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## Millennium Industries sells Micro EDM Inc.

Millennium Industries and Micro EDM Inc. officially parted ways Thursday when Millennium officials closed on the sale of Micro EDM to former owner Bob Bredemeyer, Cass City.

The sale comes 4 years after Bredemeyer sold Micro EDM to Millennium Industries and became a partner in Millennium.

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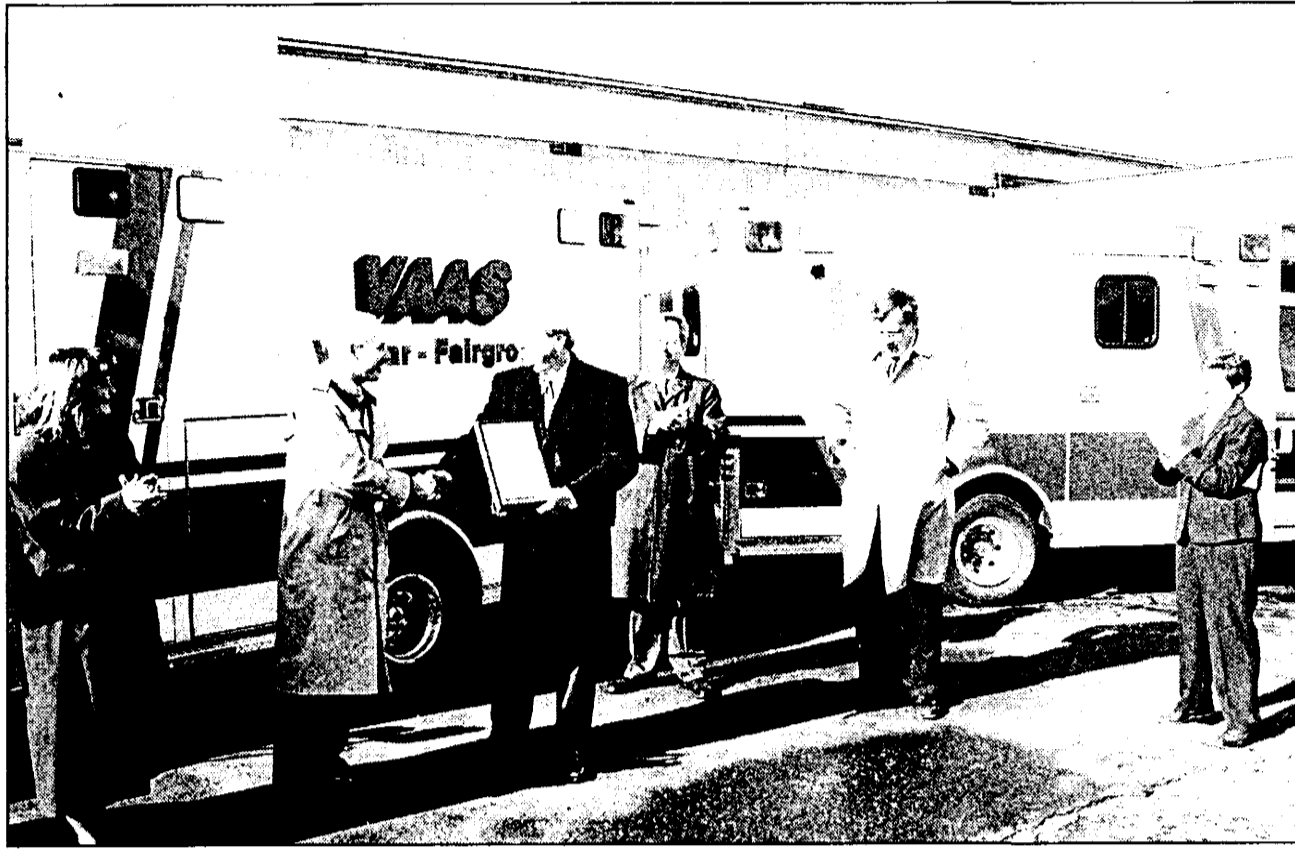
Bredemeyer remains a shareholder in the Cass City company, according to Millennium spokesman Kelly Smith.

The decision to sell the business was based largely on Millennium's growing emphasis on the automotive market, and Micro EDM simply didn't fit into that plan, Smith said.

The company's expansion involves an increase in the volume of automotive-related business. Millennium's major customers include Ford, Visteon, Delphi and TI Automotive. Micro EDM Inc. specializes in electrical discharge machining - precision wire and hole cutting. Millennium manufactures automotive fuel rails, power steering reservoirs, metal stamping and tubular products, and fuel injection components.

Millennium now consists of its Cass City operation, which is in the process of being relocated to the former General Cable Co. building in Cass City, and the company's 160,000-square-foot plant in Ligonier, Ind. Officials are moving the power steering reservoir product line at the Ligonier plant to their new Cass City location.

Bredemeyer was not available for comment.



CONGRESSMAN Jim Barcia presented MMR Vice President Randy Gerber with a Congressional Tribute for his dedication to the advancement of emergency medical services in rural areas. Among those attending Monday's ceremony at Hills and Dales General Hospital were (from left) Hills and Dales Medical Director Dr. Kathleen Skelcy, Gerber, Barcia, MMR representative Ray Little, State Rep. Tom Meyer and Hills and Dales president and CEO Dee McKrow.

## Congressional Tribute honors Gerber for rural EMS work

Mobile Medical Response Inc. (MMR) and Hills and Dales General Hospital officials gathered at the Cass City hospital Monday to honor MMR Vice President Randy Gerber.

The ceremony included a Congressional Tribute presented by Congressman James Barcia to Gerber for his work and dedication to the advancement of rural emergency medical services in Tuscola County.

In addition, officials presented a pair of new ambulances to the Vassar Area Ambulance Service (VAAS). The vehicles were purchased with \$42,500 in Rural Health Initiative funds obtained through a grant written by Dee McKrow, president and CEO of Hills and Dales.

Gerber and Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals also had a hand in applying for the grant, which totaled some

\$68,000 and has also paid for continuing education programs for EMTs and the purchase of medical equipment, some in use at Hills and Dales.

Gerber began his EMS career in November 1983 as a volunteer ambulance attendant with VAAS. He later completed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and paramedic training and worked for Saginaw Mercy Ambulance in both Saginaw and Tuscola counties.

The Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority, which oversees ambulance services in both counties, recognized Gerber for his excellence in pre-hospital medicine on several occasions during his tenure as a paramedic.

In January 1990, Gerber was named assistant director of the VAAS, a position he held until March 1996, when he became executive director

under a management contract with MMR.

He was later named regional director of MMR, giving him the opportunity to oversee the Vassar and Fairgrove ambulance services under a management contract with MMR, and the Caro and Cass City MMR services.

Over the years, Gerber continued to work and look for ways to improve emergency medical services in Tuscola County. For example, he spearheaded an effort to upgrade the units in Caro and Cass City from basic life support to advance life support units. In 1997, both locations began utilizing at least one paramedic and one EMT on each of the 2 units servicing the area.

Previously, there was only one paramedic unit in the county, a one-person ECHO unit operated from the Vassar base under a contract with

MMR.

Gerber and his staff have also played a key role in establishing portable AED (automatic external defibrillator) programs for fire and police departments in the county through grant programs and private donations.

AEDs evaluate the heart rhythm and when unstable, automatically administer an electrical shock to the patient to establish a normal rhythm. Prompt treatment to a cardiac patient is crucial to survival. When used within one or two minutes, the devices result in a 90-percent survival rate.

Gerber, who has served as a state EMT evaluator for several years, earned his instructor/coordinator license in April 2001. In July, he accepted the position of vice president for MMR. His du-

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## Medicaid freeze chills hospitals

It was only a couple years ago that local hospital officials joined their counterparts across Michigan in an effort to urge Congress to restore funding lost to devastating Medicare reimbursement cuts.

Since then, hospitals have received some relief, but now they face another hit - this time at the state level in the form of a proposed freeze in Medicaid reimbursements.

Gov. John Engler earlier this month proposed freezing Medicaid rates for the second straight year in the fiscal 2003 budget he presented to lawmakers. Engler cited a projected \$970 million general fund budget deficit for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The Medicaid program covers more than one million patients in Michigan. To qualify, a family must have income less than half the federal poverty level - \$17,650 in 2001 for a family of 4.

