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PADUKA THE CLOWN returned to Cass City's annual Freedom Festival Saturday to entertain young and old alike. Above, Paduka enlists the help of Ryan TerBush, 7, of Gagetown. (More photos, pages 6, 7)

Sign colors to change

Council appoints Gillig

Members of the Cass City Village Council welcomed a new trustee to their ranks and approved a new street sign design and color during a rescheduled monthly meeting last Wednesday night.

The council approved village Manager Frank Sheridan's recommendation to appoint Jeff Gillig to the

council. His appointment fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Trustee Dale McIntosh, who is leaving the council because he has moved outside the village limits.

Gillig was an unsuccessful candidate for a trustee seat in the last regular village election.

Gillig, whose term on the council will expire April 1, 2006, has a master's degree in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree in public administration. The 30-year-old Decker native is employed as a juvenile justice, foster care, and foster care home licensing worker for the Sanilac County Family Independence Agency. As a student, he was an intern with Reed City and later was a member of the zoning board of appeals in Reed City.

turned to the council as village president last spring.

Cunningham is the campus director for the Baker College campuses in Cass City and West Branch.

Also appointed was Dan Delamarter, who will join the Tuscola Area Airport Authority Board. Currently a member of the zoning board of appeals, Delamarter fills a vacancy left by the resignation of Althaver.

VILLAGE SIGNS

Turning to village street signs, the council reopened discussion over a proposal to replace the existing steel black and white signs with aluminum signs featuring white letters on a maroon background.

The issue was tabled last month in order to give residents an opportunity to view the signs at the municipal building and offer their input.

Sheridan noted an informal survey of residents revealed 31 residents preferred the black and white signs, while 27 like the maroon signs and

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comes a racetrack," said Jane Kuhn, Highway Engineer for Tuscola County. "It's unfortunate that happens."

Pavement Recycling won the low bid to do the project, which will cost the county around \$600,000. Six miles of road, from Gagetown to the Huron County Line, are being fixed.

This project is different from many road constructions because workers are crushing up the old pavement and mixing it with new pavement. On an old road such as this, Kuhn said this is necessary.

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Bay City-Forestville facelift is underway

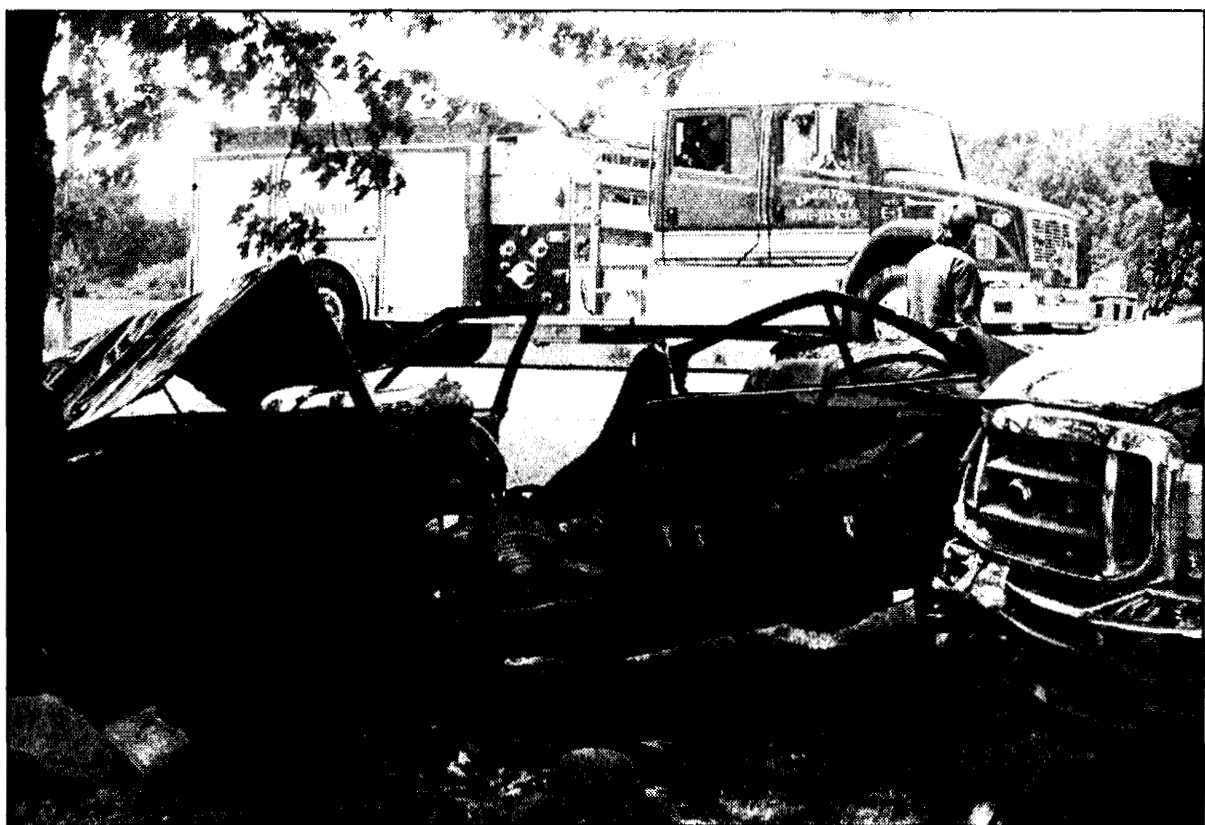
by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

Gagetown residents may notice some dust and equipment clogging up Bay City-Forestville Road for the next month.

Tuscola County has decided the sorry state of the road is a top priority and, as a result, work crews have started redoing the road.

When completed, Bay City-Forestville will be an all-season road, meaning any vehicle can drive on it. This includes farm vehicles and fully loaded semi trucks.

"For some, though, it be-



THIS IS ONE of the two vehicles involved in a June 29 crash at the corner of Cemetery and Kelly roads, south of Cass City. Julie Davidson of Cass City attempted to turn left and a large pickup truck towing a trailer hit her as driver Robert Leslie attempted to pass, sending her car into a tree. Davidson, 20, was released from the hospital with 8 broken ribs, 2 broken fingers and a broken collarbone, while Leslie and his family were all unhurt. Davidson's passenger, 19-year-old Meranda Jobson of Caro, was treated at Caro Community Hospital.

Freedom Festival another big success

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

Saturday was one heck of a day for Cameron Lautner.

He finished in first place in the 15-19 male age group in the MARC five-kilometer run Saturday morning. Then, the 15-year-old played in the 3-on-3-basketball tournament at Cass City Recreational Park — and lost. Finally, after a trip up north, he returned to watch Elvis tribute artist Leo Days perform at Northwood Meadows.

Lautner was one of many who participated in the 26th annual Fourth of July Freedom Festival last weekend. People from all around the Thumb - and Michigan - poured into Cass City to help celebrate the Fourth.

Formally, the festival kicked off Friday night with a classic car cruise around town, but the main events were on Saturday. Between the parade, animal shows and many concerts, people were presented with much to do to celebrate America's birthday on one of the hottest days of 2004.

"I think it's a good event for the community," Lautner said, stretching out on a blanket at Northwood.

The Leo Days concert drew both college kids and adults alike, most of whom were Elvis fans. True to form, the 23-year-old Days got the crowd all shook up with renditions of classic Elvis tunes such as "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Blue Suede Shoes," complete with hip gyrations and between-song patter. Up-and-coming country singer Marcella Marie opened the show.

Music fans had much to satisfy their appetites aside from Days. Local hip-hop artist Jaime Englehart performed a free concert at the Lions pavilion Saturday night, using the evening to debut her first CD "The Girl Next Door." Custom Muskellunge followed Englehart; the three-piece rock band played rock and punk hits from the last three decades to a small but appreciative audience.

"I was amazed at the number of people supporting the music," said Jane Hittler, festival coordinator. "I kept telling the musicians that even if they had 15 supporters of 500, all of those who watched the fireworks heard their music as well."

Hittler and Fourth of July

They will receive some help from Dick Wallace, though — the man in charge of the Fourth of July Golf Tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Club will donate \$1,850 to the festival to help pay the \$6,900 worth of expenses.

The tournament was held Thursday and 22 teams competed in the four-person scramble, with the winning team of Jeff Rosenthal, Denny Learman, Jamie Learman and Eric Wissner splitting \$1,000.

"All the money we raised went to the weather gods or the regular God," Hittler said. "It was absolutely gorgeous out there."

The Thumb Area Tail Waggers drew the largest crowd of the afternoon. Kids stood with their noses pressed to the orange fence as a dozen dogs performed various feats of skill and acrobatics. Flyball, musical mats and an obstacle course were among the main events, though a Shepherd lab mix named Kida received cheers after he successfully opened a safe and brought a fake bag

Committee co-chairs Gary Jones and Doug Hyatt will begin paying the bills in November and then planning for next year's festival in January.

"This is a great thing for the community," said Greg Hanby, who took his two kids to see the dog show and who also ran the MARC race Saturday morning.

Hanby and his family attended the Saturday parade, which was a bit shorter and quieter than in years past.

