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Motorist critically injured

Three people were hurt — one critically — in separate traffic accidents reported in the area Thursday and Saturday.

A Marlette woman remains in critical condition following a 2-vehicle crash about 8 miles southwest of Cass City Saturday.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the accident occurred at 5:59 p.m. at the intersection of Hurds Corner and Deckerville roads in Ellington Township.

According to reports, Michael P. Gorman, 23, Caro, was driving southbound on Hurds Corner Road when he failed to stop at the intersection and was struck broadside by an eastbound vehicle driven by Jay D. Wisenbach, 73, Caro.

Amy E. Brown, 23, of Marlette, was airlifted from the scene and transported to St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, by FlightCare Helicopter. A hospital spokesman reported she was in critical condition.

Troopers said a passenger in the Wisenbach vehicle, Shirley Wisenbach, 63, Caro, was transported by MMR personnel to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City, where she was treated for minor injuries and then released.

Troopers, who are continuing their investigation, were also assisted at the scene by the Caro Fire Department.

THURSDAY CRASH

A Cass City motorist was killed. Please turn to back page.



Knee high? No problem!

TIMELY RAINS have ensured Thumb area farmers knee high corn by the Fourth of July, but few fields top this one at the Dale and Audrey Leslie farm in Evergreen Township. Pictured above are 4 of the couple's grandchildren - (front row, left) Alan, 4, Rebecca, 6, (back row, left) Andy, 7 and Gregory, 8. They are the children of Al and Dawn Leslie.

Board reviews bus, discipline policies

Revenues up 5.8% in Cass City School District

The Cass City Board of Education adopted its final budget for the current school year that ends June 30 at its regular session Monday at the school. It revealed that the school's revenues increased some 5.8 percent over the previous year, an increase of \$568,089 to a total of \$9,847,069.

The revised budget also predicts that the fund balance will increase \$63,621 to \$1,159,992. Superintendent Ken Micklash said that his aim is to have a balance of about \$1.5 million, which is about 15 percent of the district's budget.

Taxes for debt, 4.81 mills, and the non-homestead property tax, 18 mills, will remain the same as they were this year.

A chart of the budget appears elsewhere in this issue.

Micklash also pointed out the proposed expenditures for next year include \$312,000 for school plant planning. This money and about \$374,000 from the money given from the state because Cass City's costs are

less than the average state aid will be combined to fund the estimated \$600,000 Campbell Elementary School addition.

LENGTHY SESSION

It was a lengthy school session and the majority of the time was spent discussing proposed changes in the bus and discipline policies. Changes in discipline that will probably be approved at the next board meeting include keeping the students in school more, rather than mete out out-of-school suspensions, and a switch in penalties for absent and tardy students from a point system to a reduction in grades. For every unexcused absence during a marking period, the grade will be reduced by a third. For example, a C-plus average becomes a C after an unexcused absence. Three unexcused absences in a marking period reduce an A to a B.

The big change in the school bus policy is that a person will be assigned to the transportation policy to

answer questions. The person to handle the new service is Deb Binder and she will answer parents' questions when the director, Bob Kozan, is not near his phone. The object, Micklash said, is

time with the reading recovery program and as a special education teacher. Also posted was the new position of assistant middle school principal and athletic director.

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never to have a person call and have to talk to an answering machine, at least during school hours.

Also reviewed briefly were changes for credits from non-public schools and a web publishing policy. They will be revised and possibly adopted at a future meeting.

TEACHERS HIRED

Two more additions to the teaching staff will be made and the first was hired Monday. Jill Shonk will split her

The hiring of Scott Cuthrell from White Cloud for the vacant physical education position was approved. He has 7 years experience and will be placed on the 8th year of the salary schedule. He coached football and track at White Cloud. Hired as band director was Marc Palma, who already is busy trying to round up enough students to enable the band to play in the July 4 parade in the village.

Hired as school nurse was Jeanne Nicol, who will work Please turn to back page.

Council vows to fix fence fracas

Adoption of a revised sign ordinance that has drawn plenty of criticism over the past several months was on the Cass City Village Council agenda Monday night, but it was a Pine Street resident's newly-installed fence that dominated the regular session.

The fence installed at the Donna Spencer residence, 6306 Pine St., was the center of protests from a handful of residents who told council members last month that they believe the fence was installed beyond Spencer's eastern property line.

At the time, village officials said a fence permit was issued based on information from available plat maps and aerial photographs. The problem, Village Manager Jane Downing said, is that the plat map designs do not precisely show construction of roadways and other landmarks.

Spencer's neighbors returned to the council chambers Monday with a survey in hand and questions regarding why the fence was also

installed on a portion of an alley right-of-way.

Pine Street resident Dennis Rienstra said the fence has made it nearly impossible for Spencer's neighbors to use the alley to access their backyards.

Village Manager Jane Downing, who noted Spencer has cooperated and complied with the permit process as explained by village officials, said the fence permit was issued at a time when she (Downing) understood that the entire alley had been abandoned years ago. Downing said she later learned only a portion of the alley, not including Spencer's property, had been abandoned, meaning the fence should not have been installed on the alley right-of-way.

As for vehicles parked on the remaining 17 feet of alley right-of-way behind Spencer's fence, Downing said Spencer agreed to move those vehicles. If they are not moved, she added, a citation will be issued to the property owner.

Downing and Village President L.E. Althaver said the village would like to see the alley and others like it abandoned — an issue to be addressed later this year — and the property divided among adjoining property owners, in part because such thoroughfares represent a liability risk to the village.

However, they indicated the council will not press for abandonment if the affected property owners don't want it.

Neighbors attending Monday's session pressed to have Spencer's fence moved back onto her own property lines.

But village officials asked for patience, saying they want to review surveys of the property and determine where Spencer's east property line should be before moving the fence.

"We've been blocked out of our alley for a month now," said neighbor Donna Lenhard. "I think we have been patient."

"We obviously acted on incorrect information," Althaver said, adding the village will attempt to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

sible. He also indicated the village will assist Spencer in moving the fence.

"We'll make it right. That's all there is to it," he said.

SIGN ORDINANCE

Turning to the sign ordinance, the council again tabled action pending a final public meeting to review the document with property owners and other interested residents. The meeting will be held in conjunction with a future monthly council meeting.

The revised ordinance recommended for adoption by the Cass City Planning Commission earlier this month is identical to the version recommended by the planning commission last November. The version was hammered

out after business owners protested a number of proposed restrictions.

The use of banners on the exterior of buildings in the business district was eased to allow their placement on any of the 4 walls of a business instead of the front and rear only. The sign size was originally to be restricted to 100 square feet, but was revised so that signs of any size would be allowed providing they do not occupy more than 10 percent of the total square feet of building facade.

In addition, a \$25 fee for portable signs was reduced to \$5, and portable signs will be allowed up to 4 times per year with a total of 80 days instead of the previously proposed 10 days.

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Holly Althaver honored

Rotarians install officers

By Jolene Schultz
Staff Writer

The annual Cass City Rotary Club installation dinner was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cass City June 22.

During the semi-formal dinner, Alan Kico was installed as president. His term begins July 1.

Pat Curtis was installed as president-elect; Colleen Langenburg as vice-president; Val Hartel as treasurer; Jane Downing as secretary; Ben Varney as youth exchange officer, and Lambert Althaver as sergeant-at-arms.

Board of directors members are James Thomas, Mary Oesch, Ben Varney and Matt Prieskorn.

Tom Proctor presented Holly Althaver with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, the highest honor to be given by the Rotary Club. Her husband, Lambert Althaver, is a club member.

The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is given to persons who have given contributions — in increments of \$1,000 — to Rotary International, an association of Rotary Clubs throughout the world. Lambert Althaver contributed to Rotary International in his

wife's name.

"It was a surprise to her," said Colleen Langenburg, Rotary Club president. "She didn't know."

The fellowship award was named after Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with 3 business associates in 1905. Aaron Bell, 1999 CCHS graduate, received the first-ever Cass City Rotary Scholarship. He was awarded \$500.

The Rotary Club, an organization of business and professional persons who provide humanitarian services worldwide, has contributed

greatly to the Cass City community, Langenburg said.

The club has contributed \$10,000 to the Rawson Memorial Library expansion project, as well as \$3,000, in 1999, to the Cass City Habitat for Humanity. The club has also contributed \$5,000 to Let's Build Some Fun in the Thumb, an organization created to build a Cass City playground.

"We also have a Rotary Youth Exchange Program," Langenburg said. "We provide host families for students coming from other countries."

Langenburg said there will be an exchange student arriving from Japan in August.

"We also sent 4 students to the Rotary Leadership Camp in Clare," Langenburg said. The Rotary pays \$600 to send 4 students to the camp each year. The students are selected from an interviewing process and attend camp in June.

"They absolutely love it," Langenburg said. "They come out learning so much."

Rotary is involved in the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival as well. Kico grows pumpkins, and the club distributes them to each child in the Campbell and Deford elementary schools. The children decorate the pumpkins, and the Rotary Club transports the pumpkins to the Caro festival.

For fundraising, the club has — in the past — held a duck pluck raffle. For the past 2 years, several thousand numbered, plastic ducks were released into the Helen Stevens Memorial pool. Several children then

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THE CASS CITY Rotary Club held its annual installation dinner June 22. Pictured (from left to right) are Marilyn Kico, President-elect Alan Kico and President Colleen Langenburg.

Engaged

Jennifer Morell
and Scott Healy

Elwood and JoAnne Morell announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Morell, to Scott Healy, son of Russell Healy and Sharon Healy.

A Sept. 18 wedding date is set.

101 attend
Cooper
reunion

The 33rd annual Cooper reunion was held at 1751 S. Crawford Rd., Deford, during the week of June 13-19, with 101 relatives and friends attending.

The annual meeting was held June 15 with a potluck dinner and ice cream. Games were played in the afternoon.

In addition to those present from Michigan, relatives came from Alabama, Oklahoma, Ohio and Iowa.

The next reunion, in the year 2000, will be held in Illinois.

Library
book sale
July 28-31

The Friends of Rawson Memorial Library are getting ready for the annual book sale set for July 28-31 in conjunction with the Cass City Sidewalk Sale Days. While some of the books to be sold are library discards many are donated by members of the community.

Give someone else a chance to enjoy books you have read. Bring used paperback and hard cover books in good condition to the library from now until July 26. They will be sorted and sold at the book sale. Money from the sale is used to benefit the library.

Engaged

Patricia Bouck and
Robert Widger

Roger and Vera Bouck of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Robert Fay Widger, son of Fred and Juanita Widger of Kingston. A Sept. 11 wedding is planned.

Engaged

Sharon Goodell and
Charles McPhail

Dave and Charlene Goodell of Manchester announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Goodell, to Charles McPhail of Ann Arbor, son of Charlie and Joyce McPhail of Cass City and Ron and Linda Wright of Caro.

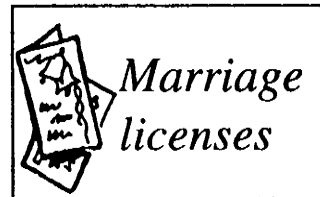
The bride-to-be graduated from Manchester High School in 1995, and is attending Eastern Michigan University in the speech pathology program. She is employed with Phoenix Management Group as a billing specialist.

The groom-to-be graduated from Cass City High School in 1987 and from Eastern Michigan University in 1996 with a marketing communication degree. He is working at Sebro Plastic as a materials manager.

A July 31 wedding is planned.

Wasserman
receives
diploma

Matthew J. Wasserman, of Cass City, graduated July 17 receiving a diploma in custodial training from the Michigan Jobs Commission, Michigan Career and Technical Institute in Plainwell.



Brendan Lawrence Webb, Chicago, Ill., and Mary Jennifer Baughman, Deford. Jon Alan Morgan, Howell, and Theresa Ann Boyne, Marlette.

Troy Joseph Bilkovsky and Tina Marie Schneider, both of Silverwood.

Donald Gene O'Connor, and Alice Veronica Manko, both of Mayville.

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With the 4th of July holiday coming up, we'll surely hear patriotic speeches and quotes from famous forefathers.

Just for a change of pace, here are a few less weighty anecdotes from the past that you may not have heard before.

An example of Benjamin Franklin's wit: It's told that one cold day he entered a tavern, chilled to the bone, and found such a crowd gathered around the fireplace that he couldn't get near it.

He thought a moment and then called out in a loud voice to the tavern keeper, "I'd like a peck of oysters in the shell for my horse."

When everyone rushed outside, curious to see a horse that would eat oysters, Franklin took the chair of his choice in front of the fireplace.

When the disgruntled crowd returned, someone muttered, "That horse won't eat oysters."

"Oh, won't he?" Franklin asked with a twinkle in his eye. "Then bring them in and I'll eat them."

Abraham Lincoln's resourcefulness is exemplified by this joke he reportedly told on himself.

When he was a captain during the Black Hawk Indian War, he was marching his company across a field and saw a gate ahead of them that they had to pass through.

For the life of him, he couldn't remember the proper command for getting the company endwise to go through the gate.

Finally, as they neared the gate, he shouted, "This company is dismissed for 2 minutes, when it will fall in again on the other side of the gate."

Another time, Lincoln was irritated by the inaction of Gen. George B. McClellan, who was in command of the Union forces in 1862, and sent him this note:

"My Dear McClellan: If you don't want to use the army, I should like to borrow it for a while."

9 from area named to
honors list at MSU

A total of 5,666 Michigan State University students, including 9 from the Cass City area, earned a 3.5 grade point average or better during the 1999 spring semester.

The area students are: Cass City — Angela M. Kranz, a senior majoring in marketing; Jeffery A. Little, a junior majoring in political science — pre-law; Joshua R. Lounsbury, a sophomore majoring in political science — pre-law, and Todd A. Milligan, a sophomore majoring in English.

Gagetown -- Jill M. Wildman, a senior majoring in crop and soil sciences.

Owendale — Lindsay B. Krueger, a senior majoring in education.

Uby — Rhonda A. Heleski, a junior majoring in zoology; Jennifer E. Trepkoski, a se-

nior majoring in family community services, and Jill M. Trepkoski, a senior majoring in accounting.

Daniel Webster was said to be very untidy as a little boy, and one day the teacher threatened to thrash him if he ever came to school again with dirty hands.

The next morning, one glance told her she would have to carry out her threat. She picked up the ruler and instructed him to hold out his hand.

"Daniel," she said, looking at it with distaste, "if you can show me another hand in this school as dirty as that one, I'll let you off."

Whereupon he showed her his other hand, and escaped punishment.

William Howard Taft was a b-i-g man and his size made him the butt of many jokes. Instead of being sensitive about it, he sometimes used it to his advantage.

Once, as a young lawyer in Ohio, he wanted to catch the through express train in the town of Somerville, where it didn't usually stop.

He sent a telegram to division headquarters asking them to stop at Somerville to take on a large party.

The train stopped as requested and the conductor asked, "Where's the large party?"

"I'm it," Taft admitted sheepishly as he boarded the train.

Humility often marks the truly great person. It's said that one day a new recruit approached Gen. Pershing and asked, "Hey, Buddy, give me a light, will you?"

The general handed the young man a match while some other soldiers looked on aghast. When they told the new guy the name of the distinguished general, he turned pale and ran after him.

"I'm so sorry, sir," he stammered. "I didn't recognize you. I've only been here a couple of hours and I don't know one uniform from another and —"

"That's all right, son," Gen. Pershing interrupted with a twinkle in his eye. "Only take my advice and never try it on a second lieutenant."

Students
honored
at SVSU

Saginaw Valley State University officials have named 370 students to the school's president's list for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the winter 1999 semester.

The students include: Robert L. Hanes, Melissa R. Heinlein, Linda A. McMahan, Lindi Parrott and Lena R. Waltz, all of Cass City; and Deb S. Peruski, Sandra M. Rutkowski and Misti D. Wolschleger, all of Ubyly.

Engaged

Jason Walther and
Jenny Storm

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Storm announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny, to Jason Walther, son of Leonard Walther and the late Karen Walther.

Storm graduated from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids with a degree in elementary education.

Walther is a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in food systems management and is currently employed with Walther Farms in Three Rivers.

An Aug. 7 wedding is planned.

Dance set
July 9

A singles dance will be held Friday, July 9, in "The Backroom" of the Brentwood, 178 Park St., Caro, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Appropriate dress is requested. Admission is \$5. There is ample, well-lit parking at the rear of the building.

Additional information is available by calling (517) 683-2723.

Bottle drive
raises \$320

Humane Society of Tuscola County officials recently reported their bottle drive brought in a total of \$320, which included a generous donation of cash from one citizen.

The bottle drive was held June 19 and collections were taken at the Caro, Cass City and Kingston High School parking lots.

Summer reading
program underway

The 1999 Summer Reading Program, with Australia as a theme, is in full swing at the Jacquelin E. Opperman Memorial Library, Kingston.

There is a schedule of planned crafts and activities. Prizes will be awarded to read-to-me participants after 3 hours of reading, to readers after 6 hours, to the Dingle bingo participants.

Vicki Wolak of Kingston has loaned sheepskin, stuffed koala, wooden boomerangs, a game, and several books to the program. Sylvia Carbonell-Font and family (of Quakers Hill, New South Wales, Australia, and Jonesboro, Ga.) sent a package containing pictures, stuffed animals, including kookaburra with sound,

platypus, merino sheep, a wombat; unique goodies; a taste of Australia.

A visit to the Shaydes Grey sheep farm is scheduled for Saturday, July 17.

Science Alive's presentation, "Australia, the L Continent" is coming July 24. There'll be 2 sessions, hands-on experience with cockatoos, bearded dragon phalangers, pythons, monitor lizards, sugar gliders a more.

It is not too late to participate as a reader or a volunteer. Please call the library 517-683-2500 or stop by a register.

Sitter
classes
slated

Hills and Dales Gene Hospital in Cass City will offer the Safe Sitter program to boys and girls ages 11 to 13 years.

The classes, scheduled July 20-21 and Aug. 2 teach babysitters how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. The program covers topics such as what to do when child stops breathing, chokes, how to call for emergency help, basic child care skills, and how to entertain children and keep them safe.

A fee will be charged for the classes. Scholarships will be available based on financial need.

For more information or register, call Laura LaJo R.N., community education coordinator, at (517) 875-476 (ext. 215).

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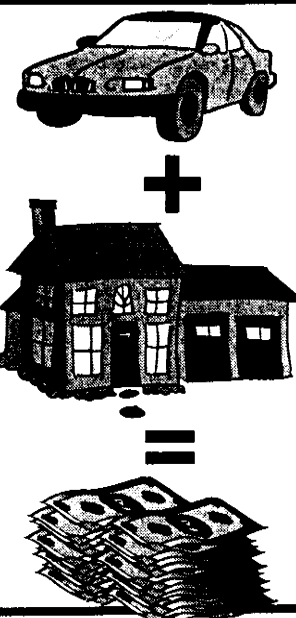
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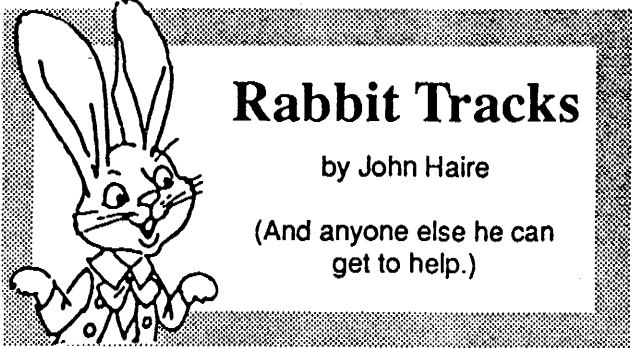
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SOON: "AUSTIN POWERS II" The Spy Who Shagged Me



Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

The old axiom for corn, "knee high by the Fourth of July," is as out of date as the typewriter. Even in bad years there will be selected crops that are at least thigh high by the Fourth. This year, head high by the Fourth of July is the standard hat many fields reach. Hot, humid weather is just what the doctor ordered to place the average crop weeks ahead of schedule.

