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## Benefit set for area boy battling cancer

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Ed and Tisa Szczepanski figured they had been pretty fortunate with their children, Chase, 7, and Courtney, 8, when it came to health - the couple hadn't had to deal with anything more serious than a cold or a few stitches.

Until last spring.

What began as chest pains for Chase quickly turned into a nightmare for the Shabbona couple, who have since watched their son endure surgery, radiation treatment and chemotherapy in a battle for his life against cancer.

But the family hasn't been alone. They're quick to say how blessed they have been to receive dozens of cards and gifts from Chase's classmates along with others in the community.

Now, 4 staff members at the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center, where Chase attended kindergarten last school year, are organizing a carnival-style benefit and auction for the family to be held Saturday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the grounds of the education center, located next to Campbell Elementary School in Cass City.

"We need all the help we can get. Plus, anyone who wants to make a donation - that would be great," said kindergarten teacher Shirley Tuckey, who is putting the benefit together along with fellow teachers Fran Lovejoy, Rebecca Walker and Tracy Jaworski.

Tuckey said area residents and businesses have already begun donating to the cause. And, local auctioneer David Osentoski has offered to donate his services.

The event will feature a food wagon, games, a dunk tank, inflatables, car-

nival booths, music, and a special story hour and crafts sponsored by Rawson Memorial Library, according to Tuckey, who explained she and her fellow teachers simply wanted to reach out to Chase and his family.

"We all had him as a student, so our hearts are all out for him to do something," she said. "We love him and the kids love him - he has just a wonderful attitude, and this is the best way to show them our love, I guess."

"I think it's going to be great." Chase, who recently finished his final radiation and chemotherapy treatments, is recovering at home now with his sister and parents, who are still reeling from the ordeal.

"We started out back in March. This has been like, bam, bam, bam, bam," Ed Szczepanski said. He recalled it was during spring break when Chase began to complain of chest pains.

His parents figured he had fallen or been involved in some horseplay with another boy and had perhaps bruised himself.

"So, we took him to the doctor, they did an x-ray and didn't find anything," Ed said, adding a couple weeks went by, and Chase's pain continued to worsen. Tisa Szczepanski recalled her son crying in pain at night.

"And he couldn't lie flat. He couldn't lay on his back," Ed added.

In time, Chase began to walk in a hunched-over position, and started to lose function in his right leg, prompting his parents to take him to yet another doctor for an exam. Still, no explanation.

At that point, Ed said, the couple decided to take Chase to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, where doctors ran a battery of tests and referred the family to a pediatric surgeon in Saginaw, who immediately

suspected a neurological problem and sent them to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"By this time, he couldn't walk anymore. His leg was totally gone," recalled Ed, who said Chase was placed on a waiting list for an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) exam, a diagnostic procedure that uses a magnetic field to provide 3-dimensional images of internal body structures.

Three days later, the family had an explanation for Chase's pain: a tumor covering 5 of Chase's upper vertebra.

Surgeons removed a portion of the tumor 2 days later, leaving the boy with no movement in his right leg. Subsequent tests confirmed the tumor to be a progressive cancer.

But even before treatment could begin, Chase began to experience headaches from leaking cerebral fluid, prompting doctors to perform emergency surgery days later to relieve the pressure.

"It was kind of a miracle - his foot, he could start moving his foot again," Ed said.

After a week in intensive care, the family returned home on Memorial Day weekend, but they would return 5 times a week - 250 miles round trip - for the next 28 days for radiation.

He also underwent chemotherapy at home via oral medication.

"He's taken it like a champ, and he hasn't been sick, thankfully," Ed said.

"He was willing to go (to Ann Arbor)," Tisa added. "I didn't have to force him to get his treatments."

The couple said they have seen some improvement. Chase, who has graduated from a wheelchair to a walker to a cane, is looking forward to starting kindergarten at Campbell Elementary this fall.

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GON FISHIN the clown puts base paint on Preston Cartwright's face during Summer Mania. The 5-year-old from Bay City was visiting with his grandma, Cass City area resident Shari Bock.

## Summer Mania enjoyed by all

by Maggie Peterson  
Staff Writer

Summer Mania hit the Cass City streets last weekend with sales, cars and lots of kids' activities.

Kay Guinther, an employee at Coach Light Pharmacy, said Friday's sidewalk sale was going fine.

"People just look for a bargain," she said. "Anything on sale will bring people in."

Jim Luth, Chamber of Commerce president, said Summer Mania is a time when "the businesses and local community all come together."

The town-wide garage sales, which ran Thursday through Saturday, gave

residents another chance to get some deals.

Kay Muma, of Snover, and her grandchildren shopped the garage sales before heading to the inflatables.

Her grandson "got a big dog puppet-type thing that he just loves," she said.

She added that Summer Mania was a good way to end the week she and the grandchildren spent together.

Her granddaughter, Sara Doyle, 11, said she raced her brother and others on one of the inflatables, winning every time.