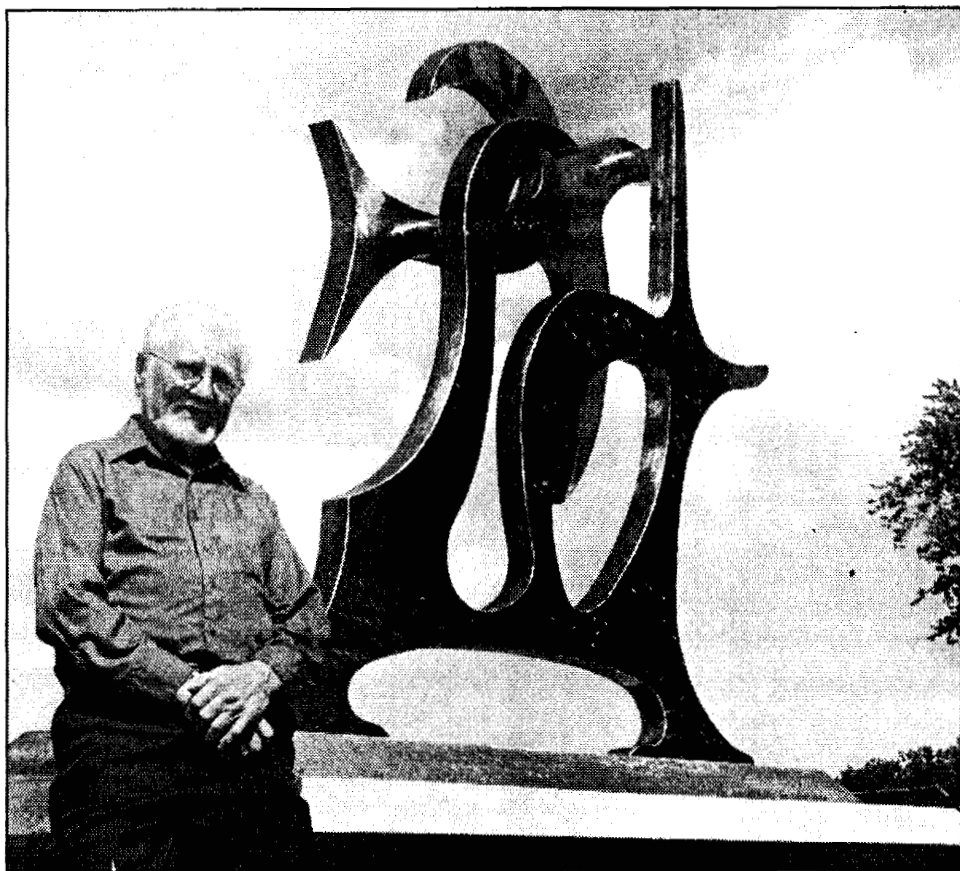
A sizable number of people hung around Main Street Friday night as well, watching classic and antique cars cruise by. The car show started in the field next to McDonald's, with people coming out to admire restored Chevilles, Mustangs and a very clean, very American 1950 Chevy style-line belonging to Greg Schwab of Bay City.

"It was a big hit in St. Ignace last week," Schwab said as he Winked the front headlight. "I'd say it performed well in its maiden voyage."

In between the dog show, basketball tournament and arts and crafts fair in the park, vendors found space to sell food and cold drinks to long lines of very warm people. Aside from normal festival fare like Gavel Club bratwursts and Shabbona United Methodist pies, people also munched on elephant ears and Little Caesars pizza slices, probably the most popular tent of the afternoon.

Kids also enjoyed a small petting zoo and some games during a lull in the afternoon. A few stragglers wandered to watch the pocket pullers in a far corner of the park.

But finally, when the animals and tractors were gone, when the vendors had packed up and the music finished, families stretched out in lawn chairs and on their car hoods to watch the fireworks display. Bursts of color and a sense of fellowship brought Cass City residents together to celebrate the true meaning of the holiday — America's independence and freedom.



A BRONZE PLAQUE will be added to John Misico's "Forever Soaring" sculpture, which was erected a year ago in Uby's Sleeper Park. The Uby artist and resident will be on hand for a time capsule ceremony slated for Saturday, July 17, at 3:30 p.m. in the park.

Forever Soaring

Bronze plaque slated for Uby artist's sculpture

"Forever Soaring" has become a showcase of sorts for the village of Uby and for its creator, John J. Misico.

Misico's vision, artistic skills and hard work helped turn a drawing into the stainless steel spiritual abstract sculpture that was placed in Uby's Sleeper Park nearly one year ago. Now Misico and others plan to add a large bronze plaque designed like an open book and inscribed with an interpretation of the Uby resident's creation.

The plaque will be installed in time for the Uby Homecoming celebration July 15-18.

Also planned is a time capsule ceremony, with the sealing and burying of the capsule slated for Saturday, July 17, at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

"The capsule will contain

all of the information gathered on the sculpture. Forever Soaring," Misico explained. "Included in the capsule will be its history, the speech given by (myself) during the dedication, pictures and videos taken during the dedication of the sculpture last year, news articles, the names and comments of those persons who registered at the dedication, and the names of all those who contributed to this project, whether by their help, labor, encouragement or financial donations."

Misico noted that a beautiful setting can be enhanced for the sculpture and bronze plaque by adding more landscaping with shrubs, trees and flowers.

he said. "This 'parkette' can be a pride and joy to the citizens of Uby and the surrounding community. There will be no other park anywhere like the one we can create here."

Members of the Uby Village Council, unable to provide funding for the plaque due to prior financial commitments, suggested that Misico seek donations.

"People have said that they are willing to make financial contributions for improvements to the Forever Soaring park, not only in their name, but also in the name of their children, grandchildren, friends or relatives who will be there at the time of the capsule's unsealing in the year 2028," Misico said.

"I am sure that it will be a memorable and joyous time for them, knowing that their

loved ones were thinking of them 25 years in the past."

A foundation is being created to handle the financing and future enhancements and upkeep to the Forever Soaring area.

Misico's artistic legacy dates back to the early 1980s. "The creation of the sculpture started in the evening of Aug. 20, 1981, while sitting at the dining room table with scrap paper and a stubby pencil while making small talk with my wife, Lila, who was knitting in her favorite rocking chair," Misico recalled.

"Some spiritual power - without any plans, thoughts or effort on my part - directed my hand to scribe curved lines on that scrap paper. After my hand stopped, and looking at it, I said to Lila,

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Holbrook Area News

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It's a girl!



Grace Thayer

Pete and Lindi Thayer of Spokane, Wash., announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Elaine Thayer.

Grace was born April 20, 2004 at Deaconess Medical Center, Spokane, Wash. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Don and Carol Thayer of Clare, and Rick and Deb Parrott of Cass City. Great-grandmothers are Dorothy Wentworth and Louella Parrot, both of Cass City.

It's a girl!



Mallory Wallace

Stan and Marla (Goslin) Wallace of Lake Orion announce the birth of their daughter, Mallory Evelyn Wallace.

Mallory was born May 14, 2004 at Crittenton Hospital, Rochester Hills. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Francis and Evelyn Goslin of Gagetown. Paternal grandparents are Penne Wallace and the late Stanley Wallace of Adair.

Dillon on dean's list

Joshua V. Dillon, Cass City, was named to the spring dean's list at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, for earning a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Dillon is a senior majoring in computer engineering.



Meg's Peg

Florida in July

by Melva E. Gunther

Are there such things as heat and humidity birds? Do people in southern states summer up north the way snowbirds travel south for the winter?

I'm not sure, but it seems like a good idea if one can manage it. We were in Florida in July only once - and that was quite enough. It's sort of like spending the winter in Michigan or Minnesota, in reverse.

At any rate, someone from down south sent me this "Florida Blessing":

Bless this house, oh Lord, we cry.
Please keep it cool in mid-July.
Bless the walls where termites dine
While ants and roaches march in time.
Bless our yard where spiders pass
Fire ant castles in the grass.
Bless the garage, a home to please
Carpenter beetles, ticks and fleas.
Bless the love bugs, two by two,
The gnats and mosquitoes that feed on you.
Millions of creatures that fly or crawl,
In Florida, Lord, you've put them all!
But this is home and here we'll stay,
So thank you, Lord, for in-

sect spray.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN FLORIDA IN JULY WHEN:

- > The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.
- > The trees are whistling for the dogs.
- > The best parking place is determined by shade, not distance.
- > Hot water comes out of both taps.
- > You can make instant sun tea.
- > You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
- > The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.
- > You discover that it takes only 2 fingers to steer your car.
- > You discover you can get sunburned through your car window.
- > You break into a sweat the instant you step out the door at 7:30 a.m.
- > Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"
- > You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.
- > The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.
- > Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.
- > You actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- > The cows are giving evaporated milk.

More power to our brave friends who live there year round.

Owen-Gage Honor Roll students

Owen-Gage Elementary School announces the 4th marking period honor roll.

Grade 3

Andrew Fahrner, Jeremy Jamieson*, Tiffany Jamieson, Daniel Jeffery, Megan Lester, Michael Mandich, Justin Miller*, Courtney McCreedy, Miranda Radabaugh, Eric Rievert and Celeste Sprague.

Grade 4

Hunter Champagne, Erika Mroz*, Amanda Muntz*, Lacie Prich, Carli Warack, Jacob Fuller* and Christin Harris.

