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Just for fun

A WEEKEND WARM-UP prompted Ashley Weiss, 12 (left), and Sarah Green, 11, both of Cass City, to enjoy a leisurely bike ride in Cass City Saturday afternoon. Temperatures that were in the mid-60s began to drop Sunday night and were expected to hover in the 40s this week.

Enderle: it's heating up in Brazil

Editor's note: The following is a "letter home" written by Laura Enderle, an Owen-Gage High School junior who began a year-long adventure in July as a Rotary Exchange student in Taubate, a city of about 245,000 people in Brazil. Enderle is the daughter of Ron and Arlene Jamieson of Owendale.



Laura Enderle

Things in Brazil are really heating up, and I'm not just talking about the weather. I have started a school count down, only 20 days left. Only 5 days left until my Rotary trip to Pantanel and Bonito for 8 days. In one more month I change host families and will have to re-

adjust to another new lifestyle. Since the last time I wrote I have attended 2 more Rotary meetings and 3 birthday parties (in Brazil birthday's seem to be a big deal, whether young or old).

On Oct. 6 my sister, some friends of ours and I traveled one hour through the foothills of the mountains to view a waterfall. During the drive I saw amazing scenes of natural vegetation and wildlife that were all so different and beautiful. I also got a chance to see the simple life of hard working families. It made me feel guilty, like if everyone had simple and honest lives like them we would not have so many problems in the world today. So the drive itself was a cultural difference that really made me think.

Once we arrived near the waterfall we had another 15-minute hike through the

hills and trees. I was in a skirt and sandals not knowing what an adventure I was in for when I left home (I thought we were simply going out for ice cream).

It was a rather difficult climb, but once I took my first look at the waterfall it didn't really matter what I was wearing. To see the clear sparkling water rush over the cliff and then listen to it smack the rocks below to continue its journey to the sea put me at such peace with the world. I have never seen anything so naturally beautiful in my life.

Some of our friends went

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Scollon: "It's going to get ugly."

Service, job cuts loom following vote

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Ed Scollon's victory in the polls last week was tempered with Tuscola County voters' rejection of a special millage request that would have saved a myriad of non-mandated services in the county.

Now, the Cass City Republican, along with his fellow county commissioners have some unpleasant work ahead as they look at ways to trim services and jobs to the tune of up to a half-million dollars, a deficit officials have been projecting for months.

Scollon, who defeated Fairgrove Democrat John Hunter in the race for the District One seat (see related story), says that work will begin this week when the board meets in regular session.

"Oh boy, it's going to be tough," Scollon said, referring to the task at hand. "There will be definitely some services and some jobs (lost). We've got to decide which ones."

County officials asked voters to approve a tax of .9 of mill for 8 years in the Nov. 5 election. The measure was defeated by about 700 votes, 9,604 (51.9 percent) to 8,903 (48.1 percent).

The tax would have generated an estimated \$997,000 in the first year. The funding would have been earmarked for a number of services that the county is not required to provide by state law. They include a portion of the sheriff's department road patrol budget, emergency management services, animal control, illegal drug enforcement, marine safety patrol, alcohol enforcement, economic/job development, airport authority, Michigan State University Extension/4-H programs, soil conservation and county planning programs.

County officials' efforts to sell the millage to residents focused on several issues, including projected increases in health insurance costs of 20 to 30 percent, current childcare costs that run more than \$600,000 annually, projected wage increases amounting to some

\$190,000 based on settled union contracts, and expenses related to chronic jail overcrowding.

And, they pointed out, it's been 15 years since the county had a millage increase for basic services.

Last week's vote was considerably closer than the results of a pair of requests - also designed to offset the county's deficit - that voters soundly defeated in the August primary election.

"It came very close. When I look at what happened in August... the numbers came in much better," said county Administrator/Controller Mike Hoagland. "Eighty-nine hundred people voted for it, so there was some good support out there."

Although disappointed with last week's vote, Hoagland said he understands residents' concern over the local economy.

"I sympathize with them. How many manufacturing

jobs have we lost in the Thumb, and that had a bearing on it," he added. "On the other hand, we're in the unenviable position now of having to put things back into balance, and it's not going to be easy."

Hoagland said he expects that commissioners will review all county departments and consider their options over the next few weeks. "The exact approach the board's going to take, I'm not sure."

At the same time, board members will be keeping their eye on Lansing, where Governor-elect Jennifer Granholm is facing a projected state budget deficit of more than \$1 billion. Hoagland said the state's cost cutting decisions could impact the \$1.2 million Tuscola County receives annually in state revenue sharing.

"Will some of that (state cuts) show up at our doorstep? I highly suspect it

will," he said. County officials say there has been no discussion yet of another possible millage election, although the option hasn't been ruled out.

Scollon said he wasn't surprised voters turned down last week's millage request, largely because the previous requests in August were rejected so soundly. Still, he added, the recent vote was "close enough to keep in the back of your mind to try again."

For now, Scollon said, the focus will be dealing with the county's deficit and making some very difficult decisions.

"It's not very nice when you have to make cuts, but we've got to balance it somehow," he said. Understandably, he added, every county department head will be fighting for their department and staff, which ensures the process isn't going to be easy. "It's going to get ugly."

Virtual learning opens new (classroom) doors

The Internet is opening up some virtual classroom doors to students in the Owen-Gage School District.

School officials are in their first year of a partnership with Michigan Virtual High School, and the experience so far has been a good one overall, although there have been some bumps in the road.

That's the assessment of district Guidance Coordinator Nancy Ault, who discussed the status of the program during a monthly Owen-Gage Board of Education meeting Monday night.

"I would say that it's an excellent concept and I'm very excited about it," said Ault, who added school officials have experienced some bugs, including the challenges involved in navigating classes on the Internet, delayed shipment of text books, and some problems with grading and handing in

assignments via the Internet. Many of those problems have been resolved, and 11 juniors and seniors are now taking Michigan Virtual High School classes, according to Ault.

"We have students taking both Spanish and German," she said, adding students are also taking advantage of class offerings in oceanography, geology, and American history.

School Supt. Dan McKenzie lauded the school staff, including Ault, for their work in helping students to utilize the district's partnership with Michigan Virtual High School. "It wasn't easy. For the first few weeks we were pulling our hair out," he said.

The school board approved a slate of courses students may take through Michigan Virtual High School. The classes, many of which the district can't afford to offer

due to financial limitations and a small enrollment, range from foreign languages to advanced math and science courses.