Fireworks have universal appeal in America. Most July 4 observances are highlighted by fireworks lighting up the sky. The down side is that 12,000 people are treated each year in emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries and 20 percent are eye injuries.

Most of the injuries are suffered by bystanders and by professionals handling the fireworks in Cass City, there's a minimal chance for injury, but it pays to be careful, especially with small children.

The community will get a close-up taste of the woes of motorists statewide due to the extensive road resurfacing in Michigan. Main Street is due for re-paving, and it starts next week with the milling process.

The Michigan Department of Transportation schedule for 4-81 (Main Street) in Cass City calls for the surfacing to begin July 26 and the street will be under construction for 6 days.

Cass City police recover stolen truck

Cass City police recovered a stolen pickup truck Sunday afternoon, hours after it was reported stolen by a local business owner.

According to reports, Jefferson D. Auvil, owner of Shoreline Tire Inc., 6254 Main St., told police that he parked his 1998 Dodge Ram pickup behind his business Saturday at about 8 p.m., then returned 3 hours later to discover the vehicle missing. He noted he found some broken glass where the truck had been parked.

Auvil stated he had left the ignition key in the truck, but locked the vehicle.

Village officers located the truck Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on Division Street, west of Cemetery Road, near the walking trail.

The engine was still warm, according to reports, which

state the vehicle's left front grill area had been smashed along with the passenger side window. Also damaged were the inside rearview mirror and radio, and at least one air vent was broken out. Officers also noted a dent on the passenger side in front of the door. A damage estimate was not available.

No arrests have been yet. The theft remains under investigation.

In other weekend reports, village officers arrested Jeffery A. Matthews, 19, Cass City, on suspicion of domestic violence.

Police made the arrest Sunday at about 9 p.m. after Matthews' wife, Karen L. Matthews, 22, alleged her husband struck her during an argument in their Pine Street apartment.

Hospital offers support for victims of abuse

Domestic violence is abuse that occurs between family members of those in intimate relationships. The violence usually occurs more than once and often takes place in the home. There are many forms of abuse: physical, emotional, and sexual abuse and children from these violent homes are much more likely to be abusers or victims of abuse in their adult life.

Despite the consequences of remaining in the abusive relationship, often fear, economic dependency, and the enduring hope that the

spouse will change, keep the victim from leaving.

If this scenario describes your current situation, there is help. You can attend the domestic violence group offered free of charge at Hills and Dales General Hospital. It is a support and advocacy group, and meets at 1 p.m. every Friday. Knowing what options and resources are available, along with the emotional support, is key to escaping victimization.

If you are interested, just show up or if you prefer, call Gayle at 1-800-292-3666 or Kerry at (517) 872-5476 (ext. 319).

The Weather			
	High	Low	Precip.
Tuesday	86	62	0
Wednesday	89	70	0
Thursday	88	67	.92"
Friday	90	61	0
Saturday	89	62	.12"
Sunday	80	67	.13"
Monday	88	61	.08"

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)

NOTICE TO PLOT OWNERS IN ELKLAND TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

Rules for Plots A & B state no placing of stones around markers. This rule is for the safety of persons in the cemetery and the grounds keepers. There have been injuries in the past from stones being hit by mowers. A suitable replacement for stones could be sand.

If your stones are not removed, the area around them will not be mowed. We must enforce our rules.

Elkland Township Sexton

30 CSC counts dismissed

Walker sent to prison

A Caro man charged with 32 counts of criminal sexual conduct was sentenced Friday in Tuscola County Circuit Court to a prison term of 15 to 22 1/2 years for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct.

James D. Walker, 36, Caro, was also ordered to undergo sex offender treatment.

Walker was initially charged with 30 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving a victim under the age of 13 years, along with the 2 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion. The first-degree counts were dismissed under a plea agreement, according to court records, which state the offenses took place between January 1993 and January 1999 in Wells Township.

In other circuit court proceedings Friday:

•Jared O. Young, 25, Mayville, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 270 days in the county jail (90 days deferred), with worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 12 in Fremont Township.

Young was also ordered to pay \$1,060 in court costs and fines plus \$352.50 in attorneys fees.

•Edsel J. Brandel Jr., 28, Vassar, stood mute during his

arraignment on a charge of probation violation. The case was adjourned to the end of August.

•Terry J. Lorenz, 30, Vassar, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 20 in Vassar and Caro.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,260 in costs and fines plus \$85 in restitution and a \$150 forensic fee.

•Shelina M. Trudeau, 17, Vassar, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 30 days in jail for her plea of guilty to larceny of property valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 Feb. 14 in Vassar Township.

She was also ordered to complete her high school education and pay \$620 in costs and fines.

•Sara M. Buchinger, 19, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 30 days in jail, with work release, for her plea of guilty to larceny of property valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 Feb. 14 in Vassar Township.

She was also ordered to undergo mental health coun-

seling and pay \$1,060 in costs and fines.

•Richard K. Kessler, 19, Cass City, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 30 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to attempted possession of marijuana with intent to deliver Oct. 13 in Novesta Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$700 in costs and fines, \$305.25 in attorneys fees and a \$150 forensic fee.

•Andrew B. Clinger, 26, Mayville, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 365 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 5 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to undergo substance abuse therapy/counseling and pay \$1,960 in costs and fines, \$690.07 in attorneys fees, a \$150 forensic fee and restitution totaling \$85.

•Joseph Y. Davis, 56, Caro, was sentenced to 2 years and 6 months to 10 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, March 27 in Juniata Township, and to having 2 prior felony convictions.



The Haire Net

The conversation swirled around the impending mid-August departure of Allan "Duke" Sward to North Carolina. Someone said that a few acquaintances were concerned about how Duke would fare in entirely new surroundings.

Obviously, they didn't know Duke all that well. A n y b o d y that has been around him at all knows that he will take to his new environment like a duck adapts to a new wetland or a deer to a bean field in full flower. He will eat it up.

Since he came to Cass City, he has become one of the most well-known persons around town. Now part of that is because he is involved. Involved in a myriad of civic and social organizations. See him in singing groups, card groups, at the golf course and fraternizing in the morning coffee klatches.

Sward's active role in working with and promoting Cass City's July 4 Festival has widened the ever-increasing circle of folks who have grown to know him. Just last week he appeared on the Sandusky radio station to promote the Festival. His 14 years as a substitute teacher in 13 different area schools exposed him to many who cottoned to his unique brand of humor and his obvious enjoyment of the kids and life in general.

That exposure means a lot when it comes to public awareness, but really it's not the key. What pushes his popularity to the upper limits is that he is an extrovert who cares about people and it shows. He's as ready to laugh at a joke where he is the victim as he is to tell one of his bawdy tales that he can recount at the drop of a hat.

If you get the impression from all of this that Duke will be comfortable no matter where he lives, you're right on. (He already has found a bridge partner.) He told one group of friends that he'll



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Can you believe it? Here we are on a 2-day fishing trip, while the wives are back home having a yard sale.

Is that frightening, or what?! The only thing that scares me worse than a yard sale is a house remodeling. Being away from home during either one is just asking for trouble.

We figured the fishing equipment was safe. We had most of that with us, but who knows what else might go on the block.

Before we left I told my wife, "You can sell anything you want, as long as it isn't mine."

I knew I could trust her on this one. That's one thing we have in common: We're just not yard sale people. Connie likes to buy at yard sales, but she's never been on the selling end before.

It takes a certain psychology to have a successful yard sale. You've got to say, "O.K., I don't need this stuff, and I might as well sell it."

As opposed to, "Wait a minute. I might need that again someday."

Or, "You can't sell that! That's the diorama I made in sixth grade, depicting the Pilgrims crashing into Plymouth Rock."

That's my problem: I never seem to have anything I can part with. Things I haven't seen or used in 20 years still have value for me.

My old gun rack hasn't been used for years, but it will work great for fishing rods — when I find a wall to put it on. Those old sinks in the barn might never be sinks again, but they'll make fine grain feeders if we decide to get some livestock.

Just last week I wanted to put my 40-year-old telescope on a new .22 rifle, but I couldn't find mounts that would fit the old scope and the new rifle.

My son said he had a BB gun scope with the right size mounts many years ago. The

scope was broken, so he threw it away.

"You threw it away!" I exclaimed. "How could you do that? I've never thrown anything away!"

It's easier for me to get rid of things if someone else bought them in the first place. It takes me a long time to buy something, and I'll be darned if I'm going to admit I didn't need it.

That's why you find so many gifts at yard sales. If it weren't for gifts, yard sales would dry up and blow away. Everyone has a few obvious candidates, though. Clothes that no longer fit are a good example.

When I have clothes that are too big, I'm happy to sell them. Anything that's too small goes to the dump. (I'll be darned if I'm going to admit I've outgrown my clothes.)

Clothes that have gone out of style would seem a natural choice, but what if they come back in? You just never know. My clothes have been in and out of style 4 or 5 times over the years.

I think everyone understands the best items for a yard sale is stuff that belongs to your spouse. That's why nobody in his right mind would go fishing when there's a yard sale going on!

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Letters to the editor

Workers not asking for more

Union: how can officials claim good faith bargaining?

Editor, Cass City Chronicle:

We just don't understand how James White, Board Chairman of the Family Independence Agency (FIA), and Steve Corl, Administrator of the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility can tell the people of Tuscola county, and the Cass City Chronicle that "the county has bargained in good faith." As was written in the Cass City Chronicle Wednesday, June 23, 99. Under "Medical care union workers protesting." The FIA board, and Mr. White did not sit in on any of the bargaining meetings. Mr. Corl said little, and the Facility's High Price attorney did all the talking.

How can they say "bargained in good faith" when the employer's first proposal on Nov. 5, '98 was 21 pages long. And the words "Delete, Modify, and Revise" were on just about every page of their proposal.

At the end of the first tentative agreement the facility was offering a \$2.00 per hour raise, and they were Revising-Cutting 4 paid Holidays from employees with up to 17 years of service. Revising-Cutting up to 64 hours of Vacation time. Cutting out paid lunch hours, and taking away the free lunches that were given to the employees on or about Jan. 5, 1988 as part of their benefits that year. And employees were told you will punch out for 1/2 hour for lunch, and you will only be paid for a 7 and 1/2 day. That's a loss of 10 hours of pay every 2 weeks. The union voted No Thank You.

Bargaining in "Good Faith" the facility attorney, and the FIA board came back with their new offer - \$1.50 per hour, and the same cuts from the first proposal. No Thank You; this was rejected also.

The facility came back with its new "Last Best Offer." This was a 45 cent per hour raise (pass through money-not paid out of the county pocket.) And the same cuts in benefits as the first 2 tentative agreements. This was

voted down 64 to 15. In less than one hour a memorandum from administrator Steve Corl was put up implementing the "Last Best Offer."

If "It's the law" as James White, the FIA board and their attorney "understand it", we believe the law is wrong. Why would any management ever need to bargain again? They could just make some low offers and make a few cuts in the benefits, and when it is rejected for the third time they can implement it as the "Last Best Offer."

These cuts in benefits were also given to the non-union employees starting the end of April and the first of May.

In 1988 when all the employees were given the free lunch, we all took a wage freeze to show that we supported the facility. And the tax paying voters of Tuscola County also supported the facility by passing a millage for the Maintains of Effort.

In 1997 the FIA board authorized a 3% raise for the non-union employees. It was also offered to the union employees, in return for an agreement by the union to drop all the pending grievances. The union rejected the board's offer, and thus the union employees did not receive a raise in 1997.

In the fall of 97 the facility wanted to open the contract, but it was done in an untimely fashion. And the contract was extended till Jan. 6, 1999. At that time the FIA board did give all employees the 45 cent across the board pass through money in 1998. But we believe "It's the Law" that if a facility gets the pass through money it must pass it along to the employees, or be sent back to the state. At least that's our "understanding."

At the May union meeting for Local 2641 a resolution was passed to go forward, and to support the bargaining committee 100% in efforts to regain our losses.

We are not asking for more of anything. We just want

back the benefits that were taken away from the loyal, caring and dedicated employees in the first place. All of these benefits have been in the agreement between the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility and Local 2641 since before 1985, with the acceptance of the free lunches in 1988.

Thank you for letting us tell our side of "Bargaining in Good Faith"

The Bargaining Committee, James D. Jacques Lena A. Hartman Deborah A. Pinkoski Mary David Sheri Hayes James Doerr Greg Kovacs, Union President Local 2641

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.

Rainfall up in county

Each year, in cooperation with various individuals in Huron County, a record of rainfall and degree days is kept in the MSU Extension-Huron County Office.

For the month of May an average of 1.95 inches of rain fell in the county. This compares with a total of 1.72 inches for the month of May in 1998. The 10-year average for May is 2.85 inches.

The highest recording of rainfall for the county was 2.72 inches east of Filion.

The county's average degree days for May 1999 was 279 compared to 327 in 1998. The 10-year average degree days for May is 190.

This information is collected by 33 individuals throughout the county during the months of May through September.



THE BREAKFAST NOMADS were out in force at the Poverty Nook. From left, front: Bill Lovejoy, Tom Houghton, Bruce Kingsbury. Back row: George Clara, Bob Cnare, Duke Sward.



NOMAD MEMBERS, clockwise from left: Ed Fox, Chuck Beyette, Cal MacRae, Dr. Jack Clara, Bob Montgomery, Nat Tuttle.

Blackburn new area pastor

First and Fraser Presbyterian churches have called the Rev. David L. Blackburn to be part-time pastor of both congregations.

The churches have been without a pastor since January 1997, when the Rev. David Smith left for a church in Paris, Ill.

Born in Pittsburgh, Blackburn is the son of a Presbyterian minister. His boyhood was spent in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan, with the longest period in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

He attended Lake Superior State University and graduated in 1969 from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in social science.

He received a Master's of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1972 and became an assistant pastor at a church in Aurora, Ill. He then re-entered Princeton, graduating with a Master's of Theology Degree in 1975.

After serving as assistant pastor of churches in Mountain Lakes and Princeton Junction, N.J., he was called as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Deckerville, in 1976. He left the congregation in 1979 to become a teacher at Deckerville High School and will continue full time on the faculty there, teaching English, psychology and history.

During the summers from

1989 to 1994, Blackburn taught English and psychology at Lake Superior State University.

While teaching, he has continued to be active in the pulpit on Sundays, preaching at one time or another in virtually all of the Presbyterian churches in the northern part of the Thumb. He has been preaching on a regular basis at First and Fraser Presbyterian churches since early 1997. He will continue to make his home in Deckerville.

The First and Fraser congregations agreed in January 1996 to share a pastor who would minister to both churches. Fraser's Sunday worship service is held at 9:30 a.m. and First has its worship service at 10:45 a.m.

Both congregations have long histories. First was formed in 1877 and is located at the corner of Seeger and Church streets in Cass City. Fraser was established in 1876 and is located at Huron Line Road and M-53 in Sheridan Township.

Breakfast club

Senior "nomads" share food and fellowship as they explore eaterie

They came smiling. They came talking. They came hungry. The 13 members of the nomad breakfast club filled the seats of the tiny Poverty Nook on M-53 near Hemans Tuesday morning.

The group, all senior or super senior residents of Cass City, was on one of its periodic trips to less well known, smaller restaurants in the area. This meeting was special because it was hosted by Alan "Duke" Sward in a farewell tribute to some of the people he has shared breakfast gabfests with for several years.

The travelling contingent is the offshoot of a coffee club that meets six mornings a week at McDonald's in Cass City. During the sessions it

was decided that it would be nice to visit another restaurant for breakfast and the club was born.

Attendance varies from half dozen to the 13 men that descended on the Nook Tuesday when Sward was the host. Since the fun get-togethers started, the group has surprised several restaurants in the area, making the cash registers ring at Tuscola Joe Crossroads Restaurant, Piz Villa and Bubba's Place.

The breakfast scene changes when the group takes off instead of meeting McDonald's, but the essential reason for meeting is exactly the same.

An opportunity to enjoy fellowship and discuss the affairs of the day. Topics range from the health problems of friends to plans for the day and the summer.

Just when the next meeting of the group will be held is uncertain. There is no rigid schedule.

It is certain, however, that will be at a small, intimate restaurant in the area and the fellows that go will have good time.

Complaints up so far in village

This year has proven busy for the Cass City Police Department, which recently reported an increase in overall complaints compared to the same period in 1998.

"Crime activity for June has experienced a decrease in activity. However, overall activity for 1999 has increased," Police Chief Gene Wilson reported Monday in his monthly report to the village council.

According to the local department's incident summary, a total of 1,137 complaints have been handled by officers from Jan. 1 to June 25, 1999, compared to 889 incidents during the same time period in 1998.

Wilson reported the number of assaults and burglaries are down, however, incidents of larceny, damage to property and overall arrests are up. The number of traffic crashes is also up, as is traffic enforcement, including drunk driving arrests.

Center to close July 3, 5

Tuscola County Recycling will be closed Saturday, July 3, and Monday, July 5, for the Independence holiday.

The next Saturday for recycling will be July 17 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Materials accepted are newspaper, office paper, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic one and two bottles, glass clear, green and brown, polystyrene, magazines and catalogs and junk mail.

Read Meg's Peg

Property damage hard to understand

Dear Citizens,

Four young men's and one young woman's names are found in the lead story on the front page of last week's Chronicle. This story brought a strange thought to mind:

Could it be that the old military draft served more than one purpose?

The draft was for 2 years. If we forget the money part and just total the possible years to be taken from their lives, it totals 21 years. Suddenly, 2 years w/a frightening, screaming military sergeant sound pretty good.

If a person is hungry and

has no money, stealing food can be understood. That could explain the 200 candy bars and soda pop police found among other things in the trunk of the car.

How do we understand the rest of it? Especially how do we understand the violent destruction of property?

Was this some strange Rite of Passage into adulthood? If so, we'd better find a better one fast.

Next time you see one of your police officers, stop and tell him thank you for being there.

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Local survey to complement 'Barn Again!' celebration

By Jolene Schultz
Staff Writer

America's historic barns are falling to rubble at an alarming rate. Many owners can't justify the costly upkeep and without reconstruction, the barns will be impractical in this modern world of farming. However, because of a collaborative effort by area residents and barn owners, these American icons won't be lost completely. The barn survey project, conducted by roadside observation, in-depth surveys with owners, and barn tours, is all part of an effort to preserve these American icons — pre-1950 barns — through a collection of interviews and photographs. It is all part of supplemental programming for the

Smithsonian Institution "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibition, which is traveling the nation, including 6 Michigan cities. Cass City's Rawson Memorial Library has been selected to be the host of the exhibition March 6-April 15.

"Our goal is to cover the 5 townships covered by the library and get pictures and historical information on the barns," said Gary Jones, project coordinator.

The barn survey project will take place July through October, and a display, previewing the Les and Kay Severance barn in Evergreen Township and the Wayne and Sherryl Dillon barn at Colwood, will be featured at a booth by the Cass City Historical Society during the July 4 festival.

"The barns are part of Americana that are slowly fading away," Jones said. "Old barns are not very useful and functional. There's a whole new methodology of doing things now."

SEVERANCE BARN

Les Severance, Evergreen Township farmer and historic barn owner, also said many old barns are no longer practical.

"Most old barns aren't used anymore," he said. "You can't get machinery into them. If you use them for the way they are built to be used, they are very labor intense."

The Severance barn, built in the 1890s, is one of the few historic barns that are still in use. It does, however, need

repairs from time to time.

Built over 100 years ago, this 2-story basement barn shows evidence of a different era of farming. The stone walls on the bottom story, which are built into a hillside, merge into the wooden walls that, despite a few missing boards, have stood tall and red over the years.

The roof, once a gable roof, had been replaced with a gambrel roof. A metal runner down the center of the ceiling shows evidence of the pulley system that was once used for moving hay.

