

**Vandals target downtown**

Vandals were out in force in Cass City last week, smashing windows and targeting a local storage business.

Village police are investigating several complaints, including one of their own in the form of 2 smashed windows at the municipal building, which houses the police department.

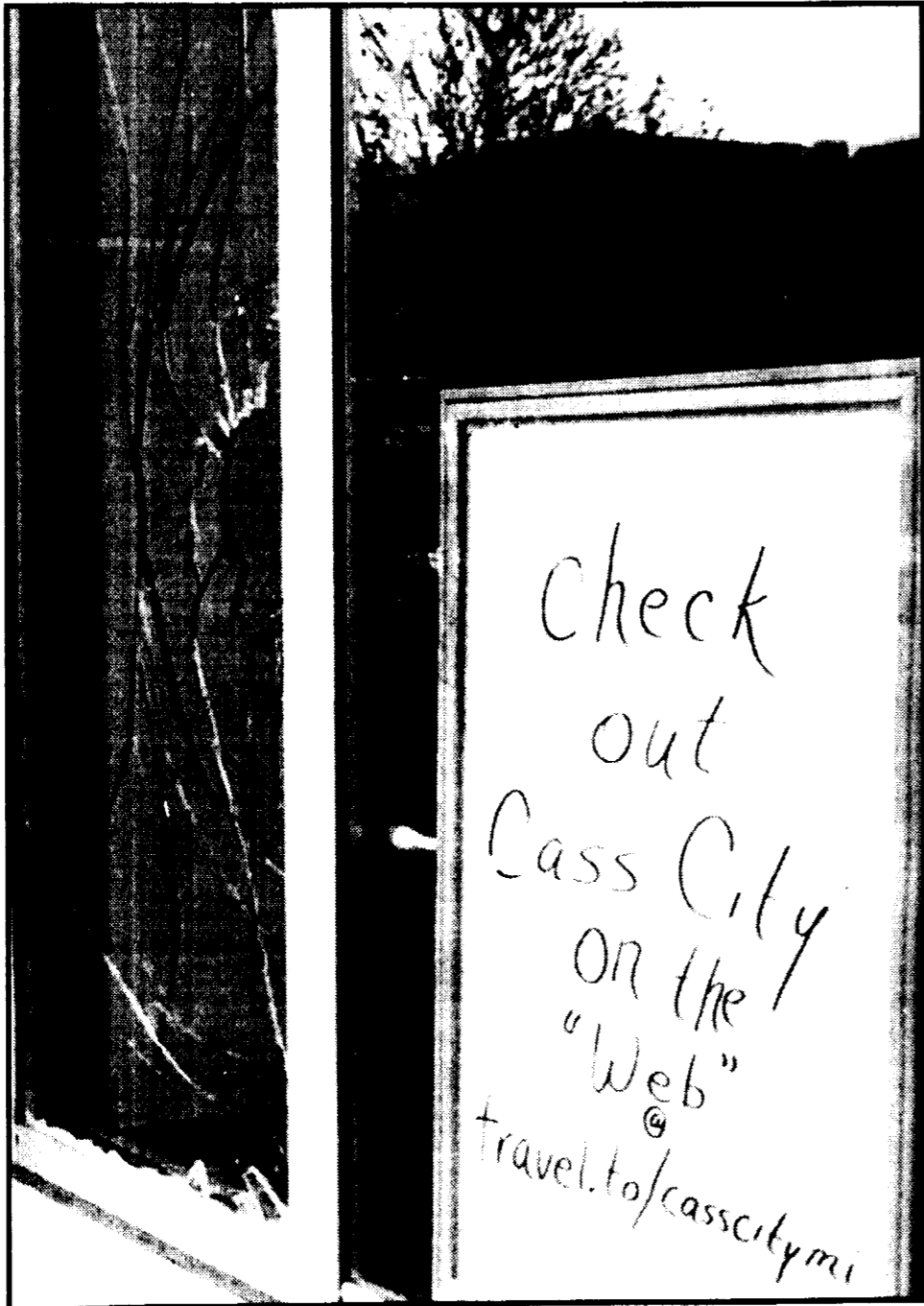
Sgt. Craig Haynes Thursday reported vandals used rocks to damage a pair of windows at the village office. No damage estimate was available.

Police also reported 2 windows smashed by rocks at Fairway Discount, 6520 Main St. (formerly the Ben Franklin Store). The damage took place just days after another window at the same business was smashed by a rock.

Also filing a damage complaint was Alfred Wright, owner of Wright's Storage, 4312 Doerr Rd., where vandals struck on 2 occasions last week, cutting the locks on 23 lockers.

It's uncertain if any property was stolen, according to reports, which state the locks are valued at \$6 each.

In other reports, Charmont Motel employees reported some guests left a room in shambles, damaging a lamp shade and trash cans, and spilling some type of liquids on the walls, floor and furnishings. No damage estimate was available.



