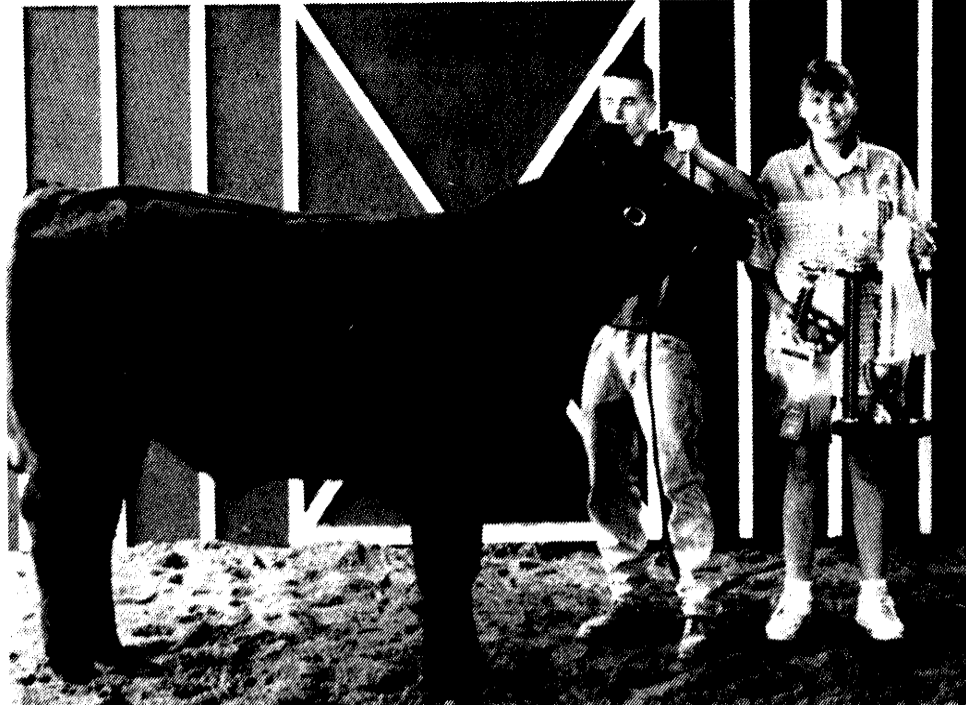
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MICAH LITTLE, a member of the Cass City Livestock Club, won Grand Champion and Beginner Showman honors in the hog category. Sandusky New Holland bought the hog for \$2.50 a pound.



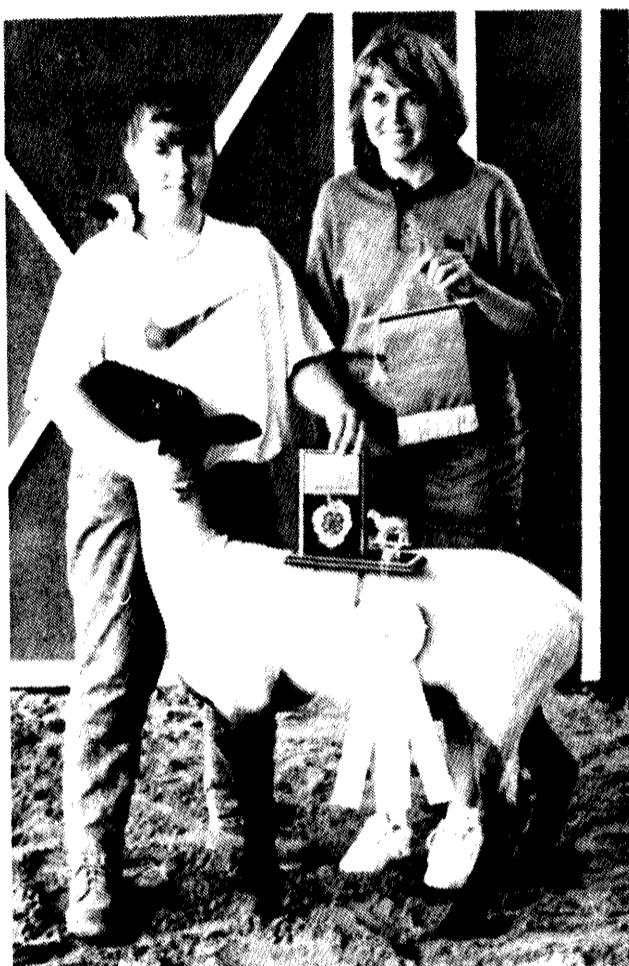
KURT RUSSELL of Cass City Livestock Club earned Grand Champion Individual and Reserve Champion Overall Showman honors in the lamb division. Weber Lumber bought this lamb for \$3.70 a pound.



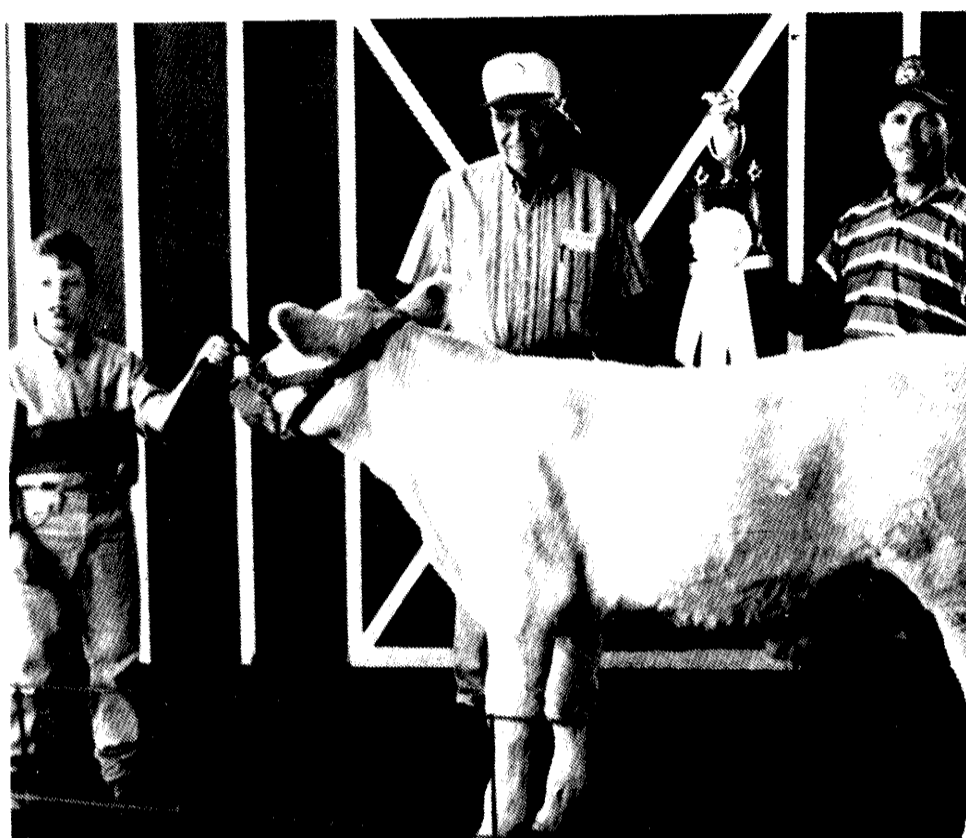
JOE DELONG OF the Cass City Livestock Club earned Grand Champion Showman honors in the steer category. LaFave Steel bought this steer for \$1 a pound.



