

Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Get a kick out of looking at old classic cars? Michigan is the place for you. In June alone there are 33 different shows and parades with the antique cars in parades or on display.

Last fall the Shabbona Methodist ladies created and sold over 1,800 apple pies. But that's not enough. The ladies will be selling the pies by the piece during the July 4 Festival.

Over the years they have earned their reputation for pies that are yum, yum good.

Full slate of activities

Organizers 'fine tuning' Gagetown Country Days

Organizers of the inaugural "Gagetown Country Days" have firmed up plans for the summer festival, which is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13, 14 and 15, in Gagetown.

The celebration, which promises something for all ages, will kick off Friday with a cruise night, and rock-and-roll band "Trigger Happy" will perform at the beverage tent from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Saturday's highlights will include a parade starting at 11 a.m. (Anyone interested in participating can contact Deb Edler at 517-665-2204). Also planned are soapbox derby races down South Street Hill, crafters and local churches and businesses offering a variety of foods.

Bike-a-thon raises \$2,507 in village

The St. Jude Children's Research Bike-a-thon held in Cass City was a success. Thirty-one riders raised \$2,507 on their May 15 ride. After the event, riders collected their pledges. Six turned in more than \$100.

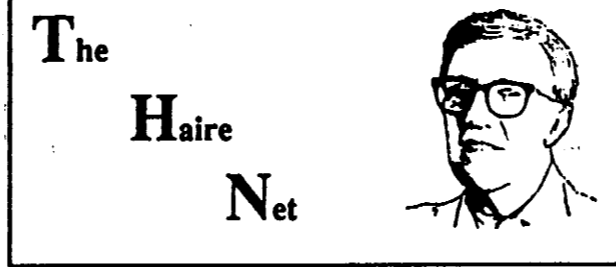
Local chair Linda Derfny expressed appreciation to the 4 churches which help organize the event, and to the local merchants who supplied food and drink to the participants.

Throughout the festival, members of the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn will offer tours of the nearby Octagon Barn and grounds.

Gagetown Country Days was organized to fill a void left by elimination of the Octagon Barn Festival, which was started in 1994 by the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn.

The barn festival proved popular, drawing thousands of people from all over and raising thousands of dollars used to support the friends' restoration efforts.

That's when a group of Gagetown area residents took over, organized a meeting of volunteers and began to make plans for the first Gagetown Country Days bash.



The Haire Net

I celebrated my birthday Tuesday. Check that, the days are long gone when I celebrated. Instead I gratefully acknowledge another year has passed in which I survived in relatively good health.

With a few exceptions, cards don't do much for me and the one I received in the mail last week does even less.

There are conditions in which birthday cards fill a need. Ideal, perhaps, as a remembrance from friends not close enough for a more personal approach.

Close friends and family I judge by a different yardstick. Close friends don't need cards. Birthday cards have never been exchanged with one of my friends who dates back to high school and college days.

I may or may not get birthday cards from the family. I suppose that I have received the odd card now and then from family members.

Sorry, I don't buy the argument that the printed message on the card is really how you feel, but you can't express it in your own words.

More important than remembering to send a card is what occurs between birthdays. It's a glow to know that during times of crisis and all through the year the family was there when needed and will be there when the inevitable next crisis comes.

Sending a birthday card to casual friends is okay. I suppose it's been determined



The back forty

by Roger Pond

The war in Kosovo should remind us of the freedoms we enjoy in this country. It's easy to forget our liberties hinge upon interpretation of the Constitution, rather than the whims of Congress, the President, or local politicians.

I find that comforting. Those who believe the framers of our Constitution were lacking in foresight should remember the Serbian people trust their political leaders at least as much as we do ours.

Many of the things that happened in Kosovo could not happen here. That's because many folks in the U.S. own guns, one of those freedoms granted by the Constitution.

Some folks think guns are a bad thing, regardless of what the Constitution says. They believe the police and the government can take care of us.

Others believe there's no reason for people to own certain kinds of firearms. They say a gun shouldn't be capable of firing more than 10 rounds before reloading, for example.

