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SUPPLEMENTS

Health officials say bat tested rabid in Deford

Health department officials last week announced that a bat tested positive for rabies after biting someone in the Deford area.

Ann Hepfer, director of nursing at the Tuscola County Health Department, said the bite victim "was treated and will be fine."

"This isn't the first time a rabid animal has been discovered in the Thumb, noted Hepfer, who said health officials want residents to be aware of the potential danger rabies poses.

"Rabies is always here. It's never gone," she added. "We only test them (animals) when they bite somebody" or when there is a likelihood that someone has been bitten.

"This is a public health concern and thus a reminder to our community of the seriousness of the rabies disease," agreed Kelly Germain, R.N.

Rabies is a preventable virus disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The vast majority of cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention each year occur in wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes. Domestic animals account for less than 10 percent of the reported rabies cases, with cats, cattle and dogs most often reported rabid.

"Rabies virus infects the central nervous system, causing encephalopathy and, ultimately, death," Germain said.

"Symptoms of rabies in humans are initially nonspecific, consisting of fever, headache and general malaise. As the disease progresses, neurological symptoms appear and may include insomnia, anxiety, confusion, slurred or partial paralysis, excitation, hallu-

cinations, agitation, hypersalivation, difficulty swallowing, and hydrophobia (fear of water). Death usually occurs within days of the onset of symptoms."

Germain said area residents can take several steps to help prevent the spread of rabies.

"Be a responsible pet owner," she said. "Keep vaccinations up to date for all dogs, cats and ferrets. This requirement is important not only to keep your pets from getting rabies, but also to provide a barrier of protection to you, if your animal is bitten by a rabid wild animal."

Germain recommends that resident keep their pets under direct supervision to prevent them from coming into contact with wild animals. Immediate veterinary care should be sought if a pet is bitten.

Residents can also report any stray animals in their neighborhood, and officials recommend that all pets be spayed or neutered to reduce the number of unwanted pets that many not be properly cared for or vaccinated.

Germain said it's important to avoid contact with unfamiliar animals.

"Do not handle, feed or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter," she added. "Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home. Do not try to nurse sick animals to health. Call animal control or an animal rescue agency for assistance."

Children should be taught to keep their distance from unfamiliar animals, according to Germain, who also recommended that residents prevent bates from entering living quarters or occupied spaces in homes, churches, schools and similar areas where they might come in contact with people or pets.



CARO EAGLES MEMBER William Tallman (at podium, right) helps Eastpointe resident Joe Ferrand search for the names of family members and fellow veterans he fought with in Vietnam, where he served with First 38th Combat Support unit. The Moving Wall will remain open for viewing at the AYSO Soccer complex in Caro through Friday, Aug. 20. (Related photos, page 9)

YFC auction scheduled Saturday

Area Youth for Christ officials say the summer deals will sizzle at their annual Youth for Christ Benefit Auction, slated for Saturday, Aug. 21, at Cass City Recreation Park.

"Whether it's furniture, garden supplies or shrubs and trees you are looking for, they've got it at the summer benefit auction," said Jeff Bader, Cass City and King-

ston Campus Life director. The auction, which benefits student programs in Cass City, Caro, Kingston and Reese, is the YFC ministry's largest fundraising event in Tuscola County.

During last year's auction, nearly 150 bidders participated, generating a combined \$38,000. The first auction, held 6 years ago, raised about \$21,000.

"In addition to raising the money necessary to keep (the) ministry happening, we are looking to provide a fun

family event that will give supporters a great time and some great deals," Bader said. "We will have some exciting new items in the sale this year, as well as many of the things the sale has become known for."

L.J. Gascho Solid Oak Furniture is always a favorite with bidders, and they will be treated to some special items from that category at this year's auction. In addition, outdoor furniture selections will include a pair of Cedar Adirondack Chairs

along with the unfinished, treated ones the auction sports every year.

"The local schools have joined in to support the work happening on their campuses by donating sports passes to be auctioned," Bader said. "Not to mention the many local businesses who have pitched in, regardless of the construction in downtown Caro, to ensure there are many items and gift certificates on the auction block."

In addition to items for the home, camp or wherever, the auction always features some of the area's most pleasurable dining experiences.

"This year our annual Christmas Dinner will be back," Bader said. "The evening includes a wonderful meal and some great holiday music by DeeDee and Russ Tibbits of Caro."

The unique dining experiences don't stop there, however, as YFC officials have scheduled a Valentine's Dinner that was also popular in

the past, and there are some others in the works. A scrapbooking party and hayride will also be auctioned during the sale.

"We have been trying to think outside of the items supporters have seen every year and make sure that this year's auction offers a greater variety of items," Bader noted.

"We could never pull the auction off year after year without the help and support

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Board discusses Alternative ed, new arts center

Down the road it's possible that 2 additional school buildings will be serving the community-it's also possible that there will be zero additions to the educational landscape.

The Cass City School Board reviewed progress on turning the Deford School building into an Alternative Education Center. At a special meeting Wednesday morning, the board hired Kurt Tuckey to replace Kevin Green who resigned to take a job in special education at Laker High. There is more security in the Laker position than as teacher-director of the new school at Deford.

Tuckey has a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University. He faces a challenging task at the Center. He is currently making calls to area schools to find possible students.

There are 8 students signed now, Supt. Ken Micklash said, and 17 full-time equivalent students are needed to break even. Five of the 8 students signed are from Cass City.

We could open the school for a term with 16 students, Micklash explained, but we definitely will not operate the facility at a loss. The

education of the students at the center will be paid for by the state the same as all students which is \$6,700 yearly.

The new facility is designed for high school students, ages 16 to 19.

While adding the Center to the system is immediate, if possibly not long-lasting, the second building is years away from reality.

The initial start in the long process started at the Wednesday meeting. The board authorized TSSF and Kingscott to make a preliminary sketch of a new building to be used as a Performing Arts Center. The company's bid of \$2,500 was low from 4 proposals received. Others ranged from \$5,000 to \$35,000.

Boosters of the building program want to use the sketch as a prop to selling the program to donors and the voters. A special bond issue would be mandatory if enough interest is shown.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL

The board authorized the use of school property to stage a carnival Oct. 1-2-3. Profit from the show will be

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School lunch prices going up locally, across country

by Benjamin Ray
Staff Writer

Cass City kids getting ready for back-to-school may need to throw a few extra dimes in their pockets.

Many schools nationwide are raising the price of hot lunch, breakfast and milk to keep up with rising food, labor and transportation costs, and Cass City is no exception.

Cass City School District adjusts their prices every few years, Micklash said, to keep up with food and labor costs. As far as milk goes, he said the district is losing money because it costs 24 cents to purchase one pint - the penny profit did not make the grade.

The amount of commodity food supplied to Cass City by the federal government, such as cheese and meat, has decreased somewhat. Much

Owen-Gage area students, however, can leave the dimes at home. The district decided not to follow the national trend and keep their prices steady at \$1.25 for lunch, \$1 for breakfast and a quarter for a pint of milk.

Despite financial woes in the district, the lunch program received a monetary boost when Owen-Gage Elementary closed earlier this summer. Any shortcomings the food program had will be made up by the money saved from operating only one cafeteria.

"The program did well last year, so we'll see what happens," said Liz Roemer, food service director for the district.

In some cases, schools across the country are raising prices as much as \$1 per meal. Many schools wait until the last minute to raise prices - Micklash said in his 20 years in the district, the price of milk has never gone up until now.

Other reasons for the price increase nationwide include higher gas prices and the push to eat healthier. Some districts have gone so far as to get rid of deep fryers and purchase new equipment. In addition, loss of food that students traditionally enjoy - French fries, chicken nug-

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The Cass City School District adjusts their prices every few years to keep up with food and labor costs.

The district has decided to raise the price of a hot lunch by ten cents and the price of a pint of milk by the same amount.

"I think our program is quite competitive - if not the lowest in the area, then one of the lowest," said superintendent Ken Micklash.

The new price will be \$1.35 for an elementary lunch and \$1.40 for middle and high school lunches, while milk will now cost \$.35 per pint. Children who receive free or reduced lunches are not affected by the change.

of the price hike will be used to buy these items from stores and wholesalers.

Micklash also keeps the food budget separate from the general fund, and the food program takes care of itself, he said.

In addition to higher prices, students may notice slightly healthier food, thanks to a national push to get kids to eat healthier.

"We'll be offering fewer a la carte items, like desserts," Micklash said. "The cooks may be changing their frying oil as well."

Dream come true

Millennium employees raise cash for 4-year-old

Jennah may be able to go to Disney World now, thanks to the support of the community.

The 4-year-old girl has numerous health problems, including liver disease, a congenital heart defect and asthma. A liver transplant resulted in a defective immune system, which landed Jennah in the hospital with pneumonia.

Seeing this, Millennium Industries officials and employees chose to raise money to send Jennah to her dream destination, as they have been doing for the last five years with terminally ill Michigan children.

Millennium sponsored a bake sale and raffle Friday to start the fundraising process, and raised a total of \$1,326.

"We did fantastic. Our employees did exceptionally well, especially for this being our first one," said Administrative Assistant Marie Spencer, who lauded the employees for all of their work in making the bake sale a success.

Spencer said the company works hard at raising money for children who cannot afford it. "They are both good causes," she added said. "We want to help the community."

Millennium splits half of the money they raise between each charity group.

Last year, the company sent a young Michigan boy on his wish trip. Shortly thereafter, he died, but not before sending a letter to the company telling them all about his trip.

Anyone wishing to donate to either cause has a few upcoming chances. A bowl-a-thon at Charmonit will take place Aug. 28, and Millennium will match however much money the community donates. The annual food drive takes place in September followed by the November adopt-a-family for Christmas.

Jennah, meanwhile, is enjoying herself at Head Start and dreaming of dancing like a ballerina and being friends with the princesses at Disney World.



MARIE SPENCER (left) and Kendra Murphy talk amongst themselves at the Friday bake sale at Millennium Industries. The auto parts manufacturer is working to raise money to, among other things, purchase winter wear and send a terminally ill Michigan child on her wish.