MATT LITTLE EARNED Reserve Grand Champion individual honors with his hog. Little sold the hog for \$2 a pound to Cooperative Elevators.



MARIE RUSSELL, another Cass City Livestock Club member, won Reserve Grand Champion home grown honors in the hog category. Thumb National Bank bought the hog for \$2.35 a pound.



CASS CITY LIVESTOCK Club member Tyler Little earned Reserve Grand Champion honors in feeder calves. Littleton Farms bought the feeder calf for \$1.35 a pound.

4 face felony charges

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

•Louis E. Peters II, 33, Akron, faces a charge of aggravated stalking May 31 in Akron Township.

Bond in the case was set at \$100,000. A preliminary examination is scheduled for July 29 at 10 a.m.

•John T. Howden, 30, Reese, was charged with making a false police report July 3 in Caro involving an alleged incident of malicious destruction of property valued at more than \$100.

Bond was set at \$2,000 and a preliminary exam was slated for Aug. 8 at 9 a.m.

•James D. Strickler, 20, Fostoria, was arraigned on one count of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years May 15 in Watertown Township.

Bond was set at \$5,000. A preliminary exam was to have been held Tuesday morning.

•Richard D. Newman, 20, Clio, was charged with use of a forged registration plate, operating a motor vehicle

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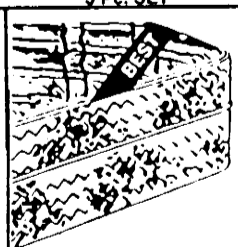
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TAMMY EHRLICH ATTENDED a benefit in her honor Friday with her parents, Robert and Beryl Bliss. The benefit raised \$7,700 to help defray her medical costs.

Bicyclists stop in village during 300-mile journey

Stifling heat and humidity kept many area residents indoors last week, in the comfort of air conditioning or, at least, the breeze from a fan or 2.

But the weather didn't deter a group of hearty bicycle enthusiasts from completing a 300-mile loop around the Thumb that included a stop in Cass City Thursday afternoon.

As noon approached, individual riders as well as small groups began to arrive at Cass City High School, where they would eat and camp for the night.

The well-earned rest was welcome after one of the riders' longest days of the tour, a 65-mile trip from Port Austin to Cass City, much of it while fighting a stiff west wind.

"It was tough today," said Andy van Staveren, a Tecumseh businessman who along with his 4 children, Adam, 15, Patrick, 13, Marie, 11, and Matthew, 8, were among the first to arrive in Cass City Thursday.

"It was great leaving Port Austin, the first 20 miles along the lake shore, but then you got a mile inland..." he added. "It was a real tough wind, for everybody."

"This has been one of the warmest (tours) we've ever had, that's for sure. They've been doing real good, though," commented Carol Beyerlein of Munger, who serves as chairman of the fifth annual "Tour of the Thumb," organized by the Bay City-based Tri City Cyclists.

Beyerlein said 138 riders began this year's 6-day ride July 13 in Bay City.

"The youngest rider is 8. The oldest rider is 75," she added, noting the tour costs each adult rider \$165. In return, the participants are provided with marked routes and maps, breakfasts and dinners, and the accompaniment of support vehicles and a bicycle mechanic.

During the 6-day ride, the cyclists, who came from all over Michigan as well as from several other states to participate in the tour, made stops in Vassar, Carsonville, Harbor Beach, Port Austin and Cass City before heading back home Friday.

And although Mother Nature could have been more kind, the riders seemed to be enjoying their adventure.

"This is our vacation. We do this every summer," said van Staveren, whose family incorporated a number of unscheduled dips in pools and lakes, not to mention an impromptu soccer game, during the week.

"We keep our swim suits right on the bikes with us, so if you hit a nice beach, you just stop and go swimming," added van Staveren, who pointed out it pays to train for a long-distance bike tour.

"The kids ride 600 to 700 miles in the spring before we come on this tour, and that gets them in good shape."



THE FAMILY THAT rides together... Andy van Staveren of Adrian, along with his children, (from left) Marie, Adam, Matthew and Patrick, were among 138 riders who participated in last week's "Tour of the Thumb", a 300-mile ride that included an overnight stop in Cass City Thursday.

WCTU slates annual picnic

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its annual potluck picnic Friday, July 25, at noon at the Cass City park.

The Montgomery girls and the Woodruff boys attended Youth Temperance Camp at Brown City July 14-18. Unfortunately, Lindsey Montgomery became ill and had to return to Cass City for surgery. Jennifer Montgomery won the trophy for Bible memorization. She has been invited to attend the National Convention in Kansas City in August.

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Property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the township hall at the corner of Dutcher Rd. and M-81.

Fred Bardwell, Ellington Township Clerk

Ehrlich benefit raises \$7,700

By Angela Cook
Staff writer

It appeared an entire community turned out to attend a benefit for one local woman.

Friends and family gathered by the hundreds Friday at the VFW hall of Cass City to attend a benefit for Tammy Ehrlich, a Gagetown resident formerly of Cass City, recovering from life threatening pneumonia.

A press release issued by Genysys Medical Center of Grand Blanc said when Ehrlich came into their care last April she had a one percent chance of living, but Ehrlich seems to have beaten the odds. She was released July 16 and was able to attend the benefit.

Her mother, Beryl Bliss, said Ehrlich is doing well and is now in rehabilitation at M.A.R.C.