Grade 5

Mitchel LaPratt, Lauren Mandich, Megan McLaren, Dylan Powell*, Clyde Rhodes and Holly Error.

* Denotes all "A"s.

SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

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Grade 4

Hunter Champagne, Alexis Morrish, Erika Mroz*, Amanda Muntz*, Lacie Prich, Carli Warack, Jacob Fuller* and Michael Harp.

Grade 5

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Kingston grad earns his degree

Ninety-six members of Alma College's Class of 2004 completed degree requirements and were graduated with honors when 300 students recently participated in commencement services.

Among the graduates was Ethan Dereszynski of Caro, who received a Bachelor of Science Degree magna cum laude with departmental honors in computer science. The son of Gerald and Deborah Dereszynski of Caro, he is a 2000 graduate of Kingston High School.

Club names scholarship winners

The Cass City Women's Club selected 2 scholarship winners for 2004 during their regular May meeting.

This year's winners are Jamie Ricketts of Deford, who is working towards a degree in computer science at Baker College, and Christine Crowe of Ruth, who is working towards a degree in business management. Both students also work outside of school.

The June meeting of the club was hosted by Barbara Hutchinson. It was the last meeting until September.

Anyone interested in joining the Cass City Women's Club can learn more by calling Sherryl at 872-2656.

Hendrick descendants gather

The 20th annual reunion of the Theo and Effie Hendrick descendants was held Saturday, June 26 at the home of Irene Tracy and son, Doug and Kris O'Dell.

Mrs. Tracy and the O'Dells still reside on a portion of the original 100 acres settled on in 1866 by Joel and Roxanna (Ware) Hendrick.

There were approximately 80 members of the family present, coming from Ohio, Pennsylvania and several Michigan locations.

The oldest member was Mrs. Ruth Fisher and the youngest was 9-month-old Caitlyn Walter, great-granddaughter of Isabelle Whittenburg.

The 2005 reunion will be held at the Tracy/O'Dell home on Saturday, June 25.

Engaged



Danielle LaPratt and Matthew Hoppe

Danielle Susan LaPratt and Matthew Xavier Hoppe, both of Shepherd, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dennis LaPratt and Susan Boyle-LaPratt, both of Unionville. The groom-to-be is the son of Melvin and Alicia Hoppe of Cass City.

Danielle is a 1999 graduate of USA High School. She received her Bachelors degree in business administration from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, in May 2004.

Matt is a 1994 graduate of Cass City High School. He is currently pursuing a Bachelors degree in physical education from Central Michigan University.

Both are currently employed at Meijer in Mt. Pleasant.

The couple will marry July 17, 2004, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, Uby, with a reception to follow at the American Legion Hall in Unionville.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Beverly Auten attended her final Cass City School Board meeting last week, ending 18 years of service to the district. It was also the final meeting for David Knight, who decided not to seek re-election.

I submit that Auten is not awash in tears after being edged by 8 votes. She nearly had decided not to return to office before she bowed to requests to serve another 4 years.

Auten took her responsibilities seriously. She kept up to date on issues concerning the school and attended educational meetings on a regular basis.

For years she completed the burdensome job of treasurer that requires auditing of all bills and she did it well.

Auten and Knight leave big shoes to fill.

The car is parked on the Lutheran church parking lot, Alma Hartwick of Cass City confided, and will be picked up tonight. Immediately I grabbed a camera to get a picture of the 1955 Chevrolet before it left town.

Evidently I was too late. There was a raft of cars parked in the lot, but no Chevys, vintage 1955.

The car was a favorite of the late Kermit Hartwick, who gave it plenty of tender loving care over the years.

While the car is leaving Cass City, it is not leaving the family. Son-in-law Tom Smentek, a former Cass City resident, also fell in love with the car and is paying relatively big bucks to have it transferred to his home.

Home is Columbia, South Carolina. If it arrives safely, perhaps he will send a picture?

A fact sheet issued by the Michigan Association of School Boards reveals interesting information. There are 809 public school districts in Michigan. The average teacher salary in 2001-02 was \$52,676. (Cass City's salary range today is from \$34,352 to \$59,742.)

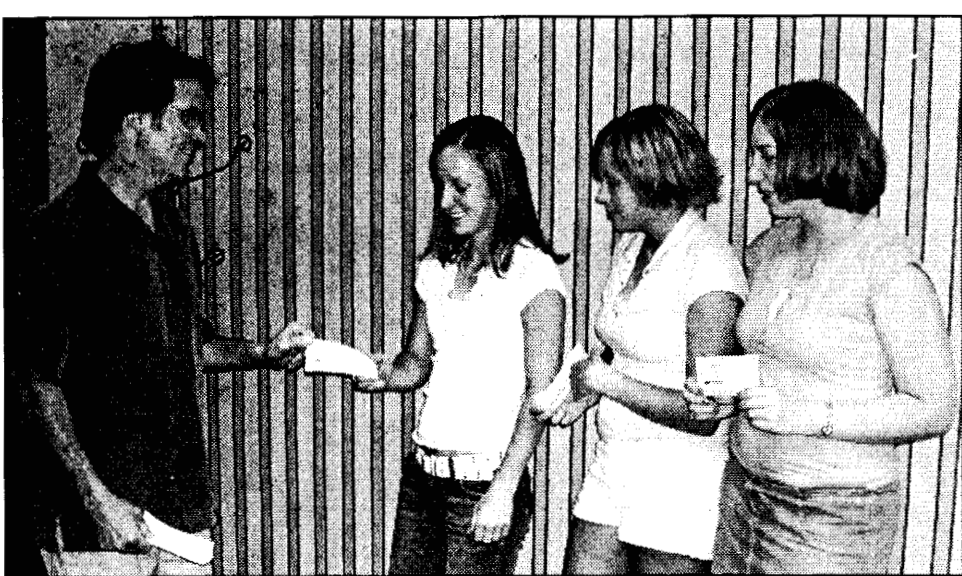
The number of female teachers (66,885) dwarfs the number of men teachers (23,578).

There are slightly more male administrators (3,999) than female administrators (3,720). Graduation rates statewide have steadily increased since 1997 and in 2002, 88.5 percent of the students received diplomas.

It certainly pays to read the Chronicle, especially if you hold the ticket of the Cass City Rotary Club's July 4th festival drawing.

Club member Bert Althaver reports that no person has come forward as the lucky winner, with green ticket number 791415. If that's you, contact Thumb National Bank to claim your prize.

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CURT STRICKLAND awards \$1,000 checks to (left to right) Kristi Fluegge, Mallory Powell and Kayla Carr. The three 2004 Cass City High School graduates, along with Nathan Laming and Dustin Mallory, won the Lions Club Scholarship.

Driver escapes injury

A Silverwood motorist escaped injury early last week when the car he was driving struck a tractor on Cemetery Road near Koeh Road.

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro reported the accident occurred June 28 at about 3 p.m.

According to reports, a vehicle driven by Bradley W. Poole, 20, Silverwood, was northbound and struck a northbound tractor from behind. The tractor was driven by Donald L. Merchant, 61, of Cass City.

Neither man was injured, according to troopers, who said Poole was wearing a seatbelt.

Homakie, Gould on dean's list

Melissa A. Homakie and Grant R. Gould, both seniors from Cass City, have been named to the dean's list at Hope College, Holland, Mich., for the second semester.

To be named to the dean's list a student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5.

The Haire Net Arts center needs miracle



What the boosters for the construction of a Performing Arts Center need is a minor miracle.

That's what it will take to get the necessary funding for the proposed 700 to 800-seat facility added to the school building at a cost of \$8 to \$10 million.

An experienced campaign trio presented reasons why the facility is needed to members of the Cass City School Board. Joan Helwig, Debra Kranz and Doug Burch presented a united, optimistic front and said that the one thing they needed was "something on paper" to show as they began to solicit donations.

The plan is to ask various architects for an estimate of the charge for a rough draft and a ballpark estimate of the cost.

The board has not yet committed a penny to the project. And any action that requires an outlay of operating funds needs to be carefully considered.

The campaign for the facility could not come at a more inopportune time. At the same meeting the board agreed with Supt. Ken Micklash that adding a teacher to handle an elementary school responsibility center called for funding that is not available.

Micklash has predicted ex-

penses will exceed revenues this year and next. Right today the chances of funding a new building are slim or none.

The sponsors can rightly point out that construction of a new center would not affect the money available for running the school, except for the cost of regular maintenance.

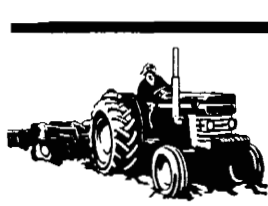
While seeking a new building today is probably tilting at windmills, the time spent on the project is not necessarily wasted.

For instance, attempts to raise funds for a new hospital in Cass City inched along for 25 years or so before a Federal 50 percent grant and the efforts of the late M. B. Auten resulted in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

It will probably take a similar boost to provide any reasonable chance for a Performing Arts Center.

If a rough plan can be developed without substantial cost it could provide a jumping off spot when financial conditions are more favorable.

Backers deserve a tip of the hat for the effort, even though a new building is probably a decade away-if ever.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I could see this one coming. An old story by Ed Zern reminded me of the many hazards of camping.