**ROCK THROWING vandals recently caused hundreds of dollars in damage along Cass City's Main Street, where 2 windows were broken at the municipal building and 3 others were damaged at Fairway Discount (formerly the Ben Franklin Store).**

**Grant funding may be lost**

**'Health TV' under the gun**

There's no shortage of examples of what can be accomplished when area hospitals join forces to improve health care in the Thumb.

Partnerships among hospitals, including Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, have resulted in the Thumb MRI Center and soon-to-open Regional Dialysis Center.

Now, officials at Hills and Dales along with 2 other hospitals hope to break ground in the area of prevention by broadcasting health education and wellness programming into the schools and 25,000 to 30,000 households via Thumb Area Television.

Unfortunately, a lack of local matching funds may force the partnership, composed of Hills and Dales, Marlette Community Hospital, Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, and the Regional Educational Media Center (REMC) in Cass City to give up thousands of dollars in federal money already earmarked for the project.

The good news is that the partnership has received grants from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program and USDA Distance Learning Grant Program totaling \$504,517.

Now the bad news: The partnership has raised all but \$81,125 of a required \$199,909 in local matching funds, but the area hospitals simply don't have the means to come up with more cash in the wake of severe federal cuts in Medicare (federal health coverage for senior citizens) and Medicaid (state health coverage for the poor).

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation recently announced a \$2,500 grant to Hills and Dales for the purpose of obtaining grant writing assistance for funding the project, called the Thumb Area Distance Learning Network. How-

ever, time is running out. "If we don't get the funding within the next 3 or 4 months, we'll probably have to turn the project (funding) back in," Dee McKrow, chief executive officer of Hills and Dales, lamented.

"We've applied for 20 different grants, but so far we haven't heard any good news."

McKrow explained the proposed Thumb Area Distance Learning Network would target 3 separate audiences, including students who would benefit from programs on healthy habits broadcast in the classroom.

In addition, a variety of health prevention programs would be broadcast through compressed video to some 25,000 area homes on REMC's Thumb Area Television (Channel 98), and hospitals would enjoy huge savings in travel and other expenses by sharing continuing education programming for health care workers.

The key is cooperation, McKrow noted.

For example, she said, "Can we (Hills and Dales) offer a diabetic cooking class once a week? No. But if all the hospitals work together, then it's affordable."

Unhealthy lifestyles that are so prevalent in the Thumb make prevention and health education a vital ingredient to improving the health of residents, McKrow said.

Still, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 is hitting hospitals hard, shrinking their margins and forcing them to cut back on prevention efforts in order to avoid layoffs or, in the worst-case scenario, closing their doors.

"Unfortunately, when you have to start cutting corners, prevention is always the first to go," McKrow said. "That's a shame, but it's the hard fact."

Considering the amount of

grant funding already approved for the project, the prospect of failure is particularly disappointing. REMC Director Tim von Hoff acknowledged.

This is a really good project for the Thumb, he said, adding the need for health education in the region is evident along with finding a way to economically overcome the distances between communi-

ties and health care facilities.

"The technology seems to be the easiest part. The toughest part is the funding," he said.

"We haven't given up hope yet. We believe that there is that kind of money available in the 3-county area. We're still looking for people who would be willing to help us

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**Elkland board hikes stand-by fire fees**

Fire protection in area townships served by the Elkland Township Fire Department will cost more this year.

An increase in stand-by fees was approved last week by the Elkland Township Board, which also accepted estimates from the Tuscola County Road Commission for a number of road projects this summer.

Township Clerk Norma Wallace reported the board approved an 8.3-percent hike in stand-by fees, from \$300 to \$325 per township section, effective July 1.

Wallace noted the fire department covers nearly 111 sections in several townships, including Ellington, Kingston and Novesta in Tuscola County, Evergreen and Greenleaf in Sanilac County, and Grant in Huron County.

The increase is expected to generate an additional \$2,769 in revenue, boosting fire department revenues to \$35,994 this year.

Wallace said township officials previously increased stand-by fees by \$25 per township section 2 years ago.

In a related matter, board members agreed to institute a new fire run billing policy that places the responsibility of collecting fees on the shoulders of the townships.

Beginning July 1, fire run fees that remain unpaid after 90 days from the billing date will be billed to the township where the resident resides, Wallace said. In turn, she added, "the townships can put those on the resident's tax bill. They have the right to collect it that way."

The new policy is in response to what has become a costly effort to collect unpaid fees, according to the clerk.

"It has (been a problem)," she said. "We end up having to pay to have them collected. We spent over \$1,700 for collections... through our attorney last year."

"This year, it seems, I'm having more problems than

usual," agreed Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski, who explained he bills for fire runs twice, if necessary, then turns the fees over for collection 30 days after the final billing.

In many cases, Pawloski suggested, the problem does not lie with the individual who found themselves in need of the fire department's services. "A lot of it is insurance companies dragging their feet, I think," he said.

The fees charged by the fire department vary depending on the type of fire and amount of time spent on the scene by fire fighters.

The fee for a structure fire is \$300 for the first hour and \$200 for the second hour, with a maximum charge of \$500. The department charges \$150 for the first hour of a vehicle fire, with a maximum of \$300.

