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## BREAKING GROUND

*For Arsenic Treatment Plant*

by Maggie Peterson  
Staff Writer

With hardhats on and shovels in hand, contractors, engineers and local officials broke ground at the site of the arsenic treatment plant Friday.

The event marked the start of the construction process. Before, the work being done was demolition and preparing the construction site at 6737 Church St.

Project Manager Rick Booms, of Booms Construction, the general contractor for the job, explained the project's schedule.

He said the first step is to construct the 12,000-square-foot building, which will be not only for the water filter but also the offices and garage for the Department of Public Works.

"That should be done probably by the end of January," Booms said. "And they (DPW workers) should be able to move in to their offices at that point."

The arsenic treatment room will be 1,900 square feet and house the filter and chemicals it requires.

The DPW office area measures 1,200 square feet and includes offices, restrooms, a break room, locker room and showers. The rest will be the DPW garage.

DPW Superintendent Gary Barnes said the new building is a welcome change because there will be enough room for the equipment.

"The biggest problem with the other facility is the garage doors and the bays weren't large enough to put our equipment into," he said.

For temporary DPW storage during construction, a mezzanine was built in the steel shed by the site and other equipment will be at the wastewater treatment plant.

After the structure is built, the Honda filter tank, which is 35 feet long and 12 feet in diameter, will be installed. This is estimated to be in the middle of February.

"We basically need to bring the tank in, (and) anchor it to the floor," Booms explained. "Then you hook up all the pipes to it, and then the wiring that controls the whole system. It's all computerized."

He said April 28 is the date of substantial completion, which is the date the plant is operational.

"Basically, that's when you get water flowing through the system," he noted.

The final completion date is set for June 30, which is when the 360-day contract expires. It was signed July 5.

This last stage, between substantial and final completion, will be for clean-up, seeding the land around the site and double-checking the work done, Booms said.

### NEW MANDATES

The construction of an arsenic treatment plant is the result of new federal mandates by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Arsenic is a common element and is tasteless and odorless. It is found

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS break ground Friday at the site of the arsenic treatment plant, 6737 Church St. The plant should be operational by April 28. The first ones to break ground were (left to right) Village Trustees Don Richards, Mick Kirn and Dawn Karr, Jim Lewis, deputy district director for Congressman Dale E. Kildee, Village Trustees Jenny Zawilinski, Dwight Thabet and Jeff Gillig, Connie Fenerstein, regional manager for Senator Debbie Stabenow's office, Village President Bert Althaver and Village Manager Peter Cristiano.

## Major renovations eyed for schools

### Revamping 3 buildings could cost millions

Story by  
John Haire

Final decisions by the Cass City School Board on major renovations on school buildings are expected at the next regular board meeting August 28, when it will approve the program that will cost a minimum of \$1 million or more, or of a more extensive program that will cost \$2 million or more.

The first step in providing better,

more efficient Cass City school buildings started July 9 when 3 companies submitted plans for revamping the 3 buildings to make them energy efficient and comfortable for the students and the taxpayers.

The companies were expected to guarantee in writing that the upgrades will cut operating and maintenance costs enough to pay for the work completed, including interest on a loan to pay for the work. At the end of a maximum of 15 years the school will have the upgrades without cost. If a company fails, officials will write a check for the shortage, Supt. Ron Wilson explained.

There is a law depicting how savings in utility and or maintenance are computed that must be followed by both parties, Wilson said.

The winning contractor will be responsible for all phases of the project and Wilson says that there may be subcontracting work available to local firms if they can find it worthwhile to post a bond for the work. Ultimately, the general contractor will

make these decisions.

The bids submitted by Honeywell, Johnson Controls and Geo Technology will be rated by a performance contracting formula with 8 categories each numerically weighted for importance to the district. For example, each company's proposal presentation is of the least importance and is a 5, while the most important is a 20 that includes financial projections and track record with references.

Other categories with their assigned numerical weights include technical approach, 15; support services and training, qualifications and financial strength, and other offerings and services, 10 each.

The categories are rated on a 1-5 basis, with high the best, and then multiplied by the weight number assigned to each category.

The bids include an energy management system and a water conservation system. Included will be new heating systems to replace the boilers in both Campbell Elementary and Cass City High School.

Lighting in the comparatively new middle school will also be replaced with newer, cost efficient lighting.

The key, of course, is the guarantee by the eventual contractor that the work will pay for itself. Last year work on various antiquated equipment cost the school over \$24,500.

A 3-person committee from the Cass City School Board, Michelle Biddinger, Danny Haag and Teresa Rabideau, together with superintendent Wilson, will evaluate the bids.

After reviewing the bids, an optional interview if needed to discuss close bids is scheduled Aug. 16. The contract will be awarded at the regular meeting of the school board August 28.

The contract will be signed Sept. 15. The first work on the repairs will probably be installing new heating systems.

Wilson said that one of the factors determining the awarding of the contract is that the new heating system be in operation when the heating season arrives.

## Pinney Foundation community blessing

Whenever a community-wide project funded by donations is complete it's almost certain that the Pinney Foundation is involved. Since it started it has spent \$762,082.25, with grants large and small.

The late Fred Pinney, a lifelong resident of Cass City, funded the Foundation. Pinney (rhymes with pin, not pine) started working in the family bank (Pinney State Bank) in 1926. He took over the presidency from his

mother in 1976 and later became chairman of the board. The bank was sold to Chemical Financial Corporation in 1982 and Pinney remained board chairman until 1987 when he retired.

From the time it was organized the trust has operated under guidelines that are part of the trust's bylaws. One of the most important is that the trust disperses 5 percent of its funds yearly.

The board also has adopted guidelines for spending the funds. One is

that in the vast majority of cases the organization receiving the grant must contribute an equal amount.

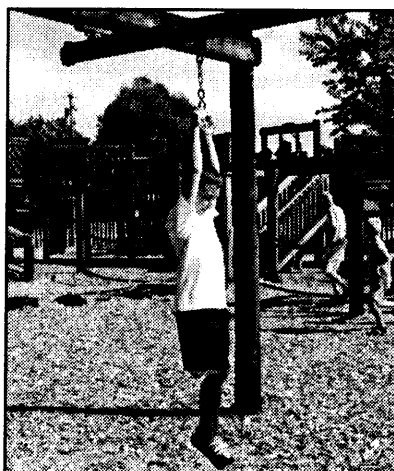
The money must be used for projects helping Cass City and not for projects that help only selected segments of the community such as churches, explained Mike Weaver, a 20-year veteran on the board that includes years as president.

Over the years, the Foundation has made a wide variety of grants, one as small as \$85 and others as large as \$250,000. On the original board of directors were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinney, Annette Pinney, Dick Donahue, Dr. Delbert Rawson and 2 members of the Chemical Bank trust department that manages the money in the fund, Jude Patnaude and Glen Pietenpol.

Today the only members of the first board still active are Annette Pinney and Jude Patnaude. The present board includes, Teresa Rabideau, Barbara Tuckey, Kathy Marshall, Dave Milligan, Ben Varney, Bob Hirn,

Weaver, Beverly Perry and money manager Cheryl Whitman.

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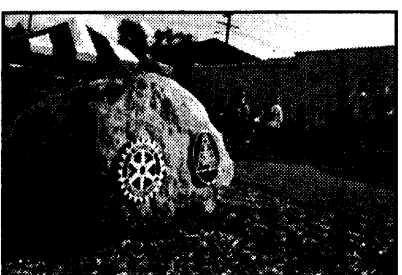
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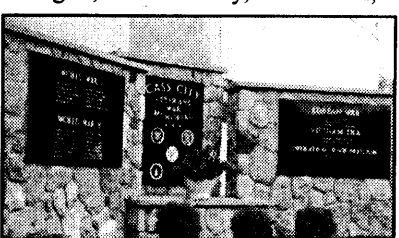
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## Terrorist charges dropped Monday

Monday afternoon the FBI and the Michigan State Police announced that there was no case against Maruan Awad Muhareb, 18, of Mesquite, Texas, Adham Abdelhamid Othman, 21, of Dallas, Texas, and Louai Abdelhamid Othman, 23, of Mesquite, on charges of terrorist acts-collecting and providing material support for terrorism and surveillance of a vulnerable target. Each charge carries a 20-year maximum penalty.

Adham Abdelhamid Othman is a convicted sex offender in Texas. The 3 men are being held in the Tuscola County Jail in Caro. Bond was set at \$750,000 each.

After a Sunday meeting in Caro, Prosecutor Mark Reene announced a pre-preliminary examination was scheduled for today, Aug. 16, at 1 p.m. in district court in Caro. A preliminary examination was scheduled for Aug. 24 at 9 a.m.