A lot of people see no need for handguns, especially inexpensive ones. If we outlaw inexpensive guns, maybe fewer people will buy them?

Some believe a waiting period should be required to buy a gun, as well as a background check. Maybe fingerprinting. Dealers should be required to sell a trigger lock with each firearm.

Many think no one under 21 should have a handgun, or possibly any gun. They believe folks should be required to keep firearms locked-up, take a proficiency test, and

keep anything else away from them. We tend to forget guns have done kids a lot more good than harm.

Once in awhile someone will stop and ask, "Do any of these laws do any good?" The answer is generally, "No, but we have to do something."

I used to think the National Rifle Association was alarmist when that organization suggests each of these laws are just a crack in the dike for those who believe people shouldn't be allowed to own guns. I've changed my mind, however.

The major excuse for many new laws is keeping guns away from kids. How are we going to do that? We can't

Our schools teach drivers' training, drug prevention, and sex education, but most won't even consider gun safety classes. Teachers, parents, and administrators fear gun safety instruction might kindle kids' interest in firearms.

So, what's wrong with that? Pattern it after sex education. The school nurse could hand out some trigger locks.

Clean sweep July 13

Area residents who wish to participate in the Clean Sweep Collection to be held in Gagetown at the end of July need to submit their application forms now.

The Clean Sweep program is for the safe and proper disposal of old, unwanted, unusable and banned pesticides.

any Michigan resident and is not limited to, but includes farmers, greenhouse managers, golf course managers and homeowners.

Table with 4 columns: Day, High, Low, Precip. Rows for Tuesday through Monday.

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LIONS CLUB officers and board of directors are: (left to right) Jack Baker, Mike Pine, Jim Ceranski, Kendall Reiman, John Niebrzydowski, Rick Doerr, Jon Shores, Steve Wright, Ken Martin, Ed Scollon, Don Doerr and Gary Jones.

Clabuesch next Bankers Assoc. head

Paul Clabuesch, president and chief executive officer of Thumb National Bank & Trust Company in Pigeon, was elected chairman-elect of the Michigan Bankers Association last week at the group's annual convention held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. He will serve a one-year term.



Paul Clabuesch

Clabuesch joined the bank staff in 1973 following 3 years as a high school teacher and coach in the Cass City Public Schools. He has held a variety of leadership posts in the MBA, including membership on the group's executive committee, executive council and serving as treasurer in 1992. He is a trustee and past chairman of the Robert M. Perry School of Banking.

He graduated from Michigan State University in 1970 with a BA in economics. He continued his banking education at both the Graduate Schools of Banking, the University of Wisconsin.

Long active in community affairs, he serves as chairman of the board, Scheurer Hospital board of trustees and as a trustee of the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools Board of Education. He is treasurer of the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

The Michigan Bankers Association is the trade group of the state's commercial banks. The association's principal activities involve government relations, sponsorship of educational programs for bank employees and member services such as employee benefit programs.

Green supports baby bill

State Rep. Mike Green last week joined a bipartisan coalition in approving legislation making it illegal to perform a surgical procedure on a live infant with the intent to cause death.

"Infants are the most helpless and vulnerable members of society," said Green, R-Mayville. "We have a responsibility as legislators to take a strong stand against procedures that deprive innocents of their chance at life."

Senate Bill 546 defines a "live infant" as a human fetus that is at least partially outside the mother's body and either breathes, moves or has a detectable heartbeat.

House Bill 4656 makes performing the procedure a felony punishable by up to life in prison and/or a maximum \$50,000 fine.



ED SCOLLON, 1998 Lion of the Year, presents Duke Sward with this year's honor at the annual Lions Club installation dinner June 15.

Millington man enters guilty plea

A Millington man charged with 27 counts of criminal sexual conduct pleaded no contest to 3 of the charges Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Steven L. Doyle, 41, entered the pleas to 3 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion.

He was initially charged with 18 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years, and 9 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct, according to court records, which state the offenses allegedly took place between August 1993 and August 1998 in Vassar Township.

Doyle's pleas were taken under advisement by the court, which continued bond at \$100,000 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation. Sentencing was scheduled for Aug. 12.

