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THOMAS LeVALLEY, 9, (from left), Alex Varney, 9, and Michael Milligan, 9, put their heads together Thursday while assembling their robot during the KLIK Robotics Camp held at Cass City Middle School.

Boot camp for the brain

Cass City KLIK Camps a big hit

Kevin Green was a bit concerned when he saw the ratio of boys to girls when he took over the reins of Cass City's KLIK program 2 years ago. Out of 35 kids involved in the program there were just 2 girls.

But Green's concern quickly melted away. "Today, some 150 Cass City students are involved in KLIK (Kids Learning in Computer Klubbhouses) - about half of them girls - and both sexes are excelling under Green's leadership.

In fact, last week's Cass City KLIK! Robotics Camp for third and fourth grade students saw a team of 2 girls and one boy claim the robotics competition crown, while a team of 2 boys and one girl nabbed second place and a trio of girls finished third.

"This is our second year of doing the camp, and then I teach a camp at Michigan State University for KLIK the first week in August for fifth through eighth grade," Green said.

"I opened it (Cass City camp) up to third and fourth graders because we had taught it as a curriculum to fifth graders last year. I had such a response that I had to open it up to 2 weeks this year. I didn't want to turn anybody away," he added.

Last year's single camp drew 22 students, according to Green, who noted there were 12 kids in his first week-long camp this summer. Nearly 30 youths attended the second week of camp, held last week in the KLIK Klubbhouse at Cass City Middle School.

"We don't charge anything for the camp unless they want a T-shirt. I try to make it as accessible as possible to everybody," he said.

"Part of the reason we do the camps is to get some interest in KLIK," Green ex-

plained. "The second thing is, it's a feeder program for my robotics team, which is fifth through eighth graders. Thirdly, I just wanted to offer - I call it boot camp for the brain - something that challenges their minds a little bit."

"It's a nice challenge. They did fantastic. I was a little bit concerned with that age, but they did great."

Area residents who are unfamiliar with the local KLIK program might be surprised to learn what the 9- and 10-year-old students are asked to tackle during camp.

The week begins with a tutorial CD that teaches the youths how to build their own robot using Lego pieces. "We usually finish up at the end of day 2. At that point we build what I would call their first robot," Green said.

Students then begin the task of programming their robots. The process utilizes a light sensor and light readings. Each team takes readings of white and dark lines, then they use a math formula to come up with the correct numbers that will "tell" the robot how and where to move.

Each team tests its success with a series of competitions on a custom-made racetrack.

"It's a nice challenge," Green said. "They did fantastic. I was a little bit concerned with that age, but they did great. All the teams accomplished their mission."

KLIK is now in its fifth year at Cass City Middle School. The program was

initially implemented in 9 sites across Michigan. That number has since grown to 20 sites in the state and one in Georgia.

KLIK was designed as an after-school program to give youths, especially those in rural and poorer school dis-

were the youngest kids there - most of the other teams were seventh and eighth graders," he said afterwards. "I was really proud of how our kids did. I was proud of all the teams."

Cass City's success hasn't been limited to Green's beginner students. He also has a robotics team that finished ninth overall in a state competition hosted by Lawrence Tech University in Southfield.

tricts, a place to go and feel safe, as well as a place to learn about technology - computer, math and mechanical engineering skills along with teamwork.

But the program has also blossomed into a brand new "sport" of sorts, giving a host of youngsters an alternative opportunity to learn and compete, high tech style.

And Cass City's KLIK program is considered to be an elite site in Michigan. In fact, Michigan State University officials have selected the local site for a pilot program involving an advanced robotics curriculum that will be used at all KLIK sites in Michigan.

Last March, Cass City hosted its first ever "Robogames", which drew nearly 58 students from 15 different schools, including one from Georgia. The competition was only the fifth held in Michigan, and it shattered the previous attendance record.

During the games, Green watched his fifth grade student novice teams capture first place in 2 of 3 events as well as third place overall. "It was fantastic. Our kids

Half-mill renewal

Drug task force funding at stake in Aug. 6 vote

Bill Gray figures a \$15 price tag is a bargain for Sanilac County residents who share his desire to send drug dealers packing.

He's hoping they agree later this summer when officials will again ask voters to renew a half-mill tax for 4 years to fund the Sanilac County Drug Task Force.

The renewal, labeled Proposal D-02, will be decided in the Tuesday, Aug. 6 primary election.

Residents previously approved the millage in 1987, 1990, 1994 and 1998. The tax, which generates nearly 95 percent of the task force's annual funding, costs the owner of a home with a market value of \$60,000 less than \$15 a year.

For that amount, residents enjoy the benefits of a multi-pronged approach to fighting illicit drug use and sales, according to Gray, commander of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force.

"Studies have consistently concluded that the most effective way to combat this country's nationwide drug problem was a 3-way approach of domestic/local law enforcement, drug use prevention/education (and) treatment/counseling for those with substance abuse problems," Gray said.

Education at an early age to prevent our children from experimenting with drug use is viewed as a vital preemptive strike against the drug problem in this country," he added.

Studies have shown that treatment will be effective in, at most, 33 percent of the cases, Gray continued. "For those who do not heed the message of education programs, for the 66 percent who do not respond to treatment programs, a strong local/domestic law enforcement response remains a primary part of a cohesive response to drug problems."

The drug task force is comprised of 4 deputies who face the daunting task of covering the county's 960 square miles. But they racked up some impressive statistics, including successfully iden-

tifying, arresting, prosecuting and convicting 305 drug dealers, from street level dealers to top level organizers/financiers and wholesale distributors in 3 states (Michigan, Indiana and Ohio).

Gray said the unit: *Arrested and charged 305 suspects with drug trafficking between 1998 and 2001, a 7 percent increase over 1994-97 and a 69 percent increase over 1990-93.

*Achieved a conviction rate of 99.6 percent.

*Made 235 undercover drug purchases and conducted 129 searches between 1998 and 2001, with seizures and drug charges obtained in every search.

*Achieved a 441-percent increase in the amount of street level drugs seized each year from 1994 through 2001, compared to 1991-93.

*Achieved a 5.4-percent increase in the amount of cocaine/crack/heroin seized from 1998 to 2001, com-

pared to 1994-97, and an 891-percent increase compared to 1991-93.

Gray said the increase in enforcement activity "does not mean that our drug problems are getting worse. These increases simply reflect very hard work being done daily by the enforcement team.

"There are consistent signs that our heavy enforcement pressure on drug traffickers has significantly reduced the amounts of drugs being held readily 'on-hand' for retail sales within our county through the last 4 years."

In the areas of education/prevention and treatment/counseling, the drug team's efforts include Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) programs in all 7 county school districts. Since 1990, more than \$435,000 in drug task force millage funding has been budgeted for education programs.

In-school drug counseling is also provided in all 8 school districts, with more than 500 students receiving counseling since the program was implemented in 1992.

"We have increased our productivity across the board, by leaps and bounds, in every facet of our program activity," Gray said.

"Every Sanilac County voter should easily see the tremendous amount of service they receive for the average yearly tax of \$14.96 that funds the drug task force. Every member of the drug task force knows that the people of Sanilac County are our employers, (and) we always attempt to be responsive to citizen requests for service in regard to all drug-related activity," he added.

"Hopefully, all Sanilac County voters will feel that the \$14.96... is money well invested in this county's future."

Weights, measures vet Lounsbury ends career

When it comes to his love of the outdoors and writing, Tom Lounsbury looks and acts the part of a seasoned columnist who always has time to share his enthusiasm for hunting and fishing.

Most people wouldn't guess that Lounsbury has spent the past 20 years or so working full-time as a secret agent of sorts.

"We are the unseen enforcement agency in the equity of commerce. We're very little known," the Cass City native said of his role as a senior weights and measures inspector for the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Laboratory Division.

"I had the first felony conviction for weights and measures 10 years ago and I couldn't talk about it. I couldn't talk about my job

until 5 p.m. yesterday (Friday)," Lounsbury added, referring to his official date of retirement.

Lounsbury left the department after more than 30 years, having spent his first 11 years as a meat inspector.

In that role, his job was to assure consumers were purchasing a quality, wholesome product to eat," and state meat inspection did that. I was really disappointed when that was switched over to the feds," he said.

Lounsbury's first taste of working as a weights and measures official came in 1982.

"I went right from a farm in the Thumb to the Eastern Market of Detroit where I worked for 4 years," he recalled. "You learned never to

bluff, or they'd eat you alive. When you said something, you had to follow through. It just taught you how to read people.

"It was just a very good training platform."

Lounsbury's job description might seem fairly simple; to ensure consumers and business owners both receive a fair shake when transacting business, whether it involves the purchase of 5 gallons of gasoline, a truck full of grain or 3 cubic feet of landscaping mulch.

However, the job requires a myriad of skills.

"You've got to be able to deal with the public and do it professionally," Lounsbury said. Inspectors, he explained, also have to understand a diverse, highly technical range of measuring equipment, and possess the skills to operate and maneuver a semi-tractor into tight spaces.

Their hats also include equipment maintenance, photographer, expert witness and undercover agent. "You've got to be a mathematician and I'll tell you what, God bless calculators," Lounsbury said.

With only a handful of weights and measures inspectors in Michigan, Lounsbury has had his hands full trying to cover the former Region 4, which encompassed an area from Houghton Lake south and included the entire Thumb area, Port Huron and Genesee County.

In 1998, his coverage area was reduced to the upper Thumb counties along with Lapeer, St. Clair and Genesee counties.

The work was diverse, according to the 1967 Cass City High School graduate, who could find himself checking the scales at a stock yard or stone quarry one day, and following up on a fuel sale complaint the next. The measures involved varied, too, ranging from the weight of a pencil mark on a piece of paper to 500,000 pounds.

Lounsbury said equipment neglect was often behind

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Goodbye, Mrs. Lohela

JEANNE LOHELA sported her trademark frog hat and plenty of smiles Friday afternoon as she treated her students and the community to ice cream and Oreos. The party was a bittersweet celebration - it was a time to say farewell to Lohela, who has resigned her position as Cass City Middle School principal to accept the job of high school principal in Byron Center.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 658-2347



The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Dewey and Loraine Holzon Thursday evening. After the meeting cards were played and prizes were won by Pat Heleski and Stanley Heleski. Low prizes were won by Dorothy Heleski and Ray Depcinski. The next meeting will be at the home of Joe and Josephine Wolschlagler July 18th. The hostess served lunch.

Mrs. Hiram Keyser was a Sunday supper guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Jack and Wayne Kennedy, Bill Smith, Allen Farrelly and Bernard Morley met at McDonald's in Bad Axe for breakfast Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Clare (Jan) Hagen and daughter Deann of Grosse Point Woods and son Douglas of Colorado, Mike Laurie and Cody of San Diego, California visited Fred and Myrtle Hagen and Betty and Bryce Hagen on Sunday.

Ray and Rita Depcinski went to the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Uby to pay respects to Earl Longuski on Thursday.

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

Ed Schember, Jack

Kennedy, Bill Smith, Ron Wolschlagler, Allen Farrelly and Bernard Morley met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Betty and Bryce Hagen visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Medical Care Facility for Donelda's 92nd birthday late Sunday afternoon.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Waterford, Bob Cleland, A.J. and Andy attended a graduation open house for Alex Cleland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and family at Walled Lake on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly had supper at the Cass City Stockyards restaurant on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bill Goretzki of St. Clair Shores spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pelton.

Leone Doerr of Argyle was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mrs. Evans Gibbard, Theresa and Kim Gibbard, Sandy Taylor and Chris Moore came home Wednesday after spending 3 days on Mackinac Island.

Linda Tittjung and Casey Hope and Alayna of Lake Orion, Marie Gilka, Dean and

Pat Adams, Bob and Joan Jackson were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz.

Mary Lou Harris of Gladwin was a Monday overnight guest of Bryce and Betty Hagen and on Tuesday she visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Medical Facility in Bad Axe.

Melvin and Charlotte Particka spent the weekend with Matt and Christie Particka. Jennie and Matthew Nicholas at Clayton Michigan.

5 members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Pigeon Main Street Café. They will meet in 2 weeks at the Peppermill in Bad Axe on Thursday.

Bryce and Betty Hagen attended the 90th birthday party for Leota McLean at the Orchard Lake Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall given by her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Lois Wolschlagler, Mrs. Polega and Jim Sweeney at the Huron County Medical Care Facility on Thursday.

Mrs. Evans Gibbard visited Stella Leszczynski on Thursday.

Ray and Rita Depcinski were Sunday evening guests of Greg and Susan Krozczek, Ryan and Samantha at Filion.

Mary Vandemark of Marquette, Mr. and Mrs. John Cieslinski and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cieslinski were Saturday forenoon guests of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Dan Koroleski of Grindstone City, Kimberley Koroleski of Saginaw and Allen Farrelly spent Saturday at the home of Julie Koroleski, Tanya, Jennifer and Katie in Bad Axe were they attended Jennifer's 17th birthday party.

Mrs. Jim Doerr, Nanette Walsh and son Alex, Corey and Caitlyn Rickett, Klyn Puterbaugh, Jordan Glaza, and Jerica Fenningsdorf came home Friday after spending 3 days in Lansing where they attended 4-H Exploration Days.

67 relatives and friends attended a graduation open house for Roger Sweeney at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sweeney on Saturday. Roger's Aunt Linda Long made and decorated the graduation cake. Guests attended from South Lyon, Yale, Elkton, Bad Axe, Kinde and Uby. After the dinner, the group spent the afternoon visiting.

Mrs. Ken Osentoski visited Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming on Sunday.

Gerald Messing of Clarkston and Allen Farrelly were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly, Grant, Lee and Heath where they helped Gerald Messing celebrate his birthday.



Emma and Ernest Bullock



Bullocks mark 60th anniversary

Emma and Ernest Bullock celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, June 30, 2002 at Zhenders Restaurant in Frankenmuth.

They were married June 30, 1942 at the home of Emma's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasen Kitchen.

Their attendants were Thelma Bullock Sterling

and Duane Dorland.

The Bullocks have four children: Donald (Virginia) Bullock of Decker, David (Penny) Bullock of Birch Run, Dale (Fay) Bullock of Sandusky and Diane Bullock of Sandusky. They have 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

The Bullocks reside on Argyle Road in Decker.

J. Schnettler new sugar queen

The 2002 Michigan Sugar Queen is 20-year-old Jelanie Rae Schnettler of Munger.

Schnettler, who was recently crowned at the Michigan Sugar Festival in Sebawaing, has a busy year ahead of her. She will represent the sugar beet industry as she visits with public officials, food industry leaders and the general public.

Her schedule includes many official appearances during the year, often riding in the Pioneer Sugar float in more than 20 parades across the state.

Schnettler, the daughter of Robert and Sherry Schnettler of Munger, is currently pursuing a degree in physiology (pre-med) specializing in public health and humanities

at Michigan State University. She is a child grief counselor and belongs to MSU's Honors College.

First runner-up Terra Houthoofd of Akron and second runner-up Emily Sneller of Sebawaing will serve on the queen's court. In this capacity, they will accompany Schnettler in many parades and other personal appearances.


Houthoofd, 18, the daughter of Terry and Wendy Houthoofd, will attend the University of Detroit Mercy, entering the college under a special program by starting her education as a junior. She plans to study dentistry.

Sneller, 19, the daughter of Darwin and Kathy Sneller, attends Michigan State University, where she is majoring in crop and soil science with a biotechnology emphasis. She also belongs to the school's Honors College.

Michigan Sugar Company's Jeff Adamo, director of human resources, was a first-time judge this year. "The 14 candidates were extremely well qualified and it was a difficult decision," he said.

Michigan Sugar Company and the Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association sponsor the Michigan Sugar Queen competition. As sponsors, the company and growers provide the queen with a \$2,000 scholarship for use at the university of her choice. Each member of the court receives a \$750 scholarship.

Michigan Sugar Company, a grower owned cooperative, annually produces more than one-half billion pounds of Pioneer brand sugar at its 4 factories, which are located in Caro, Carrollton, Croswell and Sebawaing. The company also owns 2 packaging/storage facilities in Fremont and Findlay, Ohio.



