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A VIOLENT Thunderstorm ripped through the Thumb Sunday, downing trees and utility poles, and cutting electricity to thousands of customers throughout the area. Crews spent the day Monday attempting to restore power to a majority of their customers.

Meal site more than just a place to eat

Three times a week, a group of local seniors gathers at the Cass City Knights of Columbus Hall to share a nutritious meal at a bargain rate of \$2, courtesy of the Human Development Commission (HDC).

The food is good, they say, but it's the opportunity to talk with folks their own age and swap a story or 2 that keeps them coming back.

"I think people are missing out by not coming to the meal center," Casimir Case, Cass City, said of HDC's Congregate Dining Program in town.

"I've been attending the site in Cass City for the past 2 years and the time spent has been enjoyable and entertaining. I go 2 days a week, but they're open 3 days a week. I enjoy it. The people are nice and friendly," added Case, a retired sheet metal mechanic who moved to Cass City from Sanilac County's Greenleaf Township in 1990.

Case recalled hearing about the local senior meal site from Lois Remsing during a brief visit at Erla's. Remsing is a former manager of the dining center.

His first visit convinced him that many more area seniors should also consider participating.

"The contact with people is

very important," said Case, whose wife died 7 years ago after 50 years of marriage. "It seems like many of the retirees - older people - they seem to put themselves in a cocoon. There are seniors whose social life is nil, and there's no reason for that circumstance."

Norman and Josephine Gray, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this month, said they both enjoy the food and conversation.

"I sit here and I'm just all ears - this is the place where you can pick up all the gossip," Norman Gray joked.

Ruth Kaake, who has been attending the local meal site for more than a decade, said that visiting and playing penny bingo are her favorite activities at the meal site. "And I like our manager. She's a very nice lady," Kaake said.

"The fellowship time together and, of course, the food is good," agreed Evelyn Hendra.

"This is not a welfare (program) for poor people. It's for everybody to come and meet new people and talk," said Nancy Thane, manager of the Cass City dining center. "It's more social than anything else."

Ruthann Osterhout, HDC's

marketing manager, agreed, saying HDC established the senior dining centers in 1975 in an effort to promote better health among the Thumb's older population.

"The dining centers were actually one of the earliest things we did. There are many times when seniors become isolated, especially when they survive friends or a spouse," she said. "We don't want them to be isolated because once they are, they tend to stay that way."

"Once you become isolated, you give up altogether."

Meals served at all of the dining centers are prepared at HDC's main kitchen in Caro, which enables officials to ensure continuity of the menu. "It gives us more control over the nutritional balance," Osterhout explained. Today, she added, there are a combined 19 meal sites in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties - 8 in Tuscola County alone. "Last year we served 1,335 customers for a total of 88,640 meals."

"The dining centers are open to anyone 60 and older. They're actually open to anyone, but the price is different," she said, noting those ages 60 and over are asked to make a donation of \$2,

while those younger than \$60 are asked to pay \$4.75 for the meal.

In addition to satisfying their appetites, the seniors are occasionally treated to entertainment.

"Many times the dining centers offer special presentations or they play cards or bingo," said Osterhout, who added each meal site manager is encouraged to "bring a lot of themselves to the dining center."

Friday, for example, Thane shared a favorite hobby - counted cross-stitch - and set up a display of her work at the dining center.

The entertainment adds to the day, but friendly conversation is the biggest draw. "The biggest (advantage) is the socialization - they make new friends," Osterhout said. "Plus, they can receive a lot of information about services that are available through HDC, not necessarily for them, but for somebody they know."

"There are literally dozens of programs they might be interested in. The range is huge," Osterhout continued. Examples, she said, include caregiver education for families of Alzheimer's or dementia patients, and household chore assistance.

Seniors can learn more by calling HDC at (989) 673-4121, Osterhout noted. "If we can't help them, we certainly know who can."

Thane said the seniors who attend the Cass City meal site all have their own reasons for gathering each week. "There are some that will sit and solve the world's problems. They'd just as soon chit chat and leave when they want to," she added.

"It's a low pressure environment that's meant to foster connections between seniors," Osterhout said. Thane agreed. "That's what it's all about."

Added Case, "We all have stories to tell of misadventures which are funny but were not at the time they occurred. The stories are really funny, but tragic in some cases."

"Reminiscing is good, sometimes. I think people like to tell stories about themselves."

Other activities expanded

Booze booted at annual Gagetown Country Days

Summer festival fun in the Thumb is kicking off early this year, thanks to the organizers of Gagetown Country Days, who have moved their celebration up by a couple of months this year.

The 2-day event is slated for Saturday and Sunday.

"We have so much competition in August, we have taken some drastic steps and moved it (festival) to June," Gagetown Country Days Chairman Joan Koch explained, referring to other celebrations going on at the same time.

"We are (also) targeting a different group of people. There will not be a beverage tent this year because of the increasing entertainment and tent costs," Koch said. "Society is changing because of the liquor laws; people just aren't willing to take the risk, and we fully agree with that."

"People don't realize. It costs a lot to get a liquor license, the insurance," added Koch, who noted last year's beverage tent cost organizers \$1,200, and that was a discounted rate. "It's too expensive, so some changes had to be made."

However, this year's celebration, now in its sixth year, will offer plenty of fun and activities for all ages.

"This year we are focusing more on the car show, cruise and burn," Koch said. "We have 27 crafters signed up to come to the park, and with local donations we are able to bring in 3 inflatable items. One is a fire truck slide, a bungee run, and for the little ones an elephant moon walk. There will still be our downhill derby cars, and all who take part will get a very nice trophy."

In addition, the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department will be hosting an open house that will include "Jaws of Life" demonstrations.

Koch pointed out that crafters are being welcomed free of charge.

"We're really kind of excited. We've never had crafts during Gagetown Country

Days, so we're hoping the public will pick up on this."

Much of the Gagetown Country Days activities will take place Saturday, Koch said. "But the crafters are planning on staying 2 days, and if the ball tournament needs to go another day, it will."

The slate of activities begins at 8 a.m. Saturday with the

crafters/flea market opening for business. Anyone interested in displaying crafts can learn more by calling (989) 665-2518.

A special ceremony honoring Bob McCreedy will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the gazebo.

Koch explained that Mc-

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3 months in the making

Handcrafted totem pole work of art

Take a 22-foot long, 2 1/2 feet in diameter cottonwood log and what do you have? A work of art, after Joe Hillaker with help from his dad, Lorn, worked on it for 40 hours a week for 3 solid months.

That work of art is an Indian totem pole and now rests proudly on the Lorn Hillaker lawn on Doerr Road in Cass City.

And it's there to stay and should be impervious to whatever the weather has to offer.

First step in the erection was to form the base. It required 2 1/2 yards of concrete set in the ground and anchored with 10-foot channel irons on each side.

After the base was formed, the problem remaining was to be sure that the 1 1/3 inch-wide bolts would keep the pole straight. That was no small task. It required Tom Spencer from Tuckey Block

pole on the base at the proper upright position, mark the spot that the huge bolts would be needed and then take the pole back down so that holes in the pole and the angle irons could be drilled. The pole then was raised again and those bolts fitted perfectly, Lorn Hillaker said with obvious satisfaction, and the totem pole now reigns, beautiful and regal in the Hillaker yard.

While erecting the pole was complicated and time-consuming, it was nothing compared to the effort required to create it. They started March 5 and worked on it an average of 40 hours a week. Joe is the artist, Lorn Hillaker stressed, and I helped with the work as it went along. (Joe Hillaker is the son of June and Lorn and has a wide reputation for his work creating distinctive works of art at his shop in Deford.)

First step was taking a chain saw and removing the bark.

Next came the grinders, big and small, to give the finished project a smooth, paint-receptive surface. That's something that you won't find in most totem poles, Hillaker asserted. There is nothing out there that compares.

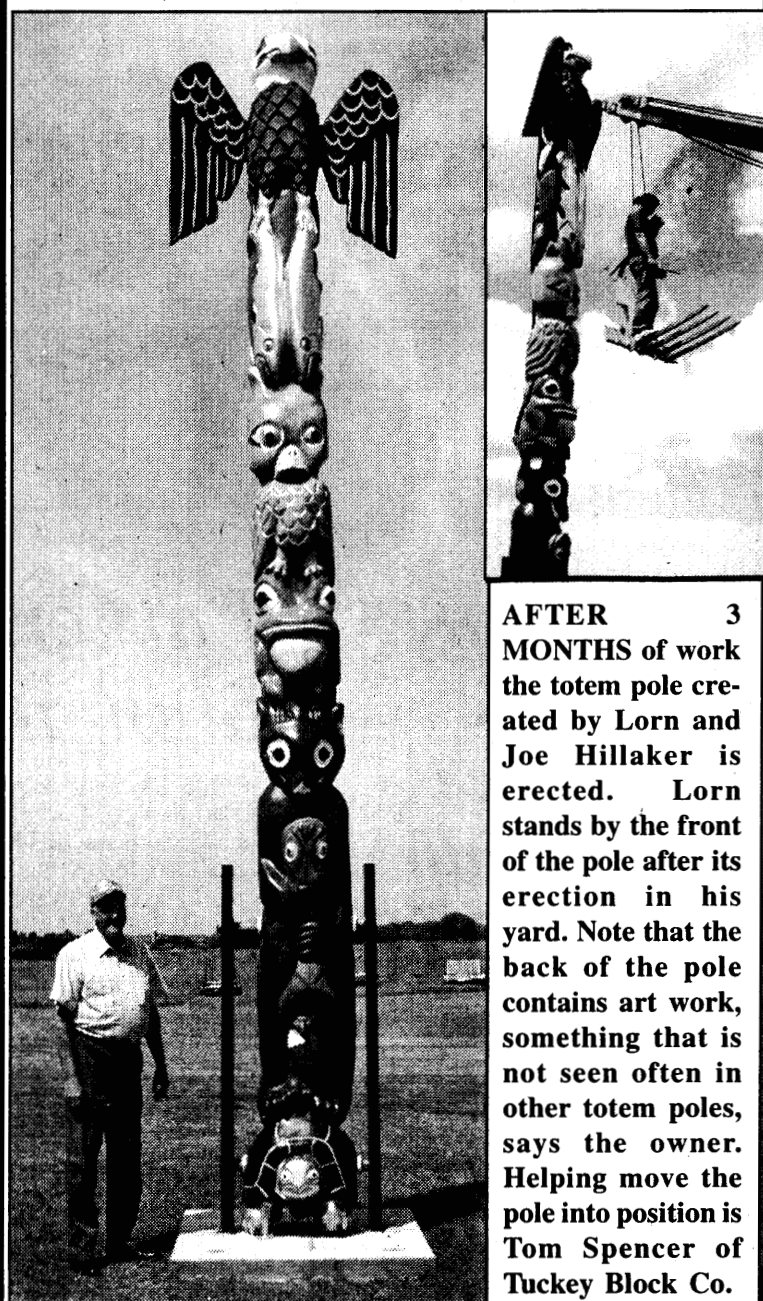
While the power tools helped, the key to the work was the handwork that created the totem pole. It requires skills with chisels so that each feather in the eagle is realistic and gives the "alive feeling" every one of the animals projects.

