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## Council urged to review sewer, water rates

Village auditors suggested Monday that the Cass City Village Council take another serious look at sewer and water fees to offset continued deficit spending in the funds.

Joel Chamberlain of Yeo & Yeo made the recommendation during the village's annual financial statement and auditor's report, presented during the monthly meeting.

Chamberlain gave village finances a clean bill of health, but said Cass City's "problem children" funds - water and especially wastewater - continue to struggle.

Both are enterprise funds, which are intended to be self-supporting. Chamberlain pointed out, adding, "Yours have not."

According to Village Manager Frank Sheridan and Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bemus, the wastewater fund in particular is struggling due to a lack of steady rate increases over a period of years.

There was just one fee increase from 1982 to 1998 - a 10-percent hike - Sheridan

said. There have been increases since, but they have not made up for the revenue lost by not maintaining an up-to-date rate structure.

The rates is the village's need in the near future for a major bonding project to construct and operate a water treatment plant to meet new,

month, but tabled action to enable business owners in the affected area another opportunity to address any concerns they might have.

The special assessment district will fund improvements to some rear business entrances in conjunction with a planned paving project involving a municipal lot near Rawson Memorial Library and the adjacent alley.

"Since the parking lot and alley repaving about these facilities, the DDA approached the occupants of the 7 businesses that use the alley about what could be done to improve the appearance and utilization of the rear of the buildings," Sheridan explained last month. "The owners have expressed an interest in 'piggybacking' onto our paving contract as part of sprucing up the rear entrances of their businesses."

The project includes construction of a 5-foot sidewalk that will run east and west, as well as additional concrete work on the business properties.

The village's cost for the sidewalk is estimated at \$4,200 and the cost of the work on private property - to be charged to the business owners - is estimated at \$5,015, depending on the extent of improvements each business desires.

Under the special assessment district, the businesses will have up to 3 years to pay for the improvements at an interest rate of 10 percent annually, although the project will be interest free for those business owners that pay their obligation

within 90 days.

Also Monday, the council:  
•Approved the sale of a 1991 pickup truck for \$1,313

to Clifford Bemus of Cass City, the highest of 4 residents to bid on the vehicle.  
•Approved a contract for

construction of a 40-foot by 32-foot pole barn at the wastewater treatment plant. The structure will provide

added storage space and will be used to perform maintenance during inclement weather.  
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Today, Sheridan added, "I have enough to operate (the wastewater treatment plant), but not to do any major maintenance."

Bemus said maintaining the same rates for so many years, while the cost of doing business rose annually - has prevented the village from building up a reserve fund to cover major replacement and repairs, which are now becoming increasingly frequent and expensive at the aging plant.

Chamberlain said another important reason to review

tougher standards for arsenic in drinking water. The financial health of the village's funds will affect the sale of bonds, she added.

### ALLEY PROJECT

Turning to other matters, the council approved a resolution authorizing establishment of a special assessment district to partially fund improvements to the alley south of Main Street between Seeger and Leach streets.

The council held a public hearing on the project last



### New blood...

CASS CITY VILLAGE Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bemus handled swearing-in duties for new council members elected during the spring elections. She is pictured above (far left) with trustees (from left) Don Richards, Dwight Thabet, Jon Zdrojewski and Jenny Zawilinski.

## Snover man holds kids, ex-wife against their will

A Snover man was arrested Thursday after breaking into his ex-wife's home and holding her and the couple's children against their will.

James R. Becker, 40, was arraigned in 73rd District Court Friday on several charges, including felony counts of first degree home invasion, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and cutting or tapping telephone lines. He also faces 5 other misdemeanor charges including domestic violence and possession of marijuana.

Becker stood mute at his arraignment and was released on a \$10,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear for a preliminary examination April 6.

According to reports, Sanilac County Sheriff's Deputy Darrin Sieman and

Sgt. Garry Biniecki were dispatched to the woman's home in the 7000 block of Freiberger in Austin Township at about 8:20 a.m.

"Upon arrival on location, Deputy Sieman was able to talk to one of the victims and confirmed what was taking place. He then was confronted by the ex-husband and was taken into custody," Biniecki said.

"The investigation showed that the suspect showed up at the residence the prior evening at approximately 10:30 p.m. and, after kicking in the rear door of the residence, disconnected the phone," Biniecki said. "He then attempted to leave with the 2 minor children."

The ex-wife could tell Becker had been drinking and refused to let the chil-

dren leave, according to investigators, who reported the suspect at one point brandished a shotgun and fired several rounds outside the home and threatened to harm his ex-wife or himself.

"He then stayed at the residence over night and refused to leave and wouldn't allow the ex-wife to leave," Biniecki said. "During his stay at the home he removed plumbing and did other damage to the home."

The next morning, the ex-wife was able to get the suspect to make a trip to the store for items for the children, and while he was gone, she was able to get to a cell phone to call for help.

Biniecki noted that troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky assisted in the investigation.

## Annual chamber dinner Saturday

Cass City Chamber of Commerce President Dee McKrow may suggest changing the name of the chamber's annual dinner sometime in the future.

The reason, McKrow explained, is the dinner, slated for Saturday at the Northwood Meadows Assisted Living facility, may be

seen by many residents as a chamber event rather than a wonderful opportunity to take time out to praise the village's top citizens.

"That's what this is all about. It's a time to honor the citizens, and I think we've gotten (the focus) away from that," McKrow said. "We've got to get people to

come somehow to honor the people who make Cass City special."

She cited the crop of Junior Citizen of the Year candidates each year, saying most of them work, are involved in a host of extracurricular activities and at the same time achieve academically. "Nothing is more rewarding

than sitting on the committee to select the junior citizen candidates," McKrow added. "These kids are qualified - they're enthusiastic, they're energetic. These kids are good."

This year's dinner begins with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m., with dinner following at 7 p.m.

Special entertainment will be provided by the Cass City High School Jazz Band, and the list of distinguished guests includes state Senator Jim Barcia and state Rep. Tom Meyer.

The main event, of course, is the presentation of the Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year honors.

The tradition of honoring Cass City's top citizens began in 1963 with the selection of the late Willis Campbell as the first Citizen of the Year and in 1965 when Betty Kennedy was named the first Junior Citizen of the year.

Last year's recipients were Citizen of the Year Jane Hittler and Junior Citizen of

the Year Jessica Nicol.

Although this year's Citizen of the Year won't be known until Saturday, chamber officials have released the list of junior citizen candidates.

They are: Krystee Dorland, daughter of Tom and Kathy Dorland; Kristi Fluegge, daughter of Richard and Ruth Fluegge; Leslie Hacker, daughter of John and Marnie Hacker; Eric J. Hanby, son of James and Rita Hanby; Sarah Hobbs, daughter of James and Deborah Hobbs; Amy Howard, daughter of Guy and Beth Howard; Dustin Mallory, son of Brian and Renee Mallory; and Mallory Powell, daughter of Morris and Pam Powell.

Tickets to the dinner are \$15 each and can be purchased at the chamber office, Rawson Memorial Library, Coach Light Pharmacy, or any of the 3 local banks.

The banquet is sponsored by the Chemical Bank, Independent Bank, Thumb National Bank and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

## Sanilac father, son charged in robbery

A Sanilac County father and son were formally charged last week in a March 19 armed robbery near Port Huron that went wrong, resulting in the son suffering a gunshot wound.

Brian W. Stocks Sr., 45, and Brian W. Stocks Jr., 20, both Lexington area residents, were both arraigned in 72nd District Court in Port Huron on charges of armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

Brian Stocks Jr. was also charged with assault with intent to do great bodily

harm less than murder, and his father was charged with first degree home invasion, carrying a firearm in the commission of a felony and larceny of a firearm in connection with the robbery of the 65-year-old retiree inside his St. Clair County residence.

Both men remained lodged in jail following their arraignment. Bond in the case has been set at \$50,000 for each defendant, and a hearing has been scheduled for April 6.