Meg's Peg

Give us geezers!

by Melva E. Guinther

Pocket tree guide available

Isn't it poor timing on the part of those challenging the Pledge of Allegiance and "one nation under God" — just before the Fourth of July and too soon after Sept. 11? Most people I know are flying the flag with more pride than ever before and asking God more diligently than ever to protect us from further terrorist plots.

There's nothing like an attack from outside to bind the family together and help us get our priorities straight.

We could get into a lengthy discussion regarding the difference between "freedom of religion", as planned and defended by our founding fathers, and "freedom from religion" as promoted by today's liberals, but that's another debate.

Maybe those of us who remember Kate Smith singing "God Bless America" and who still sing it today with passion are old-fashioned. Could be we're turning into old geezers, which isn't all bad, according to this description by an unknown author:

Old geezers remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler.

They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an old geezer on the sidewalk, he will apologize.

If you pass an old geezer on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady.

Old geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women.

Old geezers hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth on TV or in movies.

Old geezers have moral courage. They seldom brag, unless it's about their grandchildren.

It's the old geezers who know our great country is protected, not by politicians or police, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs old geezers with their decent values. We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for old geezers!

"What Tree Is That?" a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central United States.

Well-known trees are included: oaks, maples, spruces and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut and mockernut hickory, sassafras and shadbush, persimmon and pawpaw and pagodatree and pecan.


Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones and other identifying features. "What Tree Is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step-by-step fashion.

"Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," John Rosenow, the foundation's president, said. "Being able to identify trees is important to knowing how to care for them and how to plant the right tree in the right place."

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and \$3 to "What Tree Is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, Neb. 68410.



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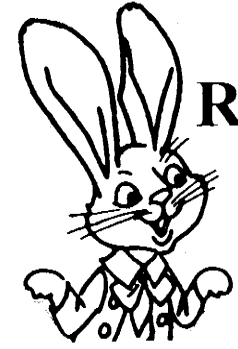
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Jim Hobbs has been teaching driver training for over 22 years and says he never saw anything like this. Driving with the students near Caro last week, he was admonished by Jessie Tuckey to stop the car. Tuckey then dashed out and picked up a \$10 bill that she spotted on the roadside.

It was bound to happen. There is now a 4-H collector doll. It's celebrating the 100th anniversary of 4-H and costs \$99 (they should have made it \$100). "Emily" is approximately 9 1/4 inches (seated) in height. Her head, arms and legs are crafted of fine porcelain and her facial features hand painted. The lamb is sculpted of cold-cast porcelain to capture fine detail. You can buy a doll from the Danbury Mint, 47 Richards Ave., Norwalk, CT 06857.



Kudos to Karen Mozden for a job very well done. Every week she completed a detailed review of the play in the Cass City minor and little leagues. I would hate to guess how much time she spent at the report, but figure it in hours, not minutes.

I say again that without the help of people like Mozden, whose day job includes work as Novesta Township Clerk, the Chronicle would barely function, if we made it at all.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers. What they would like to find is someone to distribute brochures about our community outside of the Cass City area. Call the chamber office in the Cass City Municipal Building, 989-872-4618.



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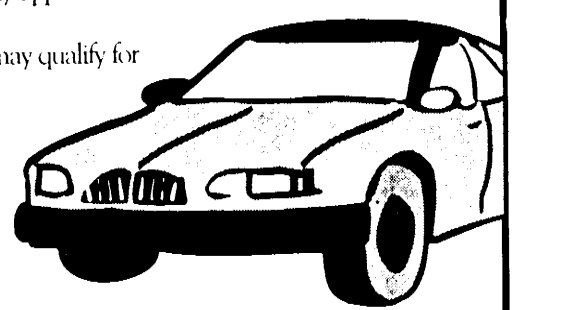


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Voting, leadership stressed County youth at seminar

Voting in the upcoming election and running for an elected position may not be on the minds of many high school juniors and seniors, but following the annual Young People's Citizenship Seminar (YPCS), students are now prepared for when the time comes to head to the polls or turn in a petition to vie for office.

The importance of voting and American patriotism echoed through the auditorium walls at Alma College during the recent annual seminar.

Representing Tuscola County were Julie Bishop, Ashley Farver, Jodi Fourman, Katie Gilley, Hailey Graham, Lauren Laethem and Christy Willis. Each participant received a scholarship from the county Farm Bureau to attend the seminar.

Nearly 200 Michigan high school juniors and seniors from 54 county Farm Bureaus participated in the program, sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau. The seminar is designed to teach students about the U.S. democratic system and help enhance personal leadership skills.

Participants took part in activities designed to encourage participation in the political process. Throughout the week, students went to the polls twice in mock primary and general elections and cast their vote via voting machines used during actual elections.

Students even ran their own campaigns for a variety of mock political offices and voted on platform issues, including school dress codes, water use in Michigan, private property rights, and zero-tolerance policies in schools.

Students were treated to leadership tips from featured speakers, including tri-athlete Kathy Roche-Wallace of Marshall and Detroit Lions center Eric Beverly. Motivational speakers, including Maxine Hankins Cain of Lansing, Sheri Wohlfert of Portland and Vic Verchereau of Caro shared their life experiences and encouraged participants to get involved in their school and community.

State Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, and Supreme Court Justice Robert Young of Detroit shared with students how they got involved with politics.

"Michigan Farm Bureau takes great pride in working with the state's future voters and feels the knowledge these students gain from the seminar will prove beneficial to Farm Bureau in the coming years," said Matt Smego, coordinator of the seminar and manager of MFB's Young Farmer department.

Held for the past 37 years, YPCS alumni include the MFB-endorsed 2002 gubernatorial candidate Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, and U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

Police cracking down on drivers

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and the Tuscola County Police Chief's Association want to raise awareness of the many holiday deaths and injuries caused by impaired drivers during the holiday season and promote the use of a sober designated driver.

"Impaired driving has a devastating effect on our community," said Sheriff Tom Kern. "With the help of the Tuscola County Police Chief's Association we are combing our efforts to make our roads and highways safe from impaired drivers and promote safe behavior in Tuscola County."

In 2001, sheriff's department statistics show that of 918 property damage crashes, 42 were alcohol involved, and of the 171 personal injury crashes, 34 involved alcohol. Of the 6 fatal accidents, 3 involved alcohol.

"The greatest tragedy of impaired driving is that it is entirely preventable. You can designate a sober driver, call a friend or spend the night where you are," Kern said.

We encourage the public to become involved in helping transport those people that are too intoxicated to drive. By working together we can make a difference."

It's easy to understand why Christmas Day is always celebrated on Dec. 25 and New Year Day observed on Jan. 1. These are and should be inviolate. However other holidays aren't. It was a great decision by the powers that be to celebrate both Memorial Day and Labor Day on Monday, regardless of when the actual date came around.

When first suggested, it was to include July 4 as a Monday holiday, but that was abandoned due to the uproar the suggestion created.

The prevailing opinion was that celebrating the Declaration of Independence on any other day is somehow demeaning our cherished document. The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence and John Hancock signed it July 4, 1776 and that's the only time we should celebrate it.

The truth is that Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia in 1776, not on July 4, but on July 9.

The larger issue is whether or not by moving the day to the weekend the real reason for the celebration will be lost and the Fourth will become just another excuse for a holiday. If the day stands alone more attention will be paid to the true significance of why we celebrate.

That's open to debate, of course, but whether the one-day or the 3-day celebration is more effective will probably never be proved.

What can be proved is that the mid-week, one-day observance makes it harder to organize programs to remind us of why we celebrate.

You don't have to stray far from home for proof of that.

The Haire Net



The community is celebrating the Fourth on July 5-6 in Cass City. That's because it would be extremely difficult to celebrate it on Thursday. Certainly if the festival were staged Thursday the quality and quantity of the celebration would be lessened.

There's no valid reason for thinking that all of the folks who will enjoy the parade and the program in Cass City would somehow be more thankful for the Declaration of Independence on Thursday than it would on Friday or Saturday.

Or, for that matter, any day of the year.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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I hate driving in the city. Something about city driving gives me the feeling of being lost. Even when I'm not lost, I know I will be soon.

Part of my problem is that I don't want to be in the city in the first place. Just being there is evidence that I'm probably lost.

Have you ever tried to get directions in the city? I've never been in a town of any size where anyone can give directions. They can take you there, but they can't tell you how to do it on your own.

A store clerk will ask, "Do you know where Morgan & Floyd's is?"

I say, "No."

"Do you know where the Coliseum is?"

I say, "No. If I knew where everything was I wouldn't be lost!"

I always get better directions when I'm lost in the country, but I've learned a few things about how to ask for them. There's an art to giving directions and there are rules to heed when asking for them.

I never ask directions from a woman, for example. It's just a waste of my time - and a test of her patience. No good can possibly come of it.

A man can't take directions from a woman. The languages are different.

"O.K., I turn to the left and then I'm going south?" I ask.

The woman turns toward the wall, starts waving her arm and says, "O.K., this is my left hand, right? So you go by the school and turn this way, and then you pass a store on the way out of town, and pretty soon you come to a road. Take the road this way," she says - leaning to the left.

"Then, I'll be going east?" I ask.

"How should I know," she says. "We don't have moss on the trees around here."

It's just as bad for a woman to take directions from a man. They have developed a natural resistance to this sort of thing, anyway, and the communications problem is just one more obstacle.

When a man gives directions to a woman, he assumes she is going to get lost. The woman senses this condescending attitude and just wants to stuff his map down

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Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant



The kids at Arts and Crafts really enjoy the activities and field trips as well as the workers. The opening day for Arts and Crafts was June 10, 2002. Monday through Friday the building is open for two sessions. They are: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. There are five staff members this year. Andrea Rea and Lindsey Gaszczynski are returning for their fourth year and Kerry Shagene, Chelsey Zimba, and Tessia Zawilinski are staff members who were hired this year.

Arts and Crafts have different activities each day. The kids are asked to bring \$1.00 a day to cover the activity costs and field trips that they go on. Some of the kids' favorite crafts are plaster molds, key chains, and making pots. Other crafts include chalk pictures, balloon buddies, visors, airplanes, macaroni pictures, magnets, bird feeders, and finger puppets. Another favorite thing is the outside games. These include kickball, jump the creek, and red rover.

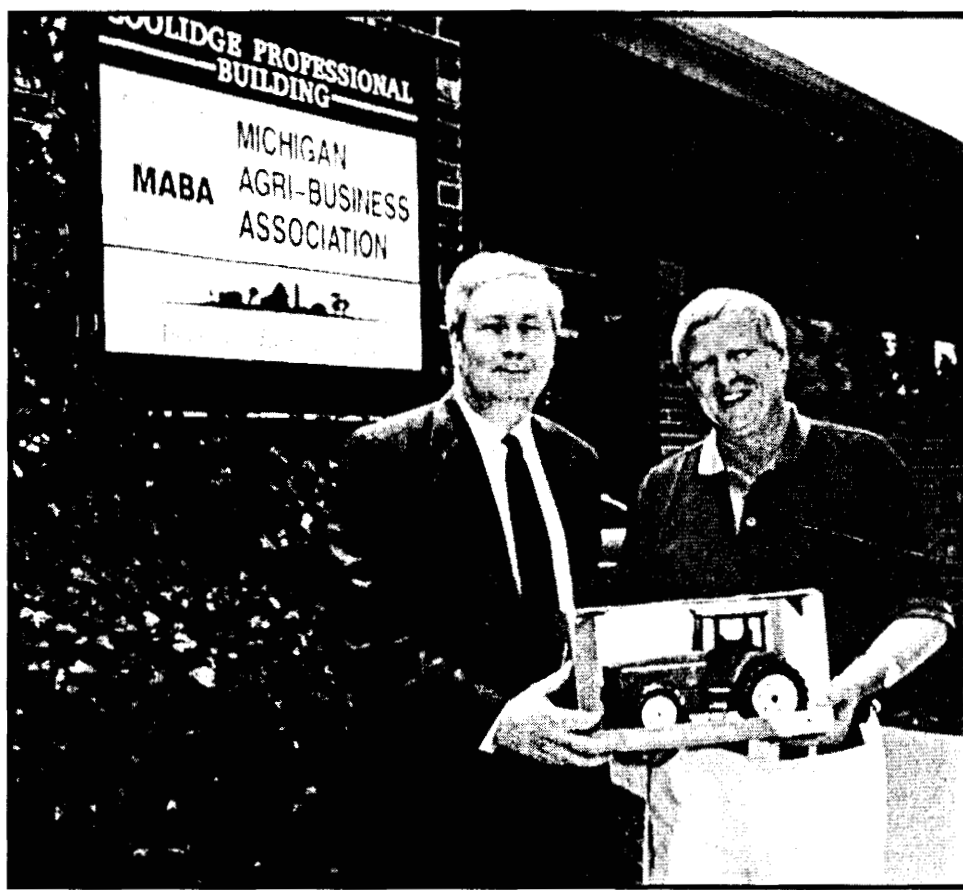
Besides the everyday crafts, there are special days planned for the kids. June 21 was police day. June 25 was archeological day, and on June 27 the kids got to tie-dye. Some upcoming events in July are swimming at the Cass City Pool, a scavenger hunt, Hillbilly Day, Fiesta Day, water wars, and Holiday Day. On Hillbilly Day the kids can dress up like a hillbilly, and there will be tons

of games and prizes. On Fiesta Day, there will be a piñata for the kids to break and chips and salsa for a snack. Many of the kids look forward to Holiday Day. On this day the kids can make ornaments and hand turkeys. There will also be an egg hunt.

In August there will be Summer Mania, Olympic Day, and the end-of-the-year picnic. Summer Mania includes balloons and tags, sidewalk art contest, crafts, games, coin dig, face painting, bike-decorating contest, and lots more. The end-of-the-year picnic will be August 16, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. at the pavilion.

The Arts and Crafts also takes field trips. Their first field trip was on June 26, 2002, when they went to the water slide in Caseville. Trips to Anderson Water Park and to the Saginaw Zoo are planned for the month of July.

The last field trip of the year is to the Caseville beach in August. "I really enjoy working at Arts and Crafts. I'm going to go into education and I like working with the kids," said Andrea Rea. Kerry Shagene said, "I used to go to Arts and Crafts when I was a kid and I enjoy giving the kids here the same experience I had." Lindsey Gaszczynski said, "This is my fourth year here and the kids make it enjoyable for me so that is why I keep coming back."



MICHIGAN Agri-Business Association President Jim Byrum (right) presents Congressman Jim Barcia with a commemorative tractor for being an "Agricultural Ally".

MABA lauds Barcia for strong ag support

Noting his commitment and leadership on a variety of agricultural issues, the Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA) recently honored Congressman Jim Barcia, D-Bay City, with its "Agricultural Ally" award.

In presenting the award, a John Deere 8300 collectible tractor, MABA President Jim Byrum said it is important for the agricultural industry to acknowledge those that recognize and support the needs of Michigan's agricultural industry.

"Whether Jim Barcia was in the state legislature, Congress

or even as a private citizen, he always has had a great deal of respect for agriculture, and has been a champion for the industry in the Thumb and Saginaw Valley," Byrum said.

"Whether it is promoting school lunch purchases of dry beans or serving as a staunch support of the sugar program, Jim has always been a steadfast supporter of our business."

MABA has endorsed Barcia for the Michigan Senate 31st District seat.

"Congressman Barcia has been a long-time champion

of agricultural issues in the U.S. Senate," said Alan McTaggart, chair of the MABA Board of Directors.

"With the changing of the guard in Lansing because of term limits, we need a work-horse in Lansing representing this critical agricultural area, and Jim is that," McTaggart added. "Involved, visible and accessible have always been Jim's way of operating, and we are confident that he will be even more involved when he returns to Lansing as a leader in the state Senate."

Barcia is a lifelong resident of Bay City. He served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1977 to 1983, including 4 years as Majority Whip from 1979 to 1983. He then was elected to the state Senate, where he served from 1983 until he was elected to represent Michigan's Fifth District in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992. In November 2000, voters reelected Barcia to his fifth term with 75 percent of the vote.