The 3 were arrested on a tip from a Caro Wal-Mart employee who reported the purchase of over 75 cell phones. In a minivan operated by the suspects police found 1,000 cell phones, most of them prepaid TracFones. The cell phones are popular with terrorists because they can be used to detonate explosives and cannot be traced.

A video and many pictures of the Mackinac Bridge were found in the van and led the officials to investigate if the bridge was the target of the arrested men.

The suspects say that they were in the midst of a multi-state phone-buying cruise and planned to resell them at a profit. The governor's office was notified and said that the investigation is continuing but Monday issued a report saying there was no credible evidence of terrorist activity concerning the bridge at that time.

Sunday, representatives of the Caro Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, United States Attorney's Office and the Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney met to discuss the case.

Other than saying the evidence involves both interstate and international elements, the authorities declined to give any further information.

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# Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
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Cory Rickett of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland attended the wedding of Dawn Maring of Bad Axe and Sandy Cleland at the Bad Axe Methodist Church at 4 p.m., Saturday. Others attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. David Sturgil of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. David Friebe and family of Bay City, and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cleland and daughter of Toronto, Canada. They will be living in Maine where Sandy's a coast guardsman.

Keith and Lee Farrelly spent 3 days with their grandfather, Allen Farrelly. Charles Depcinski and Nicole, Carol Osentoski and Nancy, and Jessica and Timothy Carpenter of Caro spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski where they picked sweet corn and got it blanched and ready to freeze.

Twenty-four members and one guest of The Over 50 Club from Bad Axe went to the Franklin Inn for dinner and later some went to the Octagon Barn in Gagetown.

Claude Mestack, Bernard Morley, Jack Kennedy, Allen Farrelly, Ron Wolschlagler, Tom Talaski, and Jim Lewis met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Friday morning.

Mrs. Tom Collins of Allegan spent Wednesday with Mrs. Martin Sweeney.

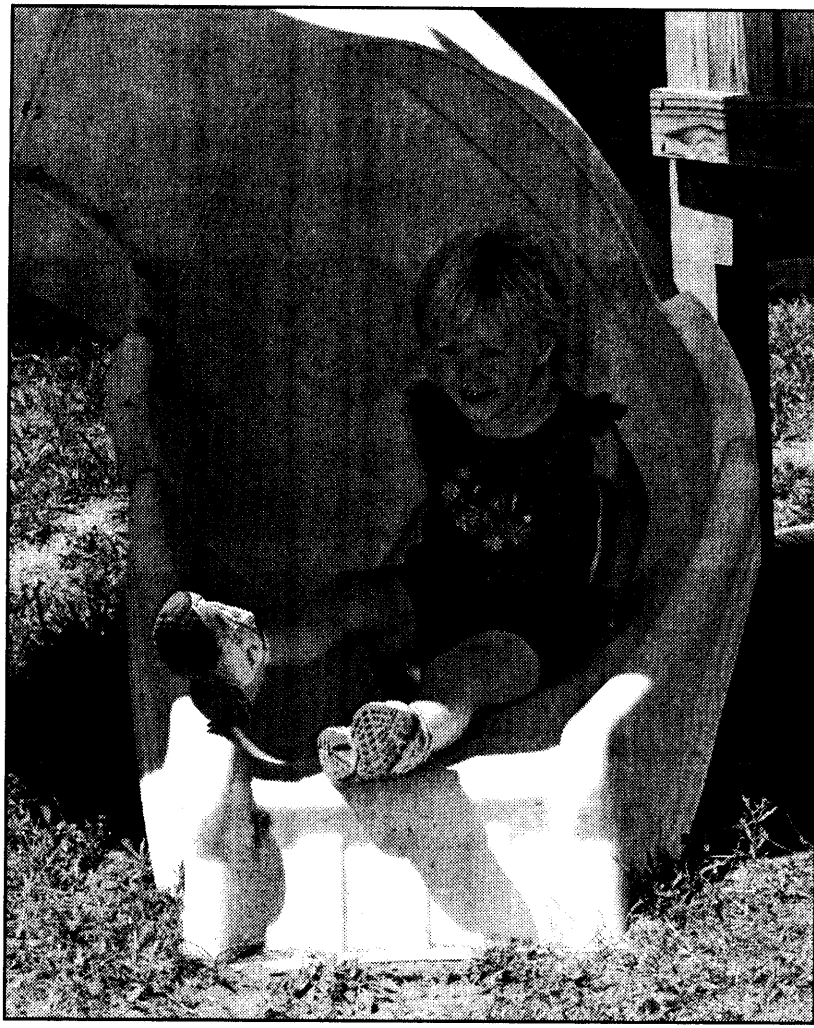
Visitors of Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Mrs. Gerald Wills on Tuesday and on Wednesday, Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Bad Axe Fair Sunday and later visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski.

Twelve members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Coffee Cup Plus Thursday morning. They will meet at the same place next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wills of Orlando, Fla., spent a week with Mrs. Gerald Wills and other relatives.

Those who visited Thelma Jackson last week were Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Jim Sweeney, Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mrs. Gerald Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and Dennis Yaroch.



**OLIVIA SKINNER, 2, was visiting her grandparents in Palms and stopped by Noah's Ark during its festival last weekend. This was the first year for the 3-day event in Gagetown.**



**Meg's Peg**  
*Kind lady*  
by Melva E. Guinther

A few years ago I bought our daughter Sandy one of those signs that supposedly was used by hobos in olden days to indicate that a kind lady, likely to give a handout, lived in the house.

Sandy's sign is not really for the benefit of stray hobos. I doubt that she and her husband see many in their Ohio neighborhood.

But let me tell you, a stray pet could never find a kinder friend than our Sandy. The sign features the outline of a cat, and if animals could read sign language, they would know they'd come to the right place.

She and Andy have only 2 cats of their own, and cats are probably her favorite pets. However, animals of all kinds have been blessed by the benevolence of this "kind lady."

She's been known to single-handedly hold up traffic on a busy highway to allow a family of ducks to cross.

Groundhogs and even the mice that manage to get captured in their shed or garage are gently released in an open field.

The most recent beneficiary of her warm-heartedness has been an abandoned pit bull. If you've never had the experience of trying to rescue and place a pit bull, take it from Sandy - it's not for the miserly or easily discouraged.

This particular dog is gentle and lovable, but has to bear the stigma and subsequent regulations associated with the breed's reputation.

As this is being written, Sandy has seen to it that the dog has been spayed, treated and given whatever shots it needs, and it appears that she's finally found a suitable home for the pit bull.

Sandy has always been an animal lover. When she was just a little girl, her "never-have-a-cat" dad managed to find a kitten for her as a Christmas present, and she's had cats ever since.

I'd say their cats, Danika and Badger, have an enviable lifestyle, but apparently it could be even more extravagant.

Because I ordered something for Sandy from the Drs. Foster & Smith pet catalog a while back, I'm on their permanent mailing list.

Pets are really big business, and the good doctors have thought of everything.

After looking through a recent issue, I've learned that even litter boxes can be pretty doggone plush these days.

Anyone who's ever tried to give a cat a pill will appreciate the medications that now come in drops or spray form. (I must look up that old column on how to give a cat a pill. It was hilarious and amazingly accurate.)

They also make "Klaw Kontrol Bags" to restrain your cat gently but firmly while attempting this daunting task. Getting the cat into the bag might be a challenge, however.

Of course, there is a plethora of health products, along with a full array of dental care items, toys and treats.

For the cat who likes to be outdoors, there are several kinds of kitty strollers and Kittywalk systems - very elaborate.

One item would appeal only to a novice cat owner. It's the "Cat Sleepover Bag." How many cats do you know who have sleepovers?

