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PARTICIPATION IN this year's fifth annual Summer Mania Classic Car Show Friday night soared, with more than 100 proud classic car and motorcycle owners showing off their hard work, compared to about 60 exhibitors last year.

Smith getting acquainted with students

Wayne Smith, 65, the new interim band director for Cass City Schools, first day on the job Monday was to become acquainted with the band students that he will direct while the current director Doug Burch is on suspension. Smith agreed to come out

of retirement to help during the emergency situation after being retired for 10 years from Kingston Schools where he was the band director for 29 years. Before that he spent his first 2 years at North Branch. What he liked the most while at Kingston was the

association with the kids. Sometimes, he smiled, what he liked the least was dealing with some of the parents of the players. One of the highlights of his career at Kingston was to have the band named the best small school band in the state by the University of Michi-

gan Accreditation committee. Smith is a friendly person easy to speak with and appears ready to take charge. His only regret is that a proposed Florida vacation was canceled. We had already made a deposit, he sighed. Smith will not be paid as a

substitute but as an interim teacher and his salary will be the same as a first-year teacher receives on the union contract. **SEARCH GROUP HIRED** The Michigan Leadership Please turn to back page.

Smith: Summer Mania fantastic

Cristi Smith may have been exhausted by the time Cass City's annual Summer Mania celebration came to a close Saturday, but she couldn't have been much more pleased with this year's event. "I think it was spectacular," said Smith, who was hired as chamber administrator in early May. "There were so many people there. The turnout was awesome, and the people were wonderful - they were grateful; that everything was free except for the food," she added. Even some of the treats were free, with the chamber giving away some 700 snow cones as well as cotton candy Thursday and Friday. Summer Mania kicked off on a shaky note Thursday, which was dominated by cloudy skies and showers. But the sunshine and warm temperatures returned Friday morning.

"When I talked to Dan Curtis Friday after 6, it (number of register car owners) was well over 100. He said it doubled the numbers of past years," Smith said, adding the 2 blocks of Main Street that were shut down for the event "were packed. It was great, wasn't it? People were just having too much fun," she said. "Next year we're going to go bigger - we hope to add Saturday." The Summer Mania Business Crawl was also a success. This year's winner was Joey Dore, who received some \$50 in "Cass City Cash" along with coupons for merchandise at Cass City Hardware, Cass City Floral, Videomation and All Season Video. "The karaoke (at Mulligan's Irish Links) was successful beyond numbers," noted Smith, who reported more than 100 people in at-

tendance. "And I think the beer tent was successful at Gilligan's. The car smash went over real well, too." Unfortunately, not every event enjoyed large participation and attendance, but Smith vowed to make some changes in an effort to boost the numbers next year. She described the inaugural Mania in the Sand 3-on-3 Volleyball competition "a flop", with only 3 teams registering. "I don't think we reached the right crowd," she said. "But we'll try it again next year. I'm not willing to let that go." Smith is quick to attribute the overall success of this year's celebration to a host of others whose efforts, she said, made all the difference. "This could not have happened without the sponsors and the volunteers. I could not have done it myself," she added. "They held everything together."

Ellis latest to earn Eagle rank

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Ray Ellis says learning from his mistakes has been an important part of his experience over the years as a Boy Scout.

Preparing for a camping trip, for example. Ellis, 17, recalled he and a fellow scout were charged with purchasing groceries for their first outing together in the Caro area.

"We bought like \$80 of groceries and didn't use half of it. Instead of 2 bananas, we got 20 - just a bunch of stuff we thought we would need but didn't," he said. "We thought we did okay at the time. Now, we spend \$10 a person and that's pretty much all you need."

Ellis grinned. "That's the hardest at first - going shopping for campouts. It's not just (camping). You have to plan. It's a lot of work for just one weekend, with meals, transportation, cost."

Ellis, the son of Andrew and Natalie Ellis, Cass City, has learned his lessons well. In fact, the Cass City High School junior has reached a goal that just 4 percent of Boy Scouts attain - earning scouting's highest honor, the coveted Eagle rank.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 500, Cass City, Ellis will formally receive the rank during his Court of Honor, Saturday, Aug. 27, at 1 p.m. at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

The location is an appropriate one. Ellis completed his final requirement - his Eagle project - at Northwood, which offers assisted living housing along with a separate, specialized unit for dementia patients.

Troop 500 Scoutmaster Rita Hanby suggested that Ellis consider constructing raised bed gardens for residents in the dementia unit, and he took the next step by meeting with them.



FROM organizing to building to planting, Ellis oversaw every aspect of the project that qualified him for the coveted Eagle rank.

Dying for a drink

Chronicle editor: my personal battle with alcoholism

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The following is a first-person account of my own personal struggle with alcoholism and how I've finally begun to escape an addiction that has ruled my life for many years. It's my hope that by sharing these experiences, others who are in the same boat I was in just weeks ago might consider reaching out for help.

Hi, I'm Tom, and I'm an alcoholic.

The words weren't that hard to say the first time, even in front of a group of strangers in Pigeon, where I attended my first-ever Alcoholics Anonymous meeting some weeks ago. I was a stranger to them, too, but they welcomed me.

I went to that meeting because I needed to - knew I had to go - if I was going to save my own life. I had been literally dying for a drink for years, and I knew it.

I began flirting with alcohol after taking my first reporting job out of college. It turned out to be pretty grueling work for a fresh, young reporter. I worked long hours for little pay. I rarely saw my wife and young daughter, and when I did I was so stressed out I was terrible company. Alcohol helped me to forget my boss, my stress, my life. For a while.

Over the years, booze be-

came a "mistress" of sorts for me. Simply put, she gradually took over my life. At first it was a drink on the occasional weekend. After awhile, I found myself drinking a couple times a week and on some weekends. I can remember my intuition repeatedly warning me when the frequency increased to every other day. I ignored the warnings and, before I knew it, found myself getting intoxicated to some degree every day.

I drank the hardest on the weekends. I never stopped at 2 or 3 - I always kept going until I simply couldn't drink anymore. I honestly don't know why. All I know for certain is that any reason was good enough to reach for that first one.

I couldn't say exactly when it happened, but drinking, for me, went from being a pleasurable release to a tiresome chore. I was now drinking heavily every day - not so much to feel good, but to avoid feeling terrible, if only temporarily. Alcohol also helped me to forget that I had lost all respect for myself.

There are many different types of alcoholics; some binge for days or weeks on end, then remain sober for a period of months or even years. Others drink excessively every day or almost every day at the local tavern with their buddies, or at home.

I was a "closet drinker," and I hid my addiction well for

many years, drinking secretly at home and at the same time trying to keep enough balance in my life to hang onto my job and stay out of trouble with the law.

HARD WORK

It was hard work. My entire life revolved around alcohol. If I wasn't sure of where my next "fix" was coming from, I couldn't relax. The drive to keep myself supplied was overwhelming.

My first thoughts in the morning focused solely around when I would purchase the day's supply of booze, and where - I moved from store to store in hopes that clerks wouldn't notice that "this guy was buying a lot of alcohol." I was only fooling myself, of course.

The process didn't end there. I constantly changed "hiding places" for my drug - from the garage to the trunk of my car to the shed to the basement - in an effort to avoid being found out. There were times when my wife came very close to unknowingly finding my stash. But my panic lasted only until I settled into my evening pattern of sneaking drinks, one after the other, by quietly slipping out the back door or down the basement steps.

I lived in a constant state of guilt, depression and fear. Fear of being found out, fear

of getting sick, fear of failure at work. There were mornings when I awoke and could not remember what I had said or done the night before.

"I had dug a bottomless pit and was falling deeper by the day. It's difficult to describe the profound sense of hopelessness I felt. I was alone and I had no one to talk to about my problem."

I guess I was a pretty high-functioning drunk, because many of those around me, family included, had no clue that I was in serious trouble. My ability to appear sober when I wasn't, at least a majority of the time, turned out to be a curse for me.

While I grew up with a significant family history of alcoholism, my wife did not. She's never even had a drink in her life. So she was shocked when I confessed my addiction and, I'm sure, felt betrayed.

It wasn't her fault. I had given her little reason to suspect anything was wrong. But, in fact, the signs of my problem were everywhere. As the years passed, I gradually abandoned many of the things I had always loved - spending quality time with my family, fishing, hunting. The list goes on. In time, I put everything else aside to indulge in my addiction.

There was room in my life only for work and drinking.

Over the years, my tolerance for alcohol increased markedly. What 6 beers had done for me a few years ear-

lier now took 12, sometimes 14 or more.

And the signs of serious alcoholism began to appear with greater frequency. I had begun to experience "blackouts", periods of time in which I had no memory of my actions and words while drinking.

Those frightened me. I stopped asking questions and bringing up topics of conversation at home the next morning in order to avoid strange looks from members of my family, who wondered what was wrong with me at times because we had already talked about those things the night before.

About 3 years or so ago I emerged from a particularly heavy weekend binge with a depression that could have sunk a ship. And I mean I felt terrible, not only physically, but also emotionally. I was ashamed. I was depressed.

How could I keep doing this to myself?!

I called a hotline to find out about alcohol treatment and set up an appointment to have what is known in the business as an "assessment". I don't recall exactly, but I suspect I fudged on my answers to some of the questions I was asked regarding how much I was drinking and how often (I dreaded the idea of being "held" in a treatment center).

Actually, "fudged" isn't the right word. I lied, and often, to protect my secret.

After all was said and done, I was told I didn't qualify for residential treatment, even though I knew that's what I needed. The individual who conducted the assessment sent me home and told me to get serious about attending AA meetings.

Instead, I breathed a sigh of relief, went home and bought a 6-pack.

I wasn't ready to stop yet. I became ready just weeks ago. Seems like months now. My weekend binges had really gotten out of control, and a 3-day bout with the bottle found me barely able to get out of bed on a Monday morning, which is a pretty hectic day at the Chronicle as the week's edition is being prepared to go to the printer. I lasted about 4 hours in the office before I was forced to go home. I was that ill. In my nearly 19 years at the

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Holbrook Area News

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Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hosner of Alabama, Linda and Rick Kukak of Brown City, Cory Rickett of Lansing, Wendy and Caitlyn, Jamie Doerr and Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doerr and Savana, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Sunday cookout guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Jack Kennedy, Bernard Morley and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nicol and sons, Jason and John, of Mt. Pleasant, June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Margaret Cook, Hazel Mattice, and Allen Farrelly were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel for Dan's birthday.

Reva Silver and Mrs. Gerald Wills were Wednesday supper guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Allen Farrelly had dinner at the Cass City Stockyards Wednesday and at the Corley Restaurant at Port Austin on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka spent the weekend with Greg and Michelle Reid, Ethan and Joshua at Clinton Township. Other guests were Melonie Godell and Amy of Lincolnshire, Ill.

Allen Farrelly went to Sterling Heights to get June Rutz who is spending a few days with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Mrs. Dean Adams, Mrs. Mike Rumpitz, Mrs. Bob Jackson of Uby, Mrs. Rich Bukowski and Sue Mergl of Lake Orion were among many family members and friends who attended a bridal shower on Sunday at Farina's Banquet Center in Berkeley for Magdalena Chavez. Magdalena is the fiancé of Brad Kulish, son of Don and Debbie Kulish of Shelby Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Leppek visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz Thursday

evening.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hosner of Alabama. Saturday, they all attended the Sanilac County 4-H Fair at Sandusky.

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met Thursday evening at the home of Joe and Hilda Sweeney. After the meeting, cards were played and high prizes were won by Dorothy and Clarence Heleski. Low prizes were won by Deloris Bouchard and Ray Depcinski. They will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolschlager on Aug. 18.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Allen Farrelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel were among a group of around 80 friends and relatives who attended a birthday party for Alger Novack at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe Saturday evening.

Mrs. Gerald Wills attended a Ballagh family get together at the home of Mrs. Harold Ballagh in Cass City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hosner of Alabama were Saturday lunch guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Allen Depcinski spent the weekend at Glennie at the Bernard and Suzanne Smatinski cottage and on Sunday attended the mass at St. Pius Catholic Church and had breakfast at the church hall served by the K of C.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Freebie of Auburn Aug. 2, an 8 pound son, Benjamin Robert. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Curtis Cleland, it is her 25th great-grandchild.

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



Rick and Lora Kulinski

Kulinskis mark 25th anniversary

Rick and Lora (Crawford) Kulinski of Deford celebrated 25 years of marriage camping in Holland, Silver Lake and Muskegon.

The couple exchanged marriage vows July 26, 1980 at

45 attend 30th Brown reunion

The 30th annual Brown reunion was held July 31 at the Cass City Park.

There were 45 in attendance. The men pitched horseshoes, and the kids went swimming in the pool and enjoyed the amenities of

the First Presbyterian Church, Cass City.