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**DISCUS IS AMONG the events Deford area resident Rodney King hopes to compete in during the Michigan and Ohio Wheelchair Games in May. Family and friends are rallying around King in hopes of raising the money needed for his expenses. A benefit dinner and auction are slated for April 25 at 1 p.m. at the Kingston VFW Hall.**

## A helping hand Family and friends hope to send King to May games

Rodney King may have to rely on a wheelchair, but you won't find him sitting around, watching television. In fact, King keeps himself busy with a host of activities, including helping out at his family's Deford area farm. He also loves to hunt and fish and plays basketball.

Recently, the 28-year-old has developed a passion for Olympic-style sporting events, including air rifle shooting and weightlifting. Now, he's gearing up to test his skills in those events at the Michigan and Ohio Wheelchair Games in May.

"I'm going to do air rifle and other events, like weightlifting - I lift weights about 5 days a week at Marlette High School - possibly 9-ball in pool, discus, javelin, shot-put and wheelchair races," King said.

The area native's family and friends are organizing a benefit dinner and auction to help raise the \$750 or so he'll need for the trip, including

travel, lodging, food and entry fees.

A ham dinner will be held Sunday, April 25, starting at 1 p.m. at the Kingston VFW Hall, 5317 Ross St. (across from Kingston Elementary School). The cost is \$5 per person.

King said Jim and Jewel Knowlton, good family friends, are sponsoring the auction, slated to get underway at 3 p.m. The couple secured the VFW hall, and Jim Knowlton, a professional auctioneer, is donating his services. King's parents, Pam King and Alan and Kathy King, all of Deford, are also lending a hand.

King, a 1994 Kingston High School graduate, became interested in air rifle shooting about 2 1/2 months ago.

"I was actually at bingo, and this guy approached me and asked if I'd be interested in wheelchair games," he recalled. Later, he was invited to an air rifle shoot at the American Legion Post 457

in North Branch, and he became a member of the post's Wheelin Team 457.

"They shoot every Tuesday night. Basically it's for veterans, but I got a membership - I'm like an associate member."

About the same time, King also joined the Flint Flying Eagles Wheelchair Basketball Team.

"Last September I had surgery to have more of my right leg taken off, so that kind of slowed me down," King said of his need for a wheelchair. He explained that he previously relied on a pair of artificial legs since he lost both of his own legs in a 1989 tractor accident in which the tractor he was riding flipped over and caught fire. Aside from losing his limbs, King was burned badly.

After a lengthy healing process, he returned to his active lifestyle and has been determined to remain independent.

"I really don't like to count Please turn to back page.



# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



Nine members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

Mrs. Ronnie Gracey, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Jim and Kay Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Adams, Marie Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. David Grifka and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Ubyly, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Grifka, and Mr. and Mrs. Kyrle Vanky of St. Louis, Mo. got together Friday night for supper at the Franklin Inn.

Jim and Kay Sweeney visited Janet Garety at Country Gardens at Pigeon.

Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Mrs. Dean Adams, and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Ubyly were among many family members and friends who attended a baby shower on Sunday at the Fox Hunters for Virginia Vanky Grifka of St. Louis, Mo. given by her mother, Ellen Vanky; Mother-in-law,

Marie Grifka; and sisters-in-law, Tina and Denise.

Mrs. John O'Henley and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Lois Wolschlager and Mrs. Polega at the Huron County Medical Care on Sunday.

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau Group met at the home of Stanley and Dorothy Heleski Thursday evening where they watched a video on Hawaii. After the business meeting, cards were played and high prizes were won by Loraine Holz and Russell Bouchard. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Joe Wolschlager and Ray Depcinski. The hostess served a lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heleski on April 15.

Mrs. Cutis Cleland visited Mrs. Hiram Keyser on Friday. Jim Lewis, Dick Peterson,

Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Thursday fish fry supper guests for Ray's 76th birthday. Later guests for birthday cake and ice cream were Susan Krozek, Ryan and Samantha, Dean and Nancy Carpenter, Dean Jr.,

Michael, Timothy and Jessica of Caro, and Charles and Theresa Sharon and Nicole.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western attended the Cass City K of C Fish Fry on Friday.

Joe Campbell of Shelby Township visited Allen Farrelly on Tuesday.

Jim and Kay Sweeney met Sally and Pat Bell and daughters of Cheboygan at Bay City on Saturday for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Mashke of Bad Axe, Shelly Weiderhold and son Jessie of Caro, Ann Fay and Marcia Shultz of Lapeer, Debbie Currey and Hailie, Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Lapeer and Chris Mathie visited Charlotte Lapeer on her birthday Tuesday.

Lynn Hurford, Grant and Janalce Hurford visited Thelma Jackson on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mazurek and Eugene Depcinski went to Bishop Airport on Wednesday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski who were returning from a 3-week visit to Jerry and Janet Cummings, Janessa, James, Joey and Joshua in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

Mrs. Tony Cieslinski and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Evelyn Miller Wednesday.

## Engaged



Cathryn Turner  
and Douglas Ball

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ball of Cass City announce the engagement of their son, Douglas Grant, to Cathryn Turner, the daughter of the late James Jaques and Rose Jaques of Caro.

Douglas is a graduate of Cass City High School, and Cathryn is a graduate of Caro High School. A July 31, 2004 wedding is planned.

## Engaged



Leah Shagene and  
Kevin Hockenberry

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shagene of Cass City announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Marie, to Kevin Blake Hockenberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hockenberry of Fenwick.

Leah is a 1998 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2002 graduate of Alma College. She is currently employed as a pharmaceutical laboratory analyst at King Pharmaceuticals in Rochester.

Kevin is a 1998 graduate of Carson City-Crystal High School and a 2002 graduate of Alma College. He is employed by Pharmaderm, Inc. as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Leah is the granddaughter of Naomi Barnes and the late Andrew Barnes, and Nancy Shagene and the late Donald Shagene, all of Cass City. An October 30, 2004 wedding is being planned.



Meg's Peg

Why it takes  
so long  
by Melva E. Gunther

At the risk of seeming in delicate, I think men need to understand a woman's bathroom experience. Whoever wrote this explained it quite well.

Mothers are fanatic about public toilets. As a little girl, they take you in the stall, teach you to wad up toilet paper and wipe the seat. Then they carefully lay strips of toilet paper over the seat, instructing, "Never, never sit on a public toilet seat!"

Then she'll demonstrate "The Stance," which consists of balancing over the toilet in a sitting position without actually letting your flesh make contact with the seat.

Even in our more mature years, The Stance is excruciatingly difficult to maintain when one's bladder is especially full.

When you have to go in a public bathroom, you often find a very long line of women. So you wait and smile politely at all the other ladies, also crossing their legs and smiling politely.

As you get closer, you check for feet under the stall doors. Every one is occupied.

Finally a door opens and you dash in, nearly knocking down the woman leaving. You get in and find the door won't latch. It doesn't matter.

You hang your purse on the door hook, yank down your pants and assume The Stance. Relief. More relief.

Then your thighs begin to shake. You'd love to sit down, but you certainly hadn't taken time to wipe the seat or lay toilet paper on it, so you hold The Stance as your thighs experience a quake that would register an 8 on the Richter scale.

You reach for the toilet paper and discover the dispenser is empty. Your thighs shake more. You remember the tiny tissue you blew your nose on that's in your purse. It will have to do.

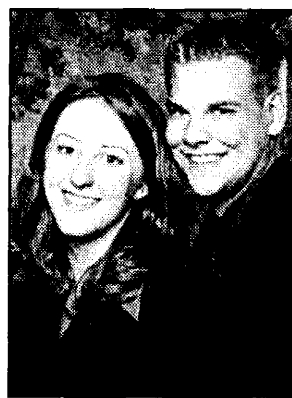
You crumble it in the puffiest way possible. It's still smaller than your thumbnail. Someone pushes open your stall door because the latch doesn't work and your purse whams you in the head.

## Venema named to dean's list

Erin Venema of Cass City has been named to the dean's list at Spring Arbor University, Spring Arbor, for earning a minimum grade point average of 3.5 during the fall semester.