In other circuit court proceedings Friday:

•Dennis E. Elkins, 35, Otisville, was sentenced to 10 to 15 years in prison for his plea of no contest to third degree criminal sexual conduct Aug. 20 in Millington.

He was also ordered to pay attorneys fees and attend mental health counseling/sex offender treatment.

•Roy G. Beckrow, 27, Kingston, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 18 months probation for his plea of guilty to writing a \$21.26 no account check drawn on Chemical Bank July 23, 1997, in Caro.

Beckrow was also ordered to pay \$1,200 in court costs and fines plus \$597.52 in restitution.

•Dennis M. Dean Jr., 17, Bay City, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Jan. 3 in Wisner Township.

A pre-sentence investiga-

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Duke Sward honored as '99 'Lion of year'

By Jolene Schultz
Staff Writer

The annual Lions Club installation dinner was held at the Rolling Hills Golf Course June 15. At this dinner, the new Lions Club officers and board directors were installed. Also recognized was Duke Sward, this year's Lion of the year.

Jim Kranz received the Friend of the Lions award during this semi-formal dinner. He was named Friend of the Lions because of his contributions to the club.

"Every year, we have a skating rink in the park," said Lions Club president Steve Wright. "Jim has a John Deere tractor he bought to plow his sidewalk and driveway. But, we used it all winter for the rink."

Perfect attendance awards were also given to many members of the Lions Club. The club holds regular meetings the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month, and a board meeting on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Within the past year, the Lions Club has donated \$3,000 to Let's Build Some Fun in the Thumb, an organization created to help build a playground in Cass City.

Twelve scholarships were also awarded to deserving students, totaling \$12,000.

"We usually give \$3,500 in scholarships," Wright said. "But we bumped it up this year because of donated money."

The Lions Club holds many activities to raise money for community causes. Each year, members hold a broom sale, where they go house-to-house selling brooms, chocolate Easter bunnies and other items.

In November, the club holds a car raffle. The vehicles are purchased by the Lions Club from local car dealerships. Tickets sell for \$100 apiece and can be purchased from a Lions Club member, at The Paint Store, 6549 Main, or at Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.,

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A 4-wheeler will be raffled in the fall, with tickets priced at \$10 apiece. Every year, tickets are also sold for a gun raffle. One gun is raffled every month for the entire year, beginning in January. Tickets can be purchased, beginning in October, for \$5 apiece or 5 tickets for \$20. They can be purchased during any month, but according to Wright, chances are better when bought before January, since 12 guns still remain to be raffled.

"There's something going all the time," Wright said. He also mentioned fund raisers taking place in May and June.

According to Wright, 90% of the donated money stays in Cass City and \$3,000 is donated to out-of-town causes.

Past Lions Club contributions include the building of the pavilion and gazebo, among other things, at the Cass City Recreational Park. A donation by the Lions Club of \$26,000 was also given to assist in the building of the new track in the Cass City Recreational Park. A total of \$15,000 was donated to the rebuilding of the Rawson Memorial Library.

The Cass City Lions Club, which began in 1955 when sponsored by St. Mary's Lions Club in Ontario, was originally formed as a sight conservation club. The club still takes an active role in sight conservation.

"We donate heavily to Leader Dog," Wright said.

Wright also said the club sponsors the sight screening programs at the local schools. Each May, the club conducts the white cane fund raiser. Club members hand out white canes for donations, and the money goes for sight conservation.

Wright said the club currently has 40 members.



THE TUSCOLA Area Airport Authority recently sold 10 acres of land to Duro-Last Roofing, Saginaw. Pictured above are (from left) Eric Engler, airport manager; Thomas J. Lawler, Duro-Last senior vice president; L.E. Althaver, authority chairman, and Sharon L. Sny, Duro-Last senior vice president.

To Duro-Last Inc. Airport property sold

Tuscola County could benefit from a Saginaw company's future expansion following the Tuscola Area Airport Authority Board's sale of 10 acres of land near Caro.