Another feature of the pole is that the back is also carved and is not just a flat piece of unmarked wood.

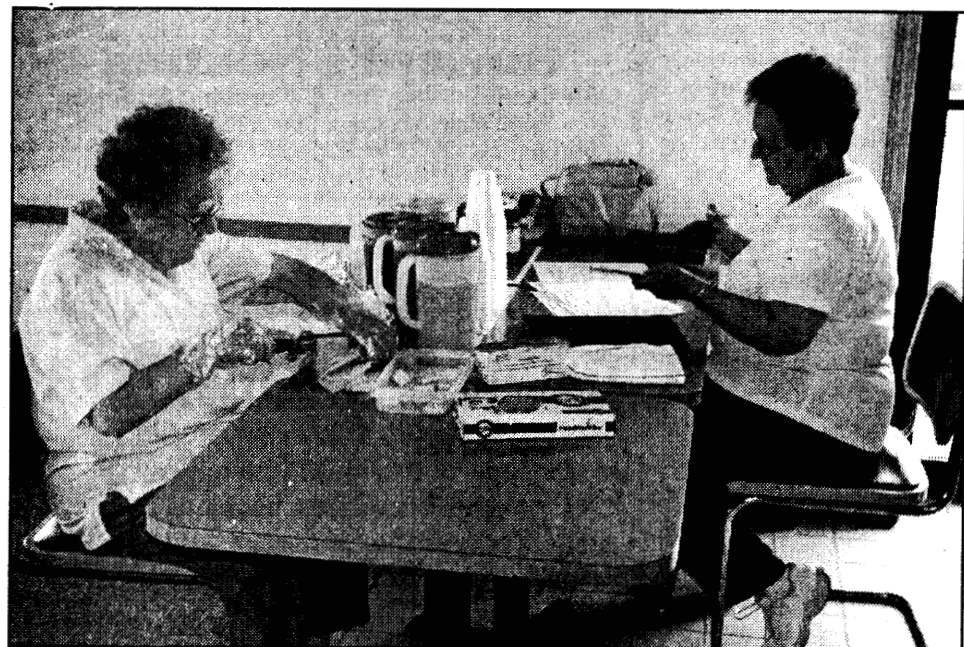
There was no fooling around or drinking when we erected the totem pole, but we had a little party afterwards, Hillaker explained.

It was a happy time to commemorate a happy ending to 3 months of work.

Beautiful work



AFTER 3 MONTHS of work the totem pole created by Lorn and Joe Hillaker is erected. Lorn stands by the front of the pole after its erection in his yard. Note that the back of the pole contains art work, something that is not seen often in other totem poles, says the owner. Helping move the pole into position is Tom Spencer of Tuckey Block Co.



CASS CITY MEAL site Manager Nancy Thane (right) and volunteer Janis Seeley prepare for Friday's lunch, which attracted 18 area seniors. (Related photo page 8)

It's a boy!

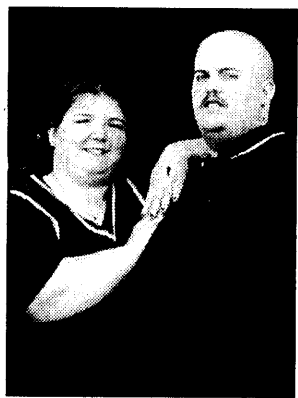


Carter Alexander Patrick

Alex and Ashley Patrick of Cass City announce the birth of their son Carter Alexander. Carter was born March 22, 2005 at 6:01 p.m. at McKenzie Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His grandparents are Barbara and Sam Patrick of Sand Point and Tom and Susan Ruby of Orlando, Fla. Carter's great-grandparents are Bess and Max Patrick of Marlette, Laverne and Dan Daniel and Phoebe Ruby of Orlando, Fla.

Engaged



Tricia Smith and Ryan Pringle

Tricia Jean Smith of Argyle and Ryan James Pringle of Deford along with their parents, Louise Smith and the late George Smith and Roberta Pringle and the late Ronald Pringle, announce their engagement.

Tricia is a 1996 graduate of Deckerville High School and is currently employed at Deckerville Community Hospital.

Ryan is a 1991 graduate of Cass City High School and is currently employed at Rumble Trucking. A June 17, 2006 wedding is being planned.

Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
Phone 989-269-6994



Allen Farrelly visited Don Rackoff at the Huron County Health Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Memorial Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mazure.

Mrs. Lynn Spencer of Tombstone, Ariz., Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Joyce Zuluaf, Mrs. Bryce Hagen, Mrs. Gerald Wills, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hind attended the Fraser Presbyterian dinner Wednesday.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly were Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter, Jessica and Timothy, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended a birthday party for Shawn Depcinski's 18th birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Depcinski on Saturday.

Bonnie Spencer of New Mexico, Mrs. Lynn Spencer, Sandy Cleland of Tombstone, Ariz., Bill and Bob Cleland of Cass City, and Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Allen Farrelly was a Monday guest of June Rutz,

Cindy and Dennis. Ten member of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson Thursday forenoon.

Brooke Depcinski spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Particka, Jennie and Andrew of Adrian, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Reid and Ethan of Clinton Township spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, June Rutz, Doris Western, and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the breakfast at the Masonic Hall in Bad Axe Sunday forenoon.

Claude Mestack, Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirett of Bad Axe, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mr. and Mrs. John Pechette and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson last week.



Robert and Florence Ridenour

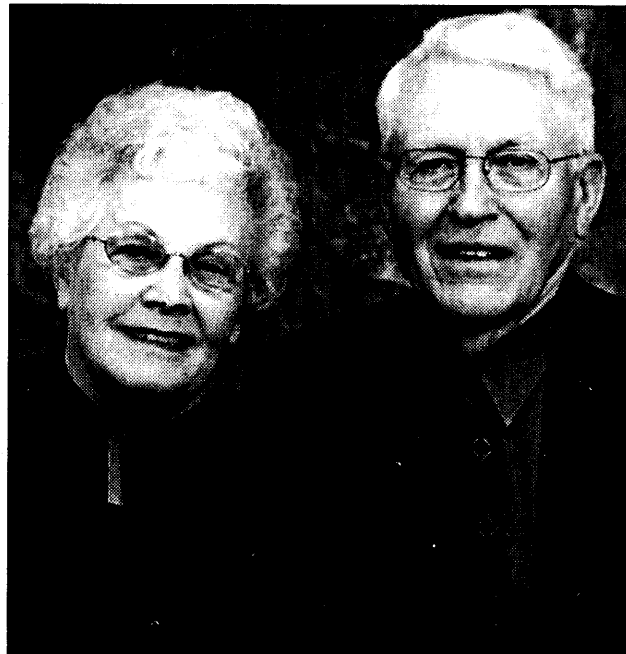
Ridenours celebrate golden anniversary

Robert and Florence (Stevens) Ridenour of Gladwin and Lakeland, Fla. celebrated 50 years of marriage May 21, 2005. The couple celebrated with their family at Willow Tree in West Branch.

They have 2 children: Kristine (Dave) Milligan of

Cass City and Ross (Linda) Ridenour of Novi; and 4 grandchildren: Ryan and Eric Ridenour and Michael and Elisabeth Milligan.

Bob retired from General Telephone Co. of Cass City and Florence retired as a hygienist from Dr. Tiseo's office in Caro.



Harold and D. Joan Little

Open house slated for Little family

Harold L. Little and D. Joan Atkin were married June 10, 1955 at the Novesta Church of Christ, Cass City, with Howard Woodard officiating.

The couple's children are Carol (Ron) White of Paris, France; Kurt (Melissa) Little of Evanston, Ill.; and Suzanne (Mike) Grimmer of

Vicksburg. They have three grandchildren: Matthew, Kayla and Anna Little.

There will be an open house hosted by their children for family and friends at the Novesta Church of Christ from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 25. The couple requests no gifts, please.



Kenneth and Frieda Parker

Parkers mark 50th anniversary

Frieda Kaufeld, daughter of Karl and Elsie Kaufeld of Sehnde, Germany, and Kenneth Parker, son of Silas and Viola Parker of Owendale, were married June 12, 1955 at the RLDS Church in Owendale.

Elmer Andrews, cousin of Kenneth, was best man. Iva Andrews was matron of honor. Also standing for the couple were Dick Wales and Aldine Sbresny, friends of the couple.

The Parkers resided on Canboro Rd. in Owendale for the first few years of their marriage. Later they moved to the corner of Maxwell and Sebewaing roads and stayed

there for the past 47 years. Ken retired from the Caro Center Dec. 14, 1986 after 27 years of working for the state of Michigan.

They have three children: Mary (Nick) Gould of Leroy, Norman (Patti) Parker of Cass City, and Jack (Cindy) Parker of Sebewaing. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Parker children are hosting an open house June 12, at the Owendale High School Cafeteria, from 2 to 4 p.m. in honor of their parents' golden wedding anniversary. All are invited to attend.



Meg's Peg

School's out!

by Melva E. Guinther

The end of the school year can evoke a variety of emotions — elation, relief, panic — depending on whether one is the student, the teacher, or the parent.

Summer has traditionally been thought of as a time for relaxing the pace of life, but there's no guarantee.

Some parents have already started the countdown till school resumes.

A mother of young children was relating the hectic schedule they were trying to keep up — Two boys in Little or Minor League with mandatory practice every week night, soccer practice, allergy shots, swimming lessons, church activities — with both parents working.

The mere logistics of getting everybody where they need to be when they need to be there would tire me out. It makes me kind of glad I'm just a grandma. I get to have fun with the kids when they visit this summer, and let everything else slide.

If you're not sure how your family measures up in the activity/stress arena, you might want to take this "stress test" sent by an email buddy. (Sorry I can't include the graphics.)

Instructions are to rate on the basis of how true the statement is for your family: 0, if it's never true; 1, if rarely true; 2, if sometimes true; 3, if always true.

* Conversations often begin with "Put the gun down, then we can talk."

* The school principal has your number on speed-dial.

* Both the cat and dog are on Valium.