However, her brother, Jason, 9, was quick to protest.

"At the end I beat you!" he said. Jason's favorite inflatable was the giant slide because at the end it sent him flying into a wall.

"I got knocked out," he added with a smile.

Rhonda Wright, of Cass City, was at Summer Mania with her husband, Brian, and son, Jacob.

Thursday she checked out some yard sales, and Friday she and her family spent the day at the inflatables. "It's a nice, inexpensive day for the kids," she said.

Jim Thompson, of Lapeer, said every year he comes to Summer Mania

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MIHOKO MURAI, of Kawasaki, Japan, returned to Cass City with her husband and sons to visit with the Haags, one of her host families during March 1988 through March 1989. It was a happy reunion for the group: (back row, left to right) Shirley Haag, Mihoko Murai, Murai's husband, Kemji, Danny Haag; (front row) Murai's sons, Kakeru, 8, and Noboru, 6.

## Family reunion

Former exchange student returns to Haag's Cass City residence with her own family

by Maggie Peterson  
Staff Writer

One of the first things that struck Mihoko Murai during her visit to Cass City was that when she looked out the window of her host family's house, she saw no other houses.

That was quite a contrast from her home in Japan, where closely spaced, tall buildings dominated the landscape.

Murai studied abroad in Cass City through a program by Rotary International from March 1988 through March 1989. Last week she paid a visit to Shirley and Danny Haag, this time bringing her family with her.

Shirley Haag said she received a call from Murai not long before the visit.

"She says, 'Shirley, are you going to be here such and such (July 26 through July 30)?'" she said. "I said yes, and she said, 'Well, we're coming.'"

This was the first time on the mainland of the United States for Murai's husband, Kemji, and sons, Kakeru, 8, and Noboru, 6.

Kemji called the United States "quite fine, so good."

"I'm thinking how I can buy the land, and the house," he said.

MURAI'S EXPERIENCE

Murai first looked into studying

abroad after spending one week at an international summer school, St. Mary's International School in Tokyo, when she was 16.

"I was interested in the foreign country, especially America," she recalled.

She signed up with Rotary International, and by luck was placed in Cass City. She made the trip when she was 18 years old, after graduating high school.

She lived in 3 houses during her visit to Cass City, the last of which was the Haags'.

The language barrier was one of the first difficulties Murai faced on her trip, having taken English classes in seventh grade that were based only on reading and writing, not speaking.

"I couldn't understand any English," she said. "I couldn't speak any English, what I wanted to say."

CULTURE SHOCK

It took about 2 months for homesickness to wear off and to adjust to living in Cass City, a definite change from her city life.

"So many stars I can see here, but (not) in Japan," where there are constant lights and street activity, she said.

The difference between her private school in Japan and her new school in Cass City was another striking con-

trast for Murai.

"I went to a private school in Japan, and I had to wear uniforms and the same bag," she said. "We couldn't choose the classes. The teachers choose the classes we took."

Another difference that affected Murai was the American diet.

Her favorite dish when she was here was roast beef with gravy and potatoes. When Shirley Haag made it for dinner during this trip, it was the first time Kemji, Kakeru and Noboru had tasted anything like it.

When studying here, she drank pop almost every day, which she said was part of the reason she gained about 15 pounds during her visit.

"We don't drink pop, like Coke, or orange juice," she said. "We usually drink tea and water."

THE HAAGS

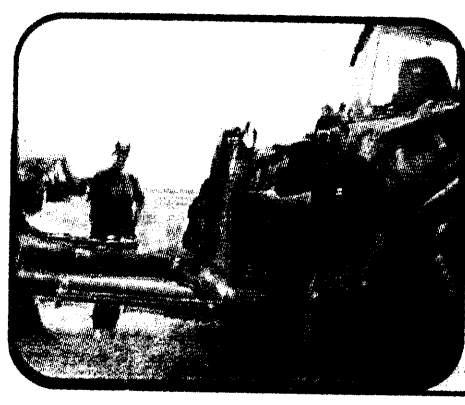
Shirley Haag said her family was approached to be a host family by Mike Weaver, who thought the experience would be a good one for them.

"We were so glad we did, and we were so fortunate to get Mihoko," she said.

The Haags were told who their student would be before her arrival, and they had written letters to learn more about each other.

"We found she was very open and

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Franzel of San Antonio, Texas, Sharon Franzel and a friend from Atlanta, Ga., John and Mary Catherine Nicol and sons Jonathan and Jason of Mt. Pleasant, Dick and Darlene Hunt, Margaret Cook, Larry Adams family, Doris Western, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly were Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel for Dan's birthday. After dinner, birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Susan Krozek took Samantha and Ryan, Nicole Depcinski, Jessica and Timothy Carpenter to pick blueberries near Caro. On their way home, they had lunch at Wal-Mart in Caro and later went swimming at the Cass City Park.

Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack, Allen Farrelly and June Rutz met at Big Boy in Bad Axe for lunch Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church Festival at Harbor Beach Sunday.

Pauline and Tom Riehl of Gageton were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel.

Mrs. Evans Gibbard was among a group of relatives and friends who attended a baby shower for Mrs. Gibbard's granddaughter, Katie Moore and Ron Braydon at Shabbona Hall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wills of Orlando, Fla., are spending a week with Mrs. Gerald Wills and visiting other relatives.

Mrs. Bryce Hagen was among a group who attended a bridal shower for Megan Ruthko at the home of Jan Sageman Sunday. Megan will become the bride of Dave Lemke.

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau Group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Heleski Thursday

evening. After the meeting, cards were played and high prizes were won by Dorothy Heleski and Ray Depcinski. Low prizes were won by Josephine Wolschlager and Joe Sweeney. The hostess served a lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Heleski.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland enjoyed a pizza supper at the home of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel visited Lois Cardenas at Bad Axe Monday morning.

Allen Farrelly took June Rutz home to Sterling Heights after she spent a week at Allen's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark O'Henley of Chicago spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Henley. Other Sunday afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sweeney of Auburn Hills spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Konkel lost 4 of their blue spruce trees and several other trees in Saturday's storm and were also without electricity for 7 hours on Germania Road east of Cass City. Different other ones lost trees and parts of their roofs in the storm Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, June Rutz and Allen Farrelly were among a group who attended the funeral of Hank Osentoski at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Frieberg at noon Thursday.

Nine members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Franklin Inn Plaza Thursday morning. They will meet at the Coffee Cup Plus next week.

## B. Kovach attends conference



Bethany Kovach

Bethany Kovach, daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Kovach of Owendale, recently attended the 2006 Michigan Youth Leadership (MYLead) conference on the campus of Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

A sophomore at Owen-Gage High School, Kovach's teachers nominated her to attend the conference.

MYLead is a Michigan-based non-profit organization dedicated to motivating and enabling the youth of Michigan to continuously make a positive impact on their communities through leadership and service. Some 140 sophomores from schools across the state attended.

Highlights of the conference included motivational speakers who talked about developing courage and achieving personal goals. They included panelists David Major and Mike Varner, professional speakers; Kenneth Edwards, instructor at the Academy of Business Leadership in Santa Monica, Calif.; and Jim Dreyer, world record ultra-marathon athlete.

The program also included panel discussions on leadership and business, diversity, and defining success personally. All of the conference activities were designed to help participants further realize their potential as leaders and to make a positive difference in their communities.



Meg's Peg  
Commercial fare  
by Melva E. Guinther

Do you ever wonder who in the world comes up with TV commercials? Whoever it is, they have a lot more imagination than I do. I mean really, who thinks up a water-skiing family of bread sticks???

Sometimes I suspect it's some high school kids sitting around and goofing off when they should be doing their homework.

I don't watch a lot of television, but I think I get more than my share of commercials for the time spent. (And why must they be so loud?)

The Geiko gecko is kind of cute. It's probably his accent that's appealing. It's "Entertaining!" The AFLAC duck doesn't do much for me, though.

And what's with all those people ordering cold cereal in a restaurant? If I'm fortunate enough to have breakfast in a restaurant, you can be sure it'll be eggs and bacon, maybe toast and some hash browns. I don't believe I've ever seen anyone ask for cold cereal in a restaurant, and if they did, I'm pretty sure it wouldn't come in a fancy sundae dish "compliments of the chef."

Cereal at the ballpark is even more outlandish. Regardless of the ridiculous price of hot dogs, I doubt that they'll ever be replaced by Cheerios.

Breakfast cereal may be good for you, but methinks it's slightly overrated in commercials. Sure, it helps to keep a person regular, but does it really enable an 8-year-old to spell "aardvark" correctly in a spelling bee?

My vote for the most disgusting TV ad is Digger, the dermatophyte or whatever they call a nail infection. Yuk! He often shows up on the screen around dinnertime, which is almost enough to spoil one's appetite. Almost.

Some of the commercials whiz right over our heads. Perhaps they're intended for the younger generation. There was one ad for a foreign car that we didn't get at all. We haven't seen it recently, so maybe nobody else did either.

Ads featuring little children and puppies usually appeal to a wide audience.

One that we thought was good featured 2 little kids acting quite natural. They argued a bit about "spinach" and "Spanish."

Unfortunately, we don't remember what was being sold. So maybe it wasn't so clever after all.

## Sutter, Roemer married

Connie Jean Sutter of Deford and William Edwin Roemer, Sr. of Sebawaing were married July 1, 2006 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City. Pastor Gerald Meyer officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Dorothy Rathje of Caseville (formerly of Saginaw). She is currently employed as a teacher at Owen-Gage High School.

The groom is the son of Mildred Roemer of Sebawaing and the late Edwin Roemer. He is currently employed at Huron Castings in Pigeon.