"What Engler wants to do with this, is he wants to cover more people with the same amount of money," commented Dee McKrow, president and CEO of Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. "Somebody's going to have to pay for it, and the hospitals are going to pay for it."

At the same time, Engler has asked legislators to approve a plan that would streamline collection of the state education tax in order to make good on a promise to give the state's schools a \$200-per-student increase in funding next year, a plan that hasn't gone unnoticed by healthcare officials.

"It has amazed me for the last 5 years that Gov. Engler seems so blind to what is happening in health care in Michigan. I can't figure that out," McKrow said.

Engler's proposal came in the wake of the announced closing of Trillium Hospital in Albion, where officials blamed the closing, in part, on the state's low reimbursement rates for Medicaid patients.

"You're going to see more hospitals like that close," said McKrow, who noted Hills and Dales officials have managed to meet the challenge of Medicare reimbursement cuts over the past couple of years.

"We did get some relief - not a lot," she said of the efforts to reverse the damage done by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which included reductions in the reimbursement rates hospitals receive for various services provided to Medicare patients (those over 65 years of age).

Those cuts initially translated into a projected loss of \$3.1 billion to Michigan hospitals - about \$1.5 million to Hills and Dales - over a 5-year period.

"We've had to, obviously, reduce our costs. We've had to become extremely lean - there's no fluff as far as staffing, supplies," McKrow said. For example, she added, the hospital recently made a decision to eliminate a program that provided employment to Highland Pines School students. "We have to operate so lean now, we don't have the staff to run that program anymore."

"Obviously, that (Medicaid reimbursement rate freeze) hurts our bottom line even more," McKrow continued. Because some area hospitals don't accept certain Medicaid plans, she said, the population of those patients is shifting to Hills and Dales. "So, our Medicaid (caseload) has gone from about 6 percent to 9 1/2 percent in the last 3 or 4 years."

Currently, the Medicaid reimbursement rate is just 23 cents on the dollar, and the rate has been increased only 3 percent over the past 7 years.

Just the same, cuts in expenses and a sound business

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## At Rawson Memorial Library

### VanAuken new director

Kate VanAuken has called Cass City home for just under 5 years, but she's made her presence known in a variety of ways, from volunteering in the schools to working part-time as evening coordinator at the local Baker College campus.

Others will recognize her as one of the sparkplugs that turned Cass City's Playscape from a blueprint into reality.

Now, VanAuken is gearing up to take a more visible role in the community following her selection as the new director at Rawson Memorial Library.

Library board members recently named VanAuken as their choice to fill a vacancy left by Barb Hutchinson, who is retiring

after more than 30 years on the job.

VanAuken was one of 12 individuals, including one from Iowa, who applied for the job. The entire board interviewed 4 of the applicants, and each member agreed VanAuken has what it takes to fill Hutchinson's shoes, according to Bob Hirn, who serves as vice chairman.

"Her eagerness, her background as far as the business standpoint, a lot of community involvement in the short time she's been in the Cass City area. Those were all things that weighed heavily in our decision," Hirn said.

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THE RAWSON Memorial Library Board has named Kate VanAuken as the library's new director. She will replace Barb Hutchinson, who is preparing to retire after more than 30 years on the job.

## Faith, family and friends helping Sue Baker...

### Fight for her life

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Sue Baker is in a fight for her life, yet there's a certain undeniable peace in her voice.

The Cass City woman is quick to say the support of family, friends and co-workers has made a big difference in her battle against cancer. But her greatest strength comes from a different source.

Faith.

"My philosophy is, I've put

it in the Lord's hands and he'll deal with it as he sees fit, and I'm going to help him as much as I can," Baker said from her Houghton Street home during an interview Sunday afternoon. "I've got a lot of support from my 2 daughters and the rest of my family, and my church family. It's really amazing how many people out there care for you."

Baker, who recently returned home after a 3-month stay at Harper Hospital's Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit, has been down this road before.

Just as she was looking forward to celebrating her 5-year anniversary of being cancer-free - the time it takes for a patient to be considered cured, doctors had told her - Baker learned the non-Hodgkins lymphoma that had threatened her life years earlier has returned.

Just as they did during Baker's first battle, family, friends and co-workers are rallying around the local resident.

A benefit has been scheduled for Sunday, March 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the "great

room" at the Northwood Meadows Assisted Living Facility on Beechwood Drive. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served, and individuals and musical groups from the area will perform continuously during the 3-hour event. A free-will donation will be accepted to help Baker with medical and other expenses.

Baker's first battle against lymphoma ended with a successful bone marrow transplant. The procedure, called a peripheral stem cell transplant, involved collection of "mother" or stem cells (from which mature blood cells evolve) from the circulating blood, rather than from the patient's bone marrow.

The procedure was very risky, requiring 4 days of full body chemotherapy and another 4 days of radiation treatments, leaving her immune system weak and extremely vulnerable to infection.

But Baker tolerated the treatment well, allowing her to return home and, eventually, to her job as an infection control and rehabilitation nurse at Tendercare, Cass

City. "I had been going for my annual check-ups and, up until this year, everything was fine," Baker said. She noted, however, that doctors discovered she had an enlarged endometrium a year ago, and that a biopsy indicated she had endometrial cancer. She subsequently underwent a hysterectomy.

"After that I started having problems with swelling in my left leg," she continued, adding the problem became progressively worse. In October, Baker learned that she has a cancerous tumor in the leg. The doctors' diagnosis was non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Baker said she will be undergoing another bone marrow transplant, but doctors plan to utilize a relatively new procedure that is less drastic than the stem cell transplant.

This time, she will receive bone marrow from a donor, and the procedure doesn't involve full body chemotherapy and radiation treatments, although that could become an option in the future. Instead, Baker ex-

plained, doctors want to allow her body the chance to reject the cancerous cells.

Baker said she learned Friday that her sister, Mary Lanway of Clifford, will be the donor.

The procedure will probably take place sometime in the spring. In the meantime, Baker has been forced to deal with complications related to her tumor. Her left leg swelled to twice the size of her other leg, prompting surgeons to make a large incision to relieve the pressure. The swelling damaged muscle and nerves in the leg, and she must now use a walker and special support in her shoe.

"I've had to make a lot of adaptations because of this leg, and that's something I didn't have before," she said. "Right now, I'm not feeling bad, but I'm probably going to start another round of chemo tomorrow, so that may change," Baker added Sunday.

Still, she's counting her blessings, including the many people who have sent her cards and offered prayer. "At least I've got a leg and a life, and that's the important thing."



Sue Baker

# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 658-2347



Born to Debbie (Timmons) Curry and Wayne Curry a 7 3/4 pound daughter Haley Charlene on Tuesday, February 12 at Sterling Heights. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Curry of Kingston. Great-grandmothers are Charlotte Lapeer and Johniah Curry. Patty Fritz of Coram, New York came Saturday to spend a week with her sister and family. Lana Puterbaugh, Nancy Braun and Whitney, Caitlyn Rickett and Courtney Doerr were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

## Owen-Gage students honored

The Owen-Gage Board of Education recently recognized a student in each grade level, all nominated for best exemplifying the district's February "adult role focus" of being effective communicators.

**Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas**

Jardine Zurék's cabin for a family get together and pot luck supper. The evening was spent playing cards and visiting.

Wayne and Jack Kennedy, Rick Shuart, Jim Lewis and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at the Burger King in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Jim and Kay Sweeney, Marge and Jim Ritter were Tuesday guests of Mary Kay and Jim Ritter and family for birthday cake and ice cream for Elizabeth Ritter's 12th birthday.

Ed Schember, Wayne and Jack Kennedy, Rick Shuart and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe on Wednesday morning.

Jim and Kay Sweeney came home from a month's trip to Kissimmee, Florida where they visited Doug and Beth Sweeney and family and to North Fort Meyers where they visited Dr. Patrick and Janet Garety.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser visited Mrs. Curtis Cleland on Monday.

Allen Farrelly attended the Ubyly Junior Class spaghetti supper at Ubyly High School and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Hank Osentoski on Friday.

Ray and Rita Depcinski, John and Fran Krozek, Bob Krozek and friend, Charles Depcinski, Shawn and Nicole, Bob and Carol Osentoski and Bradley, Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr., Michael, Jessica and Timothy were Friday evening guests of Greg and Susan Krozek and family at Filion for birthday cake and ice

cream for Ryan Krozek's 8th birthday.