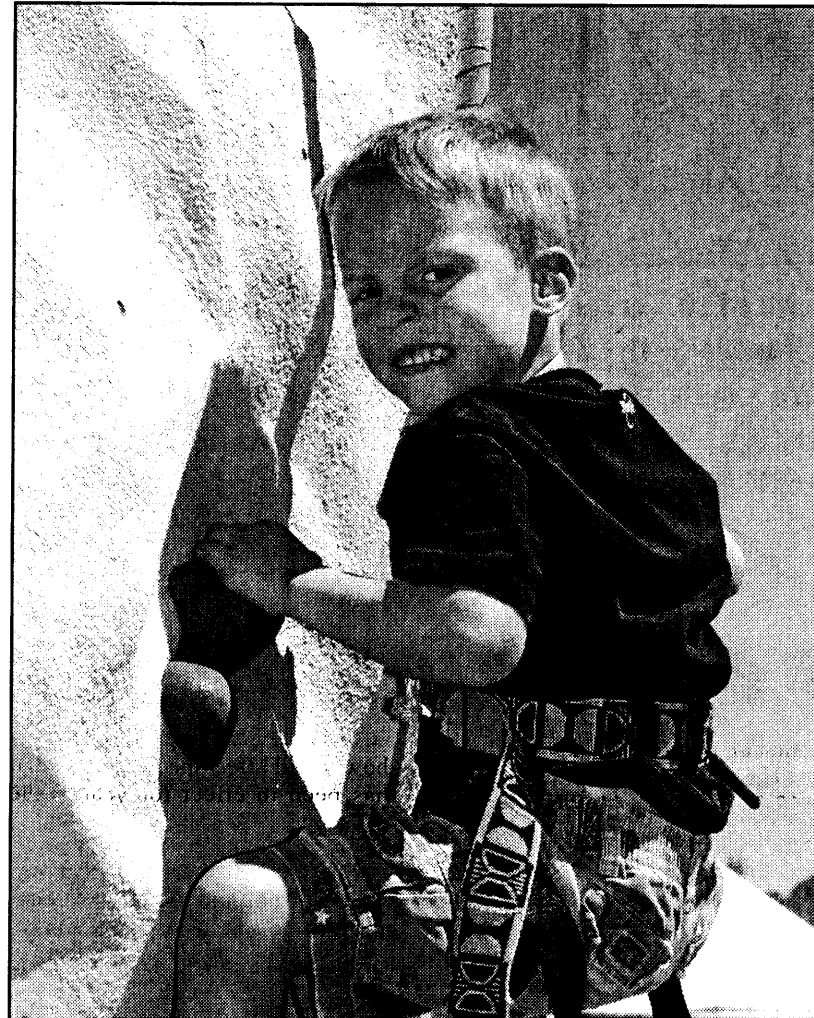
Besides, anyone with cat experience knows that the furry pet spoiled enough to have its own sleeping bag will sleep wherever he chooses and it's rarely where the owner intended.

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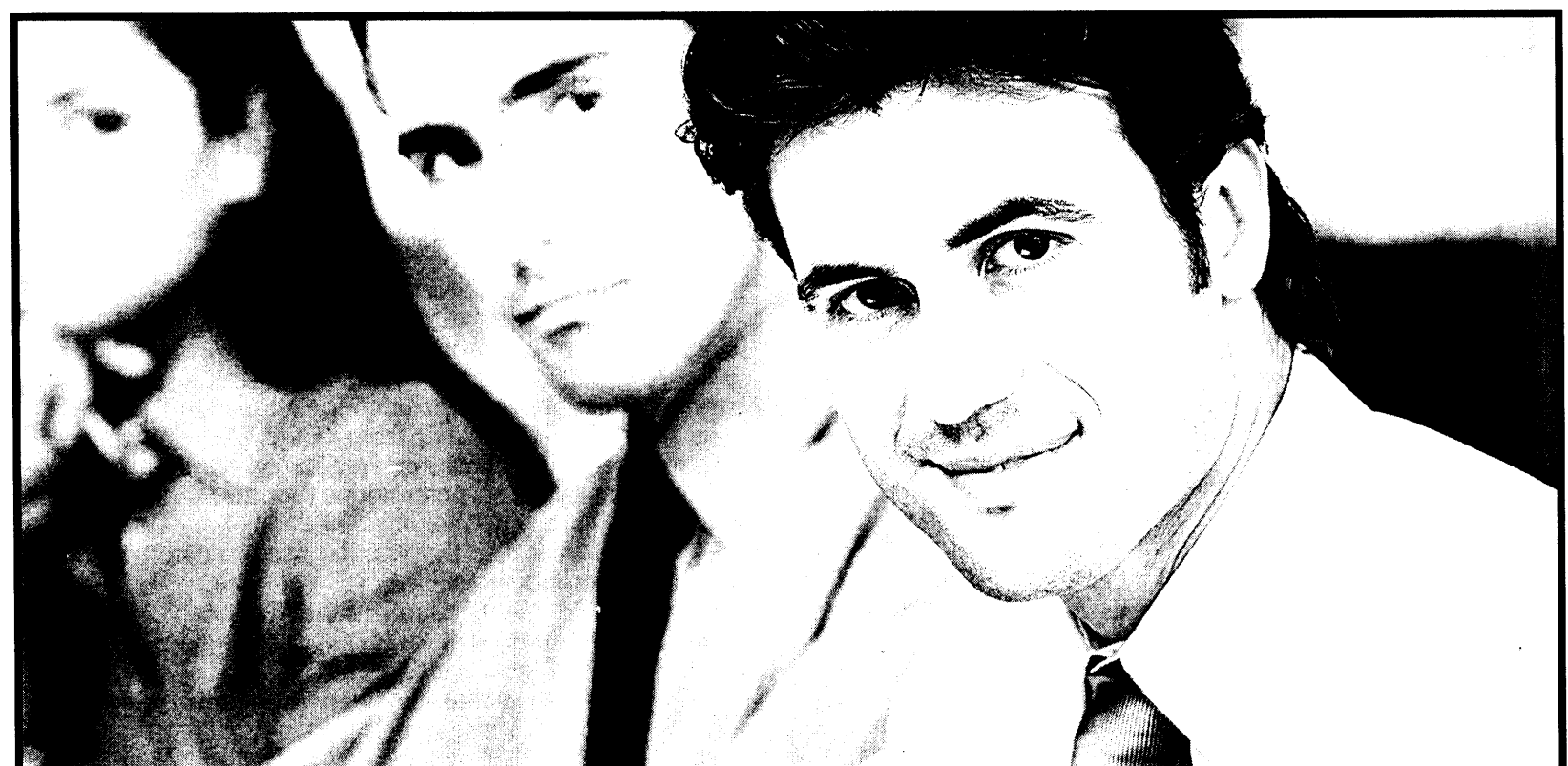
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I ask everyone to continue to participate in all future elections. This is necessary in order to keep our democracy strong.  
Thank you again,  
Ken Michlash



**TUCKER ROE, 4, of Caro, reached for the sky during his first rock climbing experience. The rock-climbing wall was one of the attractions at the Noah's Ark Festival last weekend.**

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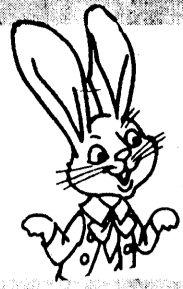
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Mike Weaver, Pinney Foundation president, made writing a story about the Foundation easy. He dug out all the facts about the donations that the Foundation granted that make it easy to see the impact it has had in the community.

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I was all set to tell you that there has been a tightening of the purse strings in Cass City. After all, for 5 straight days I had not found a penny on my daily walks.

That all changed Friday when a penny winked up at me as I walked on Brooker Street. Good luck? Still waiting.

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Maggie Peterson completed her summer internship Tuesday. I'm sure that when editor Tom Montgomery rates her job she will be happy to add his assessment to her clip book.

Over the years, we have had at least 35 summer interns. None has been better than Maggie in providing a pleasant spark to the working day.

Her eyes sparkled when she arrived, sparkled when on the job and I know they will be sparkling when she departs.

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The hot weather hasn't been a financial bonanza for everyone in the tourist business.

A story about ice cream sales by a street vender revealed that, contrary to expectations, sales during the near 100-degree days plummeted 50 percent.

Those days were even too hot for vacationing in northern Michigan. A couple of grandchildren that live in the Detroit suburbs were at the cottage in Boyne City as the temperature peaked and cut out for home early to find air conditioned comfort.

It was only a temporary retreat. When the heat abated they hitched a ride back to finish their brief visit.

## Road project claims victim

Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits reported that on Tuesday, Aug. 8, Ronald C. Tringle, Jr., a 40-year-old Vicksburg man, was killed while working on a road construction project at the corner of Atwater and Ruth roads in Sherman Township.

The report stated that the victim passed behind a Huron County Road Commission dump truck as it was backing up and was run over by the truck.

The road commission vehicle was driven by Michael Smalley, 34, of Ubyly.

Tringle was employed by J & L Milling, Inc., of Schoolcraft. They

were grinding up the old asphalt and the Huron County Road Commission truck was hauling it away. The road commission truck was backing into position to get loaded when the victim walked behind the truck and directly into the path of the backing vehicle.

The victim was taken to Harbor Beach Hospital where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy showed death was caused by a skull fracture. Assisting the sheriff's office at the scene was the Sherman Township Fire Department and Harbor Beach Ambulance.



**THERON MIDDAGH listens with a smile as friends, family and co-workers sing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" at his retirement party at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Middaugh was a hospital employee for over 45 years.**

## Middaugh retires

Before the doors swung open at Hills and Dales General Hospital in 1960, Theron Middaugh, now 65, was on the job and he remained on the job until he retired July 1.

Most of the 46 years at the hospital were spent in the laboratory. "There have been constant changes and upgrades over the years," Middaugh said.