The collectible tractor presented to Barcia by Byrum is part of the MABA annual series. "MABA is celebrating its 100th year, and we will be unveiling the 2002-03 tractor soon," Byrum noted.

Kolpasky new TI president

Richard Kolpasky has been named president of North America for TI Automotive, according to Bill Laule, the company's chief executive officer.



Richard Kolpasky

Kolpasky was vice president of brake and fuel operations for TI Automotive's

Americas Group. He succeeds Jim Davis, who recently joined Guardian Automotive, another Detroit-based automotive supplier.

Kolpasky joined TI Automotive in 1993 with the company's Bundy Group, where he went on to hold a series of senior management positions. Prior to his most recent assignment, he served as business unit manager for TI Automotive's General Motors account.

Kolpasky is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and has a master's degree in business administration from Michigan State University. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army from 1986 through 1990.

A native of Michigan, Kolpasky resides in Shelby Township with his wife and son.

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Letters to the editor

Cops support drug millage

As concerned leaders in the law enforcement community, we the undersigned, members of the Sanilac County Police Chief's Association, feel that it is important to urge the passage of the August 6th Drug Millage Renewal, ballot proposal #D-

02, for the continuation of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force.

This half-mill tax renewal (average yearly tax \$14.96 per residence) will allow for the continuation of our county-wide efforts to combat illegal drug activity through enforcement, drug education and in-school substance abuse counseling.

The support that our local communities receive through the Sanilac Drug Task Force in drug enforcement, drug education (D.A.R.E.) and in-school substance abuse counseling in all 7 school districts will not be available without the renewal of the Drug Task Force millage.

Sincerely,
Sanilac County Police Chief's Association -
Paul Cowley, chief,
Sandusky Police Department
Ron Smith, chief, Brown City Police Department

Ed Jarosz, chief, Lexington Police Department
Steve Schaub, chief, Marlette Police Department
Nathan Smith, sergeant, Port Sanilac Police Department
Virgil Strickler, sheriff, Sanilac County Sheriff Department

David Hall, O.I.C. - Special Response Team, Sanilac County Sheriff Department
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Jerry Jensen, post commander, Michigan State Police

Paul Rich, chief, Peck Police Department
Jack Messer, director, 9-1-1 Emergency Services
William Gray, director, Sanilac Drug Task Force

Victory deserves recognition

To the Editor:

I do not want to diminish the achievement of Astronaut Shaw. But I believe his achievement should be put in context. Mr. Shaw's achievement was a personal achievement linked to a national mission. Cass City just happens to be where he once lived.

The achievement of the 2001 Championship track team was far more than a personal goal met by one individual athlete; it was a team victory. Their victory belongs to the whole city. Their victory belongs to a great educational environment created by the Cass City High School administration and the Cass City Board of Education.

Their victory belongs to the parents, coaches, support individuals who brought those ladies along through their many years of academic and physical training. Their victory belongs to every citizen of Cass City that financially supported them by taxes or donations in their outstanding athletic endeavor. Cass City is doing PR work to bring folks here, yet there is talk that the city is not going to continue to recognize the historical event that their children gave them in 2001. Not a town I'd want to stay in, or retire to, thanks:

Russ Carmichael,
Cass City

Editor's note: Cass City officials plan to reinstall the Shaw signs at the east and west ends of the village, however, the girls state championship signs will remain on display - at the north and south village limits.

Cass City great town

Living in Cass City is a joy!

In 1935 when I attended Cass City High School I stayed at the Leo Ware home during the week.

One fall day we had a big snowstorm. I went to Folkert's store on the corner. They had shoes and over shoes in the basement. It was during depression times, but I asked the clerk if I could charge a pair of over shoes until the weekend when my parents came to pick me up. The clerk answered, "We have been instructed not to permit anyone to charge." I thanked her and proceeded up the stairs.

Grandma Folkert overheard the conversation and she asked the clerk "Was that the Knoblet girl?" She answered, "I'm not sure." Grandma said, "Go get her. I want to talk to her." She asked me my name.

I said, "Ruth Knoblet." She asked who my father was. When I said, "My father's name is Rinerd Knoblet." She told me to go pick out a pair of over shoes that fit me. When I showed my father the over shoes I had charged to him, he went with me and paid for them. We thanked them for their kindness.

Recently, I shopped at Coach Light. When putting the bills and the change in my billfold a bill slipped unnoticed to the floor. The next day I received a call from Coach Light Pharmacy saying they had found the bill. When I stopped in, Laura Barnes had the bill waiting for me. I appreciated her thoughtfulness and taking the time to call me.

May God bless you. Yes, it is a joy to live in Cass City. Sincerely,
Ruth (Schember) Dorman

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Stage 4....

ROTARIAN ALTHAVER was feted by Tom Proctor, right, for reaching stage 4 as a Paul Harris Fellow. A moment later Althaver feted Proctor for reaching stage 3. Each stage indicates that the Fellow has contributed another \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation.



NUMBER 36 in a long line of Cass City Rotarians who have been named a Paul Harris Fellow, is Doug Laurie. The presentation was made by Lambert Althaver, right.



DOUG LAUTNER, new Cass City Rotary President, receives congratulations from retiring president Doug Laurie, right.

Rotary installs new officers, honors members

President Doug Laurie turned over the reins of the Cass City Rotary Club to president-elect Doug Lautner at the annual installation dinner Tuesday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Laurie was honored by his election as a Rotary Fellow. Membership was gained when donations of \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation were made in his name. Members of the family and Rotary Club members combined to achieve the honor for Laurie. There are 36 Rotary Fellows that are, or were, members of the club.

Rotary International has collected over \$1 billion for the Rotary Foundation. The organization has spent over \$500 million in a highly successful campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. Today only 2 countries in the world have reported any polio at all and authorities are confident that in the near future the disease will be a thing of the past.

In addition to the contributions of first stage Rotary Fellows, the Cass City club has two multiple Rotary Fellows.

Multiple Fellows are contributors who are recognized for each \$1,000 they donate after the initial contribution has been made. These are ordinarily made solely by the individual.

Recognized were Tom Proctor as a third stage Fellow

(\$3,000) and Bert Althaver, fourth stage (\$4,000).

Also honored was Bill Kritzman. He received a clock in appreciation of his long service to the club. Kritzman resigned from the club Wednesday.

Besides the president, other officers installed were: Mary Oesch, president-elect; Laurie, vice president; Val Hartel, treasurer; Alice Zaleski, secretary; Ben Varney, international service; Matt Prieskorn, club service; Ken Micklash, vocational service; Colleen Langenburg, community service; and Althaver, sergeant-at-arms, bulletin editor.

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Grade 10

Ashley Bonnema, Hannah Briolat*, Heather Briolat, Jill Butch*, Baily Duemling*, Eric Gentner*, Nichole Halifax*, Craig Helewski, Mandy Jurgens, Theresa Klee*, Michelle Kolar, Colleen Kubacki*, Jaclyn Kubacki, Tracy Laming,

Amber Langley*, Tyler Leipprandt, Aaron Maurer, Laura Maurer, Justin Mausolf, Tanya Partaka, Crystal Peplinski, Heidi Peruski, Ryan J. Peruski, Erica Philp, Carrie Pichla*, Melissa Pollum, Jaime Priemer, Laura Puvalowski*, Karl Recker*, Julie Roberts, Lisa Romzek, Rebecca Rumpitz, Lauren Ruthko, Justine Shields, Denise Smaglinski and Brandy Welton.

Grade 11

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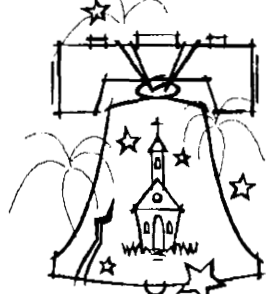
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*Denotes all A's.

Cass City Area Church Directory

Independence Day



Independence Day is a uniquely American holiday, and a time when we should reflect on the courage, foresight and many sacrifices endured by our country's founders. The terrorist attacks on our country this past year give us added reason to be thankful for the many freedoms that we too often take for granted and perhaps make us more ready and willing to defend those freedoms. But freedom is a double-edged sword, and the freedom to engage in certain activities can easily result in being enslaved by them. Freedom clearly has certain costs associated with it, and with freedom must come responsibility. In this country, we are blessed to be free from oppression and enslavement. But, when unencumbered by oppression, what do we use our freedom for? We often lack a clear vision of the ideals that are worth pursuing. Those ideals have not changed much in the past two centuries, or even during the past two millennia. A life devoted to good works and to compassionately serving our God and our fellow human beings is still the only life worth living.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
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Deadline for crops July 15

All producers are reminded that July 15, 2002 is the final date to report the crops planted for the 2002 crop year.

Acres reporting is important to keep farm history current and to remain eligible for program benefits such as LDP, CRP and AMTA payments. With a new farm bill coming, it is very important to have updated records for program purposes.

All CRP and CREP participants are reminded to complete the acreage reporting as well. After July 15, 2002 a \$25 per farm late filing fee will be charged.

Appointments may be made by calling the Tuscola County Farm Service Agency office at (989) 673-8173 (ext. #2).

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Obituaries

Eleanor Adler

Eleanor Adler, 80, of Ruth, died Sunday evening, June 16, 2002 at St. Mary Medical Center of Saginaw. She was born July 18, 1921 in Ruth to the late Henry and Helen (Tenbusch) Messing. She married John Adler May 25, 1946 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church of Ruth. Adler was a graduate of Sts.

Peter & Paul Elementary School. She worked with her family on the farm until going to Detroit to work at Packard Motor Car Co. for a few years. She returned home to marry and raise a family. She was a member of St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church of Forestville and St. John's Christian Mothers. She is survived by her husband, John; one daughter: Darlene (Larry) Schelke of

Harbor Beach; three sons: Ron (Ruth Ann Kirsch) Adler of New Hudson, Jerry (Kathy Ginnel) Adler of Ruth, Jim (Jan Kriewall) Adler of Ruth; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers: Leonard (Theresa) Messing of Harbor Beach, Andrew Messing of Bad Axe; three sisters: Anna Essenmacher of Bad Axe, Magdeline Kranz of Bad Axe, and Dorothy

Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach. She was preceded in death by four brothers: Leo, Walter, Arthur and Lawrence Messing; four sisters: Helen Kirsch, Clara Clor, Irene Samulski and an infant sister. Funeral mass was held at Wednesday, June 19 at St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church of Forestville with the Rev. Paul Bala, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Memorials are requested to St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church of Forestville. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Grace Branciesz

Grace Branciesz, 61, of Redford, died June 25, 2002 after a long illness. She was born June 23, 1940 in Cass City to William and Lorraine Donnelly. She married Ted Branciesz on Nov. 8, 1966. Branciesz is survived by her mother, Lorraine; her husband, Ted; daughters: Kim Branciesz of Lincoln Park, Diane (Chris Hubbard) Branciesz of Seattle, WA; 2 grandchildren; sisters: Joyce (Robert) Vargo of Cass City and Mary (Joe) Simon of Blanchard. She was preceded in death by her father, William.

Interment services were held June 29 at Elkland Township Cemetery with the Rev. Beverly Lajoie officiating.

Gail Cnare

Gail Anne Cnare, 68, of Bay City, formerly of Cass City, died Saturday, June 29, 2002. She was born in Madison, Wisconsin on Sept. 17, 1933, the daughter of Carlos and Viola (Graebner) Turner. On Dec. 29, 1958 she married Robert Cnare in Battle Creek.

Cnare had been a member of the Cass City Garden Club and served as chairperson of the Arts and Crafts Festival in Cass City. She also enjoyed hobbies as a seamstress and was an accomplished crafter.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; her children: Kevin (Stephanie) Cnare of Charlotte, North Carolina, Lauren (Ralph) Russo of Madison, Wisconsin, and Tracey (Dr. Robert) Weatherly of Ann Arbor; 3 grandchildren; a sister, Marilyn (Admiral Donald) Jones of Willow Street, Pennsylvania.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family has suggested memorials to the James E. Cartwright Care Center, Saginaw.

Bernice Haun

Bernice Haun, 81, of Gagetown, formerly of Detroit, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002 in St. John's Senior Community in Detroit. She was born July 13, 1920 in Detroit to Walter and Bronia (Janicka) Zegota. She married Charles T. Haun Dec. 26, 1966 in Holy Trinity Church, Detroit.

Haun worked for the Detroit Free Press as secretary in the photography department.

She is survived by her son, Thomas W. Jakuc of Warren; step-children: Edwin (Carol) Haun of Detroit, Madryn (Leroy) Johnson of New Baltimore; 3 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Memorial services will be held at 12 noon, Saturday, July 6 at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gagetown, with the Rev. Steve Fillion officiating. Interment will be in St. Agatha Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Joseph Joseph

Joseph S. Joseph, 85, of Pottstown, PA, died Sunday, June 16, 2002. He was born in Detroit, the son of the late Mary and Samuel Joseph.

Joseph was raised in Wilkes-Barre, PA. He was a first sergeant in the US Army during World War II, stationed in England, attached to Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters in Tewkesbury, England. He returned to England following the war and married Mary Beddoes on March 23, 1946. She died in 1998.

Joseph was an accomplished musician, playing violin, bass violin and banjo. During his military career he

played in several swing bands including Tommy Dorsey's orchestra. He continued his musical interest as a professional jazz musician in many local Pennsylvania establishments. Joseph retired from the Pottstown Post Office after 38 years of service. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Pottstown and a life member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his son, Robert W. (Cynthia) of Cass City; daughters: Linda Bitler (Joseph Spivak) of Pottstown and Baltimore, MD, Anita (Edward) Schmitt of Jeffersonville, PA, Beverly Joseph of Pottstown and Karen (William) Kent of Wyoming, OH; 9 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held June 21, 2002 in Pottstown.

Burial was at Highland Memorial Park with full military honors.

Earl Longuski

Earl T. Longuski, 69, of Ubyly, died Monday, June 17, 2002 at Bay Medical Center in Bay City after a short illness. He was born on May 26, 1933 in Ubyly, son of Leo and Victoria (Warchuck) Longuski. He was married to Mary Jane Wrubel Oct. 22, 1955 at St. Mary Catholic Church of Parisville.

Longuski attended Kelly Rural School and was a graduate of Ubyly High School.

He served in the United States Army. He attained the rank of corporal during the Korean Conflict from 1953 to 1955, serving in Hawaii and Korea where he was a tank mechanic. He joined his brother, Lawrence, in the silo construction business, Longuski Silo Company, which operated for 35 years.

He was also part owner of Ubyly Snowmobile Sales and Service. For the past 13 years, he was a part-time truck driver for Thumb Plastics and Gemini Plastics. He was one of the founding members of the Ubyly Fox Hunter's Club, where he was a past president and current honorary member. He was also a past officer and member of the Ubyly Community Club, a member of Huron Aviation Club and a former volunteer fire fighter for 20 years. He was a member of the Zurek Graham V.F.W. Post #6965 and the Thumb Veterans Organization #1. He also served on the Ubyly Village Council for 24 years and as Village President for 16 years. He was also a hunter's safety instructor for 30 years at Ubyly Fox Hunter's. He was a life long member of St. John Catholic Church of Ubyly where he was a former usher and choir member. He was an endman and chorus member for all the Alabama Jubilee musical productions. He was a sponsor and member of the Longuski Silo bowling team for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; two sons: Eugene of Bad Axe, Earl J. (April) Longuski of Shepherd; three daughters: Karen (David) Maurer of Harbor Beach, Kathy (Michael) Kirsch of Harbor Beach, Shelly (Gregory) Messing of Bad Axe; one foster daughter, Barbara (David) Nugent of Grass Lake; his mother, Victoria Longuski of Ubyly; three brothers: Lawrence (Florence) Longuski of Ubyly, Jerome (Arlene) Longuski of Ubyly, Marvin (Mary Anna) Longuski of Peck; two sisters: Beatrice Rutkowski of Carleton, Gertrude (Chester) Pawlowski Fudala of Troy; 12 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leo; one son-in-law, Arvid Dhyse; two brothers-in-law: Marshall Rutkowski and James Pawlowski; and one god-child, Lee Rutkowski.