The bride was escorted by her sons, David Sutter, Jr. of Royal Oak, and Zachary Sutter of Ypsilanti.

The groom's attendants were Christina Bedore and William Roemer, Jr., both of Unionville, daughter and son of the groom.

The usher was Chris Bedore, son-in-law of the groom. The hostess was Tressa Roemer, daughter-in-law of the groom.

A dinner reception was held following the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cass City. Guests came from Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, New Jersey and Grenada.

The couple honeymooned in Traverse City and will reside in Deford.

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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Debbie Mika, Cass City, found the greatest value of all those offered in the galaxy of specials that highlights Summer Mania in Cass City. She bought \$5 worth of 50-50 tickets and won \$100.

Jumping with joy, she explained that it was the first time she had ever won anything.

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A \$1,500 ping-pong ball drop is slated Oct. 3 prior to the homecoming football game with the Lakers. The plan is to have balls numbered from 1 to 1,000 probably pitched out of a plane over the field. The balls nearest the center of the gridiron will be the winners. First place receives \$750, second place, \$500 and third place, \$250.

Tickets are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. You need not be present to win. All profits go to the Cass City football program and sponsors are aiming at \$5,000 for the program.

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Where has the summer gone? That thought kept flitting across my mental horizon this week as the discussion switched to the media picture day slated next Thursday in Cass City.

Of course, the summer is shorter than it once was and may well be again in the years ahead.

Right now, school still starts before Labor Day (Aug. 29) and, as usual, the various school sports teams are going full tilt.

Over the years, I've often thought that it made more sense to start after the Labor Day holiday, but my conviction wavered when it was pointed out that it probably would mean another week in June.

Take your pick; it's a win-lose or a lose-win proposition.

# Sanilac officers smash theft ring

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies in conjunction with the Sandusky Police Department last week broke up a theft ring which, they say, stretched from Flint to Manistee.

The crime spree includes vehicles stolen in the Sandusky area along with break-ins at businesses in Carsonville, Watertown Township and Sandusky, according to Sanilac County Undersheriff Garry Biniecki, who said the investigation began several weeks ago following break-ins at 2 Sanilac County businesses.

"Over the next several weeks, other thefts occurred in and around the area of Sandusky, which include the theft of a 4-wheeler from Ball Equipment in Sandusky," Biniecki reported. "As leads were developed by Sandusky police and the sheriff's office, it became apparent that one or more of the same individuals were involved in several of the thefts," he said.

A major break in the investigation occurred last Wednesday when a

black Chevy pickup that had been stolen near Sandusky was spotted with 3 male subjects inside, by a relative of the owner of the truck, according to Biniecki.

As officers from Sandusky, Marlette, the Sanilac County Drug Task Force and sheriff's department worked together, searching the area, Deputy Kevin Nowiski spotted the vehicle with 2 suspects inside. Both were taken into custody without incident.

"Over the course of the next 3 days, the investigation led to further arrests and recovery of evidence in several of the cases," Biniecki said.

"The suspects were not only working this area over, but they are also believed to be involved in several other thefts from Flint to Manistee."

As of Friday, one juvenile along with 4 adult males and one female, all from the Sandusky area, had been taken into custody on various charges. Their ages rank from 17 to 22 years.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

Talk about discouraging. This morning I sorted through twenty-years-worth of columns looking for an idea, and I couldn't find a single one.

Twenty years of writing and there's not a useful thought in the whole mess. The closest thing to a poignant perception was a handwritten note at the top of one column.

"The note asks, 'Is the pig joke too old?'"

This query appears on a 1984 column as a notation from my wife, who edited my columns in those days. My wife generally thinks all of my jokes are too old.

The note caught my eye because I heard a comedian tell the same story on TV last week. If it was too old in 1984 it must be ancient by now!

Besides, jokes don't grow old. Jokes are like sick kids at a wedding reception: They may lose their punch, but they always survive.

Readers may recall that the pig story features a guy driving down the highway when he finds a pig along the side of the road. This man knew nothing about pigs and assumed the critter was lost; so he picked it up.

He gets the pig into the front seat of his car and drives into town, where he finds a policeman sitting in front of the coffee shop. He stops and describes his situation to the cop and asks what he should do with the pig.

"Well there aren't any pig farms around here," the policeman says. "But if I were you I'd take it to the zoo."

Our good Samaritan gets back in his car and drives away.

The next day the same policeman sees this fellow driving down the street with the pig still in his car. The officer stops him and asks, "I thought you were going to take that pig to the zoo?"

"I did," the man said. "And we had so much fun that today I'm taking her to the baseball game."

So the question remains, "Is the pig joke too old?"

I don't think so. As long as anyone laughs, it's not too old.

I learned this from a county agent I used to know. This fellow was full of stories and would never hang up the phone without asking, "Did you hear the one about?"

He worked in several different counties during his thirty-year career and always said he could tell the same old stories as long as he found new people to tell them to. Some of his jokes of the day were pretty good, and some of them weren't.