Zern describes a trip with his friend and fellow outdoor writer Ted Trueblood back in the sixties. The two men took a small boat, two tents, and Trueblood's dog to Idaho's Owyhee Reservoir for a chukar hunt.

Zern says Ted was in a wall tent about 10 by 14 feet, and he was in a smaller pyramid tent nearby.

"A wall tent?" I thought. "Wh-wh-what about the w-w-w-ind?"

Anyone who camps on western reservoirs knows about the wind. It might be calm as can be one minute, and then the wind hits you like a freight train — complete with whistle.

Trueblood mentioned the possibility of wind when they went to bed but apparently slept through the baby hurricane that blew during the night. The wind flattened the wall tent, flipped the boat, and spilled the men's food into the reservoir.

The whole thing sounded like a camping trip I took with my son and his buddies many years ago. Our campsite was a little more civilized, even though it required a four-mile trip by boat.

The boys were sixteen and at the stage where a person's life is pretty much ruined by school. We had to go on the weekend.

There were too many campers to suit us, so we began hoping for a storm to clear out the riff-raff. We got it about mid-afternoon of the second day.

The whole thing began with a swaying in the tree tops. Then the bottoms of the trees

started swaying, too. One of our tents blew down with a hole torn in the side.

A group of campers arrived with two canoes and a wall tent. Five or six people hung onto one side of the tent while two men dangled from the ridge pole like a couple of smoked hams.

One canoe blew out of the water, tumbled up a six-foot bank, and wedged itself against a tree. Then, the water began blowing out of the reservoir.

"Hot dog, boys!" I said. "It's gonna start blowin' pretty soon."

I walked over to the north dock to check on our boat. I loosened the dock ropes and tilted the motor so the boat would beach itself in a small cove if anything broke loose.

Then we went to bed. The wind blew all night but calmed down enough to go fishing the next morning. I

caught a pretty good bass and decided to put it in the live well.

When I got to the dock there wasn't any boat. We found the fuel tank and a couple of oars floating near the bank. Then I noticed a patch of red about two feet below the muddy surface.

That was our boat, still tilted to the dock — two feet under water. The biggest small-mouth bass I've ever seen was in the livewell that night, and to this day I swear that bass sank the boat.

I've camped in the same spot every year for the ensuing fifteen, but I've never seen a wind quite like that one. Still, once in awhile I'll meet another camper who asks, "D-d-did you hear the w-w-wind last night?"

"J-j-just a slight breeze," I tell them. "J-j-just a slight breeze."



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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 72 Low: 53

Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 73 Low: 55

Friday
Mostly Sunny
High: 79 Low: 64





Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 86 Low: 67

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 83 Low: 65

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 72°. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1988. The record low is 42° set in 1959. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy in the morning and afternoon with partly cloudy skies in the evening, high temperature of 73°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

			
Last 7/9	New 7/17	First 7/24	Full 7/31

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 5:59 a.m.
Sunset tonight 9:16 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	72	46	78/56	0.00"
Monday	70	54	78/56	0.00"
Tuesday	75	55	78/56	0.00"
Wednesday	82	48	79/56	0.00"
Thursday	79	55	79/57	0.00"
Friday	72	50	79/57	0.00"
Saturday	79	46	79/57	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.68"
Departure from normal -0.68"
Average temperature 63.1°
Average normal temperature 67.5°
Departure from normal -4.4°

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Obituaries

Iris Barrons

Iris Jane Barrons, 69, of Kingston, died Monday, June 28, 2004 at the Marlette Community Hospital. She was born April 28, 1935 in Oxford, the daughter of the late Raymond and Inez (Austin) Dawson.

She married Robert Wilmot Nov. 21, 1959 in Wilmot. Then married Jimmie Barrons Nov. 28, 1984 in Sandusky. He died June 29, 1992.

She was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church, Wilmot.

She is survived by two sons: Mark Wilmot of Davison, and Scott (Lisa) Wilmot of Mayville; two daughters: Carol (Carl) Nicol of Kingston, and Anne (David) Long of Marlette; three step-sons: Ron (Carmen) Barrons of Marlette, Kevin (Amy) Barrons of Grand Rapids, and Thomas (Tammy) Barrons of Florida; three brothers: Larry (Barb) Dawson of Arizona, William Dawson of Caro, and Richard (Linda) Dawson of Mt. Morris; two sisters: Joan Nickens of Kingston, and Barb of Kingston; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Renee; a brother, Michael Dawson; and two sisters: Lois Goodfellow and June Zyrowski.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 1, at Marsh Funeral Chapel, Marlette, with Sr. Ruth Adamites and the Rev. Gary Butterfield officiating.

Burial was in the St. Michael's Cemetery, Wilmot.

Memorial may be donated to the family.

Gladys Hendrick

Gladys Charlotte (Copeland) Hendrick, 88, of Cass City, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, under hospice care in Wadhams Care Home, Michigan Outreach Corp., Kimball.

She was born May 25, 1916 at home in Sanilac/Huron County, the daughter of George and Maud (Wyers) Copeland.

She married Lee Hendrick April 25, 1933 in Sandusky. He died March 3, 1998.

Hendrick and her husband were dairy and crop farmers. She worked at the Tate Grocery Store in Cass City, and was a waitress at the Michigan Livestock Exchange Restaurant in Cass City for about 7 years. Hendrick was a member of the Euchre Club for over 50 years. She attended the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Hendrick is survived by her children: Richard (Elaine) Hendrick of Cass City; Arlen (Edith) Hendrick of Brown City; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great great-granddaughters; a sister, Helen (Jenny) Decker; three sisters-in-law: Leone Copeland, Lucille Copeland and Helen Carlie; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Shirley Hendrick; three sisters: Hazel Harrison, Marge March, and an infant; six brothers: Howard, Leonard, Arnold, Ken, Harold and Eldred Hendrick. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 8, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward of Cass City United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Richard Black officiating.

Interment will be in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Cass City United Methodist Church.

Cory Merz

Cory David Merz, 17, of Cass City, died Monday, June 28, 2004 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Tuscola County.

He was born April 7, 1987 in Arlington, Texas, to David and Lisa (Ambler) Merz.

Merz would have been a junior at Cass City High School this fall. He played linebacker and tight end for the Cass City football team.

He worked for Northwood Condo Association and Robert Bliss.

Merz is survived by his parents, David and Lisa Merz; aunts and uncles: Debra and Jim Plowman of Bridgeport, William and Terri Merz, Jr. of Saginaw, Richard and Kathy Merz of Saginaw, and Sara (Eric Grim) Merz of Saginaw; great-aunt, June Mills of Trophy Club, Texas; and two cousins: Ryan and Dylan Merz.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: William and Mary Lou (Wald) Merz (Mary Lou died six hours after Cory); Barbara (Cobb) and Frances Ambler; an aunt: Mary Sue Merz; and an uncle: Jim Merz.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 1, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Sister Elaine Raymond of St. Andrews Catholic Church, Saginaw, officiating.

Interment was in the Elmwood Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Aileen Price

Aileen Price, 94, of Caro, died Monday, June 21, 2004 from a lingering illness, at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born April 18, 1910, the daughter of the late Fred and Christi (Hutchinson) Seeley. She married Ralph K. Price June 13, 1930 at her parents' home in Cass City.

Price was a lifelong area resident. She graduated from Caro High School in 1929. Price and her husband owned and operated a small farm in Ellington Township for over 60 years. She was employed at the Caro Regional Center as a cook and seamstress for 10 years. She was a lifelong member of the Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church and a member of the Caro Eastern Star Kedron Chapter #33 since 1945.

She is survived by a son, Don R. (Betty) Price of Caro; two grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law: Isabelle Seeley, Clara Seeley, and Donna Seeley; a brother-in-law, John Anderson; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, on July 29, 2002; five brothers: Hollis, Clark, Earney, Oscar and Alfred Seeley; and two sisters: Nellie Anthes and Clara Anderson.

Graveside services were held Thursday, June 24, at the Ellington Township Cemetery, with the Rev. Patrick Robbins of the Sutton Sunshine Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church or the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility.

Nelva Wald

Nelva Wald, 66, of Cass City, died Thursday, July 1, 2004 at her residence.

She was born in Bakersfield, Calif., Oct. 17, 1937, the daughter of Samuel and Dortha (Pena) Fernandez. She married John "Mike" Wald on Feb. 6, 1967 in Mexico.

Wald was a member of St. Agatha's Catholic Church, Gageton and its Women's Society and she served as its parish council president. She had been owner/operator of Nel's Kitchen in Gageton for more than 10 years.

Wald is survived by her husband, Mike; a son, Samuel (Lisa) Fernandez Wald of Tulsa, Okla.; three grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Nidia Fernandez.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Hervey Fernandez in 1981; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Merz; and a nephew, Cory Merz, both in 2004.

Funeral mass was held Tuesday, July 6, at St. Agatha's Catholic Church, Gageton.

Memorials may be made to the Nelva Wald Memorial Fund.



CASS CITY HISTORICAL Society members Katie Jackson and Jack Esau man the society's booth inside the arts and crafts building during the Freedom Festival in Cass City Saturday. The society is soliciting sponsorships to fund an historical video documentary on the town.