One test that we conducted took up to a day and a half when we did everything by hand, he said, and today the same test is completed in an hour and a half or less.

Middaugh was 19 years old and he hated the job he had. An offer came from Hills and Dales and I took it, he said. Over the years he has worked as a medical technician, bacteriology technician, surgical technician and helped with X-rays and EKGs.

Middaugh and his wife, Emily, have 6 children. His plan in retirement is to sit back and take it easy.

Be sure to tell how much I appreciated the gift of money that was presented to me at my retirement party, he said, and the cards and gifts that came from family and friends.

## The Haire Net

This and that



A little of this and that, as seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets. Tibbits that caught my attention.

Walled Lake Central inaugurated an initial practice that guaranteed the school's football team would be among the first in the state to legally practice this fall and probably will be first all by itself.

The team took the practice field at 12:01 a.m. and held regular workouts and wound things up with a breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

It's a great publicity stunt and the team received oceans of publicity in the metro Detroit area. Midnight soirees are commonplace at the college level and in the big business atmosphere of major sports at the college level is acceptable and perhaps appropriate.

Keeping 14 to 18-year-old kids up all night may not hurt them, but certainly won't do them any good.

In the story in this issue about the extensive repairs at Cass City Schools, perhaps not enough stress was placed on the most important factor concerning the project. District taxpayers should know that the repairs at the school would be GUARANTEED NOT TO COST THE DISTRICT ANY MONEY, INCLUDING INTEREST ON THE LOAN.

How that's possible is in the details of the proposal outlined in the story and if it works as expected it will be a feather in the hat of Supt. Ron Wilson who is shepherding the project to conclusion.

The sidewalks on both sides of Main Street and Seeger Street are marked with orange stripes indicating portions that need replacement. The village applied for and received a matching grant of \$45,000 for the



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

Every time I see a news segment about the homeless I come away with more questions than answers. The last piece I remember showed some homeless folks protesting their housing.

How can you protest your housing if you don't have a place to live?! These folks also objected to a city ordinance that prohibits panhandling and camping downtown.

Then, I read about a homeless person who went to court to prove panhandling was a right of free speech, protected by the First Amendment. It seems like anything can be settled with a protest or a lawsuit these days.

Each time I see one of those demonstrations I remember old Frank Johns (not his real name). Frank lived near the farm where I grew up.

I often think Frank would have been homeless if he lived in the city. He didn't, though, and about once a week we would see him riding his horse back home from town.

Everyone knew the old fellow could have driven his Ford into town, but without his horse he would have never made it home. That horse was like a designated driver — and a lot more dependable.

Frank's horse never touched a drop of alcohol in his life and could find the barn in the worst of storms. Once his horse found the barn it was up to Frank to find the house.

That's one of the things that separates horses from people: Horses can

always find their way home. When Frank spent an exceptional hard day in town, we would see him riding along about dark — with the reins in his lap and both hands on the saddle horn. His horse always made the right turns, though.

Once in awhile the boys down at the tavern would loosen Frank's cinch a little, causing some pretty fancy trick-riding when he crossed the railroad tracks.

I think of the old fellow each time I see the homeless shelters on television. It's not hard to imagine why many would rather camp near the river than spend their nights in one of those shelters.

Still, I never could understand why these folks are so set on living in the middle of the city. That has me baffled.

Sometimes I wonder if cities would be better off to buy each homeless person a horse, so they could find their way home like Frank did. Of course all of my ideas become more complicated when a person thinks about them for awhile.

Providing horses to the homeless could backfire on the person who sold the horse, for example. How would you like to sell an old nag to the city, only to see him come walking home with a guy on his back and a shopping cart dragging behind?

Or how would we like walking down the street when some guy was up and says, "Hey Buddy, can you spare a flake of hay for my horse here."

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<b>5-Day Local Forecast</b> <b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 81 Low: 51 <b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 82 Low: 56 <b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 85 Low: 59 <b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 56 <b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 58		<b>In-Depth Local Forecast</b> Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 81°, humidity of 64% and an overnight low of 51°. The record high temperature for today is 90° set in 1978. The record low is 40° set in 1979. Thursday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 69% and an overnight low of 56°.	
<b>Upcoming Moon Phases</b> New 8/23 First 8/31 Full 9/7 Last 9/14		<b>Sunrise/Sunset Times</b> Sunrise today ..... 6:38 a.m. Sunset tonight ..... 8:35 p.m.	
<b>Last Week's Local Almanac</b>		Precipitation ..... 0.00" Normal precipitation ..... 0.79" Departure from normal ..... -0.79" Average temperature ..... 62.4° Average normal temperature ..... 68.0° Departure from normal ..... -5.6° <small>Data as reported from Bad Axe, Michigan</small> © 2006 Accessweather.com, Inc.	

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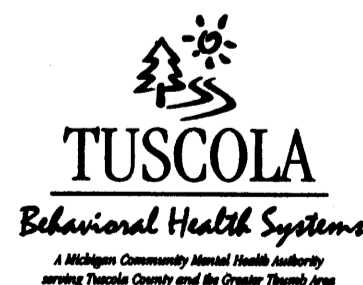
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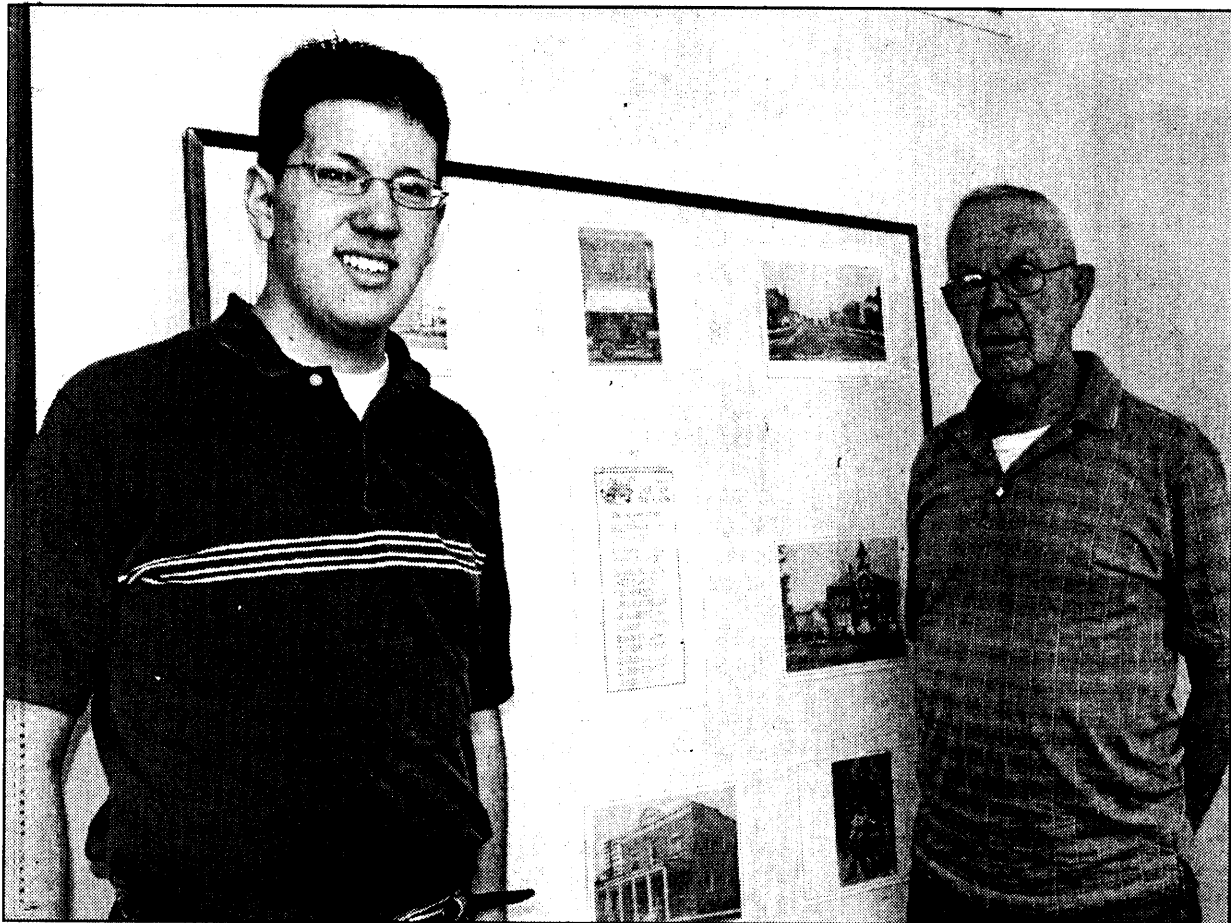
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**TYLER PERRY, left, and Jack Esau are presenting "Open Archives," a display showing Cass City's history through panel photo displays, PowerPoint presentations and videos Aug. 21 through Aug. 26 at the Rawson Memorial Library. The pair has been working on the display for about 3 months, though Perry starting collecting data about 2 years ago and Esau "fell into" the history in the 1930s. There will be special presentations throughout the week and the general display will be open during library hours.**