Venema, daughter of Stuart and Brenda Venema, is a sophomore majoring in special education.

## Engaged



Crystal Smalley  
and Eric Zawilinski

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smalley of Ubyly announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal Marie, to Eric Michael Zawilinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zawilinski of Cass City.

Crystal is a 1999 graduate of Ubyly High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and natural resources communications. She is currently employed as a marketing services coordinator for GBP Management in Greer, S.C. Crystal is the granddaughter of Eugene and Gloria Smalley and the late Dolan and Beatrice Sweeney, all of Ubyly.

Eric is a 1999 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2003 graduate of Central Michigan University with bachelor of science degree in marketing and logistics. He is currently employed as a transportation supervisor for TNT Logistics at BMW in Greer, S.C. Eric is the grandson of Evelyn and the late Bill Catron of Cass City, Raymond and Maxine Merritt of Davison, and the late Bruno and Martha Zawilinski of Cass City.

A June 12, 2004 wedding has been set to take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Parisville.

## It's a girl!



Allie Walther

Brice Walther announces the birth of his sister, Allie Kae.

Allie was born at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo on December 5, 2003. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Jason and Jenny (Storm) Walther of Three Rivers. Grandparents are Frank and Karen Storm of Unionville and Leonard and Jan Walther of Cass City. Great-grandparents are John and Bonnie Homakie of Unionville, Dorothy Storm of Caro, Regina Walther of Clio and Irene Karner of Clio.

## Holy Week services set at church

Special services during Holy Week at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church begin Palm Sunday, April 4, at 9:30 a.m.

A potluck supper is slated for 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday with a worship service in the church at 7 p.m.

Good Friday worship is at 1:30 p.m. There will be 2 worship services on Easter Sunday, one at 7 a.m. and one at 9:30 a.m.

An Easter breakfast will be served by the youth of the congregation at 8 a.m. Members of the community are invited to attend any of these services and events.

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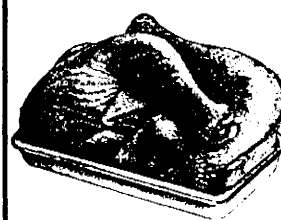
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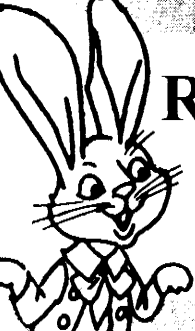
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# Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Spring is here and Daylight Savings Time is just around the corner. Let that serve as your official reminder to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night. By the way, did you know that the first daylight savings was observed during World War I to conserve fuel needed to produce electric power and was formally adopted in the United States March 19, 1918?

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Ouch. To participate in the high school sports programs at Canton's Salem High School, where my daughter Lynn's son Jimmy Sroka is competing for a spot on the varsity baseball team, costs \$125. Now that is a one-time fee that allows athletes to participate in every sport during the school year. However, he also is required to cough up another \$450 to purchase team spikes, pants, hats, under shirts, warm-up suit and the like.

About all the school supplies is a numbered jersey, says Lynn.

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More sports. Cass City senior Amy Howard and Ubly senior Erica Philp have recently been honored as selections to the Class C all-state teams. Philp earned 3rd team recognition, while Howard received honorable mention praise.

The 2 Thumb stars will continue their athletic careers next season. Howard will play at Saginaw Valley State University and Philp has committed to Alma College where she plans on playing both volleyball and basketball.

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A little humor from my grandson Parker Haire, age 6. Grandpa, why is the number 6 afraid of the number 7, asked the Cass City kindergarten student.

Because seven ate nine.

## Genealogy Potpourri

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Elkland Township Board

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**NO ONE WAS injured in a 2-vehicle accident Thursday at the corner of Main and Seeger streets in Cass City. Village police reported a southbound vehicle driven by Kenneth W. White, 56, of Elkton failed to stop for a red light and collided with a westbound vehicle driven by Gregory D. Smith, 38, Cass City.**

## TNU raid nets drugs, guns, cash last week

Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU) officers seized drugs, cash and guns from a Sebawaing residence early last week.

TNU Commander Mitch Krugielki said execution of the warrant followed a month-long investigation that began with officers receiving tips that a suspect residing in an apartment was using and/or selling illegal drugs/narcotics as well as prescription medication.

"The search warrant was executed yesterday (Monday) at approximately 12:40 p.m. at a Main Street address," Krugielki said. "The search resulted in TNU officers seizing several prepackaged baggies of suspected marijuana, scales, suspected cocaine and other drug paraphernalia."

In addition to the drugs, officers seized nearly \$1,000 in cash and 6 firearms, which are being held by TNU pending forfeiture proceedings.

Krugielki said there were 5 adults and one juvenile in the residence when officers executed the search warrant. No other information is being released pending completion of the investigation and a review by the Huron County Prosecutor's Office.

TNU was assisted by the Sebawaing Police Department and troopers from the Michigan State Police post

in Caro. Krugielki reminds citizens that any suspected drug activity in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer counties can be reported anonymously to TNU by calling 1-877-TNU-TIPS.

### The Haire Net

Relaxing on trout streams



It's about this time of the year that I used to count the days until the opening of the Michigan trout-fishing season.

That's back in the days when the trout season opened on the last Saturday in April. Period. No exceptions.

That's all changed today. Some sections of the great streams sportsmen enjoy have no closed season, although it's fish and release for most trout species.

The official opening of the season still is a date fishermen mark on their calendars. Because it opens the myriad small streams and the parts of major rivers previously closed to anglers.

Still, if you have been fishing a couple of weeks prior to April 24 it certainly takes the edge off of what was once a banner day.

Stream fishing for large Steelhead is fun in the spring and if you catch a day when the sun shines and the temperature climbs into the middle 60s you have really got it made.

Of course, if you have reserved a guide and the day turns out to be wet and cold with the fish refusing to leave the lake, fishing vets have a succinct way to tell about it, "wet butt and hungry gut."

Fishing for Steelhead in streams is an early spring sport. I joined the crowd about 4 years ago and have made a trip to fish streams running into Lake Michigan every year.

Those trips have yielded the largest trout that I have ever caught. It's primarily fishing from a boat because the water is cold and in most places too deep for wading.

That's why fishing in

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# The back forty

by Roger Pond

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The old saying, "You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy," is seldom heard these days. There just aren't as many country boys as there used to be.

We're still out there, though — adapted, adjusted, or reconciled to the current state of civilization. Quite a few have moved into town — while others have watched town move out to them, as houses sprawl into the countryside.

It must be hard to live in town if you grew up in the country. We had so much space and privacy on the farm. (Room to cuss the cat, as they used to say.)

There were seven kids in my family, and we learned early on that the most valuable space on the farm was the bathroom. When the bathroom was full we went to the outhouse. If the outhouse was full, we went somewhere else.

Folks didn't have two or three bathrooms like they do now. We felt lucky to have one.

When I was at home, Dad and I always made a trip outdoors before going to bed. This helped free-up the bathroom for the girls and wasn't much of an inconvenience for us.

There was a certain amount of symbolism to our nightly ritual, though. I think this was Dad's way of affirming that he still lived in the country.

My parents moved into town when I was in college, and that must have been an adjustment for Dad. It's just a small town of 1500 people or so. But still, it's not the same as a farm.

I had forgotten much about life on the farm when I traveled east to visit my mother a little over a year ago. Dad passed away several years earlier, and Mother was in a life-threatening situation in a care center.

I was visiting at the care center during the day and staying in Mother's house at night. The house had been closed up for weeks, but my brother called the utility companies to get the water and electricity turned on before I arrived.

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### Caro Community Hospital



## Bike-a-thon returns to Cass City May 15

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital officials recently announced Linda Derfny has agreed to coordinate the hospital's annual bike-a-thon in Cass City.