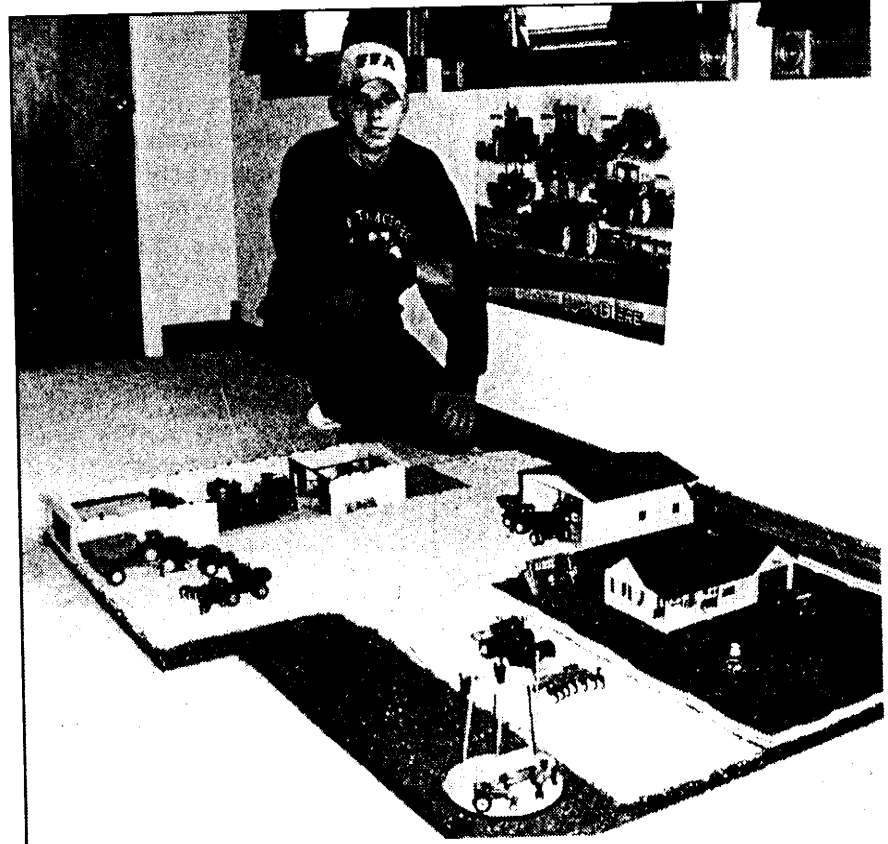
In other business Monday, the board:

• Approved a revised driver's education fee schedule that will go into effect in the 2003-04 school year. The new fees include an increased charge for Owen-Gage students, from \$50 to \$75. All other students, regardless of whether they live in the Owen-Gage District or not, will be charged \$150.

"We recently had a student enroll who was living in the district, but was not a student. The recommended language change will clearly support Owen-Gage students," McKenzie said.

He added the rate increase will defray expenses related to the driver's ed program.

Teen crafts, collects farm machinery



OWENDALE'S Zac Ruthenberg enjoys collecting, building and customizing miniature farm implements. The teen has about 200 pieces - from tractors to sugar beet harvesters and everything in between - in his collection. He has also built complete farm scenes with buildings and carpet farm fields.

Zac Ruthenberg was just 4 or 5 years old when he first drove a farm tractor, seated his on his grandfather's lap, and the thrill of the experience is still evident on the 16-year-old's face when he talks about helping out on the farm.

"I was just longing for the day I could actually do it myself," he recalled. "It's just fun - you're your own boss when you're out there."

Ruthenberg still helps out on the Akron area farm worked by his grandfather, Clifford Jacoby, and an uncle, Mark Jacoby. When he's not on the farm, the Laker High School sophomore pursues another love: collecting, customizing and building his own farm machinery and implement miniatures.

"I collect as a hobby. That's what got me initially started," said Ruthenberg, the son of Arnie and Cathy Ruthenberg. "My dad got me started. It began with a

couple of toy tractors and from there, it just grew."

His interest in building models stemmed, in part, from an inability to find some pieces that he wanted for his collection that were similar to the equipment on his grandfather's farm. Then, 7 or 8 years ago, he met Don Campbell, another toy collector, at a large toy tractor show in Frankenmuth.

"He scratch builds all steel models for serious collectors," Ruthenberg explained, adding Campbell encouraged him and offered him some model building tips.

Ruthenberg started out simple, using materials he could find around the house such as pop sickle sticks, wire and Elmer's glue. Later, as he honed his skills, he graduated to better materials. "I use 18 gauge steel wire, soldering, some thin steel and styrene plastic," he said.

Today his collection stands at nearly 200 pieces, al-

though he pointed out that he knows others who have amassed much larger collections. "I'm a serious collector, but I'm not that serious," he said.

Ruthenberg's bedroom is filled with individual miniatures as well as complete farm scene displays featuring buildings and farm fields. The machinery replicas range in size from a scale of 1/16 to 1/64.

"They're anything from tractors to sugar beet harvesters and everything in between. I'm big on John Deere and mostly items that are on my grandfather's farm as well as what you see in Huron County," he said.

The hobby has become very popular worldwide. "It's really excelled over the past 7, 8 years," Ruthenberg said. "It's national. We're talking overseas - Germany,

France, England, the Netherlands, Canada, United States."

Aside from attending area shows - Ruthenberg will serve as chairman of the annual Laker FFA Toy Show Jan. 4 - the teen keeps up on the latest news in the hobby through his membership in a website club called toytractorshow.com. The

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RUTHENBERG'S customizing work is featured in this tractor and grain cart. The 16-year-old added more detail, including custom tires, mirrors and lights.

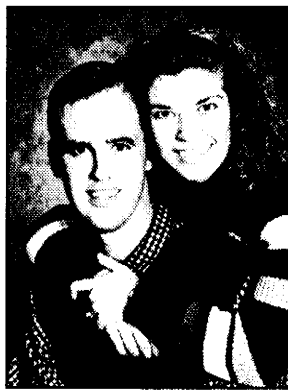


THE GIFT SHOP, located in the lobby of Hills & Dales Hospital, has recently undergone a major remodeling. Standing under the shop's new awning is volunteer Mary Ann Hirn.