* No one can understand your kids; they learned to talk through clenched teeth.

* You are trying to get your 4-year-old to switch to decaf.

* Jobs held by the family exceed the number of people in the family.

* No one has time to wait for microwave TV dinners.

* Family meetings are often mediated by law enforcement officials.

* You have to check your kid's day-timer to see if he can take out the trash.

* Maxwell House gives you

industrial rates.

* Dinner guests alternate between Juvenile Services and the Parole Officer.

* The neighbors are all chipping in so you can go on a family vacation.

* "Call waiting" is busy when you try to call home.

* The Salvation Army rejected your last donation of clothes and toys.

* There's an item on the phone bill for your daughter's Yellow Pages listing.

Totaling your score:

45 - A perfect score. Welcome to Parents Anonymous!

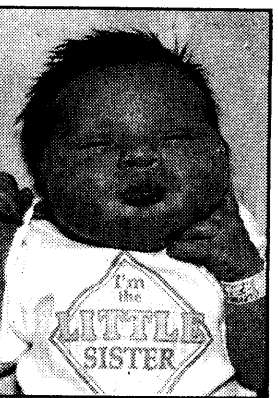
30-44 - You are doing reasonably well, but still have too little going on in your life. Crank it up!

15-29 - You have mastered some of the aspects of the stress-filled life, but still have a long way to go. Have you considered a parallel career path?

0-14 - Enjoying all that extra time? What do you do anyway?

Assuming you scored below 20, you can be thankful that your family is doing so well. If higher, please get help!!!

It's a girl!



Heather Marie Czekai

Tyler Mason Czekai announces the birth of his sister, Heather Marie Czekai. Heather was born May 5, 2005 at 1:13 p.m. in Lapeer. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Keith and Nikki Czekai. She is the granddaughter of Margaret and Gary Czekai of Cass City, Tom Mason of Linwood, and Joyce Howard of Clio.

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Peters joins accounting staff



Rachel L. Peters

Yeo and Yeo, P.C., CPA recently announced that Rachel L. Peters of Saginaw Township, formerly of Deford, has joined the Saginaw office as a staff accountant in the tax department.

She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree majoring in management from Saginaw Valley State University. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

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Volz qualifies

Area resident Charles H. Volz, a financial representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, has qualified for the organization's prestigious Summit Circle for 2004 achievements.

In order to qualify for the Summit Circle, Volz demonstrated outstanding sales and service to members, company officials said.

Volz is with Thrivent Financial's Michigan Regional Financial Office in Frankenmuth, and serves Lutherans and their family members in the surrounding communities.

Fewer than 200 of Thrivent Financial's 2,600 financial representatives qualified for the Summit Circle. Volz has been with Thrivent Financial and its predecessor organization for 13 years and has been recognized for his performance 9 times.

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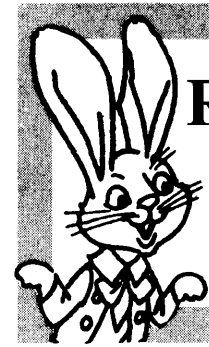
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The reason that fast pitch softball has been replaced in many communities by slow-pitch is that the pitching on the good teams dominates the action.

Pitching at the high school and the college level has moved in the same direction. In the USA-Cass City game, Sarah Alegria struck out 16 and only 5 balls were hit.

Now going the rumor rounds is a proposal to move the pitching mound back about 2 feet. It is just talk, at least at this point, but that extra 2-feet would help to make the rest of the players more important and provide more action for the fans.

"The Point" senior citizen complex on Division Street, is hosting new arrivals. Two geese were spotted ambling across the park area to the lake one day last week. Trailing each of the birds were a pair of half grown chicks.

The Dodgers of the Cass City Minor League ended the season on a high note.

The kids were taken to the Detroit Tigers baseball game Sunday. It was hot at the stadium, but that's not the reason the boys didn't take part in a popular post-game activity.

The team players were forced to miss the opportunity to run around the bases.

The line, which stretched 3/4 of the way around the stadium, was just too long to wait.



CASS CITY resident and longtime Chronicle Columnist Melva Guinther submitted this photo of a soldier that was sent to her by someone who mistakenly thought it was Guinther's father, the late Vern McConnell, a World War II veteran. Anyone who recognizes the soldier in the photo is welcome to contact the Chronicle at (989) 872-2010.

Free clinic for pets

Grant writing endeavors finally paid off for the pet rescue group, Cass River Pet FriendZ.

MDA offers directory

As Michigan's crops make their appearance in gardens and fields, and warming weather appears likely to stay for a while, the state's consumers look forward to selecting Michigan produce at a wide variety of farm markets and u-pick operations.

To assist area residents in finding quality agricultural products, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has made the 2004-2005 Farm Market, U-Pick and Ag Tourism Directory available.

The directory is available on-line at www.michigan.gov/mda-upick, and at more than 120 locations throughout the state, including the MSU Extension Office in Huron County, 99 W. Soper Rd., Bad Axe.

Hundreds of farm markets, farmers' markets, u-pick operations and other agricultural tourism businesses such as cider mills, pumpkin patches and wineries are included in the popular index. Listings include business names, phone numbers, addresses, directions, business hours, and the products and services available.

On-line visitors can search the listings by region of the state, county, city, farm name or crop type, and download a printable version of the directory to take on the road.

Published since 1979 and available on-line since 1999, the directory is MDA's most popular publication.

"This directory is a valuable tool and helps make potential visitors aware of the many diverse and unique opportunities that exist across Michigan's countryside and cities to select fresh, safe and high-quality Michigan agricultural products," said MDA Director Dan Wyant.

Gardening information available

Master gardeners recently held their fourth annual Plant Sale and offered area residents the commonly grown (in the Thumb area) strawberry cultivar, Jewel.

Strawberry growers looking to add productivity to their strawberry beds found these to be a great purchase at the plant sale. This variety is high yielding of great flavored, beautiful fruit; fruit that are firm, large and have good internal color. Jewel is a vigorous, winter tolerant variety. Jewel is rated as a mid-season variety.

More information on growing strawberries is available from the MSU Extension office, 99 W. Soper Road, Suite B, Bad Axe ((989) 269-9949) or from master gardener volunteers.

The group has been awarded \$2,500 from the Tuscola County Community Foundation to sponsor a free spay/neuter and vaccination clinic for qualifying Tuscola County pet owners.

Cats and dogs owned by low-income families (\$20,000 annually or less) will have priority.

Residents will need to send a postcard to Cass River Pet FriendZ, P.O. Box 513, Caro, MI 48723 to be considered for this program. The postcard must have the pet owner's name, address, phone number, type of pet (cat/dog), age, name of pet, approximate weight and how many animals they wish to have altered.

Pet owners will be respon-

sible for getting their pet to and from the participating veterinarian and will be required to show their drivers' license to prove they reside in Tuscola County.

Residents who qualify will be contacted by phone to take advantage of this free veterinary service. Pet owners will need to bring any prior vet records with the pet at the time of their appointment.

Dogs will be tested for heartworm and cats will be tested for feline leukemia prior to surgery. Only disease free, healthy pets will be able to undergo surgery. Distemper combo vaccinations as well as a rabies vaccination will also be given to each pet altered.

The Haire Net

He's got to be doing something



It took 45 years for Lorn "Slim" Hillaker to quit his job as an auctioneer. It's traditional to say that he has retired, but that's not too accurate. Believe me, the last place to look for Hillaker is in a rocking chair by the fire or resting in balmy Florida in the winter.

I don't mind visiting Florida for a week or so, but to spend the winter down there doing nothing is just not me, he confides. I got to be doing something.



One of his projects just completed with his son, Joe, is creating an Indian totem pole (see story in this issue).

When not involved in a major endeavor, Hillaker has devised ways to keep him a long ways from sitting in a rocker doing nothing. His home sets on 10 acres on Doerr Road.

About 3 1/2 acres of the home site is in a well-tended lawn. He has 3 different sized mowers to care for the lawn and he does it all.

Already he is preparing to take part of the land remaining and make it a home for wild flowers.

Little projects like these come easily when you consider he had been an auctioneer every week for 30 years at the stockyards in St. Louis and for 35 years at the yard in Cass City. During those years he also was an auctioneer at an uncounted number of private auctions.

Many of these were antique auctions and antiques fill 2 small buildings at his home. One building houses a complete antique barbershop with 2 barbershop chairs and

a cash register that will ring up to just \$1.00 tops.

Lorn was almost never too busy to go moose hunting at Hawk Junction in Canada. He missed just one season since 1958.

There are literally hundreds of area residents that dined on succulent moose meat at parties he staged when he returned. "Just a small affair", he would say as he asked everyone he met to come out and have a good time.

His hunting trips soon enabled him to become well acquainted with the residents and made it possible for him to visit a gold mine about 100 miles from Hawk Junction. You go about 2 miles into the ground. It's not open to the general public. A couple of hunting buddies that I met in Canada got me in, Hillaker explained.

In his over 50 years in business, his most impressive achievement has not been his financial success, but his apparent joy in whatever he is doing at the time and the wide circle of friends he made doing it.

Just don't look for him in the rocking chair.

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

Everyone has their own idea about gardening. Some like to do everything by hand: Dig with a spade, mix in some compost, fertilize with rabbit pellets, and water with a sprinkling can.

Others, like myself, would just as soon apply some chemical fertilizer and plow the whole thing up with a Caterpillar tractor (if I had one). Then I would hook up an automatic watering system.

Some of us waffle back and forth. We get the urge to dig for awhile and then regain our senses and wish we had the tractor.

That's what happened to me when I was fresh out of college. Connie and I had just moved into a farmhouse with lots of space around it and a big garden out back. I would guess that garden plot was about 40 by 80 feet, but I only planned to plant half of it.

Just as I was starting to dig the garden by hand the neighbor came by with his big John Deere and a six-bottom plow. "We could take that fence down, and I'd plow that up for you," he said.

"Oh, that's O.K.," I told him. "I need the exercise. I'll have this dug up in no time."

I've often wondered what caused me to say something like that. Apparently I'd had too much education. It had been so long since I'd done any work, I completely forgot what it was like.

My wife had a similar experience last week when she decided to dig up her flowerbed. Connie works very hard, but she isn't used to lots of digging.

Connie teaches school and goes to yoga every week, but stretching minds and spines is not the same as moving a couple of tons of dirt. She spent a couple of hours in the flowerbed and three days wondering if she needed a hospital bed. (I finished the digging.)

We planned to visit friends the next day to get some horse manure, but decided to postpone that until the backs heal up. I would forget the manure entirely if it was up to me. "Triple 16" comes in a nice, tidy bag and is a lot easier to handle.