The one I remember was, "Did you hear what happened to Tammy Faye Baker. The FBI got ahold of her and scrubbed all of that make-up off!"

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## The Haire Net

Theme park a bad idea

Amusement parks in Michigan in today's world just haven't cut the mustard and even if they did, the rumored theme park in Grayling is still a bad idea. There was a time that amusement parks dotted the Detroit area. If memory serves, there was one at Jefferson Beach and at Eastwood Park that thrived. Then the big boys arrived with the big bucks to provide expensive rides and the local parks suddenly seemed insignificant.

Smaller carnivals carved into the amusement business on the backs of modern trucks and like the smaller retailers the smaller park was on a downhill slide. Flint tried to buck the trend with a theme park, "Auto World" in 1984. It lasted a year and was finally torn down in 1997. It was a \$100 million mistake.

A park in central-northern Michigan is not a new idea. At one time a theme park just north of Bay City was a done deal. There's a monument with a picture of our country's flag painted on its side to mark the proposed location. Thankfully, that didn't pan out. Even if all the kinks were ironed out, turning land under the control of the Department of Natural Resources into a site for an amusement park should raise the ire of the conservationists who have donated millions to preserve as much as possible of primitive Michigan.

time Michigan.

According to a story in the Bay City Times, a Rochester-based firm wants to buy 1,800 acres of wooded DNR property along I-75, just south of Grayling, investing \$160 million to build a theme park.

Naturally, the Grayling community is excited. If it all comes true everyone looks for an explosion in land values and a flood of jobs. The company's plan for the property indicates that the theme park would employ 2,000 seasonally and 700 year-around.

A project like that would transform a county with about 9,000 people into a business hub and in the process cost us a little bit of nature's natural beauty that we enjoy today.

It would be hard to criticize the reaction of the Grayling residents as the rumors swirl around the community. Wouldn't most react the same if the proposition were in the central Thumb?

It's still a long ways from rumors to action and everything could well fizzle out just as it did in Bay City.

That suits me, even though it's easy to see that it would shatter a lot of dreams in Grayling.

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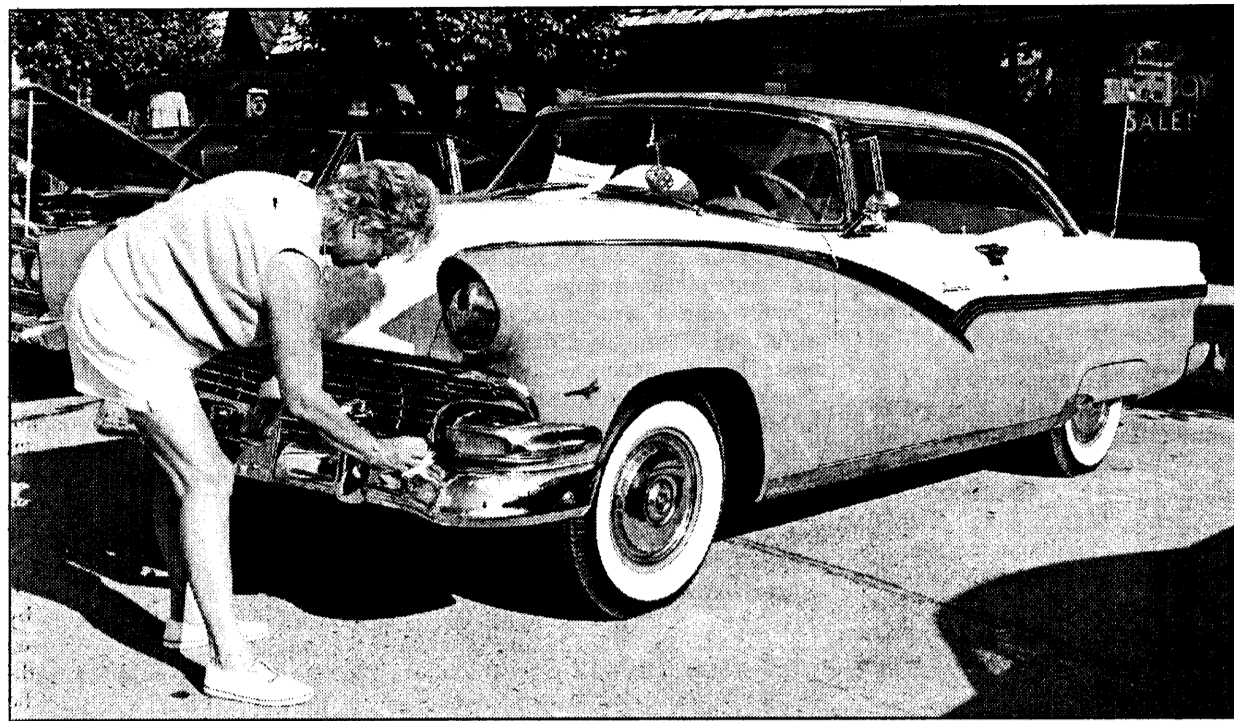
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## Summer Mania fun in Cass City

(Above) JOYCE BLOCK, of Minden City, polishes up her original, snowshoe white and peacock blue 1956 Ford Victoria during the classic car show Friday evening. Block took the first place trophy for the Original/Restored Ford category.