Gift shop has new look

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary met Oct. 28 at the Charmont. President Mary Ann Hirn intro-

Engaged



Jennifer Diebel and Jason Nicol

Jake and Cheri Diebel of Elkton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Jill, to Jason John Nicol, son of John and Gayle Nicol of Cass City.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Laker High School and a 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. She is currently employed as the band director in the Ugly Community School.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Cass City High School and a 1999 graduate of Ferris State University with an Associate of Science degree in heavy equipment. He is employed with Nicol and Sons of Cass City.

An April 5, 2003 wedding at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon is being planned.

Book fair set

duced the guest speakers from Health Care Solutions, Inc., Jamie Guette and Dennis McComas.

The Hills and Dales Gift shop underwent a new facelift and has a new awning over the door. There are lots of new Christmas items available. Another new item in the gift shop that can be purchased are phone cards.

Raffle tickets are still available from members and can be purchased at the blood drive Nov. 19 at the VFW Hall in Cass City.

A thank you went out to all the hospital volunteers that helped with food sales at the hospitals haunted barn fundraiser. The helpers were Pat Wells, Nina Davis, Iva Rockwell, Kathy Hellow, Dot Knight, Shirley Strickland, Nancy Sims, Esther Guinther, Joann Smithson and Mary Ann Hirn.

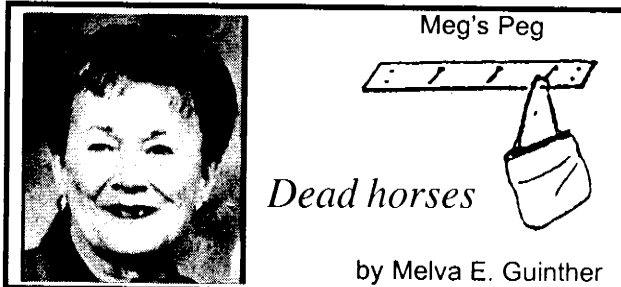
Anyone interested in joining the hospital auxiliary is asked to call Kerry Brown at 872-5476 (ext. 319). The next meeting will be at the Charmont Nov. 25.

Cass City Middle School will host a Scholastic Book Fair Tuesday, Nov. 12, through Friday, Nov. 15, in the media center.

The book fair hours are: Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday from 8:15 a.m. to noon.

Building classroom libraries is one goal of the book fair. Visitors can purchase and donate requested books for any classroom's library. A bookplate is then placed in the book to acknowledge the donor.

The book fair features traditional children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators. A special family event Thursday, Nov. 14, from 3:15 to 7 p.m. will feature door prizes for adults in attendance. Everyone is welcome.



Dead horses

by Melva E. Guinther

We've heard a lot recently about business executives and accountants "cooking the books." I don't know precisely how they do this, but after reading this bit from the You Make Me Laugh website, I wonder if it might involve horse meat.

Anyway, everybody is picking on business these days. Why should we be different?

The tribal wisdom of the Dakota Indians says that when you discover you are riding a dead horse, the best strategy is to dismount.

However, in modern business, because of the heavy investment factors to be taken into consideration, often other strategies have to be tried with a dead horse, including the following:

- *Buying a stronger whip
- *Changing riders
- *Threatening the horse with termination
- *Appointing a committee to study the horse
- *Arranging to visit other sites to see how they ride dead horses
- *Lowering the standards so that dead horses can be included
- *Appointing an intervention team to reanimate the dead horse
- *Creating a training session to increase the rider's load share
- *Reclassifying the dead horse as living-impaired
- *Changing the form so that it reads: "This horse is not dead"
- *Hiring outside contractors to ride the dead horse
- *Harnessing several dead horses together for increased speed
- *Donating the dead horse to a recognized charity, thereby deducting its full original cost
- *Providing additional funding to increase the horse's performance
- *Doing a time management study to see if lighter riders would improve productivity
- *Purchasing an after-market product to make dead horses run faster
- *Declaring that a dead horse has lower overhead and therefore performs better
- *Forming a quality focus group to find profitable uses for dead horses
- *Rewriting the expected performance requirements for dead horses
- *Promoting the dead horse

U-M Women planning events

Twenty-six United Methodist Women met Nov. 4 for a dinner meeting. Group 2 prepared and served the meal. Co-chairpersons are Margaret Czakai and Judy Profit.

The Rev. George Ward spoke on Paul's mission and how the outreach of the church is important.

Marge Dickinson reported that the new books for the reading program have been purchased. Also, Rawson Memorial Library has the book "Home Across the Road" by Nancy Peacock, which is on the reading program and can be checked out.

Laura Hill announced the Secret Sister brunch will be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 23.

Connie Schwadener announced the Christmas Dinner for the women of the church will be held Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. The program will feature local talent from the church.

Sherryl Seeley announced The Capital City Ringers will be at the church Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

Goodie boxes were packed for the college students and service men.

Blood drive slated

If you are 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds, please consider donating blood Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Cass City VFW Hall. Hours for donation will be 1 to 6:45 p.m.

There is currently a great need for type O- and B-blood.

For further information or questions, please contact Kerry Brown at (989) 872-5476 (ext. 319) or Helen Jezewski at (989) 872-2746.

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L. Yost honored by AQHA

Linda L. Yost, of Deford, recently earned an award for logging 3,000 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program.

The program recognizes and rewards AQHA Members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, working cattle, pleasure driving, and simply riding.

A unique aspect of the program is its simplicity. Current AQHA Members complete a program application and pay a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Each enrollee receives an official AQHA log sheet to record their hours driving or riding an American Quarter Horse. Participants need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse.

The first award, a program recognition patch, is given after only 50 hours have been logged and verified. Patches and nine subsequent awards are presented at 100, 5,000 hour levels and range from merchandise gift certificates from Drysdale's Western Store to a Montana Silversmith trophy belt buckle at the highest level.

Other awards provided by AQHA corporate sponsors include a \$25 gift certificate, at the 100 hour level, and 750 hours, a Tex Tan basket stamped belt.



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Alissa's Article

by Alissa Pasant



Last Monday, November 4, the 12th grade government classes held a "mock election." The Government classes have done this for several years. They organize the election up at the high school and work at it during the day. The classes treat this like a real election.

Why the classes do this is because it is a statewide student "mock election." The state does this every 2 years and the schools that participate call in the results to the Genesee Intermediate School District. This is to help the students feel more comfortable when they go to the polls to vote.

The "mock election" uses the same voting format and ballots (except they are paper) that the counties would have if you went to vote. This "mock election" is for the students to exercise voting even if they aren't old enough to vote.