The charges may seem high, however, Pawloski said the time and effort spent sometimes far outweighs the bill. For example, fire fight-

ers spent 8 hours working to extinguish the Sommers Bakery fire, but the department could only charge \$500.

The bottom line, he concluded, is fire department equipment, like anything else, wears out and must be repaired and, eventually, replaced, which is why township officials have decided to up stand-by fees and implement a less costly billing system.

**ROAD WORK**

Turning to road improvements, the board accepted road commission estimates totaling \$95,700 for 4 projects.

Work to be completed this summer includes:

\*Placement of a blacktop mat over seal coat on 1.01 miles of Milligan Road, Koepfgen to Cemetery, \$27,500.

\*Crushed gravel on 1.02 miles of Richie Road, from

Bay City-Forestville to Huron Line, \$16,000.

\*Sand base and crushed gravel on one mile of Krapf Road, Elmwood to M-81, \$51,000.

\*Drainage work at the corner of Huron Line and Schwegler roads, \$1,200.

Township officials noted that, based on a county road commission formula taking into account the amount of local funds spent on road projects, the township will receive a \$25,000 reimbursement from the county.

In other business during the April 12 monthly meeting, the board accepted a 2-year contract extension with Landmark Appraisal Co., Flint, which will continue to handle assessing duties in the township.

Under the contract, the township will pay \$10,500 each year for the service. The rate is the same charged the previous 2 years.

**Chamber officials pleased with year's accomplishments**

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce is continuing to grow and improve in its effort to work with the community to make the village a great place to live, work and play.

"We have accomplished a great deal this past year," said chamber Administrator Kay Warner, "and we are trying our best to keep the community up to date on our progress."

"We have been publishing a newsletter called Chamber Chat to keep members informed as well as trying to make more personal contacts. We have revised the dues schedule to make membership more equitable for everyone and our annual

membership drive has just begun."

Among the new benefits offered through the chamber is group health and life insurance for chamber business members.

"We have been working diligently with the Tuscola County Council of Chambers for the past 10 months to be able to offer this to our members," Warner explained.

At the same time, she noted, the chamber, a non-profit corporation in good standing with the IRS and state of Michigan, continues to support existing businesses as well as to encourage the location of new businesses. "We can post informational

flyers at the office, display their brochures and make direct referrals to the many phone requests we receive," Warner added.

The chamber is also responsible for the Cass City web site, which can be reached at travel.to/casscitymi (a www in front of the address is not necessary).

Work is on-going for the member directory on the site," Warner said. "If a member has their own web site, they will be directly linked to the Cass City site."

Warner said the chamber recently adopted new bylaws and have set 3-year term limits for its directors.

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**89 acres and counting**

**Local students working to save rainforest**

Cass City students are continuing a tradition of doing their part to save rainforest acreage in South America.

High school students in Nancy Weippert's biology class are again selling T-shirts imprinted with environmental themes. The shirts are available for \$13.50 each, and for every 10 shirts sold, the students are able to "adopt" one acre of rainforest.

This is the fifth year Weippert's students have been involved in the project, and sixth grade students at the middle school have participated for the past 4 years.

The Rainforest Adopt-an-Acre project is conducted annually in more than 10,000 schools across the country via a special network of educators called Earth Founda-

tion. By selling shirts, the students raise funds that will help protect countless species of plants and animals in Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in Colombia, South America.

To-date, Cass City High School students have pro-

tected nearly 89 acres.

Proceeds from the T-shirt sales go toward training forest rangers, buying equipment and vehicles, environmental education programs and developing ways to use natural products from the forest without destroying the fragile ecosystems.

Weippert said students elected to become involved in the project after learning about the importance of rainforests.

According to officials at Earth Foundation, a Houston-based environmental education organization, rainforests really do need rescuing.

At present, half of the world's rainforests have been burned and bulldozed. Rainforest Action Network (RAN) officials say the rest are being destroyed at an alarming rate of 78.8 million acres a year — 150 acres a minute. At the current rate, they say, tropical forests will vanish within 30 years.

In the balance lies thousands of plant and animal

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**CASS CITY students, including (from left) juniors Andrea Gohsman, Lindsey Gaszcynski and Alyssa Glaspie are again selling T-shirts in an effort to "adopt" more rainforest acreage in South America.**



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Suzor

*It's a boy!*



Jacob Daniel Warack

Jacob Daniel Warack was born March 23, 1999, at Bay Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Parents are Dan and Julie Warack of Gageton. Jacob's big sister, Carli, welcomed him home. Grandparents are Juanita Warack of Gageton and Tony and Pat Enderle of Owendale. Great-grandmother is Stella Errer of Owendale.

*Heartland Boys to perform*

The Heartland Boys from Nicholasville, Ky., will be singing Sunday, April 25, at the Shabbona United Methodist Church at 11:15 a.m. The Heartland Boys are a southern gospel quartet featuring George Webster, who formerly sang with the Calvarymen and Cathedral quartets. They will present a lively, spirit-filled program of old favorites and new arrangements. The public is invited.