"She's doing pretty good," she said.

According to Pauline Reehl, an organizer of the event, donations seemed to just pour in, with 125 businesses

and individuals donating their time, effort and money.

The benefit raised \$7,700 after expenses, with over 850 people attending the event, Reehl said.

"It was just wonderful," she said. "We really didn't think we would generate that much."

VFW post 3644 donated their hall, the Knights of Columbus of Cass City and Gagetown gave \$500, and Thumb National Bank donated ice cream for the event.

"We had people lay down \$100 bills," she said.

Reehl said she was surprised and thankful for people who called wishing to make donations. She said the donations came in from as far away as Bad Axe.

"We had people from Caro and Pigeon who donated things," she explained. "It was really overwhelming. When the benefit was over I just couldn't believe the support they got."



MORE THAN 850 people attended Friday's benefit for area resident Tammy Ehrlich.

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Detroit Edison and Cass City officials broke ground Friday in the village's industrial park, site of Edison's new \$3 million North Area Energy Center.

The Rev. Kenneth B. Ray, 45, was recently welcomed by members of the Salem United Methodist Church as their new pastor. He and his family moved to Cass City last month from the Port Huron area, where they have served the North Street United Methodist Church for the past 2 1/2 years. Rev. Ray is a former Navy chaplain.

Sidewalk Sale Days proved profitable for Cass City Boy Scouts, whose hot dog stand at the corner of Main and Seeger Streets sold out Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The troop sold 50 pounds of dogs in all, earning about \$300.

Dr. Mark Smith, 28, of Davison will join an old friend, Dr. Jeffery Crowley, at the Crowley Chiropractic office in Cass City.

SH1 (SW) Edward G. Schwartz Jr. reenlisted in the U.S. Navy for 4 more years recently after serving 16 years.

Rain early last week threatened to put a damper on Cass City's Sidewalk Sale Days, but as it turned out, timing — not weather — had the biggest impact, as similar promotions held in other area communities at the same time cut into local sales.

10 YEARS AGO

Plans for a computerized energy system at Hills and Dales General Hospital, expected to net some \$13,500 in savings annually, will soon be reality following news that the hospital has been awarded a \$19,625 grant by

the U.S. Department of Energy.

Two area residents were among 43 Michigan students outside the immediate Bloomfield Hills area to graduate from Cranbrook Kingswood School last month. Jean Weaver, 17, daughter of Mike and Toby Weaver of Cass City, won the girl's basketball and softball most valuable player awards during her senior year. Dawn Donahue, 18, Unionville, also graduated from Cranbrook. She is the daughter of Richard and Margo Donahue, Unionville.

Some 160 new books will be on Cass City Public Schools library shelves when students return in the fall, thanks to an All-Class Reunion committee contribution of \$2,000.

One of the new attractions at the Fourth of July parade was a 1969 yellow checkered taxicab. It had been rusting for 8 years by a chicken coop at Marion McClorey's home, 5946 Kelly Rd., when the Elkton Chamber of Commerce bought it for \$100. McClorey's son, Fred, now deceased, bought it new as one of 700 passenger cars built. The Elkton Chamber of Commerce restored the car and it is now a promotional focus for the town.

25 YEARS AGO

Farmers are faced with a stormy situation in portions of Tuscola County following a hail storm that flattened and destroyed acres of crops late Sunday evening. Some areas were covered with 2 1/2 inches of hail.

Becker's Zoo will soon open. Already on the farm are several peacocks, deer, a pair of chimpanzees, several monkeys, a pair of coyotes, a King vulture, numerous

varieties of fowl, a pair of trye squirrels from South America and a coaimundi, a South American relative of the raccoon, named Snoopy. The zoo is located at the Charles Becker farm, 11 1/2 miles east of Cass City.

Ten boys and 2 girls took a 900-mile canoe trip July 10-15 in Canada as a reward for active participation in the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Beach accompanied the group, Dennis Kessler, Dana Trueman, Gordon Wills, Mike Nichol, Donna DeLong, Diane Lockwood, Duane Lockwood, Jim Dorland, Dan Cooper, Mike Stine, Jim Daley and Ken Hall.

The Artrain arrived Tuesday morning and Mrs. Holly Althaver, community coordinator, received a call from Washington, D.C., Tuesday requesting information about the train. Ellen Plummer, editor of a magazine called "Topic", indicated an interest in writing a story for the African edition of the magazine, to show how arts in America are shared with rural inhabitants. She will send a photographer to take pictures of the activities on the train and the surrounding area.

35 YEARS AGO

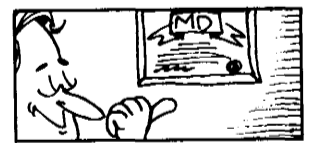
A \$75,000 building fund campaign for the Cass City Hospital was announced today by Almer Krueger, president of the board of trustees. The purpose of the campaign is to get funds with which to construct and equip a new building. The new structure will be built as an addition to the present Cass City Hospital.

Work on the special education room at Cass City Public Schools is slated to begin July 30, following the approval of Frank McComb's low bid of \$21,250 by the County Board of Education at a meeting Monday night in Caro. The 15-student room is expected to be completed in 90 days.

Mrs. Dan (Marlene) Erla, Cass City, has been named to succeed Mrs. Michael Yedinak as Tuscola County Hearing Technician. Mrs. Yedinak, whose husband is the former Cass City High School football coach, resigned early this summer because her husband had accepted a position in Alpena.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Neitzel returned to Cass City over the weekend following a 3-day, 150-mile bicycle trip into Canada.

A horse owned by Jack Zellar, Cass City, was killed when it was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Ethel G. Cook, Cass City. Although damage to the car was heavy, no injuries were reported for Mrs. Cook.



Only a psychiatrist needs an M.D. to practice. A psychoanalyst or psychologist does not.

Fall is best time for perennial weed control

Trying to eliminate weeds before harvesting small grains, such as wheat, may not be a good idea.

Jim Kells, Michigan State University agronomist, says that when growers apply herbicides prior to harvest, they will damage the crop with application equipment and run the risk of damaging other crops if the spray strays off the target.

The benefit of a preharvest herbicide is to aid the harvest. It will do nothing to increase yield. Growers should remember that using 2,4-D means the straw from the crop cannot be fed to livestock, he notes.

"In general, the most effective system for controlling perennial weeds is to conduct the harvest, allow the weeds to regrow and then apply herbicides in the fall," Kells says.