Holbrook Area News

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Visiting their mother, Mrs. Rose Wills, and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Beardsley, were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wills and sons of Troy, Tenn., Mrs. Angela Price of Spring Lake and Mrs. Debra Wills of Fruitport. Mrs. Mary Beardsley, Mrs. Rose Wills and Jason Wills and sons spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley of Dryden.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, Doris Wester, Ron Wolslager, Allen Farrelly, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Al Depcinski were among a large group who attended the chicken BBQ at St. Columbia Catholic Church Hall on Sunday.

Last week's guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Arlene Reich, Jamie Doerr, Wendy Rickett, Edith Jackson and Mrs. Gerald Wills.

Ninety-eight members of the Van Erp family met at the St. Columbkille Church Hall at Sheridan on Saturday for a family reunion. After a potluck dinner at noon, the afternoon was spent playing games and visiting. Guests attended from Alabama, Georgia, New York, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Bad Axe, Uby and Cass City. Plans were made to meet again in 2 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Grifka in Uby.

Eleven members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Big Boy in Bad Axe next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt spent several days camping at Port Crescent Campground last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen attended the Shuart McGillvary, McIntyre reunion at Bad Axe Park. A potluck dinner was served at one o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pitcher, Sarah and David were Wednesday guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Curtis Cleland and Reva Silver were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

Wendy Rickett, Corey and Caitlyn and friend Amanda and Corey's friend Jordan Glaza spent the weekend camping at Port Crescent

Park.

Bob Cleland Jr. spent the weekend with Bob Cleland Sr. at Cheboygan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western visited Mary Catherine Nicol in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bell, Lauren and Katelynn of Cheboygan spent the weekend with Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Susan Krozek and Ryan and Samantha and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Mrs. Dean Carpenter and family at Caro on Friday.

Gordon and Allen Farrelly spent Wednesday at Flat Rock.

Mrs. Melvin Particka was a Friday guest of Mrs. Penny Guigar at Oak Beach.

Mary Lou Harris of Gladwin visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Medical Care Facility on Friday and was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen.

Steve Protzman, Jim Lewis, Allen Farrelly, Bernard Morley and Jack Kennedy met at McDonald's in Bad Axe on Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lehman of Waterford and granddaughter, Caroline, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming. Mrs. Ken Osentoski was a Monday afternoon guest.

Allen Farrelly visited Eleanor Koskie at the Caro Lighthouse Rehab Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Donelda Meske at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50 Club meeting and dinner at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCrea of Bad Axe were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen.

Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Sunday.

Claud Mestack, Steve Protzman, Wayne and Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe on Monday.

Dean Fulcher of Cass City was a Monday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland visited Mrs. Hiram Keyser.



Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Kellicut

O'Dell, Kellicut exchange vows

Laura O'Dell and Jordan Kellicut were married May 22, 2004 at Community Christian Church, St. Johns.

Laura is the daughter of Duane and Kathy O'Dell of Deford. Jordan is the son of Steve and Tracie Kellicut of Vestaburg.

The maid of honor was Adina Speirs, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Pam Nethaway and Amanda Salvaggio, friends of the bride, and Marissa Kellicut,

sister of the groom. The flower girl was Arielle Barlage, friend of the couple.

The best man was Adam Novello, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jason O'Dell, brother of the bride, and Josh Spoors, cousin of the groom. The ushers were Josh O'Dell, cousin of the bride, and Nic Spoors, cousin of the groom.

The couple currently resides in Lansing, where they are both students at Great Lakes Christian College.

Senior citizen movies slated

Senior Citizen Movies will be shown at Rawson Memorial Library Friday, August 20 at 1:30.

The History & Pioneers of Sebewaing - This video was researched and produced by Al Eicher. It tells the history of Sebewaing from its very beginnings until 1953. It describes the development of the logging, fishing and coal mining industries around Sebewaing. It tells of the coming of the railroad, which helped increase tourism in this area. It also traces the history of the churches, schools and businesses in Sebewaing. The importance of the river and bay area is explained. Come and enjoy a look at this Thumb area village. (62 minutes)

Sentimental Sing-Along: Songs of Romance and Ragtime - The familiar melodies presented in this volume of the Sentimental Sing-Along Collection inspire toe-tapping memories of songs and lyrics that Americans have known and loved for generations. Performed by a talented group of entertainers, these songs of romance and ragtime delight viewers who enjoy the tunes again and again. The Sentimental Entertainers featured on this video are Peg Delaney, Music Director Luke Rosen, Shelly Henke, Joe Huber, Becky Darnell and Tome Reiring. (30 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This older adult program is offered free of charge.

Vacation Bible School scheduled

Novesta Church of Christ, 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., is hosting a Vacation Bible School for ages 2-6th grade this week, daily from 5 to 7 p.m.

The theme is "Go Hog Wild" and the Ninos de Mexico orphanage in Mexico is the mission project. The children will have a Bible lesson, crafts, refreshments, recreation and a mission time to hear about the orphanage in Mexico.

For more information, call 872-3658 or 872-1195.



Meg's Peg

Back to school

by Melva E. Guinther

If you've been in hibernation lately or somehow isolated from the ads, you may not know that it's once again "Back To School" time. And it isn't just for youngsters any more.

For the man who really wants to improve himself (or the wife who believes he should) here are some new courses available:

* Introduction to Common Household Objects I: The Mop!

* Introduction to Common Household Objects II: The Sponge!

* Dressing Up: Beyond the Wedding and the Funeral.

* Refrigerator Forensics: Identifying and Removing the Dead.

* Design Pattern or Splatter Stain on the Linoleum? You CAN Tell the Difference!

* If It's Empty, You Can Throw It Away: Accepting Loss 101.

* If the Milk Expired 3 Weeks Ago, Keeping It in the Refrigerator Won't Bring It Back: Accepting Loss 102.

* Middle Ground: Recognizing That Areas Exist Between On & Off, Blast & Mute, Speeding & Stalling, etc.

* Going to the Supermarket: It's Not Just for Women Anymore!

* Perfecting Your Timing: Know WHAT To Do and WHEN To Do It. Why Cleaning the Junk Drawer or Rearranging the Closet When Your Dinner Guests are Arriving May Not Be Advisable.

* Recycling Skills I: Boxes that the Electronics Came in.

* Recycling Skills II: Styrofoam that Came in the Boxes the Electronics Came in.

* Bathroom Etiquette I: How to Remove Beard Clippings from the Sink.

* Bathroom Etiquette II: Let's Wash Those Towels!

* Bathroom Etiquette III: Five Easy Ways to Tell When You're About to Run Out of Toilet Paper!

* Bathroom Etiquette IV: Installing a fresh roll of toilet paper. It's Not as Hard as it May Seem!

* Bathroom Etiquette V: What to do with the Toilet Seat When You Are Done.

* Giving Back to the Community: How to Donate 15-year-old Levis to Goodwill.

Being an equal opportunity columnist, it's my duty to report on a few classes available for women:

* Communication 101: How to Get Your Husband to Take the Necessary Courses Without Starting a Conflict.

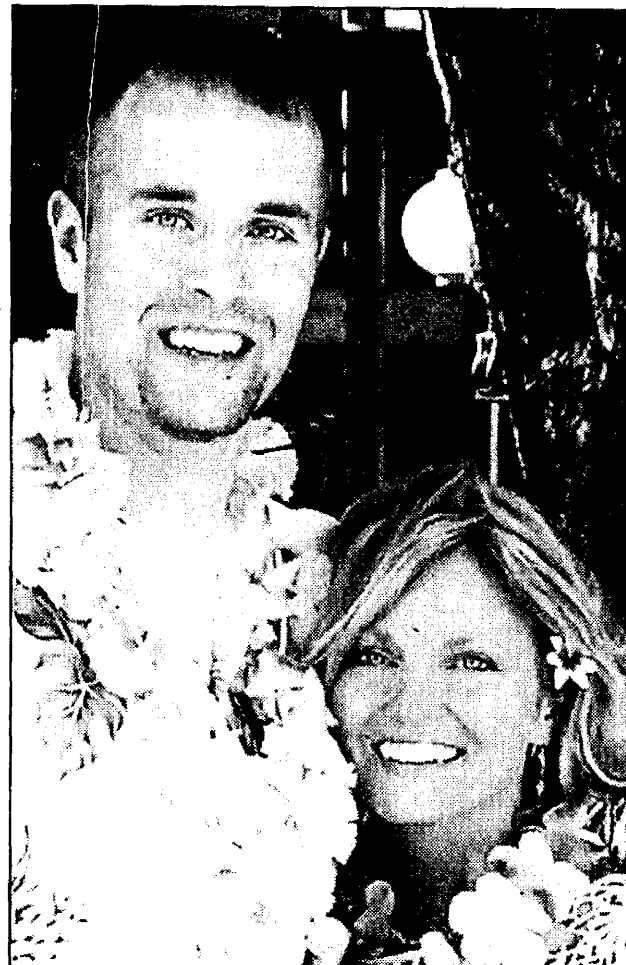
* Communication 102: How to Say "No" Firmly But Politely to Solicitors.

* Mastering the Art of Plain Talk: Recognizing That the Opposite Sex is Incapable of Interpreting Signals and Hints.

* Driving Skills 101: How to Back a Pickup Out of the Garage Without Removing the Mirror. (My husband enrolled me in this one.)

* Driving Skills 102: How to Avoid Running Over the Mirror After It's Been Removed While Backing a Pickup Out of the Garage. (Ditto!)

* Dealing with Repairs: How to Get the Mirror Replaced That's Been Removed and Run Over While Backing a Pickup Out of the Garage. (I'm working on it.)



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Ruggles

Volz, Ruggles wed in Hawai

Angela Volz, daughter of Jerry Volz and Lisa Volz, and Ryan Ruggles, son of the late Ned Ruggles and Barbara and Joe Howard were mar-

ried on the island of Maui, Hawaii.