Allen Farrelly visited Ida Irvin at Huron Medical Center at Bad Axe on Monday and later in the afternoon visited Dan Franzel at Covenant Hospital.

### Cass City Social Items

Richard, Brenda, Marion McClorey and Tammy Apley visited Lessel Crawford Friday at Rochester Hills. Lessel is Marion McClorey's sister.

Onalee Crawford has returned home to Cass City after spending about 3 months with her son and family in Florida. Her son Patrick is in the Navy and stationed there.

### Senior Menu

Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meal, by calling Lois Remising, 989-872-5089. Please bring your own table service. The dining center is located at 6106 Beechwood St. (K of C Hall), Cass City. This is a non-smoking dining center.

**FEB. 25-26**  
**Monday** - Hamburger on bun, fruit salad, peas, brownie.  
**Tuesday** - Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes/gravy, asparagus, cookie.

## It's a boy



Brenden Samons

Tony Samons Jr. and Danille Smith announce the birth of their son, Brenden Scott Samons.

He was born Jan. 23, 2002 at 9:25 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

## Kain 'student of month'

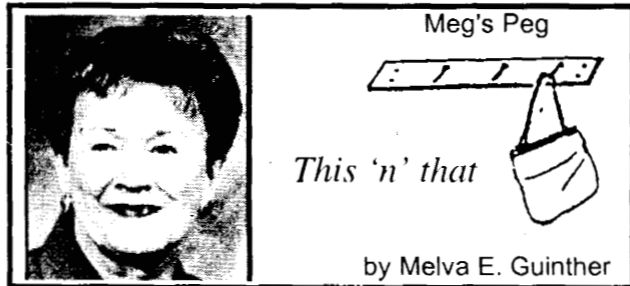


Nathan Kain

Nathan Kain has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' "Senior Student of the Month" for February.

Kain has participated in various sports during high school such as football, basketball, baseball and golf. Kain has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club each year. He has been a member of the National Honor Society since his sophomore year. As a senior, Kain serves as a teacher's aide, is a member of the yearbook staff, and is co-editor of the school's newspaper. Other activities that Kain has been involved with throughout high school are the Academic Quiz Bowl Team, Kids for Sportsmanship, and the elementary "Fun Fair". He also has been a "Focus" student and has had perfect attendance his first 3 years of high school.

Kain is the son of Tim and Ruth Kain of Owendale. He plans on attending Central Michigan University in the fall.



This 'n' that

by Melva E. Guinther

Like most of the world, we watched the opening ceremonies of the Olympics. What an extravaganza! And like most frugal people, I wondered if it was worth the staggering expense. Or if the Olympics themselves are worth what they cost.

In the wake of 9/11, security at the Olympics alone came to over \$300 million, according to one source. Certainly there are benefits that can't be measured in dollars and cents, although that has to be a consideration for all of the countries and countries that vie for the opportunity to host them.

Not being a sports fan, watching the Olympic events doesn't do much for me, although I have to say I'd rather watch somebody flatten his body out on a cookie sheet and hurtle himself head first down a steep hill at lightning speed than to do it myself.

I do enjoy the figure skating, in spite of all the controversy regarding the judging. If only there were a way to keep the commentators quiet during a performance, it would be even more enjoyable. I hate it when they constantly point out the flaws in routines and pre-judge the performances, and I chuckle when the judges don't agree with their opinions.

But back to the price of putting the big show on. I may not be entirely unbiased, because the salaries of athletes and entertainers have always seemed obscene to me. Athletes are really entertainers after all. If it weren't for the spectators, how many players would pull down those exorbitant salaries?

That we pay people more to entertain us than we pay doctors, teachers and scientists says something about modern society.

It's not just the entertainment world that has our values askew. In discussing the matter with our daughter, she mentioned being in Washington, D.C., during one of the presidential inaugurations. On the streets, amid the limos, elegant gowns and furs, and the lavish spreads at dozens of parties, were more homeless individuals than she had ever seen before.

You just have to wonder how many hungry people could be fed for what it costs to put on a bash like the Olympics.

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We've discovered a new place to look for missing items.

We had learned previously that missing keys can be found in the freezer, and a lost painting may show up in the root cellar. Now "The Chair" is on the list. We have a Berklime Shatsu

Message recliner in the room with my husband's hospital bed. The Chair kneads, taps and rolls the tension out of your back and shoulders. It's wonderful!

After losing my glasses and searching for nearly 2 weeks in every conceivable place, Stan noticed something shiny in the deep recesses of The Chair when he got up during the night. Lo and behold! The missing glasses!

How they got there we'll never know. I'm curious, but it's such a joy to have them recovered that we won't worry about it.

During the intervening time since the glasses were lost, lots of people had sat in The Chair. We're not selfish with it. We often invite guests to enjoy a massage while they visit. Sometimes we suspect that's why they visit.

In spite of all the use over the 2-week period, the glasses were not broken. The frame was slightly bent, but easily straightened.

Now if we could just locate the missing earrings.

# Hills and Dales Auxiliary meets

The Hills and Dales Hospital Auxiliary met for its regular meeting Jan. 28 at Charmont. There were 21 members present.

The guest speaker was John Halstead, vice-president, Hospital Council of East Central Michigan. His presentation was on legislation, funding and "Day at the Capital" for hospital auxiliary members. Elizabeth S. Schuetler, president of the council, was also in attendance.

A report was given on the Jan. 15 blood drive. Seventy-four (74) pints were collected. This was one of the largest recorded in recent months despite inclement weather.

The Auxiliary, in memory of Harold Guinther and Enid Craig, gave memorials to Hills and Dales General Hospital. Craig was an Auxiliary member. Guinther's wife, Esther, is a life member.

Two new members, Jean Clarke and Nancy Simms, were recognized and welcomed to the Auxiliary. Beryl Otto was made an honorary member of the or-

ganization. The next meeting will be Feb. 25.

## Dean's list students

The following area residents were recently named to the fall honors list at Central Michigan University after earning a minimum 3.5 grade point average:

- Cass City — senior Joshua J. Brinkman, sophomore Adam Dorland, sophomore Lindsey S. Gaszynski, junior David J. Hobbs, freshman Steven J. Muska, freshman Emily E. Rayl, senior Jennifer A. Winchester and sophomore Eric M. Zawilinski.
- Decker - senior Kristy M. Phillips.
- Ubyly - freshman Tiffany N. Badger, senior Tammy J. Bensinger, freshman Gina M. Morell, freshman Heather E. Movish, freshman Jessica A. Pollum, senior Lucas E. Prill and sophomore Alicia R. Walsh.
- Snover - sophomore Jennifer M. Bulgrien and senior Tina M. Peters.



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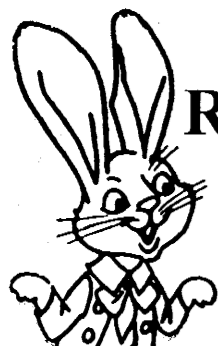
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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Bringing to the Cass City area the finest possible July 4 Festival starts Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. at the Detroit Edison building. That's when the Festival's organizational meeting is scheduled. You're invited.

It's no secret that the Festival depends on volunteers to make it go. The more helpers the better. In addition to hands-on help, the Festival crew will welcome suggestions for making it better.

It had been a couple of years since I spent a little time in Canada. That changed last week when I was in Toronto for two nights and part of 3 days.

I wasn't surprised, but pleased, to find that the unfailing courtesy of the people I met there was the same as I always found it. And not just in the hotel where employees are trained to be friendly.

A case in point. We needed directions to get to the hotel. I stopped at a Tim Horton's restaurant and it was busy at the time.

One of the busy guys behind the counter not only gave me directions, but also took the time to write them down.

Not all things were unchanged. In previous trips into Canada I found traffic moving slower than it did in Michigan. Now at the legal limit of 100 kilometers an hour was slower than most of the trucks on the road.

Naturally, I adjusted and spent the majority of the travel at about 120 kilometers an hour, which is somewhere in the neighborhood of 72 miles an hour.

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# Funding to benefit Thumb area bridges

The Michigan Department of Transportation recently announced that local road agencies throughout Michigan, including the upper Thumb, will continue to address their most pressing bridge needs with \$25 million more in work added to the state's Critical Bridge Program list.