**Fighting ID theft**

**New training for officers**

Michigan law enforcement officers will be better equipped to investigate identity theft, credit fraud and counterfeiting complaints thanks to a new training course offered by the identity theft teams of the Michigan State Police (MSP) in conjunction with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) and the Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA). A 4-hour course will be offered free of charge to interested law enforcement officers beginning this month. Training sessions will be held in Kalamazoo, Lansing, Marquette, Roscommon, Saginaw and Troy. Officials hope to train approximately 500 officers statewide. Identity theft occurs when an impostor obtains or attempts to obtain the personal identity information of another person, such as name, date of birth or social security number, with the intent to unlawfully use the information to commit an illegal act. "We expect this training to be very popular because identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the nation," said Col. Peter C. Munoz, director of the MSP. "As criminals become more advanced in their techniques, law

enforcement must keep pace. This course will put law enforcement on an even playing field with identity thieves and give officers the tools to fight back this growing crime." According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Michigan is ranked 15th nationwide for identity theft victims per 100,000 population. The actual number of victims may be much higher because the FTC believes that less than 20 percent of victims actually report the crime. In 2005, there were 7,139 identity theft complaints filed in Michigan. "By nature, identity theft investigations cross jurisdictional boundaries and require cooperation from multiple law enforcement agencies," said Terrence Jungel, executive director of the MSA. "This training will enhance the resources available to law enforcement officers by unifying state, county and local agencies." Officers will be trained in the latest investigative techniques, allowing them to better combat identity theft. The training will focus on the areas of victim assistance, identity theft rings, prosecution of offenders and criminal law.

"Unlike other crimes, identity theft is not limited by your socio-economic class or where you live," stated Chief Kay Hoffman, president of the MACP. "This crime is not victimless, and the effects can be devastating for months or years as the victim tries to repair his/her credit history." The MSP has 2 identity theft teams, one based in Lansing and the other in Livonia. Both teams investigate cases involving the theft or misuse of personal identification information to obtain goods, services, credit and fraudulent bank accounts or to facilitate other criminal activity. The identity theft teams work with representatives from local and county law enforcement, as well as the U.S. Postal Inspectors Office, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Secretary of State Investigation Division and the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General to collectively investigate identity theft crimes. To report identity theft, call 1-877-MI-ID-THEFT (1-877-644-3843). For additional information, visit [www.michigan.gov/identity-theft](http://www.michigan.gov/identity-theft).

**Down Memory Lane**

By Harmony Doerr



**5 YEARS AGO**

It promises to be a very desirable Christmas present - to the future residents, the guarantors, the benefactors and the community at large. Justin Smith, project manager for Northwood Meadows, says that the \$4.5 million assisted care facility should be completed so he can celebrate the holidays with his family in Wisconsin. That's 4 months earlier than originally planned. Smith credited the fine cooperation received from the mostly local sub-contractors and the lack of rain as keys to the early completion. The builders have the building closed in and the roof installed. C.P. Smith, chief financial officer, estimates that the accelerated completion should generate about \$10,000 a month in interest savings for the corporation.

When Kyle Vandemark met Regis Philbin, all Regis cared about were sleeping arrangements. Last Thursday morning's Live with Regis Philbin aired Myra singing her new song for the movie The Princess Diaries and Vandemark was a background dancer for the 15-year-old singer. At the end of Myra's performance, Regis talked with the dancers. But when he found out that male dancers were in the same tour bus with a young female singer, he pointed to 20-year-old Vandemark and said "You better be sleeping in your own bunk!" Vandemark laughed it off. He said he thought Regis was hilarious, however he was still nervous. "I was nervous before I went on, but it didn't hit me until Regis shook my hand," he said.

Andrea R. Speirs of Cass City, a pharmacy major at Ferris State University, recently received the Dr. Wanda J. Butler Memorial Award. Dr. Ian W. Mathison, dean of the College of Pharmacy, presented the award at a banquet last May. In memory of Dr. Wanda J. Butler, late assistant professor of pharmacy, this award is presented annually to the senior female student who has earned the highest grade point average.

**10 YEARS AGO**

The Michigan Farm Bureau says that deer and bear baiting is good news...and bad news. The good news is that it provides a market for crops that are damaged and can't be used in any other way. The bad news is that feeding deer creates an even larger deer population that causes

more crop damage. It's expected to be a hot topic in fall meetings of Farm Bureau locals. (From Rabbit Tracks) When transporting food to a picnic site, keep it cold to minimize the growth of bacteria. Pack meat and other perishables in coolers containing ice or cold packs. Keep the cooler in the shade and avoid opening the lid too often. If you are bringing along a lot of beverages, use a separate cooler for the bottles or cans.

Cass City artist Pat Smith has spearheaded the annual Octagon Barn Calendar project for 1997. Several area artists' works, including hers, will be highlighted in the calendar, which will be available starting this weekend during the Octagon Barn Festival.

**25 YEARS AGO**

Cass City's top 10 taxpayers of last year are the top 10 this year. Heading the list again this year is GK Technologies (General Cable), which paid \$19,075 in real and personal property taxes. Next is Walbro Corp., which paid a total of \$12,255. Real property taxes are for land and buildings. Personal is for equipment. The levy on village tax bills mailed in July was 14 mills for general operations and 2 1/2 for the sewage treatment plant project, the same as last year. The third biggest village taxpayer is Provincial House, \$7,676; followed by Wicke's Agriculture, \$6,524; Clare Comment (Charmont Lanes and surrounding property), \$4,749; Detroit Edison, \$4,642 (all but \$63 of which is personal property); builder and developer Thomas Herron, \$3,418; Marshall Distributing, \$3,198; Cass City State Bank, \$3,108 (for its building and one other parcel of property); and Donald Smith as manager of Hillside Apartments, \$2,703.

When is economy, not economy? Usually when it's handled by the government. Robert P. Nimmo, chief of the Veterans' Administration, came on strong to the bureau's 234,000 employees, imploring them to fight "fraud, waste and mismanagement." It's a good thing that the government offers free postage or Nimmo could be charged with not practicing what he preaches. These objectives and 2 other publicity blurbs came to the Chronicle from the VA in three press releases, all mailed separately and received the same day. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Those amazing animals will never

cease to amaze Coiene Cooklin, especially since her cat recently adopted three motherless ducklings. According to Cooklin, the three baby ducks were temporarily being kept in a box in the breezeway of her Cass City home. Meanwhile, her cat, "Punkin Pie," kept a family of three kittens in the closet of her boys' room in another box. One day she returned home to find all three ducklings missing from their box and Punkin Pie standing guiltily nearby. She naturally assumed the cat was the culprit. She was right, but Punkin Pie had not done what Cooklin thought. After she scolded her cat, she checked the kittens. To her surprise she found the three baby ducks sleeping right along with them. Since the day almost two weeks ago that Punkin Pie adopted the ducklings, it has been almost impossible to keep them separated.

**35 YEARS AGO**

Robert Tuckey is big, big, big. He's also good natured, which is lucky for Eldon Stoutenburg and John Haire. Tuckey spent Friday afternoon driving six steel fence posts into the rock-hard clay next to the track so that a rope could be strung to keep the spectators away from the performers in the horse-pulling contest at the Western Round-up. Friday evening we were called in to help with the fence post driving for the other side of the track. When we saw the position of the posts, Stoutenburg and I agreed that the pull used to be on the grass. So we promptly pulled the driven posts to place them in the "proper spot". The posts we pulled were on the ground when Clair Auslander breezed in and told us positively that the pull used to be on the track. Tuckey didn't say a word and even helped us pound them back in again. Stoutenburg and I are still convinced that at one time the contest was held on grass and another old-time former village employee, Dean Toner, agrees. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Marine Gunnery Sergeant Thomas A. Pawloski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pawloski of Ubyly, was awarded the Commendation Medal with Combat "V" at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was cited for meritorious service as an analyst with the First Radio Battalion, First Marine Division in Vietnam from September 1969 to December 1970.

**Letter to the editor**

**Thanks for garden treats**

Editor

I am writing as one of the residents of Cass City Apartments. It is a very nice place to live, but most of us remember when we could plant gardens and grow our own vegetables.

It is now, as one woman said, like Christmas, when word is spread around that someone has brought in fresh vegetables. The fresh tomatoes, cucumbers and all are so good. We also received lots of apples last fall from the Sutton-Sunshine United Methodist Church orchard.