California's redwoods are the world's tallest trees, towering more than 360 feet.



Chuckles

by Melva E. Guinther

Golfing season is upon us once more. Here's a story that only true golfers or those who live with them can fully appreciate.

John and his friend George went golfing together Saturday morning as they had for 24 years straight.

When John returned home and plopped down in the easy chair exhausted, his wife asked if something went wrong with his game.

"No," he replied. "I had the best game I've had in years. As a matter of fact, I started out the first 3 holes at 4 under par, including a hole-in-2 on the 3rd."

"So why are you so beat?" his wife asked.

"Well, George had a heart attack and died on the 4th hole," he said.

"Oh no! And you're exhausted from trying to save him!"

"No, it was very quick and there was nothing anyone could do. But after that it was just hit the ball, drag George, hit the ball, drag George..."

We're grateful for all the column material we get via e-mail. It's wonderful, but e-mail has been known to cause problems.

Consider the man who left the snow and cold of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and planned to join him in Florida the next day.

When he reached the hotel, he decided to send her a quick message. He couldn't find her e-mail address, so he did his best to type it from memory.

Unfortunately, he missed one letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had died the day before.

When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

Her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife -  
Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your ar-

rival tomorrow.  
Your loving husband,  
P.S. Sure is hot down here.

Then there was the gal on the plane bound for New York, who was asked by the flight attendant to move from first class to the coach section since she didn't have a first class ticket.

The girl replied, "I'm blonde; I'm beautiful; I'm going to New York, and I'm not moving."

The flight attendant asked the co-pilot to speak to her, which he did.

Again the beauty replied, "I'm blonde; I'm beautiful; I'm going to New York, and I'm not moving."

The co-pilot returned to the cockpit and asked the captain what he should do.

The captain said, "I'm married to a blonde, and I know how to handle this."

He went to the first class section and whispered something in the blonde's ear.

She immediately jumped up and ran to the coach section, mumbling to herself, "Why didn't someone just say so?"

Surprised, the flight attendant and co-pilot asked what he had said to her that finally convinced her to move.

He said, "I told her the first class section wasn't going to New York."  
(Please, no irate letters from blondes. It's just a joke!)

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*At Baker College*

*Honors lists announced*

Baker College, Cass City, officials recently announced the school's president's and dean's lists for the winter 1999 quarter.

Named to the president's list for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average while carrying at least 12 credit hours were:

Rochelle McKeel, Jaimie Peasley and Michelle Peruski, all of Cass City.

Among those named to the full-time dean's list for earning a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 while carrying a minimum 12 credit hours were:

Louisa Cartwright, Dawn Hollis, Carol Kessler and Juliann Parsons, all of Cass City; Loretta Schmidt and Robin Wildman, both of Gageton; Deborah Aleck and Adrienne Moore, both of Snover, and Diana

Iwankovitsch of Ubly. Named to the part-time dean's list for earning a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 while carrying 4 to 11 credit hours were:

Tracy Crawford, Nora Frederick, Grant Gould, Ann King, Stephanie Mika, Jodie Tordai, Constance Wedge and Debra Wills, all of Cass City; Martha Alexander and Lynn Talaski, both of Defcker; Terri Graichen of Deford, and Erica Graham of Snover.

*28 attend O-G seniors meeting*

Twenty-eight Owen-Gage Senior Citizens met April 15 at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bach, for a dinner prepared by the ladies of the church. Pastor Wendt gave the table prayer.

President Jack Doerr opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and pledge. A card was mailed to Bob Schell at Tendercare.

Euchre was played and prizes were: men's high, Jack Doerr; low, Jack Harbec; women's high, Gerri Schobert; low, Mary Guza. Traveling prize went to Jack Doerr.

The committee for May is Gerri Schobert, Elizabeth Bartholomy, Stella Errer and Ruth Kaake.

*Sr. Citizens' Menu*

Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 9:00 a.m., on the day of the meal, by calling Clara Gaffney, 872-2875.

APRIL 26-28-30

**Monday** - Pasta w/meat sauce, zucchini & tomatoes, salad bar, garlic bread, dream dessert.

**Wednesday** - Beef tips/noodles, French style green beans, tossed salad, rolls, cantaloupe.

**Friday** - Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, French bread, oatmeal cookie.

*New books at the library*

**Windfall** by James Magnuson: Money, or the lack of it, is a problem for Ben Lindberg. A professor, whose specialty is transcendentalism, he can't afford to replace his old car, can't afford to fix it and can't afford to move his family to a better neighborhood. Then things change one night while he is looking for the family cat. In an abandoned feed store he comes across 8 coolers filled with money. A windfall. Ben takes the money, hides it and doesn't tell anyone. But he begins to buy things to improve his family's life: a new house, a second car, etc. Things are going very well until someone comes looking for the coolers and Ben discovers that everything comes at a cost - in this case, a cost much greater than he could have imagined.