Funeral mass was held Friday, June 21 at St. John Catholic Church of Ubyly with the Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Marie O'Neil

Marie Elizabeth O'Neil, 92, of Cass City, died Saturday, June 29, 2002 in Sunny Acres Nursing Center, Bad Axe. She was born Nov. 1, 1909 in Detroit to William and Laverne (Bone) Delling. She married John C. O'Neil April 7, 1934 in Detroit. He died Nov. 5, 1964.

O'Neil was the 11th person hired at Walbro Manufacturing in Cass City. She retired after over 20 years. She was a member of St. Columbkille Catholic Church and the Christian Mothers.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Ann (Joseph) VanErp of Bad Axe; 6 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Richard Charles O'Neil, who died Nov. 7, 1996; sisters: Helen Marquet, Cecilia Monfils and an infant sister; and brothers: William Delling and Donald Delling.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 3 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Sheridan Corners, with the Rev. Kevin Maksym officiating.

Interment is in St. Columbkille Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Columbkille Church Building Fund for landscaping of the addition or Huron Memorial Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

John Schall

John Anthony Schall, 52, of Gagetown, died Friday, June 28, 2002 in his home after a long illness. He was born Feb. 24, 1950 in Ypsilanti to Conrad and Marie (Hoffman) Schall.

Schall worked as a lumberjack at various sawmills over the years. He worked as a security guard at the Winona Building in Bay City until it burned.

Schall is survived by his lifetime girlfriend, Judy Sproull; daughter, Melissa Sproull of Gagetown; step-daughter, Cindy Blankenship of Russell Springs, KY; 4 grandchildren; brothers: Bob Schall, Dick Schall, Bernie (Mary Lou) Schall, Conrad "Butch" (Pat) Schall Jr., Lloyd (Andrea) Schall; sisters: Helen Cowhy, Sue "Tuddy" (Jerry) Sielagoski, Pat McIntyre, Kathy "Kitti" (John) Serra; many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by an infant daughter, Terri Lynn and a brother, Steve Schall.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 2 at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Debra L. Kranz, Funeral Service Celebrant, officiating.

Interment was in Grant Township Cemetery, Gagetown.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Rita Simmons

Rita Simmons, 72, of Argyle Township, died Friday, June 21, 2002 at her son's residence in Argyle under hospice care. She was born June 4, 1930 in Highland Park to the late John and Zita (Vanderbosch) Emberger. She married George W. Simmons Nov. 30, 1963 at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Argyle. He preceded her in death June 6, 1989.

Simmons attended Argyle Country School and was a 1948 graduate of Sandusky High School. She was a life long parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Argyle and a member of St. Joseph Altar Society. She worked at Snover Stamping for ten years.

She is survived by five sons: Richard of Argyle, Delmer, Roger, Max and Jonathon (Lorri), all of Snover; one granddaughter, Laken; and two step grandchildren: Lauren and Brian.

Funeral mass was held Monday, June 24 at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Argyle with the Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery of Port Sanilac.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

Douglas Gilbert Thane

Douglas G. Thane, 67, of Ubyly, died June 27, 2002 in Courtney Manor, Bad Axe after a long illness. He was born Oct. 20, 1934 in Colwood to E. Carl and Hazel L. (Bullock) Thane. He married Nancy Duncan Jan. 20, 1960 in Pioneer, IN. They renewed their vows Nov. 1990 in Las Vegas.

Thane and his wife managed mobile home parks all over the United States. He was a member of the Caro Moose Lodge and Cass City United Methodist Church.

Thane is survived by his wife, Nancy; children: Ann (Joseph) Vatter of Ubyly, Darryl (Anne) Thane of Deckerville, Greg (Angela) Thane of Cass City, Vicki (Roger) McKee of Cass City; 12 grandchildren; sister, Myrtle (Milton) Wright of Caro; step-mother, Mary Thane Young of Caro; mother-in-law, Verna Duncan of Toledo, OH; father-in-law, Clifford Duncan of Pennsylvania; special kids: George (Lavonne) Pettinger, Ron (Cindy) Pettinger all of Ubyly; several nieces and nephews. His parents and his brother, Donald, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 3 at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with Dr. Philip Rice officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Huron Memorial Hospice or American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

John Tough

John Tough, 26, of Cass City, died Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at St. Mary Medical Center of Saginaw from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born Oct. 4, 1975 in Sandusky to Janet (Hacker) Tough Turner and the late Lonnie J. Tough Sr. He never married.

He was a graduate of Sandusky Night School. He resided in Sebawaing and Cass City for a few years. He worked at Deckerville Plastics as well as Regency Plastics. He was working at Tru-Flo Carbide for the last couple of months.

Tough is survived by his daughter, Jessica of Cass City; his mother, Janet (Donald) Turner of Carsonville; one brother, Lonnie Tough and friend Misty Vallance of Bad Axe; three nephews; and step-grandfather, Francis "Duke" (Dolores) Krumenaker of Sandusky. He was preceded in death by his father, Lonnie; and his paternal and maternal grandparents.

Funeral mass was held Saturday, June 22 at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Argyle with the Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Valley Cemetery of Ubyly.

Memorials are requested to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubyly.

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2002

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SANILAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that **Monday, July 8, 2002**, is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote in Sanilac County or have changed your address in which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

IN PERSON:

- ✓ At your city or township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- ✓ At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- ✓ At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, Dept. of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- ✓ At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

BY MAIL:

- ✓ By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting your county, city or township clerk. A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

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Local - Road Commissioner, County Commissioner, Township vacancies if applicable; and the election of precinct delegates.

The following ballot questions will appear on the August 6, 2002 Primary ballot:

STATE PROPOSALS

Proposal 02-1

A proposal to amend the provision of the State Constitution governing the operation of the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC)

Proposal 02-2

A proposal to allow certain permanent and endowment funds to be invested as provided by law and increase allowed spending for state parks, local parks and outdoor recreation

COUNTY PROPOSALS

Proposal A-02

A proposal to permit a surcharge to be placed on the telephone service users to pay the cost of operating the Sanilac County Central Dispatch Enhanced 9-11 for Police, Fire and Ambulance Services of up to 12% additional to the 4% previously assessed for a total of 16% or the lesser of \$20.00 or the highest monthly flat rate charged by a telephone service supplier for a one party access line (which would not exceed \$3.20 per month) for a period of four (4) years

Proposal D-02

Renewal of Drug Task Force Millage - 5/10th of 1 mill (50 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2002 through 2005.

Proposal P-02

Renewal of Sanilac County Parks Millage - .20 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2002 through 2005.

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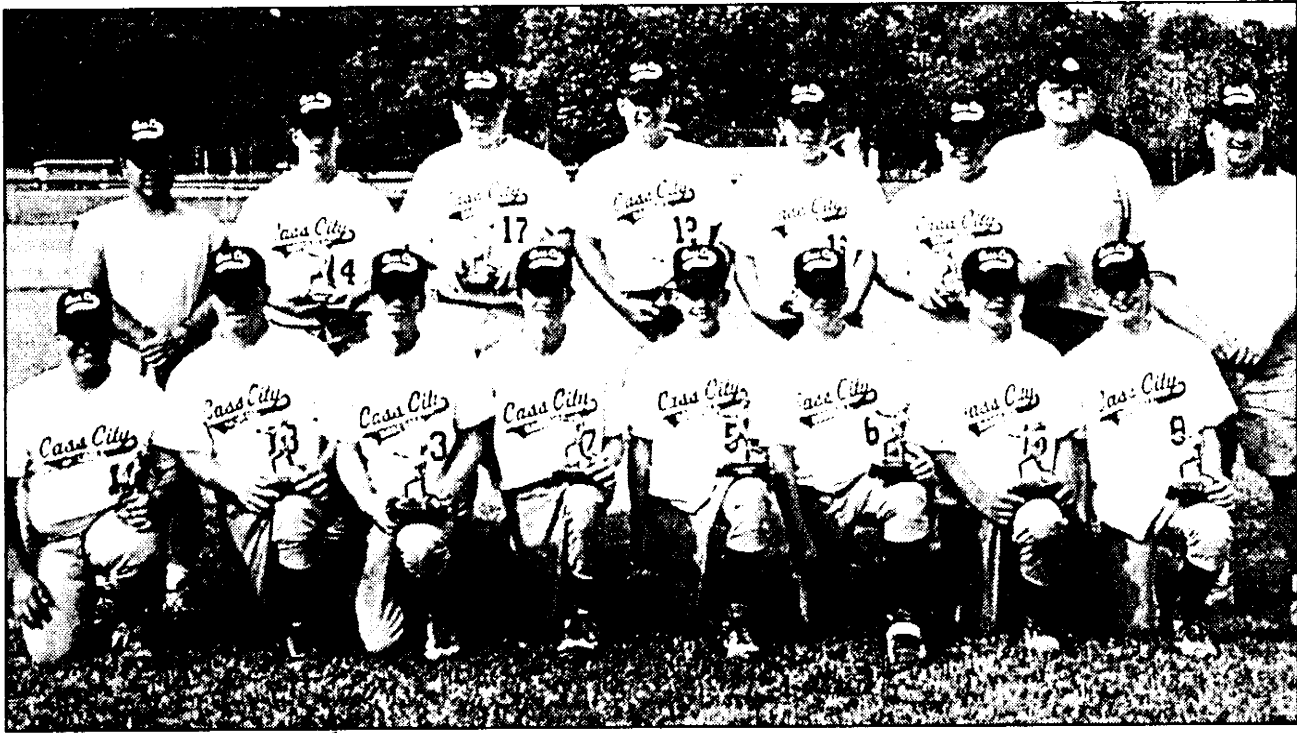
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WINNERS OF the annual 4th of July Festival Golf Tournament, held Thursday at Rolling Hills golf course, are the team of (from left) Bill Weibel, Jeff Hartel, Clarke Haire, and Todd Comment. The 4-member team scrambled to a winning total of 58 on the par 70 course.

With perfect 20-0 record

Cass City wins Thumb Area Junior League

The Cass City team in the Thumb Area Junior League for boys 13 and 14 years old is primed for the playoffs following an undefeated, 20-0, season.

Cass City will host the state district 14 tournament July 8 though the 18. 11 teams will be competing, with the

winner moving on to the state finals in Traverse City.

After warming up in the regular season 15-0 mark, the champions swept aside the competition in the post-season tournament with 5 straight wins.

In it's tournament sweep Cass City topped Caro, 14-1; Bad Axe, 10-0; Vassar, 4-

3, and Uby, 13-5, in the championship game.

Manager Joe Langenburg says that the team's success is due to hard work, dedication and a desire to be the best.

One of the reasons for the success was the outstanding Cass City pitching corps. Look at these records: Brad Langenburg, 9-0 with 4 shutouts; Brett Babich, 8-0, 4 shutouts; Jeff Stoutenburg, 2-0, one shutout, and Justin Glaza, 1-0, one shutout.

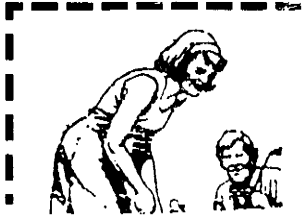
Strong relief pitching was provided by Trevor

Copeland, Glaza, Garrett Wichert and Jarod and Jeff Stoutenburg.

Cass City outscored their opponents, 211-26. Strong defense and a .459 team batting average kept the team undefeated.

Leading hitters were Langenburg, .725; Jeff Stoutenburg, .619; Glaza, .488; Babich, .487; Dereck Halasz, .483; Jarod Stoutenburg, .461; and Wichert, .459.

Joe Langenburg is assisted by Ed Stoutenburg. Bench coach is Gary Wichert.



Chip Shots

Wednesday Two Man Golf League As of July 3

Early Division

Williamson/Rieman	134
Kritzman/Burns	127
Stickle/Iwankovitsch	123
Maharg/Pasieczny	109
Bliss/Baker	101
Berwick/Greenlee	99
Zdrojewski/Lecson	97
Harris/Hogan	96
Jones/Marshall	94
Wallace/Warner	85
Herron/Tuckey	84
Strickland/Glaspie	79
Burns/Hutchinson	73
Dillon/Retherford	63

Late Division

C. Bliss/K. Bliss	109
Hartel/Comment	107
M. Murphy/Martin	105
Schott/Osentoski	104
Schneberger/Ulfing	104
Doerr/Haire	104
Henn/Peters	100
Smith/Biddinger	99
Hool/Toner	96
Wright/Prieskorn	95
Ypma/deBeaubien	95
Hillaker/S. Murphy	93
N. Bliss/Hampton	78
LeValley/Morgan	68

Flight #4 (all scratch)

Duane Henn	107
Joe Nicholl	104
Terry Hendrick	94
Don Corrigan	93
Doug Lautner	88
Bob Montgomery	86
Bruce LeValley	82
Jeff Krol	79
Dave Oehring	72
Anton Peters	72
Pat Curtis	71
Jim Mastie	70
Kevin Bliss	67
Don Erla	65
Bob Stickle	47
Bob Bredemeyer	35

Flight #5 (handicap)

Bert Althaver	97
Rich Perkins	97
Clate Sawdon	96
Tom Lis	92
Leonard Thompson	89
Dan Curtis	85
Dave Keller	81
Tavis Osentoski	76
Charles Tunis	76
Orville Beecher	73
Dennis Meek	73
Bill Ewald	71
John Niebrzydowski	66
Pat Davis	65
John Agar	53
Thad Phelps	44

Tuesday Morning Ladies League As of June 25

1st Flight (18 Holes)

Sue Ellen Greenlee	69.5
Fran Bellew	61
Nelle Maharg	59.5
Bunny O'Berski	53
Mary Rabideau	50.5
Joan Montgomery	44.5
Betty Koepf	39
Dee Pickett	37

2nd Flight (18 Holes)

Linda Herron	74
Patricia Greenwood	69
Ardis Haist	61
Candy Holdship	60.5
Blanche Rumpitz	53.5
JoAnn Martin	24

3rd Flight (9 Holes)

Linda Helwig	52
Mary Lou Maurer	47
Jane Hool	46
Shirley McIntosh	35.5
Noreen Krug	33
Marian Harm	6.5



HONORED Owen-Gage athletes are (front row, left) Katie Swiastyn, Mary McKee, Ashley Adams, (back row, left) Earl McKee, Corbin Swiastyn and Matt Gaeth. Missing are Kelly Zaleski and Nathan Kain

Owen-Gage holds award gathering

Owen-Gage Schools recently held its awards gathering for softball and baseball.

Besides the NCTL All-Conference awards previously published, each of the softball team members were presented a medal from Coach Barb Adams for finishing second in league play.

MVP recipients were Ashley Adams and Kelly Zaleski. MIP recipients were Mary McKee and Katie Swiastyn. The sportsmanship award was given to Nicole Schmidt.

In baseball, besides All-Conference awards, the following awards were given: seniors Nathan Kain, Earl McKee and Corbin Swiastyn received All-District and All-District Academic honors. McKee and Swiastyn also

received All-Region honors. Junior Jeremy Kady also received All-District honors. MVP recipients were N. Kain, McKee and Swiastyn. The MIP recipient was Matt Gaeth. The sportsmanship award was given to Josh Powell.

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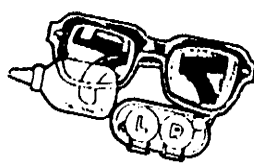
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LOOK FOR THE Cass City Girl Scouts Saturday as you watch the July 4 Festival parade Saturday. They will be distributing without charge over 700 miniature flags purchased by the Cass City Veterans of Foreign Wars. Among the volunteers helping with the program are, from left: George Schwartz, Robert Guza, Caitlin Guza, Abby Palmateer and Gerri Simpson.

Deputies investigate explosives

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies are continuing their investigation into the discovery of apparent explosives in an Arbel Township home Friday afternoon.

Undersheriff Jim Jashinske said the investigation began after Deputy Chris Rogner was flagged down in the Baker Subdivision by a subject who had been contracted to clean out a vacant residence for a mortgage company.