If patches of perennial weeds are too dense to harvest, they can be mowed fol-

lowing the harvest.

Kells recommends Extension IPM fact sheets E-2244 through E-2257 as guides for controlling perennial weed problems in fall, one of the best times of the year for weed control.

The fact sheets series has graphic illustrations for 13 weed species and details the chemical controls for them. Covered is field bindweed, Canada thistle, common milkweed, hemp dogbane, horsenettle, Jerusalem artichoke, johnsongrass, quackgrass, perennial sowthistle, smooth and clammy groundcherry, swamp smartweed, wild onion and garlic, wirestem muhly, and yellow nutsedge.

The fact sheets are available from the county MSU Extension office and from the MSU Bulletin Office, 10B Agriculture Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824-1039. The phone number is 517-355-0240.

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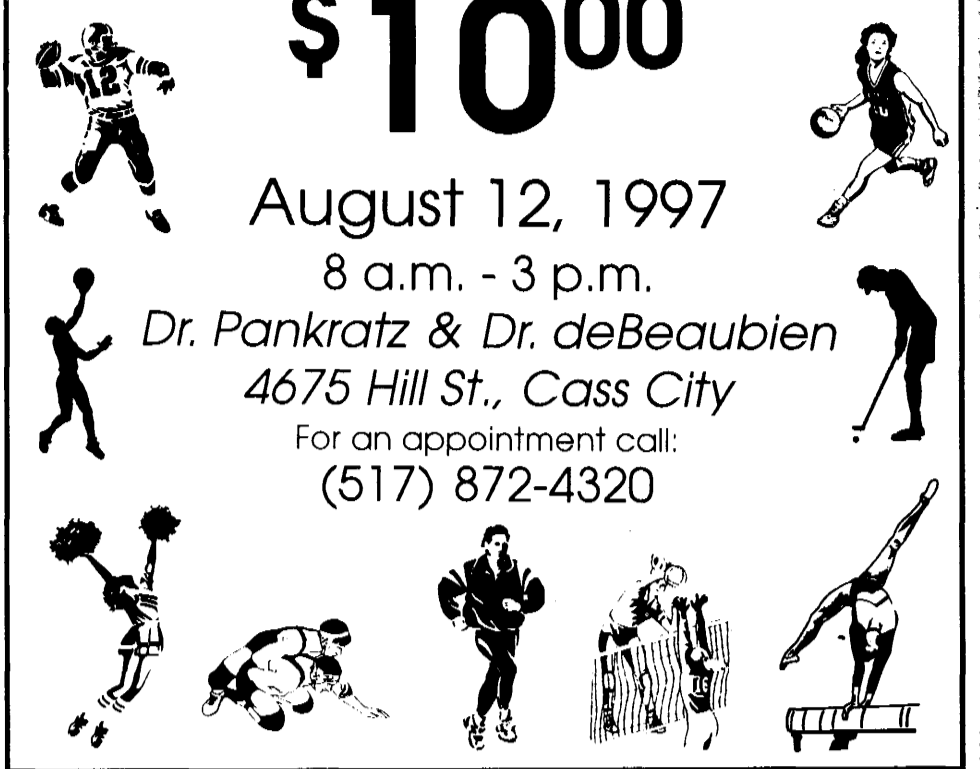
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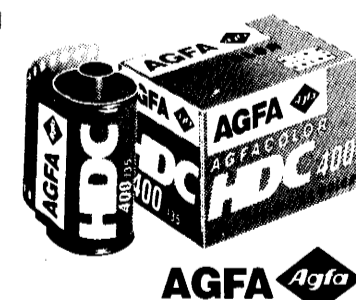
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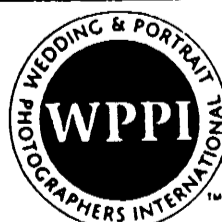
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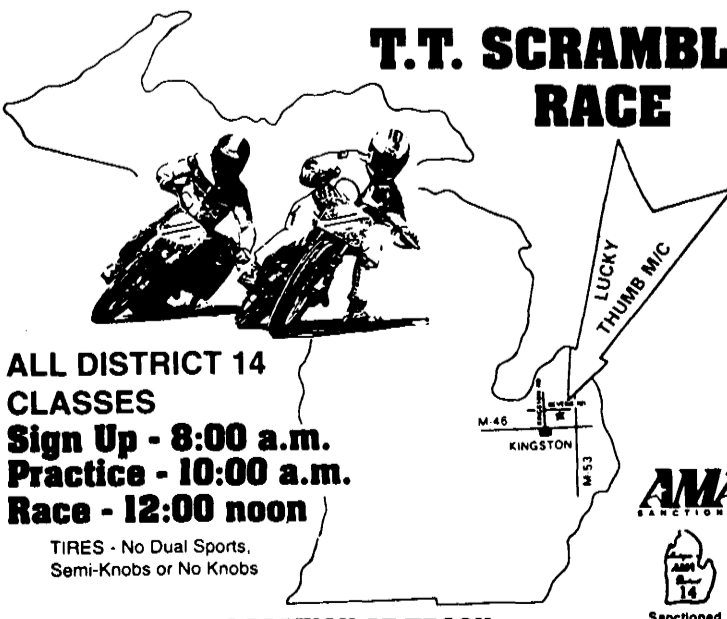
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Mrs. Twila Polich of Green Oaks, Ill., and Patti Timmons of Ann Arbor spent Friday evening with the Gaylord LaPeers. Debbie Timmons of Sterling Heights was a Saturday and Sunday visitor and all visited Gaylord LaPeer in Tenderscare.

EXTENDED HOMEMAKERS

Thirteen members and 2 guests of the Greenleaf Extended Homemakers group went on a mystery tour to Midland, where they toured Dow Gardens and the Art

Center and had lunch at Knapps before going shopping at the Midland Mall Friday, July 11.

The next meeting will be a picnic potluck dinner at the Schneberger cottage Wednesday, Aug. 13. The mystery tour was

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347

planned by Donna Walsh and Nancy Braun.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Allen Jr. spent the weekend at St. Helen.

Fourteen members of the

Ubyly Breakfast Club met at Pat's Restaurant Wednesday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

Lyle Holik was a Tuesday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt.

Mark and Allen Farrelly golfed at Rolling Hills in Cass City Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton attended the wedding of Rebecca Pastquantino and Mark Gracey at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at Ann Arbor Saturday and the reception that followed at Webber's Inn Grand Ball Room.