**Tribulation Force** by Tim LaHaye & Jerry Jenkins: In one historic moment millions of people around the world disappear. Those left behind are terror-stricken and want to know what happened. Airline pilot, Rayford Steele, newspaper reporter Buck Williams, Pastor Bruce Barnes and college student, Chloe Steele, set out to find the answer. They find it in the most unlikely place. Suddenly everything makes sense. They learn that the disappearances are the beginning of the 7 year period of Tribulation, during which the earth will suffer from the most catastrophic calamities in its history. Buck Williams, Bruce Barnes, Rayford Steele and Chloe Steele get together to form the Tribulation Force. Their job is to fight the enemies of God during the 7 most chaotic years the planet will ever see.

**A Sudden Change in Heart** by Barbara Taylor Bradford: Laura Valiant and Claire Benson have been best friends since childhood and have remained close even through the problems of adult life. Laura is a partner in an art dealership and her marriage to Doug is going well. Claire is divorced but she dotes on her precocious daughter Natasha. The 2 friends' lives do not continue to follow the paths the reader would imagine they will. When Claire is confronted with sudden tragedy she turns to Laura for help. The story reaches its high point of excitement when the history of Claire's ex-husband's family intersects with Laura's investigation of artwork stolen by the Nazis during World War II.

*Suzors exchange vows in Nashville*

Gary and Geri Suzor announce the marriage of their son, Gary, to Amy Rice. Amy is the daughter of Janet Berry and Reggie Chambers of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Amy and Gary were married Jan. 26 in Nashville,

Tenn. Gary is employed with Nexlink Corp. of Memphis. They are presently living in Millington, Tenn., with Carmyn, age 4. An open house is being planned for the fall.

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# Holbrook Area News



Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 658-2347

Mrs. Joe Loeffler of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker, Thelma Jackson, Clara Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson attended the funeral of Mrs. Harold (Berneta) Nadiger at the Dryer Funeral Home at Holly Wednesday. Burial was in the White Chapel Cemetery.

Allen Farrelly attended the Monday night bowling banquet at Whitey's in Ubyly.

Bryce and Betty Hagen were Wednesday evening guests of Ben and Donelda Meske at Port Hope.

Bob and Jardine Zurek, and Clarence and Leone Depcinski took Ray and Rita Depcinski to Bishop Airport Monday, March 29, to fly to Florida, where they spent 2 weeks with Tom and Flora Prill. While there, they visited Marlene Jandereski and attended a fish fry and potluck supper at Ripley's Sunrise Cove Park at Auburndale, Fla., and at-

tended flea markets. Tom and Flora Prill and Ray and Rita Depcinski came home together Thursday.

Allen Farrelly was a Sunday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bezemek in Ubyly.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney, Josephine Wolschlagel, Joyce Polega, Pat Heleski and Delphine McEachin attended the East Region Council of Catholic Women at Saint Anthony's Parish at Helena. The speaker was Rev. Charles Hammond, who spoke on Mexico.

Dick and Judy Wallace were Tuesday guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Bobbi Allen and Allen Farrelly were Wednesday forenoon guests of Cheryl Allen.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Saturday afternoon guest of Thelma Jackson.

Allen and Alice Depcinski were Sunday afternoon guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski.

# Support services available

The Blue Water Center for Independent Living (BWCIL) is offering support services for persons with disabilities and their families living in Tuscola and Huron counties.

Services include advocacy, information and referral, independent living services, and peer counseling. The BWCIL also addresses such issues as employment, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and housing.

The Caro office is in the Caro Professional Center, 1184 Cleaver Rd. The BWCIL also has offices located in Sanilac, St. Clair and Lapeer counties.

If you desire to become a part of the BWCIL or wish further information contact Sandy in the Caro office at (517) 673-3678, or call the Sanilac County office toll free at 1 (800) 877-7522 and request Angela.

Eleven members of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Stafono's Thursday morning for breakfast. They will meet at Big Boy next week.

Captain and Mrs. Francis Kanaby announce the birth of a granddaughter, Elisa Marie Alley, born March 23 at Fort Pierce, Fla. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was welcomed home by her parents, Leona and Dwayne Alley, and big sister, Mary.

Mrs. Mark Farrelly, Lee and Heath were Tuesday evening guests of Allen Farrelly.

Violet and Bernard Holdwick were Friday evening guests of Ray and Rita Depcinski.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Alice and Allen Depcinski were Sunday guests of Karen and Randy Rutkowski and family. Birthday cake and ice cream were served for Bryan Rutkowski's 16th birthday.

Allen Farrelly had breakfast at Ubyly Heights Golf Club Sunday.



THE ARTWORK OF Cass City School students is on display this week at Rawson Memorial Library. Above, advanced art students (from left) Dave Mellendorf, Laura Laming and Andrea Gohsman help set up the display.

# Kingston honor roll

Kingston High School honor roll for the 3rd marking period has been announced.