(Right) PAINTED AS a princess, Cass City resident Hope Stilson, 7, admires her face painting. Face painting was one of the many events for kids during Summer Mania.



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# Several face charges

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

•Brandon P. Anderson, 17, Bay City, was sentenced to 180 days in the county jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Dec. 21 in Fairgrove, and breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny and larceny in a building Jan. 3 in Akron.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,500.

•Robert L. Brashaw, 44, Vassar, stood mute to charges of possession of a short-barreled shotgun, 3 counts of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams), 4 counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked June 28 in Vassar. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case, bond was continued at \$150,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Joshua R. Fields, 20, Cass City, stood mute to charges of second degree home invasion, larceny in a building and 2 counts of conspiracy Jan. 17-18 in Columbia Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$10,000.

•Michael C. Smith, 52, Howard City, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (deferred) and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to failure

to pay child support for 2 different children from Aug. 1, 2005, through Dec. 31, 2005.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,600 in costs and fines plus a combined \$59,276.93 in restitution.

•Sheila L. Bolger, 44, Gagetown, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for her pleas of guilty to 5 counts of obtaining a controlled substance (Darvocet) by fraud between March 2005 and February 2006 in Caro.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,740. Restitution is to be determined.

•Danielle L. Baker, 19, Melbourne, Fla., was ordered to pay \$1,100 in costs and fines for her plea of no contest to kidnapping-custodial interference between Dec. 15 and March 10, 2006, in Vassar Township.

•Michael Delbert-Lee Ross, 23, Mayville, was sentenced to 18 months probation and 90 days in jail (60 days deferred), with work release, for his plea of no contest to attempted possession with intent to deliver marijuana Feb. 4 in Mayville.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,540.

•Randy L. Snyder Jr., 18, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a weapon (knife) in a weapon-free school zone March 16 in Caro.

He was ordered to pay \$1,665 in costs and fines.

•Shirley A. Jobson, 38, Glendive, Mont., was sentenced to 90 days in jail (deferred) and 24 months probation for her pleas of guilty to failure to pay child support from July 1, 2002, through May 30, 2005.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$970 plus restitution of \$13,891.27.

•Jason B. Morgan, 21, Millington, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while impaired and maintaining a drug house March 18 in Millington Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$1,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Justin D. Sturm, 18, Cass City, was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in prison

for his pleas of guilty to second degree home invasion, larceny in a building and conspiracy Jan. 18 in Columbia Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$240 in costs and fines.

•Mathew J. Kostrzewa, 29, Kingston, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 270 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for his convictions on charges of operating a motor vehicle while impaired and failure to report damage to fixtures Nov. 27 in Kingston/Koylton Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$4,160.

•Christopher R. Patterson, 19, Caro, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle Feb. 24 in Indianfields Township, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay \$120 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$848.45.

•Ronda E. Worth, 41, Caro, was sentenced to 210 days in jail and 36 months probation for her pleas of no contest to forgery involving a \$4,600 financing authorization form drawn on Capitol One between July 1, 2005, and Aug. 31, 2005, in Cass City.

She was also ordered to pay \$1,120 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$2,014.30.

•Glynn P. Wilson, 23, Millington, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building May 10 in Millington, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Marcos A. Garcia, 17, Caro, stood mute to charges of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder, assaulting a police officer, malicious destruction of property (less than \$200), and assault or assault and battery June 13 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled, bond was continued at \$30,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

## Blood drive scheduled for Aug. 15

The next local blood drive has been scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the Cass City VFW Hall. The Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring the event.

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

During the school year, donations from high school and college students account for about 15 percent of Red Cross blood collections. In the summer, however, 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 fact, blood is needed every 2 seconds in America to meet the needs of everyday accident victims, cancer patients and children with blood disorders.

## Sanilac County 4-Hers earn trophies, county honors at the 4-H fair

A host of area Sanilac County 4-H members earned trophies and county honors during the 2006 Sanilac County 4-H Fair, held July 24-29 at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Sandusky.

The winners included:

\*Grand Champion Dairy Veal Showman - Ashley Szymanski, Snover.

\*Grand Champion Dairy Veal Calf - Ashley Szymanski, Snover.

\*First Place (ages 16-19) Kevin Kerbyson Memorial Beef Showmanship Traveling Trophy - Kristen Hirsch, Decker.

\*First Place (age 9) Kevin Kerbyson Memorial Beef Showmanship Traveling Trophy - Jodie Mahaffy, Snover.