Tuscola County Economic Development Corp. Director Jim McLoskey said officials with the airport authority and Duro-Last Roofing Inc., Saginaw, recently signed a purchase agreement for the land, which is located north of where Chambers Road intersects M-81, southwest of a proposed entrance road to the Tuscola Area-Caro Airport.

The purchase price was not disclosed, however, the airport authority's standard price for land is \$5,000 per acre. Proceeds from any land sales are earmarked for future airport improvements.

Representatives of Duro-Last said the company's purchase of land in Tuscola County will provide for growth opportunities in the future.

"We don't have any immediate plans for it. Growth has been a major part of our corporation - things happen around here real fast - and we don't want to be without

property," said Thomas J. Lawler, senior vice-president for Duro-Last.

Lawler said the company employs more than 600 people nationwide, including businesses in Oregon, Iowa and Mississippi, as well as the business' Michigan locations in Oscoda and Buena Vista Township.

McLoskey said the property sold to Duro-Last represents acreage not needed by the airport. In fact, he added, there are another 56 acres available.

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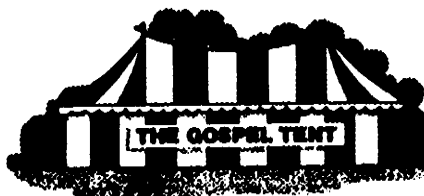
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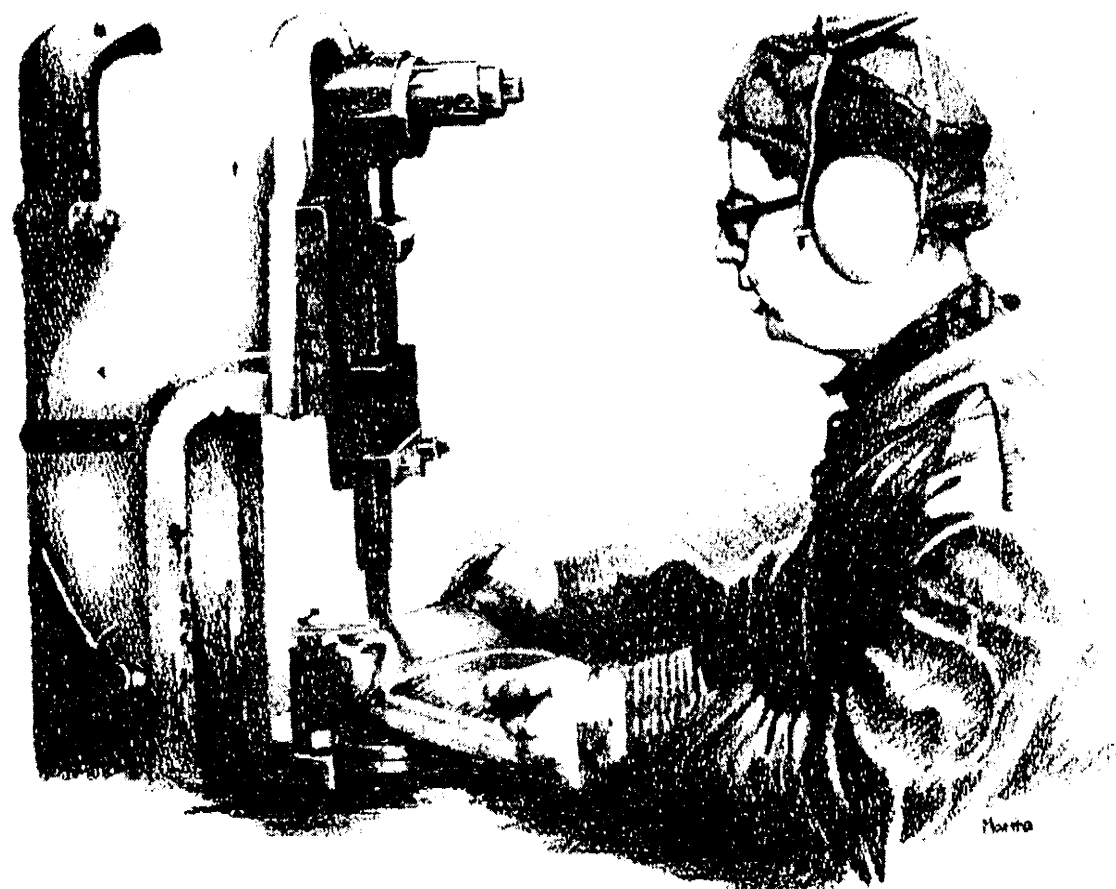
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JULIE VENEZIANO, library assistant, entertained approximately 50 youngsters last Thursday during story hour at the Rawson Memorial Library. Three books were read and children also enjoyed making a koala bear craft. The next story hour will be June 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Special services on tap at Juniata