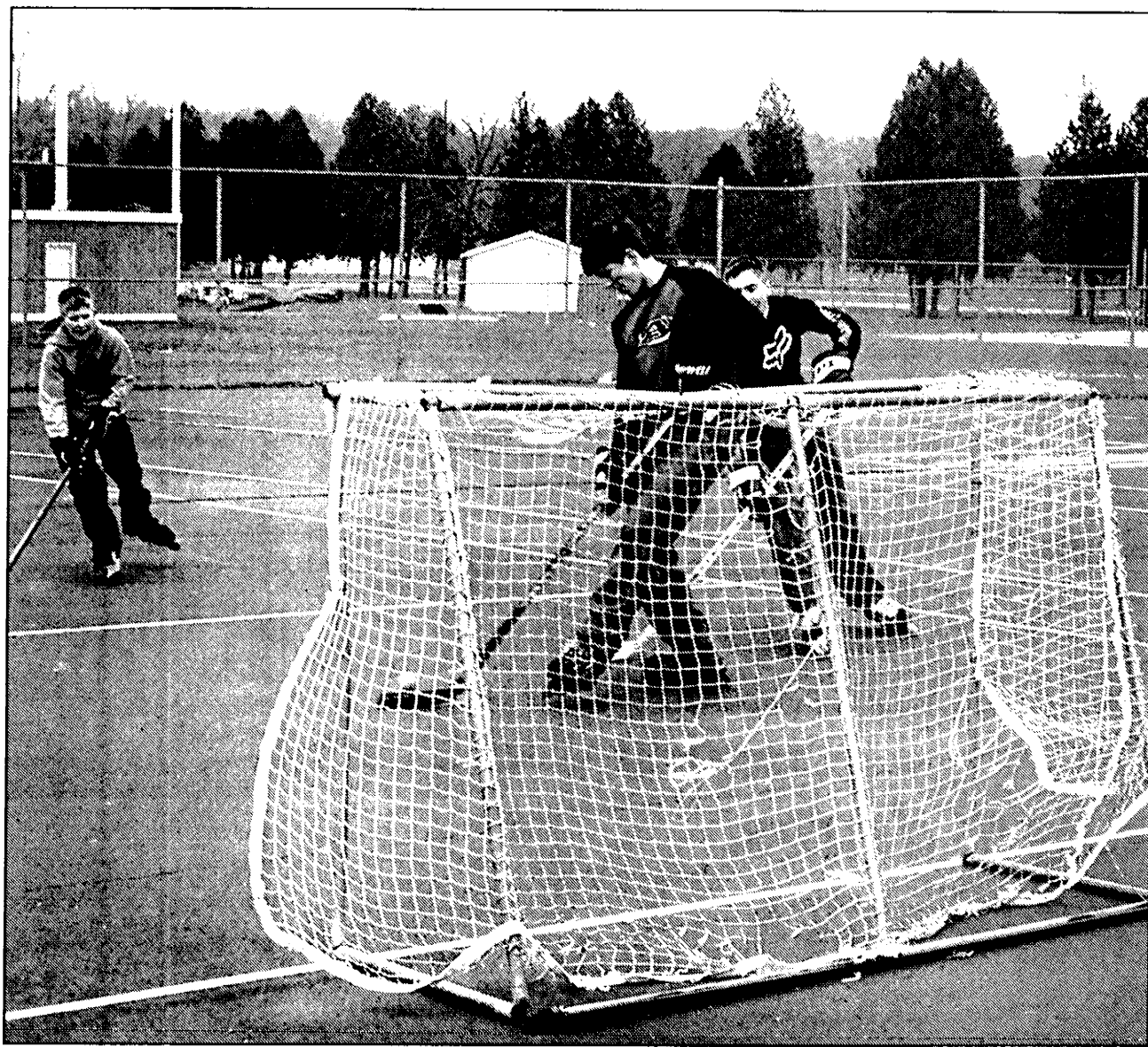
Last year, 32 local riders raised \$2,319 for the hospital, which is located in Memphis, Tenn.

This year's event will be held May 15 in the parking lot at Walbro Corporation on Garfield Ave. The event in Cass City is sponsored by 4 local churches: First Presbyterian, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Cass City United Methodist and St. Pancratius.

Any other churches, organizations, or individuals who would like to help are urged to contact Derfny at 872-2069. Pledge sheets for riders will be available at the 4 churches and Rawson Memorial Library May 1.

Founded by entertainer Danny Thomas, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital opened in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases that afflict children.

Scientists and physicians work side-by-side, seeking not only a better means of treatment, but also the causes, cures, and prevention of leukemia, Hodgkins disease, sickle-cell anemia, and other diseases. All findings and information gained at the hospital are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world.



WITH TEMPERATURES topping 55 degrees over the weekend, Cass City Recreational Park started to come alive with various activity, including this impromptu hockey game.

## TI Automotive earns award

TI Automotive, a global supplier of integrated fluid storage and delivery systems for cars and trucks, has won the prestigious Shingo Prize for excellence in manufacturing.

ing at its facility in Cartersville, Ga.

The Cartersville plant produces brake and fuel "bundles" for the Lincoln Town Car, Ford's Crown Victoria, Taurus/Sable, Mustang and Econoline vehicles, and the Mercedes M-Class sport-utility vehicle.

"Our rigorous commitment to quality and continuous improvement has produced single-digit parts per million (PPM) trends, 100 percent on-time delivery and a 30 percent inventory reduction rate over the last three years," said Lori Casiano, Cartersville plant manager. "This facility often has been cited for its innovative employee involvement programs."

Referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Manufacturing" by Business Week magazine, the Shingo award is given annually to manufacturers in the United States, Canada and Mexico who deliver world-class performance through lean principles and techniques in core manufacturing.

turing and business processes. It is named for Dr. Shigeo Shingo, credited with the development of the Toyota Production System.

The Cartersville plant recently was awarded TS16949 certification and also has earned and maintained Q1, QS 9000 and ISO 14001 certifications, providing its customers with superior product through continual improvement of systems and processes.

The facility also is dedicated to community and environmental issues and operates under TI Automotive's company-wide Common Sense Manufacturing (CSM) System.

Casiano credits the plant's employees for the win. "Our workers have truly espoused lean manufacturing theories and have taken them beyond the basics. They're always thinking. They have come up with amazing ideas to improve the way we do our jobs, and the company empowers us to incorporate them on the plant floor."

TI Automotive facilities in Caro and New Haven, were Shingo Prize winners in 2003.

Administered by the College of Business at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, the Shingo Prize program evaluates companies on key activities and results over at least 3 years in 5 areas: leadership culture and infrastructure; manufacturing strategies and system integration; non-manufacturing support functions; quality, cost and delivery; and customer satisfaction and profitability. All winners have made teamwork and continuous improvement an integral part of their culture.

This year's awards will be presented May 20 at the Lexington Convention Center in Lexington, Ky.

## Lincoln Day dinner set April 22

The Sanilac County Republican Party will be sponsoring its annual Lincoln Day Dinner Thursday, April 22, at Maggies - Westpark Inn of Sandusky.

This year the organization will present Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox as the keynote speaker. He will be joined by 10th District Congresswoman Candice Miller, and 83rd District State Rep. Steve Ehardt, as well as many countywide elected officials.

During the program, the winners of the Sanilac GOP's annual scholarship will be introduced, with 2 deserving Sanilac County high school seniors being awarded \$500 each. The Sanilac County GOP is pleased to be able to continue these awards for the fourth consecutive year and give something back to the community by assisting qualified, local, college bound seniors to achieve their educational goals.

Finally, rounding out the evening, there will be bidding on many unique items on display for the silent auction, with selected items being offered for bid during a "live" auction. Some items may be considered one of a kind while others make great gifts.

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## Circuit court proceedings

# Several face charges

The following people appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week on various criminal charges:

•Lawrence W. Nordlund, 17, Fostoria, was found guilty by a jury of entering a building without permission Oct. 17 in Watertown Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Eric L. Fellows, 27, Cass City, pleaded guilty to third degree child abuse last August in Ellington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Harold D. Dandron, 31, Kingston, pleaded guilty to writing a \$100 no account check Dec. 19 in Gagetown.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Alfred B. Dinnan, 54, Burton, pleaded guilty to attempted possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) July 9, 1999, in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$5,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•James C. Atkinson, 31, Birch Run, pleaded guilty to possession of a weapon by a felon Nov. 17, 2001, in Arbel Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Brandon W. Starnes, 22, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to malicious destruction of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Aug. 23 in Arbel Township.