Historical group selling sponsorships for video

Members of the Cass City Historical Society took advantage of the Freedom Festival crowds Saturday to promote their latest project - a documentary detailing the history of the village.

"This project was first considered back in 1996 when Al and Dave Ficher of Program Source International approached the Cass City Rotary Club to interest them in making a historical documentary of Cass City," explained Katie Jackson, a member of the local historical society.

"Although the Rotarians felt it was a worthwhile project, they did not feel it was something they wanted to do and they asked the Cass City Historical Society to consider it."

At the time, members of the society were in the process of publishing "The Way It Was - The History of Cass City 1954-1995," and they did not have the time or resources to take on another project.

"It was brought to our attention several times since then and we felt the same, but at our April meeting, the subject was again put before the group, and the majority felt it was time," Jackson said.

"We knew we had ample history and pictures in our archives to do the job - it was

the fundraising that made us hesitant," she added. "Kelly Smith volunteered to assume the chairmanship of the fundraising committee and it has grown from there."

The visual documentary will portray early pioneer life, the birth of the town, schools, churches, government, and the business district.

"The television medium will dramatically display to young generations a better understanding of their roots. This project gets the whole community involved in telling the story," Jackson said.

For example, high school students will be drawing pictures of pioneer events, school musicians will play theme music for the documentary, and local churches will provide congregational singing that will serve as background music for their local history segment.

"The program is about our town and with the help of the Cass City Chronicle and the historical society newsletter, the community will have an up-to-date report on the project," Jackson noted.

The hour-long documentary, entitled "The History and Pioneers of Cass City - the first 150 years," will cost an estimated \$36,000.

The historical society plans to raise the money by selling various levels of spon-

sorship: corporate - \$1,000, business - \$250 and up, and family - \$100. Sponsors will receive 2 videocassettes plus "name credit" on the video box and "on-screen credits" at the end of the documentary.

"Family sponsorships can be 'in honor of' or 'in memory of', which is a nice way to remember our parents, grandparents, etc.," Jackson said.

The society hopes to have the video completed and available by November.

"During the documentary period, the community will be asked to look through their old pictures - 1870s to 1960s - for photo events in Cass City," Jackson said. "This promotional effort is done with the cooperation of the local newspaper and the historical society."

"This television documentary (will) be dedicated to the people of the Cass City area, living and deceased, and to the early settlers who found the treasures of the area and gave opportunity to the generations that followed," she added.

"It is also dedicated to the families, teachers and clergy who shaped the value system to which we aspire, and to the residents, business owners and corporations who see opportunity and a future for the community."

"We are the beneficiary of this legacy. We should preserve it."

Opponents of the bill con-

cede that the measure is headed for the ballot and will create a storm of debate in an already-controversial presidential election year.

Melvin "Butch" Hollowell, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, expressed pessimism for the bill.

"It's going to backfire on lot," he said. "This is nothing but an attempt to divide the people of Michigan."

Hollowell said Michiganians are confused between the bill's intent and word-of-mouth definition.

"A lot of people would support civil unions," he said. "The ability to have the same right as anyone else ought to be available to anyone."

Hollowell said each signature would be scrutinized, as will the signature collectors.

"It makes no sense to divide people among these lines," he said.

Jim Hobbs of Cass City agreed with the pastor and said being Christian plays a part in his decision.

"Same-sex anything can't be marriage," he said. "It's defined as a man and a woman."

On Monday, July 12, the federal government will discuss the national amendment to the Constitution, which would define marriage in its traditional sense. Gould said it would be interesting to see how America votes in November.

The Citizens for the Protection of Marriage used volunteers in all 83 Michigan counties to gain the signatures. They were initially hoping for 400,000; the large number could guarantee the petitions will pass the Bureau of Elections' inspection.

Ballot proposal targets union of gay couples

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

As November nears, supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage wait with bated breath to see how Michiganians will vote on the issue.

The Citizens for the Protection of Marriage are planning to place a proposed amendment on the ballot that will uphold the state's definition of marriage, which is the union of one man and one woman.

To qualify, they needed to collect 317,757 valid signatures from registered voters. On Monday morning they turned in more than 475,000, formally requesting legislators to place the issue on the ballot.

Supporters of the proposal say their goal is to uphold the traditional definition of marriage between a man and a woman, which is currently protected in the state constitution.

Pastor Todd Gould of the Cass City Evangelical Free Church is among the supporters because he believes in the Bible's definition of homosexuality as a sin.

"We're falling away from the Word of God," he said. "People vote their pocketbook but they need to vote in morality and the president who will morally lead the country."

Gould said the old Christian adage is to love the sinner but hate the sin, which is what people are called to do.

"(Homosexuality) is so contrary to the way we are wired that it's hard to accept, and often we are rejecting of others in that lifestyle," he said.

Opponents of the bill con-

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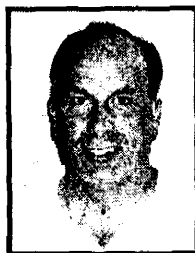
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Residents enjoy annual festival

Question: What did you think about this year's Fourth of July Freedom Festival?

As John Lennon would say, a splendid time was guaranteed for all. People from all across the Thumb poured into Cass City on Saturday to enjoy the 26th annual Fourth of July Freedom Festival.



From a dog show and classic car cruise to golf tournaments and an interactive parade, people of all ages found something to occupy their time on America's birthday.

Residents capped Saturday night off with a concert by local hip-hop artist Jaime Englehart and a fireworks show. Other musical-minded people witnessed an Elvis tribute artist named Leo Days, though some swore he was Elvis himself, as well as a rock concert in the park by Custom Muskellunge.

About \$6,900 went into the festival, but planners hope they made most of that back. In November, they will pay the bills off and then in January begin the process of planning all over again.

Here is what Lori Riddle had to say.

"Well, we always enjoy the parade, and we're just glad it was a beautiful day today," she said.

Riddle divided her time between the kids' games, dog show and Excel Dancers show, where her daughter Alliah performed Saturday afternoon. She said the event is great for the community.

"The whole day was fun," she stated.

Lori Riddle and her 7-year-old daughter Alliah live in Cass City.



CARPET ROSES, hollyhocks and lilies surround the fountain in Pam Ouvry's backyard. Ouvry will show off her three gardens at the July 10 Garden Walk, which the Cass City United Methodist Church is sponsoring.

Saturday in Cass City Garden Walk on tap

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

Pam Ouvry loves her gardens.

She has spent the last ten years tending to three of them, in which various plants and flowers reside. Carpet roses, hollyhocks and purple clematis all share space with daisies and ferns.

Her husband even bought her a "tombstone" for the garden in the front lawn - a flat rock engraved with "Pam's Flower Garden."

"I like to just sit in the sunroom and watch the fountain in the back garden and my grandkids playing in the pool," she said when asked of her favorite feature.

Ouvry's garden, along with

five others, will be on display Saturday afternoon for the Garden Walk, sponsored by the Cass City United Methodist Church.

For \$8, a person can stroll among the six featured gardens and then stop at the church, 5676 N. Cemetery Road, for refreshments and shopping at the perennial plant booth. The entire affair runs from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Pets and children under 12 years old are not permitted.

The ladies showing their gardens, as well as churchgoers, donated plants for the sale. The garden owners will be on hand to answer questions throughout the day.

Tickets are available at Rawson Memorial Library,

the Cass City Antique Mall, Mel's Country Cuts and Blondie's Hair Care, all located in town. Tickets are \$8 and will be issued with a map of how to find all six gardens.

Among the six gardens offered are Dorothea Quick's "topsy" garden, which she describes by saying "if it doesn't grow, out it goes." Ron and Caroline Rutkowski will also open their exhibit in Decker, which includes a rose garden, a terrace with impatiens and ivy and many sitting areas to watch birds. Their country shoppe will also be open.

Naturally, all six exhibits are well-cared for. Ouvry's husband Don decided to mow the lawn Friday afternoon, a rarity in their household.

"She doesn't normally let me near her flowers," Don joked.

Organizers of the event would like to remind everyone that trampling and picking the flowers and plants is a bad idea. The church is not responsible for missteps or falls.

Show is sponsored by the American Angus Association and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). The NJAA serves a membership of more than 11,000 junior Angus breeders in the United States and Canada.

The bred-and-owned breeding cattle and cow-calf pairs. Brian McCulloh, Viroqua, Wis., will evaluate the owned breeding heifers. Jim Gillooly, Washington, Ind., will judge the steers.

The National Junior Angus Show is the largest single-breed registered beef cattle show in the world. This year's event will host a beef cook-off, team sales competition, public speaking, photography, graphic design, writing and poster contests in addition to the traditional cattle show.

The National Junior Angus

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5YEARSAGO

Don Spencer doesn't come home empty-handed. He wouldn't know how. This 14-year-old soapbox racecar driver has 3 races under his wheels - and 3 wins and with only one more race to go, the excitement is running high. He made the long trip from Omaha, Neb., to Cass City with trophy in hand, a trophy that sits shoulder high, quite a bit taller than the last ones. This soon to be Cass City High School freshman recently won third place in the Super Stock Division of the National Soapbox Derby Race in Omaha, July 2-4.