\*Sheep Showmanship, First Place (ages 9-12) - Jenna Hirsch, Decker.

\*Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Lambs - Kristen Hirsch, Decker.

\*Grand Champion Market Lamb - Jenna Hirsch, Decker.

\*Sheep Champion Rate of Gain - Sam Stevens, Snover.

\*Swine Showmanship, First Place (ages 13-15) - Janson Parker, Snover.

\*Swine Showmanship, First Place (ages 9-12) - Jourdan Park, Snover.

\*Livestock Record Books County Honors - Melissa Smith, Snover.

\*Dairy Goat Showmanship Senior Division - Brysien Beer, Kingston.

\*Grand Champion Dairy Goat Showman - Brysien Beer, Kingston.

\*Poultry Senior Showmanship - Brysien Beer, Kingston.

\*Best of Show Poultry Showman - Brysien Beer, Kingston.

\*Best of Show Meat Birds - Kristy Watson, Snover.

\*Best of Show Turkeys - Kristy Watson, Snover.

\*Best of Show Waterfowl - Kristy Watson, Snover.

\*First Place Communication, Team

Demo (Senior) - Lanae Mahaffy, Snover.

\*Michigan State Fair Youth Gold Ribbon Best of Show Award Winner - Brysien Beer, Kingston (photography).

\*Food and Nutrition County Honors - Brysien Beer, Kingston; Emmalee Griswold, Snover; Klyn Puterbaugh, Snover; Kelsey Roggenbuck, Snover; and Stephanie Smith, Snover.

\*Cake Decorating - Marissa Polishnuik, Kingston.

\*Arts and Crafts County Honors - Tiffany Maurer, Snover (young crafts); Jerica Fenningsdorf, Uby, and Lanae Mahaffy, Snover (senior crafts); Terra Camburn, Snover; Emmalee Griswold, Snover; and Marissa Polishnuik, Kingston (creative writing); and Tiffany Hilt, Kingston (card making).

\*Sewing County Honors - Jodie Mahaffy, Snover.

\*Buymanship County Honors - Lanae Mahaffy, Snover.

\*Personal Record Books - Jessica Polishnuik, Kingston.

\*Horticulture - Angela Braun, Uby; Whitney Braun, Uby; Jodi Mahaffy, Snover; Lanae Mahaffy, Snover; Tiffany Maurer, Snover; Klyn Puterbaugh, Snover; and Kristy Watson, Snover.

\*Vegetable County Honors - Emmalee Griswold, Snover; Rebecca Leslie, Decker; Jodie Mahaffy, Snover; and Lanae Mahaffy, Snover.

\*Teen Leadership Books County Honors - Lanae Mahaffy, Snover.

\*Photography County Honors - Rachel Auten, Decker; Brysien Beer, Kingston; and Tiffany Maurer, Snover.

\*Best of Show Photography - Brysien Beer, Kingston.



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"The Domestic Violence Recovery Program is a 26-week, intense program to educate and modify behaviors of people that have been violent towards their partners," she explained. "This is an opportunity to get help instead of going to jail."

Weekly classes are held at the Kid's

Connection building, located at 217 E. Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, each Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

"The CALM program is a 10-week anger management group that teaches participants about anger and other negative emotions, then equips (participants) with the skills to avoid a violent or aggressive act," Lanctot continued, adding weekly sessions are also held at the Kid's Connection, on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

More information about the programs and fees is available by calling (810) 648-9395 or (810) 648-5463.

# Noah's Ark Festival set to debut Friday-Sunday

by Maggie Peterson  
Staff Writer

The Noah's Ark Festival is bringing a mix of rides, crafts and music to the Thumb. This is the first year for the festival, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 11 through Sunday, Aug. 13.

It has been a lesson in patience and organization, said the Rev. Duane Plonta, a Gagetown resident and one of the event's organizers. "Where do you go get the vendors?" he said. "Where do you get this? Where do you get this? ... It's just a lot of work." The festival kicks off Friday at 10 a.m. Arts and crafts, a dunk tank, face

painting, pony rides and a 24-foot rock-climbing wall will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All these events, in addition to a petting zoo, are back again on Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday features arts and crafts, a petting zoo and the rock-climbing wall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Train rides around the property's 22-acre lake go from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. A horseshoe contest will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and again Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both Friday and Saturday will feature a field day for kids, with contests like a 3-legged race, potato sack race and a relay. Contestants will be stretching their stomachs for Saturday's hot dog eating contest, which starts at 1 p.m. Friday's evening entertainment features a talent contest at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday will be filled with music, as multiple concerts by local and national groups are scheduled. They are free and will take place rain or shine under the pavilion. Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m., Mandy Bashore and This Side of Mercy will be performing, followed by Kevin Steffes at 7 p.m. Seven groups are scheduled to sing Sunday, including Owendale bands Any Given Hour and Definition of Tuesday. All these activities are in addition to what Noah's Ark always has to offer - amusement rides, putt-putt golf, a maze and the Gospel Bears, mechanical bears that sing and play music by the Cathedral Quartet. A committee of about 18 people has been working on the festival for the past year, organizing and meeting regularly, Plonta said.