I wish to thank everyone for sharing their garden with us.

Ida Wills  
Cass City

**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.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

**Cass City Area Church Directory**

**Calvary Bible Fellowship**  
an Independent Baptist Church  
4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-4088  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Chuck Carr  
Transportation available

**Cass City Church of Christ**  
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2604 or 872-5201  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study  
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Judy A. Eskilsen

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-2729  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor - Bob Sweeney  
[www.casscitymc.org](http://www.casscitymc.org)

**Cass City United Methodist Church**  
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,  
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
Sunday School - Sept-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
Phone: 872-5060  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

**First Baptist Church**  
6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-3155  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study,  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
AWANA 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays  
Pastor: Eric Holmgren  
Website: [www.fbccus](http://www.fbccus)

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

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2770  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Gerald Meyer

**Living Word Worship Center**  
(Where the Word is Life)  
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-4637  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Keith Misany

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658 or 872-1195  
Bible School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Youth Group & Sunday Evening  
Services 6:00 p.m.  
Minister: Chuck Emmert  
Youth Minister: Brad Speirs  
Visit our website at: [www.novestachurch.org](http://www.novestachurch.org)

**Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church**  
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5186  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

**St. Agatha Catholic Church**  
4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735  
665-9966  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

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

**Shabbona United Methodist Church**  
4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426  
810-672-9929 (parsonage)  
989-872-8094 (church)  
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Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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# Obituaries

## Retta Charter

Retta Charter, 86, died July 29, 2006, following complications from a heart attack.

She was the daughter of a Cass City farmer.

Charter graduated early from high school and college with honors, and promptly entered the teaching profession. She started in Marysville and soon relocated to Detroit, teaching at Cody Elementary for 38 years. Charter helped to pioneer the commonly accepted platoon system of teaching, where classes of children are moved from one class to another for different subjects throughout the day. She was an accomplished pianist, retired City of Detroit Music and Elementary school teacher. She served on the boards for various scholarship funds, charities and orchestra societies.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Aug. 23, at Cass City United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made in her name to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Sylvia Janowiak

Sylvia M. Janowiak, 88, of Ubly, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006 at Lapeer Regional Medical Center, Lapeer.

She was born Dec. 27, 1917 in Minden City, the daughter of Leo and Matilda (Olszowy) Osantowski.

She married Arthur "Red" Janowiak April 13, 1940 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Argyle. He died June 16, 1988.

Janowiak lived in Ubly for nearly 60 years. She was a school bus driver for many years for Ubly Community Schools. Janowiak owned the Ubly Dragway for 43 years, and was former owner of the Argyle Bar. She was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church, Ubly, where she was a member of the St. John Christian Mothers Circle #1, St. Ann's. Janowiak was a member of the Daughters of Isabella Fidelis Regina Circle #608, and of the T.V.O. #1 Auxiliary. She was a member of the Ubly Community Club and food coordinator for the Ubly Homecoming.

Janowiak is survived by her children: Sandra (Philip) Robinson of Cass City, Shirley Parks of Holly, Donald (Barbara) Janowiak of Ubly, Dennis (Linda) Janowiak of Ubly, and Jane (Douglas) Ogozaly of Fenton; 8 grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 4 step great-grandchildren; a brother, Leo Osantowski; 4 sisters: Beatrice (George) Prang, Olave Bukoski, Christine (John) Ulfog, and Grace (Jack) Willis; 3 sisters-in-law, Irene Kowalski, Marie Oleksiak, and Magdalene Janowiak; and a brother-in-law, Herb (Bernie) Janowiak.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Audrey Jane Janowiak; a son-in-law, Earl Parks; a step-grandson, Andy Haas; siblings: Adam Osantowski, Mildred Osantowski, Calvin Osantowski, Leonard (Virginia) Osantowski, Gertrude (Joe) Stockman, Esther (Chester) Konka, Elizabeth "Betty" (Frank) Ertman, Betty Osantowski, and Robert Bukoski; brothers- and sisters-in-law: Clements Janowiak, Irvin Janowiak, Eugene (Mary) Janowiak, Eleanor (Roman) Smith, and Al Oleksiak.

Funeral mass was held Friday, Aug. 11, at St. John Catholic Church, Ubly, with the Rev. Patrick O'Connor, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Essexville, officiating.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Arrangements were made by Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home, Ubly.

## Dennis Koch

Dennis D. Koch, 57, of Sebewaing, died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 27, 1949 in Pigeon, the son of the late Clarence W. and Delores N. (Glomb) Koch.

Koch was employed for Exxon-Mobile and later for Northwest Tire in Saginaw. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Koch is survived by his sons: Bryan (Marie) Koch and Brad Koch, all of Gageton, Nick (Rachel) Koch and John Koch, all of Cleveland, Tenn.; 2 grandchildren; a sister, Sharon Healy of Cass City; 3 brothers: Roger (Kathy) Koch of Bay Port, Thomas Koch, and Richard (Renee) Koch, all of Sebewaing; 2 uncles; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kevin Koch.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 11, at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Sebewaing, with the Rev. Raymond Orth officiating. Cremation followed at Country Roads Crematory, Hemlock.

Arrangements were made by Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Inc., Sebewaing.

## Roy Ollila

Roy Otto Ollila, 71, of Vassar, died unexpectedly Monday, Aug. 7, 2006 in Caro Community Hospital.

He was born Jan. 15, 1935 in Royal Oak, the son of Otto and Saimi (Onkala) Ollila.

He married Helen H. Penfold Kelley June 8, 1974 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Ollila served in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany. After returning to the states, he worked as a heavy equipment operator for Bernthal Sand and Gravel of Vassar and later Waterland Sand and Gravel of Waterford.

Ollila is survived by his wife, Helen; a daughter, Ronda (Bud) Benjamin of Caro; 6 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; a sister, Gertrude (Lee) Matthews of Mayville; a brother, Matt (Garnet) Ollila of Vassar; a sister-in-law, Bette Ollila of Las Vegas, Nev.; 2 step children: Jerry (Norine) Kelley, and Jim (Kelly Searles) Kelley; and several step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Barbara Box; and a twin brother, Ray Ollila.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 10, at Kingston Wesleyan Church, Kingston, with the Rev. Ken Sanderfur officiating.

Interment will take place in East Dayton Cemetery.

Military honors were under the direction of the Kingston AMVETS Post #1072 and the U.S. Army.

Memorials may be made to Kingston Wesleyan Church, Kingston.

## Leroy Stapleton

Leroy Patrick Stapleton, 81, of Gageton, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2006 at his home.

He was born Sept. 11, 1924 in Gageton, the son of Patrick and Margaret (Kastner) Stapleton.

He married Eleanore Fournier May 4, 1957 at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Gageton. She died May 2, 1999.

Stapleton graduated from Gageton High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Navy as a carpenter's mate during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Stapleton was a self-em-

ployed licensed builder from 1963 until his retirement in 1997. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Pigeon Post #2236, the Knights of Columbus West Huron Centennial Council 8042, and the Gageton Village Council. He was a member of the St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, where he served on the Parish Council and was caretaker for many years.

Stapleton is survived by his children: Jane L. and James P. Stapleton, both of Gageton; a sister-in-law, Isabelle Fournier of Gageton; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael Stapleton.

A funeral mass was held Thursday, Aug. 10, at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, with Father John Weis and Sr. Marcia Andrews, I.H.M., officiating.

Burial was in the St. Agatha Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

## Recycling center celebrating anniversary

The Tuscola County Recycling Center will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary, after opening in 1996. Since then, the recycling program has grown and evolved to better serve the community.

In 2002, a millage was passed to help fund the center. At that time, the center promised to add tire collections, electronic collections, document shredding services, textile recycling and used oil recycling to its expanding list of services.

The center has lived up to those promises and added year-round electronics, tires (disposal fee per tire), used oil and antifreeze collections, a year-round Salvation Army drop point and confidential document shredding (fee based). Also accepted year-round are boxboard, hardcover and paperback books, cell phones, inkjet and laserjet cartridges, household batteries, plastic bottles and jugs (#1 through #7), plastic shopping bags, vinyl siding, computer media, rubber covered cords and scrap metal.

The center is a non-profit government agency operated by Tuscola County and funded by the millage. For additional recycling information, call (989) 672-1673, email recycle@tuscolacounty.org, or visit the website at www.tuscolacounty.org/recycling.

The Tuscola County Recycling Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is closed on holidays.

## Operation HEMP success continues

Colonel Peter C. Munoz, director of the Michigan Department of State Police (MSP), announced that 7,417 marijuana plants have been eradicated so far this year as part of Operation HEMP (Help Eliminate Marijuana Planting), which is Michigan's Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program. Operation HEMP is a cooperative law enforcement initiative aimed at locating and seizing marijuana plants grown outdoors and in greenhouse operations across the state.