In the Presidential elections, Mrs. Kathy Tuckey, the Cass City High School government teacher, invites the other schools in the district to come up to the high school to vote. In the non-Presidential election years such as this year, only the high school students and faculty voted.

Some students weren't in school to vote on Monday. Just like on election days, some people don't go out to the polls to vote. At the high school, 378 faculty members and students voted in the "mock election."

The results of the Cass City High School Mock Election are as follows: The Michigan Governor was Dick Posthumus with 202 votes, followed by Jennifer Granholm with 100, Douglas Campbell with 28, and Joseph Pilchak with 10.

Carl Levin won the United States Senate seat receiving 124 votes, while his opponents Andrew Raczowski received 110 votes, Eric Borregard received 56 votes,

Doug Dern received 28 votes and John Mangopoulos received 18 votes.

For the Representative in the Congress 5th District, Dale Kildee came out on top with 127 votes. Clint Foster followed him with 105 votes and Harley Mikkelsen had 100 votes.

For the State Senator in the Congress 31st District, Mike Green beat out Jim Barcia by over 100 votes. For the State Representative in the Congress 84th District, Tom Kern received 146 votes, Tom Meyer received 130 votes, and A.S. Wright received 67 votes.

Proposal 1, a referendum on Public Act 269 of 2001, an act to amend certain sections of Michigan Election Law failed up at the high school. This proposal received 188 votes to make it fail while 148 people wanted to pass it.

Proposal 2, which is a proposal to authorize bonds for sewage treatment works projects, storm water projects and water pollution projects, passed with 208 votes compared to the 123 votes that wanted it to fail.

Proposal 3, which is a proposal to amend the state constitution to grant state employees the constitutional right to collective bargaining with binding arbitration, failed with 210 votes.

Proposal 4, which is a proposed constitutional amendment to reallocate the "Tobacco Settlement Revenue", received by the state from cigarette manufacturers failed by over 100 votes.

Voting in the "mock election" was an interesting experience for me. I appreciated being able to see what an actual ballot would look like. Now I feel more comfortable with the whole process. When the day comes that I can actually vote, I will feel confident about going to the polls.



MEMBERS OF Cass City VFW Post 3644 continued their tradition of honoring local servicemen and women Monday by setting up the post's avenue of flags in downtown as well as this display in front of Cass City High School.

Police set to step up seatbelt enforcement

Law enforcement agencies throughout Michigan are warning holiday travelers that there will be a stepped-up effort to enforce the safety belt law for a two-week period beginning Nov. 25 and ending Dec. 8.

"Law enforcement officers in Michigan want motorists to know they are taking a strict stance on enforcement," said Tadarial Sturdivant, deputy director, Michigan State Police Uni-

form Services Bureau. "They will be looking for safety belt violations and issuing tickets."

Increased safety belt use has been cited as a factor in decreasing traffic fatality rates. In 2001, 1,328 people were killed in traffic crashes in Michigan, down from 1,386 in 1999. Research has found that using lap/shoulder safety belts reduces the risk of fatal injury to front-seat car occupants by 45 percent.

"Without periodic, stepped-up enforcement campaigns, Michigan risks belt use sliding back to lower levels," reported Betty J. Mercer, OHSP division director. The highest level of safety belt use reached to date in Michigan is 83.5 percent in March of 2000, when the new safety belt law went into effect. The state's goal is to reach 90 percent belt use by 2003.

The safety belt law requires all front seat occupants to buckle up. Passengers under age 16 must be buckled up, whether sitting in the front or back seat. Children under age 4 must be in an approved child safety seat, whether sitting in the front or back seat.

The "Click It or Ticket" Campaign is part of the Drive Michigan Safety Task Force, a collaborative effort between Michigan State Police, sheriff's departments and local police agencies coordinated by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. The task force's goal is to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities in traffic crashes due to

impaired drivers and unbuckled motorists. For more information, visit the OHSP Web site at www.michigan.gov/msp.

Lelo new area F.B. representative

Michigan Farm Bureau welcomes Stephanie Lelo as the new regional representative in the Thumb Region.

Lelo, a 2002 Michigan State University graduate, comes to Farm Bureau from GreenStone Farm Credit Services in Monroe. She holds a bachelor's degree in agribusiness management and served as an intern with several agricultural organizations throughout her college career.

In her new role, the Saginaw County native is responsible for working with the local Farm Bureaus in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola counties. She serves as a liaison between the county and state organizations, supports local programs, and assists in the overall development of the county Farm Bureaus.

Based in Lansing, the Michigan Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization, representing more than 46,000 farm families across the state.

Letters to the editor

You can't pick, choose

Perspectives on religion have changed over the past few decades. We used to tailor our lives according to the principles of our faith. Now, many find it more convenient to tailor the principles of their faith to suit their lifestyles.

If you don't like something in your doctrine, throw it out. Explain it away. Make up your own rules.

If it requires study, bail out. Keep only the parts that make you comfortable.

We seem to want the assurance that God is real for those prayers in the emergency room, when the tornado is coming, or any other time we've depleted all other reservoirs of hope. But we don't want the burden of learning or applying God's principles to our lives. Moral absolutes are replaced by whims, "based on individuality".

The inconsistencies of this thinking are glaring. If no definitive moral standard exists, how can anyone be wrong? Ethnic cleansing would become a matter of individual choice. Rants about human rights would be meaningless because we would each get to decide what human rights we (or our neighbors) should have. Nazis, for example, claimed they were morally justified in exterminating the mentally ill because they were polluting the gene pool and weakening the human race.

We forfeit rights to protest such bigotry when we declare morals to be individually determined.

Christianity (i.e., the study and following of Christ's principles), teaches that God gave us a moral code so we wouldn't have to make up our own based on human fallibilities. True enough, some Christians seem to take greater interest in denouncing some sins over others defined in the New Testament (Christians are not under Old Testament law, which is a key differentiator between Christianity and Judaism). Regrettably, this is often the misuse of biblical principles to justify a per-

sonal prejudice, which is certainly not what Christ had in mind.

But neither does Christianity offer the option of substituting our own morals for God's in the name of political correctness.

Showing Christian love for someone does not mean ignoring offenses.

Upholding a biblical moral code does not equate to hate and abuse.

Not one of us is sinless, but true Christians (i.e., those committed to following the teachings of Christ) should make a sincere effort to understand and adopt all the principles laid out in the

Bible, not just the ones that are easiest to digest. This includes recognizing sin for what it is as well as the grace available to everyone.