The Cass City Major League Girls' Softball champions were crowned as the season-ending games decided the championships. The stage was set for a championship final game when the Reds powered their way to a 13-5 decision over the Tigers. Wednesday, June 23. On the following Monday the Reds moved into a tie for the title with a 6-5 victory. The winning run was scored in the first extra inning.

The Michigan Municipal Worker's Compensation Fund has issued its annual Loss Control Achievement Awards. The first award category is for the lowest experience modification factor (EMF).

Award winners in this category, with their EMF in parentheses, include: Village of Ubly (.89).

10YEARSAGO

I arrived here from California just in time, it seems. My grandma just didn't have time to write her column this week, so I'm filling in. Frankly, I don't know how the woman ever gets anything done. Ever since I got here, all she does is play. That's a funny thing about grandmas. They're big and they're old, but they aren't grown up. They make silly faces and do silly things and you just have to laugh at

them. Moms and dads and grandpas play with a kid, too, but they have other, grown-up, things to do sometimes. Grandmas don't seem to. (From Meg's Peg, guest columnist Drew Guinther)

Cass City isn't alone when it comes to gang-related problems miles away from Detroit, Flint, Saginaw and other large cities, according to a survey conducted in March by the prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. In the survey, released last week, law enforcement agencies report at least 300 youth gangs in more than half of the state's 83 counties, from southern lower Michigan to the Upper Peninsula.

Area developers will soon break ground for Homestead at Northwood Lake, a full-service senior community in Cass City. In addition to duplexes ranging from 1,200 square feet to 1,500 square feet, a variety of apartments will be offered at the complex.

25YEARSAGO

More than 500 million of the new Susan B. Anthony dollars made their debut across the country Monday, including local banks. The coin is a little larger than a quarter.

Bob Copeland and Bob Gornowicz are two natives of the Thumb that didn't have to leave home to make their living. Copeland was born and raised in Cass City and Gornowicz is from the Ubly area. Both men received training in the business working for other insurance companies before entering into a partnership. The company started April 1974 in a portion of the New Gordon Hotel. From there the partners moved to a location by Helen's Beauty Shop. In October of 1977, the firm purchased the building on Main Street from which it now operates. It was completely remodeled into the modern office building it is today.

35YEARSAGO

Teachers will see a lot of Russell L. Richards, the new principal at Cass City High School, during the 1969-70 school year. The 34-year-old educator feels that the primary responsibility of the principal is seeing that the educational program runs smoothly. And to do the job right, he believes, frequent visits to the classrooms are necessary. Evaluating teachers is one of the more important parts of his job, Richards said this week as he explained his concept of his new job in the Cass City school system.

The untimely death of a 24-year-old former Cass City resident may help science to find ways of preventing similar tragedies in the future. Bill Sowden, Yale, died in Ford Hospital from a kidney ailment. The illness affected his lungs and the lungs have been donated to Ford Hospital for medical science research.

WATERFALL - The overhead pipe stretches more than 600 feet from the center pivot of the irrigation rig on the Satchell farm. The whole rig is towable by means of the tow bar on the pivot. Irrigation isn't normally used until July, when the driest part of the growing season (July and August) begins.

Anyone who knows the Schneeborgers can tell you that they know a lot about saving a dollar...and evidently it runs in the family. A first cousin of Clarence "Bud" Schneberger, Miss Georgene Schneberger, is quoted in the Tuesday, July 1, issue of the Wall Street Journal. Talking about economy in cars, the Journal quotes Miss Schneberger as an example of a person saving money on gas and insurance with a compact car. What's more she had the costs figured closely and knew the business angles...just like the Cass City Schneeborgers. Like I said...it runs in the family. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Ruggles to exhibit Angus cattle

Chelsea Ruggles of Kingston will exhibit Angus cattle at the 2004 National Junior Angus Show at the American Royal Complex, Kansas City, Miss., July 12-17, according to John Crouch, executive vice president of the American Angus Association.

Ruggles, a junior member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, Miss., is one of 791 young Angus breeders from 37 states who have entered a total of 1,682 head in the show.

Mark McClintock, Fort McKavitt, Texas, will judge

the bred-and-owned breeding cattle and cow-calf pairs. Brian McCulloh, Viroqua, Wis., will evaluate the owned breeding heifers. Jim Gillooly, Washington, Ind., will judge the steers.

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Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

First Presbyterian Church
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6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

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989-872-4055 (church)
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Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: David Mercer
email: dcdca@band.net
website: defordcommunitychurch.org

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Assemblies of God
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989-872-5158
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Tim Wells, Associate
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6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

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989-872-3155
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Eric Holmgren
Youth Pastor: Bryan Heller

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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastors: Michael & Carla Arp

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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening
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872-5186
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

St. Agatha's Catholic Church
4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735
665-9966
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.
Parish Administrator: Joan Wyskiel

St. Pancratius Catholic Church
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Saturday Liturgy 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastor: Father Steve Fillion

Shabbona United Methodist Church
4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426
810-672-9929 (parsonage)
989-872-8094 (church)
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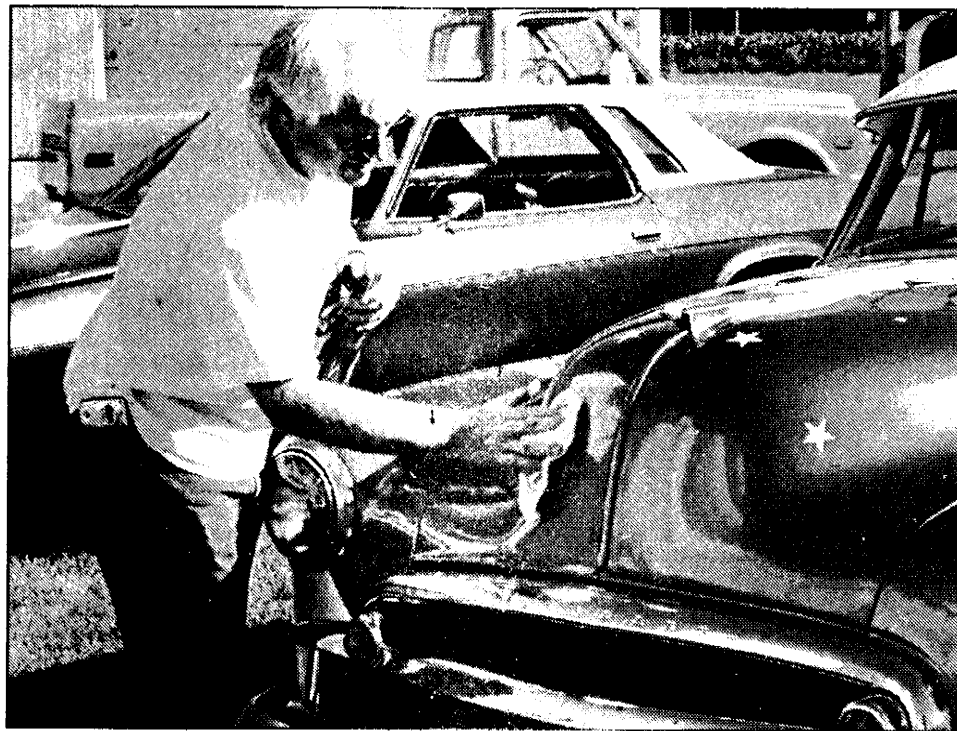
The 26th Freedom Festival in pictures



PARADE entries varied from fire trucks and antique cars to this pony driven cart.



THE MIDNIGHT Riders Fife and Drum Corps traveled from Troy to participate in the parade.



GREG SCHWAB polishes his 1950 Chevy style-line during Friday night's classic and antique auto show.



KIDA, a Shepherd/Labrador mix, dons a mask and sweater as he opens the safe to get at a bag of money. Kida's antics were featured during the Thumb Area Tail Waggers dog show.



HEARTBREAK HOTEL? Not so at Northwood Meadows, where Leo Days pays tribute to Elvis Presley in an energetic Saturday night performance. Days, who is from Davison, completed his show with hip gyrations and between-song explanations of Elvis' career and music.



LORI RIDDLE OF Cass City and her daughter, Alliah, 7, were among dozens of festival goers who visited the Maplewood Petting Zoo near the Lions Pavilion.

Welcome Dr. Omran

Hills & Dales General Hospital is proud to introduce Eiad Omran, MD. Dr. Omran joined the Ubly Clinic on June 1, 2004.