I know horse manure is supposed to be better, but manure has its price — even when it's free. A new horse owner in California learned that years ago.

This woman knew nothing about horses but thought it would be fun to own one. So she went out and bought a nag.

Then, she went shopping for a place to keep it. The first stable she visited said their boarding fees were \$80 a month. "Vet fees are extra, and we keep the manure."

This woman had no idea if

that was a good price or not, so she stopped at a second stable. The manager said, "Boarding is \$75 per month, vet fees are extra, and we get the manure."

Now she was beginning to learn something. In addition to boarding costs there are likely to be some vet fees, and the manure is apparently quite valuable.

This lady was much more confident when she arrived at a third horse farm. "Boarding is \$30 a month, and you pay the vet fees."

She was so surprised by the low price she almost forgot about the manure. Then she remembered, "Oh, who gets the manure?" she asked.

The horse wrangler pushed his hat to one side and said, "Look Ma'am, for \$30 a month, there ain't gonna be any manure."

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Isolated T-storms
High: 79 Low: 62

Thursday
Isolated T-storms
High: 81 Low: 62

Friday
Isolated T-storms
High: 80 Low: 61

Saturday
Isolated T-storms
High: 78 Low: 60

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 58

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 79°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 62°. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1984. Thursday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 81°.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	70	43	71/48	0.00"
Tuesday	73	45	71/49	0.00"
Wednesday	75	36	72/49	0.00"
Thursday	77	48	72/49	0.00"
Friday	72	57	72/50	0.00"
Saturday	79	54	73/50	0.00"
Sunday	88	63	73/50	0.00"

Upcoming Moon Phases

First 6/14 Full 6/21 Last 6/28 New 7/6

Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 5:51 a.m.
Sunset tonight 9:13 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	70	43	71/48	0.00"
Tuesday	73	45	71/49	0.00"
Wednesday	75	36	72/49	0.00"
Thursday	77	48	72/49	0.00"
Friday	72	57	72/50	0.00"
Saturday	79	54	73/50	0.00"
Sunday	88	63	73/50	0.00"

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Letters to the editor

Shame on village council

Editor

RE: VFW files request for zoning variance

I was sad and disappointed, to say the least, when I read that the VFW members, for lack of a better term, "punked out" to the Cass City Village Council. The last word was that they were going to court and demanding a jury trial, which, under the circumstances, would have been the appropriate thing to do since you can never totally judge (public servant) to make a decision preserving the property rights of the people over the ignorant whims of other public servants.

I'm ashamed of them and embarrassed for them. Had their position been incorrect I would certainly understand their admitting that they were wrong and applying for a variance, but they weren't wrong. Their position was morally, legally and definitively correct, not to mention that they had the support of the entire community with a few ignorant exceptions. (Isn't the village council supposed to represent the opinions and desires of the majority?)

And, concerning the Cass City Village Council: shame on them for having neither the courage nor the decency to admit when they were wrong. They were and they are wrong. I wasn't surprised to read that they were trying to hire an out of town former cop to do their dirty work for them because they didn't have the courage to do it themselves. Their predictable actions kind of remind me of the old cowboy movies where the biggest rancher

in the territory hires an out of town gun-slinger to do his dirty work. If they weren't so pathetic they'd be funny.

It's a fine example that the village council set for our young people. Never admit that you're wrong, even when you are, and keep on bullying just to save face even if you have to pay someone else to do your bullying. It's also a fine example that the VFW set: Kowtow to the bullies just to avoid any further hassles.

But one thing really puzzles me. Why does the village council have to re-write their ordinance if they are so certain that their ordinance also pertained to murals? Might they have actually taken the time to look up the definitions and come to the realization that they have been

wrong from the very beginning?

According to the dictionary a mural is "a picture or decoration painted, or placed on a wall." A sign is "an inscribed board, plate or space serving for advertisement, guidance or information." On a wall it would then be a wall sign. I personally agree with the definitions in the dictionaries but then again, who am I to say? I've only been painting signs for a little over 40 years and have only painted hundreds of wall signs and murals in that short time period. But to call something a "Mural Sign" in my humble opinion, just confirms the council's ignorance.

Of course, on a more positive note, it is a relief for the citizens of Cass City to have

confidence in their belief that the members of their very own village council, including former manager Frank Sheridan, are so smart that they know more about the definitions of signs and murals than those who wrote The World Book Encyclopedia Dictionary, all of the Webster's Dictionaries and an expert who has been painting signs for more than 40 years. I'm certain the village residents will all sleep much better now.

On a less positive note: unfortunately, fascism, like a nasty pimple, again rears its ugly head in the village of Cass City. And I'm still waiting for a reasonable, logical explanation.

Bob Papovich,
Cass City

Senior Fair set

Join the fun and Salute the Flag at the Tuscola County Senior Fair.

If you are an older adult, have a family member who is an older adult or you are a caregiver for anyone, you won't want to miss the Tuscola County Senior Fair, Friday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vassar High School.

The Tuscola County Senior Fair is packed full of information, entertainment, workshops, prizes, refreshments and lots of fun for all ages. Vendors from local organizations, homecare, medical supplies and equipment, assisted living facilities, long-term care facilities and many more will be available to answer your questions and provide information in their areas of expertise.

An 11 a.m. workshop focusing on Emergency Preparedness will be given by Sharon Mika, emergency preparedness coordinator, and at 12:30 p.m. diabetic educator Doty North will offer information on meal preparation and planning entitled Living Lightly.

A variety of entertainment from a band to a sing-a-long will take place throughout the day. All those in attendance can enter the drawings for door prizes provided by individual vendors and register for the chance to win a motorized scooter, an electric lift chair or cash.

All who attend are welcome to Salute the Flag and wear your patriotic red, white and blue or your best flag-wear. A prize will be awarded to the individual who can best display their patriotism.

Letters to the Editor
The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper. Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

Obituaries

Velta Stock

Velta Lena Stock, 97, of Cass City, died Saturday, June 4, 2005 at Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born Oct. 16, 1907 in Kilmaughna, the daughter of the late George and Mary (Adams) Sonntag.

She married Earl A. Stock Dec. 30, 1925 in Unionville. He died Sept. 12, 1976.

Stock is survived by her children: Harlan (Helen) Stock, Delphine (the late L.J.) Dillon, all of Unionville, Donna Schember of Caro, Barbara Wald of Cass City, June (Sheridan) Markert of Florida, and Connie (Fred) Ambruster of Jonesville; 24 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nira Stock; a sister, Mata Ludwig; and 5 brothers: Herbert, Ora, Ralph, Elery and Otis Sonntag.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 7, at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with Pastor George Ward officiating.

Burial was in the Elmwood Township-Hillside Cemetery, Elmwood Township.

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

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Bernice Tuckey

Bernice Tuckey, 94, of Davison, died Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at Briarwood Manor.

She was born June 5, 1910 near Cass City, the daughter of the late Stephen and Eva (Crafts) Moore.

She married John E. Tuckey, Nov. 11, 1933 in Cass City.

Tuckey was involved with various Missionary churches. She and her husband were the founders of the Davison Missionary Church.

Tuckey is survived by her husband, Dr. John; children:

Eva (Dennis) Pannabecker, Phyllis (Ron) Phipps, and David (Danise) Tuckey; 7 grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 6 step-great-grandchildren; 2 half-sisters; 2 step-sisters; 2 step-brothers; and several sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by 4 brothers: Clyde, Stephen, Vilas and Perry Moore.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 4, at Davison Missionary Church Sanctuary, with the Rev. Allen Sudmann and the Rev. Jack French officiating.

Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Bethel College.

Arrangements were made by Allen Funeral Home, Inc., Davison.

Emerson Gorton

Emerson D. Gorton, 88, of Grand Rapids, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Clarke Retirement Home, Grand Rapids.

Interment will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 18, in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.



Pool fees questioned

We are second generation pool users. My first born was born in Cass City and I raised my children here. We started out in the pool where the basketball court is, and actually they started out in a wading pool where the curly slide sets now. Plus, he had a small wading pool on the rooftop of old Hartwick Grocery where we rented for \$45 a month. I'm now paying \$400 a month so I understand about price increases, but I'd like to know how the pool can explain a \$1 to \$2 increase from one year to the next.

I realize they have upkeep but some very visible repairs are overlooked every year for

the past several years, like bathroom door locks, painting, girls shower is constantly running which has to make for one wasteful expensive water bill. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens left the community an item for our children and community to use. We should be taking better care of it before it's closed like the last one. The indoor pool would have been fine for the school, but probably lousy for the community as a whole because like the Caro pool would have been open to us on a very limited basis.

Last year I sat under shade trees and watched my grandsons play in the pool probably 4 days a week. I was totally amazed at the lack of attendance. I'm not sure if the cost of \$1 or if more families are owning their own pools now was the reason, but I'm very sure at \$2 per person your attendance will fall even more.

I know my son has already told the boys they have to pick one day a week to go. Loss of income right there. I stopped at the municipal building to see about a family pass and was told I would not be included seeing as the boys didn't live with me. I didn't question any further as my plan for a family pass was for myself - rare user, my daughter and her 2 kids are also rare users, and my other 2 grandsons, continual users. It would have been 2 adults and 4 children. But when she told me I wouldn't even be included, the person paying for it. I figured okay, more

lost income. I'm also trying to figure out what good the municipal building is other than to collect water bills because I asked when the next town meeting was. "I don't know" was her answer. She also said I could speak to this one guy but he's not here right now and he probably wouldn't be able to answer my questions anyway.

Last year I stopped there about the paint and toilets and got the runaround, so I accomplished nothing. Used to be they had a free session where families would have a lot of income could enjoy the pool. Why not try a free day or 50 cent day and see what your attendance is. At least with 50 cent days, you would have some income and you'd have work for 4 life guards. I believe there are less than 20 kids in the pool right now. It's a little cool today, but no way were the boys going to miss their swim.

Barbara Shagena

Walkers raise over \$11,000

Walkers participating in the 15th Annual United Hospice Walk-a-thon took numerous strides to make sure the event was a success.

The walk-a-thon, held recently at Sandusky High School, raised more than \$11,000. The donations will be used to enhance patient care at the Hospice Residence located at Marlette Community Hospital in Marlette.

Money was raised through walkers accepting pledges and through business and honor donations. The Court House steps of Sandusky were lined with honor signs in memory and in honor of loved ones.

John Merriman, county commissioner for Sanilac County, served as grand marshal for the event. "United Hospice is a wonderful organization. I am honored to be a part of this event and the work of hospice," he said.