We are all free to accept or reject the New Testament as God's plan for mankind. But to dismiss biblical principles, as opinions of mere men effectively guts Christianity of any basis for instruction or hope, which is not Christianity at all.

That is certainly not what Christ had in mind either.

Mark Guinther
Thousand Oaks, Calif.
(formerly of Cass City)

Youth are the future

Editor

Wow, no more snowmobiles in town.

What's up with that? They bring business to town.

People complaining about the noise. What about the loud motorcycles around town? No one is complaining about that.

I think we should all start thinking like the town council and maybe ban elementary school then the intermediate and then the high school.

I've noticed the lack of youths in town and that town is dying. There is nothing for them to do here, and after all they are the future.

You want to make this a retirement community, the way I see it there will be a lot of seniors having to work.

It seems that no one under 40 won't or don't want to live here.

Also, to address a couple people about what they have said in the past, like Ray Donaldson. Wow, what an impact this town has taken when you said the prices in

town are too high. People are leaving town to buy their gas and groceries, etc.

Then, Mr. McIntosh, you say all these other village's have these ordinances. What are you trying to do? Keep up with all the other towns, when you should be worried about the one you live in.

If someone from another village jumped off a bridge would you too?

If you want to change this town to a seniors community the only one who will be happy with that will be the funeral home and some builders for old age homes.

Let me tell you that youth is the future, so lets start thinking about them.

P.S. Mr. Donaldson, I haven't heard from you since that letter to the editor. What happened to you? Just waiting to hear from you on this matter, and if you people want to make this a ghost town that's what is going to happen, and its already starting.

Mike Missovich,
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Cass City rally falls short in showdown of GTW leaders

The stage was set. The largest crowd of the season was on hand, using both sets of the bleachers. The pep band was active. It was the most important game of the regular season, where a win would guarantee the Cass City Red Hawks an undisputed Greater Thumb West championship. It all went up in smoke when the Reese Rockets withstood a furious last half Cass City rally and defeated the Hawks, 54-50.

If Cass City defeated Bay City All Saints Tuesday as expected, the Hawks will have won at least a share of the title. Reese has conference games this week with Lakers and Bad Axe and will be favored to win them both.

The winners combined some hot shooting with a pressing defense that caused Cass City all kinds of trouble and turnovers. In the early going, the Hawks used a

couple of hoops by Becky Hartel and a basket and free throw by Lindsey Hendrick to edge into a 7-4 lead with 3:31 left in the quarter.

Reese is very quick and until we adjusted we turned the ball over 13 times in the first half, 19 times during the game, coach John Maharg said.

Reese caught fire with 3 3-pointers in a row, including a prayer from the center of the floor as the whistle sounded ending the quarter.

When the visitors started the second period with another trey, Cass City trailed 16-7. The Rockets went on another scoring spree to close out the first half, helped by Cass City turnovers. With a 7-0 spurt the Rockets were in front, 32-16.

From that low point Cass City mounted a determined comeback. Trailing 43-24, Cass City went on an 18-0 spree to close to within 4 points with 6:11 left in the game.

When Lindsey Hendrick scored with 1:35 left on the clock the margin was 2 points. Rockets preserved the victory with some clutch free throws. Corey Schluckbier made a pair with 52 seconds left to stretch the Rocket lead to 4 points. Krystee Dorland answered with a basket and with 30 second left the lead was 2 points, 52-50.

The Hawks then stole the

ball on the pass-in from out of bounds with a chance to tie, but failed to score. The Hawks then fouled. Michelle Burgess converted both free throws to ice the win.

Lindsey Hendrick had one of her best games of the season with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Dorland and Hartel both scored 11 for Cass City. Schluckbier led all scorers with 20. Foul trouble hurt Cass City as Hartel, Deirdre Deering and Ashley Hendrick fouled out.

CASS CITY - Dorland 4-0 (3-4) 11; Howard 2-0 (0-0) 4; L. Hendrick 6-0 (3-5) 15; Hartel 0-3 (2-2) 11; Deering 1-1 (0-0) 5; A. Hendrick 2-0 (0-0) 4.

TOTALS - 15-4 (8-11) 50.

REESE - Jammer 3-0 (1-4) 7; Burgess 1-0 (7-10) 9; Burnison 1-1 (0-0) 5; Humpert 0-1 (0-0) 3; Solgat 1-0 (0-0) 2; Reinert 2-1 (1-4) 8; Schluckbier 2-4 (4-4) 20.

TOTALS - 10-7 (13-22) 54.



LINDSEY HENDRICK

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

GREATER THUMB WEST					
Team	W	L	W	L	
Cass City	10	1	16	3	
Reese	9	1	15	3	
Laker	5	5	8	10	
Bad Axe	5	6	7	11	
USA	4	6	9	9	
BCAS	2	8	2	16	
V. Lutheran	1	9	4	14	

GREATER THUMB EAST					
Team	W	L	W	L	
Sandusky	10	1	15	3	
H. Beach	8	2	14	4	
Mayville	8	2	13	5	
Brown City	4	6	6	12	
Ubyly	3	8	7	11	
Deckerville	1	9	4	14	
Marlette	1	9	3	15	

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB NORTH					
Team	W	L	W	L	
Port Hope	12	5	13	5	
Owen-Gage	11	5	11	7	
Caseville	9	8	9	8	
North Huron	6	11	6	13	
A-Fairgrove	0	17	0	18	

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB SOUTH					
Team	W	L	W	L	
Memphis	17	0	18	1	
Kingston	13	4	13	6	
Dryden	8	9	10	9	
GFS	6	10	6	12	
Peack	2	15	2	16	

Bulldogs remain on trail for NCTL championship with win over Vikings

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs split a pair of games last week, but Bulldog fans were far from unhappy. The loss was a non-league affair with AuGres. The win was a league game that kept Owen-Gage on the trail for a share of the North Central Thumb North league title with Port Hope.

The last game of the regular season at Carsonville-Port Sanilac that was scheduled Tuesday will decide the issue. Port Hope (12-5) has completed its league season. Owen-Gage is 11-5 pending Tuesday's game.

In the key game with Akron-Fairgrove, the Bulldogs took charge early. Kelly Zaleski scored a pair of buckets and a free throw to lead the Bulldogs to a 15-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Sarah Spencer helped the Vikings rally in the second quarter with 3 baskets and close the gap to 23-18 at the

intermission.