The land was purchased by Severance's grandfather, Charles Severance, in 1901 when he moved to Evergreen Township from Walled Lake, near Pontiac.

"He farmed and raised his family here," Severance said. He had 7 children.

The bottom story, originally used to raise livestock, has a reinforced ceiling for the grain and hay storage area above.

When the property was transferred to Severance's uncle, Roy Severance, in 1947, a milking parlor was built in the basement. It has since been taken out.

In the late 50s, the barn was transferred to Severance's father, Lloyd Severance. Les and Kay Severance purchased the farm in 1972.

"It was for part of our farming operation," Severance said. "We wanted to continue to farm and we desired our own land." He added, "This is what we chose."

The barn is currently used for many of the same purposes that Severance's grandfather had used it for. The upper part is used for hay storage and the lower is used for livestock raising.

Despite the usage of the barn, Severance said determining when to draw the line on barn upkeep is difficult.

"I see a lot of them falling down because it's financially hard to justify keeping them up," he said.

The Severance barn boasts a new metal roof, built only 2 years ago, and because of cracks in the stone walls, concrete walls were poured in areas for reinforcement.

Severance also added 2 sheds to the barn sides.

"In order to make it more functional, you have to add sheds to incorporate the old with the new," he said.

And in farming, the old and the new are very distinct.

"Our society has gone from a rural to an industrial urbanized society and all these barns sitting around are an indication of the past," Severance said. "People made a living, raised families, and just plain survived."

He added, "If you want to be a farmer, you have to treat it strictly as a business, especially if you want your bills to be paid."

The Severances' currently own 500 acres, 160 of which include the property containing their home and the historic barn. They raise livestock and grow corn, alfalfa, soybeans and wheat. The Severances own 6 barns, of which 3 are pre-1950.

DILLON BARN

Built in 1916, the Dillon barn is part of a centennial farm that has been in the Dillon family for over 100 years.

Dillon's great-grandfather, Edward Dillon, was born in Limerick, Ireland. In 1879 he and his wife, Bridgett, purchased land in Colwood.

The 1916 barn was built after the original barn was torn down. The barn took 3 months to finish. After completion, which included a barn raising, a barn dance was held.

The barn is nearly the same as it was when built. With 2 stories and 2 wings, it required a great deal of wood. Once again, old and new were mixed. Many of the logs and beams in the 1916 barn were rummaged from the remains of the original barn, which had been built in the 1880s.

The hand-hewn beams, still displaying grooves from the axes that shaped them, bear a stark contrast to the beams cut at the sawmill.

Modern shingles replace the cedar wood shingles that originally sheltered the roof. Seven lightning rods and a weather vane dot the roof, as they always have. The barn has held up through many storms, tornadoes and floods.

A cement ramp over an earth mound leads the way from the ground to the second story of the barn, an area Dillon refers to as barn hill. It was used to draw hay wagons by horse to the second story in order to deposit hay for storage. The second floor was once filled to the top with hay, beans and wheat. It's reinforced with a double floor because of the extra weight added by the horse and wagon.

The bottom story of the barn was originally used for horse stanchions, cow stanchions, a pigpen and as housing for livestock.

Today, the barn is used for equipment storage and as a workshop. The granaries in the upper story haven't been used for over 8 years, Dillon said.

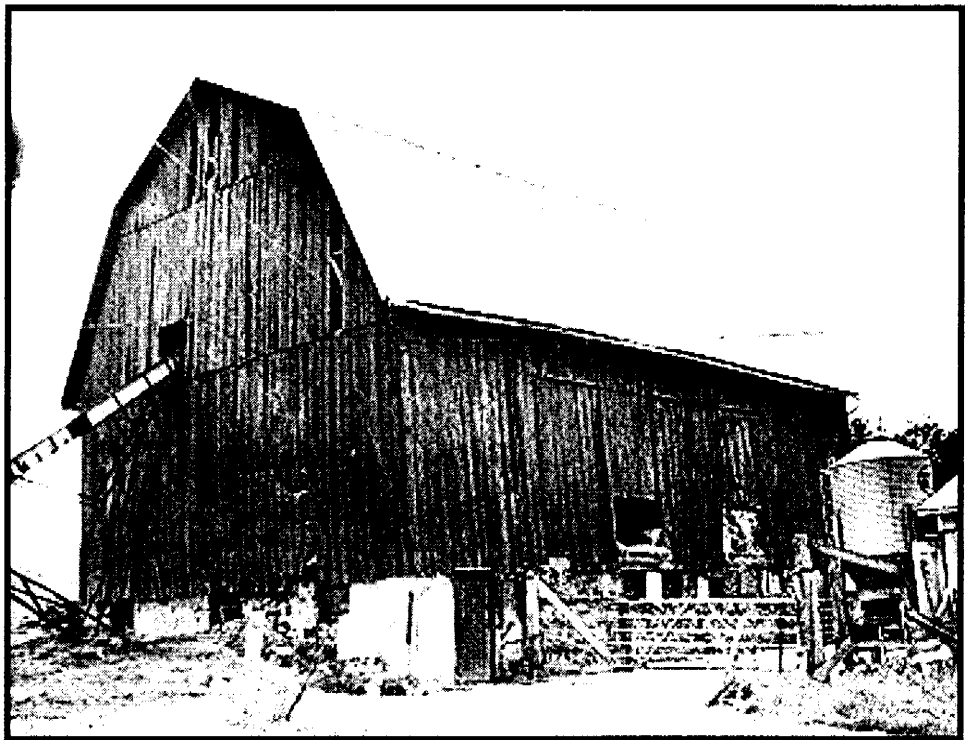
With 120 acres, Dillon grows wheat, soybeans, navy beans and black beans. He considers himself a hobby farmer.

"I enjoy cultivating like some guys enjoy golf," he said with a smile.

Dillon has been a counselor at Cass City High School since 1972.



LES AND KAY SEVERANCE of Evergreen Township have volunteered to be part of the barn survey conducted July-October. Their pre-1950 barn will be part of a booth in the July 4 festival by the Cass City Historic Society.



RAISING LIVESTOCK and the storage of grain and hay are the main uses of the Severance barn, built in the 1890s.

Prangley guest speaker

Tuscola Behavioral Health System (TBHS) will present an evening with Richard Prangley, a former resident of the Coldwater State Home and Training School, Wednesday, July 14, from 6-8 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center in Caro.

There is no charge for the presentation.

Prangley is today a powerful advocate for those who are experiencing disabilities. He will autograph copies of his book, "Waiting For Home", following his presentation. The book is available for purchase at \$15. A video about his life in the Coldwater institution will be available as well for \$39.95.

Labeled retarded at age 6, Prangley was institutionalized at Coldwater, where he remained for the next 15

years. Now living a life of productive independence, he is employed by the Office Services Division of the Department of Community Health. Prangley spends a good deal of his time traveling and speaking to interested groups about his experiences, his life since his release from the institution, and his continuing struggle to maintain his independence.

He will present 2 programs at the technology center July 14. The first is a closed session for those involved in community health agencies and issues in the area. The second, to which the public is invited, will begin promptly at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the book-signing event, refreshments

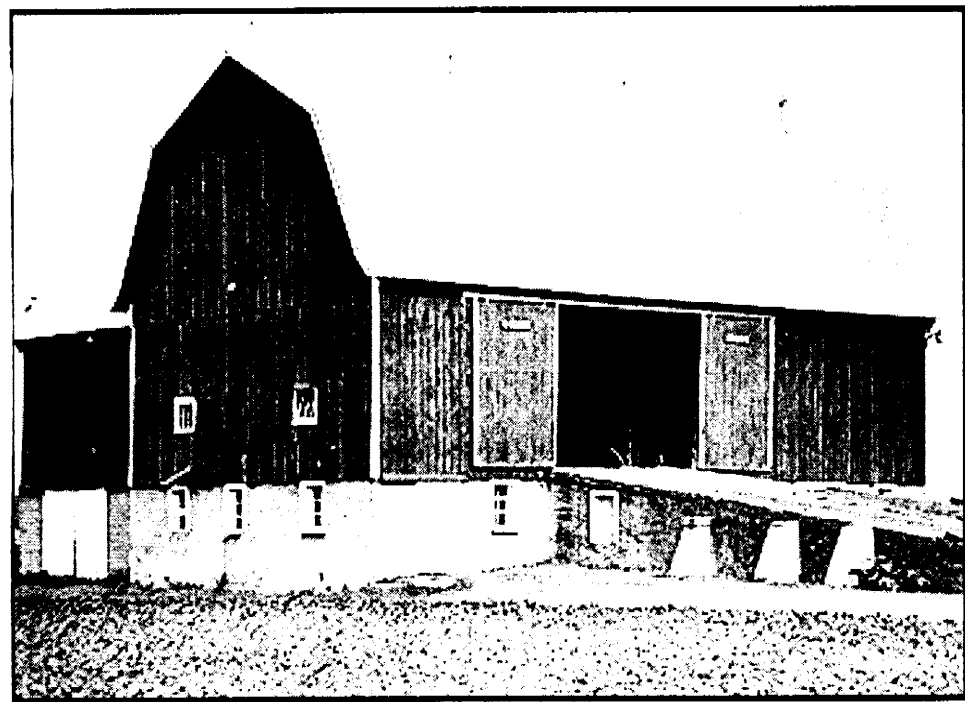
and fellowship.

In order to present this event at no charge, TBHS has secured sponsorships from several agencies and groups in the area. These include: The Arc - Tuscola; Don Carr and Associates; Family Independence Agency (Huron, Lapeer, Tuscola); List Psychological Services; People First; and Tuscola Intermediate School District.

The Tuscola Technology Center is located at 1401 Cleaver Road (M-24) in Caro. Guests who will attend this event can expect an honest, lively presentation from an individual who speaks from real-life experience. All are encouraged to arrive early, as seating is limited.



WAYNE DILLON, historic barn owner from Colwood, is part of a barn survey that's currently underway in the Cass City area. The survey is one of many supplemental programs to "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibition by the Smithsonian Institution, which will be coming to Rawson Memorial Library March 6-April 15.



BUILT IN 1916, this historic barn was originally owned by Wayne Dillon's great-grandfather.

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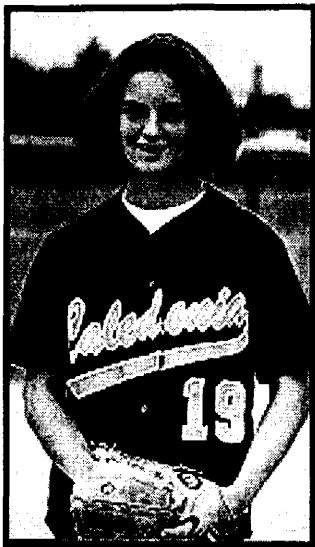
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Osgerby leads Caledonia on softball diamond



Erin Osgerby

Thirteen high school records fell this past season at Caledonia High School in Caledonia, Mich., thanks to Erin Osgerby, the daughter of former area residents Charles and Lynn Osgerby.

Osgerby, a 3-year starter on the Caledonia softball team, accumulated impressive numbers on the mound at Caledonia.

In her senior year, Osgerby worked 207 innings and struck out 264 batters. Her high school career strikeout record stands at 571. Osgerby averaged 9.32 strikeouts per game in her final season at Caledonia. She also set the all time strikeout record for a

single game at 17. Osgerby's ERA for the season was a stingy 1.22. She has been voted All-Conference, All District, and All Area for the past 2 seasons.

Osgerby also plays ASA softball with the Vicksburg Slam as well as Little League softball, where she was a member of the Michigan State Big League Little League championship team in 1997.

Osgerby will be continuing her softball career at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Her grandparents are Mary Alice Osgerby of Johnson City, Tenn., and Stuart Atwell of Cass City.



THE UNDEFEATED YANKEES are the champions of the 1999 Cass City Minor League. They are: front row (l-r) Joey Packard, Brent Doerr, Lyle Hutchinson, Chris Zawilinski, Austin Babish, Tyler Whittaker. Middle row (l-r) Tyler Warner, C J Warmbier, Kenny Grady, Kyle Pine, Cody Nye. Back row (l-r) coaches Dennis Nye, Ken Grady and Bill Warmbier.

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Ferris announces academic honors

Officials at Ferris State University, Big Rapids, recently named 1,172 students to the school's Academic Honors list for the winter 1999 semester.

The students include: An-

drea Cooper, Diana I. Kocan, Jason J. Nicol and Andrea R. Speirs, all of Cass City; Jeremy T. Fricke and James R. Mallory, both of Kingston; and Bethany S. Nickerson and Lisa M. Warack, both of Owendale.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, June 30

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, July 1

Friends of the Library, 9:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Drop-in story hour for children age 4 and up 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Check Special Section for July 4 Festival activities.

Friday, July 2

Seniors dance, 7-11 p.m., VFW Hall. Dennis & His Music Makers. \$5 per person includes lunch.

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

Check Special Section for July 4 Festival activities.

Saturday, July 3

Check Special Section for July 4 Festival activities.

Sunday, July 4

Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day!!!

Monday, July 5

Children's Movie "Muppet Treasure Island", 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.



Chip Shots

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As of June 22

TWO-MAN GOLF
LEAGUE

1st Flight

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Betty Koepf 63.0
Millie Nadison 54.5
Bonnie Miller 52.0
Nelle Maharg 46.5
Joan Montgomery 43.5
Linda Helwig 34.5
Toby Weaver 33.5
Bunny Oberski 31.5

2nd Flight

Fran Bellew 70.5
Lil Jaroch 61.5
Ardis Haist 60.5
Barb Wilson 53.5
Dee Pickett 53.0
Candy Holdship 47.5
Eleanora Rees 47.0
Jane Hool 46.0
Arlene Regentine 42.5

3rd Flight

Noreen Krug 55.5
Blanche Rumpitz 45.5
Carolyn McVey 38.5
Joann Martin 38.0
Peg Veldman 33.0
Mary Lou Maurer 33.0
Marian Harm 21.0

EARLY DIVISION

Zdrojewski/Wiseman 1
Miller/Greenlee 1
Herron/Tuckey 10
Stickle/Iwankovitsch
Williamson/Rieman
Maharg/Pasieczny
Kritzman/J. Burns
Bliss/Baker
Henn/Peters
Wallace/Apley
Burns/Hutchinson
Harris/Hogan
Strickland/Glaspie
W.Dillon/Retherford

LATE DIVISION

Chappel/Pasant 1
LeValley/Morgan 10
Hartel/Comment 10
McCallum/Randall
M.Murphy/K.Martin
K.Smith/Biddinger
Doerr/Haire
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Please indicate shirt size. Team captains please pick up shirts for team.															
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Parent or guardian signature (required if player is under 18)				Parent or guardian signature (required if player is under 18)				Parent or guardian signature (required if player is under 18)				Parent or guardian signature (required if player is under 18)			
Player's signature 1. Each 3 on 3 team will consist of three or four players. Any registered 3 on 3 player may play on one 4 on 4 at no additional cost. There is only one open division in the 4 on 4 tournament. 2. Teams will be grouped in divisions with other teams of similar average age, but primarily by oldest team. 3. You may play on only one 3 on 3 team, and one 4 on 4 team throughout the event. 4. 3 on 3 games half court, 4 on 4 games are full court. 5. Scoring: One point per basket; two points for shots made over 20 feet. First team to get 16 points, up by at least two, wins; OR, team ahead after 30 minutes, wins. No time limit for playoff games. Possession alternates after each basket. 6. We reserve the right to verify any player's height, weight, age or playing experience. Inaccurate information is grounds for disqualification of the entire team. Each player				Player's signature is encouraged to carry personal identification. 7. We reserve the right to reduce the number of scheduled games, or shorten games, due to rain or unforeseen circumstances. 8. Double elimination tournament. Team captains will be notified if an insufficient number of teams register for their age division. The option of playing in an older age division or request for refund will be provided. 9. No foul language or flagrant fouls will be tolerated. 10. Monitor on each court. 11. No refunds after deadline. 12. Prizes for 1st, 2nd place finishes. (Trophies and medals). 13. Team captain will be notified 2-3 days prior to start of play. 14. Rules for rain dates, if necessary, will be decided on contest date.				Player's signature 15. Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure the safety and integrity of the facilities provided, but we cannot assume any responsibility for lost or stolen articles, or for personal injuries sustained by players. DIVISIONS - BOYS, GIRLS, CO-ED Based mainly upon oldest team player. Co-ed teams will play in boys divisions. Ages 8-9-10 14-15-16 11-10-12 16-17-18 12-13-14 Adult - 18 & up Entry Fee: \$60 includes: 3 on 3 team fee. Additionally there will be one open class 4 on 4 tournament. Any 3 on 3 player is eligible to compete on a 4 on 4 team at no additional charge. (Players from separate 3 on 3 teams may combine players to make up a 4 on 4 team.				Player's signature TOURNAMENT ENTERING 3 on 3 Deadline is June 30! Any late entry will be up to 3 on 3 committee. Entry fee must accompany your entry form. Make check payable to: Cass City Rotary Club. Mail to: Fire in the Sky, P.O. Box 63, Cass City, MI 48726. NOTE: Any 3 on 3 player is eligible to compete on one 4 on 4 team at no additional charge. Pat Curtis or Kevin Mulligan (517) 872-2184. Special thanks to our local sponsors: Anrod Screen Cylinder Co., Cass City Chronicle, Charmont Motel, Double D Gas & Diesel Repair, Little Caesars, Mutual Savings Bank, WKYO/WIDL, Cass City Oil & Gas, Northwood Modular Homes, Cellularone, Osentoski Realty & Auctioneering, Chemical Bank, General Cable, and Detroit Edison			

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Middle school honor roll

The Cass City Middle School 6th marking period honor roll has been announced.

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6TH GRADE

Holly Angle, Ashley Barrigar*, Carissa Bass, Jessica Bellew, Brittany Brinkman, Andrew Brown, Tasha Bryant*, Nicole Buckbee, Jessica Chappel, Patricia Dale, Danielle Dohn, Zach Dorland, Scott Duquesnay, Allison Ellis, Jared Ferris, Casey Forrest*, Chad Francis*, Samantha Glaspie*, Andy Haas, Caleb Hanby, Gail Hartwick, Michael Havens, Marcel Helland, Bryan Hill, Carrie Hillaker*, Paul Hoelzle*, Jenna Hoffman, Krista Homakie*, Elizabeth Hoxie*, Jessup Hoyt, Lee Hutchinson, Corey Johnson, Chad Keiser, Joshua Kilbourn, Rose Krug*, Luann Laming*, Bethany Langlois*, Milton (Jay) Lester, Stacy McCallum, Nicole McComas, Sean McFarland, James McKnight, Timothy Mills, Danny Mittlestat, Christina Montgomery*, Kayla Morrish, Christina Osentoski, Alexander Palmateer, Antonette Peters, Rebecca Potrykus, Jamie Pratt, Delores Rabideau, Jesse Rader*, Patrick Reed, Stephanie Richards*, Lauren Rowe*, Andrew Schinnerer*, Sean Sever-

ance, Leah Sherman*, Justin Sorenson, Kristina Spaulding, Jason Speirs, Jessie Spencer, Kenneth Spencer, Steven Steely, Angela Stoeckle*, Nicholas Stoutenburg*, Woodrow Strong, Kaylin Tack, Jeffrey Tenbusch, Keith Truemner, Jessie Tuckey, Joseph Vandecar, Andre Voss, Zachary Voss, Aime Warack, Andrew Whittaker, Tara Whittaker*, Jake Wilder, Heather Wilmoth, Traci Woodward, Michael Wright, Michael Zmierski II.