"This funding decision puts 72 structures in poor health on a much needed road to recovery, improving our safety and our economy," said State Transportation Director Gregory J. Rosine.

"We are pleased to work with our local partners to make \$25 million in special funding available so they can do even more to improve the condition of Michigan's roads and bridges.

Among the bridges scheduled for improvements is the Lamton Road bridge over the north branch of the White Creek Drain in Tuscola County. The project cost is estimated at \$155,000.

Other Thumb bridges added to the state's critical funding list are: Gagetown Road bridge over the Pigeon River (\$148,000) and the Minnick Road bridge over the east

branch of the Willow River Drain (\$240,000), both in Huron County; and in Sanilac County, the Lamton Road bridge over the Greenman Drain (\$155,000), Brooks Road bridge over the Elk Creek Drain (\$140,000), Aiken Road bridge over the Black River (\$330,000), and the Galbraith Line Road bridge over Birch Creek (\$287,000).

There are now 235 bridges on the approved list. Funding for the estimated \$86 million in work will come from the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program, the Michigan Critical Bridge Program and a 5-percent local agency match.

The local road agencies responsible for the bridges must cover the engineering and right-of-way costs, and obtain the necessary environmental clearances before receiving the funds.

To be eligible for the program, the bridges must be in need of repair or function in a way that does not meet the needs of current traffic.

Bridge applications are rated and prioritized annually by a 9-member committee comprising representatives from county road commissions, cities, villages and MDOT. The committee considers the condition of the bridges, importance to the street or road network, and the local agency's ability to cover its share of the construction costs.

Local agencies have until June 1 each year to update conditions of the bridges not on the approved list or submit new bridges for consideration. Since it began in 1973, the program has helped rehabilitate or replace about 22.5 percent of the more than 6,700 bridges on local roads and streets in the state.



Although the \$24.2 billion provided by Microsoft's Bill Gates to promote health care in poor countries dwarfs the money from other foundations, it is by no means the only one that is promoting measures to protect the health of the disadvantaged.

Among the larger foundations that stress health care for the poor are Lilly Endowment Inc., \$12.5 billion; Ford Foundation, \$10.8 billion; and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$8 billion.

There are scores of foundations, large and small, devoted to providing health care in Third World countries. Some focus on eradicating a single disease, such as the largely successful polio immunization campaign conducted by Rotary. Missionaries also have contributed to health care.

All of these efforts are attempting to put a dent in appalling preventable death tolls in Third World countries. Infections that can be prevented or treated for pennies are killing 11 million people every year. Some 27 countries have life expectancies of less than 50 years.

It's gratifying to all of us to think that we have been able to nearly eradicate polio and relieve suffering especially for the children of the world. But if we cut the numbers of preventable death in half, where will we put the 5.5 million people that are saved? Third World countries are already facing famine and death by starvation.

Overpopulation has been a concern and there are groups hoping to come to grips with the problem. None that has the financial clout of the giant foundations. Birth control and sex education is controversial. Everyone agrees that a polio vaccine is a blessing. No division there. When it comes to family planning and or abortion there is no consensus and it's unlikely that there will be any in the foreseeable future. The most stringent method

of birth control is probably in China, which has imposed several economic penalties for families that have more than 2 children.

That's not surprising because China has one of the most severe over-population problems. If the organizations coming to the aid of the poor and uneducated are successful, Third World countries that can't support themselves now would have a problem exacerbated beyond control.

It seems to make sense to me to have the foundations with big bucks available use half of the money to find a way to keep the population from growing as life expectancies increase.

But that requires finding some way to change long-established convictions, religious and otherwise.

Changing that will definitely be more challenging than finding a cure for AIDS.



# The back forty

by Roger Pond

I'm beginning to wonder about this genetic engineering research. I have no problem with inserting genes into plants to increase disease resistance or tolerance to herbicides; but when scientists start adding genes to animals they are asking for a lot of grief as far as I'm concerned.

A recent news report says scientists are experimenting with placing a gene from spiders into goats, causing the goats to produce a silk-like fiber in their milk. This fiber can be spun into a very strong type of cloth.

So what would you expect when you start crossing spiders with goats? Something that's darn hard to pen up for one thing.

Who wants a barn full of goats making webs from one beam to another, or a creature that can climb into the house and eat your laundry?! You would think a scientist would be smarter than that.

I'm reminded of the Scottish researchers who cloned the sheep several years ago. Anyone who knows anything about sheep could see these guys were barking at the wrong end.

First of all, it's hard to find a sheep we would want to duplicate exactly. We could always make them a little bigger, so the coyotes wouldn't eat so many. Or a bit smaller, so they would be easier to pack around.

But, if we're going to manufacture sheep we certainly don't want them all the same. If the sheep are identical, they'll all die the same day! That puts us out of business in a hurry.

People who know anything about sheep try to get them as diverse as possible. This helps the owner tell the animals apart, and they don't all get their heads stuck in the fence at the same time. (There's nothing more disgusting than a bunch of sheep running around with a fence on their heads.)

I think people who raise sheep would agree the best thing scientists could do is make these animals more disposable. An Oregon rancher explained this to me many years ago.

This woman owned a large number of sheep and finding a dead one once in awhile wasn't uncommon. This day was different, though, be-

cause she was driving one of those old SUVs (probably a Scout) when she came upon a dead ewe.

The ewe was several miles from the area where the rancher commonly disposed of such animals, so she had to get the deceased into her rig in some manner. The back of the vehicle was full — and too high for lifting sheep, but she found she could roll the critter through the passenger side door and onto the floor in the front.

The smell wasn't good, but it was bearable with the windows down. The rancher

headed down the road with the dead sheep on the floor.

Wouldn't you know it, there happened to be a hitchhiker way out there in the country. Being a kindhearted lady, the rancher stopped to give the fellow a ride.

The hitchhiker climbed into the front seat and put his feet up on the dead sheep. This man never said a word, and it's hard to tell what he was thinking for the several miles he rode along.

The rancher said his death grip on the door handle might give us a pretty good idea.

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### Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant



Cass City High School has a very active Student Council. This group of students serves on different committees. The committees are: Elementary, Middle School, High School, Service, Community, Snowcoming, and Homecoming. It takes almost everyone in the council to make up for all of the sub-committees of Homecoming and Snowcoming since those two are the major committees and take a long time to plan out. Since these major Homecoming and Snowcoming events are over with, members are now broken down into four community projects. The focus of this week's article is the Elementary School Project. The purpose of this project is to get to know the elementary kids, give them someone to talk to, play with them, and to listen to them. One other purpose is to get to know more people in the community. This project is made up of nine students and broken down into two groups.

The first group consists of Lyndi Trischler, head of the committee, Elise Pasant, Kari Lowe, Carrie Hillaker, and Matt Stoutenburg. This group alternates between Deford Elementary School and Campbell Elementary School every Wednesday. At Deford the high school students visit with kids in Mrs. Kathy Dorland's room and at Campbell the high schoolers visit with students

in Mrs. Nancy Walker's room. Carrie Hillaker said "It's a fun experience to interact with kids in our community."

The second group consists of Jessica Nicol, Danielle Guilds, Rebecca Rockwell, and Kerry Shagene. This group visits only Campbell every Thursday. However, each week they alternate second grade classrooms between Mrs. Martha Butcher and Mrs. Nancy Leino.

The committee members get out of their classes around 11:10, about ten minutes before their lunch time, to go and eat lunch with the second graders at the school that they go to that day. After everybody eats lunch, they all go out to recess. Some of the games that they play with the kids are tag, basketball, jump rope, kickball, and they also play on the playscape with them.

The second graders get the opportunity to write letters to the high school students asking them questions about their interests and what they like to do. After they write these letters, they put them in a box every week addressed to one of these high schoolers. The responsibility of the Student Council member is to reply to the second graders questions. A second grader, Megan Parrish said, "I like how they play with us at recess. They give us something to do. They play basketball with us."



CASS CITY High School art students whose work was selected for display at the Anderson Enrichment Center in Saginaw last week included (from left) Emma Witkovsky, Jesika Ferris, Sharon Finkbeiner and Rebecca Rockwell. Missing is Ben Howard.

### In Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac

## Walk for Warmth set

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will host its 12th annual Walk For Warmth campaign Saturday, Feb. 23.

Simultaneous walks will take place in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties, beginning with registration at 9 a.m. and the walks themselves at 9:30 a.m.