A luau style reception was held in June at the Howard residence in Marlette.

P.E.T.S. Program

Pet Education, Training & Support
August 25, 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library

Learn about:

• Proper Pet Care and Preventative Measures for your Pet
From Dr. Susan Hoppe, DVM

• Programs for Pet Adoption & Foster Care for Pets
From Tuscola County Humane Society & Cass River Pet Friendz

• The Benefits of Fencing your Yard
From the Invisible Fence Company

Price of Admission

Girl Scouts will be greeters and will be collecting leashes, collars, dog/cat food, treats, toys or any other donation those attending would like to give to the Humane Society or Cass River Pet Friendz. There will be drawings and giveaways for those attending the program.

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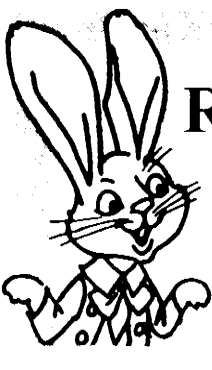
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It's new in Bay City so naturally we had to visit the restaurant at the new Doubletree Hotel and Convention Center overlooking the Saginaw River.

The restaurant is still ironing out the kinks and according to news story is changing its restaurant's menu under the direction of a new chef.

Esther selected crab cakes and shrimp, a tossed salad and coffee. I choose salmon and a salad.

Our salads were just ordinary and not very large. The rolls were good and included 3 varieties. There was a generous portion of salmon accompanied by a tangy sauce that hit the spot. The vegetables included fresh green beans with a glaze that set them a notch above ordinary. The Redskin potatoes were a downer, undercooked. Sent back and still were undercooked and hard.

The crab cakes and shrimp filled the bill for Esther and portions were so large that she took some home.

Total cost was \$39.70, plus tip. Give it a 6 on the one-10 scale.

Incoming freshmen at Cass City High School have been asked to attend a special orientation meeting in the high school gym. The meeting is slated Wednesday, August 18, starting at 10 a.m.

The Cass City Band Boosters and the school's taxpayers can't lose with the carnival arranged by band director Doug Burtch. The carnival is scheduled Oct. 1-2-3. The Boosters will get a percentage of the profits and the school has no liability if the event doesn't pay off.

It was only a matter of time. You know that Frankenmuth wouldn't ignore a tourist attraction that water parks have proven to be. Zehnder's Bavarian Haus announced a water park will be part of a \$10 million expansion-renovation of the hotel. It's expected to be in operation in June.

Adults, kids recovering from injuries in crash

Two adults and 2 children are recovering from injuries they suffered in a traffic accident earlier this month on M-53, just north of Robinson Road.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Sandusky reported the crash occurred Aug. 6 at about 7:57 p.m.

Troopers said James V. Franze, 49, Clinton Township, was driving south on M-53 when he turned around to talk to his passengers and struck another southbound vehicle from behind. The

driver of that vehicle, Justin L. Jammer, 23, Cass City, was stopped at the time and waiting to make a left turn onto Robinson Road.

Franze along with his passengers, Anthony S. Santilla, 11, Clinton Township, and Vincent J. Franze, 9, Clinton Township, were all transported to Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City for treatment of their

injuries. Jammer was also transported to Hills and Dales for treatment.

A passenger in Jammer's vehicle, Zachary D. Jammer, 3, Cass City, was not injured.

Troopers said both drivers and the 2 children in Franze's vehicle were all wearing seatbelts, and Zachary Jammer was in a child restraint seat at the time of the crash.

The Haire Net

School day reminiscing



Sheriff: beware of scam

Tuscola County Sheriff Tom Kern is cautioning residents about another scam on the Internet involving Citibank fraudulent e-mails.

"The scam requires you to confirm your banking details or risk having your account suspended," Kern explained. Citibank acknowledges this scam has been troublesome. They have provided a list of some important tips that may help you recognize a scam before you fall prey to these thieves."

Signs of a spoof e-mail may include the following:

- *There may be a sense of urgency. For example, "Your account will be closed or suspended unless you update the account now."
- *There are imbedded links that look legitimate because they contain all or part of a real company's name. These links take you to spoof sites or pop-up windows that ask you to enter, confirm or update sensitive personal information.
- *There may be obvious spelling errors. These help spoof e-mails avoid the spam filters that ISPs use.

Anyone with additional questions is asked to contact Detective Sgt. Pat Woidan at the sheriff's department at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 2234).

After spending decade after decade when the end of summer was always signified by the Labor Day holiday, it's still hard to get used to swinging into the fall season in the middle of August.

Sparking the change, of course, is the opening of school prior to the holiday, but really it's more than that.

All of the seasons overlap. The Michigan State Fair, a fixture during the Labor Day holiday is now completed before Labor Day. High school sports are in full swing. That's officially in full swing. Unofficially they have been in action all during the vacation period.

Going back to pre-historic times when I attended school, reading and writing and arithmetic not only started after Labor Day, but there were also fall vacations in small towns. One in Pinconning that I recall was a "beet" vacation, usually for a week, but longer if nature had been singularly unkind to the farmers. School was dismissed so that the kids could help with the harvest. The first day of pheasant season was also a holiday, probably because there were so many absent that it didn't make sense to run a class anyway.

Of course back then in the 1940s there were a lot of small schools that could be vacationed. Consolidations have eliminated many of

them and the trend continues.

I reminisce, but not because these were the good old days. Certainly then there was a closer relationship between the administration and the students because the schools were smaller.

Senior citizens will probably take issue with this, but I believe that schools today are much tougher than they were a half century or more ago. It's harder to gain admittance into the most popular institutions and it's more important than ever to do so.

Sixty years ago a college education wasn't a prerequisite to landing a job that would support a family.

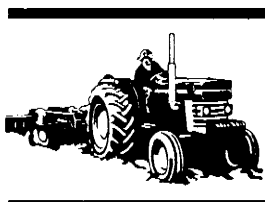
Today the chances for landing a job without some kind of advanced training isn't impossible, but it is very hard to do.

A common complaint is the cost of attending college today. It's true that the cost to the students has gone up at a rate greater than inflation. But finding enough money to attend college prior to World War II was greater than it is today.

The number of grants and scholarships are a major help today. They weren't in abundance in the 1940s.

Neither was the money for education. In many families finding enough money to finish high school was more than could be managed.

Even if school didn't start until after Labor Day.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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What a summer this has been! Summers are always busy at our house, but this one was exceptional.

My wife and I always take a few trips each summer, and all of our relatives live 2,000 miles away. So, when folks do come to visit, it's generally a full-time event.

I enjoy having the company, of course, but there are adjustments to be made. While one group of relatives may stay up until midnight and sleep until 10:00 A.M., the next gets up at 6:00 A.M. — ready to go fishing.

My wife's family arrived first this year. Connie's mother, sister, and niece came to visit in July.

Grandma stayed at my daughter and son-in-law's house, while Barb and Erica bunked with us. Then, the five women would shuttle back and forth for visiting. One day there would be five women at our house, and the next the entire group would be at my daughter's.

My son-in-law noticed it first. "What happened to all of the toilet paper?" Jeff asked. "With five women in the house, we're sure going through a lot of toilet paper."

Conversations were changed, too. While Jeff and I are used to saying a few words and getting it over with, five women have a lot to talk about.

I told Jeff, "If we took all of the words spoken here today and put them into a hat — then drew one out. There's not a chance in a million it would be ours."

After a few days, I was beginning to talk like everyone else. I would see the dog lying on the deck and say, "O-o-h look at Molly, isn't that cute?"

Or pick up a little pillow and say, "Isn't that just darling? Where did you find this?"

I wasn't sure I would ever return to normal. (My wife, of course, was probably hoping I wouldn't.)

When my brother and his wife arrived a week or so later we had a whole different deal.

My brother is a deer hunter, bear hunter, rabbit hunter. If it walks, runs, flies, or crawls he hunts it.

I don't suppose Kenny has said, "O-o-h, isn't that cute?" in his entire life. Conversa-

Dry bean crop up

Michigan's 2004 dry bean production is estimated at 3 million hundredweight (cwt), up from last year's production of 2.5 million cwt, according to the USDA-NASS Michigan Statistical Office.

Michigan dry bean planting began on schedule. Growing conditions have been fair and the crop was rated 52 percent good to excellent at the beginning of August. Yield is forecast at 17 cwt per acre. Planted acreage of all dry beans is estimated at 185,000 acres, with harvested acreage estimated at 175,000 acres.

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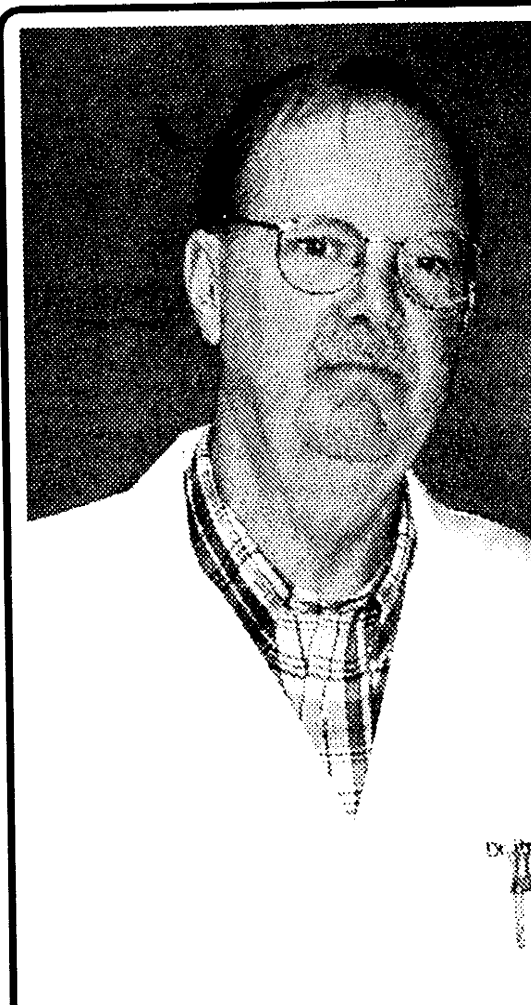
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Aug. 18, 2004

5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 83 Low: 62

Thursday
Isolated T-storms
High: 73 Low: 52

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 72 Low: 55

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 54

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 72 Low: 52

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening, high temperature of 83°. The record high temperature for today is 91° set in 1955. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 73°.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	79	48	79/58	0.00"
Monday	79	54	79/57	0.00"
Tuesday	73	63	79/57	0.00"
Wednesday	64	54	79/57	0.00"
Thursday	64	46	78/57	0.00"
Friday	66	48	78/57	0.00"
Saturday	66	45	78/57	0.00"

Upcoming Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
8/23	8/29	9/6	9/14

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 6:41 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:31 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.80"
Departure from normal -0.80"
Average temperature 61.5°
Average normal temperature 67.9°
Departure from normal -6.4°

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Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Gagetown Country Days ready to roll

The village of Gagetown is rolling out the welcome mat this weekend for the town's annual Gagetown Country Days celebration, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"This is our fifth year," said event Chairman Joan Koch. "Any profits from the weekend go to village projects, but focusing more on the

park."