Penny Ramsey of Croswell raised the most money once again this year. Ramsey collected more than \$500 and holds the record for most money raised for the second year in a row.

Michael Hosler and Jesse Cramblit, both of Port Sanilac, managed to finish the walk in the fastest times this year. The 2 teens came out to walk as part of a service project for their school's National Honor Society.

United Hospice Service also recognized the oldest walkers during the event. Stan Fetting of Sandusky and Lois Sugden of Cass City held the distinction this year.

The annual walk-a-thon is organized by United Hospice Service volunteers. Many hours and much dedication are put into the fundraiser.

Residents of Ellington Township

Please be advised, a public hearing of the Ellington Township Zoning Board will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at the Ellington Township Hall, located east of the intersection of M-81 and Dutcher road, at 7:30 p.m. to (1) act upon a request to rezone parcel 008-016-000-2400-02; address 2550 N. Jacob Rd., from Commercial to Residential and (2) to hold a hearing regarding parcel 008-012-000-1400-02; address 3111 Dodge Road, in regards to a request to operate a salvage operation under Section 601 Paragraph G. If additional clarification or information is required, please contact me at (989) 673-3253.

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Blood drive slated

The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive in Cass City, Tuesday, June 14, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the VFW Post 3644 Hall.

"The summer months are approaching and these are traditionally a challenging time for blood centers," said Kerry Brown, Hills and Dales General Hospital spokesman.

"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 reality, blood is needed every 2 to 3 seconds in this country to meet the needs of everyday accident victims, cancer patients and children with blood disorders.

More information is available by contacting Brown at (989) 872-2121 or auxiliary member Helen Jezewski at 872-2746.



HELPING HANDS. Several area Girl Scouts assisted the Cass City Chamber of Commerce with the planting of flowerpots, which will decorate the downtown streets. The scouts are: (from left) Cassidy McGuire, Kelly Delong, Sesa Graham, Shannon Kaweck (back), Kristen Kaweck (back), Katelyn Bock, Halie Hool, Emily Mason, Chelsea Hoppe and Rachel Tanner.

Pheasants Forever receives \$4 million grant

The Department of Environmental Quality is awarding \$4 million in Clean Michigan Initiative grant

funds to Pheasants Forever to support the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

CREP is a voluntary program administered by the Michigan Department of Agriculture that uses environmentally sound conservation practices on agricultural lands to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat. Farmers and landowners participating in the program receive reimbursement for establishing conservation practices including riparian buff-

ers, field windbreaks, filter strips, wetland restoration, shallow-water wildlife areas, controlled livestock access, and conservation easements.

"CREP allows us to partner with farmers and other landowners to have a positive impact on the future of water quality and wildlife habitat," said DEQ Director Steven E. Chester. "The grant announced today will further expand this protection and keep our natural resources healthy for years to come."

Since CREP began 5 years ago, it has been responsible for 26,000 acres of vegetated filter strips; 11,000 acres of wetland restoration practices; 8,200 acres of revegetated cropland potentially vulnerable to erosion; and 1,200 acres of windbreaks in Michigan. The \$4 million grant will go toward similar actions on at least 33,000 additional acres across Michigan, and allow the program to reach its goal of 80,000 acres.

Pheasants Forever, the recipient of the grant, is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the protec-

tion, restoration, and enhancement of habitat for pheasant and other wildlife populations in North America.

Areas that qualify for participation in CREP include the Saginaw Bay, River Raisin and Macatawa watersheds, and cover all or parts of 29 Michigan counties. Eligible land within this area, which includes cropland planted with commodity crops for at least four out of six years from 1996 through 2001, will be used to establish specific conservation areas for a period of 15 years.

"Michigan has a results-driven strategy that helps prevent agriculture pollution," said MDA Director Dan Wyant. "CREP can leverage this \$4 million to set up environmentally protective practices that include 29 Michigan counties."

For each dollar the state invests in CREP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture contributes at least \$4. To date, Michigan has successfully leveraged \$125 million federal dollars through CREP.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Cass City Middle School Principal Jeanne Lohela and Assistant Principal Jeff Hartel ended the school year by taking the plunge. The administrators took turns at the dunk tank after fifth and sixth grade students met the challenge of earning 25,000 points in the Accelerated Reader Program.

Owen-Gage had little trouble capturing the Division IV district baseball crown Friday at Caseville as the North Central Thumb League champions hammered Greater Thumb East foe Uby 17-1 in the title bout. Coach Al Dadacki's Bulldogs (24-4) will now challenge Bath High School Saturday in Vestaburg during a semifinal regional match-up. Owen-Gage struck for 11 runs in the opening frame and then rode the arm of Shane Mellendorf to victory against the Bearcats.

QUICK ENERGY - It is reported that Napoleon carried chocolate with him on his military campaigns, and always ate it when he needed quick energy.

Crow, Danielle Laming, Adam Stoeckle, Susan O'Hara, Kara Mellendorf, Becky Oesch, Nathan Haag and Joel Nicol.

25 YEARS AGO

Members of United Steelworkers of America, Local 6222, ratified a new three-year contract Friday with General Cable Co. Local President Grace Nemeth declined to give the vote, but said the pact was approved by a "substantial margin."

The contract took effect Tuesday, the old one having expired Monday. (Reportedly, the vote was 190-60.) It was in 1905 that the village of Owendale was incorporated. Seventy-five years later, it's almost time to celebrate. After months of planning by the Owendale 75th Anniversary Committee, the time is nearing for the big celebration, Friday through Sunday, July 4-6.

35 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Missionary Church has been named the outstanding church in Michi-

10 YEARS AGO

A large check for large print books. Cass City Lions Club member Daryl Codling presented librarian Barb Hutchinson with a check totaling \$1,500. The money will be used to purchase large print books, the most widely used books at Rawson Memorial Library, according to Hutchinson.

None came close to predicting when the mystery Chronicles found wrapped with a 3-cent stamp were dated. The nearest entry was submitted by Deloris Willerton of Midland, who guessed the third week of May, 1945. The correct date for both papers is Dec. 29, 1950.

Selected on the basis of scholarship and citizenship, the Cass City Middle School Principal's Award winners are all-around excellent students. The 16 award winners are Kyle Daniel, Dave Hobbs, Jim Dale, Kary Otulakowski, Shawn Talaski, Mandy Chappel, Mandy Board, Rose Hoelzle, Shelly

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Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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CASS CITY'S Ashley Barrigar makes a play from left field during district final action in Bad Axe.

Hawks bow in district final against rival USA

Cass City advanced to the district 3 softball finals Friday with an easy, 14-1, victory over Elkton Pigeon Bay Port, but the tournament trail ended for the Hawks in the title game as Greater Thumb West champs, USA, won a decisive victory, 8-0.

Most of the Hawk fans' hopes for an upset were smashed when the Patriots opened the game with a 4-run blitz. That major rally, combined with the outstanding hurling of Sarah Alegria,

was more than enough to settle the issue before fans had time to settle in their seats.

Some timely hitting, Hawk errors and aggressive base running helped the Patriot rally. The first inning rally started with an error and was followed by a hit. With 2 runners on base, a sacrifice bunt by Erica Houthoofd added to the Hawks' problem when she reached first on a fielder's choice and Cass City failed to get the runner at third.

A key hit by Katie Rayl drove in 2 runs. Katie Winiecki, who singled, went to second and then stole third base and scored on a sacrifice.

In the bottom of the first, Cass City had its only realistic chance to score. A walk and an error put 2 runners on with 2 out. That threat ended when Alegria struck out the next batter.

It started a parade of whiffs for the Hawks. Alegria struck out 16 and did not allow a hit and struck out the side in the first, second and fourth innings.

USA returned to the attack in the second inning with a

pair of runs. Amanda Vemeersch led off with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice and stole third. The Patriots then strung together a walk and 2 hits to move in front 6-0.

That was more than enough to win the game, but the winners added 2 more in the fifth with 3 hits.

LAKER GAME

Cass City moved to the finals with a hitting barrage that buried the Lakers and made things easy for Courtney Rabideau, who pitched 5 innings before turning the mound chores over to Emily Schinnerer, who pitched the last inning.

Cass City scored 5 times in the first inning and continued to add to the lead, scoring runs in each of the first 5, innings. The lead stretched to 8 runs with a 3-count in the second. After that, 2 runs in the third, 3 runs in the fourth and a final counter in the fifth ended the scoring spree. The Lakers scored their only run in the fourth inning.

Ashley Hendrick rapped a circuit clout in the first inning scoring spree and later added a single. Courtney Rabideau had 2 hits and Jenni Brinkman scored 3 times.



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Cass City Golf League as of May 29

Flight #1

Rick Salcido	59
Mark Swanson	58
Dieter Roth	54
Craig Helwig	54
Brad Goslin	46
Scott Richards	46
Bill Kritzman	44
Erik Tamlyn	44
Mike Hawrylo	42
Don Ouvry	37
Rich Tate	36
Jerry Toner	34
Ray Fox	34
Rick Coleman	28

Flight #2

Fred Leeson	67
Dave Weiler	60
Craig Bellew	58
Corey Ulfing	57
Mike Lowe	55
Jim Peyer	53
John Maharg	46
Russ Biefer	44
Don Warner	43
Clark Erla	42
Daryl Iwankovitch	38
Dave Hoard	33
Jim Hobbs	31
Jim Apley	27
Gary Robinson	22

Flight #3

Dan Mosher	64
Tom Lis	56
Brian Reinhardt	54

Jim Fox	53
Jon Zdrojewski	51
Dan Curtis	47
Dick Wallace	46
Dave Oehring	42
Jack Hool	40
Ed Knight	38
Ernie Bellew	35
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Roy Tuckey	30
Dan Hittler	25