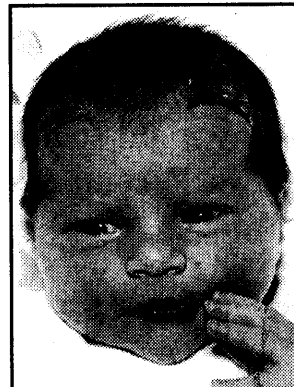
They have 3 children: Amy (Ralph) Ames of Caro, Cory Kulinski of Cass City, and Kevin Kulinski of Deford, and a granddaughter, Nicole Ames.

the park.

Ralph and Opal Brown traveled the farthest, coming from Gibraltar. The youngest was Keagan Young, son of Ryan Young. He checked in at 10 1/2 months.

The 2006 reunion will be the last Sunday in July, at the park.

It's a girl!



Josephine "Josie" Marie Guinther

Maggie Guinther announces the birth of her baby sister, Josephine "Josie" Marie Guinther.

Josie was born July 8, 2005. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

Her parents are Jennifer Freundt and Randy Guinther of Florissant, Mo.

Grandparents are Jim and Joann Guinther of Cass City, and Anne and Allen Freundt of Florissant, Mo.



Found - One pair of prescription glasses in a Maui Jim case. Owner may claim by identifying and explaining how they got in my dresser drawer.

We're far more familiar with the frustration of losing things than with finding them without a clue as to where they came from.

After our kids left following their summer visit, I discovered the glasses in one of the drawers they had been using. I assumed they belonged to my daughter-in-law, but she assured me that they were not hers. She had seen them when she packed, but thought they were mine.

Where they came from is a mystery that will plague me till it's solved. So if you're missing a pair, let me know. We'll try to figure out how I got them.

Cass City became garage sale heaven for enthusiasts during Summer Mania last weekend.

I heard about one woman who was taking her time browsing through everything at a friend's sale and remarked, "My husband's going to be angry that I stopped at a garage sale."

Her friend replied, "I'm sure he'll understand when you tell him about all the bargains you found."

"Normally, yes," she said. "But he just broke his leg and he's waiting for me to take him to the hospital to have it set."

Now, that's Xtreme saling!

If you've ever spent hours in a waiting room, you can relate to this.

During a tour through the city's historic district, one of the guides dressed in Colonial clothing tripped and fell, breaking his wrist.

As he waited in the hospital emergency room, another patient came in. Doing a double take upon seeing his 18th century clothes, he asked incredulously, "Just how long have you been waiting?"

I'm still cleaning out my files, and these are some gems that beg to be shared: "Some people are like Slinkies...not really good for

anything, but they still bring a smile to your face when you push them down the stairs."

A teacher told of trying to get her 7th grade class to understand how the Indians must have felt when they first encountered the Spanish explorers.

"How would you feel," she asked, "if someone showed up on your doorstep who looked very different, spoke a strange language and wore unusual clothes? Wouldn't you be a little scared?"

A boy in the back answered, "Nah, I'd just figure it was my sister's date."

Collection of waste scheduled

Do you have household hazardous waste in your basement or garage? Do you have a safe place to dispose of it?

Huron County is looking for residents to participate in its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Residents should plan ahead and collect their unwanted household hazardous waste (toxic/poisonous, flammable, caustic or chemically reactive materials, such as oil-based paint, drain cleaners, pool chemicals, pesticides and antifreeze) to bring them to the collection.

This program is offered to residents in Huron County to reduce the waste going into local landfills and the negative impact these products can have if mixed with the regular waste stream.

Residents are required to pre-register and be assigned an appointment time to participate in the program. No materials will be accepted without an appointment. All information is kept confidential.

To participate in this fall collection, all applications must be turned in to MSU Extension-Huron County by Friday, Sept. 16. For an application or more information, contact MSU Extension-Huron County at (989) 269-9949.

Engaged



Eve Nichols & Rob Turzillo

Phil and Kathy Nichols announce the engagement of their daughter, Eve, to Robert "Rob" Turzillo, son of Nick and Linda Turzillo of Lakewood, New York.

Eve is the granddaughter of the late Harm and Emma Nichols, Phyllis Mark Wheeler of Cass City and the late Jim Mark.

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Rob and Eve are both graduates of Northwood University. Eve works as a district sales manager and Rob works as a sales manager in the automotive industry.

Following a winter wedding in Michigan, the couple will reside outside Pittsburgh, Pa.

High school enrollment in Cass City

New students wishing to enroll at Cass City High School are asked to call (989) 872-2148 and make an appointment for Aug. 17 or 25.

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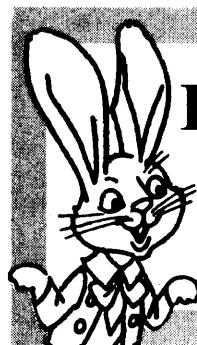
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Area anglers have reported outstanding success recently. Elsewhere in this issue Chad Stark's story about success on the Cass River appears.

Recently Stan Guinther of Cass City, fishing near Kalkaska, brought home a trophy-sized brook (speckled) trout.

Fishing in a creek about as wide as one lane of a highway, he caught a 14-inch fish, a monster size for brookies in small streams.

This is one fish that won't continue to grow every time it's talked about.

Guinther is having the fish mounted.

At the request of property owners, 9 shade trees on village property between the sidewalk and the highway have been cut and there are many more trees awaiting the chain saw. Not everyone on the growing waiting list will be serviced this year.

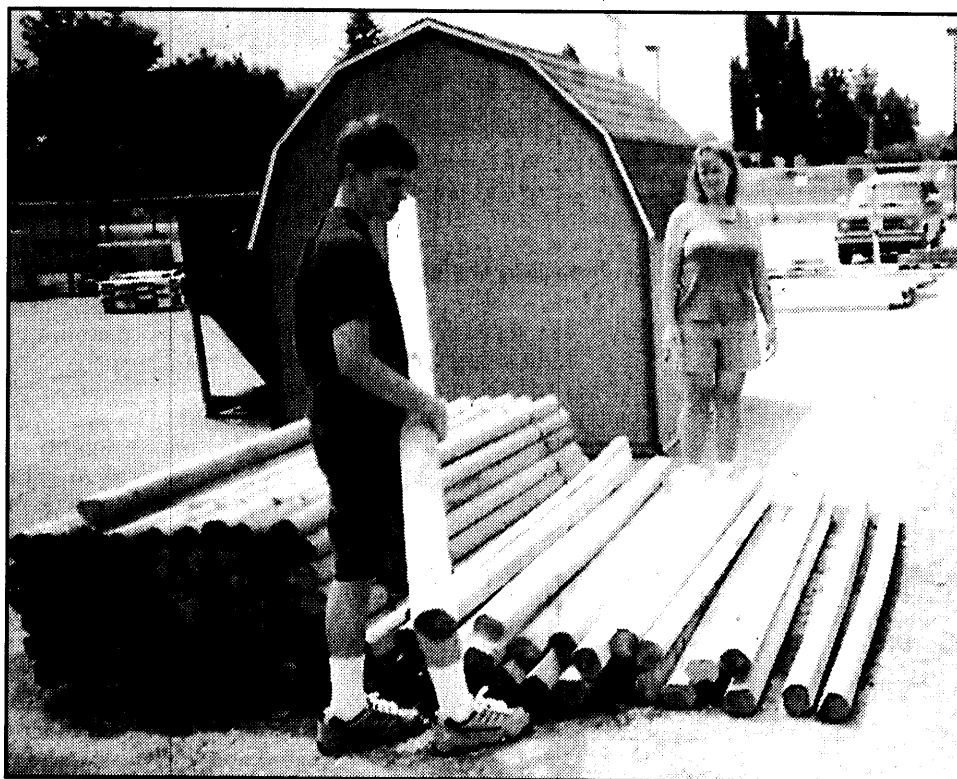
The 9 trees already cut cost the village \$3,130. Prices for cutting varies with the size of the trees, Rick Mohr, waste water superintendent explained, and the \$10,000 budgeted for tree removal will not be enough to accommodate all tree removal requests.

If requested, the village will replace trees cut with new, young trees.

Sunday, July 31, was a great day to be out and about so it was decided to revisit Dow Gardens in Midland. It's been a while since we toured the manicured acreage provided by Dow Chemical Corp.

There appears to be fewer flowers now than previously displayed, but they are arranged to show how they can be used to beautify the overall appearance of the yard.

Admittance fee is \$5 and includes entrance to a building that fronts a tree forest. The building was a highlight for our group. The wall is made with about a dozen panels, each using a different kind of wood. Above each panel are log samples from the trees used to make each panel, together with identification of each species.



SCOUTMASTER Rita Hanby and her son, Brad, were among the volunteers who helped Ellis complete his Eagle project. (See story, page one)

For Tuscola projects

Foundation offering money

The Tuscola County Community Foundation is offering grants to fund projects within Tuscola County.

To provide an equal opportunity for those wishing to apply for funding, the community foundation will offer a grant information seminar at 6 p.m. Sept. 1, at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro.

The seminar will acquaint participants with the community foundation's grant guidelines, its grant applica-

tion forms and additional details concerning the available funding.

Everyone is welcome to attend the seminar. Interested parties are asked to RSVP on

or before Aug. 30 by writing to: P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723, or by calling (989) 673-8223 or sending an email to tccf534@yahoo.com.

The Haire Net

A little of this, that



A little of this and that, opinions on selected items in the news as seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets.

The Cass City Michigan Education Association and the Cass City School District representatives are in the midst of a cordial discussion in closed sessions concerning benefit issues.

The talks are not about the basic salary provisions outlined in the contract that has 2 years remaining.

That insures that when Supt. Ken Micklash leaves after his final year at the school his over 20 years at the helm has been conducted without rancor with the

teachers and without even a hint of a serious labor dispute.

I doubt that Micklash, or anyone else, could solve the problem facing Detroit Public Schools. The administration wants to cut salaries 11.4 percent and have teachers assume a bigger share of medical supplies.

Couple that with other problems, teachers say, that include a shortage of pencils, notebooks and similar items that make teaching in Detroit far from an ideal situation.

Adding to the woes is that the district is facing a \$200 million deficit, a shrinking enrollment and a new board takes over at the end of the calendar year.

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Shortage of blood looms, drive set in village

The summer months are here and these are traditionally a challenging time for blood centers.

During the school year, donations from high school and college students account for approximately 15 percent of Red Cross blood collections. In summer, these groups become tougher to reach. Many donors also give blood during office blood drives, which see smaller turnouts due to summer vacations.

Major disasters do not usually require a lot of blood, but that's when blood centers see the greatest outpouring of support from donors. In actuality, blood is needed every 2 seconds in America to meet the needs of every-day accident victims, cancer patients and children with blood disorders.

You can help make sure there is enough blood available by participating in your next local drive at the Cass City VFW Hall, Aug. 16, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor this drive.



The back forty

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by Roger Pond

A recent column by Indiana broadcaster and writer, Gary Truitt, reminded me of how old-fashioned and fossilized I have become. I still cook dinner many evenings, and my wife cooks it when I don't. (Not to mention breakfast, lunch, and snacks.)

We eat out too, but not as an everyday event.

Truitt says he has two kids in college and nearly any time he calls them they are eating out, getting ready to eat out, or just getting back from eating out. He describes some research that shows people in their '20's (the Y generation) eat out 24 times per month on average.

He says the Y generation is also changing the grocery business. These folks look for convenience above all. "They won't even wash their own lettuce," Truitt writes.

He mentions a survey by the Baltimore Sun that showed most young people don't have enough food in their refrigerators to make a meal.

That reminded me of a visit from my nephew and his girlfriend some years ago. My wife, Connie, was preparing macaroni and cheese by boiling some macaroni, then putting in a little milk and some cheese.

"Oh, you're making it from scratch?" the girlfriend said. "What!?" Connie thought.

"It's just macaroni, milk, and cheese. Is that scratch?"

Truitt says the Y generation is the first that grew up not seeing their mothers cook. "Mom was too busy working, taking classes, or running the kids to soccer practice."

Hey! Gary's starting to sound as old-fashioned as I am. And he's not that old.

Truitt describes restaurant chains that young people seem to like. He says these folks like high energy and noise, causing many restaurants to do away with sound-proofing.

I've often wondered about that. I hate those kinds of restaurants. And now I'm told they are doing it on purpose!

When I go out to eat, I like to talk to the people I'm with. I don't want to shout over the loudest person in the place. I should point out that cook-

ing seldom and eating out often is not limited to young people. It has a lot to do with an urban lifestyle, the modern woman, and the helpless husband.

When my wife was visiting relatives in Columbus, Ohio this summer, she stopped by her brother's house one morning. Connie's brother, John, was on the phone ordering his breakfast. John calls a restaurant to order breakfast and then drives down to pick it up!

This brings me to my final axe to grind. In an age when

we claim to have an obesity crisis, schools are dropping home economics classes and anything else that might help kids learn about food preparation or living in a family.

We are preparing them for college — when many don't belong in college. We aren't preparing anyone for families, even though most will have them.