Silver visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kulish of Arkansas, Laura Kulish and Allen Farrelly were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross of Arcadia spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt and attended Gary's 30-year Ubyly class reunion at St. Columbkille Church Hall Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Doerr, Cory and Caitlyn Rickett and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Wednesday luncheon guests of Lana Putterbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Day of Wyoming, Mich., left Thursday morning after spending a week with Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goretzki at St. Clair Shores.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western, Ray English and friend Mary of Saginaw and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Saturday morning.

Marty and Becky Felmlee of Bay City were Sunday guests of Winnifred Sofka.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka attended the Ubyly Homecoming Sunday and later visited Alex and June Particka in Ubyly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kulish of Arkansas attended the Ubyly 30-year class reunion at St. Columbkille Church hall Saturday.

Jan McCune and Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford spent the weekend with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Another Sunday evening guest was Mrs. Ken Osentoski.

Gary Wills of Port Austin and Reva Silver were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen were Saturday afternoon guests of Donelda and Ben Meske.

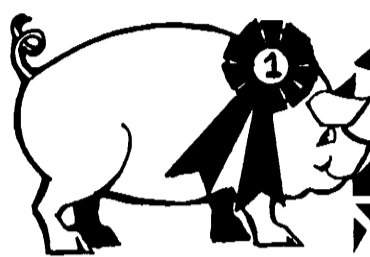
Captain Dale Cleland of West Point, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr. Captain Cleland entertained with bagpipe music.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney was among a group of around 40 who attended the K & K Florida Park picnic at Ithaca Wednesday.

Allen Farrelly visited Laura Kulish Wednesday forenoon.

Tracy, Gary and Lisa Laming spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Becky Felmlee of Bay City and Janie Main of Highland spent the week with Winnifred Sofka.



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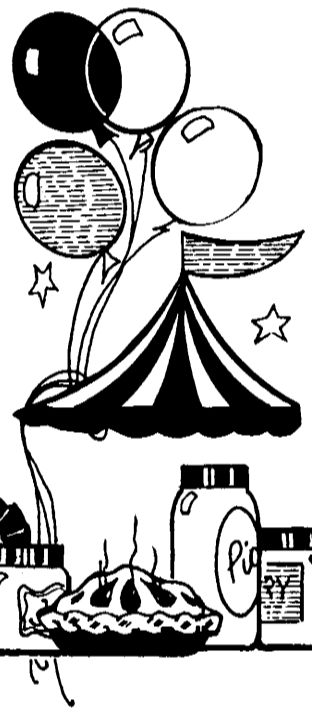
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 22

Beautiful Baby Contest Display, Pigeon Telephone, Main St. office
Historical Depot Museum open
Ladies' Golf Tournament Tee-off
Ladies' Golf Tournament Dinner
TTLM Strawberry Social, Rec Park
Coppel Concert with "All For Him" sponsored by TTLM, Band Shell

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

Men's Golf Tournament, tee-off #1
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Beautiful Baby Contest Display, Pigeon Telephone, Main St. office
Quilt Show "Some Like it Small" at "The Winner Gallery"
Historical Depot Museum open
Men's Golf Tournament Tee-off #2
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Men's Golf Tournament Dinner
Storn Leggranda's Dancers, Band Shell

THURSDAY, JULY 24

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LJ Gaudin Furniture Sale, Co-op Seed Plant (old Farmers' Market)
Sawdust Sale at around town
Sheriff's Department Safety Trailer opens at Municipal Parking Lot
Beautiful Baby Contest Display, Pigeon Telephone, Main St. office

THURSDAY CONT.

Hobby and Craft Fair, Municipal Parking Lot
Quilt Show and Used Book Sale, Pigeon District Library
Quilt Show "Some Like it Small" at "The Winner Gallery"
Wallace Stone Quarries Tour, Municipal Parking Lot (2)
Concessions Open
Bakerball Toss, Municipal Parking Lot
Kids' Kapers by 4C, Municipal Parking Lot
Pony Rides, Municipal Parking Lot
Pig Roast, Municipal Parking Lot
Historical Depot Museum Open
Lunches at VFW Hall
Children's Film Showings, Pigeon District Library
Leggranda's Dancers and the Port Fish Company
Tours, Municipal Parking Lot (2)
Registration for Fossil Tractor Pull, Rec Park
Happy Hour, VFW Hall
Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church Bean Soup Supper, Rec Park
Auctioning Goes Games, Rec Park
Coppel Concert featuring "Benno Walden", Band Shell

FRIDAY, JULY 25

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LJ Gaudin Furniture Sale, Co-op Seed Plant (old Farmers' Market)
Sawdust Sale at around town
Sidewalk Sales all around town

FRIDAY CONT.

Sheriff's Department Safety Trailer at Municipal Parking Lot
Hobby and Craft Fair, Municipal Parking Lot
Quilt Show and Used Book Sale at Pigeon District Library
Quilt Show "Some Like it Small" at "The Winner Gallery"
Active Seed Egg Processing Planting, Co-op Seed Plant
Pony Rides at Municipal Parking Lot (2)
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FRIDAY CONT.

Relax, Municipal Parking Lot
Happy Hour at VFW Hall
Coppel Pig Contest, Ages 35 & 611, behind Pigeon's Dairy Barn
Pigeon Lions BBQ Pork Sandwich Dinner, Rec Park
Crowning of Farmers' Festival Queen, other Festivals followed by Family Stage Show with "Manda Lynn", Pigeon Band Shell (1)

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Official Farmers' Festival Postmark Stamped during Post Office hours
Hobby and Craft Fair, Municipal Parking Lot
Sheriff's Department Safety Trailer, Municipal Parking Lot
Registration for Horsehoe Tournament
Used Book Sale at Pigeon District Library
Hobby and Craft Fair, Municipal Parking Lot
Sidewalk Sales all around town
Quilt Show at Pigeon District Library
Quilt Show "Some Like it Small" at "The Winner Gallery"
Horsehoe Tournament starts
Pony Rides, Municipal Parking Lot
Concessions Open
Historical Depot Museum open

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Pancake Breakfast at Knights of Columbus Hall
Community Worship Service at Rec Park
Band Hiders and Soccer Tournaments
Quilt Show "Some Like it Small" at "The Winner Gallery"
Historical Depot Museum open

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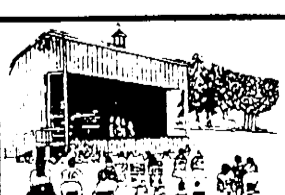
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EEE is caused by a virus that is transmitted by mosquitoes to people, horses, birds and various other mammals. House sparrows and pheasant flocks are often trapped and tested by counties since they are a prime indicator of the disease.