Participants are volunteers from HDC and the community; each has gathered pledges in advance and walks on a one-mile fixed route on the day of the event. Participants in past years have experienced great satisfaction in their involvement, knowing that they are helping their less fortunate

neighbors heat their homes in emergencies while enjoying the company of old and new friends.

In Tuscola County, the event will begin and end at the HDC Office at 429 Montague Avenue in Caro. HDC's Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center has agreed to provide breakfast for all participants following the walk. Pledge sheets may be turned in on the morning of the walk; all walkers are also required to register before heading out for the event.

The Tuscola County Walk For Warmth Committee, headed up by community volunteer Sara Dost and HDC Marketing Specialist

Olga Long, has placed donation canisters at several locations around the county and have made W4W Donation Boots available as well. Schools in the county have received pledge sheets in order to involve young people in the event, while local churches and businesses have received flyers and pledge sheets.

The Tuscola committee will be holding a W4W luncheon at HDC Feb. 21, featuring tomato soup and sloppy joes. The cost is \$4 per person.

Interested persons may become involved in several ways. For further information, or to receive pledge sheets, call the Tuscola County HDC office at (989) 673-4121.

## Letters to the editor

### Workers made wrestling tournament big success

Dear John,

I would like to take the opportunity to show appreciation to all of the individuals who worked at the Wrestling Districts held in Cass City on Saturday, February 16. Due to the efforts put in by these individuals the Districts were a monumental success. The Wrestling Districts were a huge undertaking that brought together 13 teams from the Flint, Saginaw, Bay City, and Thumb areas of the state. The tournament ran smoothly due to the efficiency of those who worked on Saturday. I especially commend Russ Biefer, the tournament district manager, on a job well done in putting the tournament together. Cass City represented itself well on Saturday and has a lot to be proud of. Again, I wish to commend all those who helped make the tour-

nament a success. Without their help we could not have run the tourney as efficiently as we did.

Thank you,  
Don Markel  
Educator/Wrestling Coach

### We shouldn't send Barcia to Lansing

Letter to Editor,

I understand that Rep. Jim Barcia is considering another run for the Michigan State Senate. This just appears to be a politician job-shopping.

While in Washington, Rep. Barcia seems to have lost touch with the people in his district. On at least one occasion (House Roll Call 346 of 1999) he has voted to al-

low unmarried and homosexual couples to adopt children. This does not sound like someone voting for the values that the families in his district support.

Not only should we not send Rep. Barcia back to Washington, but we should not send him back to Lansing either.

Sincerely,  
Karen Cox

### Another pupil inducted

Dear Mr. Haire,

I would like to make you aware there was another young man, drafted before graduation, in World War II.

Harry Wright, who became my husband in Sept. '47, would have graduated with the class of '46. He was inducted in June of '45 and received an Honorable Dis-

charge in Nov. '46. From Dec. '45 until Oct. '46 he was with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

A diploma would have made his day, had it been offered prior to his passing.

Sincerely,  
Isabel Wright  
7351 Greenland Rd.  
Cass City, MI 48726

**Letters to the Editor**  
The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The letter 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.

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## Forensics team grabs first win

The Cass City High School Forensics Team captured its first tournament win of the season Saturday at Beaverton High School.

"We finished first in the Medium School Division," Coach Chad Daniels explained, noting 5 of his students broke into the finals during the 20-team tournament. "Everyone on the team made semis, and several missed the final round by one point."

Cass City's performances include a first-place finish

for sophomore Jamie Robinson in the oratory 9-10 competition.

Also turning in top 5 performances were: sophomore Jessica Covarrubias, fourth place in oratory; juniors Noel Powell, Robin Messing, Amanda Sullins and Nichole McComas, third place, multiple acting; sophomore Eric Hanby, fourth place, sales speaking; and senior Autumn Helland, fourth place, prose interpretation.

The team's next competition is scheduled for March 1-2 at Grayling High School.

## Kingston students ready to perform

Kingston High School students are gearing up to present "WhoDunit...and to Whom?", a hilarious spoof of the classic "gumshoe story".

Performances are scheduled for Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 9, at 4 p.m. in the Kingston Elementary auditorium. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

The production is staffed entirely by members of the

high school's Performing Arts Class and their fellow Kingston High students. All proceeds will benefit the school's performing arts programs, including choir, band and art.

Tickets may be purchased at the high school, Suzy Q's in Kingston, Coach Light Pharmacy in Cass City, and Wingert's in Mayville.

More information is available by contacting Scott Beyer at (989) 683-2550.

## License deadline near

Sanilac County Treasurer Kathy Dorman and Animal Control Officer Jim Matson remind Sanilac County residents that the Feb. 28 deadline to purchase or renew 2002 dog licenses is fast approaching.

If a license is not purchased by the deadline, a \$20 penalty will result.

Michigan law requires that all dogs 4 months old or older be licensed by the county in which the owner resides. All dog license applications must be accompanied by a valid certificate of current

rabies vaccination from a licensed veterinarian.

Licenses may be purchased through the mail or over the counter at the County Treasurer's Office, Room 204, County Courthouse, Sandusky, or the Animal Control Department, 35 S. Stoutenburg Road, Sandusky. Veterinarian Clinics will not be selling dog licenses this year. This service has been eliminated in an effort to reduce county expenses and do away with duplication of labor.

License fees for 2002 are \$7.50 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$15 for male or female dogs. Seniors, 65 years and older, are eligible for reduced dog license rates, \$5 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$12.50 for male or female dogs.

For an application or more information regarding dog licenses, contact the County Treasurer's Office at (810) 648-2127 or the Animal Control Department at (810) 648-4831.

### Learn about forensics

The competition categories include "oratory 9-10", "prose open", "story telling", "sales speaking" and "dramatic interpretation", but high school forensics may be a bit of a mystery to the average person.

Area residents who are interested in learning more about forensics competitions are invited to a special program organized by the Cass City High School Forensics Team.

A "Forensics Night at the Follies" is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 27 and 28, in the speech room at Cass City High School.

Coach Chad Daniels explained the program is designed to introduce forensics to the community by having team members demonstrate their skills. Roughly half the team will perform Feb. 27 and the other half will take the stage Feb. 28.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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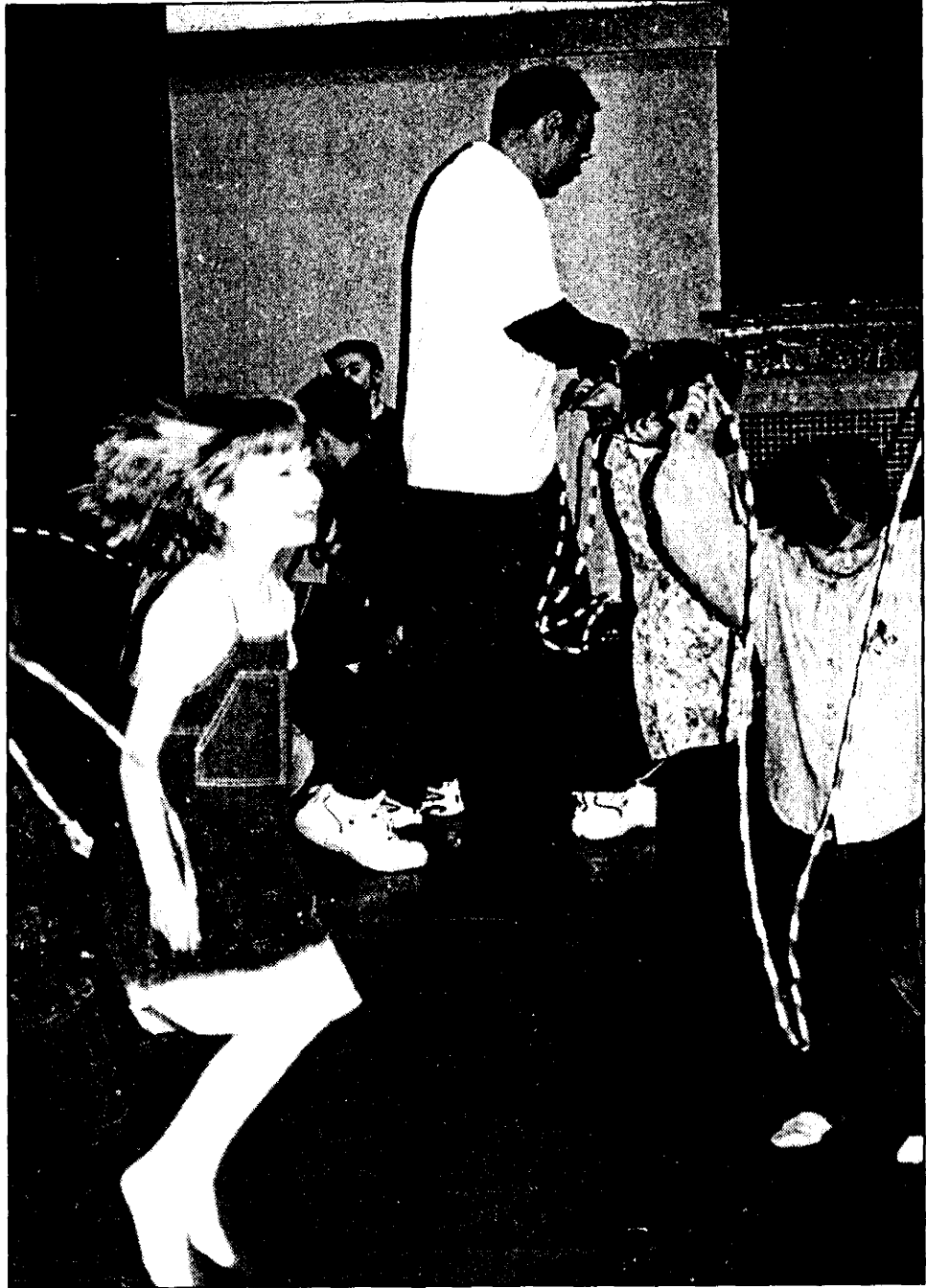
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OWEN-GAGE students took this year's Valentine's Day to "heart" thanks to a program organized by physical education teacher Brian Wright. Students in the junior-senior high held a "Hoops for the Heart" 3-on-3 tourney, while the elementary students, including Tiffany Jamieson (above) and Erika Mroz (below) jumped rope. The students' combined efforts raised \$905, which will be donated to the National Heart Association.