And we are teaching them that buying nutritious food and preparing good meals is the biggest waste of time anyone can remember.

Tuscola County in line for \$480,000 in federal road funds

Congressman Dale E. Kildee (D-MI) announced Friday that Tuscola County would receive a total of \$480,000 in federal funding under H.R. 3, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU).

Kildee's funding requests were included in the House-Senate TEA-LU Conference Report, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives last week. The bill was expected to be passed by the Senate and be sent to the president for his signature.

"I am delighted that I was able to secure funding for these valuable projects for Tuscola County," said Kildee. "All of these projects will help improve the quality of our local roads, increase economic productivity and expedite the commute for area residents. We must devote the necessary financial resources in order to improve our transportation infrastructure."

Tuscola County will receive \$480,000 to finance 3 road projects designed to increase access to rural areas and improve traffic safety.

The village of Millington will receive \$395,200 to replace Cain Road Bridge and to upgrade the rest of Cain

Road from Industrial Drive to Millington Road. The village of Cass City will receive \$20,800 to construct an access road to help develop a 65-acre municipal tract of industrial land, and the village of Caro will receive \$64,000 to construct a bike and pedestrian trail at Chippewa Landing River Park.

The highway bill is the latest reauthorization of the 6-year federal highway and transit bill, which provides billions of dollars in federal funding for the nation's highways and transit systems.

The last bill, known as TEA-21, expired in 2003 and negotiators spent 2 years covering 2 separate sessions of Congress to agree to a new bill. The conference negotiations resulted in cuts of all House member projects as had previously been approved in March when the House passed its version of TEA-LU.

Funding for reauthorization is provided by the revenue currently available in the Highway Trust Fund. TEA-LU will provide jobs, help alleviate congestion, increase traffic safety, and improve the quality and accessibility of the nation's highways.



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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Isolated T-storms
High: 86 Low: 63
Thursday
Isolated T-storms
High: 84 Low: 61
Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 84 Low: 63
Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 84 Low: 63
Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 83 Low: 62

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 86°, humidity of 79% and an overnight low of 63°. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1949. The record low is 45° set in 1983. Thursday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	86	66	80/58	0.00"
Tuesday	90	61	80/58	0.00"
Wednesday	90	63	80/58	0.00"
Thursday	84	66	80/58	0.00"
Friday	79	55	79/58	0.00"
Saturday	82	54	79/58	0.00"
Sunday	84	59	79/58	0.00"

Upcoming Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
8/12	8/19	8/26	9/3

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today	6:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:44 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Precipitation	0.00"
Normal precipitation	0.77"
Departure from normal	-0.77"
Average temperature	72.8°
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Calendar of Events

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

Friday, August 12

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

Saturday, August 13

Novesta Old Settlers Reunion, Novesta Church of Christ. Potluck dinner at noon. Friends and relatives welcome to attend.

Sunday, August 14

St. Columbkille Chicken BBQ, noon-5 p.m., 9 miles south of Bad Axe on M-53. For additional information, call Roxy at (989) 658-8824.

Monday, August 15

Ugly "Monday at a Time," AA meeting, 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ugly. For more information, contact Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

Cass City Area Historical & Genealogy Society meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Tuesday, August 16

Cass City Athletic Boosters Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Thumb Area Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Northwood Meadows.



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

• Donald D. Lokken, 24, Mt. Morris, stood mute to first degree home invasion, conspiracy to commit first degree home invasion, 3 counts of larceny of a firearm, larceny in a building and 3 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony June 16 in Arbela Township; second degree home invasion, larceny of a firearm, larceny in a building, stealing/retaining a financial transaction device, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony June 20 in Arbela Township; and first degree home invasion, 2 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, larceny in a building and 2 counts of larceny of a firearm June 17 in Millington Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$30,000.

• Anthony W. Henderson, 26, Caro, stood mute to a charge of failure to pay child support from May 2003 through May 16, 2005, in Caro.

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.

• Todd T. Furness, 27, Cass City, pleaded guilty to violation of the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement authorities of a change in address July 12 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Tandra Warren, 28, Detroit, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer March 30-31 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$2,000. Sentencing is to be set.

• James J. Phillips, 60, Mayville, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 29 in Dayton Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

• Christopher A. Dicks, 18, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 15 years Jan. 1 in Wells Township.

He was also ordered to complete his high school education and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,820.

• Christopher A. Shaft, 18, Caro, was ordered to pay \$405 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$500 for his plea of guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 Aug. 12-18 in Caro.

• Michael W. Jones, 41, Snover, was sentenced to 12 months probation and 30 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to attempted forgery of a registration plate Feb. 4 in Cass City.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,620 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$176.

• Joseph M. Kendall, 38, Mayville, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 270 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to attempted second degree criminal sexual conduct involving personal injury March 23-24 in Mayville.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$4,120.

• Matthew S. Sykes, 23, Millington, received a 6-month delayed sentence for his plea of no contest to third degree child abuse July 18, 2004, in Millington Township.

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

• Robert S. Westendorf, 33, Vassar, was sentenced to 12

months probation and 63 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his pleas of no contest to possession with intent to deliver marijuana, and guilty to possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Sept. 4 in Vassar.

• Jon C. Littleton, 27, Reese, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 365 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to fleeing and eluding a police officer and assaulting a police officer Jan. 3 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,780.

• Robert H. Williams, 33, Caro, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 270 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 16 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$3,120 in costs and fines plus attorneys fees of \$200.

• David D. Northern, 22, Vassar, was sentenced to 18 months to 3 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Dec. 22 in Vassar, and

to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

• Mark S. Helm, 45, Bay City, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail (deferred) and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from Jan. 1, 2003, through Jan. 31, 2005.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,120 plus restitution of \$77,893.77.

• Michael S. Pudelfko, 25, Sandusky, pleaded guilty to 3 counts of stealing/retaining

a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder between February and April 2004 in Caro.

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

• Amy E. Gagnon, 29, Sandusky, pleaded guilty to attempted second degree home invasion April 18 in Koylton Township.

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

• Anthony W. Creighton, 27, Marlette, was sentenced

to 18 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon, and no contest to taking deer, bear or turkeys during a closed season Nov. 28 in Kingston Township.

He was also ordered to pay fines and costs totaling \$1,160.

• Joseph P. Sutherland, 19, Millington, was sentenced to 30 days in jail for his plea of guilty to delivery of marijuana June 14, 2004, in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,200 in costs and fines.

• Jon Bedell, 53, Bay City, pleaded guilty to operating a

motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, July 3 in Vassar.

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

• Lagusta C. Bables, 57, Vassar, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation for her plea of guilty to possession of cocaine (less than 25 grams), subsequent offense, Feb. 4 in Vassar.

She was also ordered to pay \$120 in costs and fines. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

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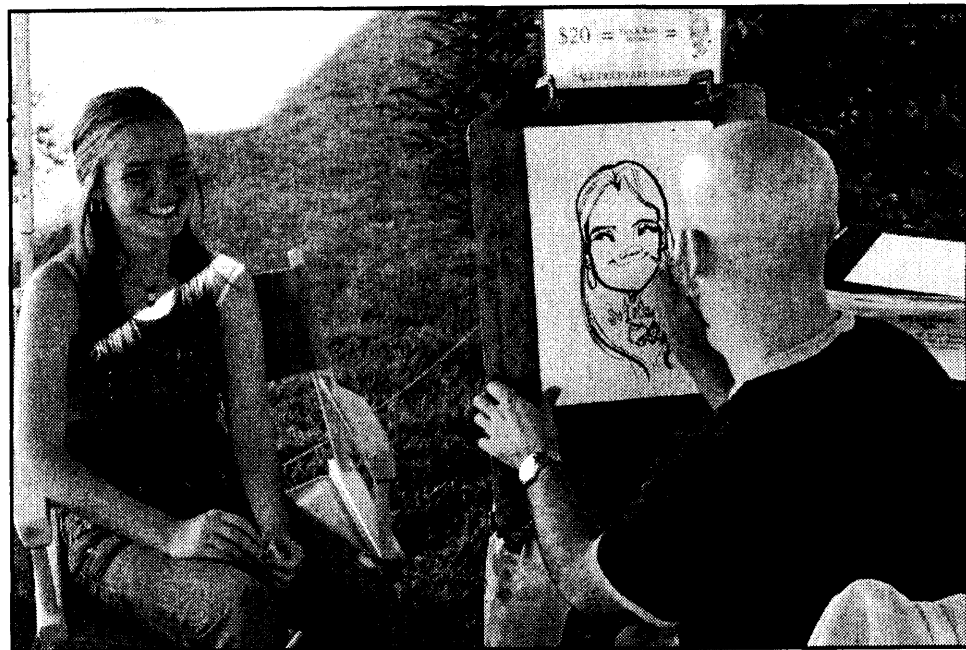
Michigan's share of recently announced Conservation Security Program (CSP) contracts will be more than \$5 million under a plan to offer 388 Michigan farmers new contracts.

As part of 12,700 contracts nationwide totaling \$145 million, 388 Michigan producers can join the CSP program to get payments for conservation practices that maintain and enhance soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life and other stewardship practices over the next 10 years. The program is voluntary.

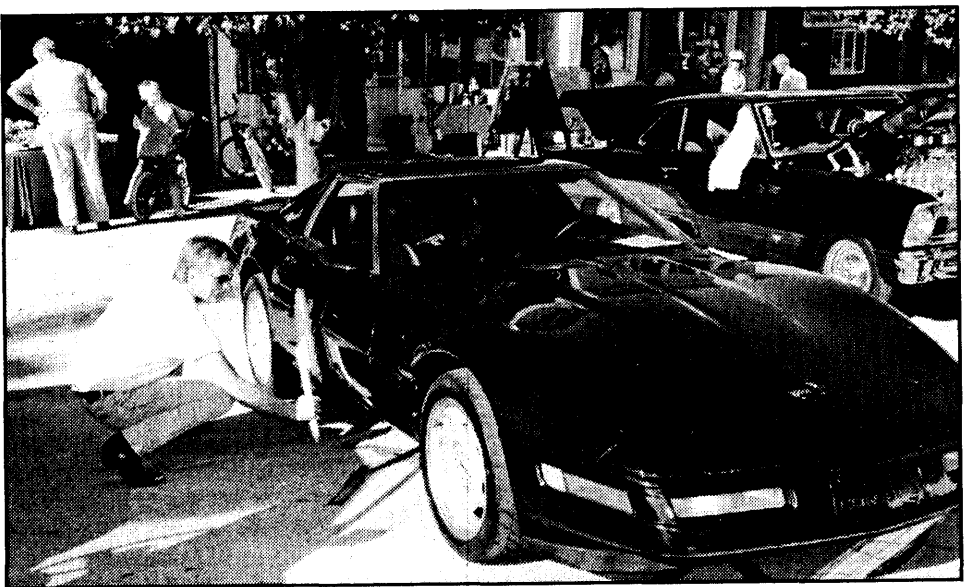
"CSP participants are conservation innovators," said Agriculture Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner. "What they do today will lead to additional environmental benefits for the nation as they share their knowledge of conservation with others. The program is offered nationally on working lands, rewarding the nation's leading conservationists and providing incentives for them and others to do more."

The contracts will cover 9 million acres of private land in 220 watersheds nationwide. Applications for the program will be offered based on enrollment categories published in the March 25, 2005, Federal Register.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/2005/07/0277.xml or call (202) 720-4623 or (202) 720-2928. Contact: Scott Piggott, (800) 292-2680 (ext. 2021).



BAY CITY NATIVE Chris LaPorte, now of Grand Rapids, puts the finishing touches on a caricature of 16-year-old Katie Klco of Cass City, during Summer Mania Friday night.



RANDY FAHS OF Sandusky was busy wipng down his 1992 Chevy Corvette as the classic car show got underway early Friday night.

Sanilac 4-Hers shine at annual livestock sales

The Sanilac County 44th annual 4-H/FFA Livestock and 26th annual Small Animal Sale, held July 29 at the Sanilac County 4-H Fairgrounds Livestock Arena in Sandusky, netted combined total sales of \$231,478.46.

The Grand Champion Prospect Beef (feeder calf) was exhibited by Sarah Thayer of Palms (Lakeside 4-H Club). The calf weighed 491 pounds and was purchased by Primerica Financial Services (Kris and Rene Klaus) of Lapeer for \$6.25/pound. The Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Beef (feeder calf) was exhibited by Paul Logghe of Peck (Peck Country Cousins 4-H Club). The calf weighed 498 pounds and was purchased by Thumb Cellular of Pigeon for \$2/pound. Sixty-five head of prospect beef were sold with sales totaling \$53,997.15.

Kristen Hirsch of Decker (Argyle Sox 4-H Club) exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb, which weighed 132 pounds and was purchased by Independent Bank East of Marlette for \$5.25/pound. Aaron Hirsch of Decker (Argyle Sox 4-H Club) exhibited the Reserve Champion Lamb, which weighed 134 pounds and was purchased by Marlette Oil and Gas of Marlette for \$3.25/pound. Forty-eight head of lambs were sold with sales totaling \$15,008.80.