The weekend will feature plenty of activities.

"There will be ball tournaments starting on Friday night and finishing up on Sunday," Koch said. "At 4 p.m. Covenant LifeNet is due to land just east of Rosecrans Apartments. There is a car cruise ready to line-up at the

end of Dodge Road on Bay City-Forestville Road at the home of Elmer and Jill Parrish."

Also planned is a "burn-out" at the end of Mill Street. Trophies and dash plates will be awarded.

There will be a beverage tent at the park featuring the band Orchid Pool, which has roots in the Gagetown area.

"Saturday is the biggest day," Koch said. "Ball tournaments will start early in the day, but the parade will start at 11 a.m., lining up at the Gagetown elevator. At 10:30 a.m. in the gazebo, a plaque will be presented to the family of Nel Wald for her years of community service.

Other activities will include a downhill derby race, with homemade cars and riders of all ages. "Anyone wanting to try it can come and we'll put them in a car," Koch said.

Food will be available from the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department and Sutter's Bakery in Cass City, while the Gagetown United Methodist Church will be serving up homemade pies at the park.

The ball tournaments will wrap up Sunday.

"Crafters are welcome to set up at the park free," Koch said. "We still have crafter space, a couple of softball openings, and parade entries are still welcome.

More information is available by contacting Koch at (989) 665-2518.



MARTY OSENTOSKI (center), pictured above with Cindy Kruse and Campus Life Director Jeff Bader, auctions off items during last year's YFC auction in Cass City, which raised \$38,000. (See story, page one)

Judge offers barn group \$10,000 "challenge grant"

The Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn in Gagetown have received a \$10,000 "challenge grant" to move a one-room schoolhouse to the group's agricultural history education center and museum.

The grant was offered by Judge John M. Brundage of Marshall, the grandson of John Munro, one of the 2 Munro brothers who built the historical, 8-sided barn.

The \$10,000 grant will be awarded when the friends organization raises \$10,000 in new support towards the project.

"We have wanted to add a schoolhouse to our site and have even set up a simulated one-room school in the garage during the annual school tours," said Rose Putnam, president of the friends. "Judge Brundage's challenge is an exciting opportunity and it will help us raise the funds to bring the school to the property, build its foundation and make it a working part of our exhibits."

The Mast schoolhouse was built in Sebawaing in the late 1800s and was used until June 1947. Putnam said the building is in excellent condition on the inside, with many original items still in place.

"The exterior will be re-sided and painted," she

added. "A group of local retired teachers has committed to research the history of the building and the curriculums of its early days so as to make the education presentation as authentic as possible."

In making the challenge, Judge Brundage said, "I am immensely impressed with the progress that has been made in restoring the barn and establishing the educational program. This grant is made in recognition of the huge amount of work and contributions furnished by hundreds of volunteers to move the projects forward."

Gagetown's octagon barn is a well-known landmark in the Thumb. Built in 1923-24, the structure is visible for miles, rising 75 feet high and measuring 102 feet across from each opposing side of the octagon.

The Friends of the Octagon Barn formed in 1993 to save the unique barn and an adjoining house and garage from demolition. The group is made up of volunteers from Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties and has a membership approaching 700 across the country.

Nearly 90 percent of the barn and 60 percent of the house and garage have since been restored, and the friends group is in the process of buying the property from the

Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The friends are well known for their annual octagon barn school tours, which last spring attracted nearly 1,500 school children who learned about the development of agriculture in Michigan.

In addition, the annual Fall Family Days celebration attracts more than 10,000 residents from across the state for 2 days of educational fun and historical displays. The theme for both programs is the area's lumber industry and includes a sawmill and display of lumber equipment.

"The addition of a one-room schoolhouse to the property brings the friends one step closer to fulfilling a plan that includes future construction of a multipurpose building to house a rural/agricultural museum and the many donated items that the friends have received from people locally as well as statewide," Putnam said.

"When completed, the Thumb Octagon Barn will celebrate local history, the architecture and beauty of the barn, and the development of agriculture in local and Michigan history."

Anyone interested in making a donation to the project may do so by sending a check payable to the Friends of the Octagon Barn to: P.O. Box 145, Gagetown, MI 48735.

Drug trafficking defendant gets years in prison

The first of 3 defendants in a cocaine trafficking sting last spring in Sanilac County has been sentenced to prison.

Jeffery A. Roland, 24, of Detroit, previously pled guilty to possession with intent to deliver 250 grams of cocaine and fleeing and eluding police in a motor vehicle. He was sentenced in Sanilac County Circuit Court to 6 1/2 years to 20 years in prison.

Roland, who was granted credit for time already served, has been held at the Sanilac County Jail since his arrest.

"The 3 defendants in this matter were arrested in the early morning hours on March 9 in Marlette Township when they arrived in 2 separate vehicles to sell 10 ounces of cocaine to drug task force deputy Mark Siemen for \$10,000," said Sanilac County Drug Task Force Director William Gray.

"This undercover cocaine purchase was the culmination of a long-term investigation by the drug task force into the source for large amounts of cocaine and marijuana that were being distributed throughout the western portions of Sanilac County," Gray explained. "Working in an undercover capacity over a period of months, task force Deputy Mark Siemen had made a series of marijuana and cocaine purchases that led to the delivery of 9 ounces of cocaine in Marlette Township on March 9."

Gray said Siemen negotiated with Roland for the delivery of 10 ounces at an agreed price of \$10,000. Roland arrived at the sale site and met with Siemen to finalize the exchange of cocaine for cash while the other

2 defendants, both Romulus wholesale level cocaine suppliers who were armed with a loaded stolen semi-automatic pistol, arrived in the area with the cocaine in a second vehicle.

"As surveillance and arrest teams closed in on the sale location, the 3 defendants left the scene without completing the cocaine/cash exchange," Gray said. "The 2 Romulus cocaine suppliers were stopped, disarmed, arrested and the cocaine seized by Deputy Mark Siemen and 2 task force surveillance teams a short distance from the sale site."

Roland fled the area, pursued by Sgt. Jim Wagester in a Sanilac County Sheriff's Department road patrol unit. Wagester and a drug task force team pursued Roland southbound on M-53 into Lapeer County for 20 miles. As Roland approached the north city limits of Imlay City, the Imlay City police deployed "spike strips" which flattened 2 of the tires on the suspect's vehicle.

"Roland continued for southbound for another 3 miles before he was finally forced to stop by officers from Imlay City P.D., Almont P.D., Lapeer County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Wagester and the drug task force," Gray said.

The other 2 defendants in the case have also entered guilty pleas and are scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 30.

Ronnie Jackson, 43, has pleaded guilty to possession with intent to deliver 250 grams of cocaine and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and his son, Kevin Jackson, 23, has pleaded guilty to possession with intent to deliver 250 grams of cocaine.

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recorders and CD players.

The recycling event will be held Friday, Aug. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sanilac County 4-H Fairgrounds in Sandusky.

Materials must be delivered. Materials will not be accepted before or after the event. There will be a charge of \$7 per monitor or television. All other electronic items will be accepted at no charge. No pre-registration is required.



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Networking Expo set Thursday

The Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council (TCHSCC) is sponsoring the Tuscola County Networking Expo Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

Admission is free to the event, which is geared towards citizens, businesses,

organizations and agencies in an effort to showcase the community resources available in Tuscola County.

TCHSCC member Susan Andrus explained that there are a number of programs, services and opportunities available in the county that people simply are not aware exist.

"We have an amazing number of groups and agencies in Tuscola County with a lot to offer, but you can't use what you can't find," Andrus said. "This expo will help make people aware of who does what in the area."

The Networking Expo is open to the general public as well as local businesses,

public officials and persons involved with agencies or groups that assist residents in various ways.

"If individuals don't know where to find what they need, they usually turn to local groups or agencies for help," Andrus said. "So, if we can better education their staff members about local resources, we create a knowledgeable source of referrals. That can accomplish goals faster and eliminate a lot of frustration on everybody's part."

More than 50 governmental agencies, charitable organizations, service groups and business have already registered to participate Thursday, according to Andrus.

"There will be numerous breakout sessions during the expo to allow participants to present additional information about their programs," she said.

The breakout session topics include Work Place Safety, Post Adoption Support Service (PASS), Value Centered Education, Financial Aid and Scholarships, Becoming a Foster Parent, and Preserving Your Assets.

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Obituaries

Johnia Curry

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She was born May 10, 1927 in Poplar Bluff, Mo., the daughter of John and Myrtle (Chaffin) Hayes.

She married Lyle W. Curry Dec. 9, 1946 in Caro. He died Nov. 19, 1976.

Curry worked together with her husband on their dairy farm. She drove school bus for Kingston School District for several years. Curry was a 4-H leader for over 25 years, instructing homemaking and sewing among other areas.

She was a member of the Kingston Wesleyan Church.