"The subject reported finding what appeared to be 4 explosive devices in a wood box. Three of them were steel pipes with caps drilled out, and one had what appeared to be a fuse taped to it. The fourth item appeared to be an incendiary device," Jashinske said.

"The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad responded to the residence and took all suspicious items. When they conclude their investigation they will notify the sheriff's office," he added, noting it appears the former owner abandoned the residence and may be living or have connections in Genesee County.

The Millington-Arbela Township Fire Department and MMR Ambulance personnel assisted deputies at the scene.

Emmert named to list

Craig M. Emmert of Cass City has been named to the academic dean's list at Milligan College for the spring semester 2002, announced Dr. Mark Matson, academic dean. The dean's list recognizes students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the academic semester.

Emmert, the son of Chuck and Amy Emmert of Cass City, is a 2005 History major with secondary in education at Milligan. He is involved in plays and basketball for the Milligan Buffaloes. He is a starter for the team.

He earned a 3.810 grade point average for the semester.

27 years in Cass City Erla: rewards the best part of teaching career

Marlene Erla ended her 27-year career in education with little fanfare, but the veteran teacher knows she'll never really be able to escape the legacy she's left behind.

And that's just fine with her. "Many of the kids I've had - if I see them, they're really surprised that I remember them," said Erla, who spent her entire career teaching elementary grades in the Cass City School District.

"I started out in kindergarten in '75 and taught there for 13 years, then I went to first grade. I did my student teaching in first grade - that was always my love. It's a wonderful grade and," Erla added, smiling, "I think the most important."

Erla's interest in teaching was ignited while working part-time as a hearing technician for the Tuscola County Intermediate School District. Today, she marvels at the changes she's witnessed in her classroom over the years.

First graders are learning things now that their counterparts rarely achieved years ago, according to the mother of 4 grown children and 5 grandchildren. Like many of her fellow educators, Erla has embraced the balanced literacy program implemented by the district several years ago. The program nurtures each student's ability to read and write at his or her own level.

It's been a big success, Erla said. "It's fun to watch them begin to read, and I've been amazed at their ability to write. Years ago, they didn't do any writing. One of the things with balanced literacy is children have to understand writing so they can read. They have to understand what a word is."

Erla noted Campbell Elementary School has an outstanding literacy library that offers a variety of books at many different reading levels. "To me, balanced lit-

eracy has given every child an opportunity to advance," she said.

Of course, not everything has changed. The need for structure in the classroom has been among the constants, Erla said. "I think you have to be real flexible," she added. "But you have to, for these children, keep them on a schedule."

Erla paused when asked what made her decide to retire this year. "I don't know,"

she said. "It's really funny. I waited and waited. Last year, I would have said I wasn't ready."

There was no hesitation, however, when she talked about the most satisfying aspect of her job.

"You have to take the positives and negatives, but it's the rewards," Erla said. "I really did enjoy it - working with the staff, seeing the kids grow and be ready for the next grade. It was fun."



Marlene Erla

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Regular Meeting of the Cass City Council held June 24, 2002 at 7:00 PM

- Approval of Regular May 20, 2002 and Special June 3, 2002 Minutes
- May Financial report reviewed
- Bills approved for payment
- Adopted Ord #149 Water and Sewer
- Authorized application for temporary Outdoor Sale of Liquor (Patio Permit)
- Authorized Village Manager to negotiate contract for Master Plan Up Date with LSL & Associates of Royal Oak and Grand Rapids not to exceed \$17,500.
- Reviewed DDA/EDC and Manager's Reports
- Personnel Committee to begin Manager Evaluation program

Joyce A. Bemus
Village Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDINANCE #149

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinances Number 107 and 111 and Subsequent Amendments Thereto By establishing Water and Sewer Charges and Regulations Covering the Same Within the Village of Cass City and Areas Adjacent Thereto; Termination of Services and Enforcement Procedures.

The major changes in Ordinance #149

- The ordinance shows the current service charge for both water and sewer
- Changes all billing references from quarterly billing to monthly billing
- Delineates how the sewer and water charges are arrived at
- Notes that rates may be changed by resolution of the Council
- Clarifies the time frame for past due amounts that triggers when the village manager may start the process for water turn-off,
- Establishes the policy for reduced rates due to vacancies

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lillie B. Swinton (original mortgagor) to EquiCredit Mortgage, dated November 8, 2000 and recorded on Page 1425 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE AND 23/100 dollars (\$45,489.23), including interest at 12.500% 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 8, 2002.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 12 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Northeast 1/4 which is North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said North line, 210.00 feet; then, South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, perpendicular to said North line, 415.00 feet; then, South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, parallel with said North line, 210.00 feet; then, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, perpendicular to said North line, 415.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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: June 26, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Raptors 248-593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200220605

Raptors
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William P. Rickard and Robin L. Rickard (original mortgagors) to Aames Funding Corporation dba Aames Home Mortgage, dated September 25, 2000 and recorded on October 3, 2000 in Liber 812 on Page 154 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. in Trust for the benefit of the holders of Aames Mortgage Trust 2000-2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2000-2. Assigned by an assignment dated December 19, 2001, which was recorded on January 22, 2002 in Liber 858 on Page 316, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT AND 26/100 dollars (\$85,458.26), including interest at 12.000% 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 August 15, 2002.

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

The West 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2, Block 12 of the Plat of Centerville, now Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 11 of Deeds, Page 362-363, now being Liber 1 of Plats, Page 66, now being Page 69A, 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: July 3, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Mustangs-B 248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200133110

Mustangs-B
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Angelo G. Stratos to Banc One Financial Services, Inc., by a mortgage dated August 26, 1994 and recorded on August 31, 1994 in Liber 663 on Page 855, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars and 00/100 (\$32,888.00), including interest at 13.24% 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 a.m. on August 1, 2002.

Said premises are situated in the City of Mayville, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 4, BLOCK 1 OF FOX'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 59, NOW BEING PAGE 36A.

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: June 19, 2002
Michael M. Grand, Esq.
GRAND & GRAND PLLC
31731 Northwestern Hwy., #257w
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 538-3737

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Theodore W. Colosky Jr. and Debra L. Colosky (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc. solely as nominee for Aegis Mortgage Corporation dba UC Lending, Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2000 and recorded on May 25, 2000 in Liber 801 on Page 1216 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE AND 41/100 dollars (\$52,805.41), including interest at 14.800% 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 18, 2002.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence South 160.00 feet, then, West 220.00 feet, then, North 160.00 feet, then, East 220.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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: June 5, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Raptors 248-593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200219513

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jose G. Ramirez and Consuelo Ramirez (original mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2001 and recorded on January 23, 2001 in Liber 819 on Page 1440 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Federal National Mortgage Association, Assignee by an assignment dated September 27, 2001, which was recorded on November 19, 2001 in Liber 849 on Page 575, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO AND 40/100 dollars (\$64,822.40), including interest at 8.500% 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 15, 2002.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 15, which is South 99.90 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 15; then, continuing along said East line, South 208.75 feet; then, West 208.75 feet; then, North 208.75 feet; then, East 208.75 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the use of the Easterly 33.00 feet thereof as Oak Road.

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: July 3, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Stallions 248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200220570

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald R. Gibson, Jr. (original mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated December 1, 2000 and recorded on December 4, 2000 in Liber 816 on Page 820 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, A New Jersey Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated June 21, 2001, which was recorded on January 9, 2002 in Liber 856 on Page 109, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVEN AND 54/100 dollars (\$94,907.54), including interest at 8.500% 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 July 25, 2002.

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

The East 50.5 feet of Lot 17 and the West 5.5 feet of Lot 1B, Block 2 of M.J. Smith's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 13, now being Page 14A.

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: June 12, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Stallions 248-593-1304
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Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200219677

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sherman Suttle and Cynthia Suttle (original mortgagors) to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 23, 1998 and recorded on June 23, 1998 in Liber 742 on Page 1382 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Washington Mutual Bank, FA/I/A Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. successor by merger in interest to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a South Carolina Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated November 1, 1999, which was recorded on December 8, 1999 in Liber 789 on Page 1114, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND 75/100 dollars (\$87,271.75), including interest at 8.000% 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 August 15, 2002.

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

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 12 North, Range 8 East; thence East 353 feet; then, South 136.12 feet; then, West 353 feet; then, North 136.12 feet to the place of beginning.

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: July 3, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Falcons 248-593-1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200019749

Falcons
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Public Hearing
Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health is applying to be the Regional Substance Abuse Service Coordinating Agency for the counties of Arenac, Bay, Huron, Montcalm, Shiawassee and Tuscola and will conduct a Public Hearing on July 9, 2002 at 4 p.m. in room 225 of the Mental Health Center, which is located at 201 Mulholland in Bay City. MI Public comment on services for the 2003 fiscal year will be accepted until Friday, June 28 and can be mailed to Scott Gilman, Integrated Services Director c/o Bay Arenac Behavioral Health, 201 Mulholland, Bay City, MI 48708. Federal and State funding have been provided to support the project costs.

To accommodate all people, Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health will provide necessary and reasonable accommodations, interpreters for the deaf and audiotapes of material being considered at the meeting when notified of the need at least four days prior to the meeting.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ted Brzezinski and Tammy Brzezinski, husband and wife, to TCF National Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 26, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on April 4, 2001 in Liber 827, Page 469, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three and 25/100 Dollars (\$78,123.25) and late charges of Seventy Nine and 40/100 Dollars (\$79.09). And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on August 1, 2002, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Tuscola County Courthouse in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at Eight and 400/100 (8.400%) percent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Said premises are situated in the Township of Kingston, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan and described as:

Commencing at a point that is North 88 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds East 785 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 34, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, thence North 88 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds East 690 feet; then, North 00 degrees 52 minutes 14 seconds West 990 feet; then, South 88 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds West 681.40 feet; then, South along the centerline of Richer drain 571.20 feet; then, South 00 degrees 52 minutes 14 seconds East 413.80 feet to the point of beginning. Tax ID No. 015-034-000-1700-00.

During the one year immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a). In which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated at Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 5, 2002.
Elizabeth A. Kiefer, LAW DEPARTMENT
TCF National Bank, Mortgagee
401 East Liberty, Ann Arbor, Michigan
48104-2298
(734) 769-8300 X 5499

6-12-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ted Brzezinski and Tammy Brzezinski, a/k/a Tammy S. Brzezinski, husband and wife, to TCF National Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 21, 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan on July 6, 2000 in Liber 805, Page 262, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Eight and 70/100 Dollars (\$66,928.70). And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on August 8, 2002, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance to the Tuscola County Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at Nine and 750/1000 (9.750%) percent per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Said premises are situated in the Township of Kingston, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan and described as:

Part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 12 North, Range 11 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 34 which is North 88 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds East 785.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section; then, continuing along said South line North 88 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds East, 690.00 feet; then, parallel to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section North 00 degrees 52 minutes 14 seconds West 990 feet; then, along the centerline of RICHTER DRAIN, South 88 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds West 681.40 feet; then, continuing along the centerline of RICHTER DRAIN, South 571.20 feet; then, parallel to said North and South 1/4 line, South 00 degrees 52 minutes 14 seconds East 413.80 feet to the South line of Section 34 and the Point of Beginning Subject to a highway Right of Way recorded in Liber 366 of Deeds on Page 488 and other deeds and Rights of Way of record. Highway Right of Way described as a 75 feet line North of, measured at right angles, and parallel to the reference line of Highway M-46. Tax ID No. 015-034-000-1700-00.

During the one year immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a). In which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael H. Riley and Dawn Riley (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc., acting solely as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2000 and recorded on August 24, 2000 in Liber 809 on Page 329 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT AND 32/100 dollars (\$35,558.32), including interest at 14.125% 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 1, 2002.

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

Lots 15 and 16, Block 27, Village of Vassar (now City) according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 2, Page 93 of Deeds Tuscola County Records except any part of said Lots which may have been deeded for railroad use.

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: June 19, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Mustangs-B 248-593-1306
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Attorneys and Counselors
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicholas Schmidt (original mortgagors) to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 21, 2000 and recorded on January 24, 2000 in Liber 793 on Page 045 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated February 4, 2000, which was recorded on March 27, 2000 in Liber 797 on Page 566, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND 14/100 dollars (\$87,228.14), including interest at 8.000% 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 August 1, 2002.

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

Parcel 1: Commencing 725.00 feet West of the Northeast corner of that part of Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, lying South of the North 20.01 acres thereof; then, West along the South line of said 20.01 acres, 595.00 feet; then, South parallel with the East Section line 120.00 feet; then, Easterly parallel to the East and West 1/4 line 595.00 feet; then, North to place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing at the Northeast corner of that part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, lying South of the North 20.01 acres thereof; then, West along the South line of said 20.01 acres 725 feet; then, South parallel with the East Section line 120 feet; then, Easterly parallel to the East and West one-quarter line 725 feet to the East Section line; then, North on said East Section line 120 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 19, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: Stallions 248-593-1304
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200214274

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shari L. Alexander, a/k/a Sheri Alexander and Christopher J. Alexander (original mortgagors) to The Prime Financial Group, Mortgagee, dated March 7, 2001 and recorded on March 28, 2001 in Liber 826 on Page 603 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Cit/Mortgage, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated March 7, 2001, which was recorded on February 2, 2002 in Liber 861 on Page 571, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE AND 03/100

100 dollars (\$126,073.03), including interest at 7.750% 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 18, 2002.

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

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 14 North, Range 9 East, thence West 190 feet; then, South 250 feet; then, East 190 feet; then, North 250 feet to the point of beginning.

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: June 5, 2002
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Attorneys and Counselors
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File # 200219285

Dolphins
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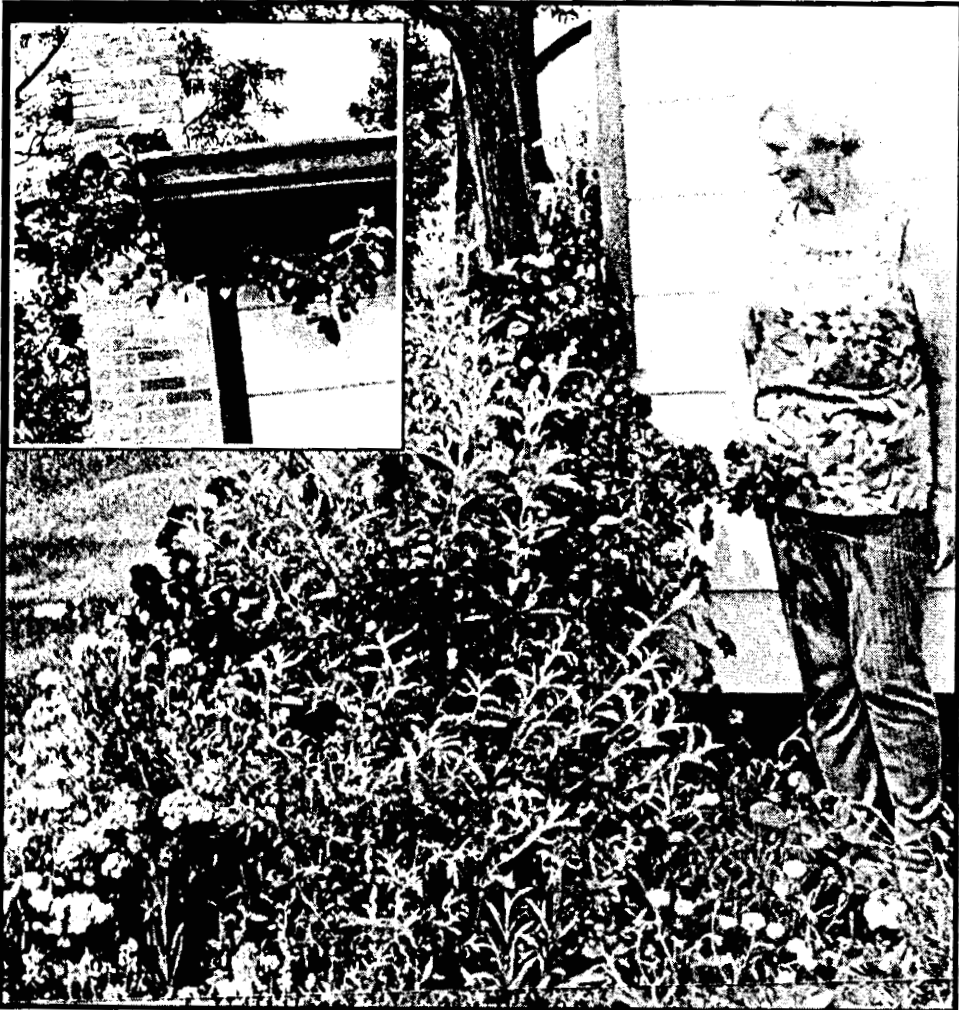
MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Norman Knox, a single man of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB dated the 30th day of January, A.D. 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and the State of Michigan on the 20th day of February, A.D. 2001 in Liber 822 of Tuscola County Records, on page 27, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$50,955.86 (Fifty thousand nine hundred fifty five and eighty six cents) including interest there on at 7.37% (seven point thirty seven) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 12th day of July, A.D. 2002, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Vassar, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

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THERE ARE DANDELIONS galore, but not many, if any, like the one that Jeanette Langenburg, Cass City, found in the driveway at her home. It has 2 blossoms on a single stalk. I've never seen one like this before, ever, Langenburg noted. Displaying the unusual specimen is 4-year-old Hunter Langenburg.