Jeff Leslie of Decker (Evergreen Guys & Gals 4-H Club) exhibited the Grand Champion Steer, which weighed 1,280 pounds and was purchased by Cass City

Oil and Gas of Cass City for \$2.50/pound. Cody Leander of Marlette (Young Riders 4-H Club) exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Steer, which weighed 1,325 pounds and was purchased by Dick Coulter, Inc. of North Branch for \$1.20/pound. Fifty-eight head of beef were sold with sales totaling \$90,237.81.

Brandon Ford of Brown City (Brown City Cattle Rustlers 4-H Club) exhibited the Grand Champion Hog, which weighed 270 pounds and was purchased by Tom's Ultimate Concrete (Tom Zyrowski) of Brown City for \$4/pound. Jacob Shephard of Brown City (Flynn Hustlers 4-H Club) exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Hog, which weighed 270 pounds and was purchased by Sarah Thayer Crop Insurance (Bill Thayer) of Palms for \$2.30/pound. One hundred forty head of swine were sold with sales totaling \$58,674.80.

William Montgomery of Applegate (Bit O' Mischief 4-H Club) exhibited the grand Champion Dairy Goat, which was purchased by Tractor Supply Company of Sandusky for \$110. Mya Meinheit of Applegate (Bit O' Mischief 4-H Club) exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Wether, which was purchased by Bill Alexander of Melvin for \$90. Seven goats were sold with sales totaling \$970.

The Grand Champion Veal Calf was exhibited by Katlyn Petitpre (Brown City Cattle Rustlers 4-H Club). The calf weighed 240 pounds and was

purchased by Cam Keesler of Brown City for \$180/pound. The Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Veal Calf was exhibited by Jordon Alexander of Carsonville (Huron View 4-H Club). The calf weighed 278 pounds and was purchased by Sam Gingell of Brown City for \$160/pound. Twenty-two dairy veal calves sold with sales totaling \$8,699.90.

Kristy Watson of Snover (Argyle Sox 4-H Club) exhibited the Grand Champion Brone Turkeys in the poultry show. They were purchased by Marlette Town and Country (Willard Smith) of Marlette for \$140. Michael Watson of Snover (Argyle Sox 4-H Club) exhibited the Reserve Champion White Turkeys, which were purchased by Tractor Supply Company of Sandusky for \$120. Twenty-five pens of poultry were sold with sales totaling \$2,000.

Champion Market Pen of Rabbits was exhibited by Nathan Warren of Peck (Peck Country Cousins 4-H Club) and was purchased by Alexander Livestock Trucking of Peck for \$70. Rod Warren of Peck (Peck Country Cousins 4-H Club) exhibited the Reserve Best of Show Market Pen of Rabbits and they were purchased by Mid Com Radio Communication of Sandusky for \$70. Four pens of rabbits were sold with sales totaling \$240.

Erica Vore of Yale (Milk Shakers 4-H Club) exhibited the Grand Champion Dairy Cow Over All Breeds. Great Lakes Dairy Supply of Sandusky purchased the ceremonial milk bucket and base representing the Grand Champion Dairy Cow Over All Breeds for \$850. Stephanie Dawson of Crosswell (Applegate 4-H Club) exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Cow Over All Breeds. Sam Gingell of Brown City purchased the ceremonial milk bucket and base representing the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Cow Over All Breeds for \$500. Proceeds from the sale of the ceremonial milk buckets and bases goes 50 percent to the exhibitor owning the cow and 50 percent to the Sanilac County 4-H Dairy Programming Committee.

Jarrett Palmer of Deckerville (Deckerville Diggers 4-H Club) and

Alexander West of Crosswell exhibited the County Honor Sugar Beets. The sugar beets along with 50 pounds of sugar donated by the Michigan Sugar Company were purchased by Tri County Equipment of Sandusky for \$300. Proceeds from the sale of the county honor sugar beets goes half to be split between the exhibitors consigning the county honor sugar beets and half is split between the exhibitors receiving "A" ratings in the sugar beet project.

10 YEARS AGO

Pork jerky may be finding its way into the markets and into consumers diets as, of all things, a low-fat snack. The convenience item received favorable comments from taste-testers at this year's

5 YEARS AGO

Nancy Hutchinson seems to do everything young. She graduated high school at the age of 16, started teaching at 18 and now is retiring in her 50s. "I've been responsible for kids since I was 18," she said. That was a factor in her deciding to stop teaching after 32 years in the Cass City schools. Hutchinson spent her formative years in a small country school in Sand Valley, south and east of Cass City. The school frequently double promoted children, which meant Hutchinson graduated at 16. "I really didn't know what I wanted to do," she admitted.

They may not be smiling, but drunk drivers may find themselves on camera now that the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department has received a new in-car camera to aid in the apprehension and prosecution of drunk drivers. The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning recently awarded several in-car cameras to law enforcement agencies that participated in stepped-up enforcement activities over the July 1-4 holidays. Participating agencies were entered into a random drawing for the in-car cameras.

The state's corn producers received money through a grant program from the State of Michigan to promote ethanol for yet another use - aviation fuel. The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) received a \$5,000 state grant to increase awareness of federally-certified Aviation Grade Ethanol (AGE85) and showcase an ethanol-fueled aircraft. The converted plane will be featured at air shows and other fly-in events across the state to demonstrate the use of AGE85. An educational brochure outlining specific environmental benefits and the performance of this ethanol-based fuel will be distributed.

World Pork Expo in Des Moines, Iowa. The jerky contains only 8 percent fat.

If he agrees to the conditions set forth by the Greenleaf Township Appeals Board, Kim Anthony will have a temporary permit to open a scaled-down version of his Rooster Ranch Hunt Club on land located 2 miles north of Cass City Road on Hadley Road. Monday, the 3-member appeals board unanimously voted to grant Anthony the temporary permit, which comes with a list of some 12 restrictions. "I feel it's fair for everybody," said Joe Braun, who represents the township planning commission on the appeals board. "I know we didn't make any friends tonight. There's no winner on this." Greenleaf Township Board representative Mark Battel expressed a similar sentiment.

DEER HUNTERS have a much better chance of successfully applying for an antlerless deer hunting license this year. The DNR has upped the number of permits available in the Thumb by about 25 percent.

25 YEARS AGO

STILL COOKING — Anne Mitchell spent her 80th birthday last Wednesday doing what she does six days every week, working at her Crossroads Restaurant at M-53 and Bay City Forestville roads. What was different was her loyal customers brought her flowers and after closing, her nephew Ken McRae and his wife, and niece, Flora McRae, took her to dinner in Frankenmuth. She has operated the restaurant since 1961.

PINATAS MADE by Genevieve Crawley and her mother, Olivia Torres, have become a tradition at the annual Hills and Dales General Hospital employees' picnic, the third edition of which was held last Wednesday at the village park. Both are hospital employees. There were pinatas for children to break to retrieve the goodies inside, and also ones for adults.

General Telephone Co. recently added 60 loop extender-voice frequency re-

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



peater combination units in the Cass City central office, according to Bob Kowalski, northeastern division manager. A loop extender is a piece of equipment, which increases the signaling range on long subscriber lines by adding voltage to the lines. Voice repeaters, which are installed between two circuits, amplify the signals as they pass through the repeaters, boosting signals which have become too weak. This \$12,200 addition was necessary at this time to supplement existing equipment in order to maintain the required standard of service to customers, Kowalski explained.

35 YEARS AGO

People watchers can have a ball in Montreal. For young and old, the micro-mini is in, really shorter than the minis normally seen in Michigan. The hairstyle is mostly long and shaggy and beards abound, although in the downtown section at least there were only a few scattered hippies. Those that were around were treated casually. No one seemed to make a big thing out of the way his neighbor was acting and most everyone appeared

to be having a fine time. The Canadians seem to have more time to enjoy life than Americans. (From Rabbit Tracks)

A BARN FILLED with hay was struck by lightning Tuesday night and was still smoldering early Wednesday morning. Who owned the barn was not immediately apparent as no one lives on the farm located on Green Road, near Joshua Road, southwest of Cass City. The Elkland Township Fire Department was called to fight the night blaze.

For persons seeking a home to rent, Cass City, Caro and most of the Thumb is similar to a town near an army post in time of war. Rentals range from scarce to none at all. That is the consensus among local real estate men and of all persons looking for an apartment or a home to rent. The real estate agents report that nearly every day one or two persons looking for a place to rent are turned away. Nearly every week anxious prospective renters come to the Chronicle seeking advance information about the home situation. In a survey of three of Cass City's agents, only one had anything available to rent.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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CHAD STARK HAD a banner day last week fishing from the walking trail bridge over the Cass River. Above, the 21-year-old displays his 25", 6 lb. 11 oz. catfish and below is the Cass City resident showing his 17" smallmouth bass. Both fish were caught on worms.



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HIGH TEMPERATURES meet high expectations Monday during the opening day of football practice for Cass City High School. Keeping hydrated on the day are (from left): Alex Walsh and Kyle Sieradzki and their Red Hawk teammates. Cass City fans will get an early opportunity to preview this year's squad on Friday, Aug. 19th at 6 p.m. during a home scrimmage with Burton and Brown City.

ROLLING HILLS GOLF LEAGUE

Cass City Golf League As of Aug. 7		Flight #1		Flight #2		Flight #3		Flight #4		Flight #5 (handicap)	
Mark Swanson	148	Scott Richards	119	John Maharg	153	Ernie Bellew	144	Orvil Beecher	147	Dennis Meck	155
Dieter Roth	146	Bill Kritzman	118	Corey Ulfing	149	Jim Fox	141	Duane Henn	141	Jon Langley	152
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Rick Salcido	130	Don Ouvry	114	Jim Peyer	136	Dave Oehring	137	Terry Hendrick	136	Thad Phelps	132
Jerry Toner	122	Brad Goslin	113	Craig Bellew	134	Dan Mosher	135	Doug Laurie	134	Bert Althaver	130
		Mike Hawrylo	110	Dave Weiler	134	Brian Reinhardt	134	Virgil Peters	132	Bill Ewald	122
		Rich Tate	110	Fred Leeson	133*	Tom Lis	126	Asa Apley	128	John Agar	115
		Erik Tamlyn	109	Daryl Iwankovitsch	132	Jack Hool	122	Bruce LeValley	120	Clate Sawdon	115
		Rick Coleman	99	Mike Lowe	120*	Dan Curtis	110	Pat Davis	113	Dan Caister	114
				Clark Erla	116	Dan Hittler	104	Doug Lautner	112	Mark Curtis	84
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				Dave Hoard	103	Chuck Tunis	101	Dave Keller	95	Tony Powers	70
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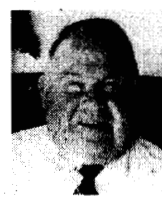
Although most Cass City hoopsters have been honing their skills over the summer during unsanctioned workouts, Monday is the official starting date for all Lady Red Hawk basketball prospects. Coach John Maharg has scheduled practice for all freshmen and sophomores at 3 p.m. while juniors and seniors are asked to report at 6 p.m. to the high school gym. Hawk fans will have an opportunity to see the teams in action prior to their season openers. Cass City will travel to Standish on Tuesday, Aug. 23rd, to take part in a scrimmage that will include Houghton Lake, Mio and Bay City Central. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

All athletes are required to have a completed physical form to practice. Questions can be directed to coach Maharg at 872-4536.

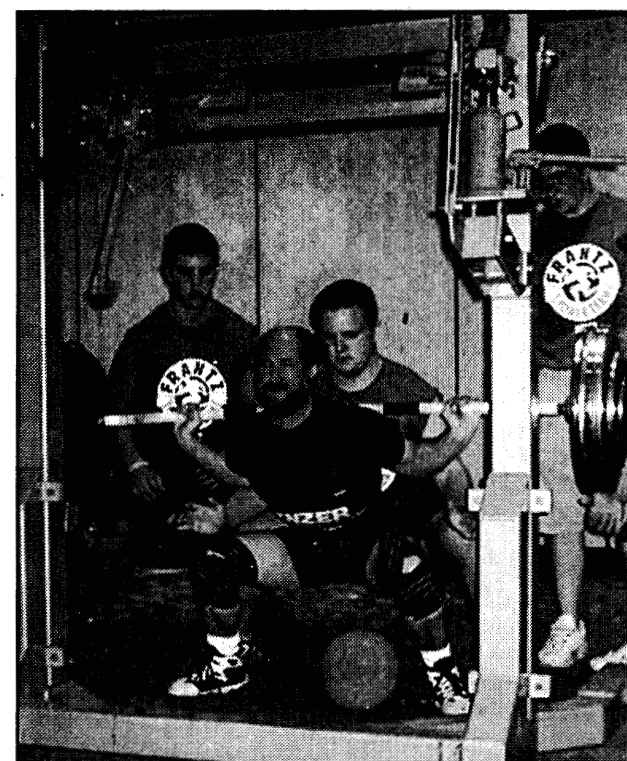
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TUSCOLA COUNTY resident Dr. Vincent Scelfo, a chiropractor, recently became the World Powerlifting Champion in the 148-pound, 45 to 59 Masters Division at the AWPC World Powerlifting Championships.