He was ordered to pay \$1,120 in court costs and fines.

•Jacinto D. Aguilera, 19, Sebawaing, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile, assaulting a police officer and driving while his license was suspended or revoked March 1 in Akron and Novesta townships.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's

department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Brandon E. Mays, 17, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in the county jail (108 days deferred), with work release, for his pleas of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon Dec. 13 in Vassar Township and to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny May 19-22 in Vassar Township.

He was also ordered to complete his high school education and pay costs and fines totaling \$810 plus \$200 in attorneys fees.

•Inmate Terry D. Cantrall, 30, stood mute during his arraignment on a charge of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between June 2000 and June 2001 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$50,000 and Cantrall was remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

•Grover Bullard Jr., 37, Essexville, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 90 days in jail (45 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer July 4 in Akron Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,220 in costs and fines plus \$100 in attorneys fees.

•William C. Whiteford, 38, Clinton Township, received

a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 11 in Vassar.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$620.

## Employees raise cash for center

Employees from Independent Bank East Michigan recently participated in a "Casual Because We Care Day" to support the Tuscola County Women's Center.

Casual Because We Care Day is a monthly event that supports a wide variety of organizations throughout our banking communities. For a donation of \$2, employees dressed casually to raise \$245 for the Tuscola County Women's Center, most of which will supply personal hygiene products for women and children.

The Tuscola County Women's Center offers pre-admission counseling for adults re-entering school, personal counseling, and programming on a variety of women's issues. At times, the center also buys furniture and clothing for those in need.

"This is a great cause and one we gladly support," said Ronald Long, president and CEO of Independent Bank East Michigan.

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A charge of \$40.00 per hour shall be charged for cutting, destruction or removal of noxious weeds and will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by local and state law. Owners shall not be notified prior to the Village taking action in accordance with the Code. All charges assessed shall be considered a lien on such property.

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## Ubly dominates GTE all-conference teams

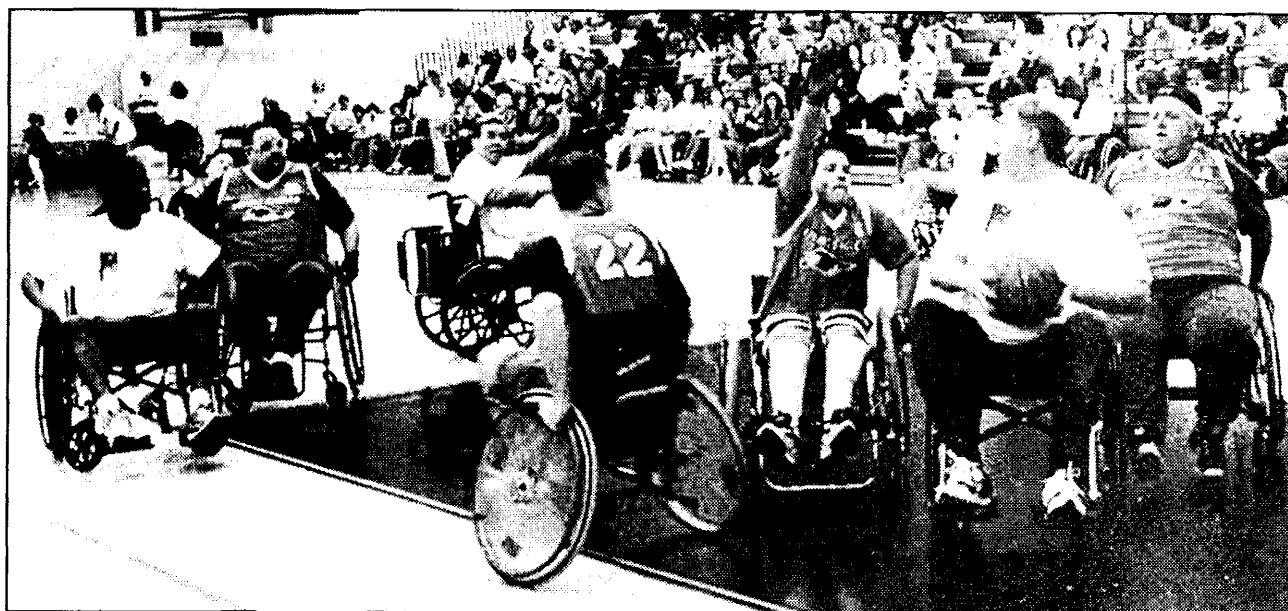
As expected, volleyball power Ubly dominated the Greater Thumb East all-conference teams with a trio of first team picks.

Bearcat seniors Erica Philp, Julie Rutkowski and Laura Puvolowski were among the GTE best spikers, along with Melissa Sweet - Deckerville, Laura Dean - Brown City, Crystal Ciurla - Marlette, and Nicole Meyers - Sandusky.

The GTE 2nd team members include Nicole Lepczyk - Brown City, Heather Hoenigshausen - Mayville, Heather Kautz - Deckerville, Crysta Maurer and Jacki Volmering - Harbor Beach,

Heidi Nicol - Marlette and Maria Gerstenberger - Sandusky.

Earning honorable mention honors are Jessica Elliot, Kayla Kramer, Nichole Ogleski - Harbor Beach, Carrie Pichla, Becky Philp - Ubly, Lindsay Bloor, Megan Armstrong, Wren Schroeder, Alyssa Ahlgren - Marlette, Jessica Steele, Melissa Chambers, Tillie Peruski - Sandusky, Natasha Sanford - Deckerville, Tara Adams, Katelyn Garlick, Lauren Thompson - Mayville and Kellie Brewer, Kelly Burton - Brown City.



**PICTURED IN** their jerseys are members of the Flint Flying Eagles Wheelchair Team competing against "local celebrities." Marlette Community Hospital Center for Rehabilitation and Wright Filippis will be co-hosting the Flint team Thursday, April 1, at 6 p.m.

## Leipprandt, Maurer earn first team honors

Ubly and Brown City highlighted the 2004 Greater Thumb East Conference cage dream teams with a pair of first team selections.

Bearcat seniors Tyler Leipprandt and Aaron Maurer join Green Devils Robert Cross and Chris Kalbfleisch on the first team. Also voted to the first team, selected by coaches of the 7-school association, are senior Jay O'Neil from Harbor Beach and Tim Sheldon of Sandusky.

The GTE second team selections included Chris

Mausolf and Matt Meissner - Harbor Beach, Eric Pichla - Ubly, Chris Loding and Lee Sheldon - Sandusky, and David Apsey - Deckerville.

Also receiving league accolades, in the form of honorable mention selections, are Andrew Palmer - Deckerville, Jason Mausolf - Harbor Beach, Gary Iwinski and Justin McPhail - Brown City, Brian Redman and Garrett Lange - Marlette, Chris Hassler - Sandusky, Carl Layman and John Delisle - Mayville.

## Wheelchair basketball challenge set

The Marlette Community Hospital Center for Rehabilitation along with Wright and Filippis will be sponsoring "The Marlette Rehab Wheelchair Basketball Challenge" Thursday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Marlette High School gymnasium.

Tickets are \$4 per person, with proceeds going toward the needs of rehabilitation patients and their families.

Watch the popular Flint Flying Eagles play with Sanilac County celebrities in an exciting game of wheelchair basketball.

The Flint Flying Eagles is a wheelchair basketball team that was established 10 years ago with 12 players with vari-

ous disabilities. Today, the team has more than doubled in size to over 30 players. They play in fundraisers around the state and not only entertain, but also leave spectators in awe of their abilities. In their spare time, these players also participate in a variety of sporting activities such as hunting, fishing, hockey, football, archery, baseball and even golf.