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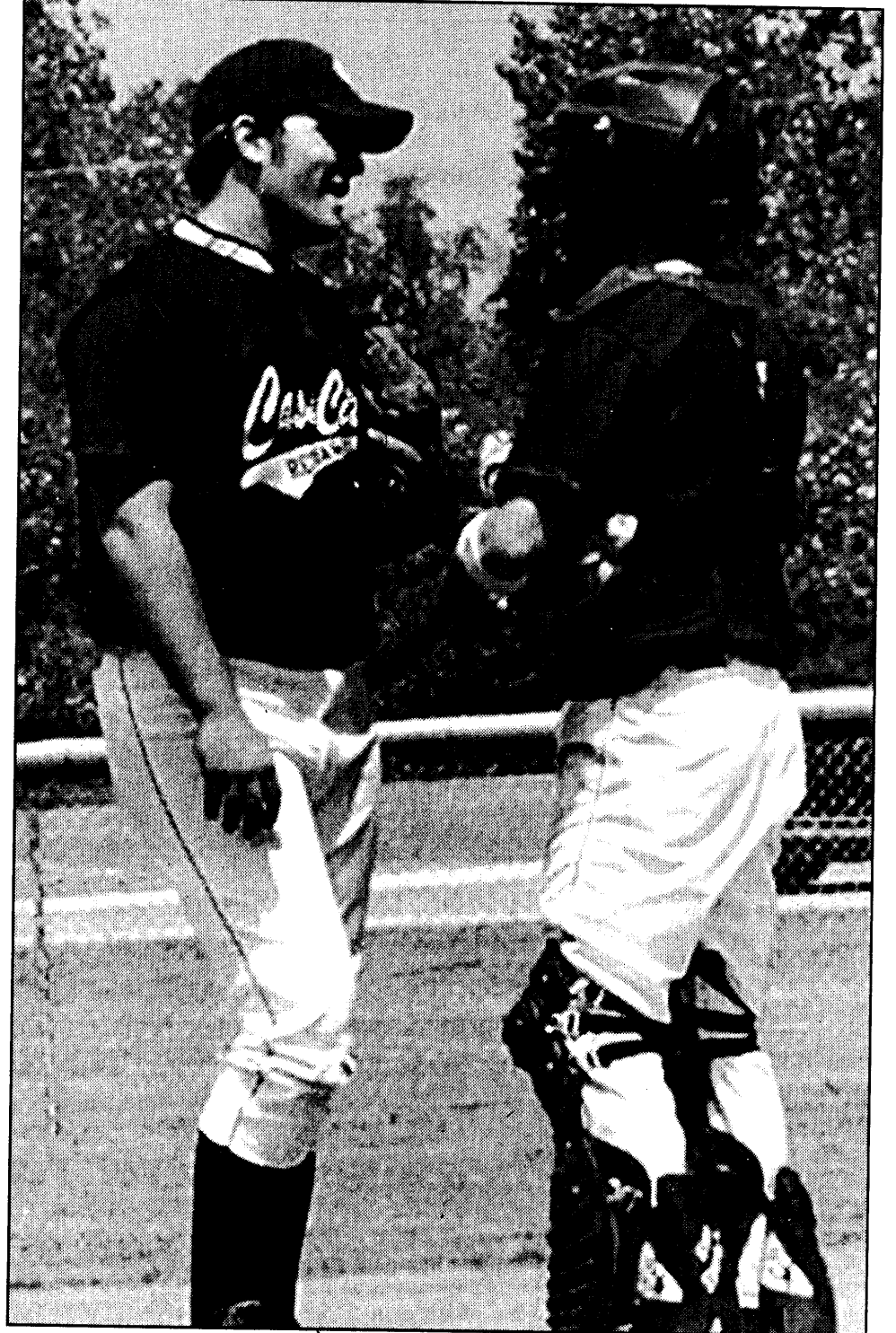
Corey Hodgkinson	59
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Terry Hendrick	57
Duane Henn	55
Asa Apley	54
Orvil Beecher	54
Dave Keller	44
Doug Lautner	44
Pat Davis	41
Virgil Peters	40
Bruce LeValley	36
Jeff Krol	30
Bob Stickle	24
Jim Mastie	21

Flight #5

John Agar	63
Harold McAlpine	59
Bert Althaver	58
Jon Langley	51
Bill Ewald	45
Mark Cutis	44
Clate Sawdon	43
Dan Caister	42
Dennis Meck	42
Thad Phelps	39
Tony Powers	31
Chad Daniels	12



CASS CITY'S TRACK and field program sent 3 thinclads Saturday to the state final meet at Comstock Park. Pictured (above, from left) are Andrew Schinnerer, Mark Koepf and Ashley Puterbaugh. Below, Schinnerer stands next to his 6th place finish height in the pole vault. He was recognized by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association as an All-State pole vaulter



HAWK HURLER Brad Langenburg and Jeff Stoutenburg discuss strategy during Friday's extra inning loss in district play at Bad Axe.

Extra innings dooms Cass City at Bad Axe district

Cass City bowed out of the district 3 baseball tourney Friday after losing an extra inning game to Lakers, 7-4. The game was decided in the 10th inning.

In the fatal 10th, Brad Langenburg, who pitched well, finally tired. He walked Brennan Lange, who then stole second. Michael Siewert then hit a single with Lange stopping at third.

Coach Ryan Pritchett then called for Brett Babich, in relief, to face Brody Beachy. Beachy then won the game with a home run.

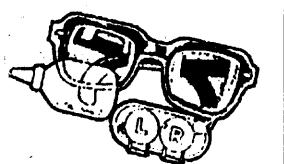
It was the outfielder's second round tripper of the game; he lashed his first in the fifth, a 2-run blast. Beachy then finished his big

game by pitching the last inning and preserving the Laker win.

The Hawks rapped just 4 hits, but 14 walks kept them close until the fatal 10th.

While the baseball season is over for the Hawks, the prospects for next year are bright. We are a young team, Pritchett pointed out.

The Hawks lose just 3 members of this year's squad. Leading the seniors is Nick Stoutenburg, a good hitter and a smooth fielder at first base. Mike Havens could play anywhere in the field and was counted on for an occasional start and called on as a top relief pitcher. Andrew Whittaker was a top substitute.



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Final period

Cass City honor roll

Cass City High School announces the final marking period honor roll.

Grade 9

All A's: Meleah Auten, Isaiah Battel, Jessica Bessler, Evan Bushong, Ethan Damm, Ashley Deel, Andrew Deering, Madeline Dooley, Stephanie Healy, Trey Helwig, Travis Hoffman, Darrin Howard, Ashley Hutchinson, Kristie Karr, Adam Kranz, Lacey Morrish, Thomas Parrish, Joseph Rule, Jeffrey Sparks, Derek Weidman and Jennifer Zmierski.

B or better: Rodney Abasso, David Acker, Heather Baker, Matthew Bartnik, Lauren Bennett, Christopher Binder, Ryan Brown, Erica Darr, Anna Deel, Danielle Delamarter, Lauren Dillon, Rebecca Doerr, Robert Erla, Scarlett Helland, Zachary Hopper, Lauren Hudson, Devin Jamieson, Danielle Johnson, Brittany Karavas, Mark Koepf, Jacob Leslie, Tianna McDaniel, Shane McFarland, Heather Moore, Alyssa Nicol, Robert Packard, Stephanie Regnerus, Caitlyn Rickett, Bria Romstad, Zachary Rychlewski, Nicholas Smith, Caitlin Sorenson, Ashlee Spencer, Marissa Summersett, Mark Vogel and Megan Woodruff.

Grade 10

All A's: Ryan Biddinger, Dennis Bowen, Jeremiah Fritz, Jennifer Hacker, Lysa Knight, Jessica Lange, Andrew Martin, Laura McComas, Courtney Rabideau, Allyn Richards, Ryan Ross, Nicholas Sattelberg, Philip Strong, Kyle Swanson, Rebecca Sweeney and Adam Wentworth.

B or better: Rebecca Bennett, John Brown, Alyssa Cryderman, Jill Dillon, Joseph Ellithorpe, James Froede, Courtney Hacker, Jennifer Hadd, Kurt Hanby,

Allison Hillaker, Lauren Howard, Stephanie Jamieson, Andrew Jones, Ryan King, Meredith Kirm, Kathryn Klcio, Galen Kuebli, Anthony Langlois, Cameron Lautner, Sara Meeker, Brandon Miller, Thomas Mittlestat, Megan O'Dell, Lief Parr, Andrew Peruski, Jessica Pratt, Ashleigh Rabideau, Micah Randall, Kyle Reif, Eric Romain, Emily Schinnerer, Bradley Severance, Kyle Sieradzki, Beth Spencer, Karl Spencer, Brent Stine, Derek Suro, Eric Thick, Brent Weaver, Leah Whittaker, Bobby Windsor and Samantha Wright.

Grade 11

All A's: Donna Bushong, Libby Doerr, Ivy Hiatt, Katherine McIntosh, Steven Meeker, Philip Nahernak, Tara Powell, Chad Sparks, Lindsey Speirs, Jeffrey Stoutenburg, Jenna Timko, Amber Williams and Jeffrey Wills.

B or better: Krysta Boyce, Renee Czekai, Logan Gaymer, Justin Glaza, Aimee Hennessey, Jason James, Bradley Langenburg, Dean Little, Amy Martin, Gavin Mills, Stephanie Nizzola, Del Potrykus, Ashley Puterbaugh, Klyn Puterbaugh, Rebecca Putnam, Eric Reed, Christopher Skiles, Jarod Stoutenburg, Mark Taylor and Shaun Thornton.

Grade 12

All A's: Ashley Barrigar, Tasha Bryant, Allison Ellis, Chad Francis, Samantha Glaspie, Caleb Hanby, Marcel Helland, Bryan Hill, Carrie Hillaker, Paul Hoelzle, Krista Homakie, Lee Hutchinson, Luann Laming, Bethany Langlois, Timothy Mills, Katie Moore, Jesse Rader, Patrick Reed, Stephanie Richards, Andrew Schinnerer, Leah Sherman, Jason Speirs, Angela Stoeckle, Jeffery Tenbusch, Jessie Tuckey and Michael

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B or better: Holly Angle, Raechel Babich, Chancy Balk, Wesley Becker, Jessica Bellew, Jared Ferris, Gail Hartwick, Michael Havens, Jenna Hoffman, Jessup Hoyt, Chad Keiser, LaShae LaJoie, Stacy McCallum, Nichole McComas, Joseph McCoy, Sean McFarland, James McKnight, Daniel Mittlestat, Christina Osentoski, Michael Peters, Jamie Pratt, Brandy Rabideau, Delores Rabideau, Alysha Rutkowski, Sean Severance, Tara Sherman, Sara Silipo, Justin Sorenson, Kristina Spaulding, Nicholas Stoutenburg, Aime Warack, Amanda Warner, Andrew Whittaker, Tara Whittaker, Jake Wilder, Traci Woodward and Michael Wright.

Extra cash for MMPA members

Michigan Milk Producers Association made cash payments of \$4.2 million in equity retirements in May.

These cash payments represent the retirement of the balance of the 1995 Certificates of Equity and half of the 1996 equities. This is in addition to the \$1.6 million in cash patronage from 2004 earnings paid to members earlier this year.

Combined, MMPA has paid \$5.8 million in addition to the monthly milk check to its dairy farmer members in the first five months of 2005.