The disease commonly known as "sleeping sickness" has occurred in southern lower Michigan counties in recent years.

The program will continue throughout the summer and into early fall. If you have any questions, you may call Suzanne Kohnert, biologist at Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement at (517) 672-3748.

51 attend annual Cooper reunion

The annual Cooper reunion was held July 5 at the home of Melvin and Pat Fox in Harrisburg, Ill.

A potluck dinner was served and games were played in the afternoon. Cake and ice cream were served in honor of several anniversaries.

The next reunion will be in Alabama in 1998.

Fifty-one friends and relatives attended. From Michigan: Mrs. Lucille Cooper, John and Velma Gruber, Norman and Shirley Cooper, Randy, Shelley, Kyle and Kaitlin Cooper, Gary and Carol Cooper, Roger, Mary Lou, Amiee and Sarah Cooper and Ronald and Kay Monte. From Iowa: Mike, Pam and Ashley Finestead and Haley Battani. From Alabama: Jim and Shirley Godwin, Ronald and Iva Campbell, Nona Powers, Julius and Beverly Jones, and Ronald, Sheri and Carri Meadows. From Illinois: Melvin and Pat Fox, Ward, Lisa and Melissa Fox, Jim Kuhlmann, Scott, LaVon, Brian and LaVan Fox, David

and David Fox II, Joeann Johns, James and Josephine Mick, Vivian Randolph, Steve and Dianne Rice, and David and Tera Fox.

Gruber family gathers

The 5th annual reunion of the Joseph and Susie Gruber family was held at the home of Roy Thomas Bliss of Oxford, grandson of the late Joseph and Susie Gruber, Sunday, July 20, with 26 members present.

A potluck meal was served and games were played. Visiting and looking at pictures from prior reunions were enjoyed.

Members came from Port Huron, Capac, Oxford, Almont, Cass City, Drayton Plains and Oklahoma.

Next year's reunion will be held at John and Velma Gruber's.

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One area resident said she agrees with the gas tax increase and can think of some roads in bad need of repair.

Cheryl Lester, Cass City resident, said the M-81 stretch between Cass City and Reese is in need of repair. She said the ride is bumpy and is spotted with uneven spots of road and potholes.

"That's the one that comes to mind first," she said. That's a very frequently used road."

She said M-81 was the worst road she could think of, but added there are other roads in Michigan that also are in dire need of repair.

And while she said she doesn't exactly like the idea of a higher tax on gas, she admitted we will probably pay for the repairs some other way if not through the tax.

"I can't imagine people being happy with higher taxes," she said.

Nonetheless, she said no matter what the cost or how the money is raised, the roads need to be repaired soon.

"We need to do something to repair the roads."



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Calendar of Events

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

Friday, July 25

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.
Senior citizen movies, 1:30 p.m., at Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, July 26

Sandusky Thumb Dancers will hold their next open dance at the Sandusky Maple Valley School, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Music by Jerry Neuenfeldt. Everyone welcome. Bring finger food and friends.

Monday, July 28

Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.

Wednesday, July 30

Duplicate Bridge 7 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

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MARIA GARETY RECENTLY returned from the state of Washington, where she participated in an expedition charting the condition of old growth trees.

Legal notice

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Burnell A. Linton and Carol L. Linton, husband and wife as tenants, to GREENTREE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 1996, and recorded on July 29, 1996, in Liber 694, on Page(s) 995-998, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of, Fifty-nine thousand, Nine hundred, Eighty-one and 99/100 dollars, \$59,981.99, including interest at 14.40% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in 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 part of them, at public vendue, at the front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Michigan, at 10 o'clock a.m. on Sept. 5, 1997.

Said premises are situated in the City of Millington, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 8, Bishop's Second Addition to the Village of Millington, being part of the Northwest quarter of Northwest quarter of section 16, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats page 65 Tuscola County Records, now being page 13B.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 15, 1997
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SHIELA WASSERMAN, age 8, jumps off the diving board as part of her swimming lesson at the Cass City pool.

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Expedition

Garety: project a learning experience

By Angela Cook
Staff writer

When Maria Garety left for Washington to participate in a scientific expedition, the Cass City High School student had no idea what was in store for her.

Garety, a senior, recently participated in a research expedition sponsored by Earthwatch, a nonprofit volunteer organization.

She was one of 8 students chosen to participate in the project. Under the watchful eye of scientists, Garety and the other students assisted in plotting old growth trees — as old as 200 to 300 years — located in Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Plotting the old growth trees involved identifying the trees, measuring the diameter and breast height, tagging and recording data.

After plotting the trees, Garety and other participants measured the tree height and ran tests on the trees' higher limbs. With the use of a large crane, a gondola carried Garety 300 feet above the ground to collect the needed data.

In addition, Garety had to climb the crane through a series of ladders some 245

feet high to record data such as temperature, moisture and humidity.

While the better part of the team's work was on flat land, they did additional research on mountain slopes, where they worked in the clouds in cold and wet weather.

"The slope was a 70 to 75 degree angle, so climbing was hard," Garety recalled.

SIGHTSEEING

In addition to research, she and her fellow students, along with their mentors, enjoyed some sightseeing and spent a day at Mount St. Helens.

One area of interest there was Silver Lake, home of a species of brain-eating amoeba, according to Garety. She said she was shocked at these creatures, but learned they mutated by coming in contact with a volcano. Now, if someone swims in the lake, they are taking their life into their own hands.

"When we first heard it we thought they were joking, and they're like, 'No we're not,'" she said.

During the Fourth of July holiday the group visited Portland, Ore., for a fire-

works display that Garety described as being spectacular.

FRIENDSHIP

Aside from gaining knowledge about the trees, Garety said she developed many friendships in the short time she spent with her companions.

In fact, the students and mentors ate together, lived together and worked together on a daily basis. While there, the students and mentors stayed in the PNW House, a bunkhouse in the forest.

One task the students took on together was preparing meals for the entire group. "We learned how to cook for everyone," she said.

Preparing large meals was not a task they were accustomed to and problems arose, such as making too much or

too little.