World Champ!

Tuscola County resident Dr. Vincent F. Scelfo recently became the Amateur World Powerlifting Committee (AWPC) World Powerlifting Champion in the 148-pound, 45 to 59 Masters Division at the AWPC World Powerlifting Championships in Lincolnwood, Ill.

Dr. Scelfo, a chiropractor who resides in the Caro area and practices in Vassar, set a new world record in the squat with a lift of 451 pounds, surpassing his previous record by a whopping 27 pounds. He also set a new American record with a 264-pound bench press, and just missed a world record in the bench press when his 282-pound attempt was turned down by 2 of the 3 judges. Scelfo's 352-pound deadlift and 1,047-pound total were also American records.

This was Scelfo's first world championship appearance.

"This is a dream come true. I have dreamed about being

a world champion ever since I became involved in powerlifting 30 years ago," he said. "This is proof that with hard work, dedication persistence and the power of God, you can truly fulfill your dreams."

Scelfo plans to use his powerlifting experiences to bring a message to youth in the area. "There — there are many young people out there who will never fulfill their potential. They're told that their dreams are 'stupid'; that they'll never amount to anything, or that they're just not good enough," said Scelfo, who hopes to deliver a message of hope to teens and young adults alike.

Not only does Scelfo provide strength-training seminars, he also is available to speak to schools, clubs and youth groups about how to fulfill dreams and build a positive self-image.

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Obituaries

Stanley Morell

Stanley Morell, Jr., 82, of Argyle, died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005 at McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky.

He was born Dec. 9, 1922 in Argyle, the son of the late Stanley and Helen (Miller) Morell, Sr.

Morell attended the Argyle School and farmed all his life.

He is survived by a son, Stanley (Kimberley) Smith of Harrison; 2 grandchildren; siblings: Raymond Morell of Pembine, Wis., Fred (Louise) Morell of Arkansas, Isabelle Cutright of Argyle, Don (Sandy) Morell of Higgins Lake, and Yvonne (Lyle) Scott of Higgins Lake; and many nieces and nephews.

Morell was preceded in death by 3 brothers: infant Ronnie, Louie and Tim Morell.

Funeral mass was Friday, Aug. 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle, with the Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the St. Ignatius Cemetery, Freiburg. Memorials may be made to the St. Ignatius Cemetery Fund.

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



CASS CITY MASONIC LODGE, Tyler #317, awarded Eagle Scout Patrick Reed (front, center) a \$500 scholarship he'll use this fall attending Lake Superior University. Present were Past Masters: (front l-r) Lyle Mezkersen, Ted Furness (back l-r) Dougald Leitch, Robert Wood, Carl Palmateer, and Elmer Francis.

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ing helps dissolve some of the gas-causing substances, making the beans easier to digest. For each pound of beans, add 10 cups hot water and set aside for one to four hours.

* Drain soaking water and rinse beans before cooking. Cook in fresh water. In general, beans take 30 minutes to two hours to cook depend-

ing on variety.

* When cooling, keep beans in cooking liquid to prevent them from drying out.

* Canned beans are a great convenience since they are presoaked and precooked. Always drain and thoroughly rinse canned beans before adding them to a recipe.

The Ten Commandments: View Them, Do Them

Recently the Supreme Court in a pair of 5-4 rulings, one from Kentucky and one from Texas, found that religious documents and icons are not fit for display on government property, unless they are first stripped of all their religious significance. I must ask, "Why is the current High Court so fearful of documents that have religious significance, i.e., the Ten Commandments, when previous courts were not? And why are these Justices set on eradicating religion (Christianity) from government, knowing that our founders embraced it?"

Exactly what are these Commandments that could be so potentially harmful to a society? We are talking about the Decalogue (Greek *deka*, "ten," *logos*, "word") or the Ten Words of God. They are found in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 in the Old Testament. The Ten Commandments are known as the "moral law" and were divinely instituted as the rule of life in ancient Israel. One thing that makes the Decalogue so significant is that these Ten Words came directly from the mouth of God Himself in an awful display of power and splendor never before witnessed by man (Exodus 19). These Commandments are special because they were literally written by the finger of God in stone, symbolizing their enduring quality. Both sides of the tablets were inscribed, signifying completeness and the totality of the code. The moral law was held so sacred in Israel that it was placed in the Tabernacle in the "Holy of Holies" inside the Ark of the Covenant.

The Decalogue emanates from the character of God. It regulates man's relationship with Him and with others, governing man's moral life both within and without. The first four Commandments: "You shall have no other gods before Me, You shall not make for yourself an idol, You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, and, Remember the Sabbath day," deal specifically with man's relationship to the Almighty. The Fifth Commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," is a transitional commandment. The remainder: "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, and, You shall not covet," all have to do with man's relationship to man. These commands were intended to protect and preserve the race and as enduring principles for all time. Indeed, they have been the foundation of law in Western society and have kept us over the centuries. But suddenly, it seems we fear their influence, the Supreme Court of the land even calling to question their validity. However, it was not always so.

In the Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C., on an engraved stone above the Chief Justice are found the Ten Commandments with the great American eagle protecting them. Moses, holding the tablets of the Decalogue, is seen on Herman A. MacNeil's magnificent marble relief over the east portico of the building. God's law has been projected from the bench as well. In 1892 in the case of *Church of the Holy Trinity v. the United States*, Justice Josiah Brewer rendered this decision: (excerpt) "The people of this state, in common with the people of this country, profess the general doctrines of Christianity... The happiness of a people and the good order and preservation of civil government essentially depend upon piety, religion, and morality... Religion, morality, and knowledge, [are] necessary to good government, the preservation of liberty, and the happiness of mankind." In the case of *The United States v. Macintosh* in 1931, Justice George Sutherland delivered the court's decision: "We are a Christian people... according to one another the equal right of religious freedom, and acknowledge with reverence the duty of obedience to the will of God." In 1952, the case of *Zorach v. Clauson* heard Justice William O. Douglas render the court's decision which included the words: "We find no constitutional requirement makes it necessary for government to be hostile to religion and to throw its weight against the efforts to widen the scope of religious influence... We cannot read into the Bill of Rights such a philosophy of hostility to religion." But doesn't hostility toward religion define the court's recent ruling? The court's past record of support for Christianity is plain and prolific. These records are free and available, but it seems the sitting Justices have developed a severe case of amnesia when it comes to recollecting its own previous work.

America is in the process of confirming a new Supreme Court Justice. As Judge Roberts is interviewed by the Senate and reviewed by the media, the term "ideology" keeps coming to play. They say no one wants a person who will make decisions out of "ideology." Webster defines the term as "a systematic body of concepts especially about human life or culture." Isn't that the problem with our current court, imposing ideology devoid of godly influence? You see, if your ideology is godly and righteous, you will make decisions that are godly and righteous. And no one should be afraid of that. The Lord Himself holds to a system of beliefs, which He has graciously given us through the special revelation of His Word. The Ten Commandments are a part of that revelation. Understand, they are the Ten Commandments not the Ten Suggestions as some interpret. As such, these Commandments demand our full attention and are not to be dismissed, discredited, or demeaned as relics of the past. Politicians say that we are a "nation of laws" and that Americans live under the "rule of law." Whose law? Man's arbitrary law now broken away from the moorings of God's moral law, set adrift on the shifting waves of a collapsing culture? Or are we a nation of laws under the rule of law that springs from an eternal, unchanging God who will someday call to account nations and individuals for their service to that law?

Should the Ten Commandments be displayed on government property? Without question! Even more importantly, they should be lived out in the lives of those who would call themselves by His name and by those who would embrace His exhortation from Deuteronomy 5:29, "Oh that their hearts would be inclined to fear Me and keep all my commandments always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever."

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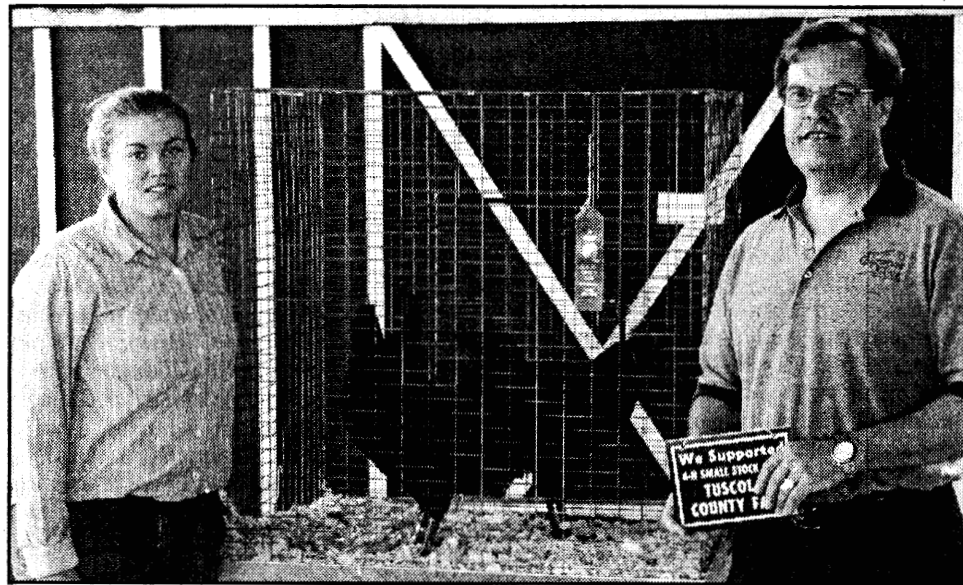
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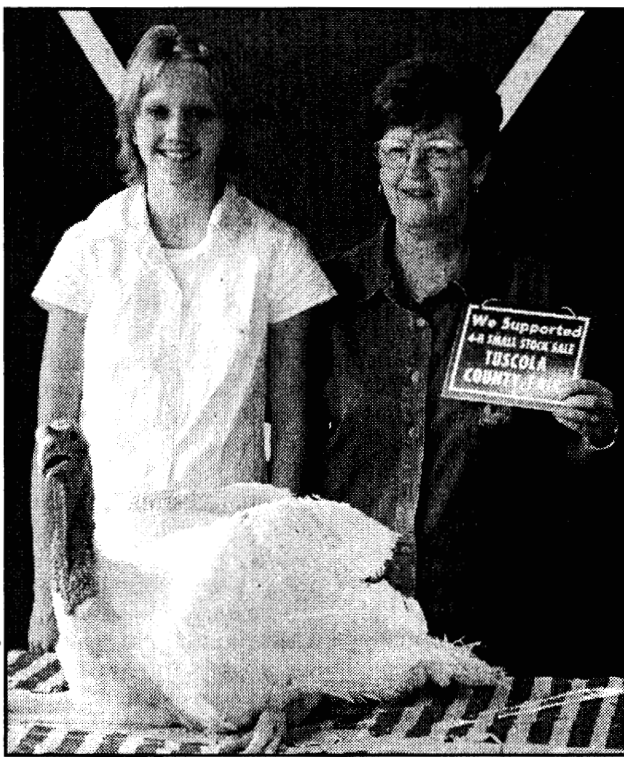


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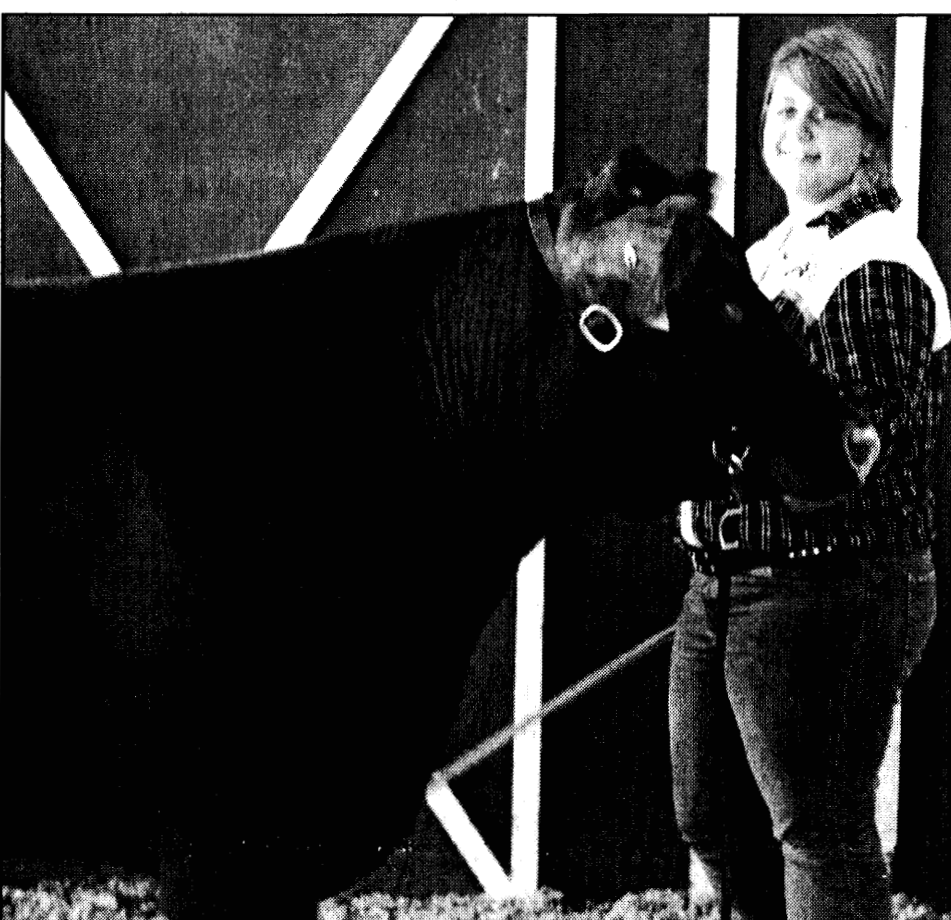
KELLY Wood's market turkey was sold to Shirley Mays for \$190. Wood is a member of the Country 4-Hers and the daughter of Kenneth Wood and Terry and Andrew Rockontine.