The Juniata Baptist Church of Vassar will be doing some special things on the Fourth of July this year. Independence Day is on a Sunday, and the regular Sunday ser-

VICES of the rural church will be anything but "the regular" on that day.

The morning service will begin at 10 a.m., and will center around famous patri-

otic songs that include references to God. Several singing groups will participate, and there will be special messages delivered by Rep. Mike Green and Dr. Richard

Flanders. Patriotic gifts will be presented to all who attend.

The evening service will begin at 7 p.m., and will be a "revival" meeting centering around the need for a spiritual revival in our nation. Evangelist Terry French will be speaking, and a number of special guests have been invited. Prayer will be offered for public officials that serve our area.

The Juniata Baptist Church is located between Vassar and Mayville at 5656 Washburn Rd. The church auditorium is air conditioned, and a nursery will be provided for both Independence Day services.

Dohning earns degree

Shannon Rae Dohning, 23, is a recent graduate of Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind. Dohning has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education with a social studies/U.S. history major.

Dohning, the daughter of Josie and Craig Dohning of Cass City, made the dean's list during the final 3 semesters of her college career.

She is employed as a manager at McDonald's Restaurant in Mishawaka.

| TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' GOLF LEAGUE | | MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE June 20 | |
|-------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|----|
| 1st Flight | | FLIGHT #1 (all scratch) | |
| Mary Rabideau | 65.0 | Craig Helwig | 87 |
| Bonnie Miller | 41.0 | Terry Wiseman | 83 |
| Betty Koepf | 39.0 | Brad Goslin | 82 |
| Millie Nadison | 38.0 | Don Ouvry | 76 |
| Nelle Maharg | 35.5 | Jerry Toner | 75 |
| Linda Helwig | 30.0 | John Maharg | 71 |
| Toby Weaver | 27.0 | Clark Erla | 70 |
| Bunny O'Berski | 22.5 | Bill Kritzman | 70 |
| Joan Montgomery | 17.0 | Dale McIntosh | 65 |
| 2nd Flight | | FLIGHT #2 (all scratch) | |
| Fran Bellew | 57.0 | Ken Zdrojewski | 92 |
| Lil Jaroch | 55.0 | Jim Peyerk | 89 |
| Candy Holdship | 48.5 | Jim Apley | 78 |
| Ardis Haist | 46.0 | Russ Bieffer | 75 |
| Dee Pickett | 45.5 | Mike Randall | 74 |
| Eleanora Rees | 40.0 | Jim Hobbs | 70 |
| Barb Wilson | 39.5 | Jack Burns | 68 |
| Arlene Regentine | 34.0 | John Riddle | 68 |
| Jane Hool | 33.5 | Ernie Bellew | 65 |
| 3rd Flight | | FLIGHT #3 (all scratch) | |
| Blanche Rumpitz | 65.5 | Daryl Iwankovitch | 85 |
| Noreen Krug | 55.5 | Dan Mosher | 78 |
| Carolyn McVey | 54.5 | Craig Bellew | 75 |
| Joann Martin | 53.5 | | |
| Peg Veldman | 33.0 | | |
| Mary Lou Maurer | 33.0 | | |
| Marian Harm | 21.0 | | |
| Phyllis Ridge | 20.0 | | |

HDC planning golf outing

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is inviting area golfers to participate in HDC's annual Summer Swing Golf Outing.

The outing, which is co-sponsored by Cellular One and Independent Bank, will be held Friday, July 30, at the Vassar Golf & Country Club. Four-person teams will scramble to a shotgun start at 9 a.m. A steak dinner follows the outing.