The Thumb area is fortunate to be able to boast that 4 of the Flint Flying Eagles are their own. They are Ray Brown of North Branch, Rodney King of Deford, and Dale Wood and Gary Grubbe of Marlette. Brown and Grubbe are both multiple gold medal winners for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

The Marlette All Stars will be made up of area healthcare professionals, basketball players from area schools, and familiar faces from area businesses, law enforcement and political leaders.

An action packed evening is planned with plenty of fun, prizes, raffles and half-time activities.

The highlight of the evening will feature the introduction of the "Graduates of the Month" from Marlette Center for Rehabilitation. Each month a patient is selected who has gone beyond their expectations in their

rehabilitation goals. These "Graduates of the Month" will be honored and presented with awards for their achievements.

The goal of this event is to bring public awareness to individuals with disabilities

and their capability to participate in leisure and sport activities.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any staff member at Marlette Rehab. For more information, call Brooke at (989) 635-4500.

## Free diabetic foot exams offered

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe, will be offering free diabetic foot exams, by appointment only, Tuesday, April 6, for diabetics who have not seen a podiatrist. Thomas K. Ernst, D.P.M., will complete the exam, which takes about 15 minutes.

Healthy feet are essential to a diabetic's overall health. About one in 5 people with diabetes enter the hospital for foot problems. People suffering from diabetes are far more susceptible to having a limb amputated than other people.

Diabetes often leads to diabetic nerve damage (neuropathy), which can lead to a gradual loss of a patient's

ability to feel sensation in the lower extremities.

When a non-diabetic injures a foot, the pain or a limp makes them aware of the injury. However, because a diabetic may have a loss of sensation, an injury to the foot may go unnoticed until it becomes infected.

Additional signs and symptoms diabetics should watch for include changes in foot shape, color, skin texture or odor. It is very important once a cut or possible infection is detected they see a doctor as soon as possible.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Huron Medical Center's Health Management Department at (989) 269-2882.

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## Kingston trio among NCTL best spikers

Kingston's Brittini Hill, Ashley Harneck and Sara Rayl have been named, according to league coaches, among the North Central Thumb League-South best volleyball players.

Joining the trio on the NCTL-S all-conference first team are Alex Kaiser - Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Sabrina Tocco - Dryden and Jaci Wessel-Memphis. Hill, a junior, is the only first team player who will not gradu-

ate this spring.

The NCTL-S 2nd team choices feature Courtney Willis - Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Amanda Kopas, E.B. Grabill and Becky Steffler - Dryden, Stephanie Fowler and Sarah Lang - Memphis.

The NCTL-S honorable mention picks are Katie Gilley - Kingston, Stephanie Aebel - Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Alicia Ruff and Dana Lang - Memphis, Jessica Murray and Melissa Steinhoff - Peck.

## Cardinal pair on NCTL dream team

Five seniors and one junior complete the North Central Thumb League - South all-conference basketball first team.

The lone junior is Carsonville-Port Sanilac's Kevin Calahan. Kingston's Aaron Kolacz and Anthony Graham accompany Calahan, along with Peck's

Brandon Fairman, Derek Curry and Matt Hall.

The NCTL-S 2nd team honorees include Cardinals Aaron Nicol, Chad Jobson and E.J. Herron. Also earning recognition is Lon Schell - Peck and Markus Steeb, Jonathan Bezemek and Ted Falcon - Carsonville-Port Sanilac.

## Cass City Bowling

### Merchanettes League As of March 25

Crowley Chiropractic	35.5
Charlie's Angels	35.5
Osentoski Realty/Auct.	31
F.B.I. Gals	25
Gagetown Cutting Corners	25
Cablettes	22
Empty Pockets	21
Thumb Octagon Barn	20
All Season Video	15
Langenburg Plumb/Heat	15

Individual High Games & Series: M. Gettel 199-165 (524); J. Bemus 187-170-165 (522); P. Bauer 199-173 (511); E. Romain 185-158-157 (500); C. Wallace 207 (496); J. Morell 181-160 (495); K. Ewald 178-173 (487); D. Williams 168-164 (483); S. Buschlen 169-156 (477); S. Hutchinson 182 (466); J. Dickinson 171 (461); K. Maurer 188; R. Diaz 185; C. Brown 183; B. Watson 180; T. Abbe 172; M. Barber 172; L. Hanson 170; L. Campbell 169; L. Pabst 165; J. Koch 156; N. Wallace 154; D. Sweeney 150.

Split Conversions: S. Robinson 3-10; J. Morell 5-7; K. Langenburg 4-10; L. Riddle 5-9-10; P. Bauer 5-10. Team High Game & Series: F.B.I. Gals, 663 (1856).

Team High Game & Series: R&H Body Shop 949 actual (2718 actual).

### Thursday Nite Trio As of March 25

Schmaltz Construction	24
Riversbend	24
JEBCo	24
Doerr Landscaping	22
Martin Electric	18
United Building Centers	16
T. Furness Res. Bldg.	16
Mycogen Seeds	15
Dairy Queen Braz-Caro	10
CSS Contract. Co, Inc.	9

Individual High Games & Series: K. Pichla 254-243 (652); D. Doerr 246-210 (637); R. Finkbeiner 244 (611); J. Enos 216 (602); D. Beecher 211 (598); W. Laming 220 (581); D. Dickinson 231; E. Schmaltz 229; S. Osentoski 214; D. Hyatt 212.

Team High Game: Martin Electric, 681.

Team High Series: Doerr Landscaping, 1886.

Third Set Winner: Schmaltz Construction.

### Sunday No Rollers As of March 14

Stafono's	61
R&H Body Shop	61
Charmont	60.5
Charmont Motel	60
Lee Morgan Painting	46.5
Patrick's Flooring	39
Curtis Chrysler	29

Minus 1	38
Rolling Thunder	33
JebCo	32
Damn Near Last	31
Sometimes	30
Pinheads	29
Par-T-Ranch	26
Deford Drifters	26
Crowley Chiropractic	20
CB's	15

Individual High Games & Series: T. Lis 225 (632); K. Zawilinski 227 (597); D. White 234 (596); D. Crumper 222; T. Halas 221; T. Pattengill 219; M. Hawrylo 211; S. Nauka 210; L. Morgan 210.

Individual High Games & Series: G. Silance 213; T. Betzold 213; D. Potrykus 198 (535); D. Witkovsky (524).

Team High Game & Series: Pinheads 707 (1999).

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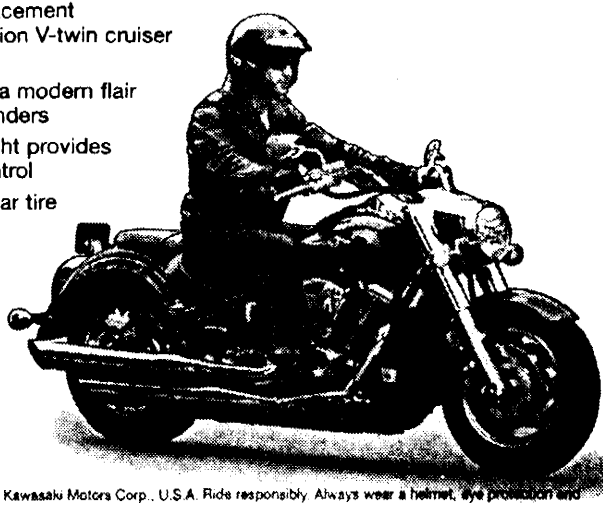
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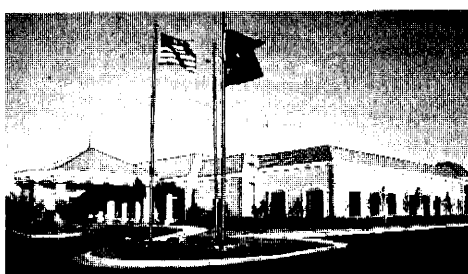
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# Obituaries

## Elaine Crane

Elaine Ruth Crane, 79, of Cass City, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at her brother's home.

She was born Aug. 29, 1924 in Elkland Township to Edward and Ruth (Jackson) Hartwick.

She married James "Jay" William Crane April 19, 1951 in Fraser Presbyterian Church. He died March 16, 1999.