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## Calendar of Events

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

### Friday, February 22

Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8:00 p.m.

### Monday, February 25

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
 Hills & Dales Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 12 noon, Charmont.  
 Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

## Top student mechanics set to square off

Michigan's top student auto technicians will be going for the gold as they begin competition in their own under-the-hood Olympics, the ninth annual Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National Quality Care Challenge, starting Thursday, Feb. 28.

Students from the Huron Area Tech Center and the Tuscola Tech Center are among the 40 teams participating in the written portion of the state test. Local students take the test at 7 p.m. at The Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Last year, 33 schools competed in the qualifying round. Michigan ranks fourth nationally in the number of participating teams.

"The top 10 finishing teams will go on to the next event, the hands-on state finals on April 25," said Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. Participants will have to repair deliberately "bugged" Ford vehicles in the shortest time.

## Nutrition topic of classes

MSU Extension is offering a mini series of classes sponsored by the Family Nutrition Program.

The series will run 4 weeks with classes being held March 6, 13, 20, and 27. The classes will be 10 to 11:30 a.m. each week at the MSU Extension Conference Room, 104 County Building, Bad Axe.

The topics are Eating for Health, Labels, Keeping Your Foods Safe, and Getting the Most from Your Food Dollars.

Recipe books will be given to each person completing all 4 classes, and a drawing will be held the last day of the series for a door prize. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, call MSU Extension at 989-269-9949 by March 2, 2002.

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## Update meeting slated

# Producer group seeking ag market opportunities

The 21st Century Alliance of Michigan, an Ubyl-based producer group seeking new agriculture market opportunities for its members, has scheduled several meetings to provide information on new opportunities.

The 21st Century Alliance of Kansas, based in Manhattan, Kan., recently purchased Panhandle Milling of Dawn, Texas. Panhandle Milling produces wheat and corn flour and has a branded product sold in the southwest United States and beyond. Chris Williams, chief operating officer, 21st Century Alliance, Kansas, will be at the Michigan meetings to explain this opportunity and how Michigan producers might participate.

An update on the Michigan Edible Bean Cooperative (MEBC) will also be provided. The MEBC is seeking new markets for the membership and several possibilities are being developed. The goal of the group is to work with existing first level processors and dry bean food processors to create an integrated supply system with producer involvement.

In addition, an update will be provided on the 21st Century Alliance of Michigan and its recent alignment with the 21st Century Alliance group in Kansas. The purpose of this new alignment

was to provide more opportunities and to reduce overhead while maintaining local input.

The information meetings will be held at the following locations and times. If you need directions, please call the 21st Century Alliance of Michigan Office at (989) 658-8909.

• Tuesday, Feb. 26: 10 a.m. - MSU Extension Office, Charlotte, and 7 p.m. - The Winding Brook, Shephard.

• Wednesday, Feb. 27: 10:30 a.m. - Fritz's Family Restaurant, Richville 2 p.m. - Michigan Farm Bureau Building, Bad Axe, and 7 p.m. - Norm's Bar and Grill, Pinconning.

The 21st Century Alliance's goal is to look for opportunities that allow members to vertically integrate into food processing ventures. Some opportunities require investment and delivery of commodities, while others may result in the delivery of specialty products for a premium.

The group is one of several producer alliances formed in the last 5 to 6 years that are seeking outside opportunities for its members. As a result of the group's development, an umbrella group, US Ag Producers Alliance was formed to allow for interaction between each state alliance.

With the formation of this umbrella group, Michigan Alliance members are being given opportunities to participate in ventures beyond the state's boundaries. In November, the 21st Century Alliance hosted meetings for Golden Oval Eggs, as they were seeking investors for their joint venture developed to add functional food products to their egg-breaking product line.

All 21st Century Alliance members are invited to attend as well as other producers who might be interested in the group's activities. For more information, contact the 21st Century Office at (989) 658-8909.

## McIntosh studies in Ecuador

Stephan McIntosh, an Alma College junior from Cass City, recently returned from a fall term spent in Ecuador.

McIntosh, the son of Ann Marie King, studied at ENFOREX in Quito, a partner in Alma College's International Education Program of Studies. Alma students can study in several international settings for an academic term, the college's spring term or a summer program.

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11	Brown City 55, Cass City 59	5:00
14	Harbor Beach 48, Cass City 41	5:00
Jan. 4	Valley Lutheran 46, Cass City 49	6:00
8	Marlette 52, Cass City 64	5:00
11	Lakers 65, Cass City 45	6:00
15	Caseville 43, Cass City 66	6:00
18	Bad Axe 56, Cass City 75	6:00
22	Deckerville 59, Cass City 72	5:00
25	USA 65, Cass City 51	6:00
29	Reese 66, Cass City 69	5:00
Feb. 1	BCAS	5:00
5	Mayville 58, Cass City 65	5:00
8	Valley Lutheran 51, Cass City 49	5:00
12	Lakers 49, Cass City 39	5:00
15	Bad Axe 38, Cass City 63	5:00
19	USA	5:00
22	Reese	5:00
26	BCAS	5:00
March 1	Mayville	5:00
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Dec. 17	Akron/Ubly V @ Akron	6:00 p.m.
17	JV @ Ubly	6:00 p.m.
20	Brown City/Mayville V @ Home	6:00 p.m.
20	JV @ Mayville	6:00 p.m.
20	F @ B. City	6:00 p.m.
29	SVSU Invite (V) Away	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 3	Caro Away	6:00 p.m.
4	Bad Axe Invite (JV/F) Away	3:30 p.m.
5	Bad Axe (V) Away	8:30 a.m.
10	Valley Lutheran Away	6:30 p.m.
12	Laker Invite (F) Away	9:00 a.m.
14	Brown City (JV/F) Away	6:30 p.m.
17	Lakers Home	6:30 p.m.
19	Cass City Invite (V) Home	9:00 a.m.
19	Laker Invite (JV) Away	9:00 a.m.
24	Bad Axe Away	6:30 p.m.
31	USA Away	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Northwood Invite (V) Away	TBA
2	USA Invite (F) Away	9:00 a.m.
4	Sandusky Home	6:30 p.m.
7	Reese Home	6:30 p.m.
9	USA Invite (V) Away	8:30 a.m.
9	Fenton Invite (JV) TBA	TBA
14	BCAS Away	6:30 p.m.
16	League Invite (F) @ Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.
16	League Invite (JV) @ Bad Axe	8:30 a.m.
21	Mayville Home	6:30 p.m.
23	Northwood Invite (JV) Away	TBA
23	League Invite (V) @ USA	8:30 a.m.
27	North Branch Away	6:00 p.m.
March 2	Districts TBA	TBA
9	Regionals TBA	TBA