She is survived by three children: Lyle (Cathie) Curry of Kingston, LaWanda (Ron) Adamczyk of Kingston, and Brenda (Karl) Read of Presque Isle; 10 grandchildren; and a sister, Ruby Presson.

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HDC sets Fundraising Raffle date

The Human Development Commission's (HDC) annual Fundraising Raffle will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Caro.

Tickets are priced at \$100 per couple, which includes dinner, beverages, socializing, comedy show, and the chance to win prizes. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m., comedy show at 8 p.m., and drawings to follow. The feature comedian, Tim Rowlands, will be entertaining the crowd with plenty of laughter and adult humor. He has wowed audiences across the state including Dow Chemical, Ford, Detroit Edison, Xerox, Chrysler and many more.

First prize is a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond, second prize is a \$5,000 bond, and third prize is a \$1,000 bond. Plus, every 15th ticket drawn wins a \$100 bond. Guests will also have the option to participate in 50/50 drawings and purchase Pull-Tab Lotto tickets.

Event tickets can be purchased by calling HDC at 800-843-6394, or local calls, 673-4121. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support HDC programs.

The Human Development Commission is one of nearly 1,000 Community Action Agencies nationwide serving the needs of low-income persons and communities, and the general public. The HDC mission is "Helping People...Changing Lives."

HDC currently operates more than 70 programs, all designed to help promote self-sufficiency among citizens of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. Anyone who needs assistance may call toll-free at 1-800-843-6394.

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Rick Salcido	158
Craig Helwig	153
Mark Swanson	151*
Rich Tate	146
Scott Richards	144
Bill Kritzman	140
Don Ouvry	133
Chris Maharg	129
Brad Goslin	123
Dieter Roth	120
Ray Fox	117
John Maharg	107*
Don Warner	103
Terry Wiseman	95

Flight #2

Mike Hawrylo	163
Erik Tamlyn	151
Jason Bitzer	147
Mike Lowe	144
Dave Weiler	140
Jim Peyer	135
Corey Ullig	135*
Fred Leeson	131
Rick Coleman	130
Daryl Iwankovitch	128
Craig Bellew	120
Gary Robinson	114
Jim Hobbs	83*
Brian Reinhardt	83

Flight #3

Russ Biefer	176
Clark Erla	164
Dave Hoard	162
Ernie Bellew	159
Jon Zdrojewski	149
Dick Wallace	140
Jim Fox	136
Jack Hool	124
Dave Ochring	122
Roy Tuckey	110
Dan Mosher	110
Dan Hitler	108
Duane Henn	95
Tom Herron	93

Flight #4

Ed Knight	164
Paul Adams	158
Kevin Bliss	158
Mike King	151
Doug Lautner	142
Jeff Krol	137*
Charles Tunis	137
Tom Lis	132
Terry Hendrick	129

Dan Curtis	128
Bruce LeValley	118*
Orvil Beecher	116
Pat Curtis	110*
Jim Mastie	109
Anton Peters	95*

Flight #5

Doug Laurie	161
Tom Thorold	159
Dave Keller	152
Pat Davis	142
Bert Althaver	141
Bill Ewald	140
Clate Sawdon	139
Ed Mercado	137
Dennis Meek	133
Thad Phelps	129
Bob Stickle	127
John Agar	99
Aaron Mar	85
Jeff Kindler	68

* Denotes points to be adjusted

Wednesday Night 2 Man Golf League as of Aug. 11

Early Division

Henn/Peters	93
Berwick/Greenlee	79
Kritzman/Burns	76
Wieler/Leeson	75
Wallace/Warner	68
Bliss/Baker	66
Stickle/Iwankovitch	65
Craig/Knight	61
Strickland/Glaspie	60
Burns/Hutchinson	57
Jones/Marshall	56
Herron/Tuckey	51
Maharg/Pasieczny	50
Dillon/Ralph R./Lonti	40

Late Division

Hillaker/Murphy	86
Robinson/Martin	76
Williamson/Rieman	72
Hartel/Commet	71
Smith/Biddinger	70
LeValley/Morgan/Krol	70
Prieskorn/Rip	68
deBeaubien/Patrick	66
Doern/Haire	65
Schott/Osentoski	63
C. Bliss/K. Bliss	62
N. Bliss/Ware	57
Hool/Toner	57
Schneeberger/Ullig	39



CASS CITY'S Ryan Biddinger watches his tee shot off the 5th tee at Rolling Hills Golf course Monday afternoon. The Red Hawk sophomore shared medallist honors with Bad Axe's Jon Cook, as he carded a 40. However, the hosts fell to visiting Bad Axe, 175-184



Hatchets hand hosts Cass City Greater Thumb Conference golf setback Monday

Cass City opened its Greater Thumb Conference golf campaign on a sour note Monday afternoon, falling to visiting Bad Axe, 175-184.

Coach Jim Green's young Red Hawk team will try to rebound from the setback tonight (Wednesday) when Valley Lutheran arrives at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Against the Hatchets, Red Hawk sophomore Ryan Biddinger posted medallist honors, along with Bad Axe's Jon Cook, as the pair took advantage of ideal scoring conditions to card 40s on the par 35 track.

However, Biddinger didn't receive much help as the Hawks had Evan Laurie with 46, while Cameron Lautner and Brent Kucharczyk each tallied 49s.

For the winners, foreign exchange student Auaggoon Srisojaritpanich carded a 41, while Eric Glaza and Pete Salens each tallied 47.

CASS CITY INVITE

Croswell-Lexington captured the 9-school Cass City Invite Thursday at Rolling Hills Golf Course with a winning score of 140.

Finishing runner-up at the event was Carsonville-Port Sanilac with a total of 146, while North Branch placed 3rd at 149.

Cass City finished in a tie for 5th place, with Mayville, at 155.

Scoring at the event consisted of 9-holes of scramble play and 9-holes of best ball play. Each school entered three 2-man teams with the highest combined score discarded.

The team of Biddinger and Kucharczyk, who combined to shoot 73, led the hosts. Teammates Lautner and Laurie and teammates Ryan Ross and Kurt Handy each posted an 82.

CASS CITY FINISHED 5th at its own invite Thursday at Rolling Hills Golf Course. The Red Hawk team consisted of (front, l-r) Ryan Biddinger, Evan Laurie (back, l-r) Ryan Ross, Kurt Hanby, Cameron Lautner and Brent Kucharczyk.

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Ethanol trend spreading

As Michigan corn producers continue to struggle with stagnant commodity prices, they are looking at the potential for marketing their crops through value-added opportunities.

A new southeastern Michigan ethanol plant might provide a marketing outlet for producers across the state and beyond.

"Corn is the backbone of our industry," said Mike Score, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) agriculture and natural resources agent. "We have to move past commodity production to increase profit margins, and we need to produce products that are directed to the consumer."

Southeastern Michigan corn producers currently invest \$2.50 to produce each bushel of corn and receive \$2.60 in return - a very small return on investment.

The initiative to build an ethanol-processing facility began when MSUE brought producers together in January 2003 to discuss marketing options. The 40 producers in attendance were most interested in the possibilities offered by ethanol production.

A feasibility study determined that an ethanol plant would offer a 20 percent re-

turn for investors and that southeastern Michigan has sufficient resources and the physical infrastructure to support a plant.

"Currently 50 percent of the corn produced in Michigan is shipped out of state," said Jeff Ehler, president of Great Lakes Ethanol. "Ethanol is a value-added product that can increase the corn price by 10 cents per bushel."

In 2002, Michigan consum-

ers used about 125 million gallons of ethanol. Michigan's only current ethanol plant, located in Caro, produced only 40 million gallons that year. Ehler estimates Great Lakes Ethanol's annual production will be around 50 million gallons, with a capacity for 60 million gallons annually.

The majority of investors are farmers from across the state.

So far, 255 farmers have be-

come involved in the project.

Construction is scheduled to begin in Lenawee County this fall, and ethanol production will begin 12 to 14 months after groundbreaking.

Great Lakes Ethanol will create 40 new full-time jobs and will indirectly create 25 new jobs with the opening of a carbon dioxide plant that will make use of byproducts from the corn processing.

ACT launches website

ACT has launched www.actstudent.org, a new website for students taking the college admissions exam. The new site features information that changes according to the needs the student has during the school year.

"Students need clear information when preparing for college and for admissions tests," said Jon Erickson, vice president-educational services. "We have worked to make the information friendly and easy-to-find. We know that this time is stressful for students and we want to make sure that they have access to information that

will make the process as easy as possible."

ACT has organized the material on the website based on experience with students' website visits and knowledge of the questions they ask ACT staff. The information at www.actstudent.org will change, anticipating students' needs as they register for the test, prepare for the test and use the test scores after taking the test.

"Students ask a lot of questions, like what kind of calculator can be used. We've put the answers to these popular questions in easy-to-find locations," Erickson

says. Services and information at www.actstudent.org include:

- Online registration, early scores and score reporting
- Information about the ACT (test dates, deadlines, content of the test, etc.)
- Free test prep questions and information
- College search and online applications
- Financial aid need estimator
- The ACT Store, which features electronic and paper test prep products
- Additional college planning information, including Student Stories

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- Oak Office Chair
- 36" Deacons Bench donated by Kevin and Brenda Kuhl
- Miniature Doll Curio Cabinet
- Round End Table Curio - sponsored by Lighthouse Brain Injury Rehabilitation
- Brushed Silver Bistro Table with four bar stools - sponsored by Cass City Lions Club
- Four-drawer Chest of Drawers
- White Wardrobe
- Single door Ice Box - sponsored by Oscar Haag
- Oak Storage Cabinet - sponsored by John Burns, Attorney
- End Tables & TV Stand
- Taupe Glider - sponsored by Lighthouse Brain Injury Rehabilitation
- Black Glider - sponsored by Lighthouse Brain Injury Rehabilitation
- Glider Rocker with Ottoman - sponsored by Lighthouse Brain Injury Rehabilitation
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- Bottomless Cookie Jar - donated by Heather Jensen
- Shipshewana Trip for 8
- Scrap booking Party - donated by Linda Kraus and Jolene Tobey
- Catered Dinner for 20 donated by McDonald's Food and Family Center, Bad Axe
- Sleigh Ride for 8 donated by Harvey Bell
- Fondue Party for 8 hosted by Lew and Gerry Tibbits

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- Red Wing Tickets [dates to be determined]
- Up to 5 dates of Pistons Tickets [dates to be determined]
- Pistons vs. 76ers Tickets-8th Row donated by Harris and Company
- 4 Tickets to Tigers vs. Minnesota Twins Sept. 13, 7:05 p.m. sec 133 row 20 donated by Cole Carbide
- Oak Baseball Display Shelf
- Wavemaster Portable Training Bag - donated by Rick Smith
- Lebron James Bobblehead donated by Caro Coin and Collectibles
- Chauncey Billups Autographed Photo
- Lance Parrish Autographed Baseball
- Tayshaun Prince Autographed Pistons Hat
- Bobby Higginson Tigers Autographed Baseball
- Jason Hanson Autographed 8X10 Photo
- Larry Fitzgerald Autographed Photo
- Rasheed and Ben Wallace Autographed Basketball
- Fold-up Stadium Seat with Blanket
- Golf from Caro Golf Club
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Your neighbors say Dinner with JFK or Tiger Woods?