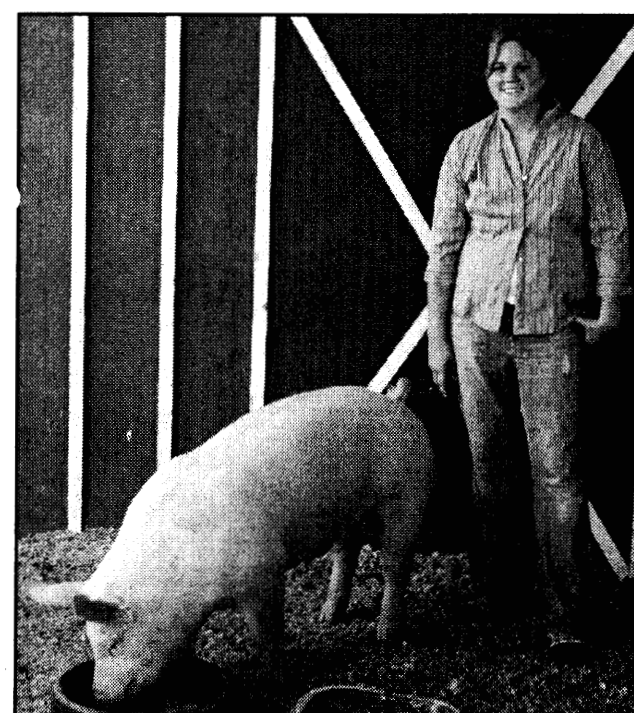
CHELSEA RUGGLES, a member of the Country 4-Hers, earned \$1,525 for her 1,265-pound market steer. Ruggles is the daughter of Tim and Julie Ruggles.



WALTER TURNER paid \$100 for Trent Vatter's market roaster. The son of Wendy and Todd Vatter, he is a member of the Cass City Livestock Club.

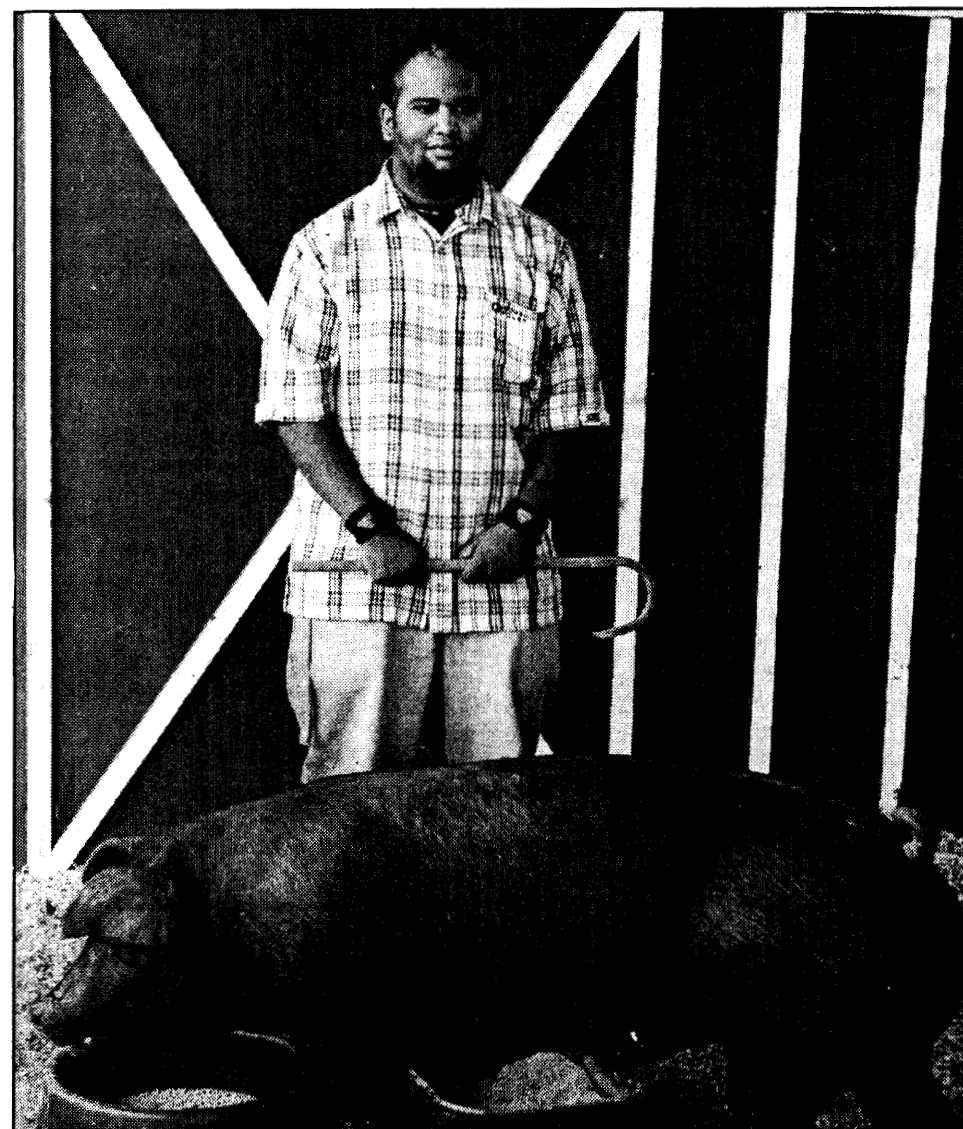


BOB AND MARY Ann Hirn supported Alicia Osentoski's hard work by purchasing her 1,322-pound market beef entry for \$1,525. Osentoski, the daughter of David and Teresa Osentoski, is a member of the Cass City Livestock Club.



\$1.40 per pound

ERICA Herron earned \$1.40 a pound for her swine, which weighed in at 259 pounds and 229 pounds. Ruggles Meat Market purchased both hogs.



MICAH LITTLE'S market 252-pound swine sold for \$2.20 a pound. Little, a member of the Cass City Livestock Club, is the son of David and Donna Little.



\$1,276 pay day

QUINNINLIN DAILY, a member of the Country 4-Hers and the daughter of Greg Daily and Lynette Daily, earned \$1,276 for her market beef entry.



LAUREN Walther's market feeder earned a high bid of \$2 per pound. Walther is a member of the Cass City Livestock Club and the daughter of Jeff and Cathy Healy.

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Chronicle, that had NEVER happened. The incident really hit home because I take a great deal of pride in my work as a small town newspaper reporter/editor.

I was physically and mentally sick. In fact, after vomiting 2 or 3 times once I arrived home, I tried to drink again. Really. In minutes I threw that up, too. Finally, dry heaves were all that was left. I was exhausted and tried to lie down, but sleep wouldn't come.

Now, I was ready to get serious. I was depressed. I had dug a bottomless pit and was falling deeper by the day. It's difficult to describe the profound sense of hopelessness I felt. I was alone and I had no one to talk to about my problem.

What I did know for certain is that I was absolutely powerless over my addiction. Any recovering alcoholic will tell you that's the first step to getting better.

MY INTRO TO AA

Later that day, I called an acquaintance whom I had heard talk openly about his recovery from alcoholism. He agreed to take me to my first AA meeting.

I was nervous, but I eased the tension by downing a few beers before he arrived at my home to pick me up.

Once at the meeting, I sat at a table with several other men, women, older, younger. I listened as each one took their turn to talk about his or her own experiences with alcoholism. They were brutally honest. It was strange at first, really. I had

little in common with many of these people - in fact many of us probably would not associate ordinarily - but here they were, sharing their personal stories, and I realized they were really telling my story, over and over again. It was comforting in a way.

It was also a stark reminder that I had a long ways to go. I was an unhappy alcoholic, and here were all of these "recovering" alcoholics, talking and laughing, as if booze no longer had a grip on them. They were living satisfying lives.

I continued to attend meetings, a couple each week anyway, but I still had not stopped drinking, and I really wanted what these people had. The truth is, I was afraid to stop, afraid of what I had read about alcohol withdrawal - the very real possibility of seizures and worse. Of all the drugs one can become addicted to, alcohol is the only one in which death can result during the withdrawal process.

Now, anyone who knows me will tell you that I'd rather attend a funeral than keep a doctor's appointment or walk into a hospital. And I rarely attend funerals.

But finally, in desperation, I called the Vail Center at McLaren Regional Medical Center, a residential program that provides medically supervised withdrawal from alcohol as well as from a myriad of prescription and illicit drugs. I left a message, and one of the center's intake specialists called me back. His voice was extremely reassuring. He sounded genuinely concerned, not judgmental or harsh, as I described, honestly, my drink-

ing history. And my desire to get some help.

He later called me back and urged me to check myself in for alcohol detox, as in yesterday. I couldn't commit right away due to responsibilities at the paper, but he agreed to call me back in a couple weeks to set a date for admission.

I wasn't looking forward to that call, but it came, and a wave of anxiety washed over me. I agreed to check myself into the program, but I also fired a barrage of questions at him in hopes of alleviating my own fears about detox. He answered them all and reassured me everything would be just fine if I entered the program with a real desire to start taking care of business.

Still, I spent a sleepless night waiting for the next morning to come.

"CAMP DETOX"

The drive down to Lapeer seemed short, even though I was in no hurry to get there. Once in the parking lot, I spent another 15 minutes thinking. *Was my problem really so serious that I needed to take this drastic step? I could just put that key back into the ignition and turn around. What was I doing here?*

I debated and questioned, but in the end found myself walking through the hospital's main entrance, scared to death. From there I was directed to the second floor and, a few minutes later, my introduction to the Vail Center. I was admitted by a compassionate staff that went out of its way to make sure I was comfortable and informed. They eased my anxiety considerably.

The Vail Center was everything I didn't expect - a homey and relaxed atmosphere, far from the cold institution and men in white coats that I had envisioned.

I went through the routine of having my vitals taken and blood drawn. Neither was painful, but I dreaded both. I had done enough research to know that drinking had everything to do with my high blood pressure. As for the blood work-up, I knew they would be checking on how elevated my liver enzymes are, indicating the extent of damage I had done to myself.

A few minutes later, I was escorted into my room for my first injection of Phenobarbital, a barbiturate that, I was told, would slow down all of the crazy impulses in my nervous system and prevent seizures as I began the withdrawal process. I also received an oral dose to start, which was followed by regular doses 4 times a day.

The medical staff also started me on a vitamin regimen, explaining that I, like many alcoholics, was suffering from malnutrition. Made sense - I had regularly replaced food with alcohol for

years. If I ate once a day, that was pretty good for me.

The Phenobarbital is calming, but doesn't put you out (I still had noticeable tremors in my hands, and the anxiety was welling up inside). The idea isn't complete sedation for a good reason - this program is intense and you are expected to participate in a regular schedule of group therapy sessions, educational presentations, individual therapy, recreational therapy, AA meetings and more. They keep you busy from the time you're awakened at 6 a.m. until lights out at 11:30 p.m.

GETTING STARTED

My first few hours were uneventful. As I walked into the dining area, I saw 3 other residents seated at a table, doing their rehab "homework". A pretty, young blonde gal, no more than 30 years old, looked up, smiled and reached out to shake my hand, which was already doing a good job of shaking on its own. It was a warm welcome. There were also 2 men, both older than me, who introduced themselves.

I sat there silently, glancing up at a clock on the wall, checking to see how many hours had passed since my last drink. Only 6. I wondered how long it would take for my withdrawal symptoms to peak.