Of the 7,417 plants located so far this year, 4,766 were found growing indoors and 2,651 were growing outdoors. Last year, officers working as part of Operation HEMP located and destroyed more than 30,000 marijuana plants in total.

"Michigan is a popular state for illegal marijuana growing because of its fertile land and remote areas," stated Munoz. "Marijuana plants are commonly cultivated in farm fields, backyards, natural forest openings, along drainage ditches, and the shores of lakes, rivers, streams and swamps. Marijuana plants have been found growing from the Indiana border to Lake Superior, which means property owners across Michigan should be on the lookout for any suspicious persons or activity that may indicate illegal planting."

Often times to avoid apprehension and forfeiture of property, growers plant marijuana on public land or on the property of others.

Indicators of outdoor growing operations include unusual amounts of traffic on and off of the property; use of camping equipment or recreational vehicles on wooded property with no evidence of recreational activities; persons with little or no farming experience who purchase fertilizer, plastic PVC piping, chicken wire, camouflage netting and clothing; large amounts of PVC piping or irrigation hoses located in heavily wooded areas; and heavily patrolled or guarded woods, swamps and other remote areas.

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, August 17

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

### Friday, August 18

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

### Sunday, August 20

2nd Annual Cancer Survivor's Celebration, noon to 2 p.m., Seton Cancer Institute at Marlette Community Hospital, Marlette. For more information, call (989) 635-4012.

### Monday, August 21

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubly. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.

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

### Wednesday, August 23

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

# Sebewaing man dies in crash

Sebewaing resident Steven Douglas Weinlander, 52, died Sunday at St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital in Saginaw from injuries sustained in a single-vehicle crash Saturday.

According to the Michigan State Police, Weinlander was riding his motorcycle southbound on M-25 and failed to negotiate a curve between Volz Road and Stein Road. The motorcycle crossed the centerline and ran off the roadway entering the southwest ditch area. Weinlander, who was riding alone, was thrown from the motorcycle and received serious injuries.

Trooper Brian McComb was dispatched to the accident, which occurred at approximately 5:45 p.m. in Fairhaven Township. He was transported by Sebewaing Ambulance to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, and was later flown by FlightCare to St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital for treatment. Weinlander was not wearing an approved helmet and alcohol and speed may have been a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation. McComb was assisted at the scene by the Sebewaing Police Department, Huron County Sheriff's Department, Sebewaing Ambulance and accident reconstructionist, Deputy Michael Mattlin of the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department.

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Youth ministers at the Catholic parishes in Huron, Tuscola and the upper portion of Sanilac County - Vicariate 1, 2, 3 and 4 - all have forms and fliers available.

The day begins with check-in starting at 3 p.m. Liturgy with Bishop Robert Carlson, head of the Diocese of Saginaw, will be at St. John's Church at 4 p.m.

Following liturgy, Carlson will present a short talk. Afterwards, there will be a barbecue and a variety of activities including basketball, flag football, relay games, and several contests. A disc jockey will provide music and opportunities for karaoke. There will be a bonfire during the evening hours, and marshmallows will be available for roasting.

For additional information, contact Jean Winkel at (989) 479-6983.

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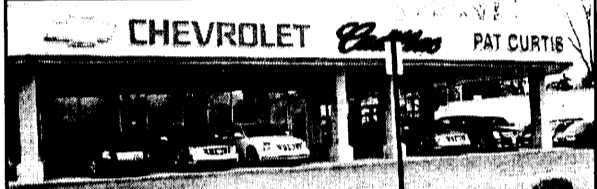
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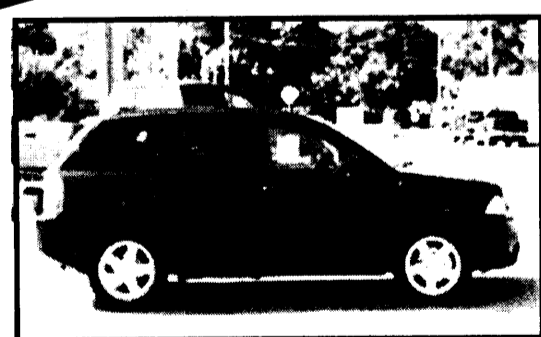
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Ray Fox	161
Craig Helwig	147
Jerry Toner	141
Rich Tate	138
Mark Swanson	137
Don Ouvry	133
Rick Salcido	128
Bill Krizman	126
Mike Falatko	123
Erik Tamlyn	121
Fred Leeson	116
Scott Richards	109
Don Warner	100

Flight #2	
Rick Coleman	173
Daryl Iwankovitsch	144
Dave Hoard	144
Jim Peyer	143
Dave Weiler	136
Jon Zdrojewski	134
Mike Lowe	130
Corey Ulfing	129
Gary Robinson	126
Jim Apley	120
Jon Langley	113
Craig Bellew	112
Clark Erla	109
Russ Biefer	106

Flight #3	
Dan Curtis	173
Dan Mosher	158
Virgil Peters	150
Ed Knight	148
Ernie Bellew	147
Jack Hool	141
Jim Hobbs	141
Jim Fox	140
Tom Lis	138
Dick Wallace	129
Dan Caister	115
Orvil Beecher	104
Dan Hittler	100
Ron Wilson	66

Flight #4		Flight #5 (handicap)	
Asa Apley	152	David Allen	164
Corey Hodgkinson	151	Rocky Spear	163
Duane Henn	145	Jim Mastie	156
Jeff Krol	141	Chad Daniels	149
Terry Hendrick	137	Bob Stickle	141
Harold MacAlpine	133	Bill Ewald	138
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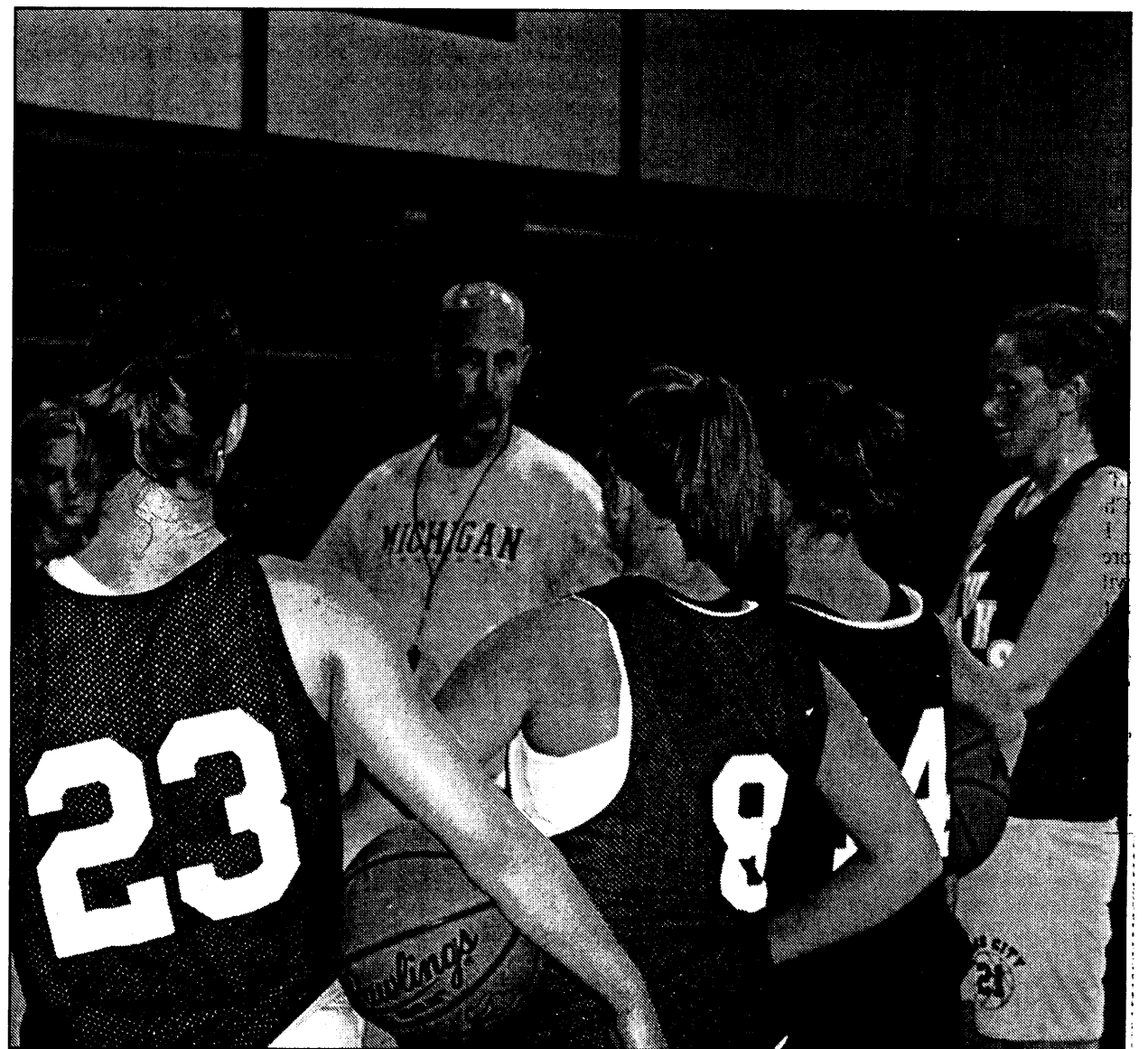
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## LISTEN UP!