7TH GRADE

Allyson Bell, Jamie Benjamin, Jacob Brinkman, Stephanie Czapla, Justin Darr, Krystee Dorland*, Alison Emmert*, Nathan Fisher, Kristi Fluegee, Gavin Frederick, Lauren Galloway, Adam Haag, Leslie Hacker*, Eric Hanby, Erik Helwig*, Sarah Hobbs*, Eric Hollis, Craig Holmgren, Amy Howard*, Jesse Johnson, Tyson Kappen, Kayla Karr*, Adam Kessler, Dustin Kipper, Jenna Krueger*, Alex Kunderinger, Nathan Laming*, Maegan Laurie*, Kevin Lowe*, Taija Lowrey, Dustin Mallory*, Tim Martin, Andrea McIntosh, Jeff McMahan, Henry Metzger, Nicholas Miller, Jonathan Nizzola, Joshua O'Dell, Norman Pierce, Mallory

Powell*, Scott Regnerus, Jamie Robinson, Amanda Smith, Elizabeth Sobczak, Amanda Sparks, Brandon Stec, Brice Stine*, Nicholas Swanson*, David Strickland, Leon Sullins, Zachary Sutter, Jennifer Sweeney, Randy Tenbusch, Heather Thornton, Megan Toner*, Zach Toner, Nicholas Walther, Steven Walther, Bryan Warju, Teresa Woodward, Megan Zartman, Kaylene Ziehm.

8TH GRADE

Laura Barnes, Jason Barrigar, Jarod Chard, Heidi Cheng*, Brandy Cooper, Robert Dale, Deidre Deering, Justin Fenton, Cara Festian, Amanda Frederick, Ashley Froede*, Courtney Green, Becky Hartel, Joe Hawley, Lindsey Hendrick, Kurtis Hessler, Elizabeth Hoyt*, Dara Iwankovitsch*, Jessica Kamrad*, Justin King, Chris Maharg, Brooke Marks, Jessica Nicol*, Christopher Morrish, Crystal Moss, Joseph Mauka, Alissa Pasant, Noel Powell, Renee Puterbaugh, Rajen Raythatha*, Cory Rickett, Samantha Sabo, Jessica Samons, Josh Sherman, Megan Smith, Don Spencer, Matt Stoutenburg*, Adam Talaski, Talisa Talaski*, Ryan Thornton, Kristen Wiles*, Josh Windsor, Melissa Zmierski.

Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5 YEARS AGO

Joanne Hopper has resigned from the Cass City Village Council after 10 years of service. Hopper, mother of 3, said since taking on her new full-time job as principal with the Owendale-Gagetown High School, she found maintaining both her responsibilities to her family and the Cass City village government draining.

Edward J. LaBelle, 6793 Third St., saw his parked car being driven northbound on Woodland Avenue Thursday. LaBelle, using another car, chased the car and later found his vehicle in a ditch on Elmwood Road just east of Cemetery Road.

A crew from Joe's Tables, Pinconning, assembled the Cass City Lions Club gazebo near the corner of Church and Ale streets in Cass City Monday, in time for the village's annual 4th of July Festival. Work on the \$11,000 structure is being donated to the village.

Wendy Wheeler, daughter of Larry and Mary Wheeler of Cass City, will be singing the lead role of Josephine in the Midland Music Society Gilbert and Sullivan Workshop production of "HMS Pinafore."

The home of Susan Wright, 7249 Daus Road, which received minimal damage in a blaze last month, was destroyed by fire June 21. The 2-story farmhouse was vacated after it received \$6,000 to \$8,000 worth of damage May 12 in an early-morning fire, which was apparently sparked by a problem with the electric box.

10 YEARS AGO

Three Huron County residents sustained minor injuries Saturday when the vehicle they were riding in attempted to climb the Cass City Village Park Hill and rolled over. Mark Sweeney, 24, of Ubley, and Liza M. Madej, 18, of Bad Axe, were transported by Cass City Ambulance personnel to Hills and Dales Hospital, where they were treated and released. Norman J. Peters, 24, of Bad Axe, sought his own treatment at the hospi-

tal. He also was treated and released.

Cass City youth Melanie R. Joles, 12, daughter of Rick and Pam Joles, is a finalist in the pre-teen division of the Miss Detroit Pageant, slated for Sept. 10 in the Ford Auditorium in Detroit. She recently won first place in the Miss Sally Doerr Dance Scholarship competition.

Cub Scout Pack #3594 and their families gathered at the Cass City Lions Pavilion for a cookout and afternoon of games and awards, June 10. Highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the "Cub Scout of the Year" award to Jake Lounsbury, son of Tom and Ginny Lounsbury, for outstanding advancement and participation in the scouting program. The congregation at Salem United Methodist Church in Cass City officially welcomed their new pastor and his wife, the Rev. Donald and ZoeAnn Daws, Sunday.

The village's top 10 taxpayers are: Walbro Corp. \$115,704.48, Penn Central \$29,887.33, Beverly Enterprises \$7,888.80, Detroit Edison \$7,015.54, Clare Comment \$6,997.66, Harris Corp. \$6,879.55, Chemical Bank \$5,828.55, Hardee's Foods \$4,870.91, Royoak Inc. \$3,858.39, and Thumb National \$3,826.90.

25 YEARS AGO

The prospect of opening Seed and Huron Streets onto a proposed extension of Ale Street north of Church brought several residents to the Cass City Village Council meeting Tuesday night. Village President Lambert Althaver explained that opening the streets would aid in snow removal during winter months since equipment would not be forced to turn around.

Dave Ackerman, 65, is retiring after a 44-year education career. He started in Fairgrove, where he taught the 6-7-8 grades and was the coach of winning junior high athletic teams. He continued to coach for a year at Chesaning at the JV level in basketball and also handled farm shop for a year. In his 34 years in Cass City, he

spent 2 years teaching sixth grade and was junior high coach. He then spent 32 years teaching world, American, Michigan history as well as biology, English and government.

David Eberline left from Tri-City airport June 23 to spend the summer with his brother, William Eberline, at Franklin Lake, N.J., and will be employed for the summer with Dallas Music Industry.

Mabel Hendershot has agreed to write the weekly news from Gagetown.

Forty-two from Salem United Methodist Church spent the weekend at a campsite on the Rifle River and Saturday enjoyed a 28-mile canoe trip.

35 YEARS AGO

A request by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce to close Seeger Street a block north of Main Street for a carnival sparked a discussion at the Cass City Village Council meeting that ended with a crackdown on the practice in future years. The council agreed to let the Chamber have the rides for the annual Sidewalk Days sale, but will write a letter

saying that the street will not be available next year and suggested that Chamber rent private land for the project.

A 600-pound Holstein yearling steer was destroyed by Cass City Patrolman William McKinley Monday night at about 10:30 after it was struck by a Grand Trunk train engine. The steer, owned by John Guinther, had wandered off earlier in the day. Both hind legs were broken.

As temperatures continued to soar, Fred Leeson, Cass City recreation program director, reported that pool attendance averaged 190 persons at any given time the past week.

Winners in the float division with their "Cass City is a Dog-gone Good Town" float in last Friday's "Parade on Wheels" were Mary Jane Croft and Betsy Hostetler.

The village's library-fire hall building is due for a face lift. Mrs. John Zinnecker and Mrs. Robert Keating appeared before the council Tuesday night and presented a plan for repainting. Also included were the addition of a colonial type storm door; a sign; white shuttered windows, and window flower boxes. Color suggested for the building was gray.

Fire marshal offers tips

Use care with fireworks

A 7-year-old boy lost half of his left hand, including his fingers, when he ignited his 4-80 he found hidden in a family bedroom. Two boys, ages 8 and 10, received first and second degree burns on their arms when a bottle rocket exploded in the garage of their house. An 8-year-old girl received second and third degree burns to her leg when a spark from the sparkler she was holding ignited her dress.

These are just 4 of the 8,500 people who were reported to have been treated at hospital emergency rooms nationwide in 1998 as a result of firework incidents.

Nearly 40 percent of the victims were under 15 years of age, and most of the injuries involved the hands, eyes, and head. These figures may be low. Some injuries go unreported because people use home remedies on their burns and when people do

seek hospital treatment, they do not have to report it.

While certain devices are legal in Michigan, the Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division is urging citizens to leave fireworks to the professionals.

"Fireworks are a serious fire and burn hazard, and because they can be very unpredictable, even supervised use of legal devices can result in devastating injuries," stated Captain Edmund Burke, State Fire Marshal. "In unsupervised situations, they can be deadly. We really would like people to consider attending professional displays this year and not using fireworks at home."

Under the State Fireworks Law, 1931 P.A. 328, legal devices in Michigan include paper caps, toy trick noisemakers, sparklers, fountains (cylinder and cone), toy snakes, and toy smoke devices (smoke bombs, smoke pots, smoke grenades, smoke balls).

Although these devices are legal for use in Michigan, extreme care should be taken when using them. Sparklers, which many parents consider safe, can reach temperatures of up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit and remain hot enough to cause serious burns even after they are ex-

tinguished. Fireworks are especially dangerous for children because it entices them to play with matches, something they should never do.

Devices that do not fit the above descriptions are illegal for sale, use, or transportation without a permit. Any device that makes a loud bang, leaves the ground, or spins or twirls is illegal.

Violators of the fireworks law are guilty of a misdemeanor, which can result in 90 days in jail and/or a \$100 fine. "If you possess illegal fireworks, appropriate enforcement action will be taken," added Burke.

If you choose to use legal fireworks this season, the following safety precautions should be followed:

- Never allow children to play with fireworks of any kind
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting devices
- Only light devices on smooth, flat surfaces away from the house, dry leaves and flammable materials
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of malfunction

Dillon picked for NMU program

The Northern Michigan University Student Leader Fellowship Program has selected a new group of participants. The emphasis of the program is on developing leadership and a commitment to community service.

Named from Cass City was Jeremy Dillon, a sophomore studying psychology and criminal justice. He is the son of Shelby Roby and Pat Dillon.

Beginning in the 1999 fall semester, 55 students will attend a fall retreat, a 2-credit leadership theory and practice course and several skill builders workshops. They will also be matched with a community leader who will serve as a mentor.

During the second year of the program, each student will plan, organize and implement a year-long community service internship.

Huron Bean Queen deadline approaching

The Huron County Bean Queen Contest is fast approaching. Deadline for applications is Friday, July 23.

If you are single, between the ages of 17 and 25 (as of Sept. 1), and the daughter of a Huron County bean grower who has grown dry beans within the last 5 years, you are eligible to compete for the title of 1999 Huron County Bean Queen.

The county contest is sponsored by the Huron County Bean Growers' Association and Huron County elevators. Local businesses and individuals contribute their sup-

port to this contest as well.

Judging will take place Thursday, July 29, at Ubley Heights Country Club. Crowning will take place Monday, Aug. 2, during the Huron Community Fair.

Huron County's Bean Queen will join with other young women in the state to compete for the title of Michigan Bean Queen. This contest will be held in Fairgrove on Labor Day.

Further information and application forms for the county contest can be obtained at MSU Extension - Huron County, 104 County Building, Bad Axe.

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Recent rulings back farmers' rights

As urban sprawl continues to carve out random pieces of farmland, the proximity between farm owners and rural homeowners closes. Neighbors begin to complain about odor, property values and infringements on their property rights, while challenging the farmer's right to continue operating - despite the appropriate zoning in the area. While no farm is exempt from nuisance lawsuits, New York and Michigan farmers can take note of 2 recent court rulings that back their rights to continue if they are following good management guidelines as defined by the states. The New York Supreme Court recently ruled that its right-to-farm law is constitutional, similar to a recent ruling in Michigan. "Both these rulings give farm owners, who are fol-

lowing these stringent guidelines, the right and ability to continue to do business, knowing that they will not lose their operations because of unfounded challenges from neighbors," said Kevin Kirk, Michigan Farm Bureau livestock and Right to Farm specialist. "Everyone has rights - on both sides of the road. But, both Michigan and New York have now said that producers, if operating in compliance with those set guidelines, will be protected from nuisance lawsuits." Stoneman Cattle Inc. in Gratiot County garnered a victory for Michigan agriculture in late March, when a lengthy bench trial ended with a ruling in favor of the family farm operation's 3,910-head feedlot facility near Breckenridge. The plaintiffs in the Stoneman case said that flies, increased traffic and odor

created a nuisance and, therefore, a taking of their property values. Circuit Court Judge Randy Tahvonen disagreed, however, after listening to many hours of expert testimony - including that from Kirk - which found the operation to be in compliance with Michigan's Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMP). Tahvonen also said the farm was not a source of flies, farm traffic did not harm the plaintiffs, nor did property values decrease because of the operation. New York's decision was almost identical. Pure Air and Water Inc. (PAW), citing environmental concerns for the suit, challenged Trengo Farms (a confinement hog operation), as well as the commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

Trengo Farms received a "Sound Agriculture Practice Opinion" from the agricultural commissioner prior to the lawsuit. However, PAW, a group of neighbors, said the Trengo operation and the ag commissioner's opinion caused an improper "taking" of private property by allowing the Trengos to maintain a nuisance over neighboring property. The suit centered on manure management practices. The case went all the way to the New York State Supreme Court, where the court handed down a 97-1 decision declaring the state's Right to Farm Law and Opinion to be constitutional. In both the New York and Michigan cases, the courts decisively distinguished their right-to-farm laws from that of Iowa, which was found to be unconstitutional earlier this year. Unlike the Iowa

statute, both Michigan and New York do not allow for blanket protection based on location from nuisance lawsuits. Instead, farmers must follow good management practices, established by each state, to be protected. The Stoneman case is currently under appeal. The judge has not yet ruled on how much legal fees can be recouped from the Stonemans' defense. "The Stonemans have spent in excess of \$100,000 to defend their operation," Kirk said. The plaintiffs are yet to outline their grounds for appeal. "However, the plaintiffs have

said that too many experts were brought in by the Stonemans to defend their operation, which really sounds unfounded to us," Kirk said. "If you want your side of the situation to be explained and understood, you have to rely on good, credible experts." The Stoneman family was named the 1980 Gratiot County Farm Family of the Year during the county's Rural Urban Days celebration. The farm often hosts tours for interested parties, and has been used as a model for other farm operations.

Your neighbor says

Never missed a July 4 Festival

Colleen Langenburg, born and raised in Cass City, has never missed the Cass City July 4 Festival. "I've never missed one year," she said with a smile. Langenburg, assistant vice-president at Thumb National Bank and Trust Co., not only enjoys the festival, but is also involved in it. President of the Cass City Rotary Club, she works at the Rotary food stand on the day of the grand parade. Although she isn't able to see the grand parade very often, it's still her favorite part of the festival. Her family also takes an active role in festival activities. "My son competes in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament," she said. Langenburg makes it a must to watch her son Brad, 11, compete in the Fire in the Sky basketball tournament. Her daughter Amanda, 8, dances with the Sally Doerr Dancers.



Joe Langenburg, her husband, takes part in the grand parade. He drives the Little League all-stars in the back of his pickup truck. "We're usually darting here and there," she said, adding that she makes it home for an afternoon nap. Langenburg commented, "Usually by the time the fireworks come around, we're together at one time." After all, Langenburg said, July 4 is a time for family and friends to get together and have fun.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bill C. Baird, an unmarried man, (original mortgagors) to Conti Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 12, 1997, and recorded on September 26, 1997 in Liber 720, on Page 1289, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN AND 45/100 dollars (\$28,277.45), including interest at 9.500% 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 venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 6, 1999.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF FAIRGROVE, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 11, Block 3, First Assessor's Plat of the Village of Fairgrove, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, on Page 72, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 23, 1999
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6-23-5

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shawn D. Chapelo, A Single Man, to Rock Financial Corporation, mortgagee, dated August 28, 1998 and recorded September 30, 1998 in Liber 751, Page 723-729, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Associates Home Equity Services, Inc. f/k/a Ford Consumer Finance Company, Inc. by assignment dated February 28, 1999 and recorded on March 22, 1999 in Liber 766, Page 963, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Four and 25/100 Dollars (\$48,204.25) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on August 6, 1999.

The premises are located in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

COMMENCING AT A POINT 16 RODS WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST; THENCE NORTH 13 RODS; THENCE WEST 4 RODS 4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 13 RODS; THENCE EAST 4 RODS 4 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated: June 23, 1999
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorney for Associates Home Equity Services, Inc. f/k/a Ford Consumer Finance Company, Inc.,
As Assignee
3001 West Big Beaver
Suite 600
Troy, MI 48064
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6-23-5

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norval Maschke And Hazel Maschke, Husband And Wife, to Mortgage America, Inc., mortgagee, dated September 11, 1997 and recorded October 3, 1997 in Liber 721, Page 465, Tuscola County Records said mortgage is now held by IMC Mortgage Company by assignment dated April 12, 1999 and recorded on May 5, 1999 in Liber 770, Page 712, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Three and 54/100 Dollars (\$44,893.54) including interest at the rate of 14.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00 a.m. on July 23, 1999.

The premises are located in the Township of Arbelia, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point South 0 degrees West, 443.61 feet from the North 1/4 corner of section; thence South 0 degrees West 443.27 feet along the North-South 1/4 line; thence West 1322.21 feet; thence North 0 degrees East 443.28 feet; thence East 1321.22 feet to point of beginning.

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

Dated: June 9, 1999
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
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File No. 193.0005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark S. WILCOX a single man (original mortgagors) to Republic Bancorp Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 28, 1995, and recorded on July 31, 1995 in Liber 676, on Page 1167, Tuscola County Records, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Countywide Home Loans, Inc. f/k/a Countywide Funding Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated August 23, 1995, which was recorded on January 25, 1996, in Liber 685, on Page 221, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE AND 12/100 dollars (\$99,869.12), including interest at 8.250% 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 venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 13, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

PARCEL C: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at a point which is South 89 degrees 33' 18" West 466.97 feet along the North line of said Section 15 and South 00 degrees 11' 24" East 862.50 feet and South 64 degrees 54' 00" West 275.50 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 15; thence continuing South 64 degrees 54' 00" West 270.00 feet; thence North 25 degrees 06' 00" West 216.86 feet; thence North 64 degrees 54' 00" East 346.63 feet; thence South 05 degrees 38' 15" East 230.00 feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH AND INCLUDING "EASEMENT A" DESCRIBED AS: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point which is South 89 degrees 33' 18" West 466.97 feet along the North line of said Section 15 and South 00 degrees 11'

24" East 20.00 feet and South 89 degrees 33' 18" West 62.18 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 15; thence South 27 degrees 27' 55" West 448.26 feet; thence South 05 degrees 38' 15" East 572.26 feet; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 534.37 feet, a central angle of 19 degrees 27' 45" and a long chord bearing and distance of South 15 degrees 22' 08" East 180.65 feet; thence South 25 degrees 06' 00" East 179.78 feet; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 320.95 feet, a central angle of 24 degrees 34' 36" and a long chord bearing and distance of South 12 degrees 38' 42" East 138.44 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11' 24" East 1172.22 feet to a point on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 15 which is West 530.00 feet from the center of said Section 15; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 15 West 66.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11' 24" West 1172.00 feet; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 254.95 feet, a central angle of 24 degrees 34' 36" and a long chord bearing and distance of North 12 degrees 38' 42" West 109.97 feet; thence North 25 degrees 06' 00" West 179.78 feet; thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 600.37 feet, a central angle of 19 degrees 27' 45" and a long chord bearing and distance of North 15 degrees 22' 08" West 202.95 feet; thence North 05 degrees 38' 15" West 491.10 feet; thence South 54 degrees 49' 16" West 798.46 feet; thence North 80.75 feet; thence North 54 degrees 49' 16" East 759.71 feet; thence North 27 degrees 27' 55" East 480.10 feet; thence North 89 degrees 33' 18" East 74.68 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: June 30, 1999
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1306
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File # 97075910
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6-30-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julia A. McBride, a single woman, and Jeffrey C. Warren, a single man, Mortgagees, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 1998, and recorded on August 7, 1998, in Liber 747, Page 237, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date hereof, the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Seventy-Three and 55/100 (\$67,073.55) Dollars, including interest at 11.08% 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 venue, at the front entrance of the courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, on Friday, Aug. 6, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. Said premises are situated in the Township of Vassar, County of Tuscola, and State of Michigan, and is described as follows: to-wit

The North 3/4 of Lots 9 and 10, Block 2 of Ebenezer Morse's Addition to the Village of Vassar, (Now City), County of Tuscola, Michigan, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 359 of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: June 3, 1999
Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee

Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
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6-16-5

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John E. Conrad, and Candace J. Conrad, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 1998, and recorded on June 18, 1998 in Liber 742, on Page

930, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE AND 43/100 dollars (\$14,231.43), including interest at 6.250% 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 venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 13, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 40 rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, running thence West 90 rods, thence North 40 rods thence East 90 rods, thence south to the point of beginning, except commencing 40 rods North of Southeast corner of section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence West 348.00 feet, thence North 250.00 feet, thence East 348.00 feet, thence South 250.00 feet to point of beginning, and also except commencing 910.00 feet North of Southeast corner of Section 8, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence West 256.00 feet, thence North 170.00 feet, thence East 256.00 feet, thence South 170.00 feet to point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 Month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 30, 1999
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303
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Attorneys and Counselors
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File # 990202365
Ravens

6-30-5

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jared O. Young a single man (original mortgagors) to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 29, 1997, and recorded on November 4, 1997 in Liber 723, on Page 1001-1007, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 97/100 dollars (\$64,997.97), including interest at 8.250% 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 venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on July 23, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF DAYTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel E - Part of the fractional Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of the recorded Plat of "Cat Lake Hills" which is North 01 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East, 873.43 feet along the West line of said Section 7 and North 86 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds East, 183.62 feet and North 78 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds East, 115.45 feet and North 82 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds East, 550.06 feet along the South line of said "Cat Lake Hills" from the Southwest corner of said Section 7, thence continuing along the South line of said "Cat Lake Hills", North 82 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds East, 150.00 feet; thence South 05 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East, 105.60 feet; thence South 85 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West, 150 feet; thence North 05 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds West, 96.48 feet to the South line of "Cat Lake Hills" and the point of beginning.