The Bulldogs removed most of the doubt about the outcome of the game in the third quarter. With Kayla Zaleski on target with 3 hoops and 4 of 5 free throws, the Bulldogs stretched their lead to 38-26 going into the last quarter and coasted in for the crucial win.

Kayla Zaleski with 19 points and Katie Swiastyn with 18 led the Bulldogs.

Akron-Fairgrove.

AUGRES GAME

For the second time this season, AuGres proved to be too powerful for Owen-Gage. The Bulldogs bowed, 55-33, due to some outstanding outside shooting by Brittani Ott. In the first period she netted a 3 and a deuce to lead AuGres to a 9-4 advantage. That was just a warm up for what followed.

In the second quarter she rang up 3 more treys and at the half the Bulldogs trailed, 27-13. Swiastyn hit 3 hoops to account for all of the scoring in the third quarter by O-G. Ott added another trey and going into the final 8 minutes AuGres was comfortably ahead, 37-23.

In the last quarter Ott hit again for a three, making it 6 trifectas for the night. She ended with 20 points. Kayla Zaleski and Swiastyn netted 12 each to lead the Bulldogs.

OWEN-GAGE - Kayla Zaleski 7-0 (5-8) 19; Swiastyn 5-0 (8-14) 18; Rhodes 2-0 (1-2) 5; Kelly Zaleski 2-0 (1-3) 5; Glaza 1-0 (1-2) 3; Dorsch 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 18-0 (16-29) 52.

AKRON-FAIRGROVE - Adams 5-0 (3-5) 13; K. Spencer 5-0 (0-2) 10; S. Spencer 6-0 (2-3) 14; Gehrls 1-0 (0-2) 2.

TOTALS - 17-0 (8-12) 39.

OWEN-GAGE - Kayla Zaleski 2-1 (5-6) 12; Swiastyn 6-0 (0-4) 12; Rhodes 2-0 (0-0) 4; Dorsch 1-0 (3-4) 5.

TOTALS - 11-1 (8-14) 33.

AUGRES - Polenberg 3-1 (0-0) 9; Gies 1-1 (0-0) 5; Radka 2-0 (0-0) 4; Leinaar 2-1 (0-0) 7; Bilacic 0-0 (2-2) 2; Ott 1-6 (0-0) 20; Allen 1-0 (2-2) 4; Lee 2-0 (0-0) 4.

TOTALS - 12-9 (4-4) 55.



KAYLA ZALESKI Sarah Spencer netted 14 for

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Team High Games & Series: The Chiropractors, 666 (1894).

Split Conversions: T. Abbe 2-7; T. Abbe 5-10; L. Hanson 2-7-8; J. Bemus 2-5-7; J. Morell 3-10; J. Morell 4-5-7.

Individual High Games & Series: R. Pringle 235-221-218 (674); R. Wright 245 (630); G. Robinson 212 (592); J. Krol 223 (583); D. Hyatt 215 (583); J. Baker 243 (581); D. Roth 226; W. Laming 222; J. Brinkman 215; O. Beecher 214; G. Pringle 212; D. Heleski 211; D. Doerr 211.

Team High Game & Series: Marlette Oil & Gas: 696 (1925).

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Obituaries

Alvin Guild

Alvin C. Guild, 87, of Cass City, died Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002 in his home. He was born April 15, 1915 at home in Tuscola County, Colwood area to Oscar and Edith (Smith) Guild. He married Mayme (Mary Caroline) Strickland Oct. 23, 1935 in Toledo, Ohio. She died July 23, 1988. Guild farmed until 1947. He drove a gas truck for Gulf (now Cass City Oil and Gas) and was a gas station attendant for a few years. He worked for Cass City Manufacturing and 20 years for General Cable. He was also a member of the Cass City Gun Club years ago. He is survived by his children: Joyce (Carter) Schad of Caro, Gerald (Lillian LaPratt) Guild of Caro, Linda (John) Bossert of Cass City; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister and her family, Genevieve

Matuszak of Caro.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Helen; a brother, 'Stub' Hall; a sister, Alice Gordon; and great-granddaughters: Sarah Sutton and Amanda Gere. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Phil Whipple and Pastor Rocky Spear of Colwood United Brethren in Christ Church officiating. Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Sharon Pepke

Sharon Pepke, 59, of Bloomfield Hills, died Nov. 6, 2002 after a long illness.

She was born July 20, 1943 in Detroit to Howard and Madeline Preston.

Pepke is survived by her daughters: Maureen (Mark) Kawecki of Cass City and Amy (Barney) Bourgeois of Berkley. Arrangements were made by Wasik Funeral Home, Warren.

Daniel Risdon

Daniel H. Risdon, 49, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002 in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

He was born May 4, 1953 in Flint to Leonard L. and Mildred (Harris) Risdon. He married Kathy Ann Zemke April 1, 1986 in Caro. Risdon graduated from Lakeville High School. He worked for the Caro Center as a supervisor and resident care aid retiring in June after 31 years. Risdon is survived by his

wife, Kathy; children: Jeremy Daniel Risdon of Caro, Jeffery Wayne Risdon of Saginaw, Samantha Shay Risdon of Cass City; stepchildren: Shannon (Doug) Zdrojewski of Muskegon, Savannah Thorp of Muskegon; 2 grandchildren: Dylan Zdrojewski, Rachel Zdrojewski; parents: Leonard and Mildred Risdon of Otisville; a sister, Janice Ann (Eugene) Koski of Otisville; a niece, Christina Koski of Millington; nephews: Charles Koski of Oscoda, Robb Koski of Millington; brothers-in-law: Kurt Zemke of Pontiac, Christopher (Nancy) Zemke of Caro; and father- and mother-in-law: William and Joan Zemke of Deford.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Martha and Hugh Harris, Charles and Nina Risdon; a brother-in-law, William Zemke; and an uncle, Floren Risdon. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 8, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Rev. Eric Holmgren of Cass City First Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Thelma Sterling

Thelma Louise Sterling (nee Bullock), 81, of Munroe Falls, Ohio, died Nov. 8, 2002.

She was born Sept. 16, 1921 in Decker. She married George B. Sterling Sept. 12, 1942. She graduated at age 16 from high school. She taught Sunday School.

She is survived by three daughters: Patricia K. Herring, Pamela S. (Mark) Wilcox, Ruth L. Scott; long time friend, Bryan Carpenter; 9 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; two brothers: Ernest (Emma) and Stanley (Margaret); and two sisters-in-law, Miriam and Lila Bullock.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mary Bullock; and 4 brothers: Omar, Clarence, Frank and John.