THERE ARE MYRIAD VARIETIES of flowers growing in the yard of June Perlaki at her home on Elmwood Road, just west of Cedar Run Road. None of them as unusual as the roses (see inset) that have gained a foothold in the rain gutter of her home. I have no idea how they got there, Perlaki explained, but this is the second year that they survived. The mystery-grown roses are just one of 3 varieties in different sizes and colors. They are nestled among lilies, hydrangeas, tulips, snapdragons, baby breaths, foxgloves, bachelor buttons, golden sun drops, hollyhocks, petunias and 2 kinds of flowers that were unidentified.

1.8 million expected to travel

An estimated 1.8 million Michiganians will travel during the Independence Day holiday, according to a recent AAA survey of 400 state residents.

Michigan State Police in supporting Operation CARE. Operation CARE stands for "Combined Accident Reduction Effort." Bright yellow banners will be posted at 27 rest areas statewide, with most sites offering complimentary coffee and refreshments.

Based on the available data, the Auto Club predicts that the state will remain on track for a projected 3-percent increase in tourism volumes and spending for the summer.

Lower gas prices may help fuel increased summer travel. As of June 17, motorists paid \$1.47 for a gallon of self-serve, regular unleaded gas - about 22 cents less than last year.

Nearly 9 in 10 (87 percent) of those surveyed in May said changing gas prices would not affect their summer travel plans. Of those not traveling this Fourth of July, 9 percent cited the economy as the major factor, while 6 percent cited safety concerns.

During the Memorial Day travel period, 14 percent cited the economy and 4 percent cited safety concerns as the reason for not traveling.

Among those planning a trip this Fourth of July, 89 percent will go more than 100 miles from home.

This year, the official 102-hour Independence Day holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday (July 3), and ends at 11:59 p.m. Sunday (July 7).

During last year's 30-hour July Fourth holiday period, 10 people died in 10 fatal crashes on roads across the state. That's a decrease from the 102-hour holiday in 2000, when 22 people died in 15 fatal crashes. Four (40 percent) of last year's fatal crashes were alcohol-related. Of the 5 occupants killed, four (80 percent) did not wear their safety belts.

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Notes from Northwood Meadows

By Becky Barr, Activities Coordinator/Receptionist

In the good ol' summertime - wow it's hot! However, we know how to beat the heat in air-conditioned comfort at Northwood Meadows.

We welcomed the warm weather and found a great and tasty way to cool off. Residents were treated to an old fashioned Ice Cream Social. Our residents enjoyed all of their favorite flavors and lots of yummy toppings too! It was fun to "chill out" and spend time socializing.

Father's Day was celebrated the traditional way - with a steak from the BBQ of course! Residents sat down to a wonderful meal with all the fixin's. Our gentlemen looked dashing, each wearing a floral boutonniere.

With the assistance of Rawson Memorial Library, we now have access to the latest books, videos and audio tapes for the residents to enjoy. This unique loan program works much like checking out a book from the library. We also began "Movie Night" featuring a series of videos on the history of Cass City. These videos showcase long-time members of the community talking about the early days and growth of our community. A big thank you to Kate Van Auker and the wonderful members of her staff.

Crafting was a big hit in June. In our "Welcome Mats" project, we began by stencil painting colorful designs and patterns onto carpeted mats (which were graciously donated by Schneberger's). Later in the month we turned ordinary picture frames into personal art. By utilizing everyday items such as ribbon, silk flowers and even bits of fragrant potpourri we made beautiful and decorative room accessories.

Several of our residents participated in our "Evening of Beauty" with personal skin care consultant Lou Ann Graham. The ladies learned about skin care products, and tried out different makeup colors. By evening's end they looked radiant, and just for fun some of the gentlemen got into the act too. Actually they looked pretty cute in lipstick!

There is always time for personal reflection at Northwood Meadows. Our grateful thanks to Pastor Todd Gould, of the Evangelical Free Church, for spending time with our residents, and discussing his path to the ministry.

Maxine Black was singled out with the only birthday in June. She enjoyed a colorful birthday banner, and of course - cake!

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Joyce A. Bemus
Clerk -Treasurer



SOME 40 LOCAL youths RECENTLY participated in Cass City KLINK Robotics Camps, also known as "boot camp for the brain", under the guidance of Cass City KLINK Site Coordinator Kevin Green.

Ag income decreases from 2001

U.S. net farm income for calendar year 2002 is estimated to be \$40.5 billion, down \$7.4 billion from 2001 and the lowest level since 1995, according to American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) chief economist Ross Korves, who warns that the cattle and swine sectors could feel the biggest impact.

Meanwhile, net cash income is estimated to total \$51.1 billion, down \$7.9 billion from 2001 and the lowest since 1994, according to Korves's analysis of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) early June farm income estimates.

Net farm income is all gross income minus all expenses, including depreciation. Net cash income is all cash receipts minus all cash expenses.

Most of the decline, said Korves, is caused by a \$7 billion drop in livestock and poultry cash receipts to \$99.4 billion for 2002. Crop cash receipts are expected to be down by a half-billion dollars to \$94.8 billion.

Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau's livestock specialist, attributes the livestock and poultry struggles to a combination of factors that include increased production, low exports and concerns over animal health issues here and abroad.

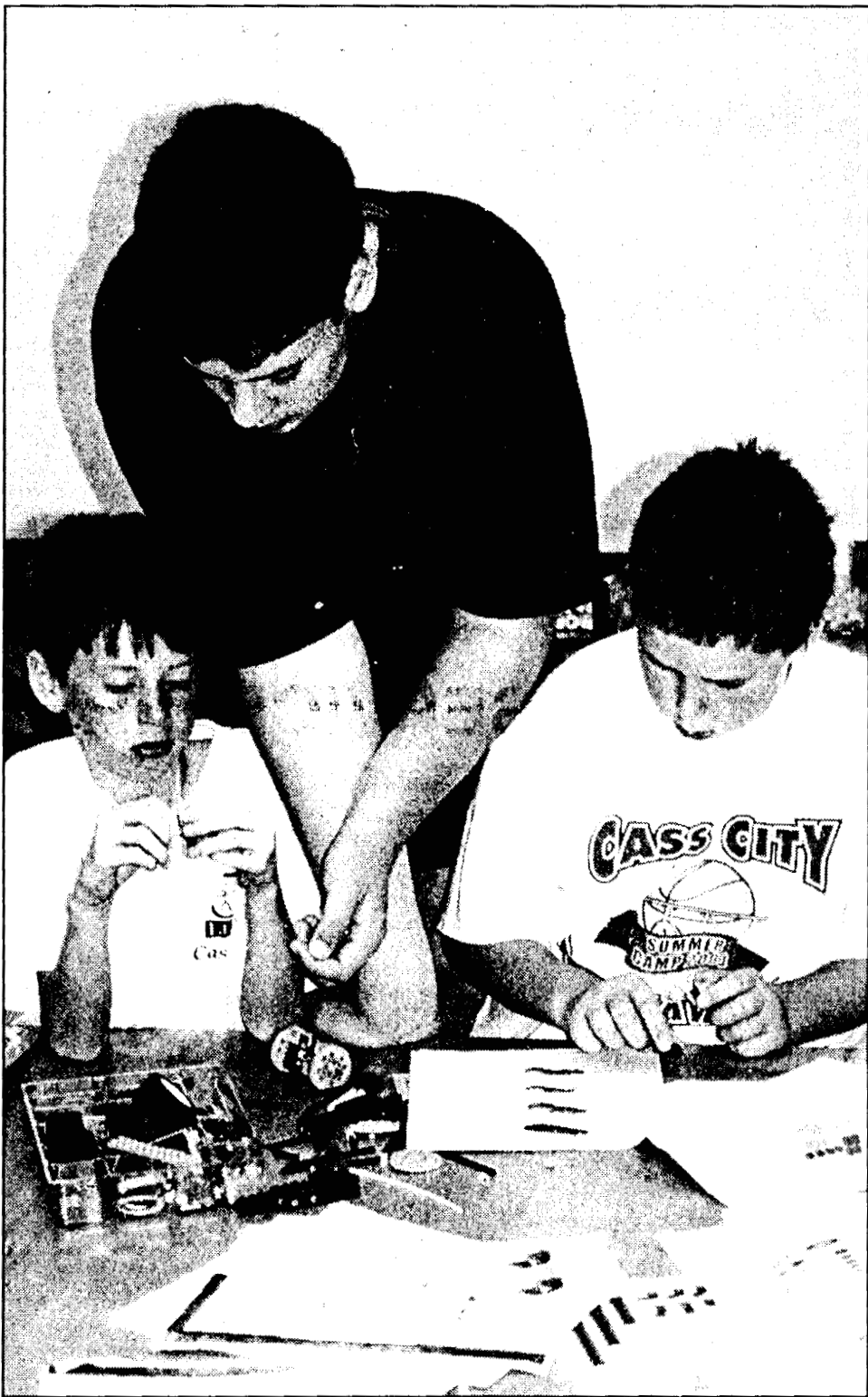
"It is economics 101 in its purest form," Birchmeier said.

"When production increases while demand, at best, is neutral and in some cases decreased, prices can't help but go down," he said. "When you throw into the mix a decrease in consumer confidence due to outbreaks of BSE and Foot and Mouth Disease overseas, you get a further drag on demand, which continues to weaken prices."

Furthering the problem, said Birchmeier, are the Russian and now Mexican bans on U.S. poultry because of the Avian Influenza outbreak. "You have further negative impacts on the market, so the poultry bans impact other meat sources."

Other producers are taking advantage of value-added opportunities, he said, and have "locked in feed prices that, when coupled together, help to increase or stabilize income while helping to offset production costs."

All categories of livestock and poultry cash receipts are forecast to be equal to or lower than last year. The biggest drop in cash receipts is dairy with a \$3.2 billion decline to \$21.5 billion. Hogs are expected to be down \$2.5 billion to \$10 billion. Cattle cash receipts are forecast to be down \$0.9 billion to \$39.5 billion.



KLINK CAMP assistant Eric Hanby offers some advice to (from left) Tony McArthur, 9, and Andrew Leslie, 10.

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BEAUTIFUL DAY, beautiful flowers - Staff members at Tendercare rolled up their sleeves and went to work in the outdoor/patio area behind the Cass City nursing home Friday morning after Bodeis Farm and Greenhouse, Mayville, donated nearly 4 dozen annuals and perennials for residents to enjoy.

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, July 4

Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day!

Friday, July 5

Cass City July 4th Festival activities. Alcoholics Anonymous, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 6

Cass City July 4th Festival activities.

Monday, July 8

Children's Movie "The Rugrats Movie" 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Help save the Tuscola County Recycling Program. Friends of Recycling will be meeting at 7 p.m., at the MSU Extension Office, located at 363 Green St., Caro. If you'd like more information call (989) 673-8508 or (989) 672-1673.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., at the barn.
Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.
VBS at Lamotte Missionary Church, 6:30-8:30 p.m., ages 4-12.

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - July 4-5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 6 miles west on M-81, turn right on Elmwood, 2nd house. Car seat, stroller, 12-18 month girl's clothes, size 10 misses clothes, men's clothing, toys and etc. 14-7-3-1

GARAGE SALE - Friday, July 5, 8-5 p.m. at 6077 E. Cass City Rd., Cass City. Boy's bikes, toys, clothes, household items and tools. 14-7-3-1

MOVING-IN garage sale - July 4-5, 9 till ? 4816 Deckerville Rd. Household items, clothing and miscellaneous. 6 miles south of Cass City on Cemetery Rd. 3-1/2 miles west on Deckerville Rd. 1 4-7-3-1

YARD SALE - 1 day only, Friday, July 5, 8-6 p.m. Linens, portable electric typewriter, dishware, ladies clothes, knick knacks, luggage, small appliances, tires, bowling bag, ball, shoes and lots of miscellaneous. 4848 Dodge Rd.; 3 miles west on M-81 from Cass City, 3/4 miles north. 14-7-3-1

DECK SALE - Thursday and Friday, July 4-5, 9-4 p.m. 6440 Huron St. Toys, toddler clothes, women's clothes and lots of miscellaneous items. 14-7-3-1

ALLEY GARAGE sale - 6315 Main St. Men's and women's clothing (XL sizes), also girl's and baby clothes and many other items. Friday, July 5, 9-4 p.m. 14-7-3-1

YARD SALE - 6086 Schwegler Rd., Cass City. July 4-6, 9-4 p.m. Hoosier cabinet, 1930s Chaise Lounge, oriental pieces, some Anna Lee and lots of good stuff. 14-7-3-1

Household Sales

3-FAMILY GARAGE sale - clothing (all sizes), lots of toys, knickknacks. 3 miles east of M-53 on Cass City Rd. Thursday and Friday, 9-6 p.m. 14-7-3-1

5 FAMILY garage sale - July 4-5, 8 a.m. - ? Something for everyone. Porcelain doll collection. 6557 Elizabeth St. 14-7-3-1

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Down Memory Lane

From the files of the Chronicle

5YEARSAGO

Cass City Village Council members this week began the task of preparing to fill the shoes of veteran village Manager Lou S. LaPonsie. During a monthly council meeting Monday, village President L.E. Althaver announced what many of the trustees already knew; that LaPonsie had expressed a desire to retire in early 1998 after more than 25 years on the job.

Downtown Cass City is rich in history even though some buildings are no longer remaining. The Sommers Bakery and Shetler buildings, which were torn down, date back to about 1900 and at that time one of the buildings which recently burned with Sommers Bakery was a meat market.

Despite the absence of a choir at Cass City Middle School, one student has the chance to take her voice to greater heights. Kerry Shagene, a Cass City eighth grader, has been chosen to attend the University of Michigan Flint Music Camp, an honor pursued by about 250 Michigan students but achieved by only 60.

10YEARSAGO

Governor John Engler last week announced Michigan will receive \$24 million in new federal funds to provide summer jobs for economically disadvantaged youth

ages 14-21. The funding includes nearly \$600,000 that will provide an additional 300 jobs in the Thumb.

Area schools haven't yet had time to address last week's Supreme Court ruling barring public schools from sponsoring prayers at graduation ceremonies. But officials in 2 districts indicated they would like to see their school boards take a "wait and see" approach to the ruling.

Knee high by the fourth of July? Thanks to some much needed rain, the area's corn crop is improving. This healthy 45-acre field is located in northern Evergreen Township, where Sean Severance, 5, and his brother, Brad, 3, the sons of Randy and Deb Severance, Shabbona, checked out the crop Friday morning.

25YEARSAGO

Mrs. Cathryn (Kit) Okerstrom and Mrs. Carolyn (Carrie) Blades, both of Cass City, attended the 31st annual Michigan Twins Convention, held at the Hilton in Kalamazoo June 24-26. The Cass City twin sisters were awarded first place as the most look-alikes in their age category. This is the third time they have garnered this award.