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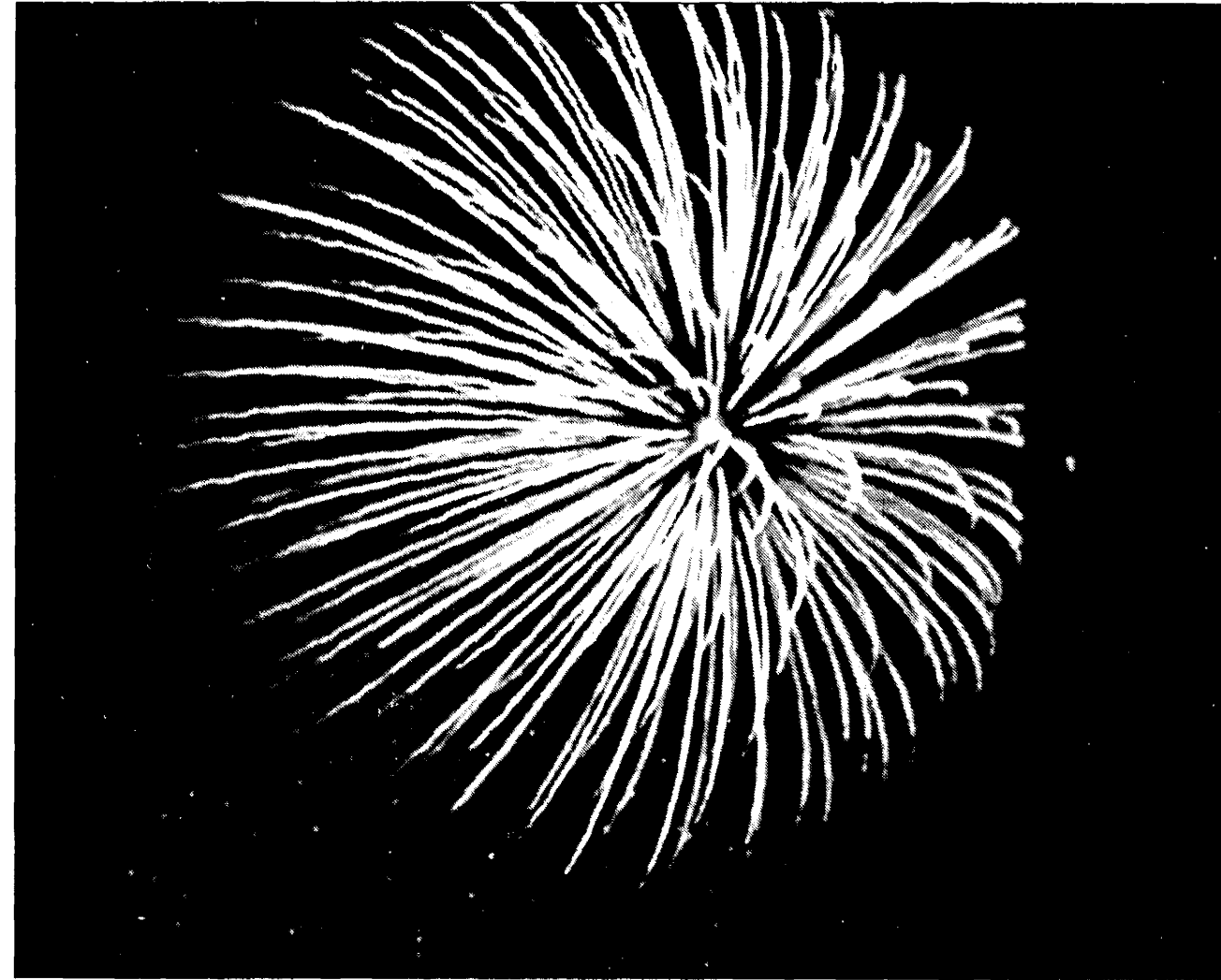
Hendrick, Hoyt on dean's list

Senior Shelly Hendrick and freshman Elizabeth J. Hoyt, both of Cass City, have been named to the dean's list at Northwood University, Midland, for earning a minimum 3.25 grade point average during the spring term.

Hendrick is the daughter of Raymond and Barbara Hendrick of Cass City, and Hoyt is the daughter of Janet Hoyt of Bay City and Russ Carmichael of Cass City.



A BRAVE DRIVER is escorted as he rides his tractor during Saturday afternoon's Pocket Puller competition. Each driver pulls the weight sled on his or her tractor; whomever makes it the farthest without stopping or tipping over wins. A modest crowd gathered in RV's and tents to show off their tractors and watch the fun.



THOUSANDS OF people gathered in the park and other nearby locations to enjoy Cass City's annual fireworks display, capping another successful Freedom Festival.



CASS CITY Village Manager Frank Sheridan displays the new maroon street sign (left) that will replace the old black and white signs in town over the next few years.

Village Council appoints Gillig

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2 preferred green and white signs. The votes were 2, 4 and 0, respectively among non-residents and others whose residency is not known. "This is not a scientific survey," Sheridan told the council. "Many of the respondents were people who came in to pay their water bills or to sign up for swimming lessons. It is interesting to note that many of the older citizens believe that cost is a fac-

tor and indicate they believe that changing street sign colors is an additional and unnecessary expense." However, Sheridan said that simply isn't the case. "Many people do not realize that street signs must be replaced. We have an aggressive replacement of the current signs; therefore they look good," he explained, adding the village spends anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year on the replacement program. "In fact, they (new signs) re-stripe the road. Before the project, Bay City-Forestville was a Class B road; heavy vehicles could not drive on it safely. Most of Michigan's highways are all-season. "This is great for farmers and trucks going into Gageton," Kuhn said. "The way we are doing it makes it hold up much better. ...We won't have to touch this road for another 15 years." Nearby residents were a bit put out, but agreed the road needed to be re-done eventually. "It's very annoying...but at least they let us drive on it," said local resident Joyce Parks.

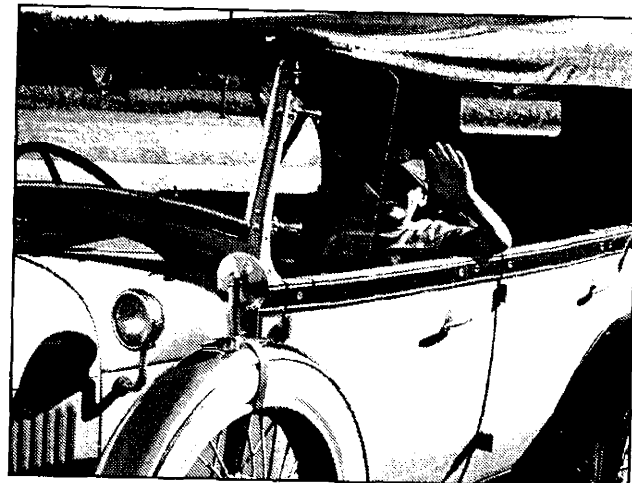
cost \$2 a piece less and they should last about the same amount of time," Sheridan continued. "And they will be better because they are reflective." Sheridan said the cost of the new signs is \$26 each, compared to \$28 for the existing signs. The idea of going with a maroon sign reflecting Cass City School colors was suggested by the Cass City Gavel Club, which has offered to contribute about \$2,500 towards the replacement. Sheridan said the transformation will take place gradually, with completion in 5 to 6 years. The signs along Main Street will measure 9 inches in height with 6-inch letters, while those installed at other intersections will measure 6 inches in height with 4-inch letters. In other business last week, the council: *Approved an annual resolution authorizing a permit for the Cass City Freedom Festival fireworks display. *Approved a congratulatory proclamation honoring 50 years of service by the Cass City Lions Club. *Acknowledged a donation of \$400 from the officials at the Thumb Electric Cooperative, which thanked the

village for cooperation in hosting the cooperative's annual meeting in the village park. The money will be earmarked for capital improvements at the park. Nicol joins society Jessica Nicol of Cass City was named to the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Grand Valley State University. Nicol is the daughter of John and Gayle Nicol and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in hospitality and tourism management at Grand Valley. The primary objective of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. Undergraduate students are eligible for consideration who have senior status and are scholastically in the upper 10 percent of their class; or who have reached the final period of their junior year and are scholastically in the upper 5 percent of their class.

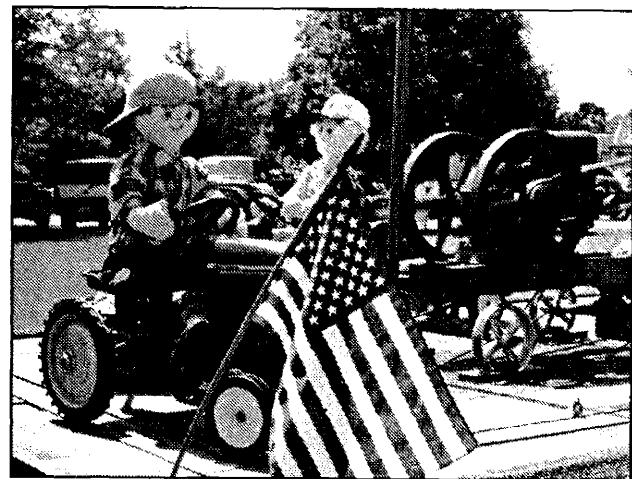
Sculpture

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"Someday, I will make a sculpture from this sketch". "That momentous evening is still vivid in my mind as though it only happened yesterday." During the 1999 Ubly Homecoming at a display of Misico's artwork at the Masonic Hall, Ubly Village president Dave Jaroch approached Misico about making a sculpture, noting he was both a skilled artist and a welder. "I had many enjoyable and memorable hours during the 2 years - and still counting - creating the Forever Soaring sculpture, and have spent over \$16,000, including the bronze plaque," Misico added. "I am in my upper 80s and time is not on my side," he said. "I am blessed for having been given the time, knowledge and ability to contribute to all of these undertakings, in order to create a lasting symbol to art." Editor's note : Anyone interested in contributing information, comments, suggestions or donations may send them to: Forever Soaring, Ubly, MI 48475-0201. If received before the time capsule is sealed, the information will be placed and sealed in the capsule. Any received after that time will also be acknowledged, and any donations will be used for the upkeep and enhancements to the park and sculpture area.