Question: If you could have dinner with any three famous people, who would they be?

We often wonder what it would be like to meet someone famous, although many times we don't know who we'd really want to meet. Two local women, however, have come up with a list.



Seeley

Sherryl Seeley of Chemical Bank said she would pick Tiger Woods, JFK and actor Sydney Poitier. "I like JFK as a president, I liked Sydney as an actor and Tiger is a good golfer," Seeley said.



Munsell

Fairway employee Marti Munsell also picked JFK but decided Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Lincoln could join her at the dinner table. "I liked the things they stood for - equality among all people," she said. "They probably got shot because of what they stood for."

Munsell, 52, also said if she could invite a fourth dinner guest, it would be former Genesis drummer/singer Phil Collins.

Cass City resident Sherryl Seeley is an assistant vice president at Chemical Bank. Marti Munsell also lives in Cass City and enjoys putting together puzzles and working on her computer in her spare time.

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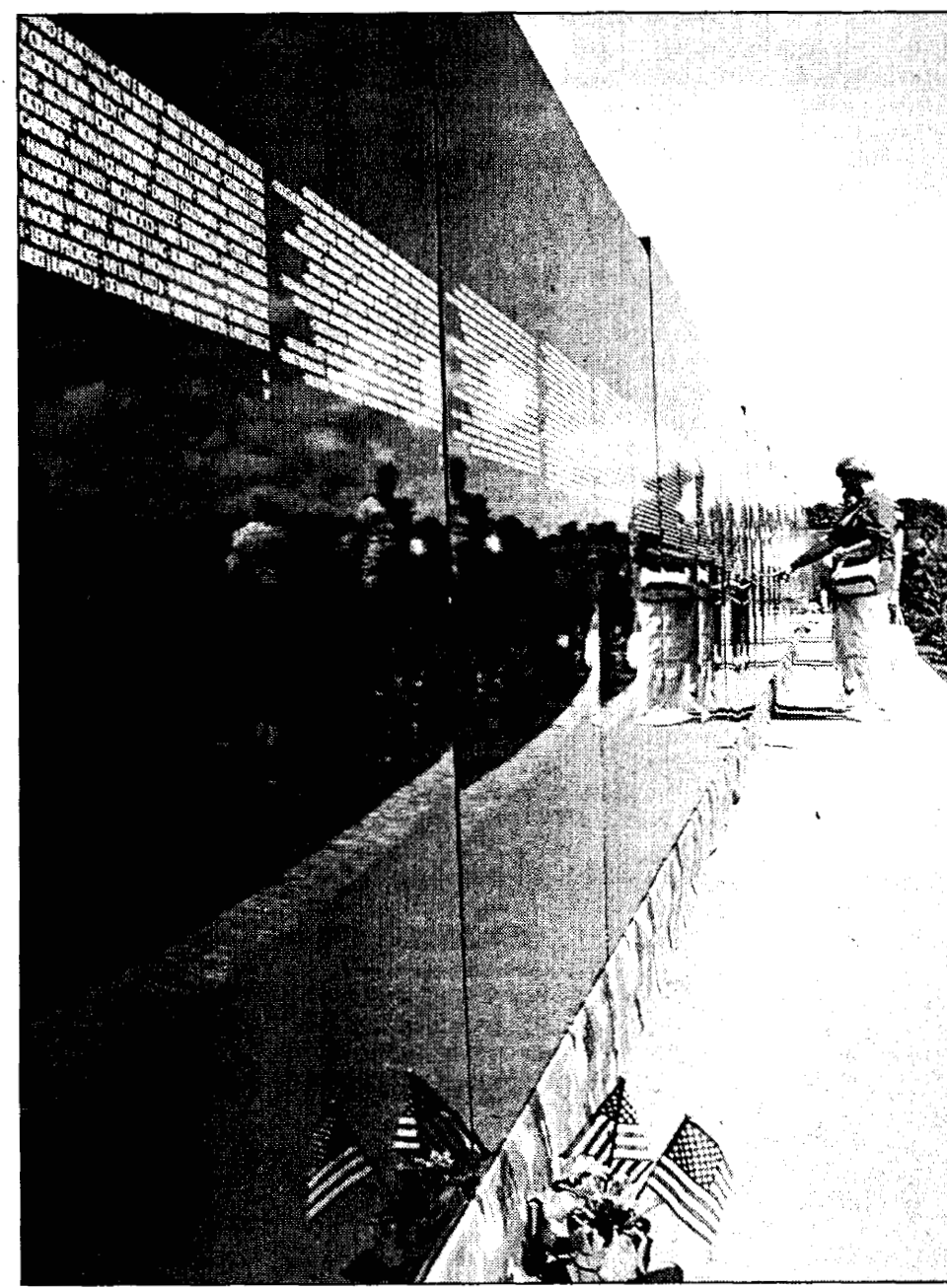
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OWENDALE AREA resident Jeff Faist examines one of several rifles on display near The Moving Wall.



PAULETTE AND Dave Lindsay of Howell walk through the "Quilt of Tears" tent in honor of veterans exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.



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American Girl Tea set for Sept. 18 at library

An American Girl Tea is slated for Sept. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library.

A variety of activities, including a play, will be on the schedule and refreshments will be served. Everyone may dress up as their favorite American Girl doll and bring their doll if they have one. In connection with the summer reading program theme relating to Lewis and Clark, the doll that will be featured is Kirsten.

Tickets will be available at the library beginning Monday, Aug. 23. Each ticket costs \$5 and admits one adult and up to 2 children. Space is limited so get your tickets early.

This would be a great activity for mothers and daughters or grandmothers and granddaughters. Tickets may also be purchased at the library for a drawing for a Kirsten American Girl doll. The prize in-

cludes the doll, her necklace, sunbonnet, hankie, spoon bag, wooden spoon and a Kirsten book. Tickets are \$1

each or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn during the tea. You need not be present to win.

around the state.

Named as runner-up was Laura Puvalowski, 18, of

Denise Puvalowski. She plans to attend Central Michigan University, where she will be majoring in physical therapy or business.

The Huron County Bean Growers, along with several Huron County elevators, sponsor the Huron County Bean Queen Contest. Area merchants, farms and individuals support the contest by providing monetary gifts to the new queen.

Messing crowned 2004 bean queen

Ashley Messing, 17, of Bad Axe, daughter of Greg and Shelly Messing, was crowned the 2004 Huron County Bean Queen at the Huron Community Fair Aug. 9.

Messing is currently attending Ubly High School and plans to attend Michigan State University next year to major in animal science. She is sponsored by Young Ideas Farm Bureau Group. During the year, she will represent Huron County Bean Growers at various events in Huron County and

around the state.

Protecting Marriage

Today in America the gay agenda has come roaring out of the closet full steam and is attempting to overthrow all vestiges of what has been normal human behavior over the last six millennia. Currently our congress and courts are so befuddled and intimidated by this gay onslaught, they can't even remember what is obviously and apparently right or normal anymore. And so, with recent decisions in Massachusetts, New York, and California, in favor of same sex marriage, we find the existence of the human family, as we know it, on the verge of extinction. You would not think it necessary, but because of what the individual states are wrongly allowing, it has become vital that we have a federal statement clearly defining marriage as between one man and one woman. Unfortunately, our Senate recently filibustered a marriage amendment proposal right off the floor; that body finding it beyond itself to take a stand for decency. Senator Debbie Stabenow's answer to my personal correspondence was that same sex marriage is something the states should decide. That's just a cop out — a way to get the heat off the senators and allow an activist judiciary to make the call.

If our elected representatives refuse to protect the God ordained institution of marriage, it leaves only us. Again, why does traditional marriage and its long held standard seem so difficult to defend today? Let me submit the reason is that we have gotten away from a basic biblical world view, i.e., we no longer look at all things in our world through the lens of scripture. We are confused on such fundamental issues as marriage because we no longer see it from God's perspective — the One who created the institution in the first place. Read Matthew 19, verses 1-6, and review some very important, though mostly ignored, words from Christ as He clearly defines marriage for the Jews. Matthew 19:1-6, NASB:

And it came about that when Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee, and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan;

2 and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

3 And some Pharisees came to Him, testing Him, and saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause at all?"

4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read, that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

5 and said, 'FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'?"