CASS CITY varsity basketball coach Lloyd Schinnerer talks to his Lady Red Hawks Monday during the team's opening practice. Schinnerer replaces longtime mentor John Maharg as leader of the girls program. Read all about his 2006 cagers and other area fall sports teams in the Chronicle's sports preview next week.

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The SBT will be repealed on Dec. 31, 2007 as a result of thousands of petition signatures and the Legislature's vote today.

"For far too long the SBT has stifled Michigan's economy," said Rep. Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe. "This day is a new beginning for businesses as we develop a new plan that will be fair and job friendly."

A report released Monday by the Anderson Economic Group shows that Michigan's key business taxes are out of step with competing states. The report specifically cited the Single Business Tax as the only state value-added tax in the United States.

"Employers, employees and job seekers should all be excited about the repeal of the SBT," Meyer said. "This repeal is representative of new opportunities for all of Michigan's residents as well as businesses that may be interested in relocating to Michigan."

Earlier this summer, a joint House and Senate committee was named to develop a new business tax for Michigan. The committee is scheduled to report back to the legislative leaders by Dec. 1, 2006.

"Reforming Michigan's business tax is one of the biggest challenges we have faced as a state," said Craig DeRoche, speaker of the house. "But just like Proposal A where we were able to cut property taxes and increase funding for public schools, I firmly believe we can reform our business tax code to create jobs and protect the important services residents rely on."



## Chip Shots

Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of Aug. 9

Division 1 - Early	
Bliss/Baker	77
Warner/Wallace	77
Iwankovitch/Stickle	76
Dillon/Tonti	76
Berwick/Greenlee	72
Burns/Kritzman	71**
Jones/Marshall	69*
Chappel/Pasant	66
Henn/Peters	59
Davis/Leeson	51
Burns/Hutchinson	47
Glaspie/Strickland	47**
Herron/Tuckey	45**
Craig/Knight	44

Medalists: Individual- Kritzman, Pasant, Craig, Fox 38; Team- Chappel/Pasant 77.

Division 2 - Late	
Osentoski/Schott	84
Biddinger/Smith	75
deBeaubien/Patrick	69**
Hool/Toner	69
Martin/Robinson	64
Bliss/Krol	52*
Tamlyn/Langley	51
Corey/Paul Ulfig	49*
Hartel/Hartzell	49**
Hillaker/Murphy	49
Doerr/Haire	45*
Bellew/Curtis	44*
Prieskorn/Repshinska	37
LeValley/Morgan	33*

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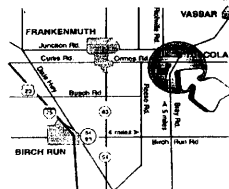
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THE CASS CITY Head Start Program is seeking a Head Start Aide - The individuals may fulfill any or all of the duties associated with the classroom, meals or bus activities. A high school diploma or GED, and childcare experience preferred. Wage \$5.15-\$7.68 an hour, working 25 hours weekly. To apply complete the entire agency application form indicating the job title and location applied for to: NEMCSA, Human Resource Department, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707. Completed information must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on August 21, 2006. Faxes are acceptable to 989-356-5931, but must be followed up with the original application form. Resumes, emails and any other form of correspondence will not be considered. Applicants must meet all agency-hiring criteria including background checks. Application is active for the position applied for at the time of submittal only. Upon request, auxiliary aids and services will be made available to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center "Voice and TTY/TDD" 1-800-649-3777. Application forms are available at [www.nemcsa.org](http://www.nemcsa.org) or phone 989-356-3474. An EOE. 11-8-16-1

**Help Wanted**

EXPANDING LOCAL AREA plastics company is seeking qualified candidates for the following plant positions: 1. Production Line Packer: entry level, hands on production line worker, applicants must be dependable, team oriented and willing to learn; 2. Production Blow Mold Machine Line Operator: applicants must be dependable, team oriented and willing to learn. Experience with set up and change over of blow molding machines and process control is helpful but not required; 3. Tool & Die Position: applicants must be dependable, team oriented and willing to learn. Position requires candidate to have a licensed Tool & Die Journeyman Card, or must be currently enrolled in a certified Tool & Die program. We are offering a competitive wage and benefit package with BCBS insurance, 401K plan, optical & dental plan and more. Qualified applicants may forward a resume or apply at 4147 N. Ubyly Road, Ubyly, MI 48475, Attention: Human Resources Department. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. 11-8-16-1

**Help Wanted**

WANTED - EFFICIENT, dependable and trustworthy person to do housecleaning 4-5 hours/week. Please call with references, 872-3410. 11-8-16-1f

**Work Wanted**

LOOKING FOR work - mowing, gutter cleaning, other odd jobs. 872-4290. 12-8-9-3

JEANNIE'S DAYCARE has openings for children ages 6 weeks-12 years. Meals and snacks provided. DHS accepted. Please call 872-3165. 12-7-26-6

LICENSED DAYCARE in Cass City has openings. 872-1905. 12-8-16-3

**Work Wanted**

**WENDY'S KIDS** has daycare openings. Loving, learning & fun begins at birth - working with children on hygiene, manners, social/emotional & intellectual growth. Weekly dance given by Ms. Jerilyn. Bus pickup & drop off for school age children. Clean & beautiful indoor/outdoor country setting (3 miles from Cass City) with play yard.

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**Price Reduced!** Surround yourself with nature. Newly built log home with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Full walk-out basement all on 10 acres with additional acreage available. This home screams charm and space. Call Marty O. for a nature walk today. K-293

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 We ask that you keep praying for all of the children at Ann Arbor Hospital and maybe one day all of them will be home with their families.  
**Our deepest thanks,**  
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## Real Estate For Sale

  
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**Storefront Cass City** - 2 story storefront in downtown. 1,160 sq. ft. display area plus an 11'x12' office on main level plus a 20'x28' attached garage. New wiring, carpeting, drywall, handicap accessible restroom, central air, furnace on 1st floor within the past 7 yrs. Exterior has steel siding on the sides and back, vinyl on the front within the last 7 yrs. COM1107

**Cass City - 6370 Third St.** 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, partial basement - semi-finished, natural fireplace, ready to move in. Many updates within the last few years. Quiet neighborhood. Seller is motivated. TCC1385. \$84,900

**Cass City Country** - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story home. 1,475 sq. ft. Many updates, easy to heat. 2 1/2 car garage plus a 40'x70' shed with electricity and cement floor on 2 acres and paved road. Cy2495

**Cass City Country** - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2,214 sq. ft. home on a paved road. Home is in move-in condition, many updates including: roof, windows, kitchen, baths - plumbing, wiring, front porch, central air, furnace, water heater. The attached garage is finished & heated. Also includes a 40'x100' & 24'x57' L-shaped barn & a 12'x14' storage/milkhouse. Beautifully landscaped yard. Must see to appreciate. Cy2498

**Price Reduced** - 4843 Hemlock Lane, between Spruce St. & Beechwood Dr., 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished. TCC1489

**Deford Country** - 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, attached garage on 2 acres. Home has had many updates inside and out within the last 5 years. Solid home, easy to heat. Cy2475

**Cass City Country** - 2,500 sq. ft. ranch, 5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, custom built home. Full finished lower level, walk-out to cement patio, wood burning fireplace in basement, gas log fireplace in the great room. Central air, 3 separate heat-air zones. Bonus room above the garage, pond in backyard, plus a 20'x16' storage shed, built in 2000. All this and more on 2 acres with more acreage available. Cy2941

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**Cass City** - 1,200 sq. ft., 2 bedroom condo, 3 baths. Full finished walk-out basement. 1st floor laundry. New carpeting in 2005. Sellers are motivated. TCC1476

**Riverfront** - Caro - 1.4 acre riverfront lot in Knollwood Subdivision. 99.83' frontage on the Cass River. Drive already in. Electricity available. Excellent building site, nicely wooded area. One of the few available in this area. WAF245