Crane worked at Walbro from 1955 until her retirement. She was an active member of the Cass City First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Cass City VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Crane is survived by two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, Robert Fischer of Cass City; four siblings: Leland (Wilma) Hartwick of Cass City, Leslie (Carole) Hartwick of Cass City, Robert (Pat) Hartwick of Zephyrhills, Fla., and Charles (Kathleen) Hartwick

of Cass City; two sisters-in-law: Gloria Hartwick of Cass City, and Marilyn Crane of Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jay; a son, James (Deborah) Crane; a daughter, Karen Fischer; and five siblings: Arlan (Lucy) Hartwick, Erma (Stanley) Mellendorf, Paul Hartwick, Laurence Hartwick, and Gerald Hartwick.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 25, at the Cass City First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. David Blackburn officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City First Presbyterian Church or United Hospice of Marlette.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## James Foote

James Henry Foote, 60, of

Argyle, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw.

He was born Dec. 29, 1943, the son of Harvey and Lola (Robinson) Foote.

Foote served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

Foote is survived by his wife, Julia; two children: Shelly Foote of Crosswell and Jeffrey (Tina) Foote of Argyle; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; his mother, Lola Foote of Caseville; three sisters: Judy (Fred) Humphrey of Detroit, Ellen Kay (Ed) Pfaff of Snover, and Louise Smith of Snover; and a brother, Tom Foote of Snover.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey Foote.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, April 2, at St. Joseph Church Hall, Argyle, with Don Richards officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Walter Zmierski

Walter Zmierski, 74, of Cass City, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at his son's home in Elkland Township.

He was born March 21, 1930 in Detroit, the son of John and Cecelia (Kuczkowska) Zmierski.

He married Evelyn Gabler in 1955.

Zmierski served in the U.S. Army. He worked for General Cable as a laborer, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the D.A.V., Atomic War Veterans and the NRA.

Zmierski is survived by two sons: Michael (Deb) Zmierski of Cass City, and Mark (Becky) Zmierski of Caro; three daughters: Angela (Craig) Noble of Charleston, S.C., Teresa (John) Enos of Elk City, Idaho, and Deanne (Chuck) Brown of Midland; 15 grandchildren; and a special friend, Florence Byarski.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers: Joseph, Sylvester, Edward, Casimer, Chester and John Zmierski; and three sisters: Helen, Jennie and Eleanor Doerr.

A memorial service was held Monday, March 29 at the Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert officiating.

Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

# MMPA holds annual meeting

The 88th annual Delegate Meeting of the Michigan Milk Producers Association was held March 16 at the Holiday Inn South Convention Center in Lansing.

Business conducted by the delegates included the reelection of MMPA's Vice President Ken Nobis as an at-large member of the board of directors and adoption of the 2004 MMPA resolutions.

President Elwood Kirkpatrick and General Manager John Dilland reported to the delegates the status of the association and the dairy industry as a whole. World trade, market

trends and milk price forecasts, were also discussed during the daylong meeting.

MMPA Treasurer Velmar Green presented the financial status of the cooperative, reporting a net savings in fiscal year 2003 of \$5.8 million. Green also illustrated the strength of MMPA in the marketplace and the amount of dollars returned to members in the past year in the form of increased equity payments and a special "13th" check.

Kirkpatrick recognized 20 individuals holding MMPA membership for 35 years. He honored these individuals for their commitment and hard work to the dairy industry and MMPA. Each 35-year member was presented with a plaque.

The 2003 District Outstanding Young Dairy Cooperators (OYDC) were also honored at the meeting, including Dennis and Sara Johnson of Daggett, who were officially recognized as MMPA's 2003 OYDC.

Bob Kran, District 11 director, presented Alvern. Mary and Rick Poest of Zeeland, with the highest quality milk production award. The Poests achieved the best quality records in 2003 of the nearly 1,900 farms belonging to MMPA. To qualify for this prestigious award, a producer must meet MMPA's quality premium require-

ments for an entire year. Guest speaker Jean Ragalie, executive vice president of Nutrition, Public and Corporate Affairs at Dairy Management, Inc., gave an update on new milk promotion programs that include: fast food restaurants offering single-serve plastic containers in children's meals, weight loss with dairy products, the 3-A-Day of Dairy program and the new look of school milk.

## Gardener classes registration set

The Huron County Master Gardener Program is currently taking registrations for classes to be held Wednesdays beginning April 14 and ending June 30. These non-credit classes will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the MSU Extension office conference room, 99 W. Soper Rd., Suite B, Bad Axe.

Each week of the course covers a different topic and is presented by an expert in that field. The scheduled topics include an orientation class, plant science, soil science, integrated pest management, houseplants, vegetable gardening, woody ornamentals, home pests, fruit trees, flower gardening, small fruits, and lawn care.

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ter an appreciation and interest in environmental improvement. Master Gardener certification is awarded by Michigan State University after a person completes the Master Gardener course and 40 hours of approved volunteer work in the community.

The only pre-requisite to taking the class is a desire to learn new and advanced horticulture techniques and to be willing to teach others in your community. To maintain certification, Master Gardeners must complete an additional 15 volunteer hours and 5 hours of education each year.

Class size is limited to the first 15 persons registered. To register and for more information, call (989) 269-9949.

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## Honor students

Campbell Elementary School announces the 4th marking period honor roll for the 4th grade.

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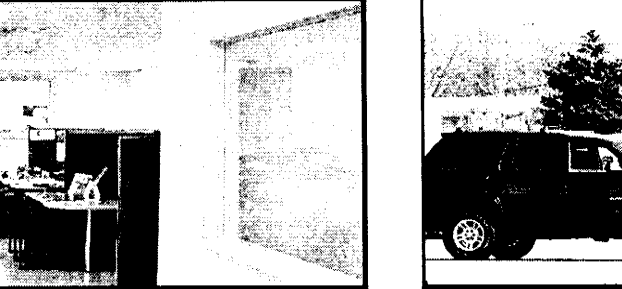

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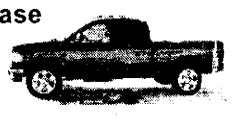


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JANE HITTLER (not pictured) was named the 2003 Cass City Citizen of the Year, while Jessica Nicol (above) was honored as the Junior Citizen of the Year. (See story, page one)

For primary, general elections

## May 11 deadline to file local, state candidacies

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds all candidates seeking a state, county or township office of the filing deadlines for the upcoming Aug. 3 primary election and the Nov. 2 general election.

Republican and Democratic state, county and township partisan candidates must file a partisan nominating petition and an affidavit of identity (2 copies) no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 11. Republican and Democratic candidates who seek the office of state representative or a county office may file a \$100 filing fee in lieu of a petition.

Candidates who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice to the filing official no later than 4 p.m., Friday, May 14.

Candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan office must file a qualifying petition and an affidavit of identity (2 copies) no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, July 15.

Candidates who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice to the filing official no later than 4 p.m., Monday, July 19.

Candidates for township office file with the township clerk. Candidates for county office file with the county clerk. Candidates for the state House of Representatives or the U.S. House of Representatives

whose district is wholly contained in one county, file with the county clerk. Those candidates whose districts fall in more than one county file at the Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

Affidavit of identity forms can be obtained from any county clerk, local clerk or from the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing. Forms are also available on the Department of State website, [www.michigan/sos](http://www.michigan/sos). Candidates who fail to comply with filing requirements are ineligible to appear on the ballot.

The Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections is in the process of moving. It will be at 208 N. Capitol Ave. in Lansing until March 29. On March 30, it moves to the state Treasury Building, first floor, 430 W. Allegan St., Lansing.

For more information regarding filing requirements, and up-to-date listings of the candidates who have filed for judicial and state elective offices, please refer to the Department of State website, [www.michigan/sos](http://www.michigan/sos) or contact the Bureau of Elections at (517) 373-2540.