**WRESTLING 2001-2002**

Nov. 29	Caro/Sandusky Home	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	Cros-Lex Invite (V) Away	10:00 a.m.
8	Marlette Invite (JV/V) Away	8:00 a.m.
12	Lapeer East (Quad) Away	6:00 p.m.
15	Yale Invite (JV) Away	9:00 a.m.
20	Pinconning Away	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 3	Sandusky/V. Lutheran @ Brown City	6:00 p.m.
5	Yale Invite (V) Away	9:00 a.m.
9	Lakers/Yale Home	6:00 p.m.
12	Cass City Invite (JV/V) Home	10:00 a.m.
16	Bad Axe/Mayville @ Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
19	Mayville Invite (V) Away	8:30 a.m.
23	Cros-Lex/Brown City Home	6:00 p.m.
26	Inlay City Invite (V) Away	8:30 a.m.
30	Marlette Away	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Standish-Ster. Invite (V) Away	9:00 a.m.
9	League Invite @ Marlette	10:00 a.m.

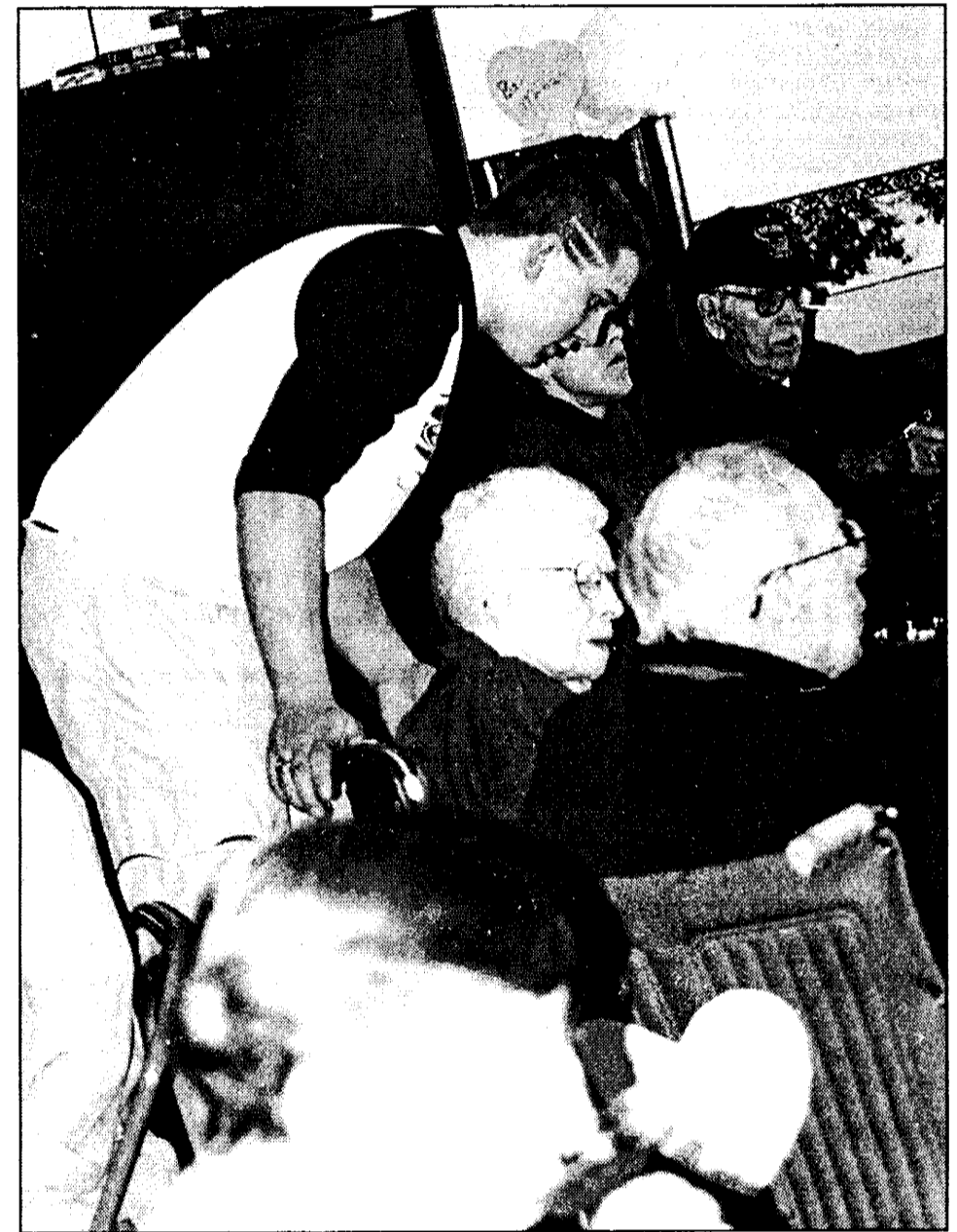
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Dec. 5	Midland Dow Away	6:00 p.m.
15	Troy Athens Invite Away	10:00 a.m.
19	Cadillac/Hartland Home	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	Traverse City Invite Away	Noon
10	Midland Dow/Vassar Home	6:30 p.m.
19	Hartland Invite Away	TBA
21	Midland Home	6:30 p.m.
26	Vassar Invite Away	Noon
Feb. 9	St. John Invite Away	10:00 a.m.
14	Vassar Away	6:30 p.m.
20	Midland Away	6:30 p.m.



**VALENTINE ROYALTY**

Tendercare residents (above l-r) James Davis and Dolly Hickie were recently chosen King and Queen at the Cass City health care facility. (Below) Cass City senior Nathan Izydorek was one of several high school student volunteers who helped serve the residents.



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The booklet outlines many Michigan laws on property taxes, homestead property tax credits, farmland and open space tax relief, the Single Business Tax and other related subjects. Also included are sample tax forms and a list of phone numbers for assistance.

Meyer has provided free copies of the 2002 tax guide to local libraries, post offices and county courthouses. Requests also can be sent by writing to Meyer at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, or call-

ing his office toll free at 1-888-254-5284.

## Lioness bazaar March 2

The Ubyly Lioness Club will be sponsoring their annual Spring Bazaar Saturday, March 2, at the Ubyly Fox Hunters' Club from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The bazaar will include a luncheon, raffles and a wide variety of crafts. The Easter Bunny will visit from 10 a.m. to noon with treats for the children. A \$1 donation will be taken at the door.

The Ubyly Lioness Club donates money towards children's projects in the community throughout the year. Anyone interested in the bazaar or club activities can call Karen Smalley at (989) 658-2693.



**THE CASS City High School Pom Pom squad, along with Kim Wark, organized a week-long training program for girls in grades one-8 who were interested in learning a dance routine. The first-ever program was deemed a huge success, drawing some 80 girls who performed during the Cass City-Bad Axe basketball game Friday night.**

# Legal notices

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

Lot 9 and 10 of Teskey's Addition to the village of Wilmet, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 36. Now Being Page 37A.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: February 6, 2002

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Attorneys for Household Finance Corporation  
As Assignee  
2501 Rochester Court  
Troy, MI 48063  
(248) 457-1000

File No. 227.0046

2-6-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Enrique A. Clark, a single man and Shanna S. Hopson, as mortgagor (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 1998, and recorded on June 9, 1999 in Liber 741, on Page 1250, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated August 23, 1999, which was recorded on August 10, 2000, in Liber 808, on Page 177, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 7/100 dollars (\$32,560.73), including interest at 7.000% 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 March 29, 2002.

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

Lot 7 of Block 4 of William Turner's Second Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 19, now being page 30A of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 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: February 13, 2002

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File # 200211418

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2-13-5

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig J. Edgin and Tami S. Edgin, husband and wife, to FHB Funding Corporation, mortgagee, dated September 3, 1998 and recorded September 30, 1998 in Liber 751, Page 773, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Household Finance Corporation, by assignment dated January 28, 2002 and submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen and 69/100 Dollars (\$64,313.69) including interest at the rate of 11.05% 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 March 22, 2002.