"This continued success of our operations and diverse product mix allow us to make these extra cash payments to our members in the form of equity retirements and cash patronage," says John Dilland, MMPA general manager. "We are able to do this while still offering our members a competitive pay price."

During the past fiscal year MMPA returned extra cash payments in the form of equity payments, cash patronage refunds and a "13th" check in October. These payments totaled over \$7.8 million or about 24 cents per hundredweight on all the milk produced by MMPA members.

MMPA has achieved these benchmark goals without an equity capital retain, relying on the association's plant operations, milk marketing and member dues to fund the cooperative.

MMPA is a member owned and operated dairy cooperative serving over 2,400 dairy farmers in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana.



RACHAEL V. Richards recently graduated as an honor student and as a member of the charter graduating class of the Foundation Academy in Florida. Russell is pictured with her grandfather, Dr. Russell Richards, left and father, Steven Richards.

Richards named queen

Rachael Victoria Richards was selected Homecoming Queen by the student body of Foundation Academy located in Winter Garden, Fla. Rachael was a senior at this school of about 440 students, an honor student and graduated May 20 as a member of the charter graduation class.

During her high school years, she participated in volleyball and basketball, was a Florida High School Athletic Association student informa-

tion participant and was selected to do modeling at Walt Disney World and for the Disney Cruise Line. She is often asked to record computerized statistics of athletic events at Disney's Wide World of Sports and other venues in the Central Florida area.

Her future plans include following in the footsteps of her mother, Suzy, aunt Laura, and aunt Stacy, and attend college in Orlando to become

a teacher, probably in the area of special education.

Rachael is the daughter of Steven and Suzy Richards and the granddaughter of Dr. Russell and Harriet Richards. Steven Richards graduated from Cass City High School with the class of 1980 and Dr. Russell Richards was principal there from 1969 through 1986.

Steven and brother Michael, Cass City High School class of 1978, own a landscaping, design and mulch company in Orlando and their father, Dr. Russell Richards, is currently the head master of Foundation Academy.

Rachael is the oldest in a family of 5 and has 8 cousins living in the Central Florida area. Her uncle Michael (Stacy) has 7 children and her aunt Laura, Cass City class of 1983, and Tim have one child.

Drop charges against Sen. James Barcia

Federal prosecutors announced Thursday that they plan to dismiss criminal charges against state Senator Jim Barcia, D-Bay City, and Warren real estate broker Ralph Roberts.

However, prosecutors are proceeding with their case against former Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga.

All 3 were indicted by a federal grand jury in April 2004 in an alleged scheme to swap campaign contributions for prosecutorial favors for 2 rape suspects.

Barcia, 53, had faced 2 federal charges alleging federal campaign finance violations. The allegations involved about \$4,000 that was allegedly exchanged between Barcia and Marlinga during Marlinga's unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 2002.

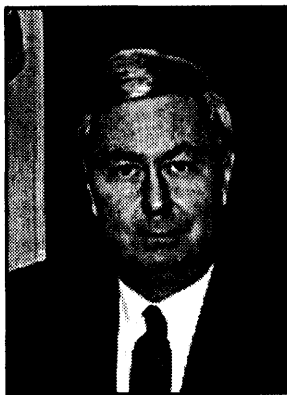
The indictments stemmed from an investigation of Marlinga. Federal authorities allege he had a hand in reopening a criminal case involving a convicted rapist in exchange for campaign contributions.

The counts against Barcia alleged that the senator assisted Marlinga by funneling unused federal campaign dollars from his time in the

U.S. House to Marlinga in an amount exceeding what is allowed by federal law. Prosecutors allege Marlinga arranged to have campaign donations made to Barcia at the same time.

Barcia, who claimed he was innocent from the start, was selected to the Michigan Senate in 2002 after serving 10 years in the U.S. House. He opted to leave Congress to avoid a race with his friend and fellow U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Flint, after the districts of both men were combined in the reapportionment map drawn by the Legislature after the 2000 Census.

Barcia now represents Michigan's 31st Senate District, which is composed of Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties.



James Barcia

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, June 8

Special Cass City School Board meeting, 7 a.m. To consider retirements.

Friday, June 10

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

Used Goods Sale & UMW Bake Sale, 9-4 p.m., Owendale United Methodist Church, 7370 Main St., Owendale. Lots to choose from with proceeds supporting church projects, including camp scholarships.

Monday, June 13

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Children's Movie, "Mickey, Donald, Goofy, Three Musketters," 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

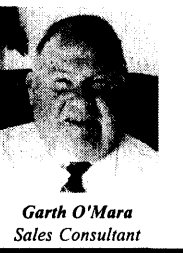
Tuesday, June 14

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown. Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, call (989) 672-2273.

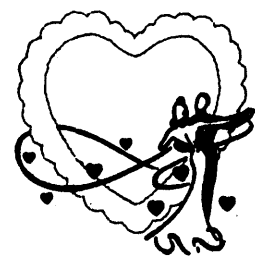
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"We really wanted to make this site user-friendly not only for our exhibitors, but also for the general public," said Kirk Heinze, Ag Expo director.

He noted the site is designed to provide a quick and easy way to get information about Michigan's largest agricultural equipment show.

The site features visitor information with maps and directions, exhibitor information and show schedules, which will be updated frequently with maps and show sites.

"This site should be very easy to navigate and provide a comprehensive source of information about Ag Expo," Heinze said. "We would, of course, welcome comments and suggestions that would help us improve the site."

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Marlette Community Hospital shares health information with its employees through the Access to Cancer Information Program and is active in such employee-focused programs as Relay for Life. Hospital officials also offer their employees cancer related medical ben-

efits, offer a smoke-free workplace and encourage volunteerism.

Marlette Community Hospital also is being honored as a Five Star Community Investor, an award that recognizes hospitals for their role in the fight against cancer. Marlette Community Hospital offers patient benefits such as cancer screenings for the community, participation in the state's Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, and by addressing tobacco and advocacy issues.

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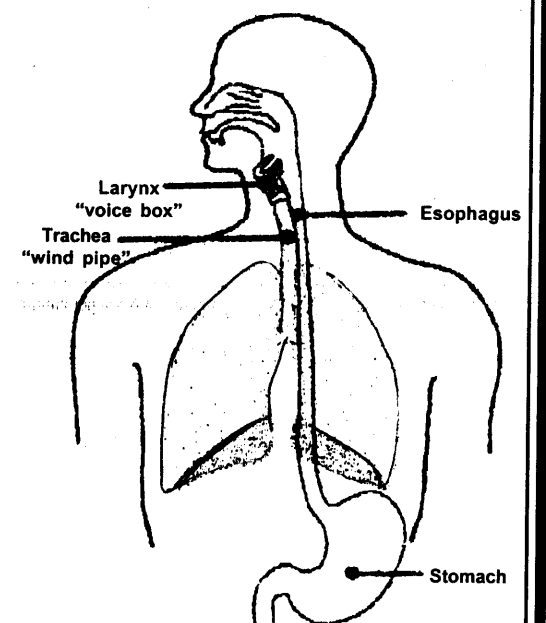
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David L. Losey and Goldie A. Losey, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to JTD Financial LTD. DBA Freedom Financial Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2003 and recorded on September 12, 2003 in Liber 953 on Page 676, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, 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 One Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Five and 75/100 Dollars (\$101,765.75), including interest at 6% 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 July 7, 2005.

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

Section 12, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, commencing at the Southerly corner of lot out A, common to Lot 30 in Swanson's Acres as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 101 (now 518) Tuscola County Records; thence North 25 degrees 22 minutes East 132.90 feet along the Lot line common to said lot out A and Lot 30; thence South 64 degrees 18 minutes 45 seconds East 80 feet; thence South 25 degrees 22 minutes West 132.78 feet; thence North 64 degrees 23 minutes West 80 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: June 8, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ward Ellis Beems and Marianne Barhorst Beems, to Advanta National Bank, Mortgagee, dated February 29, 2000 and recorded June 4, 2001 in Liber 833, Page 1450, Tuscola County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC 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 Thirty-One Thousand Fifty-Five and 41/100 Dollars (\$31,055.41), including interest at the rate of 12.63% 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 June 9, 2005.

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

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 14 North, Range 8 East, running thence South Line 100 feet, east at right angles to said section line 195 feet, thence north 100 feet, thence West 195 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: May 11, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SUSAN A. PRICE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA, N/K/A GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 1996 and recorded on January 24, 1996 in Liber 685 on Page 114, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, and modified by loan modification agreement dated October 31, 1996 and recorded November 14, 1996 in Liber 701, Page 155, and modified by loan modification agreement dated November 27, 1996 and recorded February 3, 1997 in Liber 704, Page 1394,

TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 74/100 DOLLARS (\$71,526.74), 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on June 16, 2005.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 18, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the East section line that is North 1760 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 18; thence continuing North 200 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds West 300 feet; thence South 200 feet; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds East 300 feet to the point of beginning.

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 12, 2005

GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF PA, N/K/A GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Rolando and Elizabeth Mashlike, as Joint Tenants, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 23, 2002 and recorded on October 29, 2002 in Liber 900 on Page 400 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine and 57/100 Dollars (\$95,969.57), including interest at 6.5% 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 June 23, 2005.

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

Commencing 3198.00 Feet, North 89 Degrees 21 Minutes 12 Seconds West, from the East 1/4 corner of Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan and North 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds East, 183.00 Feet to the Point of Beginning of this Description; thence continuing North 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds East, along an existing fence line, 150.00 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds West, 224.50; thence South 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds West, 150.00 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds East, 224.50 Feet to the Point of Beginning; reserving a perpetual easement appurtenant across the East 30 Feet of the above described premises for purposes of ingress and egress; and granting a perpetual easement appurtenant across the East 30 Feet of the following described parcel for purposes of ingress and egress: Commencing on the East and West 1/4 Line of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 7 East, Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, 3198.00 Feet, North 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds West, from the East 1/4 Corner of said Section; thence continuing North 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds West, on said 1/4 Line 224.50 Feet; thence North 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds East, perpendicular to said 1/4 Line, 183.00 Feet; thence South 89 Degrees 31 Minutes 12 Seconds East, 224.50 Feet; thence South 00 Degrees 28 Minutes 48 Seconds West, 183.00 Feet to the Point of Beginning, Subject to highway use of the South 33 Feet 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: May 25, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Lender
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File #056659F01

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amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Taylor, an unmarried man, original mortgagor, to CMS Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2004 and recorded on December 7, 2004 in Liber 1020 on Page 32 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance, LLC s/b/m to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One and 48/100 Dollars (\$95,691.48), including interest at 6% 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 June 23, 2005.