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

Dated: June 9, 1999
DMR Financial Services, Inc.
248-593-1300
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Attorneys for DMR Financial Services, Inc.
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File # 99055530
Hawks

6-9-5

Milk production up

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 469 million pounds of milk during May, up .6 percent from a year ago, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. The daily rate per cow was 51.6 pounds, an increase of 1.3 pounds from 1998. The dairy herd was estimated at

293,000 head for May, down from 294,000 head, and 6,000 head below the herd size in May, 1998.

Milk production in the 20 major states during May was 12.4 billion pounds, up 3.5 percent from 1998. Daily production per cow was 51.9 pounds, 1.7 pounds higher than in May 1998.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.72 million head, 3,000 more than May 1998 and 8,000 more head than April 1999.

Disorders focus of meeting

The United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has extended an offer to the Thumb of Michigan Child and Adults Deficit Disorder (ChADD) to present a meeting for parents and children with attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit with hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and other learning disabilities.

In order to conduct this meeting, a minimum of 50 parents must attend.

In conjunction with this meeting, ChADD will offer detailed information on how to help your child succeed in school and will provide information on advocate services.

The current and future success of our children rests in the hands of both dedicated and committed parents. If interested in attending such a meeting in Bad Axe, call (517) 269-2761 or (517) 658-2659.

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.

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Friday - Crispy fish, cream style corn, Brussels sprouts, variety bread, cherry pie.

Monday - Closed - Independence Day.

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Obituaries

Linus Champagne

Linus J. Champagne, 63, of Deford, died Thursday, June 24, 1999, at his residence. He was born Oct. 7, 1935, in Port Austin.

He came to the Kingston area as a young man and ended the remainder of his life in Deford. He married the former Connie Tescho Feb. 1, 1955, in Cass City. He is a journeyman tinsmith with Chrysler Corporation until his retirement in September of 1998. He was a member of the Catholic faith. He is survived by his wife,

Connie; 2 daughters and spouses, Sherrie and Randy Dibble of Caro, Dawn and Cort Hartwick of Deford; 8 grandchildren; one sister and 2 brothers, Geneva Higgs of Cass City, Kenneth and Norma Champagne of Pennsylvania, and Elmer Champagne of Caro, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Edmund and Cleto; one sister, Mary Pinkoski, and a grandson, Jeffery Randall II.

Funeral services were held at Collon Funeral Home, Caro, Saturday, June 26, with the Rev. Stewart Justin officiating.

Interment was at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Wilmot.

Earlene Frappart

Earlene Alice Anscomb Frappart, 72, of Caro, died Thursday, June 24, 1999, at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Blanche Copeland

Blanche B. Copeland, 84, of Cass City, died Thursday, June 24, 1999, in Four Seasons Healthcare Center, Bad Axe.

She was born Nov. 14, 1913, in Evergreen Township to John and Emma Vance. She married Leonard J. Copeland Sept. 16, 1933, in Cass City. He died May 25, 1998.

She helped Leonard with farming, horse racing and raising chickens.

She is survived by her children, Stuart (Bernice) Copeland of Kingston, Wilda (Doyle) Hodges of Lecanto, Fla., Carol (Scott) Copeland of Hernando, Fla., and Donald (Ruby) Copeland of Cass City; 9 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sisters, Gertrude Surbrook of Bad Axe and Gladys Sanfilippo of Dearborn. She was preceded in death by 2 grandchildren, Danny Copeland and Rhonda Surbrook; great-granddaughter, Rhonda King; sisters, Marge Edwards and Bertha Schneider; brothers, Neal, Roy, John and Earl Vance.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Kranz Funeral Home with the Rev. Marge Vincent officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

or the American Diabetes Association.

Earlene Frappart

Earlene Alice Anscomb Frappart, 72, of Caro, died Thursday, June 24, 1999, at Hills and Dales General Hospital.

She was born March 26, 1927, in Oxford, to Carl and Carletta (Fuller) Hubel.

She married Charles Oscar Anscomb July 3, 1948, in Saginaw. He died Aug. 19, 1956. She married Albert Frappart Sept. 27, 1958. He died May 9, 1979.

Frappart worked as a nurse aide at St. Luke's Hospital, Saginaw. She also did home care for the elderly. She attended Deford Community Church and was a graduate of Cass City High School.

She is survived by her children, Rocky (Marilyn) Anscomb of Saginaw, Earle (Paula) Anscomb of Loves Park, Ill., Carlene Sattelberg of Deford, Diane (Tom) Smith of Gagetown, and Keith (Peggy) Frappart of Cass City; step-son, William (Judy) Clairmont of Vassar; step-daughter, Debbie (Bill) Dougherty of Saginaw; 24 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brothers, Clayton (Agnes) Hubel of Davison, Wilbur (Sue) Hubel of Caseville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Joyce Rosbury. Funeral services were held Saturday at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. David Mercer of the Deford Community Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

King of Parrish, Ala.; 3 sisters, Dee (John) Schmidt of Deford, Karen (Jim) Weeks of Marysville and Nora (Eugene) Morin of Redford; a brother, David (Gloria) Kniaz of Garland, Texas; 2 step-sisters and 2 stepbrothers, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services were to be held Saturday, July 3, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, with the Rev. Rick Bokinskie of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, officiating.

Interment was to be in St. Columbkille Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Richard Van Winkle

Richard T. Van Winkle, 85, of Zephyrhills, Fla., died June 21, 1999, at Spectrum Health Center of Grand Rapids.

He was born Aug. 1, 1913, in Caro, the son of Grant and Ylu (Smith) Van Winkle.

Early in life he lived in Cass City, later moving to Milan where he owned and operated a floral business, Van Winkle Green House, then moved to Evans Lake in the Irish Hills and later to Zephyrhills, Fla. He graduated from Cass City High School and from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's degree in Floriculture.

He married Catherine Bailey who preceded him in death in 1988. Later he married LaDeane Sichterman who also preceded him in death June 13, 1999.

Survivors include one daughter, Gretchen London of Flat Rock; 3 sons, John D. Van Winkle of Colon, Lon J. Van Winkle of Chicago, Ill., and Rev. Steven G. Van Winkle of Adrian; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Sharlie Wilsie of Caro, and Georgene Palmer of Deford, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 wives. Memorial services were held at the Peoples Presbyterian Church, Milan.

Interment of remains followed at the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by the Schipper Funeral Home, Ltd., Colon.

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Kathy Kniaz

Kathy A. Kniaz, 49, of St. Paul, Minn., formerly of Wayne, died Friday, June 23, 1999, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Convalescent Home, St. Paul, Minn.

She was born June 11, 1950, in Detroit, and married Edmond Mahan in the mid-sixties. She married Richard Cumming March 31, 1984, in Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Kniaz worked for Ford Motor Company in Wayne, then transferred to Ford Motor Company in Minnesota 15 years ago.

Surviving are 2 sons, Kirk and Wayne Mahan; a daughter, Samantha Cumming; her mother, Katherine (Merrill) Bennett of Canton Township; her father, Chester (Sue)

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The policy requiring the testing of horses for EIA was adopted by the Huron County 4-H Horse and Pony Leaders after carefully considering the pros and cons of testing. This was a result of an outbreak of EIA in the Thumb during the winter.

The following Horse Shows are scheduled to take place at the Huron Community Fairground:

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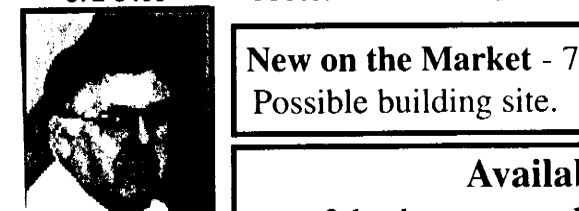
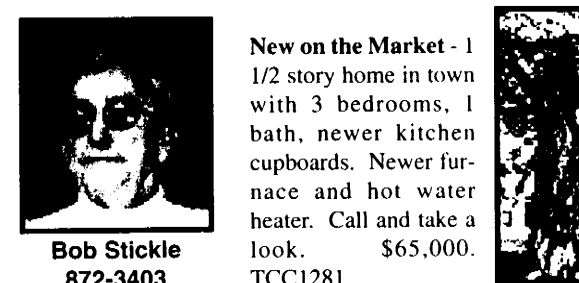
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Cass City revenue up

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185 days a year and receive a salary of \$26,695.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Micklash announced a significant change in the school of choice law. Schools will be able to accept students from any district that is contiguous instead of only from those within the Intermediate School District. That means that students in Owen-Gage, Bad Axe, Uby, Marlette and Sandusky could come to Cass City or from Cass City to any of these schools. The law will go to the governor soon and he is almost sure to sign it.

OTHER BUSINESS

*All hot lunch prices, ex-

cept breakfast, will increase 5 cents next year. The new prices are: breakfast, 90 cents; lunches, kindergarten through 4th, \$1.10; 5th through 12th, \$1.15, and adults, \$1.70. The increase will keep the program in the black, Micklash said, and make it so we won't have to raise rates again for at least 2 or 3 years.

*Cass City was one of a group of schools, with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, listed in a court case seeking damages because home school students are not allowed to participate in school athletics. The defendants are seeking a dismissal of charges and the case will be in the courts in early July.

*A special reorganization meeting of the board will be held Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the board has been switched to July 12 starting at 7:30 p.m.

Rotary Club honors Althaver

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retrieved 4 plastic toys. Money prizes were awarded to those with matching numbers.

"Prior to that," Langenburg said, "we had duck races down the Cass River and the first 4 ducks to cross the line won."

The fundraiser will not be held this year. The Rotary Club donated the plastic ducks to Let's Build Some Fun in the Thumb, which will be used in fundraising activities.

"We're trying to come up with other innovative ways to raise money," Klico said. "In March, the club is having an auction."

Klico is asking for donated items for the auction.

"All the money is put back into the community," he said. "We try to put back everything we get."

Klico added that if an organization has a worthy cause and requests money, the organization will usually get money.

"The whole idea of raising money is to give it away," he said.

The July 4 Festival is the biggest fundraiser for the Rotary, Langenburg added. The club sponsors a food

tent, as well as the Fire in the Sky 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Other community contributions include the sponsoring of Cass City boy scouts. The club participates in the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup in April, June and August, cleaning the stretch from Schwegler Road to Greenland Road.

Last year, the club was also involved with Christmas for Kids, supplying gifts to 200 children in approximately 90 families.

"We like to turn around and give back to the community," Klico said.

Internationally, Rotary is best known for their PolioPlus Foundation, which works towards worldwide eradication of polio. Working closely with international and national health agencies, the foundation has helped immunize one billion children against polio in the past decade, in more than 100 countries around the world. By the year 2005, Rotarians' contributions to the global polio eradication effort will approach \$400 million.

There are more than 27,000 Rotary Clubs in 150 countries. The Cass City Rotary Club, founded in 1930, has 32 members.

Cass City Schools' Budget

The budget for 1999-00 is the same as the actual expenditures in the revised budget adopted Monday. It is listed to conform with the state law and is expected to be revised when the student count is established. When the budget is revised it will reflect actual expenses forecast for the next school year as well as actual revenues, both of which will increase.

	Actual 1997-98	10-26-98 Adopted 1998-99	06/28/99 Revised 1998-99	06/28/99 1999-00
Revenue-Local Sources	813,840	738,830	766,667	766,667
Revenue-State Sources	8,154,890	8,556,285	8,672,335	8,672,335
Revenue-Federal Sources	282,850	395,505	394,603	394,603
Other Financing Sources	27,400	5,000	13,464	13,464
Total Revenues	9,278,980	9,695,620	9,847,069	9,847,069
Total Expenditures	9,106,201	9,590,425	9,783,448	9,783,448
Adjustment to Fund Balance	172,779	105,195	63,621	63,621
Fund Balance - July 1	923,592	1,096,371	1,096,371	1,159,992
Fund Balance - June 30	1,096,371	1,201,566	1,159,992	1,223,613

Expert: take care in torrid weather

Though Michigan rarely has more than a week or 10 days of torrid weather at a time, people who work outside should be mindful of the health risk that can frequently accompany summer workdays.

Prolonged strenuous or even moderate work on sun-scorched days of high temperatures and high humidity could be a double whammy for individuals who do not take the proper self-protection precautions, advises Howard J. Doss, Michigan State University Extension safety leader.

"Unless a person paces him/herself and drinks plenty of water, he or she could be a candidate for heat exhaustion or heat stroke," he says. "Unfortunately, most people don't think about that until they are on the verge of becoming ill."

The human body rids itself of excess heat by perspiring and, depending on the workload, may lose a quart of water per hour. A person weighing 140 pounds can afford to lose about 2 quarts of water before experiencing problems. A person weighing 200 pounds can lose 3 quarts of water before being in trouble, Doss says.

These losses must be replaced, preferably by frequent intakes of small amounts of water during the work period. This is best done at 15-to 20-minute intervals. The water should be at the work site. The best drinking water temperature is between 50 and 60 degrees F.

"Thirst is not an adequate stimulus for water intake during periods of heat stress," Doss says. "By the time you are thirsty, you have lost too much water."

He says the second mistake people make in hot weather is wearing as little clothing as possible, which in itself may contribute to heat exhaustion or heat stroke while exposing the skin to the dam-

aging effects of the sun's ultraviolet rays, which can cause skin cancer.

Among his recommendations for coping with excessively hot weather are the following:

— Wear lightweight, white or light-colored clothing — it tends to reflect heat and sunlight and helps maintain normal body temperature. Cotton is cooler than polyester. Wear a broad-brimmed hat, a long-sleeved shirt and a bandana around the neck. Apply an ounce or more sunscreen (SPF of 15 or higher) every 3 to 5 hours (more often if you're sweating profusely) on exposed skin to help reduce damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays. They are most intense between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

— Heed the early warnings of heat stress, such as feeling faint, nausea, heavy perspiration, a high pulse rate and shallow breathing, and/or pale, cool, moist skin. If these symptoms develop, immediately take a break in a cool place and drink water for 15 to 20 minutes. If the symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

When 90-degree temperatures are accompanied by high humidity, take a 15-minute break each hour.

— Drink plenty of water (avoid salty sports drinks) and consume plenty of potassium-rich foods, such as fruit and fruit juices. Do not drink alcohol — it will contribute to dehydration, and that can increase the risk for heat-related illness.

— Eat carbohydrates rather than fats and proteins. Fats tend to produce more body heat than carbohydrates, and proteins increase water loss.

Doss says that some drugs — such as tranquilizers, antidepressants, antihistamines and some over-the-counter sleeping pills — may increase the risk of heat-related illness by interfering with the body's physical heat regulatory system.

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Authorities are still seeking a second suspect in the case, according to Tuscola County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Mark Reese.

Reese said the charges stem from an incident May 30, when the suspects allegedly took a fork from the kitchen area of the facility and used it as a weapon against a male employee. The juveniles then allegedly took the employee and his car and drove to Mt. Pleasant - Logan's hometown - where they released the employee unharmed.

In other recent felony arraignments:

*Michael D. Dost Jr., 19, Mayville, was charged with one count of third degree criminal sexual conduct allegedly involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years May 1 in Dayton Township.

Bond was set at \$50,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for July 2 at 9 a.m.

*Raymond M. Matson, 19, Cass City, was arraigned on charges of malicious destruction of a building, malicious destruction of personal property and unlawful use of a motor vehicle. The charges stem from damage at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant March 9.

Bond was set at \$5,000 and a preliminary exam was scheduled for July 2 at 9 a.m.

*Jason A. Mosher, 25, Bay City, was charged with breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering and larceny in a building Oct. 22 in Wisner Township.

*Patrick J. Payne, 22, Deford, was arraigned on charges of malicious destruction of a building, malicious destruction of personal property and unlawful use of a motor vehicle, stemming from damage at the Cass City Wastewater Treatment Plant March 9.

Bond was set at \$3,000. A preliminary exam will be held July 2 at 9 a.m.

*Kenneth R. Dubay Jr., 22,

Motorist critically injured

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injured in another 2-vehicle accident reported Thursday afternoon at the corner of M-81 and Elmwood Road, about 5 miles southwest of Cass City.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies said the crash occurred when a westbound vehicle driven by Dustin L. Gruhn, 18, of Owendale, failed to yield at the intersection, colliding with a southbound vehicle driven by Deborah J. Crandall, 36, of Cass City.

Gruhn, who was not wearing a seat belt, was not injured in the crash, according to deputies, who stated Crandall was wearing a seat belt, but suffered injuries. She was transported by MMR personnel to Hills and Dales General Hospital, where she was treated and then released.

Gruhn was cited for failure to yield.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Tuesday afternoon guest of Mrs. Frank Laming.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau meeting was held at the home of Russell and Delores Bouchard Thursday evening. Cards were played and high prizes were won by Dorothy Heleski and Joe Sweeney. Low prizes were won by Hilda Sweeney and Stanley Heleski.

The next meeting will be at the home of Joe and Josephine Wolschlager.

Gary Wills of Port Austin was a Tuesday evening guest of Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka were Father's Day afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Particka.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Depcinski and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laming and family were Father's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Several from this area were among those who attended the ice cream social at the Shabbona RLDS Church at Shabbona Saturday.

Jim and Kay Sweeney spent a few days with Sally and Pat Bell and Lauren at Carp Lake.

Mrs. Alex Cleland, Carol Laming and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cleland Jr. and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Bob Cleland Sr. at Waterford.

Betty Meyers of Gladwin was a Sunday overnight guest of Ray and Rita Depcinski.

Eight members and one guest of the Extended Homemakers met at the Shabbona RLDS Church to work on a quilt. They will meet at 11 o'clock next week.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka took their granddaughter, Laura Godell, to Marshall, where they met Laura's mother, Melanie

Godell, and sister, Amy. They had lunch together and Laura returned home with her mother and sister.