The daytime activities kept me busy, with group and individual sessions designed to help all of us understand our addictions and, more importantly, to teach us how to change our way of thinking. Life without alcohol still didn't seem possible to me at that point.

The beginnings of withdrawal invaded my first night with the vivid dreams and nightmares I had been warned about. The next morning, I didn't know if I had been dreaming or hallucinating. I was utterly exhausted, and the nurse on duty could see it. She scolded me gently for not asking for something to help me sleep. The next night I didn't hesitate and was given Trazodone, a drug that was originally developed as an anti-depressant but is also used to combat sleeplessness and those awful dreams.

Day 2. I watched the clock as the first 24 hours passed. I could feel a deep anxiety continuing to build and intense cravings for alcohol that gnawed at my insides.

My blood pressure readings, which typically were a bit on the high side when I entered detox, were all over the place during withdrawal, from the upper 150s down to 107.

The staff repeatedly monitored the intensity of the cravings and anxiety by asking me to rate them on a scale of one to 10. My second day I felt I would never dip below an 8. I hated it, but actually felt a little excitement inside, knowing that for the first time in more years than I can remember, I had gone more than a day without a single drink.

By the third day, I started to feel a little better. The cravings and anxiety stayed with me, but I was confident I would not suffer some of the more serious signs of withdrawal, such as seizures. Nearly every member of the staff reminded me that the cravings would ease in time.

I concentrated on the group therapy and other educational sessions. I wanted every tool I could get my hands on so that I would not be just another "rehab grad" that walked out the front door and into the closest party store.

I was determined not to go out that way, and my 3 fellow addicts, whether they know it or not, deserve a lot of credit for helping me to strengthen that resolve.

CLOSE BOND

Developing a friendship with these strangers was an unforgettable experience. Even after just one day together, I had grown very close to each of them in a way that I can't explain.

The blonde, I'll call her "Diana", was a sweet, moth-

erly type who was quick to offer help to anyone and everyone. But it was easy to see the hurt in this young woman, who had been away from her kids for several days, trying to rid herself of an addiction that began with years of drinking, followed by pills and, finally, cocaine. The addiction seriously threatened her marriage to a man she obviously cherished. I marveled at how she had learned to be strong during her recovery and how determined she was to rebuild the trust she had lost. To live a full life without drugs.

I was certain she would make it.

Then there was "Keith", an older gentleman with a history of drug and alcohol use and abuse - marijuana, speed, alcohol - spanning 50 years. The abuse had already led to a heart attack and a stroke.

Keith struck me as a tough old bird at first. But he was laid back, had a wonderful sense of humor and was as friendly as the day is long. He used to kid me about my being a Type A personality, always setting high expectations and constantly driven to succeed, while he was content to just wait for tomorrow and see what happened. There was something very gentle about his manner.

He confided that his latest drinking binge, ending with a fall down his steps, came in the wake of the death of an adult son. He also talked about a co-dependence problem with his other son and daughter, whose compassion for him sometimes went too far. In fact, he recalled with a chuckle, they so couldn't stand to see him shaking from withdrawal on the way to the Vail Center, they stopped and picked up a pint of something on the way, and he arrived in true form, drunk. When I last spoke to him, he was determined to put an end to that.

"Jim", on the other hand, was soft-spoken and quiet. He suffered from chronic back pain, and years of alcoholism had left rhythmic tremors in his hands.

We spoke several times, and he recalled losing everything that mattered to him in life because of his alcohol abuse and addiction. The pain in his voice was inescapable. As long as I live, I will never forget the despair and regret in his eyes when he talked. At one point, he turned to me without warning and quietly asked, "Do you think you're going to make it, Tom?" I had no answer for him.

During that second night, a man brought his wife into the center. I'm guessing she was in her mid-40s. She looked terrible; it looked like her hair hadn't been brushed in days, her face was pale and expressionless.

The next afternoon she emerged from her room groomed and looking much better, a completely different lady. She was a binge drinker and this last tear had lasted 3 weeks. Turns out she had never dealt with the loss of an infant son many years earlier, and that had been eating away at her ever since.

GETTING BETTER

It was a heartbreaking 3 days, I think, for all of us. But it was also a great opportunity to share our weaknesses and our strengths, and together we all parted a little stronger than when we first met.

It was during that brief period that I decided, once and for all, not to quit drinking the same way I had tried to give up other bad habits in the past - all with little or no success.

This time, I would leave myself with no "outs", no excuses.

The secret to success has nothing to do with willpower. AA doesn't subscribe to any particular religious denomination, but its members rely, absolutely, on what they call each person's "higher power". For me, finding that higher power was a matter of simply reestablishing a relationship with God that I had abandoned along with my family, at least emotionally, during my wasted years.

That is the key.

This has been one of the hardest things I've ever tried to do. As scared as I was to walk into the Vail Center, I was absolutely petrified to leave because I had no idea what I was going to do when I arrived home. What would stop me from picking up that first drink? How could I just walk in the door and ignore a lifetime of habits designed to feed a habit that finally brought me to this place?

I still hadn't come up with any answers when I pulled up into my driveway. I literally took it one step at a time. I walked in the door, sat down and started writing e-mails to friends who had offered their support when I told them of my plans to enter treatment. I didn't stop writing until it was time for me to leave for an AA meeting that evening.

It felt good. Finally, I was starting to keep promises, to myself and to others.

Today, I'm 5 weeks sober, and really beginning to enjoy living again without booze. It took some time for the fog to finally clear from my brain. I'm still learning how to eat again, and I have to be ever vigilant when it comes to the cravings that sometimes catch me off guard. But I feel so much better physically. My blood pressure is now consistently in the healthy range, as is my pulse rate.

Equally important, I'm rediscovering the life I lost some years ago.

God willing, I'll stay sober. Maintaining my new freedom is really very simple, but I won't kid you - it's much easier said than done. The bottom line for all alcoholics, me included, is that we can never learn to drink "socially". I can never, and I mean ever, pick up that first drink again. Period.

Overcoming that urge is all about taking life one day at a time, sometimes one hour at a time.

I remind myself of that every day. I am also reminded at each AA meeting, and I attend about 3 meetings every week because these people have become a lifeline for me. I honestly believe they helped to save my life and continue to do so with their unconditional support and by sharing their own personal stories of success and failure.

Sure, there are difficult times when the cravings for alcohol return and I'm climbing the walls. But I'm now free of hangovers and free of the depression, guilt and desperation I lived with for so long. I'm also free of the knowledge, when I was drinking, that this addiction would certainly kill me sooner or later.

I'm no longer dying for a drink, and life couldn't be better.

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56 attend reunion

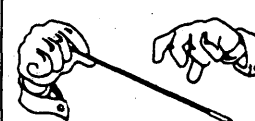
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Said premises are situated in Village of Millington, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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gagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated May 10, 2002 and recorded on July 18, 2002 in Liber 886 on Page 809 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty and 90/100 Dollars (\$106,120.90), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Tuscola, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Northwest 1/4 which is East along said South line 2482.67 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 15; thence continuing East, along said South line, 175.00 feet to the East line of said Northwest 1/4; thence North along said East line, 276.00 feet; thence West parallel with said South line, 175.00 feet; thence South parallel with said East line, 276.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 20, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC W (248) 593-1312
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The premises are located in the Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: July 27, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Citibank, N.A. as trustee, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 209.3157

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jesse Bachman, a married person, and Shelly Bachman, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2001 and recorded on April 18, 2001 in Liber 828 on Page 1427 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand One Hundred Five and 78/100 Dollars (\$54,105.78), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Novesta, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 32, Town 13 North, Range 11 East, Novesta Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as commencing at the North quarter of said Section 32; thence along the North line of said Section 32, East 962.14 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North line of Section 32, East 66.00 feet to a point 198.00 feet Westerly of abandoned railroad right of way; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 58 seconds East, parallel to the East line of said Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 32, 676.50 feet; thence West 66.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 58 seconds West, 676.50 feet to the point of beginning, Right of Way for Deckerville Road over the Northerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 20, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC W (248) 593-1312
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7-20-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Teri Vanbeest, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2004 and recorded on October 29, 2004, in Liber 1015 on Page 135 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Ten and 70/100 Dollars (\$63,510.70), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 25, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 8 East described as: Beginning at a point on North line of said Section 30, which is South 89 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds East, 423.75 feet from the North 1/4 Corner of said Section 30; thence continuing along said North line South 89 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds East, 266.45 feet to the Centerline of State Highway M-15; thence along said Centerline South 30 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds East 240.00 feet; thence South 86 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West 390.93 feet; thence North 0 degrees 48 minutes 05 seconds East, 234.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the use of the Northerly 33.00 feet thereof as Hanes Road and the Easterly 50.00 feet thereof as State Highway M-15. Subject to Easements and Rights of Way of Record, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 27, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy Romain, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to Amresco Residential Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 1999 and recorded on April 27, 1999 in Liber 769 on Page 1100, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty and 95/100 Dollars (\$53,880.95), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Indianfields, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Block 1 of Street's Addition to the Village of Caro, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 17 A of Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 20, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Verhelte, a married man, and Brenda Verhelte, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2004 and recorded on October 29, 2004, in Liber 1015 on Page 135 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Three and 83/100 Dollars (\$84,893.83), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 25, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Village of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 6 feet of the West half of Lot 21, and the East half of Lot 21, and the West half of Lot 22, Block 2, Plat of Johnson's Addition to the Village of Fairgrove, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 28A, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 27, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bryan Ostrander and Dawn Ostrander, husband and wife, as joint tenants, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2002 and recorded on November 19, 2002 in Liber 903 on Page 180 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Eight Hundred and 10/100 Dollars (\$71,800.10), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on September 1, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Watertown, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12; running thence South 255 feet; thence East 225 feet; thence North 255 feet; thence West 225 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 3, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Nelson, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated November 5, 2003 and recorded on December 4, 2003 in Liber 967 on Page 676 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Three and 38/100 Dollars (\$103,263.38), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 25, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 17, Shay Lake Heights Subdivision No. 1, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 35-36.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 27, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth E. Vandorn and Patricia L. Vandorn, his wife, to Homeowners Loan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 2001 and recorded January 26, 2002 in Liber 859, Page 806, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc. by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine and 86/100 Dollars (\$50,599.86), including interest at the rate of 11.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on August 25, 2005.

The premises are located in the Village of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 72 Rods West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, Village of Akron, County of Tuscola, and state of Michigan, and running thence North 12 1/2 rods, thence West 6 rods and 7 feet, thence South 12 1/2 rods, thence East 6 rods and 7 feet to the place of beginning, also commencing 71 rods and 7 feet West and 12 rods and 12 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, and running thence West 106 feet, thence North 78 1/2 feet, thence East 106 feet thence South 78 1/2 feet to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: July 27, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for CitiFinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 201.2427

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stephen P. Brinkman and Denise M. Brinkman, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Icon Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2003 and recorded on March 31, 2003 in Liber

922 on Page 1417, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Five and 48/100 Dollars (\$70,435.48), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on August 25, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of said Section 10; thence Westerly along the South Line of said Section 200 feet; thence North Parallel with the East line of said Section 600 feet; thence Easterly Parallel with said South Section Line 200 Feet to said East Section line; thence South 600 feet along said East line to the Place of Beginning. Subject to the use of the South 33 Feet for Riley Road and Plain Road respectively. And further subject to rights of way for the Keene-Stewart Branch Drain over and across the Easterly side of the land described herein.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 27, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jose Gurn

WHY BASEMENTS LEAK...

Water is the most powerful force on Earth. One inch of rain equals 27,000 gallons of water per acre. Once water enters the basement chances are that it will occur again. It is also likely that it will continue to get worse. Water has a memory. It will follow the same path each time your basement leaks, thereby creating a larger path. Most homes are built with some sort of waterproofing. Here are some common reasons why basements leak.

FALSE WATER TABLE

A False Water Table was created when your basement was built. The first step in building your basement was to dig a large hole. The earth surrounding this large hole is soil compacted by millions of years, also referred to as "Hard Pan." The earth being removed from this hole will never be as compact when it is put back. This is referred to as "Soft Pan." When it rains, or when snow melts, the water will follow the path of least resistance. Thus, water flows from Hard Pan to Soft Pan and creates a false water table. As water continues to fill the false water table, some of the water will begin to flow (through gravity and pressure) to the real water table. However, water that has accumulated around the false water table will continue to rise when either the water is coming in too fast, or the real water table is full and cannot handle the volume of water any longer. As the water fills all pockets and voids it will continue to rise until it reaches the floor.

Then it will fill the voids against the walls. A False

Water Table is created around all houses and buildings even if they are built on high ground or a hill.

HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE

Hydrostatic Pressure is the pressure caused by water seeking its own level. Once the false water table fills up and becomes higher than the floor, Hydrostatic Pressure is created. Water pressure is 63.4 pounds per cubic foot in all directions. The reason it sometimes takes a heavy rain for water to actually become visible is because the cavity under the basement floor can hold up to 2500 gallons of water. When Hydrostatic Pressure occurs, water seeks the path of least resistance. This could be cracks in the floor, cracks in the walls, key ways or cove areas (where the floor and the wall join together). NOTE: Once Hydrostatic Pressure causes Seepage, the problem can only be solved by a system designed to relieve pressure and control the water. Excavation and do-it-yourself methods cannot and will not solve the problem. Water rises equally on all four sides and

will seek the path of least resistance into your basement (most often the cove area).

DO-IT-YOURSELF HINTS

Sometimes the cause of water seepage or dampness is just something that you have overlooked, such as: improper/poor grading, surface water from down spouts, gutters, or another source. You can request an inspection to determine whether this is indeed a minor problem or something that would require a professional's attention.

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Household Sales

GARAGE SALE - 2nd weekend, more stuff! Lots of household items, AVON Red Glass, baby clothes (0-4T), baby misc. Everything priced to sell! Aug. 10-13, 9-5 p.m. Corner of Hurds Corner Rd. and Akron Rd. (just off of M-81). 14-8-10-1

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - 7351 Greenland Rd. Aug. 11-13, 8-5 p.m. Washer and dryer, highchair, booster seat, snow blower, boys' clothes and toys, log splitter, etc. 14-8-10-1

AIR CONDITIONED garage sale - ladies' and ladies' plus, men's, young men's clothing; excellent Troy built tiller; work truck; household and much more! Friday-Saturday, 8-? On M-53, 1 mile north from M-81 (white brick home on left). 14-8-10-1

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MOVING SALE - Home of Clara Seeley, 4659 Schwegler Rd. Aug. 17-20. 14-8-10-1

GARAGE SALE - Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 10-12, 9-5 p.m. Men's, women's and children's clothing, Craftsman 10" table saw, scroll saw, crafts, tools, table and 2 chairs, organ, weed whacker. 7298 E. Elmwood (1 mile south, 1 3/4 miles east of stoplight). 14-8-10-1

MOVING SALE - Home of Clara Seeley, 4659 Schwegler Rd. Aug. 17-20. 14-8-10-1

GARAGE SALE - Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 10-12, 9-5 p.m. Men's, women's and children's clothing, Craftsman 10" table saw, scroll saw, crafts, tools, table and 2 chairs, organ, weed whacker. 7298 E. Elmwood (1 mile south, 1 3/4 miles east of stoplight). 14-8-10-1

Household Sales

2 HUGE GARAGE SALES - (across road from each other) Aug. 10-11-12, 8-2. Between Shabbona and Severance roads on M-53, 4 1/2 miles south of M-81 or 1 1/2 miles north of Deckerville Rd. 4160 and 4181 Van Dyke. Antiques, glassware, household items, furniture, yard tools, books, beds and linens, clothing, steel door, and miscellaneous. 14-8-10-1

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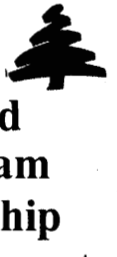
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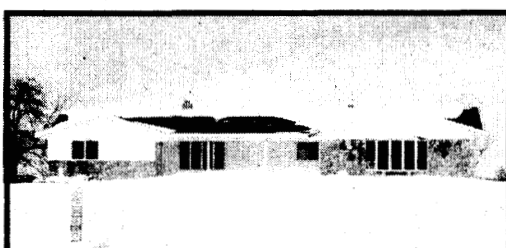


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ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY of Eugene Nicholas, we extend our sincere appreciation to all who have given their condolences to Eugene as well as those who have taken time to attend the funeral services. Eugene would have been honored to know how much everyone loved him. He was a very loving son, brother and father. We will all miss him greatly. He was always smiling and full of life. His personality was like no other. He will always be in our hearts forever. Again, thank you from the family. God bless everyone! Family of Eugene Nicholas. 13-8-10-1

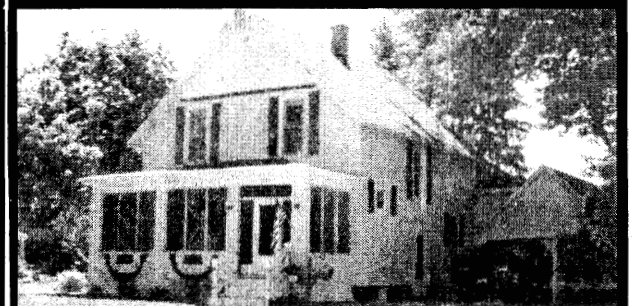
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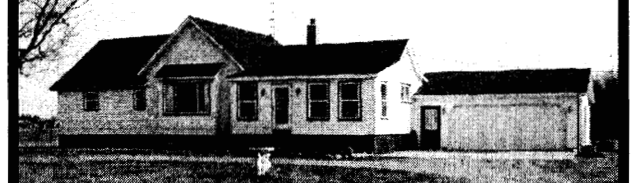
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Country Living - 3 bedroom tri-level home is close to Cass City on 3.25+/- acres. Natural carpet colors. Fireplace in family room. Well kept and ready to move into. Cy2465



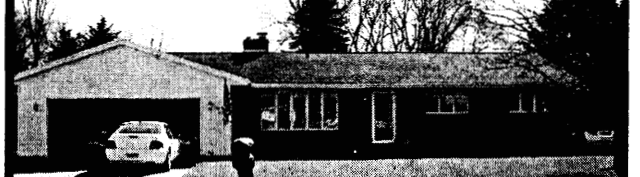
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CASS CITY'S RAY Ellis kneels next to his Eagle Project, raised flowerbeds he and a small army of volunteers constructed and then planted for the enjoyment of dementia patients at Northwood Meadows in Cass City. Ellis will receive scouting's highest rank during his Court of Honor in August.

Eagle Scout

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ing with Northwood officials to begin the planning phase. Ellis later garnered support from local businesses, which donated flowers, sand and topsoil, while Northwood officials purchased the landscaping timber he needed.

Ellis also organized a volunteer work crew that included Hanby along with Troop 500 leaders Rick and Lora Kulinski, his parents, and his fellow scouts. Together, the group completed the project in 3 days.

It was the culmination of a scouting adventure that began when Ellis was in the fourth grade and his parents signed him up for Cub Scouts.

"When I completed that, I went into Boy Scouts," said Ellis, who was drawn to the activities in scouting. "The outdoors," he added. "I just wanted to do some more camping and (earn) different merit badges like hiking, swimming, canoeing."

Ellis said all of his troop leaders have played a vital role in his success in scouting.

"Chuck Golinvaux got me started," he recalled. "I learned the most from him. I guess he kind of let us learn on our own. We'd have to learn from our own mistakes."

"He would help us all and be so patient and teach us," Ellis added. "He was just a fun guy and great to be around."

During his Court of Honor this summer, Ellis will officially join an impressive list of Eagle Scout alumni, including Apollo Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr., former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, businessman H. Ross Perot, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and former President and Michigan native Gerald R. Ford.

Earning the Eagle rank takes plenty of dedication.

To become an Eagle Scout, a scout must fulfill a set list of requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in those areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks - Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and, finally, Eagle.

Scouts must pass tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, which signify mastery of specific skills and also help the boys focus on activities of personal interest.

Of the 120 available badges, a Boy Scout must earn a minimum of 21 to qualify for Eagle Scout. Of those, 12 are required, including first aid, citizenship in the community, communications, environmental science, personal fitness, camping and family life.

Ellis has earned a combined 26 badges over the years, but his Eagle project stands out among his accomplishments.

"When I started out, I wanted to do a good project - something that would last," said Ellis, whose project has benefited a host Northwood Meadows residents by offering them the familiar surroundings of a garden, something he knew many of them enjoyed during their more active years.

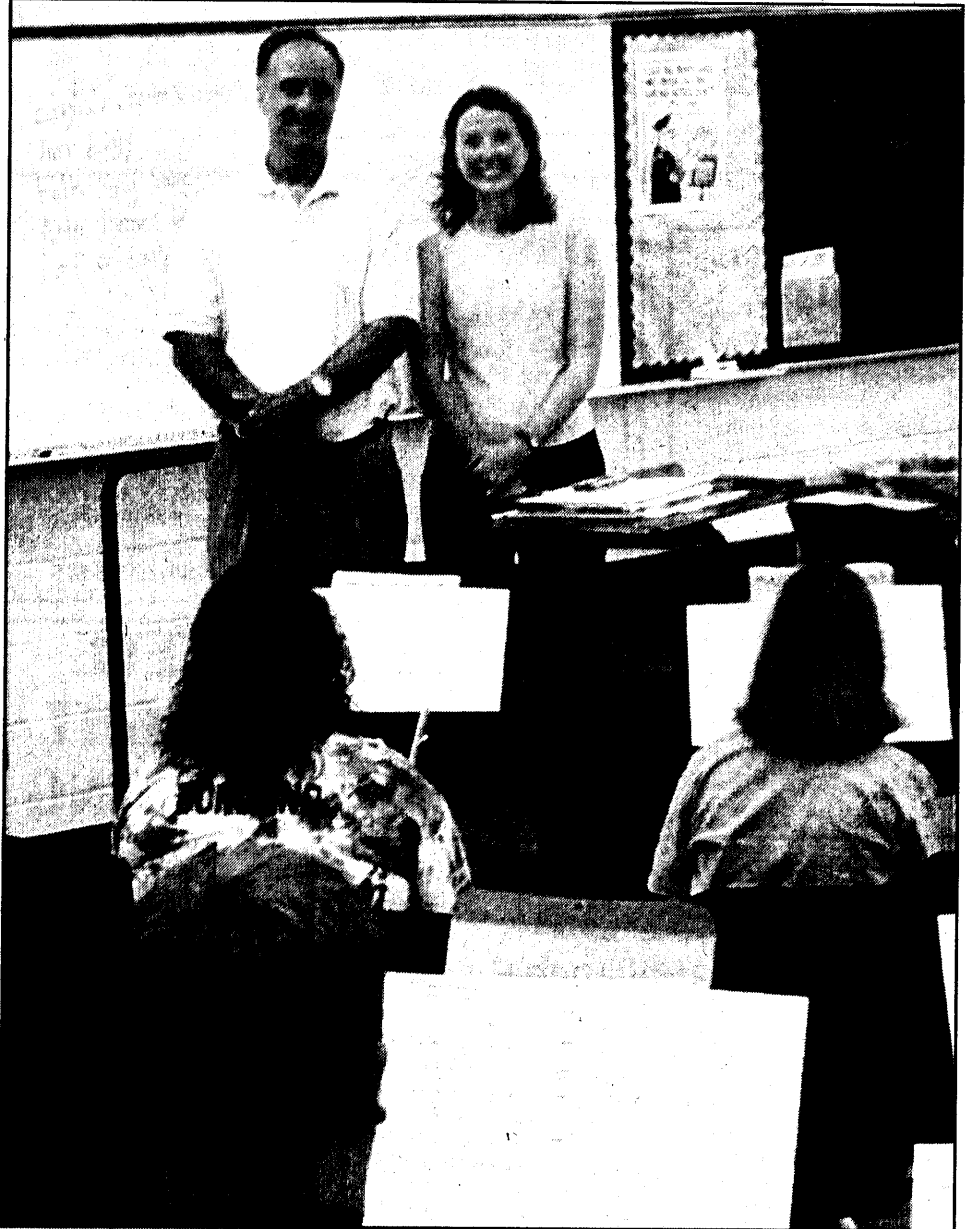
"This way everybody would have something to do outside. They wouldn't have to just sit inside," he added.

Civil War gathering

The LeValley-Heusted Camp 255, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will meet Saturday, Aug. 13, at noon at the Mayville Public Library.

Any male descendant of an honorably discharged veteran of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service during the War, as well as anyone interested in the Civil War, is invited to attend.

More information is available by calling David Neese at (989) 673-3940.



THE BAND STUDENTS at Cass City High School are greeted by new director Wayne Smith and director Kathryn King Monday.

Director meets his students

Continued from page one.

Institute provisionally hired by the Cass City School Board last week has suggested a search schedule that could take approximately 13 weeks to complete.

The first 4 weeks will include meetings with the school board and designated groups to establish a profile of the needs of the position. In the next 6 weeks it is expected that the position will be posted, printing and mailing completed, and a deadline for receiving applications set.

After that it is estimated that it will take a week to review all applications and the board will announce candidates that will be interviewed in open session. The initial interviews will be followed by visitations and second interviews. After visitation reports are reviewed a selection for a new superintendent will be made.

Pickles

According to the U.S. Supreme Court, pickles are technically a "fruit" of the vine (like tomatoes), but they are generally known as a vegetable.

Cookbook is coming

Members of the Cass City High School student council are organizing a community cookbook.

Anyone interested in submitting their favorite recipes is asked to pick up a form at the high school office. All recipes must be submitted by Monday, Aug. 22.

The cookbooks are expected to be assembled in time for Christmas. Ordering details will be announced in the future.

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