Tuscola County Road Commission employees, including those laid off June 24, were scheduled to vote Wednesday, July 6, on a new

contract with the county road agency. Depending on the employees' vote, the three road commissioners will vote Thursday on whether to accept the new agreement.

The State Highway Commission has directed the Department of State Highways and Transportation to negotiate with Tuscola and Saginaw Bay Railway, Inc., to operate rail lines in the Vassar area. The lines, totaling 43.5 miles, would be between Vassar and Munger, Vassar and Millington and Vassar and Colling.

Douglas Laurie and Terry Hoag of Cass City were among 220 Michigan teenagers attending the 14th annual Young People's Seminar, June 20-24, sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau and its county organizations. The seminar at Albion College emphasized the free enterprise system, the American political scene and democracy.

35YEARSAGO

Moving up to the top job in Cass City Rotary is Tom Proctor who accepts the president's gavel from Gerald Prieskorn who completed his year Saturday. Rotary officers serve from July to July each year.

Mrs. Barbara Marshall is the new clerk and treasurer in Cass City. She was appointed Thursday evening at the regular meeting of the village council. She replaces Mrs. Celia House, who resigned.

The parking lot that serves the business district and is located north of Main between Seeger and Leach Street will be expanded, it was decided Thursday evening by the Cass City Village Council.

The Cass City Village Council made the first payment due to Mort Orr for payment for 22 acres that will be added to the park. Money for the payment came from area residents in the Park Expansion Program Drive (PEP) that has already raised enough for this part of the program.



CASS CITY native Tom Lounsbury retired from the Michigan Department of Agriculture Friday after more than 30 years of service, including the past several years as a senior weights and measures inspector.

Lounsbury closes out career

Continued from page one.

weights and measures violations, although one case that ended in a felony conviction involved a fraudulent agreement in which one business shorted another business some \$12,000 worth of landscaping materials.

Lounsbury also recalled some interesting assignments, including a trip to a scrap yard in Flint, where he was greeted by a Rottweiler. The dog watched intently, but did nothing as Lounsbury carried 1,000 pounds of weights, 50 pounds at a time, into the scrap yard. Leaving with the same weights was another story.

"He just stood between me and the door. You could bring (something) in, but you couldn't take it out," he said. "He was just doing his job and I wasn't going to argue with him."

"There's about one percent that made life interesting," added Lounsbury, who has frequently found himself taking on the role of Good Samaritan while on the job.

"I've changed so many tires for stranded ladies," he said. "I helped one guy drive his livestock and helped another guy put out a grass fire."

Lounsbury's retirement plans should keep him busy. He'll devote all of his energies to writing and hopes to expand his work to include books and hunting videos.

But that doesn't mean the decision to leave his job with the state was an easy one, especially in light of the fact that he's watched the number of weights and measures inspectors drop from 9 individuals to 5 over the past several years. It's a trend, he said, that has chipped away at the goal of maintaining balance for the consumer and the business owner alike.

"It's really mixed emotions," Lounsbury said. "What I enjoyed most was the diversity. It was my niche in life. Where else can you work with big, heavy equipment and meet all kinds of people?"

Huron Medical Center opens wellness center

Huron Medical Center officials recently announced the opening of their new wellness center, located at Huron Medical Center's West Campus, 1142 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe.

The wellness center is housed in the east end of the Huron County Health Department building. All CPR, first aid, diabetic education, diabetic support group and safe sitter classes are now held at the facility.

Huron Medical Center has expanded its services to include fitness classes. These classes will be taught on an ongoing basis at the

wellness center. Classes offered include aerobics, yoga, and a senior stretch class. Each fitness class integrates the three major components necessary to achieve optimal health and fitness, cardiovascular training, muscular strengthening and flexibility for an all-in-one workout.

Aerobics classes are multi-leveled and are offered in morning and evening sessions, 2 or 3 days a week. Burn fat and build muscle with alternating segments of step aerobics and strength moves using bands and weights. Each class ends with a great relaxing cool-down.

Yoga fitness class helps maintain mobility and increase flexibility and improves posture. Improve your powers of concentration and relaxation with deep breathing exercises and complete relaxation techniques. Class meets one afternoon a week.

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It's never too late to benefit from becoming physically active. Although the benefits

of physical activity increase with more frequent or intense acts of activity can produce substantial benefits, which can be even more pronounced in older adults. These benefits can include preventing or delaying chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as improving the ability to function for people with arthritis and lung disease.

For more information on cost and times, or to register for classes, please call the Huron Medical Center Wellness Center at (989) 269-8933 (ext. 4346).

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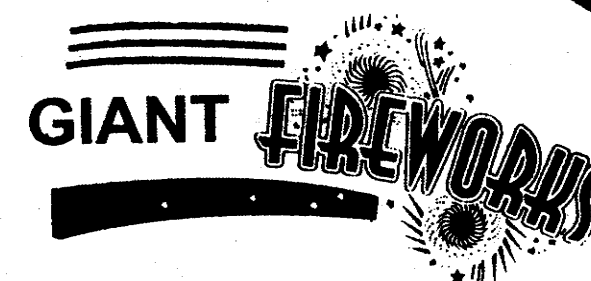
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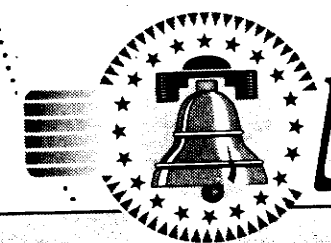


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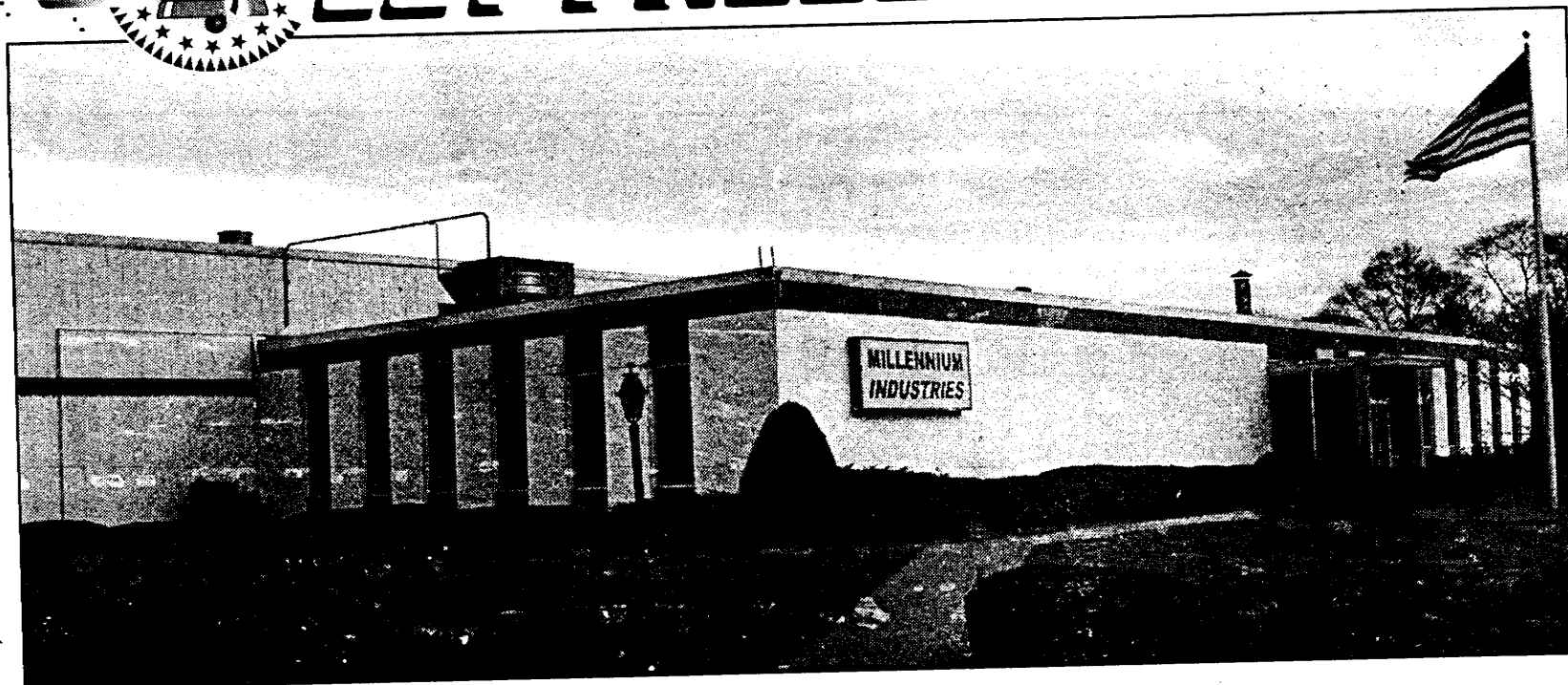
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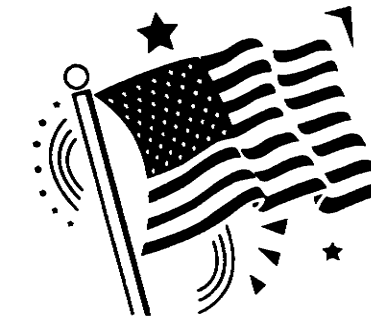
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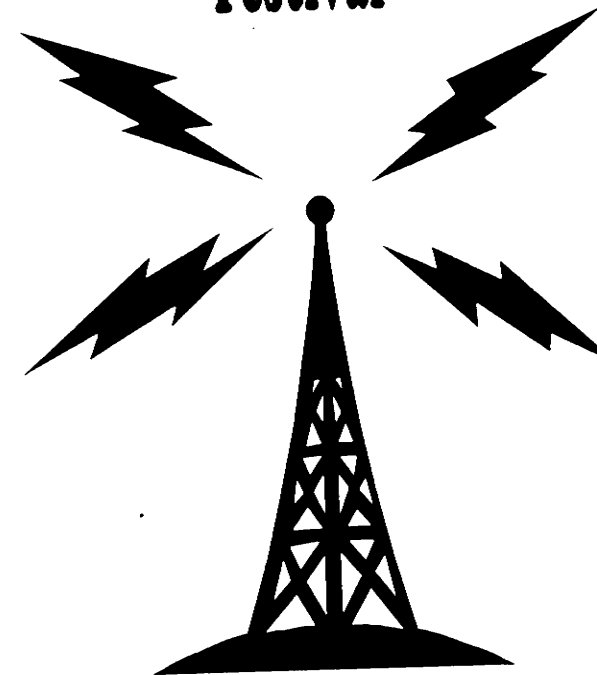


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Thumb Area Tail Waggers set canine demo Saturday

A group of talented canines will take the stage (grass) at Cass City Recreation Park Saturday afternoon courtesy of the Thumb Area Tail Waggers.

The group is scheduled to

appear at 1 p.m. near the village DPW building.

The demonstration will feature a variety of dogs - from mixed breeds to confirmation champions - ranging

from 4 months of age to 13 years. "We've got about 10 kids and probably 15 dogs, all different breeds," said group Leader Connie Sutter.

The show will include a game of musical mats, a canine version of musical chairs in which the dogs follow a series of mats to music and then sit or lay on a mat when the music stops.

"We also do some barrel racing," Sutter said, adding there will also be a large U-shaped obstacle course, grand prix racing and, of course, some nifty dog tricks.

The Thumb Area Tail Waggers is composed of youth ages 8 to 18. It's a countywide organization that has been around for about 25 years, according to Sutter, who has been involved with the group for the past 8 years.

Sutter said the tail waggers is dedicated to dog training as well as educating young people on the responsibility involved with being a dog owner, including caring for their pets.



"HONEY" THE beagle, pictured above with owner Melissa Edwards, rounds a curve in the obstacle course during a Thumb Area Tail Waggers demonstration.



UP, UP AND away - Horizon Aviation will return to the festival this year courtesy of Tyler Lodge #317, with Vassar Pilot Dick Worth offering helicopter rides in the field south of Cass City High School. The cost is \$20 for 4 minutes.

Early festivals ignited by Chamber of Commerce

The July 4 Festival started in 1979 under the auspices of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce. It was conceived and moved forward by Tom Herron, who served on the Chamber board and was its president.

His idea was to promote the community to persons out of the area and perhaps persuade a few of them to come to the community.

How effective the Festival proved to be as a recruiting tool is open to conjecture, but there is no doubt that the first Festival was a rousing success.

There have been significant changes since then. A major change was that several years ago, the Chamber of Commerce dropped its sponsorship role. However, the Chamber still helps in smaller ways. It advertises the Festival at craft shows statewide with a trade agreement with Poor Man's Promotions. Poor Man's distributes advertising for the Festival committee and receives free access to the Festival in exchange.

In addition, Kay Warner, Chamber director, says that the Chamber is a clearing-house for calls about the festival from out-of-the-area

groups. When the Festival started, it was a big deal in the activities of the Chamber and members rejoiced when it was so successful.

The Chronicle estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 lined the streets to witness the 75-unit parade.

A Festival King and Queen were selected. A big money maker used to meet expenses was a beer tent. The Chamber sold 32 barrels of beer, showing a profit of \$1,800.

The beer tent was abandoned after an accident where the driver left the beer

tent and the Chamber was sued.

Surviving through the years have been the craft shows and chicken dinners sponsored by the Cass City Lions Club. In that first year, members were elated when they sold over 1,000 dinners before mid-afternoon.

Another tradition that has stood the test of time is the free-admission policy. At first, there was nothing to pay for except for food. There have been admissions charged since that time for special shows, but they have been held to a minimum.

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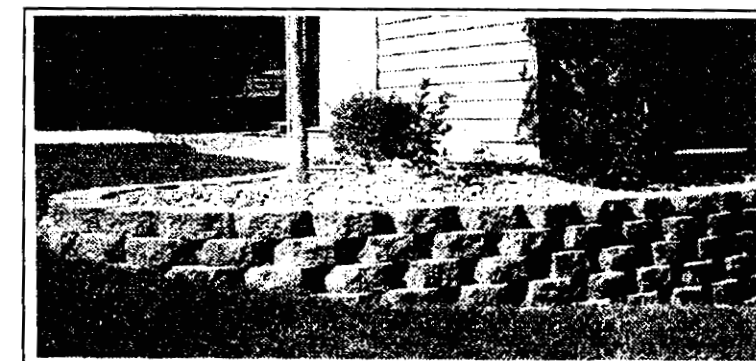
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The 24th annual Fourth of July Festival in Cass City will offer visitors a walk on the wild side, thanks to the Cass City Lions Club.

The local club is sponsoring an appearance by the Lexington-based Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom, which will set up shop Saturday from 2 to 7 p.m. near the Lions Pavilion in the park. Admission is free.

"They'll have 7 or 8 different kinds of animals. They've promised me a white tiger cub among other exotic animals," said club

combined years of experience in the exotic animal industry. "We have the knowledge to provide the safest and the most exciting traveling animal attraction around," they said. "We are not your average barnyard petting zoo."

Jones said he learned about the mobile exotic animal exhibit from Tom Proctor, who had seen the Walkers' display during a festival in Mayville.

"I just wrote their name down and played phone tag for 3 or 4 months, and ulti-

We are not your average barnyard petting zoo

member Gary Jones.

"I'm not talking about guinea pigs. I'm talking about stuff you're not going to see on the farm."

Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom is a U.S.D.A. licensed facility owned by Michael and Christina Walker, whose exhibit animals have all been bottle raised and are considered part of their family.

The Walkers have over 20

mately got a hold of them," Jones recalled, adding he thought it might be a nice attraction and could fill the void left by not having a carnival this year. "We just wanted to do something different."

By all accounts, Jones said, the Walkers run a very clean, professional exhibit that is very well received by the public.

Fireworks choreographed for best show

When it comes to putting together a fireworks show, Dennis Kundering will tell you that there is such a thing as too much of a good thing.

And he ought to know. Kundering has 20-plus years of experience in the business. He and his wife, Dawn, own and operate Kundering Fireworks Display Shows and are responsible for some of the most spectacular fireworks in the Thumb area, including Cass City's annual July 4 Festival display.