6 "Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

In the context of this passage the Pharisees approached Jesus in an attempt to test Him on the issue of divorce. Their goal was likely twofold. First, they wanted to see if they could set Him at odds with the Mosaic Law, which actually allowed divorce. Second, they tried to pin Him down as to which school of thought Jesus followed — Rabbi Hillel or Rabbi Shammai, two leading teachers of the day. But Jesus wasted no time with their games and brought them back to basics, back to the fundamentals, back to the beginning. When questioned by the doctors and teachers of the Law, how does Jesus answer? He answers with scripture! Verse 4, "Have you not read...?" Jesus is quoting Genesis, the "book of beginnings." The Lord is referring to that book as a Holy Spirit inspired authority, in this case, on the topic of marriage. But if you look at verse four with spiritual eyes, you will see something else. Jesus here agrees that God created man. When? In the beginning! In what form? Male and female! In these two verses Christ quotes Genesis 1:27; 5:2, and 2:24. Evidently the Only Begotten Son of God took God at His Word and believed the Genesis account of creation! God formed Adam from the dust and from His side He made Eve. Jesus believed the biblical account, in fact, participated in it, "...and without Him was not anything made that was made," John 1:3. If He believed it, we ought to believe it as well.

God designed marriage. Not only did He put it on the drawing board, but from the raw materials He made, He constructed the finished product. Adam and Eve formed the prototype marriage as instituted by God Himself. The design and intent of the Creator was one man for one woman, and one woman for one man. His design and intent, as Jesus answers the question on divorce, was that one man and one woman remain married because the two become one flesh. And this was the way it was until sin came to the race. Divorce never would have been a question at all if it were not for sin, but because we have fallen under its curse, divorce plagues the human family. Yet beyond this, the point Christ makes in our passage is an argument for a monogamous male/female relationship. Concerning God's design for marriage, Falwell aptly put it, "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve!"

After creation, throughout the Old Testament, we witness Satan's unrelenting assault against Jehovah's plan for the sanctity of marriage. Jesus stated God's original design and intent, yet it was not long before that design was corrupted. Satan tempted Eve, but Adam willingly followed her into sin. The first thing that was affected was their relationships — their relationship to God, and their relationship to each other. When they fell from their spiritual foundation, they fell from the foundation of their marriage. No longer did they live in perfect harmony as man and wife, but now the man would attempt to dominate the woman and the woman rebel against the leadership of the man. Later we see the patriarchs dealing with difficult family issues. We find Abraham unable to have children with Sarah and then take additional wives outside of God's will. Grandson Jacob did the same, much to his personal woe. David and Solomon as well, both men literally forfeiting the kingdom because of their dalliance with multiple wives. Jesus clearly shows us from His statement in our text that God's original and best design was one man for one woman, and one woman for one man. Anything that deviates from that pattern only brings trouble and heartache. It has been said that too many people marry for better or for worse but not for good. William Lyon Phelps said: "The highest happiness on earth is in marriage. Every man who is happily married is a successful man even if he has failed in everything else."

We have seen God's design and intent for marriage, now what can we determine is His will for this most sacred institution? From verses five and six in the text we see God's will is that a man leave his father and mother. Once the marriage bond is forged, the bond with mom and dad is released. Not to say we forget about our parents or dishonor them in any way, but when a man and a woman join in holy wedlock, a new family is formed, loyalties and responsibilities go forward into the new home that were previously fixed upon the household of our rearing. In other words, the new wife becomes the primary focus of the husband, and the new husband becomes the primary focus of the wife. If those loyalties do not shift, we have an unhealthy situation that will soon impede the development and happiness of the new home. Christ says the man is to *cleave* to his wife, i.e., he is to be so bonded to her that nothing can come between them — not mothers, not fathers, not in-laws, not outlaws. Both husband and wife must leave the previous home behind and the previous home must take care not to interfere with the new family God has created.

God's will is that the *two become one flesh*. His will is that marriage become the medium in which sexual love is expressed. Solomon poetically speaks to this truth when he says in Proverbs 5:15-19, "Drink from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well. Should your springs be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be yours alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth. As a loving hind and graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; be exhilarated always with her love." Again, Jesus says the two become one flesh, not multiple flesh. Solomon says stay with one woman, the same wife you had from the days of your youth and be satisfied with her alone. God's will is that marriage be protected for the expression of sexual love and for the physical, emotional, and spiritual welfare of each mate. He wants marriage protected for the prosperity of the family and the blessing of children. Several times throughout Genesis, God commands, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth..." Every time He says it, it is within the context of the family — a husband and a wife, one man with one woman.

It is God's will that matrimony between a man and a woman be a holy and respected union. Paul wrote in Hebrews 13:4, "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge." Not only does God say marriage should be honored, but He literally honored it Himself. Jesus Christ chose a wedding to reveal His first miracle power, turning water into wine. By His very presence He demonstrated His support for this God ordained institution (John 2). And in our text, the Lord honors marriage by saying God has joined the man and woman together and no one should try to separate them.

We recognize God's will for marriage by what is stated here, but we also see His will by what is omitted. Nowhere in scripture, not in the New Testament nor in the Old, do we find a marital union described in any other way but as a man with a woman. In our text as well as throughout the rest of the historical scriptures, marriage is always assumed, if not directly understood, as between the two sexes. Nowhere is it ever endorsed or even mentioned as being between members of the same sex. So, after six thousand years of precedent, how do we suddenly come up with new truth that says same sex marriage is O.K.? How are same sex unions now valid and due all the blessings and benefits of a heterosexual marriage? Who's making up the rules here? It's definitely not the Lord. When did we become so omniscient and omnipotent that we have the power to alter, change, and overrule God's will concerning this most fundamental, heaven ordained institution? We don't have that power and it amazes me. Americans and their legislators and judges can't see that we don't! How arrogant we have become, telling God that His plan and design is lacking and we have one that is equal or better. God does not condone same sex unions, indeed He condemns them. In Leviticus 18:22 He calls it an "abomination."

Nationally, every time Israel and Judah fell into apostasy away from the Lord, homosexuality increased. Under King Rehoboam, Solomon's son, Judah fell away and male cult prostitution flourished (1st Kings 14:24). Then, good King Asa came along and directed the people back to Jehovah. He removed the male cult prostitutes. Jehoshaphat, Asa's son, continued his father's program where 1st Kings 22:46 says, "And the remnant of the sodomites who remained in the days of his father Asa, he expelled from the land." In the last and final revival under King Josiah many years later, when the nation had again fallen into depravity (before captivity), Josiah, too, expelled the sodomites (2nd Kings 23:7).

Judah and Israel, because of their sin, both fell by the sword. They are an object lesson for us today, and we must learn the lesson. When governments and leaders endorse, protect, and defend homosexual interests as a special class, that government is headed for a fall. You all remember the blanket endorsement Bill Clinton gave to homosexual interest groups — the gay lobby with its gay agenda. If couples within this group are allowed the status of legal marriage, think of the chaos that will ensue. Think of the economic confusion that will occur regarding spousal benefits in corporations, in government, with insurances, and so on. Think about the legal confusion surrounding the adoption of children if same sex marriage is legitimized, not to mention the confusion and gender dilemma brought to the children themselves. Think about the burden to the healthcare industry due to this high-risk lifestyle. As Satan attacked God's institution of marriage from the beginning, he continues to press his attack today, knowing that the destruction of the family, the core unit of society, will destroy the nation. Will America be judged for accommodating this lifestyle as Judah and Israel were judged, indeed, even as Sodom and Gomorrah? Or will we follow God's design, His intent, and His will in this matter?

Protecting marriage is our responsibility. What will you do? Would you pray about this issue? Would you talk to others? Would you even contact your congressmen and encourage them to pass a federal marriage amendment? Will you help protect marriage and God's plan for the human race?

Rev. Todd R. Gould, Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

Circuit court proceedings

Several appear on charges

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

•Michael J. Arnold, 44, Caro, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, Dec. 24 and Jan. 24 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$30,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Joseph E. Nolet, 32, Brown City, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Jan. 4 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Michael C. Thomas, 31, Fostoria, stood mute to charges of absconding or forfeiting bond June 28 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$8,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Ronald F. Horning Jr., 27, Vassar, stood mute to 2 counts of absconding or forfeiting bond Jan. 5 and March 22 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.

•David J. Warren, 24, Caro, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile Sept. 11 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•James E. Bearinger, 50, Caro, stood mute to a charge of assaulting a police officer June 26 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$20,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Nathan J. Shoup, 19, Caro, stood mute to charges of first degree home invasion; 2 counts each of uttering and publishing and forgery involving checks for \$100 and \$150, drawn on Chemical Bank and Trust Company

May 11; and larceny in a building.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Joshua C. Bell, 17, Millington, stood mute to a charge of larceny in a building June 19 in Millington Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$2,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Thomas P. LaJoie, 23, Unionville, stood mute to a charge of forgery involving a \$280 check drawn on Team One Credit Union July 4.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Matthew R. Couture, 36, Flint, pleaded guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer, third degree, assault with a dangerous weapon, assaulting a police officer, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor July 5 in Arbel Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$25,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Bruce A. Scott, 50, Saginaw, stood mute to charges of forgery involving a receipt/invoice for \$73.06, 5 counts of second degree retail fraud between September and May in Denmark and Vassar townships.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Harold D. Schrader Jr., 38, Silverwood, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance July 13 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Joseph H. Brady, 38, Caro, pleaded no contest to assaulting a police officer March 23 in Caro, and to being an habitual offender (3 prior felony convictions).

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

•Wilson L. Wood, 61, Gagetown, pleaded no contest to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) May 8, 2003, in Gagetown.

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

•Matthew L. Ward, 30, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Nov. 10 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$7,500. Sentencing is to be set.

•Gordon W. Miller, 24, Decker, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 180 days in the county jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 21 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,580 plus restitution of \$185.

•Andrew S. Oleksiw, 33, North Royalton, Ohio, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (121 days deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support.

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

•Valentine G. Makowski, 60, Eastpointe, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and possession of a weapon while under the influence of liquor April 14 in Dayton Township.

He was also placed on probation for 12 months and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,140.

•Andrew R. Leitheiser, 32, Kingston, was ordered to serve 18 months probation and 270 days in jail (221 days deferred) for his pleas of no contest to assaulting a police officer and assault and battery March 14 in Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$3,400 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees of \$500.