Funeral service was held at 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Mizpah Missionary Church, 4619 N. Van Dyke, Cass City. Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery.



CASS CITY Middle School fifth and sixth grade winners in the annual Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee are (front row, left) Angie Simpson, Shayna Ward, (back row, left) Jalen Ferris, Brent Doerr and Krystal Alexander.



SEVENTH and eighth grade K of C spelling winners include (from left) Adam Kranz, Becca Doerr, Scarlett Helland and Joey Denault. Missing is J.T. Ketterer. The students will now advance to a regional spelling contest in January.

Lyle Truemmer

Lyle Noah Truemmer, 69, of Cass City, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, after a long illness of cancer.

He was born Aug. 9, 1933 in Kilmanagh to Ezra and Ethel (Geiger) Truemmer. He married Eleanor Good on Sept. 4, 1954 in Owendale.

Truemmer was a lifetime resident of Cass City, where he farmed and worked for the Walbro Corporation until his retirement in 1992. He was a charter member of the Thumb Two Cylinder Club, and an active member of Cass City United Methodist Church. He was also very active with the Thumb Area Octagon Barn Association. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #1049 of Caro and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #4484 of Caro. Truemmer is survived by his wife, Eleanor; children: Dana (Sharon Swallow) Truemmer of Cass City, Colleen (Kevin) Albosta of Saginaw, Michael (Rhonda) Truemmer of Owosso, OK, Janel (Kenneth) Guilds of Gageton; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Wendall Scott. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. George Ward officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church building fund. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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Owen-Gage Honor Roll

The Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools announce the first marking period honor roll.

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GRADE 3

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GRADE 4

Holly Erer, Lauren Mandich, Megan McLaren*, Dylan Powell, Clyde Rhodes.

GRADE 5

Ryan Francis, Kelsey Quick*, Ashley Rockefeller, Christy Schmidt, Carin Seibel*, Erin Seibel.

Junior/Senior High School:

GRADE 6

Amy Aldrich, Jessica Burrows, Stacie Dorsch, Brandalyn Plowman, Samantha Radabaugh, Katie Rhodes, Stephen Roemer, Michael Smith, Desirae Sprague.

GRADE 7

Courtney Lester, Nathan Minkler, April Nowaczyk, Kelly Suminski.

GRADE 8

Mindy Erer, Randy Foskett, Joshua McLaren, Amber Pillsbury, Alec Powell*, Rebecca Schmidt.

GRADE 9

Michelle Brown, Tiffany Glaza, Trace Lopez, Nathan Rogers, Amber Williams.

GRADE 10

Wendy Erer, Mary McKee*, Tabatha Perdue, Amanda Pillsbury, Nashia Prich, Nicole Schmidt, Katie Swiastyn*.

GRADE 11

Cynthia Anderson, Stephanie Dorsch*, Randi Glaza, Meaghan Heck, Hope Hunt, Tim Kain*, Meagan Mentor, Candi Rhodes, Justin Rogers*, Heidi Scott, Natasha Sprague, Christine Williams.

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SUMMARY SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDINANCE NO. 151

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY BY RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 68, ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF CASS CITY ON FEBRUARY 11, 1969, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 78, ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF CASS CITY ON DECEMBER 26, 1972, AND BY ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE, SNOWMOBILE OPERATIONS, IN ORDER TO REGULATE THE IDENTIFICATION AND USE OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN THE VILLAGE AND ESTABLISH PROVISIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH REGULATIONS.

The major changes to the Ordinance are:

A snowmobile shall not be operated within the boundaries of the Village of Cass City unless and until it is registered by the owner, pursuant to Act No. 58 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1995 (MCLA 324.82101, et. seq.), as amended, except that the following snowmobiles may be operated without being registered:

- A snowmobile operated exclusively on lands owned by or under the control of the snowmobile owner;
- A snowmobile used entirely in an approved safety education and training program conducted by a certified snowmobile safety instructor; or
- A snowmobile that is exclusively operated in a special event of limited duration, which is conducted according to a pre-arranged schedule under a permit from the Village of Cass City.

No person shall operate a snowmobile upon public property or a public street, a railroad right-of-way or in a public utility area, except as follows:

- Snowmobiles may be operated in these areas in the performance of official duties for law enforcement.
- Snowmobiles may be operated on a street during a period of emergency or when travel by conventional automotive equipment is not possible, as declared by a police agency having jurisdiction.
- Snowmobiles may be operated on a street for a special snowmobile event of limited duration, which is conducted according to a pre-arranged schedule under a permit from the Village of Cass City.
- Snowmobiles may be operated on a street when it becomes necessary to cross that street. However, the snowmobile shall be brought to a complete stop before entering the roadway and the operator shall yield to approaching vehicles.

No person shall operate a snowmobile on private property without the consent of the property owner or his or her agent.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available at the Village Hall during regular hours.

VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDINANCE NO. 150

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE AND PART OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Code Adopted

The Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923 and as subsequently amended, is adopted by reference and Part 821.324.82101 to 324.82160 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994), is adopted by reference.

Section 2. Reference Code

References in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to "local authorities" shall mean the Village of Cass City.

Section 3. Notice To Be Published

The village clerk shall publish this ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Michigan Vehicle Code and that part of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act and the fact that a complete copy is available to the public at the office of the clerk for inspection.

Section 4. Penalties

The penalties provided by the Michigan Vehicle Code are adopted by reference, provided, however, that the village may not enforce any provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days.

Section 5. Repealer

This Ordinance hereby repeals any ordinances in conflict herewith.

Section 6. Savings Clause

That nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted be construed to affect any just or legal right or remedy of any character nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 7. Severability

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 8. Adoption.

This Ordinance is effective twenty (20) days after its adoption.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Village of Cass City Council at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 28th day of October, 2002..