The cost for the event is \$55 per person and will benefit programs offered by HDC, including programs such as Early Head Start, Foster Grandparents, Home Delivered Meals and the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center.

Prizes will be given to the first, second and third place teams. There will be a 50/50 drawing and loser drawing for prizes. Beverage carts will be on the course, a Las Vegas hole will be set up, and Mulligans will be sold.

For additional information on how you can be a part of the 1999 Summer Swing, please contact the Human Development Commission locally at (517) 673-4121 or toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.

Baseball standings

| C.C. LITTLE LEAGUE STANDINGS As of 6-19 | |
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| Little Caesar's Orioles | 8 2 |
| Martin Electric Tigers | 6 3 |
| McDonald's Yankees | 2 6 |
| Rolling Hills Cubs | 1 6 |
| Charmont Dodgers | 1 8 |

C.C. MINOR LEAGUE As of 6-19

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| Thomas Dentistry Yankees | 8 0 |
| Cole Carbide Tigers | 7 2 |
| General Cable Giants | 6 3 |
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6 percent in 1998

Traffic deaths fall

The number of Michigan traffic deaths fell significantly in 1998, down nearly 6 percent from the previous year. In 1998, 1,367 people died in traffic crashes, compared to 1,446 in 1997, according to the Michigan State Police.

In the past decade, the only year fatalities were lower was 1992, when 1,300 traffic deaths were recorded. Ten years earlier, in 1988, 1,704 people in the state lost their lives in traffic crashes.

The number of total crashes was down also, from 425,793 in 1997 to 403,766 in 1998, a 5.2 percent decrease. People who were injured declined by 4.3 percent, from 137,546 in 1997 to 131,575 in 1998.

Alcohol-involved deaths declined also, from 544 in 1997 to 514 in 1998, however, the percentage of overall deaths attributed to alcohol increased slightly.

"The 1998 record signals something positive is happening in our state," said Betty J. Mercer, division director of the Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning. "We believe a commitment to establishing community-based traffic safety programs is beginning to pay off."

Added Fritz Streff, Ph.D., associate research scientist with the University of Michigan Research Institute: "The nature of the changes observed suggest that people are beginning to take responsibility for their own safety as well as the safety of others by buckling up and driving in a more responsible and cooperative manner."

Currently, 70 percent of Michigan motorists buckle up. Yet, almost 55 percent of those who died in traffic crashes did not wear a seat belt.

Belt use is expected to increase dramatically, as more motorists buckle up when the state's new standard enforcement law takes effect in April 2000.

In recent years, the state has stepped up enforcement of the state's safety belt laws and begun development of Safe Community projects in many areas of the state. In addition, Michigan has strengthened drunk driving laws, enacted a zero tolerance alcohol law for drivers under 21 and instituted a graduated licensing system for novice drivers.

The University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute will continue analyzing 3 to 5 years of death and injury information to more closely identify specific trends and their probable causes, looking at the data by age group, road type, type of crash and contributing cause.

Letters to the editor

Teacher, pupils deserve credit

In the truest spirit of teamwork and competition, 3 young men came to the SuperSlope in Buena Vista, they saw what national level racers were like, and they conquered their inexperience such that they walked away with a third place trophy and secured a berth in the biggest rally in the country in Omaha later this year.

Teacher Jeff Hartel found a project for some of his students and those students repaid his interest in them handsomely.

Arriving at the hill with their screaming yellow Super Stock racer and no experience, but an unabashed eagerness, Don Spencer, Sam Moore and Rajen Raythatha were in for an unforgettable Memorial Day weekend.

While Saturday was used for an in-depth technical inspection, Sunday brought a full slate of racing in the 3 classes of the National Derby Rally (NDR) Association Soap Box Rally. As the heats wore on the boys learned more about the car they had built and the way to do all the little things (and some major ones) that make a car competitive.