## 7TH GRADE

Julie Bishop\*, Kristen Boyle\*, Martin Brooks, Ashley Farver, Andrew Filipek, Jodi Fourman, Katie Gilley, Amanda Guinn\*, Ashley Harneck, Courtney Harp\*, Ryan Hart, Jared Houghton, Jeremy King, Aaron Kolacz\*, Martin McKulkin, Justin Noble, Tamitha Paquette\*, Daniel Phillips, Shane Quick, Sarah Rayl\*, Justin Robinson, Cassandra Romano, Darlene Sommerfield\*, Derek Suttle.

## 8TH GRADE

Lisa Adameczyk, Tiffany Adams, Samantha Anger\*, Jenna Azarovitz, Jessica Blomquist, Coren Crane, Melissa Ford, Amanda Francowiak, Brian Hecke, Margaret Heeke, Rachael Johnson, Chanda Kelley\*, Brett Magiera, Andrea McCoy, Dennis Meyer, Jennifer Randall, Gabriel Romosier, Edgar Ross, Phillip Szygiel, Christy Willis, Brian Wolak\*.

## 9TH GRADE

Mikhael Blackwell, Andrew Brzezinski, Megan Clapsaddle, Justin Diegel, Sarah Dupre\*, Sara Farley, Melissa Hill\*, Michael Lalko, Tyler Lyons, Amy Mahan, Eric Marquardt, Cody Mehney, Brianne Ross, Chris Smith, Wendy Wood.

## 10TH GRADE

Alisha Blomquist\*, Aimee Brzezinski\*, Andrea Congdon, Karrie Cummings, Jennifer Ford, Amanda Haarz, Denell Harneck, Heather Harp, Holly Harp, Maranda Hathaway, Jackie Hockstad, Chris Jaynes, Jennifer Jobson\*, Kristen Jones, Angela King\*, Autumn Klimek, Elizabeth Mashike, Alecia Nicol, Jordan Robinson, Aaron Rodenbo, Sandra Selby, Nicole Van

Allen\*, Misty Waun\*, Tim Wolak.

## 11TH GRADE

Elizabeth Brief, Kevin Clinesmith, Brent Darling, Ethan Dereszynski\*, Autumn Filipek, Beth Hunter, Amanda Jacques, Dana Jones, Jesse Kaniszewski, Holly Klimek, Amanda Mahan, Amanda Montei, Lyslie Nelson, Vanessa Nowak, Jeremy Reyk, Gabriel Rowinski, Rebekah Szygiel, Danica Willis.

## 12TH GRADE

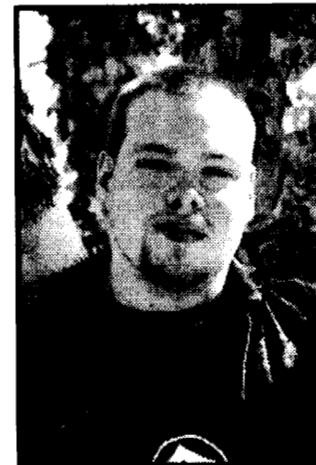
Matthew Borek\*, Jeff Chappel, Laura Collins, Nick Dupre\*, Jennifer Easlick\*, Sheila Froede, Michael Germain, Roxanne Groosbeck, Bethany Gyomory, Colleen Harp\*, Nathaniel Heacock, Bobbi King\*, Laura King\*, Lisa King\*, Ashley McLellan, Rebekka McLellan, Amber Myers, Jeff Phillips, Wendi Sims\*, \*All A's

# Guillett named student of month

Cris Guillett has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for April.

He has been on the honor roll, served as a representative on the snowball court, and been named a "Focus Student of the Month" all 4 years of high school. He has also worked as a teacher's aide his senior year.

Guillett is the son of Art and Jane Guillett of Sebewaing. He plans on entering the world of work after graduation.



Cris Guillett

# County recycling project Tire collection May 15

Tuscola County Recycling will host a tire collection May 15. This will be the first of 2 tire collections for the county," said Sharon Mika. Mosquito Abatement will once again subsidize the tire program to lower the cost of recycling your tires.

The tires are being recycled by Environmental Rubber Recycling, Inc. of Saginaw (ERR Inc.) Environmental Rubber Recycling, Inc. has been processing tires into various size chips since 1991. The tires are shredded into 2-3 inch chips and granulated into various size particles. ERR Inc., processed the largest amount of scrap tires in the history of the company in 1998, a total of 1,403,505 tires. The largest amount of these tires was used as a tire derived fuel for

co-generation power plants. Crumb rubber is also used for applications such as cattle mats, artificial golf tees for driving ranges and par-3 courses, turf enhancement for athletic fields and golf courses, climbing wall safety protection, playgrounds, and asphalt paving scalant. The tires collected by ERR Inc. have all been from Michigan creating a 100% diversion rate for the tires.