Garety recalled one when they made dumplings from a Chinese recipe. Over 30 dumplings were made for each person, while the average person ate about five. "The freezer is full of dumplings. We had over 100 left."

Friendships grew by having to make decisions as a group. Group decisions ranged from meals to sightseeing to accomplishing certain tasks.

"We never made a decision without all of us making the decision together," Garety said.

She noted all of the participants were from different parts of the country, but the differences between them made for a good working group.

"We were all different, but we were all different in that we complemented each other," she concluded.

Council approves low bid for well house project

The Cass City Village Council Monday approved spending \$124,000 for construction of a new well house, and established a public hearing to consider a tax abatement request submitted by Walbro Corp.

The figure was the low bid submitted for the structure, which will house the village's new, third water well.

Trustee Les Karr, who chairs the council's Public Services Committee, said the Department of Environmental Quality has approved the well permit, paving the way to award the well house project.

Sobczak Construction Co. submitted the low bid, which includes construction of the well house as well as pumps and radio controls that will connect all 3 of the village's wells.

Four other companies submitted bids ranging from \$130,700 to \$209,171.

Karr said the new well project should come in under budget. The village originally earmarked \$250,000 for the work, which included \$50,000 in drilling expenses and another \$20,000 in engineering costs.

Turning to the Walbro request, company officials Monday formally requested an Industrial Facilities Exemption certificate for addition to the firm's research and development facility at 4144 Doerr Rd.

The project involves a 4,040-square foot addition, installation of new machinery and equipment valued at an estimated \$1,834,615, and furniture and fixtures totaling another \$15,000.

The project is expected to generate an additional 10 jobs over the next 2 years. Currently, the facility employs 24 people.

If approved, the company would receive a tax break of up to 50 percent for as long as 12 years on all new construction and equipment.

The council established a public hearing for 7 p.m. Aug. 18, just prior to the council's next monthly meeting.

In other business Monday, the council:

• Learned a paperwork mix-up delayed final approval on the awarding of bids for the Seeger Street project. However, officials say the work will still be completed by Aug. 22, with the project

now scheduled to begin Monday.

• Congratulated wastewater plant Supt. Rick Mohr on earning a higher certification as waterworks system operator.

• Heard comments from residents Stanley May and Bob Haselhuhn, who voiced concern regarding large, open drains with no childproof grating near the Northwood Condominium complex, and children playing around an underground culvert near the Tendercare nursing home.

Village Manager Lou LaPonsie stated village officials are aware of both situations and work is underway to correct them.

• Changed the date of the next regular council meeting from Aug. 25 to Aug. 18 starting at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

Work group targets domestic violence

Tuscola County has formed a domestic violence prevention work group charged with coordinating all public sector and community-based programs that deal with domestic violence.

The mission of the Tuscola County Domestic Violence Prevention Work Group is to work towards ending domestic violence in the lives of men, women and children in the county, officials said.

Members commit and agree to promote the policies and procedures developed by the group to ensure all domestic violence cases will be considered in a consistent manner, with the goal of protecting victims, reducing recidivism and heightening community awareness.

Formed by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, the group includes representatives from law enforcement, the court system, service providers, the medical, religious and educational communities, domestic violence survivors and involved citizens.

Monthly meetings will be held to assess current systems' response and to set goals and make recommendations for improvement.

Letter to the editor

Village workers-buckle up

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Mike Missovich

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - July 24-25-26, 8-5. 6048 DeLong Rd. 14-7-23-1

GARAGE SALE - Thursday only, 9-5, 4262 Oak St. 14-7-23-1

Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - July 24-26, Thursday and Friday, 9-7, Saturday 9-1. 7 miles north of Cass City, first house west off Cemetery Rd. on McAlpin Rd. Variety of clothes, new Kirby vacuum, small spring house, table and chairs, oak table, old Massey Harris tractor, house trailer axles, and miscellaneous. Pampered Chef products on display. 14-7-23-1

GIANT GARAGE SALE - July 24, 25, 26, 8:30-5:00. 7261 Bay City-Forestville Rd. (4 north of Cass City, 1 1/2 miles east.) Roll top desk, dining set, twin bed, water bed (single), chairs, vacuum, Stair Master, bookcase, Nintendo (all equipment and games), Atari, sporting and hunting stuff, guns, men's clothes (including suit), lawn mowers, car, household items, toys, children's, ladies' clothes and much more. 14-7-23-1

PORCH SALE - Odds and ends, small amount of crafts, Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. 6181 Milligan Rd., 1 north of Cass City, 1/2 west on north side. 14-7-23-1

FAMILY MOVING SALE Friday, July 25, 9 a.m. till? Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. till? Furniture, lots of wooden chairs, dishes, clothes, country shelves, knickknacks, Lots & Lots of Everything! Sharon Kraft 4453 Corner of Leach & Pine, Cass City Weather permitting Sorry No Early Sales 14-7-23-1

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GARAGE SALE - July 24-25, 9-5, 6241 Lakeside Dr. Lamps, Home Interior, treadmill, Cardio Glide, girls' and large size ladies' clothes, much more. Burleson and Auten. 14-7-23-1

GARAGE SALE - July 26, 8-5, 3375 Cass City Rd., just off Hurds Corner Rd. 14-7-23-1

GARAGE SALE - Clothing, dishes, glassware, bakeware, table saw, exercise gym, electric fence, craft items, trailer axles with tires, queen size water bed frame, soft sider for water bed, and more. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 24-26, 9 to 5 p.m. 1 mile south and 1 1/2 east of stoplight at 7298 E. Elmwood Rd. 14-7-23-1

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GARAGE SALE - Boy's clothes, misses clothes (8-14), puzzles, men's clothes (tall). 4653 Hospital Drive, 3-8 p.m. Wednesday (7-23), 9-4 Thursday (7-24). 14-7-23-1

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SEVERAL FAMILY garage sale - Something for everyone, July 24-26. Thursday and Friday, 9-5. Saturday 9-12. One mile south of Cass City on Cemetery Rd. 14-7-23-1

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Farm Bureau lauds 4-cent tax hike

The 4-cent gas tax road funding package approved by the state legislature is receiving high marks from Michigan Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization.

In total, the package, which includes the fuel tax increase and several reform measures, is expected to generate an additional \$300 million in revenue for road and bridge repair in the state.