Since Don had raised the most sponsorship money he earned the right to pilot the

Old Castle Body Shop/Snover Auto Body/Cass City Schools-sponsored car. Headed home with their trophy, the young men were smiling ear-to-ear. Young Mr. Spencer will be at the controls again at the end of the month when he heads to the NDR nationals in Omaha to prove that it was more than beginners luck that won that trophy.

The board of directors of the Saginaw Soap Box Derby Association salute the efforts of Mr. Hartel and his students. Their achievements help to restore faith in what our young people can accomplish when properly supported and motivated.

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School employee wrongly fired

Letter to the Editor

You ran a story recently regarding a lawsuit filed on behalf of Kim Balk against her former employer, Kingston Community Schools. Of course, while the reporter contacted the superintendent of the school for his point of view, he/she failed to even try to contact either Ms. Balk or myself as Ms. Balk's attorney. As such, the article reflected a complete lack of understanding of the facts and cast Ms. Balk in an unflattering light without justification.

For edification of your readers, Ms. Balk was

wrongly fired from her position as a school secretary, contrary to her contract, because she did not agree to check for lice and to pick lice out of the hair of affected students when a school nurse should have been performing those tasks. Ms. Balk has asked the district by letter simply to live up to its obligation under the contract and to stop interfering with her dedicated attempts to find new employment - no more and no less.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Freid Attorney for Kim Balk

Crime against mom was evil

Dear Citizens,

Only one letter to the editor about a crime - a letter to break your heart. Some things are more than crimes; they are evil.

The crime against this poor mother was that - an evil thing. The little she had left from the great loss of her baby has been taken.

We all know that God knows your names. I know something else, and that is that crimes like this are very seldom committed by one person. So, you know each other's names.

Did you tell your friends and laugh about the excitement you felt and the fun you had when you committed this crime? How many others know your names and your crime?

Now that, all who know, know it was more than a crime. Now that you know an evil thing was done. Now that you know their fun and laughter came from causing another great pain and sorrow. What are you going to do?

Is anyone of you, who knows or was part of this, a Christian? Well, this is your time to choose. There is no gray here. There is only right and wrong. So, by your actions, Chris-

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Thunder a warning sign

Michigan State University Extension agricultural safety leader Howard Doss believes that people ought to take the sound of thunder more seriously.

"On average, 3 Michigan residents are killed and 19 are injured by lightning each year," he says. "The sound of thunder or a flash of lightning is a warning to seek proper shelter away from metal objects, open water or beach - remember that wet sand is a great conductor of electricity - and away from open areas such as crop fields, golf courses and ball fields."

Michigan is second in the nation after Florida in num-

bers of people killed or injured by lightning during the past 28 years.

Most lightning strikes occur from April through September; the peak months are June, July and August.

Doss says statistics show that 28 percent of the lightning fatalities occur in ballparks and playgrounds, 23 percent under trees and 12 percent on golf courses. Ten percent are water related, 3 percent occur among people on farm equipment and 3 percent to people on the telephone.

"Anytime a person hears distant thunder, he/she should prepare to move to a safe location - lightning can

strike several miles from the parent storm," Doss says. "Though the odds of getting struck by such lightning are low, a bolt from the blue can and does happen."

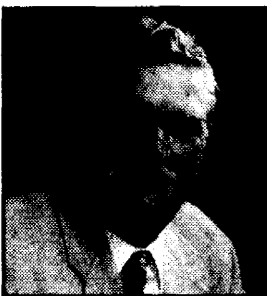
Doss says that a person caught in the open by a thunderstorm should seek shelter in a ravine or similar low area, or squat low in the field with feet together to make him/herself as small a target as possible. If in a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of trees.

Hard-topped vehicles are generally safe havens against lightning, but convertible cars are not.

They've been taking great care of you, your mothers, sisters and daughters for decades.

Now it's time they take care of themselves.

The physicians and staff of Women's OB-GYN, P.C. wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the July 1, 1999, retirement of Dr. Donald L. Tuckey and Dr. Paul B. Bry. We truly admire each of them for the nearly sixty years of combined service they have given by meeting the OB-GYN needs of women throughout the Saginaw Valley. Although the community is aware of the loss they will feel, the staff of Women's OB-GYN, P.C. will surely feel this loss the most. Drs. Tuckey and Bry have been true assets to this organization and it has been the pleasure of each staff member to work alongside them. They will both be greatly missed by each of us. At this time, the entire staff would like to wish both physicians and their families many long, healthy and happy retirement years.