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

The East 121 feet of Lots 1 & 2, Block 2 and the East 121 feet of the South half of Lot 3, Block 2 of the Village of Newberry, now known as Village of Kingston, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, Pages 304 & 305 of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 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: February 6, 2002

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# VanAuken new director

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"And it was total agreement on the board as far as the choice," added board Chairman Lyle Clarke.

He and Hirn said they're confident that Hutchinson and the library's experienced staff, which includes 4 full-time employees, will be a big help in familiarizing VanAuken with the library operation and her new job.

VanAuken, herself a library board member for 2 years, said she was initially hesitant to apply for the job because she wasn't familiar with the specifics of operating a library. In the end, however, she saw the job as an opportunity to utilize her background in business and at the same time take on an even more challenging role in the community.

"Once I applied, I was really pumped for it," she said. "I thought it was very interesting how a public library operated and all the different things that come along with that, and I think what Barb did was impressive and important to the community."

A New Jersey native, VanAuken's work experience includes positions as sales director for a marketing company and office manager for

a construction company. She earned her bachelor's degree in administrative management and marketing from Clemson University.

VanAuken decided to become a full-time mom when she and husband Joe began raising their family - the couple's children, Robert and Audrey, are now 9 years and 6 years old, respectively. But she devoted time to a number of volunteer projects.

Before the family moved to Cass City from Saginaw, she

served as vice president and on various committees of the Saginaw Civic Newcomers, a "welcome wagon" organization.

VanAuken, whose husband is employed as a Tuscola County magistrate, has continued to volunteer her time in various ways since joining the Cass City community. Now, she's ready for the next challenge.

"I think initially, for me, it's going to be getting a whole understanding of the library and how it runs - the day-to-day operations," she said.

# Gerber honored

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ties include overseeing operations in the Medical Communication Center, Nursing Call Center, and the Tuscola County Ambulance services of Cass City MMR, Caro MMR and the VAAS service in Vassar and

Fairgrove.

Gerber's contributions to emergency services also include public education efforts in county schools with a focus on child safety, injury prevention and CPR programs. He has also been active in Students Against Drunk Driving programs.



**COLLEEN Langenburg recently presented a \$1,700 donation to Rawson Memorial Library on behalf of the Tuscola County United Way. The money, accepted above by Lyle Clarke, library board chairman, is being used to teach Internet and computer skills education programs.**

# Cass City names honor students

Cass City High School announces the 1st Semester honor roll.

### GRADE 12

All A's - Raymond Abasso, Tara Bryant, Jesika Ferris, Noah Gould, Danielle Guilds, Jason Hill, Sara Homakie, Erin Kanouse, Timothy Khoury, Guthry Laurie, Jamie Leiterman, Kari Lowe, Dustin McKrow, Robin Messing, Jessica Metzger, Christopher Mills, Yukiko Ohtsubo, Ashley Ouvry, Elise Pasant, Julie Roche, Rebecca Rockwell, Crystal Sattelberg, Kerry Shagene, Chenelle Smentek, Stephanie Stevens, Jennifer Tenbusch, Jessica Tenbusch, Lyndi Trischler, Tasha Vatter, Erin Venema, Amanda

Wright and Tessia Zawilinski.

B or Better - Thomas Armstead, Nicole Ash, Tyler Bader, Craig Bellow, Candi Benjamin, Joe Biskner, Jesse Bouek, Nicholas Chappel, Sarah Cooper, Melissa Doerr, Rochelle Dohn, Aaron Dorland, Nicole Drinkard, Kristen Edwards, Matthew Ender, Zeke Field, Sharon Finkbeiner, Jonathon Galloway, Jason Ganley, Jason Glaza, Cason Harris, Robert Havens, Elias Healy, Autumn Helland, Joel Hessler, Benjamin Howard, Nathan Izydorek, Michael Jaafar, Charles Keiser, James Kilbourn, Richard Klaus, Joshua Klein, Rebecca Kruse, Pao Lor, Robert Lowe, Christopher Marks, Crystal Martin, Melissa Martin, Timothy McFarland, Krystal Morrish, Nicholas Osentoski, Kristopher Patera, Stephanie Ramsey, Jeremy Reed, Jennette Schilling, Nicole Smith, Jared Sorenson, Bradley Stine, Jeremy Stomber, Jeffrey Storm, Rebecca Turner, Brandon Vargo, Heather Waltz, Jeremy Weippert, Kayla Wentworth, Emma Witkovsky, Tanya Woidan, Stephen Yax and Chelsea Zimba.

### GRADE 11

All A's - Jason Barrigar, Heidi Cheng, Amanda Frederick, Ashley Froede, Courtney Green, Dara Iwankovitsch, Jessica Kamrad, Jessica Nicol, Alissa Pasant, Rajen Raythatha, Matthew Stoutenburg, Annja Tanton and Melissa Zmierski.

B or Better - Laura Auten, Laura Barnes, Stacey Bessler, Amber Brinkman, Jarod Chard, Deidra Deering, Aaron Diegel, Matthew Dzielinski, Michael Eckhardt, Paula Fluegge, Jordan Glaza, Tyler Harp, Rebecca Hartel, Heidi Hartwick, Joseph Hawley, Cyndi Henn, Kurtis Hessler, Elizabeth Hoyt, Justin King, Ashlie LaPeer, Joseph Lounsbury, Lindsay Lowry, Christopher Maharg, Brooke Marks, Diana McGee, Samuel Moore, Chrystal Nicol, Jessie Poisson, Justin Presley, Renee Putterbaugh, Cory Rickett, Joshua Sherman, Brandon Speirs,

Amanda Sullins, Talisa Talaski, Ryan Thornton, Nicholas Turner, Xia Vang, Andrew Veneziano, Liza Volmering, Morgan Ware, Kristen Wiles, Joshua Windsor and Melissa Woodward.

### GRADE 10

All A's - Krystee Dorland, Kristi Fluegge, Leslie Hacker, Erik Helwig, Sarah Hobbs, Amy Howard, Kayla Karr, Nathan Laming, Mallory Powell, Jennifer Sweeney, Nicholas Walther and Megan Zartman.

B or Better - Allyson Bell, Jamie Benjamin, Jonathon Bennett, Jacob Brinkman, Jessica Covarrubias, Justin Darr, Erica Delamarter, Gregory Dillon, Gavin Frederick, Ashley Hadd, Eric Hanby, Jesse Johnson, Erika Karavas, Adam Kessler, Jenna Krueger, Alexander Kunding, Maegan Laurie, Dustin Mallory, Timothy Martin, Jeffrey McMahan, DeAnna Newby, Joshua O'Dell, Jamie Robinson, Amanda Smith, Amanda Sparks, Shanna Spencer, Brandon Stec, Nicholas Swanson, Heather Thornton,

Megan Toner, Zachary Toner, Bryan Warju, Joshua Wark, Teresa Woodward and Kaylene Ziehm.

### GRADE 9

All A's - Ashley Barrigar, Tasha Bryant, Samantha Glaspie, Marcel Helland, Carrie Hillaker, Krista Homakie, Rose Krug, Luann Laming, Bethany Langlois, Timothy Mills, Stephanie Richards, Andrew Schinnerer, Leah Sherman, Kristina Spaulding, Jason Speirs, Angela Stoeckle and Jessie Tuckey.

B or Better - Holly Angle, Jessica Chappel, Adam Czekai, Danielle Dohn, Jared Ferris, Chad Francis, Caleb Hanby, Michael Havens, Bryan Hill, Paul Hoelzle, Lee Hutchinson, Nichole McComas, Sean McFarland, Daniel Mittlestat, Christina Montgomery, Alexander Palmateer, Delores Rabideau, Jesse Rader, Patrick Reed, Sean Severance, Steven Steely, Nicholas Stoutenburg, Jeffery Tenbusch, Joseph Vandecar, Tara Whittaker, Jake Wilder and Michael Zmierski II.

# Medicaid

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strategy have enabled Hills and Dales to keep its head above water, according to McKrow.

Part of that strategy was construction of the Northwood Meadows assisted living and dementia care facility. It was felt that Northwood Meadows would strengthen the hospital's base in the Thumb, she explained.

"We're holding our own. We're doing fine," McKrow said of the hospital's financial position. "We haven't lost money yet, but this year is going to be a challenge."

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