JOHN RAPINSKI, 9, poses in a car belonging to his grandparents. The antique model was on display at the auto show.



THIS INTERESTING John Deere float, in which riders rode tractors in ovals, was one of the winners in the grand parade.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, July 7

Special Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cass City High School.

Thursday, July 8

Trailblazer's Story Time, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, July 9

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

Saturday, July 10

Garden Walk, 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and are available at Rawson Memorial Library, the Antique Mall, and several hair salons. Refreshments will be served at the Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd., from noon-5 p.m. Potted bulbs and cuttings will be on sale at the church. All proceeds benefit the camp scholarship fund.

Monday, July 12

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m. Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m. Kids' Movie, "The Jungle Book 2", 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, July 13

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gageton. Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273. Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., Historical Society Museum, 4607 W. Caro Rd. (M-81), Watrousville.

Wednesday, July 14

Meatloaf dinner will all the trimmings, served family style, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Take outs are available, 872-4604.

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Rotary Club holds installation dinner, Hartel named president

Achievements of the Cass City Rotary Club under the direction of retiring president Mary Cunningham and aims for continued service under the leadership of Val Hartel, newly installed president, were outlined last week Tuesday. The installation dinner was held at Knights of Columbus Hall. It was preceded by a fun-type golf tournament at Mulligan's Irish Links.

Cunningham reviewed some of the highlights for the club in 2003-04. The club donated \$10,000 towards the building of the physical education room at Cass City Schools. The club also paid \$9,000 to Northwood Meadows. The club's \$35,000 commitment to the facility will be completed next year when the final payment of \$9,000 is paid.

Other notable achievements include spending an additional \$2,400 to finish the downtown park on Main Street. Rotary also sponsored 3 students, each with \$1,000 educational grants.

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TEN NEW ROTARY Fellows were announced at the annual installation dinner held at the Cass City Knights of Columbus Hall Tuesday. To become a Rotary Fellow \$1,000 must be given to the Rotary Foundation by the recipient or sponsors of the recipient. Several Rotarians have made multiple donations of \$1,000 and for each additional \$1,000 a new pin with a blue sapphire added is issued. From left, Mary Cunningham, Bert Althaver, Geraldine Prieskorn. Second row: Kay Warner, Roger Marshall (sponsor), Craig Bellew, Pat Curtis, Gerald Prieskorn (sponsor). Missing were Kathy Ziemba and Dave Osentoski.

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Wallace/Warner	17
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Maharg/Pasieczny	12
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Strickland/Glaspie	8

Late Division	
Hillaker/Murphy	31
Williamson/Rieman	30
Smith/Bidinger	30
Hartel/Comment	25
LeValley/Morgan/Krol	24
Doerr/Haire	23
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MARY CUNNINGHAM, left, holds the engraved clock she received after she completed her year's service as Cass City Rotary President. Making the presentation was Val Hartel, incoming Rotary President. Another commemorative clock was presented to Lambert Althaver for his work as Rotary bulletin editor and sergeant-at-arms.

MMPA makes equity retirement payments

The Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) made cash payments of \$3.9 million in equity retirements last month.

The payments represent the retirement of the balance of the 1994 Certificates of Equity and half of the 1995 equities. This is in addition to the \$1.4 million in cash patronage from 2003 earnings paid to members earlier this year.

Combined, MMPA has paid \$5.3 million in addition to the monthly milk check to its dairy farmer members in the first 5 months of 2004.

"Dairy farmers are recovering financially from the record low milk prices of the past 2 years," said John Dilland, MMPA general manager. "The MMPA Board of Directors approved early retirement of the Certificates of Equities to provide some additional cash flow for our members during spring planting season."

During the past fiscal year, MMPA returned extra cash payments in the form of equity payments, cash patronage refunds and a "13th" check in October. These payments totaled more than \$8.5 million, or about 26 cents per hundredweight on all the milk produced by MMPA members.

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MMPA is a member-owned and operated dairy cooperative serving more than 2,500 farmers in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana.

Benefit outing scheduled

A charity golf tournament, benefiting the Cass City Little League program, is slated for Saturday, July 17 at Mulligan's Irish Links Golf Course in Cass City.

The 18-hole tourney will include 9 holes of best ball play and 9 holes of scramble play. Cost is \$40 per person. Players can sign up at the course or call Rick Doerr at 872-4152 for more information.

Swim-a-Thon set

An MDA Swim-a-Thon will be held Friday, July 23, from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. at the Cass City pool.

Anyone at least 4 feet tall is welcome to participate. All proceeds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. There will be plenty of food, games and prizes.

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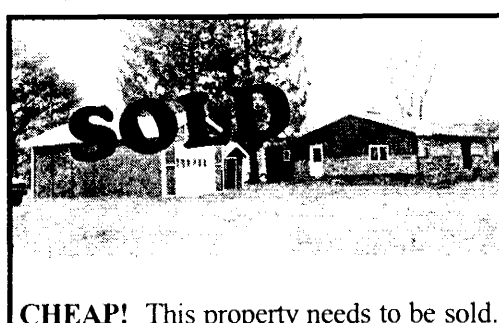
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Handy Man Special! Original wood working. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1st floor utility. 1,300 sq. ft. with nice front and back porches. 2 car detached garage on city lot. Could be possible rental unit. Call Marty or Lola for a showing. O-94



CHEAP! This property needs to be sold. There are 3 bedrooms and work to be done. It sets on 3 city lots and has a nice 1 car plus detached garage. Best feature is the new well on the property. Can show right away, no appointment needed. CC-518



100% AVAILABLE! There is so much to say about this Charmer. 3 bedrooms, 1 full bathroom, mudroom, full basement. There is also a 3 bay garage on a beautiful 1.52 acre lot. Don't delay, call today for Marty to show you this keeper. HB-102



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Location, Location, Location! Yes, this is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath beautiful country brick home with a full basement, attached garage, workshop, 2 acres with garden spot and lots of trees. Move your family here before school starts. Caro schools. Cy2412

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New on the Market! 66'x132' lot on Main Street in Cass City with a 2 bay service station (with hoist). Priced to sell at \$49,900. Immediate possession. COM1098



Just North of the River sets this 3 acres, small barn, shed and 2,200 sq. ft. home with full basement, 2 bathrooms, 2 1/2 car attached garage. Less than 10 years old. Call today for your personal viewing! Cy2410

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10:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Show
6:00 p.m. Sharp 4-H Parade starting at Sugar Beet Plant through the Fairgrounds to the Grandstand
6:30 p.m. 4-H Talent Show & Crowning of 4-H King & Queen
7:30 p.m. Gospel Hour - "The Grimshaws"

MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004

9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show
9:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show
7:30 p.m. Figure 8 - No spectators allowed on infield
7:30 p.m. Food Auction

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004 KIDS' DAY - 14 yrs. & under, \$1.00 discount until 4 p.m.

9:00 a.m. 4-H Swine Show
9:00 a.m. 4-H Goat Show
9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show
9:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Show
10:00 a.m. 4-H & Open Dairy Show
1:00 p.m. Harness Racing
5:00 p.m. 4-H & Open Sheep Show
7:30 p.m. Demolition Derby
No spectators allowed on infield

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2004

9:00 a.m. Open Goat Show
9:00 a.m. 4-H & Open Beef Show
1:00 p.m. Feeder Show
1:00 p.m. Harness Racing
6:00 p.m. Small Livestock Sweepstakes at Rabbit Judging Tent
7:00 p.m. 4-H Large Livestock Sweepstakes at Livestock Pavilion
7:30 p.m. Pickup and Tractor Pulls

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SENIOR CITIZENS FREE TILL 6:00 p.m.

(Must purchase ticket for evening grandstand show)

9:30 a.m. 4-H & FFA Small Animal Sale
1:00 p.m. (Buyers Check-In, begins at Noon)
4-H & FFA Livestock Sale
1:00 p.m. Harness Racing
5:00 p.m. Motorcycle Time Trials
7:00 p.m. Motorcycle Racing
7:00 p.m. Weather permitting, ReMax Integrity
Hot Air Balloon Launch in front of the grandstand

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2004

9:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Large Livestock Judging
9:00 a.m. Open Horse Show
1:00 p.m. RAIN DATE HARNESS RACES
4:00 p.m. Pedal Pull
7:30 p.m. Championship Rodeo

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2004

9:00 a.m. Open Horse Show
10:00 a.m. Light Horse Pull
1:30 p.m. Heavy Horse Pull (Wristbands only on infield)
7:30 p.m. Championship Rodeo

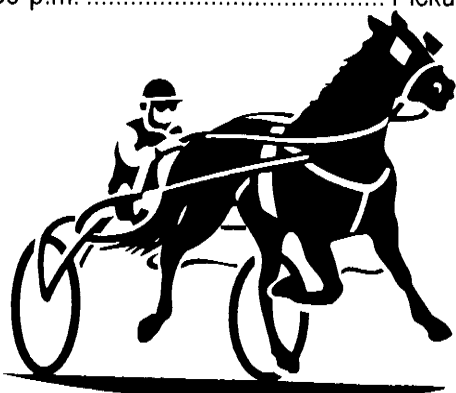
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