HDC to distribute free food in Thumb Sept. 3

The Human Development Commission (HDC) will hold its Tuscola County Temporary Emergency Food Distribution (TEFAP - yellow card registration) Sept. 3, at the HDC Warehouse at 165 Butler St., Caro, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those attending should bring a box with them to carry food.

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The Tuscola Conservation District will host its first open house today (Wednesday) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in celebration of its 60th year as a district.

Directors and staff members will be on hand to answer questions, and there will be door prizes and refreshments. A light lunch will also be available.

A formal presentation of awards and announcement of director elections is planned for 2:30 p.m.

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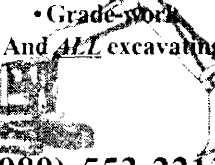
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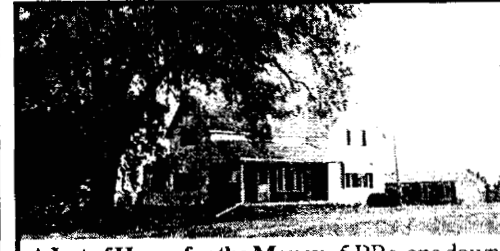
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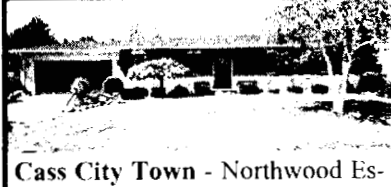
Cass City 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1,200 sq. ft. condo. Hardwood floors, full finished walk-out basement with 3/4 bath, family room and 2 other finished rooms with plenty of storage. TCC1413



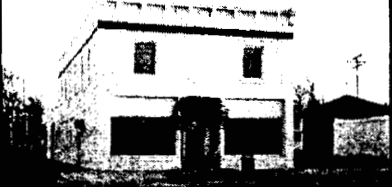
Bach - Old Bach Bar on 4 lots. In process of being converted to 5 unit apartments. Newer roof, septic and field. 2 apartments are done. Newer windows on 1st floor. TO682



Cass City - 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath under construction. 2,000 sq. ft., custom built, 2 car attached garage with a bonus room above. High full basement. 30'x40' pole barn. Owner will finish. Located on M-81. Cass City Schools. 12 acres of land. F731



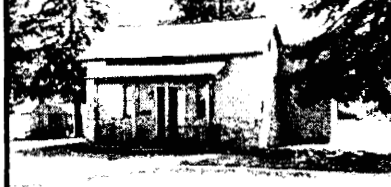
Cass City Town - Northwood Estates Subdivision - 1,700 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1 full & 2 half baths. Ranch home with a full finished basement & a 2 car finished & heated garage. 1st floor laundry. Beautifully landscaped yard with in-ground sprinkler system in front & back yards. Cy1371. PRICE REDUCED



Cass City Town - Commercial 2 story building with a full basement & an attached 34'x49' garage with floor drain & separate meter. Ideal location with a municipal parking lot in rear. 3 separate entrances for storefront, garage & 2nd story. Could be used for multiple businesses for extra income. COM1095



Cass City Country - Just minutes from town. 3-4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, over 2,500 sq. ft. Cape Cod home with a full basement, on a paved road with a 2 car+ heated garage, on 2.2 beautifully landscaped acres. Built in 2000 with a full basement. Cy2395



Cass City Town - 2, possible 3, bedroom, 1 bath, 1 1/2 story home, partial basement, on a large lot. Home has been remodeled inside & out within the past 8 years and is in excellent condition. Located in a quiet neighborhood. Bring your furniture and move in. TCC1419

Cass City
165'x366.6 vacant lot on Hunt St. City water and sewer at street. Close to schools. Nice building site. TL350

Beefmobile makes stop at United Producers Inc.

Area beef producers were hand-delivered beef check-off research and promotion information when the Beefmobile visited United Producers Inc. in Cass City on Tuesday, August 3. Producers also were asked to provide input regarding how beef checkoff dollars should be invested in research and promotional projects on their behalf.

Funding for the Beefmobile comes from producers through the Cattlemen's Beef Board, comprising 108 beef producers who oversee the \$1-per-head Beef Check-off Program. The National Livestock Producers Association and its Beefmobile 'wrangler,' RaeMarie Gordon, manage the Beefmobile, on behalf of producers and the Beef Board.

The stop at United Producers, Inc. is one of 100 scheduled between Jan. 1 and Sept.

30, 2004, designed to reach out to grassroots producers who market through livestock marketing facilities. "Thanks to the Beefmobile, the rank-and-file beef producer now has direct access to the results of beef check-off research and promotional information," said R. Scott Stuart, president and CEO of NLP. "If producers have questions about their beef checkoff investments or just want more information about how their money is spent, in general, they can just stop by the van when it visits their local livestock marketing facility."

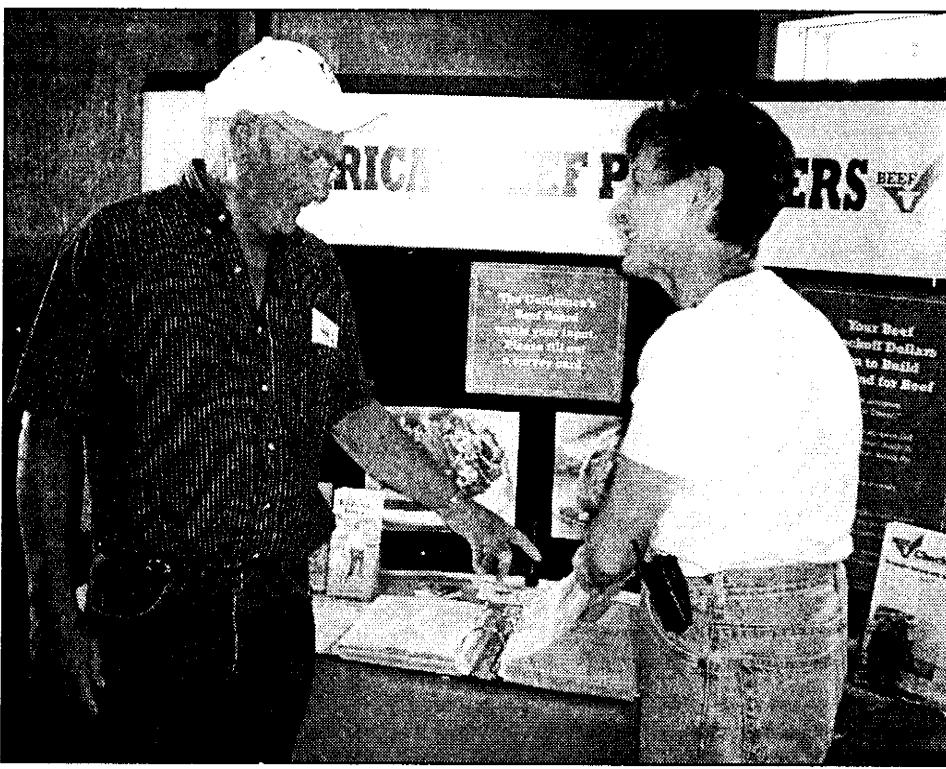
To leverage checkoff dollars to their maximum extent, Stuart added, the Beefmobile also is stopping at retail stores to promote beef to consumers, and serves as a rolling billboard as it travels U.S. highways.

Producers unable to partici-

pate in the Beefmobile's activities can obtain a Beef Checkoff Newsletter from the United Producers, Inc. or learn more about the Checkoff at www.beefboard.org.

The Beef Checkoff was established as part of the 1985 Farm Bill. The Checkoff assesses \$1 per head on the sale of live domestic and imported cattle, in addition to a comparable assessment on imported beef and beef products. States retain up to 50 cents on the dollar and forward the other 50 cents per head to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, which administers the national Checkoff program, subject to USDA approval. Checkoff revenues may be used for promotion, education and research programs to improve the marketing climate for beef.

The National Livestock Producers Association, founded in 1921, is an organization of livestock marketing cooperatives and credit corporations representing more than 200,000 livestock producers nationwide.



BEEFMOBILE - Beef producers received a strong "You Count" message when the Beef Checkoff-funded Beefmobile visited United Producers, Inc. on Tuesday, Aug. 3. Beefmobile Wrangler RaeMarie Gordon addressed beef producers attending the auction including (left to right) Don Zandbergen from Calendonia and Katherine Twining with the Michigan Beef Industry Commission. Gordon also handed out information about the Beef Checkoff and manned a display that highlighted Beef Checkoff programs.

YFC auction scheduled

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upcoming benefit auction is available by contacting

Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ at (888) BL-THUMB.

Lunches

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gets, dessert items — may result in a loss of income for the program.

The National School Lunch Program served 29 million children last year, and more than half were on a free or reduced lunch plan. The USDA runs the program and supplies 18 percent of its food.

Board

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used by the Cass City Band Boosters. If \$5,000 is earned the Boosters receive 10 percent. If revenues reach \$10,000 the Boosters will receive 15 percent. There is no cost to the school.

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Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, August 18

United Sportsmen's Alliance, 7 p.m., Caseville Rod and Gun Club, 7936 Dunn Rd. (off of Caseville Rd. between Pigeon and Caseville). Plans for Youth Weekend will be discussed. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call (989) 872-2398.

Thursday, August 19

Multiple Sclerosis and Fibromyalgia Support Group, 7 p.m., Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. For more information, call Deb at (989) 872-2121 (ext. 216).

CPR Class, 6:30-10 p.m. For more information or to pre-register, please call Resource Coordinator Jeanette Yaroch, RN at (989) 635-4103. Sponsored by Marlette Community Hospital.

Friday, August 20

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

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

Saturday, August 21

Birds of Pray gospel concert, 7 p.m., Farver Road Baptist Church, 4330 Farver Rd., Gagetown. For more information, call (989) 872-3525. Noah's Ark Theme Park is also open Friday-Sunday, 2-7 p.m.

Monday, August 23

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. A special "goals" meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.

Wednesday, August 25

P.E.T.S. (Pet Education, Training & Support) Program, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Thumb Retired Officers of Police Service (TROOPS) meets at Franklin Inn, Bad Axe at 11:30 a.m.

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