The tire collection will be held at Tuscola County Recycling located at 1123 Mertz Rd. (M-24) one mile east of the village of Caro, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is for one day only. The cost of recycling your tires will be \$1.20 per car/pickup truck tire, the first 2000 tires will be \$.20 off. Semi-truck tires will be \$4.80, the first

125 tires will be \$.80 off. Tractor tires will be \$12.50 each. We prefer rims to be off, but we will accept tires with rims on. If you have any questions please contact Mika at 517-672-1673.

Tires have become a concern for many townships with people disposing of tires along the roadways. Many townships are sponsoring tire collections for their own communities to provide a place for residents to properly dispose of tires. The county has been providing an annual tire collection since 1995. When purchasing tires ask the company to recycle your old tires. Tire piles can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and a fire hazard. If you need to store tires, keep them inside or covered.

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Reduce fatal accidents

# Zero-tolerance laws protect teens

Zip. Zero. Zilch. That's the message AAA Michigan wants young people to hear clearly as they prepare to celebrate during the upcoming prom and graduation season. "It's a must to have fun without alcohol," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Michigan's zero-tolerance law prohibits minors from drinking and driving - without exception. As of February 1998, all but 4 states had passed zero tolerance laws. These laws make it illegal for people under 21 to drive with any measurable blood alcohol

content (BAC) in their blood. Zero-tolerance laws are important because they can help protect teens from crash involvement. One study showed that states with zero-tolerance laws reduced the number of single-vehicle nighttime fatal crashes involving young drivers by 16 percent, compared to a one-percent increase in such crashes in states without zero tolerance. States with a .02 or lower BAC limit were found to have greater and more significant reductions than those with higher limits. In Michigan, the conse-

quences are severe for having "just one drink before driving." The police will be tough on minors who have been drinking and driving. Arrested teens may:

- Lose their license for 30 to 90 days;
- Pay up to \$250 in fines, and/or
- Perform up to 45 days of community service;
- Have 4 points added to their driving record;
- Pay as much as \$4,000 in attorney fees, and
- Be subject to increased insurance, which can add up to 3 times the current auto insurance premium for a 3-year

period. "The penalties are stiff because the risk of crashes is so high," says Basch. "The risk of crash involvement for drivers 16-19 years old is 4 times that of older drivers nationwide." Crash rates are high largely because of driving inexperience, he adds. For youths, driving practices such as speeding, tailgating and lack of attention lead to high-risk situations. At the same time, their lack of experience behind the wheel makes it difficult for them to recognize and respond to crash-causing situations.

To understand the progress over the years, credit zero-tolerance laws, law enforcement, family involvement, and peer pressure. Public information and education campaigns by AAA Michigan and other organizations such as Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) also have played a key role. For example, the auto club partners with local school districts to conduct parent-education seminars on teen driving, using the popular AAA program, "Teaching Your Teen to Drive." Yet, in spite of these and other constructive measures, Basch remains cautious because further crash reductions will become more difficult. "We still have a considerable way to go," he says. "The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes in Michigan is \$2.75 billion, but alcohol-related fatalities are going down. By all standards, drinking and driving remains a major challenge to overcome."

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## Scouting for Food Drive April 19-24

Cass City Cub Scout Pack 3594 and Boy Scout Troop 594 are doing their annual National Good Turn in the form of a "Scouting for Food Drive", April 19-24.

Scout Troop 594 will collect the bags Saturday. Food items needed must include canned meat or fish, vegetables, fruit, pasta and cereal. It's important to note that all food items will be donated to a local food pantry and then distributed to needy persons in the area. The Scouting for Food project coordinator for this year is Deb Ross. She can be reached to answer questions at 872-2318. Assistance for this year's project has been received from Walbro Corporation and United Way.



THE CASS CITY Garden Club gave away dozens of seedlings at Rawson Memorial Library Thursday in honor of Arbor Day. Pictured above are (front, from left) Jean Reid, Alvin Hutchinson, (back row) club members Wendy Prange, Marge Feebish and Anna Niebrzydowski.

## Clean Sweep

### Pesticide disposal program planned in July

A one-day "Clean Sweep" collection will be held this July in Gagetown for residents in Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties. The Clean Sweep program is for the safe and proper disposal of pesticides that are no longer needed, have been banned or recalled, or are damaged. Participants in the

past have included farmers, golf course managers, nursery and greenhouse operators. Although the focus has been primarily agricultural, homeowners are welcome to participate.

This program is for end-users only, dealers or persons who apply pesticides for

hire, cannot participate. The Clean Sweep program is a free, non-regulatory program. There is no red tape and all information is kept strictly confidential. Participants must fill out a form and schedule an appointment before materials will be accepted. No materials will be accepted without an appointment.

The Lapeer County Environmental/Recycling and Environmental Health divisions, MDA, local Conservation Districts, and the MSU Cooperative Extension offices sponsor this program. The US Environmental Protection Agency, local agencies and the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program provide funding. To participate, call the Lapeer County Environmental/Recycling office at 810-667-0452 or contact your local conservation district office. Space is limited and appointments will be made on a first come, first served basis.