## Teleconference on grief slated

The Human Development Commission (HDC), in cooperation with the Alzheimer's Association, Adventist Communication Network, Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC), U.S. Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Caro Community Schools, will be hosting the Hospice Foundation of America's 11th annual Living with Grief Teleconference.

Moderated by ABC News Correspondent Cokie Roberts, this live-via-satellite teleconference will discuss what is known medically about the diagnosis of Alzheimer's, the disease progression and treatment. In addition, innovative programs for patients and caregivers will be discussed with a focus on the particular grief issues associated with Alzheimer's disease.

The teleconference will be held in the Caro High School Library Wednesday, April 28, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Reservations are available for \$5 per person. Continuing education contact hours (CEs) will be available through the Hospice Foundation of America for an additional cost.

For more information on this wonderful and informative program, contact Kim or Rita at the HDC by calling toll-free 1-800-843-6394.

## Craft time on tap at library

To help celebrate National Library Week, April 5-10, all school-age children are invited to an after school craft time, Monday, April 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

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## CPR classes offered free

Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe is teaching community members to know how to respond to a cardiac emergency by offering free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes April 3 and April 22.

The classes are being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association.

Both classes take place at Huron Medical Center's West Campus, 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd. The April 3 class begins at 10 a.m., and the April 22 class begins at 6:30

p.m. Residents interested in participating can call (989) 269-2882 to register.

Cardiovascular disease is the nation's number one killer and the leading cause of death in Huron County. Many deaths - about 250,000 nationwide per year - occur suddenly and without warning due to sudden cardiac arrest. A victim of sudden cardiac arrest is likely to die within minutes if CPR and defibrillation do not occur.

CPR can add critical minutes to a sudden cardiac arrest victim's life by pumping blood and oxygen to vital organs such as the heart, brain and lungs. The majority of all sudden cardiac arrests occur at home (75-80 percent) and only about 5 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims survive. The signs of sudden cardiac arrest includes an abrupt loss of consciousness, collapse and the loss of normal breathing.

"When performed effectively, CPR doubles the chance of survival. Taking a CPR class is a great opportunity for residents to learn a skill that may save the life of a friend or family member," said Ann Booms, RN, CPR Instructor for Huron Medical Center. "CPR is a vital, life-saving skill that everyone needs to know, and when your spouse, parent or friend's life is on the line, the training allows you to overcome your fear and act quickly and confidently."

Instructors will train participants using the American Heart Association's Family and Friends course. This is a community CPR course and does not meet CPR certification requirements or employment or required professional credentials. However, the state Good Samaritan law protects all laypersons trained in CPR. The course lasts about one hour and is based on the American Heart Association's longstanding guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, April 1

Senior Citizens' Luncheon, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Friday, April 2

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

### Saturday, April 3

Antiques, collectibles & craft show, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Lunch will be available, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Sunday, April 4

Mission Trip Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. John Parish Center, Uby. Adults - \$5, children - \$3, under 5 - free. All are welcome. Sponsored by Mission Trip Youth.

### Monday, April 5

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. After School Craft activity, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library. For school-age children.

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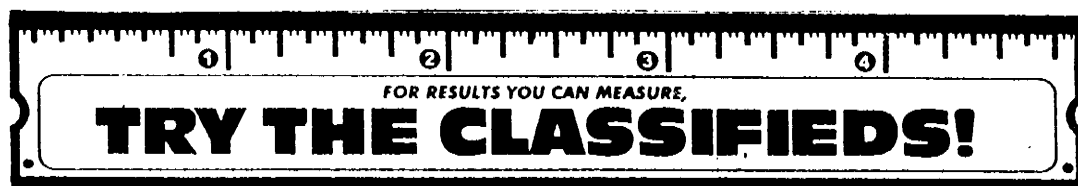
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## Spring has sprung!

MILD TEMPERATURES returned to the area over the weekend, and Kylie Mattard, 11, Lindsay McMahan, 10, and Dillon Cox, 8, all of Cass City, took advantage of the nice weather - and the end of spring break - to share some fun on a trampoline Sunday afternoon.



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## Charged

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Police said the man opened his door and allowed Brian Stocks Jr. inside his home when Stocks pulled out a handgun and demanded money. The victim gave him \$100 out of his wallet, but the suspect demanded more. The younger Stocks then turned his attention towards the front door and was shot by the victim with a .38 caliber handgun that he had concealed.

A struggle ensued when the elder Stocks entered the residence and helped his son flee.

Two hours later, the pair arrived at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe, seeking medical treatment for the younger Stocks.

Hospital personnel reported the gunshot wound to troopers at the Michigan State Police post, and troopers from the Bad Axe post investigated the Stocks' claim that the gunshot wound was the result of a road rage incident earlier in the evening on M-53 near Schewaiga Road in Huron County's Sheridan Township.

Troopers, who said the pair's statements didn't add up, are seeking additional charges of filing a false police report against both men.

Both Thumb residents may also face charges stemming from the robbery of a 61-year-old Sanilac County woman earlier this year. The Deckerville area woman was bound with duct tape and robbed of several thousand dollars in cash.

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Department officers, who also assisted St. Clair County police in their investigation of the recent armed robbery, reported they have also been investigating the father and son since receiving a tip through the Crime Stoppers program.

"The events being handled by St. Clair County Sheriff (officers) and MSP Bad Axe helped accelerate Sanilac's investigation and provide additional evidence to bolster their case," Detective Sgt. Jim Johnson said.

Sanilac investigators assisted St. Clair County officers in conducting a search warrant in Lexington Township, where they collected evidence, including the weapons they said were used in both crimes.

"The Sanilac County investigation is continuing with warrant requests being sought sometime in the next few days," Johnson said last week. "Statements and evidence gathered clearly indicated that these 2 men are the individuals involved in both crimes."

## King

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on people to do things for me," said King, who is enjoying his newfound hobby. "I like the air rifle, and weight lifting is actually relaxing. I like doing different things and this (wheelchair games) has given me an opportunity.

"I'm not one to sit in front of a TV," he added.

Which is why King has also been busy distributing flyers for the upcoming benefit dinner and auction. "I'm trying to do as much as I can because I want to be the one out getting this done," he said, noting he's scheduled for minor surgery in April.

Aside from his athletic interests, King also loves racing and attends weekend events throughout the season at the Owendale Speedway. He also attends some big races with his aunt and uncle, Dale and Rhonda Kaake.

"This year, though, I decided to give up a little of my racing" to participate in the wheelchair games, he said, adding he's looking forward to the experience, regardless of whether or not he wins any events.

"I might not come home with anything. Being this is my first year, it's all new to me," he said. "This is going to be a learning experience for me."

Editor's note: Anyone interested in donating something for the auction can contact King at (989) 683-2531 for more information.



ABOVE, BEMUS swears in new Village President Bert Althaver, who previously served many years on the council and is a former long-time village president.



NEW DEPUTY Clerk-Treasurer Nanette S. Walsh takes her oath of office from Bemus. Walsh will assume the full duties of clerk-treasurer upon Bemus' retirement this spring.

## Council to look at rates

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weather

Eleven contractors submit-

ted sealed bids ranging from \$23,779.25 to \$15,800. The contract was awarded to the low bidder, Alexander Concrete Inc., Cass City.

•Authorized Village President Les Karr to declare the week of May 2-8 as Municipal Clerks Week in Cass City

and to sign proclamations honoring Bemus as well as Elkland Township Clerk Norma Wallace.

•Noted a village reorganization meeting will be held Monday, April 5, starting at 8 p.m. at the municipal building.

## Easter egg hunt slated

The Ugly Lioness Club will be sponsoring its annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3, at the Ugly Village Park beginning at 1 p.m. sharp.

Children up to 3 years of age are invited to visit with the Easter Bunny for photos and candy. Children ages 4 to 6 and ages 7 to 10 will be divided for the Easter Egg hunts. The Easter Bunny will also have chocolate bunnies for all who stop to visit. These events happen quickly, so plan to arrive early.

The Ugly Lioness Club donates money toward various children's projects in the community throughout the year. Anyone interested in any Lioness activity can call Karen Smalley at (989) 658-2693.

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