"This long-awaited package is definitely good news for rural Michigan and farmers who depend on a well-maintained infrastructure to move inputs to the farm and raw commodities to processors, and ultimately, finished products to the consumer," said Jack Laurie, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"It's now time for our U.S. congressmen to deliver, by getting the necessary reforms to the federal highway program to improve the rate of return of federal highway funds to our state. We're also hopeful that legislators will put an end to the 4.3-cent diversion of gas tax dollars to use in deficit reduction."

Officially known as the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, or ISTEA, the program distributes highway trust funds to states for the construction and repair of highways. Unfortunately, Michigan is considered a "donor state," with an 87 percent rate of return on funds contributed to the program. Reform proponents are seeking at least a \$100 million increase in funding to Michigan.

Congress is scheduled to reauthorize the ISTEA this year and, according to Michigan Farm Bureau Associate Legislative Counsel Tim Goodrich, passage of the

state transportation funding package should send a clear signal to Washington, D.C. "Not only does this package set the stage to potentially attract more dollars matching-wise, but it also sends a message to DC that Michigan's willing to do their part, and now Washington needs to do theirs," he said.

According to Goodrich, the biggest roadblock to the state-level funding package focused on the jurisdictional issue between state and local control of some 23,000 miles of Michigan highways. Although the final package approved by the state legislature removed that portion of the original Engler proposal, Goodrich says the issue is far from resolved.

"The legislature ended up keeping the current formula intact; however, that formula is set to expire in September of 1998, meaning the state and county road commissions will have to come to an agreement on the jurisdictional issue soon," Goodrich said.

Several reform measures were included in the final package, including provisions that require additional audits of county road commissions, a 10-percent administrative cap on all state and county projects, and most importantly, says Goodrich, county road commissions can no longer require a funding match from townships for state highway dollars. A 30-percent, across-the-board, truck registration fee was also included in the package.

Goodrich says that while the typical Michigan motorist will spend approximately \$30 more in fuel taxes, it's estimated that they will save \$120 in annual car repairs. Legislators also included a \$600-per-child income tax credit, an increase in the college tuition tax credit from 4 percent to 7.5 percent, and an increase in the personal income tax exemption from \$2,500 to \$2,800.

"It's estimated that these tax cuts will cost the state general fund about \$72 million in lost revenue," Goodrich explained. "Those tax cuts, combined with the savings in car repairs, should result in an economic savings to the average motorist."



SHOPPERS HUNTED FOR bargains Wednesday during Cass City's annual sidewalk sales. Overall the stores deemed the sales a success, with some stores faring better than others.



Sidewalk sales fair to good

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whether this is the best time for it," she said.

Mike Weaver, owner of Coach Light Pharmacy, said he did extremely well overall in sales. Weaver said his sales were better than last year, attributing some of the success to the vendors which filled the holes in between the businesses.

"The whole thing was an upbeat, positive sale," he said. "Sales were very good."

House shelves plan

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tion. Despite the setback, legislators and state officials hinted the proposal could be revived in the future.

Cass City School Supt. Ken Micklash said the effort to fully fund the retirement program would be positive for schools, with or without immediately dealing with the Durant case.

"That (retirement program) can stand on its own at any point in the future," he said. "My feeling all along was that, realistically, we're probably not going to see a lot of money that is associated with the Durant settlement."

Critics of the proposed settlement charged the move was an attempt to force teachers into a defined contribution retirement plan instead of the current defined benefit plan. Under the changes to the state retirement system approved last year, teachers cannot be offered the chance to join a defined contribution plan unless the unfunded liability is paid off.

Critics also warned that even with a bonded program, the state could still end up with an unfunded liability if the returns on the state's investments do not match the investment assumptions.

Officials with the state Department of Management and Budget said last week that in order for the proposed settlement to work, they would need districts educating at least 80 percent of the state's 1.6 million students to sign on by Aug. 15.

Early last week, the Engler administration launched what officials said was a last-ditch effort to get the House to act on the legislation prior to the expected August ruling by the Supreme Court in the Durant case.

The case involves more than 80 school districts that fought in court for more than a decade to get the state to repay money the schools spent on special education. The Supreme Court ruled the state violated the Headlee Amendment, however, the court has not yet ruled on how much money the state will actually have to repay.

Damages in the case are estimated at \$567 million through the 1994-95 school year. But state Management and Budget Director Mark A. Murray has estimated the damages could total \$3.5 billion if the ruling were applied to all school districts.

STEPHANIE BOCK SEARCHES for bargains at Ben Franklin Wednesday during the opening day of the Cass City sidewalk sales.

Cass City youth do well at fair

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"The kids wouldn't do it without the commitment of parents," she said. "There's a lot of commitment from family."

Yet Nizzola said family tradition is not the only key to success. The kids also put a lot of time and effort into training and taking care of the animals.

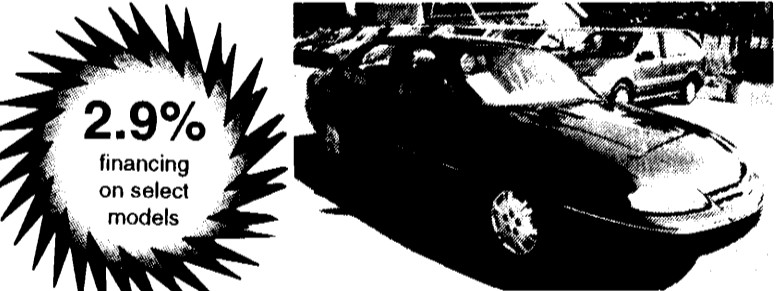
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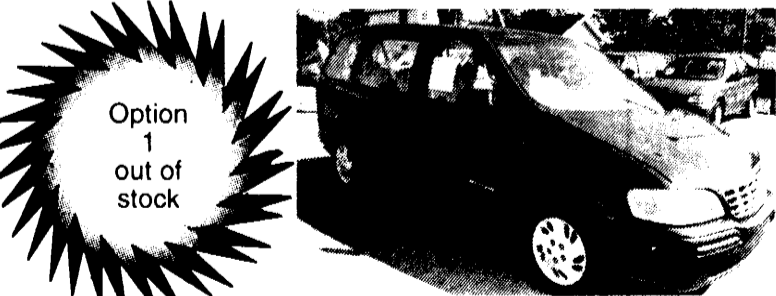
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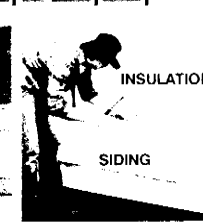


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