FIVE GENERATIONS - Front row, from right, great-great-grandmother, Beatrice Raczak of Cass City, holding baby Brendan, and mother of Brendan, Rebecca Rogge of East Detroit. Back row, from right, grandmother, Lori Rogge of East Detroit, and great-grandmother, Patricia Sneath of Fraser.

## Little change expected in planted acres in '99

Michigan's crop farmers expect little change from last year in planted acres for most major crops, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Services. The data for this report was collected March 1-15. Some highlights of the 1999 Prospective Plantings Report are as follows:

189,000 acres, an increase of 12,000 acres, and the third largest on record if realized. Michigan dry bean acres, at 310,000, are up from 300,000 planted acres in 1998. Growers plan to shift some acreage back to Navy beans. Michigan all hay harvested acres are expected to total 1.20 million acres, down 50,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 78.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1999, down 2 percent from both last year and 1997. If these intentions materialize, this would be the lowest planted acreage since 1995.

Michigan corn farmers expect to plant 2.30 million acres, unchanged from last year. Soybeans in Michigan are estimated at 2 million planted acres, up 100,000 acres from last year. Sugar beet producers in Michigan hope to plant

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# Chamber alive and well

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"The first nomination and election process will begin in the spring of 2000," she added. "Jamie Peasley of the Yeo and Yeo Accounting Firm has been appointed by the board to fill a vacancy. She will finish a one-year directorship remaining on John Cooper's term."

Upcoming chamber events include the annual community dinner, scheduled for

May 1. "Tickets are now on sale," Warner said. "It is always a great night of food, entertainment and recognition for some very special people in Cass City."

Warner described chamber promotions in recent months — Super Saturdays in December and Health Awareness Days in conjunction with the opening of the new Medical Arts and Rehabilitation Center just a few weeks ago — as successful. Next

up will be Summer Sale Mania, she added.

In the meantime, Warner continued, "the chamber will again have a full page ad in the Vacation Guide, touting the many opportunities in Cass City. We will be working with the DDA on a spring clean-up project and we will also be working with the library to support the 'Barn Again!' traveling exhibit that will be coming to Cass City in the spring of 2000."

# Free diabetic foot exams set today

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, in conjunction with the American Diabetic Association (ADA) will be holding free diabetic foot exams, by appointment only, April 21, for diabetics who have not seen a podiatrist in the past year.

The exam, which takes approximately 15 minutes, will be completed by Thomas K. Ernst, D.P.M.

Diabetic feet need attention. Ignore them and they may go away. According to the ADA, people with diabetes often lose some feeling in their feet. A small problem like a blister, cut or splinter can lead to serious infection, gangrene, or even amputation.

For more information or to schedule your appointment, call Huron Memorial Hospital at 517-269-9521.

# One acre at a time

# Youths saving rainforest

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species, indigenous tribal groups and the health of the planet. Rainforests play an essential role in the weather, prevent global warming, reduce erosion and provide a bounty of riches, including hardwoods, rubber, food and medicines (pharmacologists have identified more than 2,000 tropical plants with

cancer-fighting properties). Despite the outlook, Earth Foundation officials express hope in the efforts of students across the country.

Aside from getting involved in saving rainforests, students learn about the impact of consumer choices on rainforests, how recycling helps, and ways to express their concerns and opinions

to governmental leaders and corporations.

**Health**

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out financially, and the return would be several-fold."

"If there's any way (we can do this), we're going to try, but right now I'm not very optimistic," McKrow said. "It's a lot of money to raise."

# More attractive to players

# Area golf courses ready for new season

Golfers in the Thumb will be looking at numerous additions at area courses designed to increase their enjoyment of the game. In addition, players will be able to take advantage of numerous early season specials and membership offers.

with water on one side and woods on the other, making a tee-shot in the fairway essential.

The new nine will be heavily wooded. While the new 9 is attracting major attention, the present 9 has not been forgotten. Improvements include a new, updated irrigation system.

ponds and creeks with an overall gentle rolling terrain. The course features watered fairways and superb greens.

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ened to 130 yards. Water has been added on one side of the green and trees removed to let the sun get to the green and keep it in better condition.

While the change on hole 5 will make it more difficult, it still will not be as testing as hole 4, which is a lengthy 222 yards with trees adjacent on both sides of the green. Most golfers are overjoyed to walk away with a par here. A par on this hole and also on the revamped number 5 should have golfers well on their way to a superior game.

Club enters the new golfing season with an entirely new management team designed to improve the course and improve the service and fare at the clubhouse.

The new general manager at the club is Doug Sefcik, who outlined the duties of the new team of trained supervisors.

The clubhouse will be under the direction of Chris Duffey, who returns to Scenic after 17 years at the Castaways Restaurant. His specialty will be a Friday night fish fry.

played with posts of flowers. Workers have been busy on the course, preparing it for the season with special attention to the greens, including the fourth hole. The par 4 fourth and the par 3 eighth remain the most demanding on the course.

## ARROWHEAD

The big news at Arrowhead Golf and Country Club in Caro is the near completion of an addition of a new 9-hole course. The course is scheduled for completion to start the new millennium.

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