Leslie Karr, Village President

Francis D. Sheridan, Deputy Village Clerk

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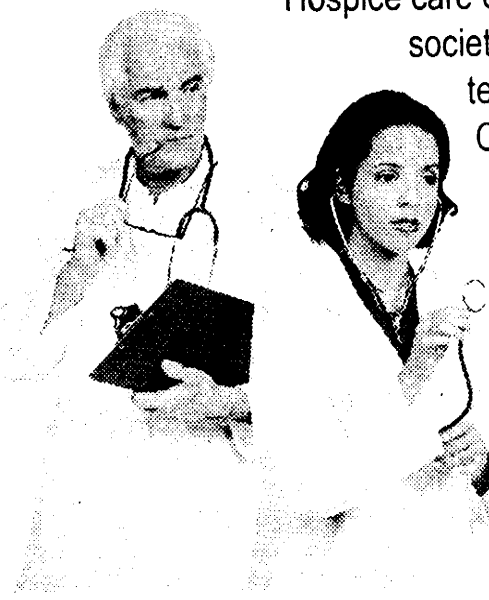
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Many caregivers and seniors are typically not aware of the many home- and community-based services that are available around the country for both active elders as well as those who need assistance to maintain independence.

Services such as home health care, home-delivered meals, and adult day care can extend an older person's ability to stay in their own home. And, home is where seniors prefer to be.

To find out about community services for senior citizens anywhere in the nation, call the Eldercare Locator at 1 (800) 677-1116 or visit the Web site at www.eldercare.gov.

This service can help locate the best source of free, unbiased information about services for seniors and family caregivers.

The Eldercare Locator is a free public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging administered by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

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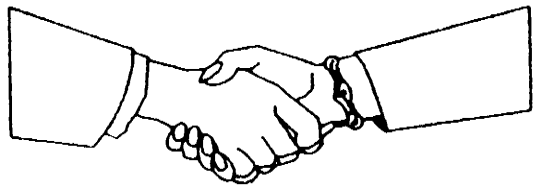


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- CCH Health Services, 705 E. Frank, Caro, PH. (989) 673-1670



CUB Scouts Alex Varney (left) and Thomas LeValley display the popular Trails End Microwave Popcorn that is available during the Cub Scouts Annual Popcorn Sale.

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Annual popcorn sale underway in Cass City

The delicious smell of success will soon be in the air as Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts of Cass City will be selling their famous Trails End Popcorn.

The popcorn helps the 3 local troops, who are associated with the national Boy Scouts of America, fund their ongoing local programs.

With about 75 scouts participating in the area, it is an important fundraiser for all the troops.

The fundraising event, sponsored by these local organizations, kicked off Oct. 25, and runs through Nov. 30. The scouts sell in person, door-to-door and by phone to family, friends, neighbors, and businesses.

The money raised is used to help fund the wide variety of events that the Scouts participate in, such as their weekly meetings, merit badges earned by the scouts, overnight camping by the older scouts, and scholarships to allow all scouts to attend sponsored activities.

A wide variety of popcorn is available from the Scouts, including the popular Microwave Popcorn, Chocolate Caramel Crunch, Gourmet Caramel Corn with Almonds and Pecans, and the 3-way tin with its assortment of flavored popcorn.

The popcorn will be deliv-

ered around Dec. 14, just in time for placement under the Christmas tree.

"In addition to the money raised, there is real skill building developed by the scouts," said Rob Hartwick, popcorn chairman for the Cub Scouts.

"Asking for the order, counting money, recording sales and distributing orders, reinforces organizational skills, money management and setting of goals for these scouts. It is a real life learning experience for them."

Anyone wanting to order popcorn may do so by contacting: Cub Scouts-Rob Hartwick, 872-2489; Boy Scout Troop #594-Shari Bock, 872-4702; or Boy Scout Troop #500-Rita Hanby, 872-5026.

In addition to the Popcorn Sale, a major activity sponsored by the local Cub Scouts is the annual Cake Bake Auction that will be held Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cass City Middle School cafeteria.

All Cake Bake Auction proceeds are donated to the Cass City Rotary Christmas for Kids Programs. Over the last 2 years the auction has raised and donated over \$1,500 to the Christmas for Kids Program.

Each Scout is asked to bake and decorate a cake that will then be auctioned off at the Cake Bake by Osentoski Auctioneering. The cakes are judged by members of the Gavel Club, and prizes are awarded in various categories.

All members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend this fun-filled event.

Calendar of Events

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

Tuesday, November 12

Cass City Middle School will host a Scholastic Book Fair November 12-15 in the media center.

Wednesday, November 13

12 noon Dorcas dinner is cancelled at Cass City United Methodist Church.

Thursday, November 14

United Hospice Service presents "Coping With The Holidays After A Loss", St. Pancratius Catholic Church, 4292 Seeger St., Cass City 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, November 15

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

Senior Citizens' Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Saturday, November 16

Christmas Sale by the members of the Galloway Porcelain Art Club - Annual Christmas sale and drawing, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., J.Jamokes, M-24, Caro.

Tuesday, November 19

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1:00 p.m., Hills & Dales Hospital

AYSO Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., high school library.

Blood Drive, Cass City VFW Hall, 1:00-6:45 p.m., sponsored by Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. Rawson Memorial Library.

After School Craft Time for children, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Wednesday, November 20

Ravenous Readers' Book Club, 12:00 noon, Rawson Memorial Library.

ECDON and Marlette Community Hospital are offering "Diabetes Nutrition Myths and Trends", 3:30-4:30 p.m., MCH Global Classroom.

Senior movies set

Senior movies are being offered at Rawson Memorial Library, Friday, Nov. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Movies being shown are: **Scotland** - A land of untamed highlands, windswept islands and spectacular lochs, Scotland is situated in the north of Great Britain. A millennium of struggle for self-determination has forged a hardy people with a vibrant culture and amazing hospitality. Traveler Megan McCormick begins her journey in Glasgow. After a brief stop on the Island of Islay she makes her way up the west coast to fish on the Isle of

Skye. Her next port of call is the Orkney Islands. She then embarks on the final leg of her journey to the capital city and the spectacular Edinburgh military tattoo. Take a lesson on the bagpipes. Distill whiskey on the Island of Skye. Visit the legendary home of the Loch Ness monster. Toss the caber at the Highland games. Indulge in the culture of the Edinburgh festival. (50 minutes).

Einstein - Take a journey inside the mind of a genius. Albert Einstein was considered by many to be the greatest thinker of the 20th Century. His amazing discoveries gave scientists around the world new insights about the universe in which we live. The things we know today about time and space, mass and energy, gravity and light, we can attribute to Einstein. (24 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

The Capital City Ringers, Inc., a performing handbell ensemble from the mid-Michigan area, will be in concert at the Cass City United Methodist Church, one and a quarter miles north of the downtown stop light, Sunday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m.

Their Fall 2002 program features Christmas selections along with an array of "classics" for handbells.

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