"For the best viewing, the best show is 20 to 22 minutes. People don't get antsy

at that point," Kundering said.

"With the shows we've been doing in the Thumb - the shows we've had a number of years - we're able to put in a higher caliber show, and the (Cass City July 4 Committee) allows us to put together a show of quality."

The Kunderings present fireworks displays in a number of communities each year, from Caseville to Grandville in western Michigan, to St. Ignace. Their Michigan Sugar Festival display in Sebawaing is among the biggest shows in the

Thumb.

The Kunderings specialize in electronically fired shows. "The number one reason is safety," Kundering explained, "and the other thing is we can choreograph the show - the timing of the shells - so they compliment each other."

"It's not just throwing something in the tubes and shooting them."

Kundering utilizes specialty trailers that enable him to adjust various shows based on the wind. "It's expensive," he said, "but you can't draw a price on safety."

Cass City's fireworks

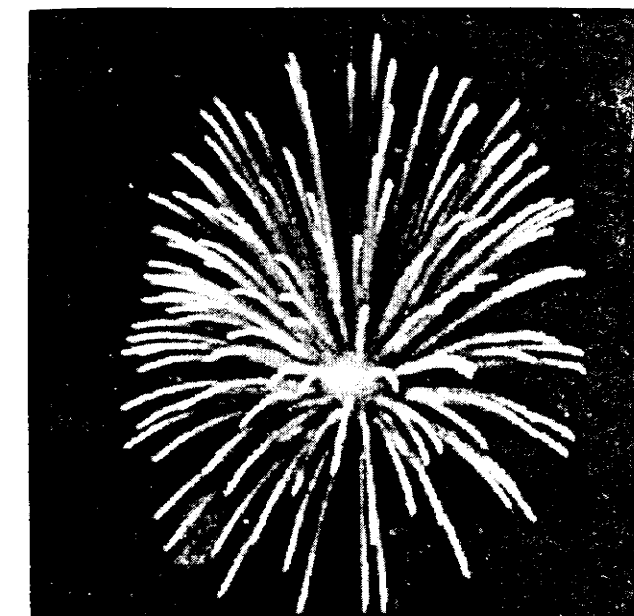
launch site was moved from the park to an area behind the high school last year due to the carnival. It was a move that suits Kundering just fine.

"Having the extra area, we're able to put in somewhat of a larger shell," he said, adding this year's 20-minute show will feature shells ranging from 2 1/2 inches in the opening to 8 inches in the finale.

But the work begins long before dusk. Kundering said a crew of 6 will begin setting up Cass City's display at about 10 a.m. and have most of the preparations complete by 6 p.m.

The Kunderings' efforts will cost the local July 4 Committee \$5,100 this year, about the same as in 2001. But Kundering said the real payoff comes during the show.

"The thing we like to hear, if you're doing a good job, is the crowd," he said. "It makes you feel good."



KUNDIS Fireworks Display Shows will again light up the skies during Cass City's 24th annual Fourth of July Festival. This year's show is set for dusk Saturday, July 6.

Invite kids to parade

Children of all ages are invited to participate in Cass City's Fourth of July grand parade. Pets and bicycles are welcome, too.

Fourth of July Committee member Margie Morley encourages kids to decorate their bikes and meet in the Chemical Bank parking lot

at 10:15 a.m.

More information is available by calling Morley at (989) 872-3724.



THE CASS City Rotary Club's 14th annual Fire in the Sky 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament gets underway Saturday in the park.

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Old favorites return New marchers to highlight parade



CASS CITY's grand parade will feature 3 fife and drum corps, 2 of which will perform in the park near the gazebo following the parade.

Cass City's signature grand parade is always a highlight of the village's annual Fourth of July celebration, but this year's line-up of 75 entries or more promises to be one of the best ever.

"We actually have 3 really nice music entries this year," said parade Co-Chairman Gary Jones, who has been putting together the parade for close to 20 years.

"We've got the Tittabawassee Valley Fife

and Drum Corps — they've been here many years — and a group called the Midnight Riders Fife and Drum Corps. They were here last year. And then there's an organization called the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps," Jones said.

Two of the corps will be performing in the park at the gazebo following the parade Saturday. Festival goers will also be treated to other gazo entertainment, including the return of "Hooper", the Detroit Pistons' mascot, who is also scheduled to march in the parade. Also featured at the gazebo will be a variety of area musical groups.

The parade, which is expected to get underway at 10:30 a.m., is traditionally led by the Cass City Police Department and members of the Cass City VFW Post 3644.

Jones said this year's entries also include the Cass City High School Band, a trio of Shiriners performing groups, the Michigan Bean Queen, Sally Doerr Dancers, a variety of floats representing local business and churches, the Tuscola County Sheriff's Posse, 2 Christian motorcycle groups, antique autos and tractors, and a host of scouting and youth sports team members.

"Every float - I encourage them to have some kind of music," Jones said. "That's what people like."

Preparations for the parade each year begin in January with mailings to prospective entries, according to Jones. "It's not a lot of work, up until the morning of (the parade)," he added.

The production isn't cheap, especially when it comes to booking music groups. This year's parade expenses are nearly \$2,500. "We could easily spend 3 grand. It just depends on how far you want to go," Jones said.

On the other hand, he noted, area residents and businesses have been lending a financial helping hand after receiving a letter outlining parade costs. "We're getting a great response from the community," he said. "It was just letting people know, and I don't think they knew."

DETROIT PISTON mascot "Hooper" will again appear in the Fourth of July Festival parade. He will also hand out keepsakes and souvenirs in the park after the parade.

Run, walk races grow in Festival popularity

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The Masters division was inaugurated last year and the times set in the division are now eligible for \$25 cash prizes by contestants if they are broken.

The marks to beat and the record holders in the men's Masters are: 5K walk, Dan Knight, 32:03; 5K run, John MacEachin, 20:09; 8K run, Dave Luana, 34:10. The women record holders in the Masters are: 5K walk, Lynette Heinlein, 31:05; 5K run, Deb Hayes, 32:40; 8K run, Susan Priesskorn, 49:10.

Last year was the first time that cash awards were given for breaking existing records and 4 awards were won. All of the new marks were set in 5K events. The new marks for men were set by Ross Baranco, 32:02, in the walk and Jake Nay, 15:46, in the run. In the women's division Deb Topham, 30:24, in the walk and Lindsey Mills, 19:14, in the run established the new marks.

In the 8K run the times to beat are Andy Duemling's 28:36 and June Yeager's 34:17.

All participants will receive a T-shirt and trophies and medals will be presented to the top 3 places in each of the 12 divisions. Free refreshments and MARC Cass City or Caro passes will be presented. A raffle drawing for a 3-month and 6-month membership at MARC will be held.

The cost for entering prior to race day is \$15. Register the day of the race until 7:45 a.m. and the cost is \$18. Early registration is at the Michigan Athletic & Rehabilitation Centers at Cass City and Caro. Fees can be mailed to MARC, 6190 Hospital Drive, Suite 101, Cass City, Michigan 48726.

Hanby recommends that runners and walkers do some training and planning for the race. The course is hilly and there are 2 water stations set up for the 8K run and one for the 5K run.

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Flowers will be seen on Main Street

There will be flowers to be seen in Cass City during the July 4 Festival, but you need to know where to look.

That's because the number of beautiful flower-filled pots furnished and cared for by the Cass City Garden Club will be fewer than they were last year. The decline started 3 years ago and has continued each year. Three years ago the club lined Main Street and the Rawson Memorial Library grounds with 50 pots.

Last year only 22 were used and this year 17 pots are all that visitors will be able to enjoy.

The continuing decline in club membership is the major reason for fewer pots on Main Street.

Last year it slipped to 9 persons and this year the total is 7. People just don't seem interested. Marge Febbish signed.

The potted plants require a lot of attention. They need daily watering and are heavily fertilized.

The second reason is that the pots cost \$10 and break easily. Vandalism also steal the costly flowers.

You can see this year's pots mainly on the downtown 4 corners (Seeger and Main Streets) and around the library.

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Nor should they. But before and after the music stops someone has to figure out how to pay the piper for the parade and other events that the festival annually sponsors.

The parade is one of the costly items on the agenda. It costs about \$2,000 annually.

Jane Hittler, financial secretary, says that it takes the cooperation of service clubs, United Way and industry to keep the festival going.

Expenses grow slightly each year. In 1999 it cost \$7,043.71 to operate. Last year the cost was \$7,489.88 and the projection is that this year the cost will be greater. Staging the fireworks show will cost \$100 more than it did last year and the \$5,100 cost for the fireworks always eats up the largest share of the festival costs.

Costs for staging the event always exceed the few sources of income that the festival has. There is never a charge for admittance or parking. Last year festival income fell nearly \$300 short of expenditures.

Special promotions and events help pay the cost. One of the best is the annual benefit golf tournament that is held at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Last year it netted \$1,350. Other sources of income are the arts and crafts rentals, about \$1,000, the Lions Club that has upped its donation from \$1,000 to \$1,100 this year and the

United Way that contributed \$1,300 last year. This year's contribution has not yet been announced.

What enables the festival to continue to operate is the contributions by industry, business and the service clubs.

With that help, the festival had \$1,893.31 in a contingency fund starting the year.



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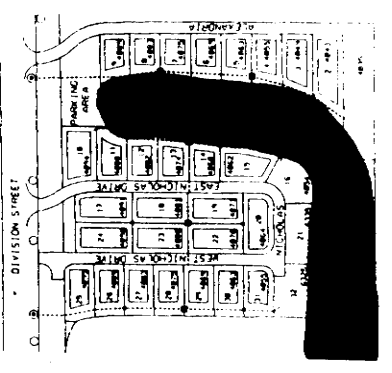
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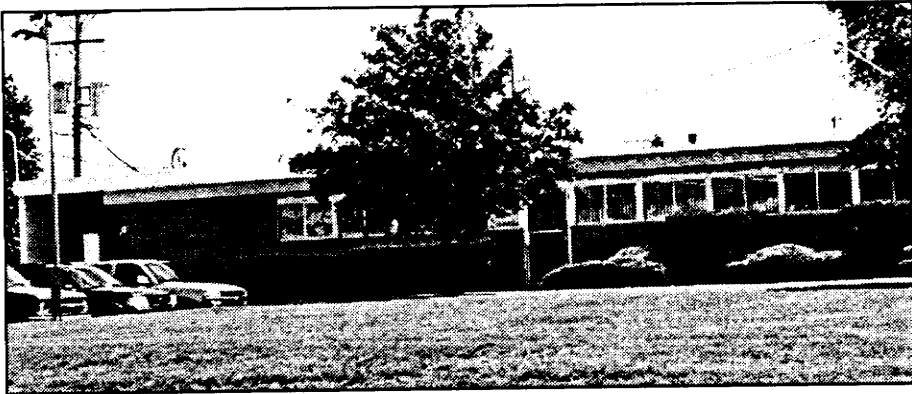
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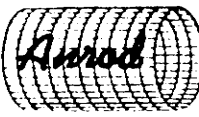
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Run, walk races grow in Festival popularity

Over the years, the annual running and walking events at the festival have grown in popularity and last year's races drew some 65 contestants. Greg Hanby, director again this year, hopes to meet a long-term goal with 100

entries. The 6th annual competition starts and finishes at MARC Medical Arts Building. The races start at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 6. We were helped last year because we posted the races

on the Internet and drew entries from Flint, Midland, Saginaw and Lapeer. Hanby explained. Another feature started last year that was popular is the awarding of \$25 cash prizes. Please turn to page 15.



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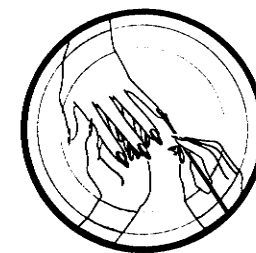
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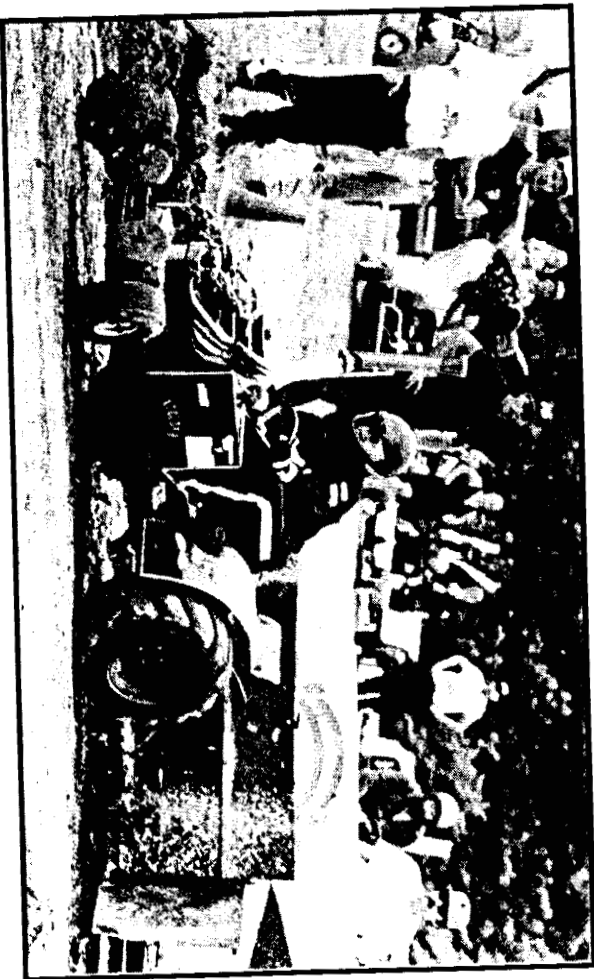
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THE M-T POCKET Pullers Inc. will once again be part of Cass City Fourth of July festivities, giving pullers like Ron Hawley of Cass City (above) an opportunity to test the strength of their machines in the park.

Now 9 different classes

Two new events in tractor pull

Competitors old and young will test their engines and driving skills when the M-T Pocket Pullers return to Cass City Recreation Park Saturday.

This year's competition, scheduled for 1-4 p.m., will feature 2 new events: a kids division (garden tractors with a maximum 13 horsepower), and an antique tractor class, according to Harriet Creason, secretary of the Dryden-based pocket pullers organization.

"In total, we have 9 classes. Our first class is our kids' class - 8 to 10 years old. Then we have 2 garden tractor classes, 0 to 13 horsepower and 14 to 21 horsepower," Creason said, adding the line-up also includes a 4-wheel drive ATV class, a pair of stock altered garden tractor classes (12 and 16 horsepower), 3 ultra light tractor classes (0 to 560cc, 561 to 800cc and 801 to 1200), and the powerful V-8 class (350 cubic inch small block engines).

The cost to compete is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-member.

Creason noted there will be a cash and ribbon payout for all classes with the exception of the kids' competition, which will feature presentation of trophies and ribbons.

"This will be our fourth year," Creason said of bringing the non-profit and charitable organization's competition to the Cass City Fourth of July Festival. "We like to come up there, and they like us to come up."

Tractor pulls utilize a specially designed sled equipped with a moving weight box. The competitors' tractors are hooked up to the sled, and the object is to pull the sled the farthest, but the longer the distance traveled, the more the weight box shifts from one end of the sled to the other.

"The sled itself weighs approximately 5,000 pounds," Creason said, "and when that (weight) box tops out, there could be right close to 7,000 pounds."

Creason, whose husband Jerry is vice president of the pullers group, noted safety is always the first priority. In a majority of the classes, for example, the tractors must be equipped with safety equipment such as wheeled bars, which prevent the vehicles from flipping over. The drivers, meanwhile, are required to wear safety gear, including helmets, goggles and 6-inch work boots.

The competition has proven popular in Cass City, drawing an average of 50 competitors each year.

More information is available by contacting the Creasons at (989) 683-2875.



CASS CITY's 24th annual Fourth of July Festival, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, offers fun for the entire family, from sporting events and a grand parade, to exotic animals and the always-popular fireworks display. Pictured at the left is Paduka the Clown, who has made a number of appearances over the years.