Ray and Rita Depcinski attended a graduation open house for Jason Depcinski, son of Leona and Clarence Depcinski, at the Fox Hunters Club hall in Uby Sunday. A dinner was served in the afternoon. Others attending were Betty Myers of Midland, Bob and Carol Osantoski and sons, Greg and Sue Krozek, Samantha and Ryan of Kinde, Richard, Cindy and Brooke Depcinski of Bad Axe, Charles Depcinski, and Therese, Shawn and Nicole.

Larry Silver of Utica, Reva Silver and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Thelma Jackson Sunday evening.

Doug and Beth Sweeney of Kissimmee, Fla., Mary Kay and Dan Ritter and family of Elkton, Sally and Pat Bell and Laurene of Carp Lake, Kari Donovan of Kinde,

Bruce and Wayne Sweeney Eric and Heidi Sweeney and Brandon and Nicole Sweeney of Uby enjoyed Father's Day Sunday with Jim and Kay Sweeney. Other afternoon guests were Ken and Jane Sweeney of Uby and Les Kendall of Cass City.

Rita Depcinski attended a graduation party for Adam Sutherland at the home of his parents, Julie and Mike Sutherland, Saturday.

Thirteen members and one guest of the Traveling Breakfast Club met at Stafono's in Bad Axe for breakfast Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland Wednesday forenoon.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Monday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Wright.

Allen and Alice Depcinski were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Rutkowski for birthday cake and ice cream in honor of Amy Rutkowski's 11th birthday.

Fence causes fracas

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posed 20 days. Fees were waived for non-profit groups.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the council:

*Received some good news in the form of a letter from the Michigan Department of Transportation outlining the village's share of repaving Main Street later this summer.

State officials initially estimated the project would total \$311,000, with the village's share pegged at more than \$16,000. However, Downing said Monday, the project contract was awarded for a total price tag of just over \$200,000, and the village's share will be just

over \$7,000.

*Received a letter of thanks from Thumb Electric Cooperative (TEC) officials, who lauded the village staff in its efforts to help ensure TEC's recent annual meeting, at tended by some 1,000 people in Cass City Recreationa Park, was a success. TEC officials enclosed a \$400 donation to be used for capita improvements in the park and noted they would like to again hold their annual meeting in the park next year.

*Adopted a resolution approving transfer of the village's cable television franchise from Avalon Cable of Michigan (Cable Michigan), to the new owner, Charter Communications, a Wired World Company whose majority owner is Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

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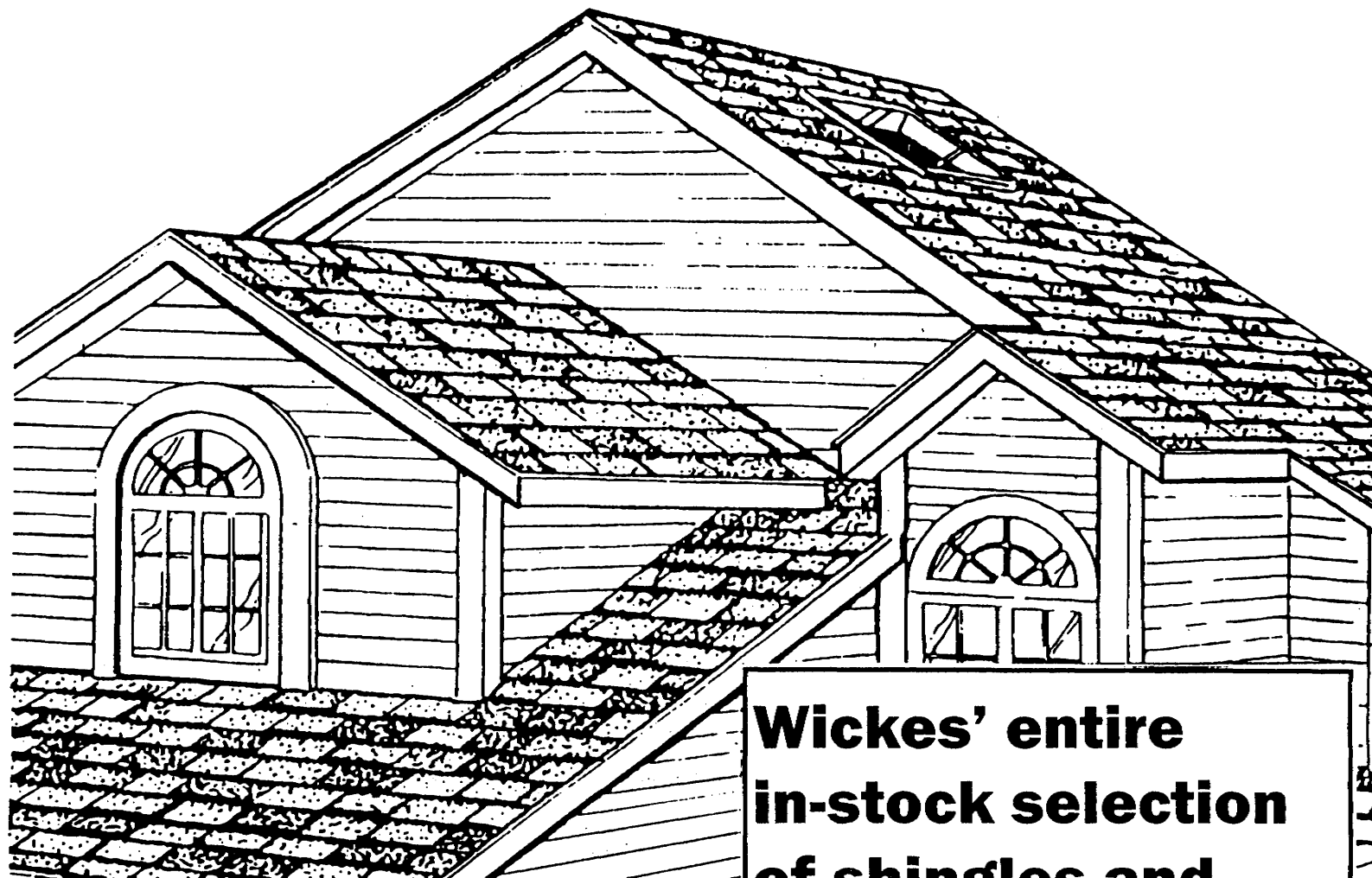
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Jones tells of 16 years as parade coordinator

Gary Jones admits that it's hard work at times, but when he hears the roar of applause streaming from the large crowd, it's all worth it.

Jones has been grand parade coordinator for Cass City's 4th of July Festival for the past 16 years. And he's not finished.

"As long as I'm able to and as long as someone wants me, I'll do it," he said.

And judging from the thousands of parade watchers each year and the 70-90 parade participants, he's wanted - and appreciated.

"The attendance is appreciation of the effort," Jones commented. "It makes a lot of people happy and I guess that's what it's all about."

Jones isn't able to watch the actual parade. He's busy at the parade line-up, making sure everyone gets off to a good start. But he doesn't mind, and he's never really thought about being in the parade himself.

"When I look at the line-up and it looks fine, I'm satisfied," he said.

The parade assistants are also part of why Jones enjoys the role of parade coordinator.

"There are 6-8 people who help in the line-up of the parade," Jones added. "They are expert assistants and they deserve a lot of thanks."

It all began when a friend of Jones needed assistance with the parade and Jones agreed to help out.

Now, he is responsible for sending the invitations to all possible participants and returning phone calls on questions and information on line-up - among many other responsibilities - and with 70-90 participants to confirm

When Gary Jones hears the roars of applause his 16 years as parade director is worth the effort.

parade line-up numbers for, that amounts to quite a few calls.

"There's been some pros and cons to this," Jones said, "but mostly pros."

Raised on a farm in Shabbona, about 12 miles southwest of Cass City, Jones has always lived in the Thumb. He now lives in Cass City with his wife Doris. They have 3 children. Woodworking is also something he plans to do for a long time.

"I consider myself an amateur woodworker," Jones commented. "I make furniture and barn-wood items."

Jones also makes craft items that he sells, keeps and gives away.

His interest in woodworking began while he was a member of the 4-H Club as a child.

"As time went on, I developed an interest in doing these types of thing," he said, "redecorating, remodeling, and making hard-wood furniture."

Secretary of the Lions' Club for 15 years, Jones also enjoys deer hunting, fishing and golfing.

Gardening is also a hobby he enjoys. Jones grows basic herbs such as garlic and he also grows peppers.



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At July 4 Festival

Antique auto club ready for 20th year

Jim Perry has a 1970 Chrysler 300 in his front drive. This long vehicle, with a 440 TNT engine, has 375 horsepower.

And boy, "it will go!" Perry laughed.

And go it will - right onto the plaque for the 1999 Cass City 4th of July Festival antique car show.

Sponsored by the Thumb-area Antique Auto Club, the car show will display antique cars in the festival for its 20th year.

Beginning Friday, July 2, at 6:00 p.m., the club will hold a cruise night near the Cass City McDonald's Restaurant.

Perry, one of the original club members and this year's owner of the plaque car, said that people with antique cars come from all around. During cruise night, the antique car owners take a look at the other antique cars while their children play games. At 9:00 p.m., each car owner from the area is assigned 4-5 car owners who aren't from the area who will then follow the local owner's car throughout town.

"We have cruise nights throughout the summer in

different areas," Perry said.

The Thumb Area Antique Car Club will participate in the grand parade Saturday, July 3, after which they will drive to the park for the antique car show.

Every person with a car in the show will receive a plaque with Perry's 1970 Chrysler displayed. The Perrys' car is especially unique because there were only 485 of these vehicles ever made.

Plaques will also be handed out to the participating owners of antique cars during cruise night.

Last year, there were approximately 15 club cars in the grand parade, Perry said, with an additional 10 antique cars from non-members. A total of 75 plaques were given out between the 2 events.

The auto club began in 1980, and to Perry, it's not just a club - it's a family.

"My father was in it," he said. "It began when 4-5 fellows always met at a coffee shop. They talked about getting a club going. They all had Model A's."

Perry added, "They met

one Thursday night, and we've met once a month on Thursday nights ever since."

Perry also commented that when someone joins the club, the entire family does too.

"We stress that if you come, bring the wife and kids."

The club now has 32 members and their spouses, Perry said. They vary in age from about 30-80.

In May, the club holds a kick-off banquet when all the cars are taken out of storage to get them ready for the year. After all, the 4th of July Festival in Cass City is only one of the many events this club is involved in. The club travels to many festivals, including the Midland Antique Festival.

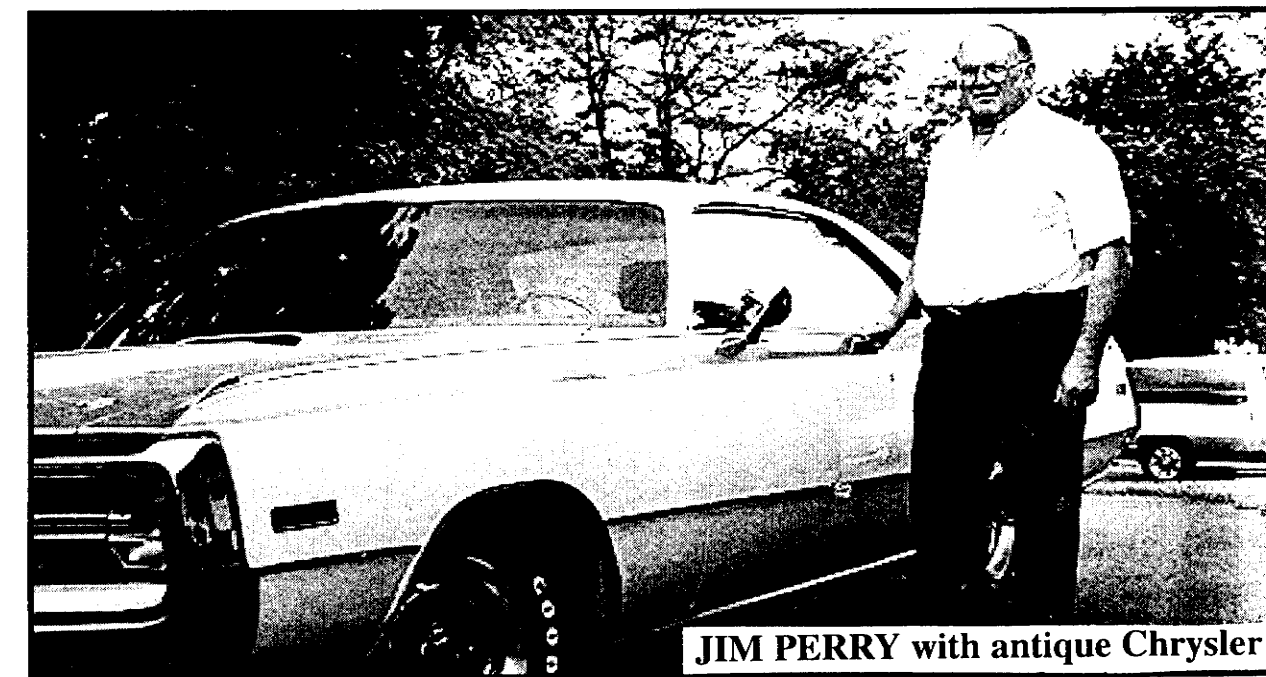
Perry and his family have

always been interested in cars. The Perrys own between 12-15 antique cars at present, many of which are in storage. Perry's interest in cars stems from his childhood.

"My dad did mechanical work when I was little," Perry said. "I used to hand Dad wrenches when he got underneath the cars."

Perry began collision work

in 1954 when he was 16, and he's enjoyed working on cars ever since. Currently, he is employed at Pat Curtis Cadillac, Oldsmobile, and Chevrolet in Caro, working in heavy collision and repairs. He also restores cars during his spare time. He's had people contact him from all over the United States for car restoration.

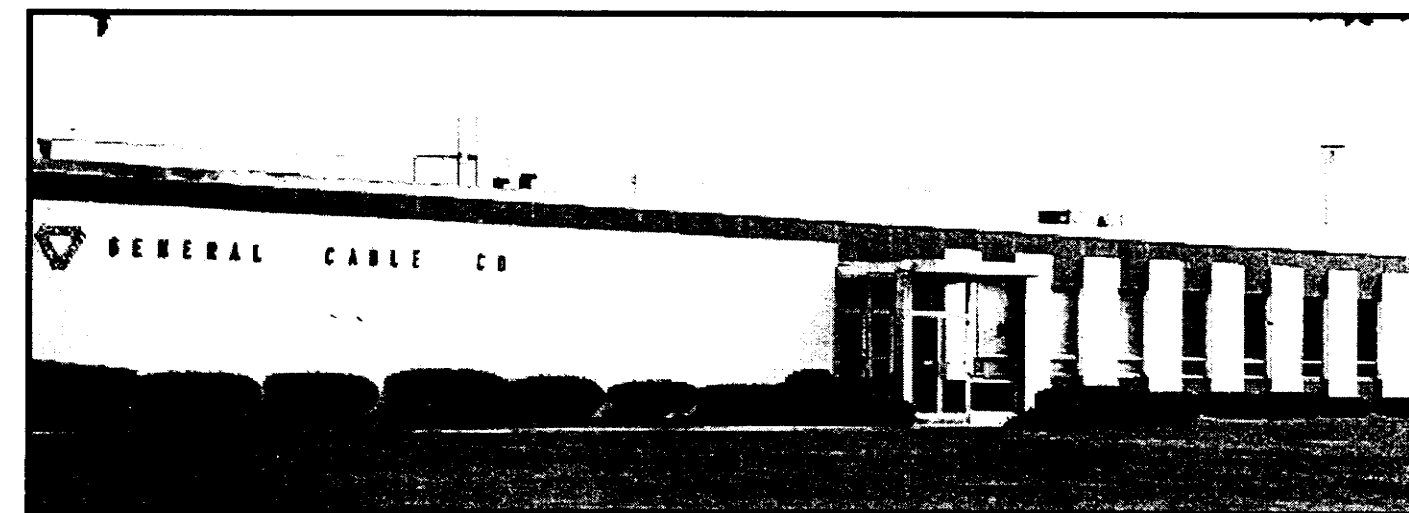


JIM PERRY with antique Chrysler

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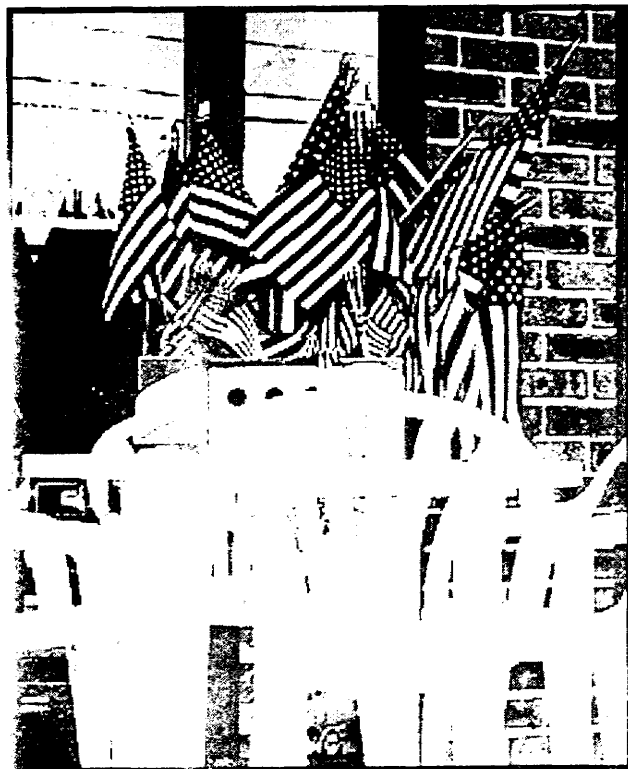
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Festival spurs business for many firms



AREA BUSINESSES are gearing up for another July 4 business boom. Many businesses report that sales go up during the annual festival, and this year is expected to be no different.

Sales are expected to be up for many area businesses during the annual 4th of July Festival.

"We get hit," said Family Dollar Stores Inc. manager Tammy Skiles. "We're making sure we have enough stuff on hand."

She is also stocking up on folding lawn chairs.

"You wouldn't believe how many people come in and buy tons of lawn chairs," Skiles said. "We ran out last year, and we had 10 cases of them."

With 12 chairs in a case, Skiles said she sold over 100 of them. This year, she already has 12 cases stocked up for the upcoming festival.

Lisa Kottenko, manager of Mr. Chips Back to the 50s, a gas station and party store, said business absolutely goes up during the festival. She said during the parade, it's difficult to even walk in the parking lot because of the many festival goers. Besides having extra staff on hand, Kottenko also said she makes sure everything is stocked.

Kottenko said business usually increases near Memorial Day and continues through Labor Day. However, it wasn't so this year.

"It started about 4 to 6 weeks early this year," she added.

Robbie and Dick Turner are owners of Parkway, which includes a party store and antique shop.

Robbie Turner said business picks up substantially on the day of the parade.

"It starts immediately after

the parade and continues throughout the day," she said. "Then there is a boom in sales when the fireworks start."

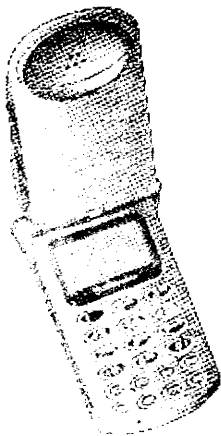
Manager of The Charmont Restaurant, Shelly Stoll, said people like to come inside the establishment to escape the heat and experience the air conditioned rooms.

"They come right after the parade," Stoll said. She added that a 4th staff member is added to the schedule for the 4th of July Festival weekend.