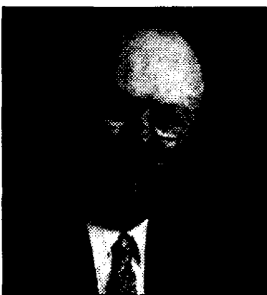


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JULY 4TH BLOWOUT

July 1, 2 & 3, 1999

IN CASS CITY

Thursday, July 1

Rolling Hills Golf tournament, 1:30 p.m.
Registration: 872-3569

Northwood Golf, Hole-in-One 4:00 p.m. on

Friday, July 2

Around Town...

Northwood Golf, Hole-in-One, all day

Thumb Area Classic Cars tour & display, 6-9 p.m.

Fifty-Up Dance 7-10 p.m., VFW Hall

Dancing Downtown, band, refreshments, 7 p.m. on

Saturday, July 3

Pre-Parade

5K Run and 1-Mile Walk 8 a.m.

Arts & Crafts/Flea Market 8:30 a.m.

Farmers' Market Kickoff 8 a.m.-noon

Pet and Bike Decorating Contest 10 a.m. @ Chemical Bank Parking Lot

Spectacular Parade 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY

In the Park...

United Methodist

Ice Cream Social, 5-7 p.m.

Christian Heritage Musicians, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Little League Ball Games, 6 p.m. on

Northern Lights Dancers, 7-10 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.)

FOOD

Lions' Club

Chicken Barbecue

Rotary Club Food/Snacks

Gavel Club Food'n Brats

Living Word Center Lunch

Shabbona United Methodist

Pies & Sandwiches

Snacks all around the Park

Musical Entertainment at the Gazebo

Jan Moore's Patriotic Musical Tribute, 1 p.m.

Eastern Michigan Musicmakers, 2:30 p.m.

Sally Doerr Dancers, 5-7 p.m.

Northern Lights' Dancers, 7-10 p.m.

Gypsy Wind Band, 8-midnight in the barn

Tournaments & Sports

Northwood Golf Hole-in-One till 3 p.m.

K of C Bingo, 12-8 p.m.

3 on 3 Basketball, 11 a.m. on

Registration: 517-872-2171

Mini Tractor Pull, 2 p.m.

Swimming all afternoon

Moonlight Golf at Northwood Shores

Kids of All Ages

Moonwalk all day

AAUW Kids' Paint-in, 1-4 p.m.

Face Painting, 1-4 p.m.

Baptist Church Hospitality Tent

Greased Pig Contest, 3 p.m.

Spectacular Fireworks at Dusk!!

Dr. Timothy Rutkoski graduates



Dr. Timothy Rutkoski Timothy James Rutkoski recently graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine. He will be completing his residency at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the combined field of internal medicine and pediatrics. Dr. Rutkoski is a 1990 graduate of Cass City High School. He is the son of Herb and Kay Rutkoski of Cass City.



THUMB NATIONAL Bank employees served strawberries over ice cream last Friday during their ice cream social. Donations were taken during the social to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which will take place in Bad Axe July 10-11.

WIC program for moms, kids

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a food program that provides pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children under the age of 5 years with monthly food coupons.

WIC provides nutrition classes, referrals to health care and various community agencies, breast feeding information and nutritious foods. A nutritional risk may include such problems as: a poor diet; too much or too little weight gain during pregnancy; low blood iron, child growth problems such as being underweight or overweight, and many others.

To qualify for WIC, participants must 1) Either be pregnant, a new mom for 6 months or less, breast feeding a baby that is under 12 months old, or an infant or child under the age of 5, 2) Meet income guidelines, and 3) Be screened at the WIC clinic by a health professional and found to be at a nutritional risk. If you would like more information on the WIC Program nearest you, call your local health department. Sanilac County residents may call 810-648-4098 (ext. 130).

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