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

Lot 7, Block 2 of the Plat of Newberry (Now Kingston) according to the Plat recorded in Liber 24 of Deeds, Page 304-305. 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: May 25, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Banaia L. Manns, a married woman, original mortgagor, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 2002 and recorded on October 26, 2002 in Liber 908 on Page 707, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, 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 Forty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Six and 53/100 Dollars (\$43,836.53), including interest at 6.5% 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 July 7, 2005.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence along the North line of said Section South 88 degrees, 59 minutes, 40 seconds West 200.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees, 24 minutes, 18 seconds East 440.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees, 59 minutes, 40 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of Section 33 North 01 degree, 24 minutes, 18 seconds West 440.00 feet to the North 1/4 corner of Section 33 and the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way for Rossman 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: June 8, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel M. Moncman, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2003 and recorded April 16, 2003 in Liber 926, Page 605, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine and 71/100 Dollars (\$74,559.71) including interest at the rate of 6.00% 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 June 23, 2005.

The premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4

of Section 28, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence East, 250 feet; thence North, 125 feet; thence West, 250 feet; thence South 125 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. The real property described in this mortgage includes as an improvement to the land set forth herein a manufactured home permanently affixed to such land described as: 2001 Fairmont, Serial # MY02117965AB.

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: May 25, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James E. Moore, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 7, 2003 and recorded on March 11, 2003 in Liber 919 on Page 973, and re-recorded on March 30, 2004 in Liber 986 on Page 319, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation 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 Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three and 70/100 Dollars (\$46,573.70), including interest at 6.5% 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 June 16, 2005.

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

Part of the fractional Northwest 1/4 of fractional Section 2, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 2; thence along the centerline of East Dayton Road, East 489.00 feet and North 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 203.49 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 50 seconds West 207.65 feet; thence North 88 degrees 18 minutes 34 seconds East 100.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 10 seconds East 179.28 feet to said centerline of East Dayton Road; thence along said centerline of East Dayton Road, South 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West 100.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an easement for ingress and egress, 12.00 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 2; thence along the centerline of East Dayton Road, East 489.00 feet and North 71 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 303.49 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 10 seconds West 91.54 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 44 degrees 36 minutes 48 seconds West 118.32 feet to the point of ending.

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: May 18, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Julie Boddy, an unmarried woman, and Steven L. Plummer, an unmarried man, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated February 5, 2004 and recorded on March 18, 2004 in Liber 984 on Page 1236, and modified by Affidavit recorded on March 1, 2005 in Liber 1028 on Page 1498, in Tuscola County Records.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven and 75/100 Dollars (\$133,827.55), including interest at 6.875% 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 June 16, 2005.

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

The North 1/2 of a parcel of land described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of Section 15, Township 10 North, Range 9 East; thence along the East line of said Section 15, South 02 degrees 00 minutes 54 seconds East 424.00 feet; thence South 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds West 1318.05 feet to the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along said line North 02 degrees 04 minutes 28 seconds West 424.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said section; thence along said East-West 1/4 line North 87 degrees 46 minutes 03 seconds East 1318.05 feet to the East 1/4 corner of said Section 15 and the point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 18, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael J. Nofs, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated March 18, 2002 and recorded on March 20, 2002 in Liber 870 on Page 683 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two and 90/100 Dollars (\$34,762.90), 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 June 30, 2005.

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

Lots 41 and 75 and Gore in rear of Moore Drain, Block 12 of the plat of the Village (now City) of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Deeds, Page 143, and Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 93, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 1, 2005

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle R. Burch, a single woman, original mortgagor, to NBD Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 9, 1999 and recorded on July 28, 1999 in Liber 777 on Page 1430 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One and 17/100 Dollars (\$12,571.17), including interest at 7.74% 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 June 16, 2005.

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

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Dated: May 18, 2005

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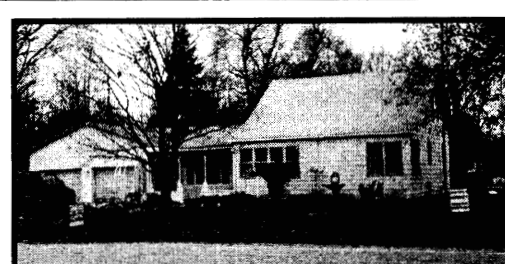
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THE 2005 MICHIGAN SUGAR Queen will be crowned Friday, June 17 at the Michigan Sugar Festival. The candidates for queen are (seated, l-r) Samantha Fletcher, Laura Hooper, Crysta Maurer, Kristen Fisher, Amanda Etzler, Kayla Hoffman; (standing, l-r) Aubrey Joles, Kathryn Stoeckle, Jamie Brandenburg, Yvette Wissner, Stephanie Gremel, Katie Licht, Charlotte Dereszynski and Rachel Frahm. Photograph courtesy of Dave Burrows Photography.

Country Days

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Creedy has served as the village's maintenance man for 26 years, handling every task from cleaning streets, to plowing snow to cutting grass.

This year's annual parade will kick off at 11 a.m. at the elevator. "We have about 30 units in the parade," Koch noted.

The inflatable fire truck slide, bungee run and elephant moonwalk will begin welcoming the kids at noon and remain open until 5 p.m. There will also be pony rides in the park starting at noon.

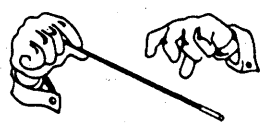
Other events include the Down Hill Derby Cars at 1 p.m., a car show on the west side of the park at noon, car cruise line-up in the park at 5 p.m., and burn-outs starting at 5 p.m.

In addition to providing family fun, Gagetown Country Days has also served as a fundraiser, according to Koch.

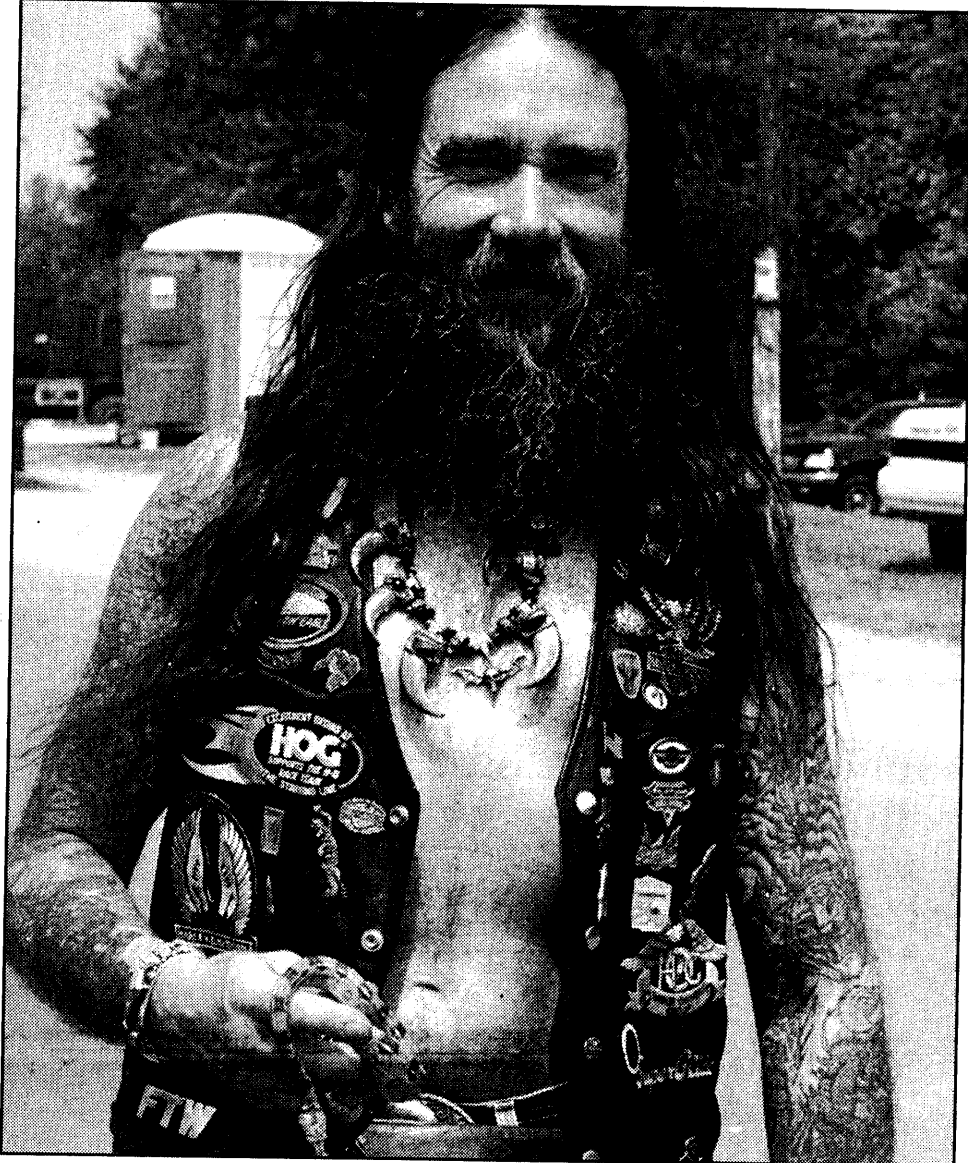
"In the prior 5 years (of the festival), we have reinvested \$7,000 in the village of Gagetown, so we are hoping that people will come and support this event and those crafters that have decided to come to the community for the weekend. Hopefully, they will support the crafters and enjoy the cars."

In the past, proceeds from the weekend have been used for playground equipment, new sidewalk and lighting. "Just things the village doesn't think they have the financial means to do," Koch said.

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GEORGE JOHNSON of Frankenmuth (above) sports a wide assortment of tattoos as well as a baby boa constrictor, one of several he was offering for sale during ABATE's annual Evergreen Park Benefit over the weekend. Below, Darcy Hovey of Mt. Pleasant shines up his Honda VTX 1300c in preparation for Saturday's bike show.



Accident claims life of Bad Axe man

Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbitts reported Dusty Lee Reese, 20, of Bad Axe, died in an automobile accident that occurred Saturday afternoon 1/2 mile north of Filion Rd. on Huron City Rd. Reese was heading south-

bound entering a curve when he lost control. The vehicle entered the west ditch, flipping twice, throwing Reese from the vehicle.

He sustained serious injuries and was transported to

Huron Medical Center by Eastern Huron Ambulance where he later died due to his injuries.

It is believed that Reese was not wearing a seatbelt, and that alcohol was not in-

volved. Port Hope Fire Department and the Paramedic Unit from Bad Axe assisted at the scene, along with the Bad Axe Police Department. The accident remains under investigation.

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