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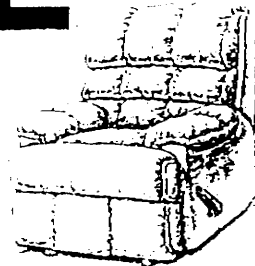
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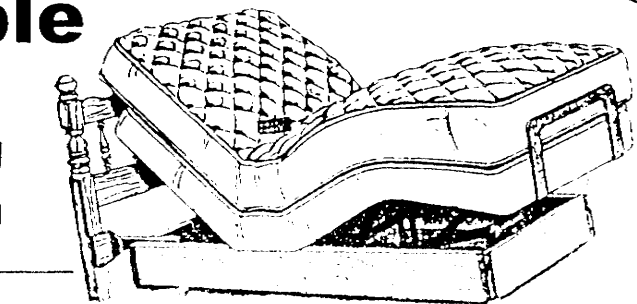
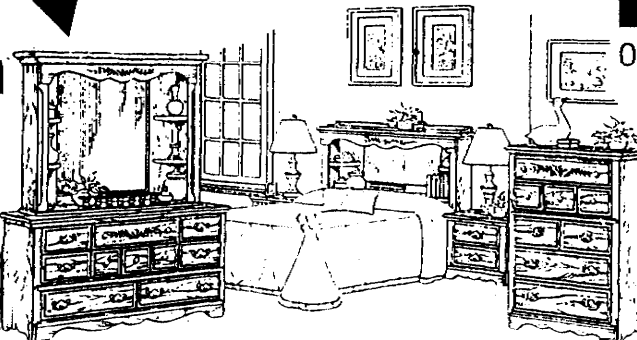
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crowds.

"It seems to draw quite a large crowd," said Ron Kuenzli, Northern Lights Dance Club member and disc jockey. "We try to encourage audience participa-

tion."

The dancing will start Friday evening from 8:00-11:00 at the Lions Club pavilion and it will continue Saturday from 7:00 p.m. until the start of the fireworks. The members will be teaching a few dances throughout Saturday night, and everyone who is interested can join in.

This year marks the 5th year the club will have danced during the festival. They dance to traditional country 2-step, waltzes and many specialty dances that are mainly couple oriented, including mixers, where partners are traded throughout the dance. The dances are to all the latest country songs.

"There are all levels of dance ability there, from the beginner to the very advanced," Kuenzli said. "Dancers are quite acceptable at all levels." He added, "We're there to have fun."

Although there are basic steps to the traditional country 2-step, Kuenzli said that people are free to put in combinations of different turns.

"There are no set patterns on how it's done," he explained.

The specialty dances, however, Kuenzli added, are choreographed.

"It's a real good social event," he said. "You get to know all the members. It's just a fellowship-type event."

The Northern Lights Dance Club began in 1992. Kuenzli said that a dance instructor from Cass City had spent a number of years in Texas and became interested in country dancing while there. When he returned to Cass City, he offered dance classes through community education in Cass City.

"There was enough interest to form the club," Kuenzli said, "and the group originally started with 30 couples."

Kuenzli is one of the original founders.

He encourages membership in the club, adding that it is relatively easy to join. The only requirements are for the individual or couple to have taken a beginner class in traditional country 2-step and waltz, and there is a yearly membership fee.

"There are always classes available," he said. "Most are in the Bad Axe area, where the instructor is at."

Members are not required to dance in the upcoming 4th of July Festival.

"Whenever it fits into

someone's schedule, they show up."

There are regular member dances every other week at different locations, usually alternating between Cass City, Elkton and Bad Axe.

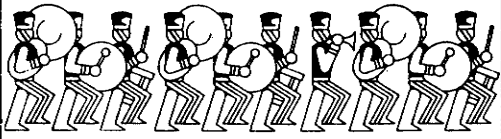
The Northern Lights Dance Club has also danced at the

Huron County Fair in Bad Axe.

As for dancing at the Cass City 4th of July Festival, Kuenzli encourages country music fans to give it a whirl. "Give it a try," he said. "It's easy to pick up."

The event is free of charge.

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The Cass City Rotary Club's 11th annual Fire in the Sky basketball tournaments will add a spark to the day.

The basketball tournaments will be held July 3 at the Cass City Recreational Park. There will be 6 age divisions, the first division open to 8-10 year olds and the final division open to adults, ages 18 and up.

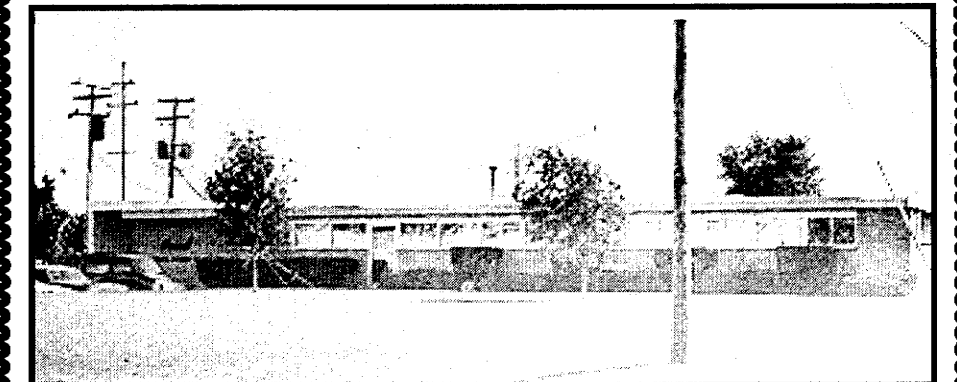
Divisions are also separated by gender, with co-ed teams playing in the boys' division. The teams will be 3 on 3. Additionally, there will be one open class 4 on 4 tournament.

Registration is \$60 per team. Any 3 on 3 player is eligible to compete on one 4 on 4 team at no additional charge. June 30 is the registration deadline.

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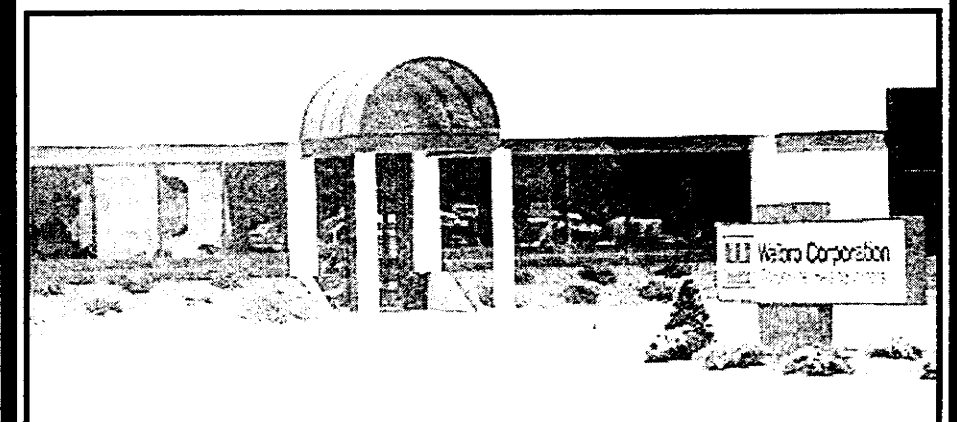
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One-mile walk returns

5-K walk joins 5-K run at Festival

A new option recently opened for area running enthusiasts and for people who just want to have fun. It's the 5-K walk, and it may be the ideal event for you.

New to this year's July 4th festival calendar of events, taking place at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, July 3, this must-do activity is for people of all ages. It joins the already

popular 5-K run and 1-mile fun walk. This will be the third year for these races, and adding a third race to the package is common sense.

"We had a lot of people who signed up for the 1-mile fun walk last year who expressed the idea of walking a greater distance," said Greg Hanby, head athletic trainer for the Michigan Athletic Rehabilitation Center in Cass City.

Hanby said the 5-K walk was not added in the past because of the time constraint between the end of the race and the beginning of the grand parade.

This year, because of the longer amount of time needed to walk the 5-K race, which is equivalent to 3.1 miles, crossing guards at intersections will be added and the race officials will try to get the races off to a quicker start.

There is a thin line between walking and running, and Hanby commented that this will be based on an honors system, since race officials won't be at all areas of the race to observe the walkers. "Walking is when one foot is in contact with the ground

at all times," Hanby said. "When both feet leave the ground, that is considered running."

Hanby added, "It's on an honors system since there are medals involved, so please keep the 5-K walk to a walk or a speed walk."

The 5-K run and 1-mile fun walk have had a great turnout in past years, Hanby said. With 55 participants last year, Hanby hopes the numbers stay strong and even increase this year. With the addition of the third event, he hopes to see at least 80 people participating in the races and the fun walk.

Interested individuals can pick up brochures that have been distributed to local businesses throughout Cass City. Brochures for registration can also be picked up at the front desk at the Michigan Athletic Rehabilitation Center in Cass City and Caro. Registration can also take place on the site of the races until 15 minutes before the start.

Fees for registration are \$12 for early registration and \$15 the day of the race. The prices include all age groups.

"Proceeds from the races will be used to buy equipment needed for the races in the following years," Hanby said. "We need timing devices and shoots at the finish line."

There will be 11 different age groups in the races with both male and female divisions. The first age group is 14 and under and the following 9 age groups proceed in 4-year increments. The final age group is 60 and older.

Trophies will be given out to the overall male and female winners of the 5-K run and of the 5-K walk. Then, the top 3 male and female finishers in each age group for the 5-K run and the 5-K walk will receive medals. Everyone participating in the 3 events will receive T-shirts.

Hanby said that water will be available at the 1/2 mark of the races, and fruit and Gatorade will be available at the end of the race. All 3 events begin together.

The start of the races and the fun-walk, as well as the finish line, will be near the pavilion in the Cass City village park, by the softball

fields and pool. The 5-K runners and the 5-K walkers will proceed through the northern part of Cass City. They will pass by the high school, run and walk through the Northwoods Subdivision, emerge near the hospital and run and walk down Huron St. crossing Seeger St. and continuing through the park.

The 1-mile fun walk proceeds through the woods by the park.

"It's more of a scenic walk," Hanby said. "It's fun and not really competitive."

Hanby encourages participation.

"It's not as hard as people may think it is," he said. "If someone does a little training, starting out slow and building up to 2-2 1/2 miles, they should be all right."

He added that there is no reason for people to push themselves during the races. "Some people end up walking a portion of the run," he said, "which is fine."

For more information about the races and the walk, contact Greg Hanby at (517)-872-2084 in Cass City and Jeff Schember at (517)-673-4999 in Caro.

Ultra-light tractors

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The ultra-light tractor pull, held by the sliding hill in Cass City Recreational Park from 2:30-5:00 p.m. July 3, will be proof that ultra-light tractors are as much fun, if not more, as the larger farm tractors.

The event is sponsored by M-T Pocket Pullers Inc., a club that travels to various Michigan cities to hold and compete in ultra-light tractor pulling competitions.

"We'll be traveling to 11 different locations this summer, and there may be more," said Dan DeMeulenaere, president of M-T Pocket Pullers Inc.

"The club tries to make it affordable and fun and we try to get the family involved."

"Practically everyone has a garden tractor to mow their lawn," said Joe Pung, M-T Pocket Pullers Inc. member. "It's not as expensive to get into as large farm tractors."

Pung said it may cost \$10,000-\$20,000 to build up a larger farm tractor for pulling competition, but garden tractors cost substantially

less. "It only takes about \$200-\$1,000 to build garden tractors up," he said.

Pung added that families living in suburbs will also be able to compete in the ultra-light tractor pulling competition.

"Suburban people have garden tractors, so it's not just farmers competing in this event. The general public has more of an access to garden tractors, so it's more accessible," he said.

The ultra-light tractor pull involves the attachment of a sled on the back of the tractor. A weight box on the sled moves towards the front of the sled as the sled is pulled further. The object is to pull the sled the farthest.

"The weight goes between 7,000-7,500 pounds," DeMeulenaere said.

There are 4 different classes in the competition. They consist of the ATV class, the ultra light tractor class, the unlimited (multi motor) class and the garden tractor class.

M-T Pocket Pullers Inc. also features a new club-built sled this year. The sled, named the Stone Bolt 2000

New Millenium, was completed within this year.

Registration can be made until an hour before the start of the competition. The entry cost is \$5 for M-T Pocket Pullers Inc. members and \$10 for non-members. Everyone with equipment is encouraged to participate. There is no spectator fee.

Prizes will be awarded in each class with 1st place winners receiving a trophy and 2nd-5th place winners receiving ribbons.

"Anyone who wants to watch this event, come out and have fun," said Doug Hyatt, Cass City July 4 Festival committee co-chair. "The more the merrier."

For information on mini-tractor pull rules and regulations for the garden tractor class, contact Joseph Pung Jr. between 5-10 p.m. at (810)-367-6314. For information on rules and regulations for the remaining classes of mini-tractors, contact David Ross between 5-10 p.m. at (517)-635-7927.

For further information, contact Doug Hyatt at (517)-872-4584.

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Sponsored by the United Methodist Women (UMW) of the Cass City United Methodist Church, located 1 1/4 miles north of Cass City, this year's United Methodist strawberry social will be twice the fun. The event will be held near the Lions Club pavilion Friday evening from 5-8:00, and Saturday afternoon from 2-5:00. In case of rain, the event is likely to be re-directed to the church.

"Last year, we had a great time," said Connie Schwaderer, president of UMW. "We had good fellowship and good attendance. So, we increased the social to a second day."

Strawberries over ice cream or homemade biscuits will be served by UMW volunteers. Coffee and ice water will also be available.

"It's a complement to the chicken dinner and other main meals," Schwaderer said, "a nice dessert."

The biscuits will be made by UMW members. "We'll try to do most of the



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baking at the church because of the church kitchen," said Linda Parrish, UMW secretary. "It's a large, commercial-type kitchen," she added.

The United Methodist Church was recently built, opening for services last September.

The money raised from this social, which is going on its 4th year in Cass City's 4th of July Festival, will be put towards the costs to build the church - a church which, Schwaderer said, has a congregation of approximately 300 members.

Ticket prices are \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children ages 2-6, with ages 2 and under eating for free. Tickets can be purchased from members of the United Methodist Church or right at the event.

Last year, Schwaderer estimated an attendance of 260 people, and she hopes the numbers will increase even more this year.

The strawberry social isn't new to the area, Schwaderer added. It has been around for as long as she can remember. "I grew up in the area," she commented, "and as a child, I can remember that our youth fellowship had ice cream socials."

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She said ice cream socials were held in yards of church members, and everyone sat at card tables while enjoying their dessert.

"We wanted to carry on the tradition," she said.

Shabbona women excel Apple pie food stand feature

The 1999 July 4 Festival is sure to make mouths water. Famous for their pies, the congregation of Shabbona United Methodist Church has had food stands in the July 4 Festival since its beginning and has also had floats in the grand parade.

The cost is \$1.00 for a hotdog, sloppy joe or a drink and \$2.00 for a piece of pie. For \$3.50, a platter containing a sandwich, piece of pie and a drink can be bought.

The proceeds raised will go to benefit the children of the Shabbona United Methodist Church who will be attending Bay Shore Camp, a Christian camp for children.

Steve Wright, Lions Club president, said the chicken barbecue usually sells out. It has taken place during the July 4 Festival since the

festival's beginning in 1979. The money made from the barbecue will go to benefit community projects.

Many other food stands will offer meals and snacks during the festival. These include the Rotary Club food and snacks, the Gavel Club food 'n brats, Living Word Center lunch, and several others. The food will be available following the grand parade.

No trouble expected Police ready for Festival

It was a smooth run last year, and this year is expected to be the same.

Thanks to the Cass City Police Department, fire department and ambulance service, festival-goers have nothing to worry about, said Gene Wilson, Cass City chief of police.

In fact, the only problem that occurred last year was traffic congestion after the parade and the fireworks.

However, that doesn't mean Wilson is taking the police role during the festival lightly. In fact, he said the department will be prepared for anything.

"There will be 2 officers working all shifts during that weekend," Wilson said, explaining there is usually one officer per shift.

He added, "There will also be 2 officers in the park on horseback, in addition to the other officers on duty."

There will be extra police assistance during the parade. The Michigan State Police as well as county sheriff's department will be on hand during the parade.

The ambulance service will work out of their station, Wilson said, during the parade.

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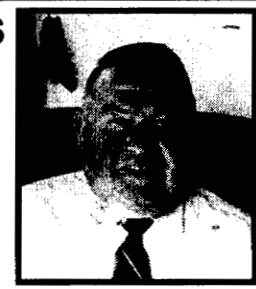
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Giant parade always a Festival highlight

The grand parade could easily draw people in from a 50-mile radius, said Gary Jones, parade coordinator for 16 years.

This event, lasting nearly an hour, as well as other festival activities, are expected to draw in anywhere between 7,500-10,000 spectators, nearly tripling the population of the village.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 3, the grand parade will start near Brooker and Main, proceeding east on Main and ending near the Parkway store, at the intersection of Main and Ale.

With an estimated 70-90 entries in the parade last year, Jones expects this year's parade to be equally full.

"There's no deadline," he said, explaining that people do forget about the invitations that were sent out in the mail in February. People or groups can enter the parade even during the day of the parade. However, there is a drawback to registering late. "On entry day, you go to the back of the line," Jones said. "The sooner you enter, the better place you get."

Even though invitations were sent out — nearly 120 of them — no invitation is needed to enter the parade. Everyone is welcome — and a special request even goes out to children.

If you're a kid with a bike, there's always a place for you.

"I've even been called up the night before," Jones commented. "There's always a place for kids riding their bikes."

The parade will lead off Saturday with Cass City Chief of Police Gene Wilson. Following him will be the local VFW color guard and members. The Caro VFW will also be participating.

"Anyone with the military, or any veterans' organizations will naturally be up front," Jones said. He added that they're what the 4th of July is all about.

The fire department will also be near the parade front. "That's in case of emergencies," Jones said. Jones also said that the ambulances will be placed in the same place as last year.

"Last year, we had an emergency out of town around the time of the parade," Jones explained. "Because of where we put them, they were able to get out of town quickly and then come back."

Also returning for another year in the parade will be the boy scouts, girl scouts, little league, local churches, Cass City High School band, the Flint Scottish Pipe Band, the Elf Khurafah Oasis Motorcycle Drill Team, Sally Doerr Dancers, the Thumb-area Antique Car Club, as well as many others.

Returning floats, among many, include Friends of the Library, the Garden Club and Friends of the Octagon Barn.

Paduka the Clown is also returning to make balloon

shapes and to put a smile on everyone's face.

"Paduka did a really nice job last year," Jones commented. "He's the kids' favorite and a crowd favorite."

New to this year's parade participants is the Great Lakes Ancient Field Music, a historical band with 10-15 musicians attending.

"Barn Again!", an effort to revive the awareness of the barns of America, will be a new float to watch for. Sponsored by the fine arts and national archives, this float is expected to be of a miniature barn.

The Civil Air Patrol Unit is also making its Cass City grand parade debut. From Selfridge Air Force Base, they will come in full uniform.

Four trophies will be awaiting some of the parade participants. The categories for the floats are most sentimental, prettiest or cutest, most original, and most patriotic.

Last year's winners were the Cass City Historical Society for the most sentimental; Friends of the Library for cutest; Hills & Dales Hospital for the most original, and Country Carriage Flower & Gift Shop from Caro for the most patriotic.

If interested in participating in the parade, contact Gary Jones at (517)-872-2639.

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Popular Gypsy Wind Band returns to Festival

Although this band of 3 travels throughout the entire state of Michigan entertaining large crowds, the Gypsy Wind Band will be breezing back to the Thumb July 3 for some 2-stepping fun.

The Thumb-based Gypsy Wind Band will be entertaining festival-goers at the arts and crafts barn before and after the fireworks. Consisting of band members Gil Rey, drummer, Tonya D, keyboard/bass player and vocalist, and Bob Douglas, lead guitar and vocalist, the Gypsy Wind Band plays new country and classic rock.

"We've been together as Gypsy Wind for 5 years," said Rey. "We put on a really good show, and if you have a chance to see us perform, you'll know why."

The band put together a CD, Pressin' Our Luck, and in 1997, they opened a concert for country star Aaron Tippin at the Lakers High School football field. They will be performing throughout Michigan during the summer and Sept. 4, they will open for

country star Neal McCoy at the Lakers High School football field.

Rey said this will be the third year the band has performed during the Cass City July 4 festival. Previous years were 1996 and 1997.

The band has nice lighting and stage effects, Rey said,

which contribute to the good show. There will also be room for dancing during the band's performance.

"Hopefully there'll be a large crowd," he said. "If you get a chance to come out, please mark your calendar for the night. It'll be lots of fun."



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PLACE MAT DESIGNERS Sonya Regnerus (left) and Christina Kababik (right) worked hard designing the 1999 July 4 festival place mat. The mats have been distributed to local restaurants and businesses.

Students work a month to create Festival place mats

It's not that easy. Designing a place mat doesn't consist of a few hours of spontaneous cutting and pasting. Just ask Sonya Regnerus, 16, and Christina Kababik, 17. Both are CCHS students who dedicated an entire month to the production of the 1999 Cass City July 4 Festival place mat.

Designing place mats involves a well-thought out process of selling the advertisements, arranging them on the mat, designing the art for the mat and then distributing the final product to area businesses.

"We're doing something for the community that will be acknowledged," said Kababik, a senior this fall. The place mats consist of 20 advertisements from local businesses. The place mats, printed in blue, are then distributed to local businesses, especially restaurants, where they are repeatedly used. Kababik completed a one-year advertising design class at the Technology Center in Caro through CCHS.

Kababik enjoyed the experience as well. "I liked the team work with Sonya," she said. "She's a good friend of mine and I enjoy working with her."

Kababik said she and Regnerus previously worked on a project together. They designed the CCHS Red Hawk thank you cards.

Both girls may pursue a career in advertising design, but they are not yet decided. "I'd like to go into some kind of ad design later, but there are so many choices," Regnerus said. "I don't know what to do yet."

Besides advertising design, Regnerus and Kababik have many additional interests. Regnerus enjoys reading. "I like scary books and romances," she said. She also loves music. She has played the flute since 5th grade and recently picked up the French horn. Regnerus is involved in the CCHS concert, marching and pep bands.

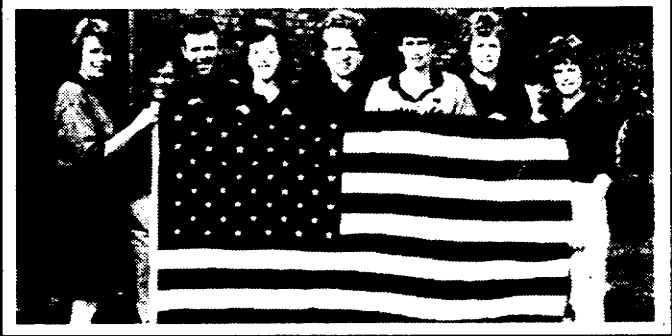
Kababik also enjoys music. She participates in the CCHS marching and orchestra bands, playing the clarinet. She's also been in theater for 2 years, and has been in the all-school play. Kababik plays soccer through the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and plans to play on the school team the following school year.

Regnerus, who will be a senior this fall, also completed the class. "We worked on it for a couple of hours every other day after school," Regnerus said. "We also worked on the place mat during some of the advertising design class."

Both individuals enjoy art, and that is why they decided to accept the offer by their school counselor to design the place mat. "I felt special because Mr. Dillon came up to Christina and I to ask if we would design the place mat," Regnerus commented. "I thought it'd be fun - something different for a change."

"It was challenging," she added. "I've never done anything like that before."


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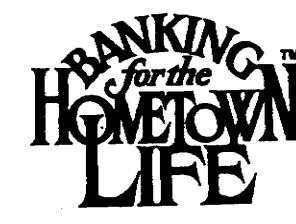
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On April 19, 1775, when British soldiers and American patriots clashed at Lexington, Mass., and at nearby Concord, the war for American independence had begun. It lasted for 8 long years, longer than the Civil War and longer than U.S. involvement in World War II. It didn't end until the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783. And during this time, heroes were made, and the U.S.A. was born.

America, at the start of the war, was outgunned, outmanned, and had a substantially smaller navy. The British believed they could control England's rebellious children, but the patriots had their own ideas.

Despite their courage and determination, Americans had a large disadvantage. They had only 8 small ships in the entire continental navy, whereas the British navy boasted 270 warships and 16,000 men. The American army was comparable to the British army in numbers, each containing between 6,000-7,000 men, but the British army had stores of arms, ammunition and artillery. They also had money for payroll and material and the men were trained soldiers.

America fell substantially short. The short-term soldiers were volunteer citizens who carried their own arms and believed they'd be in the army only long enough to defend their immediate home and family. Most grew their own food. They needed to be there for their crops. How could they just pick up and go?

They had only 2 small gun factories. Their money was paper money, based on faith. How could they even be paid? Despite these questions surging through their minds, these men and women did go. And they did fight.

A number of events gave

these American patriots hope. In January of 1776, Thomas Paine, a poor English immigrant who had arrived in Philadelphia only 2 years before, wrote "Common Sense." In his work, he expressed that "'Tis time to part." He called for Americans to tell the world they were free and as a result of his work, patriotism soared.

Shortly after, the Continental Congress set up a committee to prepare a Declaration of Independence and on July 4, 1776, it was adopted by Congress. America also had an outstanding general to lead the entire continental army—General George Washington. He was there to lead his country into great victories, and he did just that.

Christmas night, 1776, Washington ordered 2,400 of his men to re-cross the ice-clogged Delaware River by boat for a surprise attack on the Hessian garrison at Trenton, New Jersey. The patriots faced bitter weather and thick ice pieces blocking parts of the freezing river.

The Hessians, German soldiers hired by the English, didn't see the attack coming. They'd spent the previous day in celebration and now they tumbled from their beds

to the roar of guns. The Americans gained a decisive victory that stormy December night.

After the adoption of the declaration of independence and the win at Trenton, the patriots gained yet another victory. This victory came in 1778 when outside countries became American allies. France and Spain now backed America.

This turn of events gave the U.S. the advantage of nearly 360 more warships, comparable to Britain's fleet, who had increased their numbers over the years to 337. Because of the aid from France and Spain, as well as sheer American determination, the victory at Trenton wouldn't be the last American victory.

In 1779, frontiersmen led by George Rogers Clark waded for miles through icy Wabash floods to surprise the British at Vincennes in February. The war had moved west, to Illinois country and Clark, a 26-year-old Virginian, led the 1,200-mile march in 1778-1779.

These weathered frontiersmen led the capture of many British-held posts like Vincennes and established control from the Appalachians to the Mississippi.

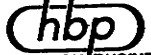
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Festival finale will have artistic touch

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This year the fireworks are expected to be better than ever, and everyone should pay special attention to the grand finale.

"I put together a special finale, with a little artistic touch," said Dennis Kundering, pyro-technician and owner of Kundis Fireworks Display Shows, L.L.D. Kundering, who has crafted the July 4 Festival fireworks show since 1990, said the show will last about 25 minutes.

Although he had planned to choreograph the 1999 fireworks show to music, Kundering said that due to technical difficulty, he is unable to do so.

"Hopefully, it'll be resolved for next year," he said. "It'll be computer controlled. The music will include some patriotic songs and some songs that are well-liked by the community."

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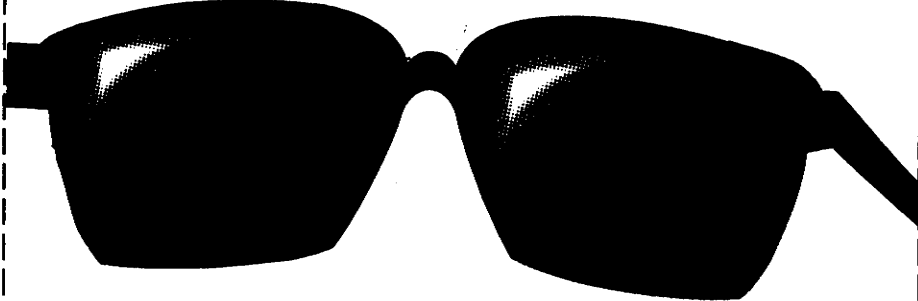
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Year after year, crowds get chuckles out of watching youngsters chase a squealing pig. But this year, things may be a little different.

"We might add a new class for mothers," event organizer Charlie Carpenter said, referring to the annual July 4 greased-pig contest. "It's to stir up a little laughter and good will."

The event, held near the football stadium, will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 3. Usually, there are 4 groups competing in this event, but the fifth group may be added. The groups include children ages 9 and under and children ages 10-12. The groups are further divided between girls and boys.

The event has been held during the festival for 10 years, although last year it was not held.

The object of the contest is to attempt to grab a feeder pig coated with grease and then return the animal to the trailer without dropping the pig or having it escape from your grasp.

"When we originally greased them, a few mothers

got upset because the kids got dirty," Carpenter said. "It was the really black grease we used."

Now, he said, parents are catching on.

"Some parents bring washcloths and wipes. They've gotten clued in."

Three different pigs are used throughout the contests

and they are alternated between contests so the animals don't tire.

"In no way are the pigs put under any stress," Carpenter said. "We don't overdo them."

In the past, the pigs used were from the Littleton Farms south of Cass City. Carpenter expects they will

be used from the same place this year.

There are medals and prizes for the 1st place boys and girls.

Carpenter is expecting about 25 contestants in each age group.

Decorate your pet and win prizes in one of 10 categories

Children will soon have an exciting opportunity to dress up their bike, their small pet and themselves.

Chaired and organized by Margie Morley, the Bike Decorating & Pet Contest will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 3, near Chemical Bank.

The contest, which is also Morley's brainchild, is for children and those who think they are children.

There will be ribbons and small prizes awarded to the winners of 10 categories for

decorated pets and 10 categories for decorated bikes. Categories for the pet contest include best-dressed pet, most patriotic pet, friendliest pet and happiest pet. Categories for the bike decorating contest include most colorful bike, most decorated bike, oldest bicycle and most decorated rider and bike.

After the judging, the contestants will then be able to phase into the grand parade.

"This is an opportunity for little kids to be in the parade," Morley said. "I wanted to do

something for the kids, and that's how this got started.

Morley noted that although small prizes and ribbons will be awarded, this is a "just for fun" contest. She also said that pets must weigh 50 pounds or less.

"I don't want anyone to get hurt," she said. "I want the kids to be able to handle the animals in the parade."

Morley stressed that pre-registration is very important.

To register or for more information, contact Morley at 872-3724.

IN PREVIOUS Festivals, catching the greased pig has provided fun for contestants and spectators.

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Women's Slow Pitch Softball
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Snacks all around the Park

Musical Entertainment at the Gazebo

Jan Moore's Patriotic Musical Tribute, 1 p.m.
Eastern Michigan Musicians, 2:30 p.m.
Sally Doerr Dancers, 5-7 p.m., performing at pavillion north of pool
Northern Lights Dancers, 7-10 p.m.
Gypsy Wind Band, 8-midnight in the barn

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!!

Friday, July 2

Around Town...
Northwood Golf, Hole-in-One Registration, 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
Pancake Breakfast 7:00 a.m. on
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

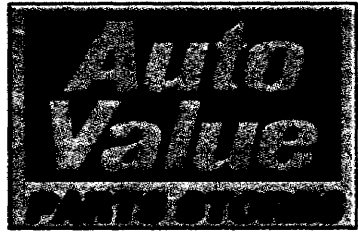
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Little League Ball Games, 6 p.m. on
Northern Lights Dancers, 7-10 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.)

Spectacular Parade 10:30 a.m.

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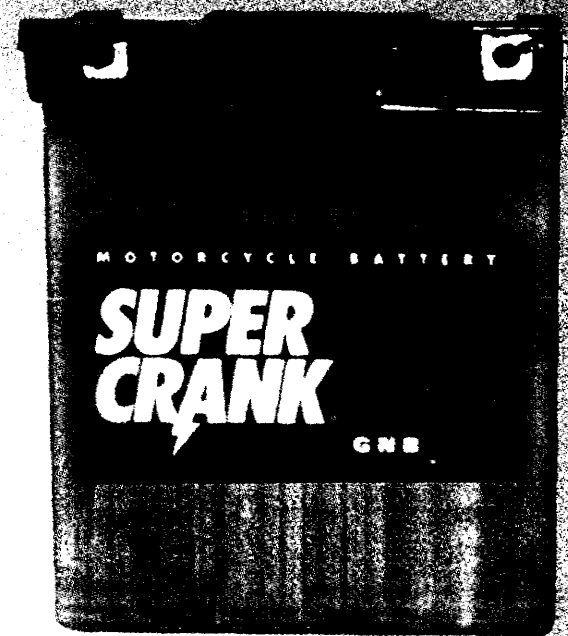
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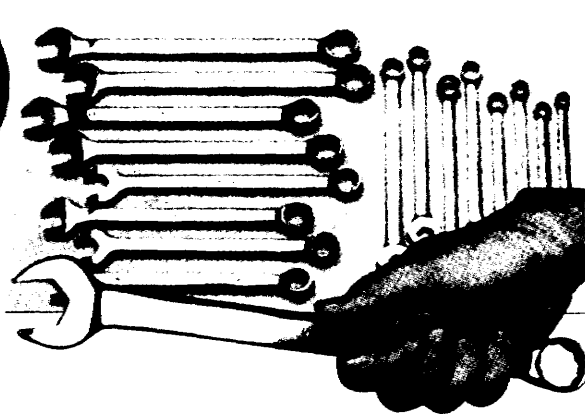
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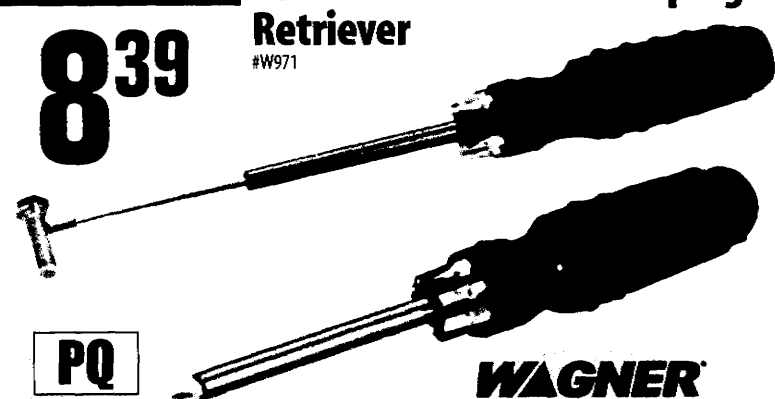
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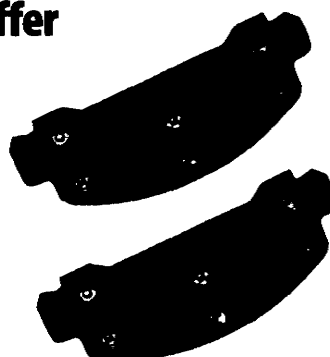
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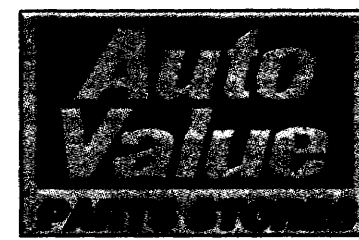
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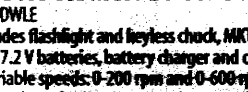
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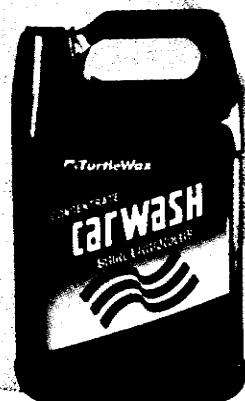
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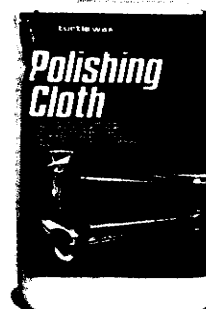
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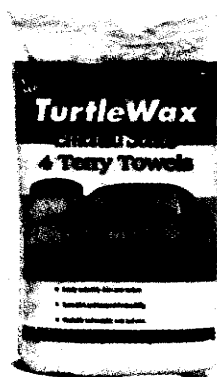
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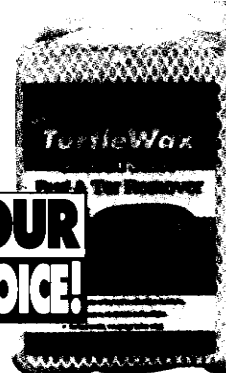
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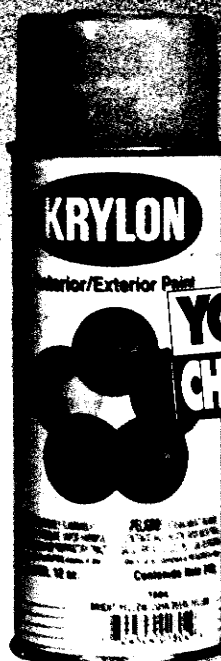


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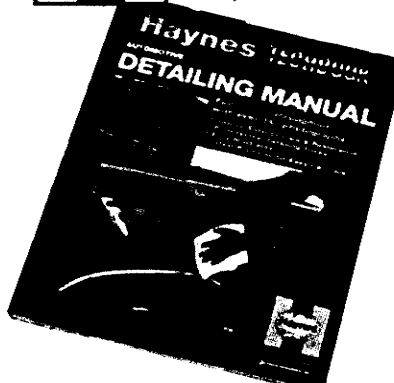
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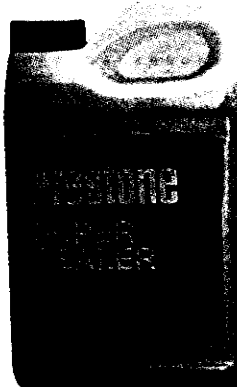
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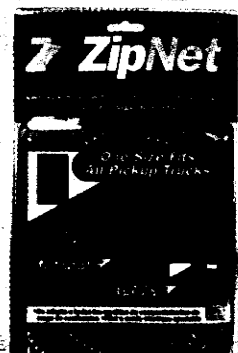
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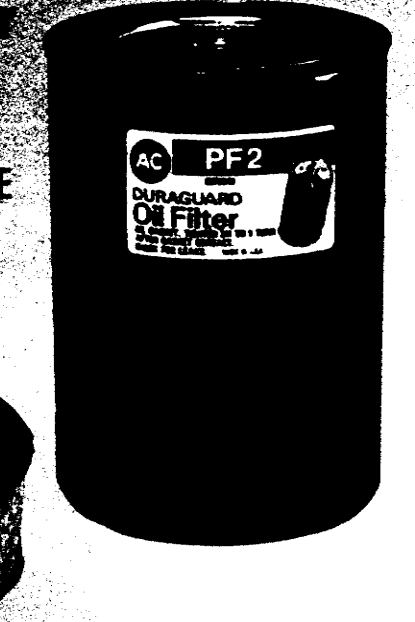
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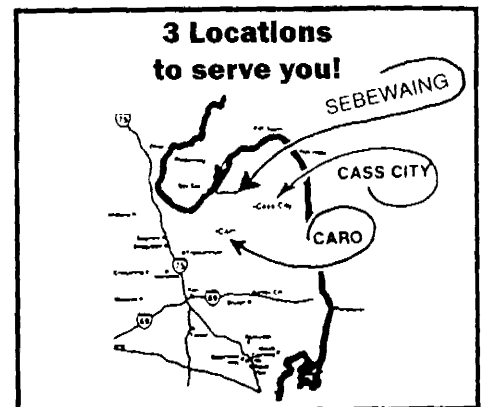
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