He came up with the idea to have a festival on his Gagetown property, Noah's Ark, and later approached area churches for help with the planning, he said.

Funding for the festivals comes through donations from sponsors and proceeds from button sales, which advertise for the festival. Plonta said he originally came up with the idea to have a festival, and others are supporting the effort, because "we want to help the community. There's a lot to be done."

The event, which is alcohol- and smoke-free, is a wholesome event for the entire family, said Jan Cole, a Gagetown resident who is helping organize the event. "I think it's a good thing," she said of the festival. "It's a community thing. It's a whole family thing. They can come here and be comfortable."

Admission and parking are free. Rides will be \$1. Pets will not be allowed. Proceeds from the event will go to local programs, yet to be determined.

Chicago, San Francisco and New York are among cities highlighted in songs that became classics. Chances are most of you don't know that there was a song saluting Detroit that never made it to anywhere near the top of the popularity polls, even though it

was sung by one of America's premier performers, Sammy Davis, Jr. According to the "Michigan Trivia" book, the song was "Hello Detroit" and was recorded in 1984 in a Motown salute. (From Rabbit Tracks)

State Transportation Director Robert Welke and State Police Director Col. Michael A. Robinson last week unveiled the first Lansing area sign for the speed limit test zones. The 5 test areas across the state will increase the maximum speed limit from 65 to 70 m.p.h. on 517 miles of interstate. All but 170 highway miles will rise from 55 to 65 m.p.h. The new laws will impact travel in the following areas: I-71 from Standish to Sault Ste. Marie, U.S. 131 from Grand Rapids to Cadillac, I-96 near Muskegon to Lansing, I-69 from the Indiana border to Port Huron (except Flint), and I-94 from Mt. Clemens to Port Huron.

Two visitors to Cass City proved once again that it's a small, small world and getting smaller. The visitors are Denis and Rae Morgan of New South Wales, Australia, and their Cass City connection is through her daughter, Christ. She is a nurse and met her husband while working in a hospital in Germany. He is Marty Yedinak, a name familiar to many Cass Cityans because his father was a well known coach at Cass City High School. The Morgans are on a 2 1/2-week trip to the states and are the guests of the W.E. Walpoles in the community. They will visit their daughter and son-in-law in Colorado where they now make their home. The couple is impressed by the friendliness of Cass City and envious of the rain that keeps everything green and growing. We felt as if we had met most of Cass City while we were eating at the bakery in the morning, they said.

Roy Anthes was in the office, highly indignant about the Chronicle ad showing our employees that was published recently. He wasn't alone. What Anthes and others noticed was that Dorothy Haire wasn't pictured. She does half the work and wasn't mentioned, Anthes observed. What Anthes and others didn't know is that when it became time to run the ad her picture disappeared. She swears she knows nothing about it. What can I say, except that other than that picture, she has her finger on everything around here down to the last paperclip. (From Rabbit Tracks)

It's hard to feel sorry for the striking controllers in their dispute with the government. After all they were averaging \$33,000 a year and were offered a wage boost that totaled 11.2 percent and turned it down. Since the vast majority of the United States

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Every year there are changes in the rules covering high school sports. Some of them are really picky. In football, when a team scores and the opposing team commits a foul on the play it is no longer automatic that the infraction is refused. In basketball, during a 30-second timeout all players must remain standing. It's hard to imagine why we need these nitpicking regulations. On the other hand, the new emphasis on sportsmanship is laudable. There will be no tolerance for negative statements or actions between opposing players or among team members and coaches. Trash talking, taunting or baiting opponents or casual use of vulgarities will net a penalty immediately. (From Rabbit Tracks)

July 4th Festival Co-Chairs Doug Hyatt and Gary Jones were honored by Jane Hittler and Jane Downing for their outstanding contributions to the festival. The wooden plaques were presented on Downing's last day as village manager.

The Jan. 1, 2001 Michigan farm real estate value, including land and buildings, averaged a new record high of \$2,250 per acre, according to the Federal-State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service. Farm real estate values were up 4.7 percent from 2000 and 21.6 percent from 1999. Michigan's cropland value rose 5 percent from the previous year to \$2,100 per acre. The Lake States region saw a 7.3 percent increase to \$1,610 per acre. The average value of cropland in the U.S. rose 3.4 percent during 2000 to a value of \$1,540 per acre. Michigan pasture values rose 3.7 percent from last year to \$1,120 per acre.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Not so long ago tattoos were taboo, something only sailors and drunks had. Times have changed. Now grandmas and teenagers have them. Tattoos have even found their way into Cass City via Steve Smith. Smith, who has lived in Cass City since the sixth grade, got his first tattoo when he was 19 and now, almost 20 years later, he has hundreds covering his body. Smith said he got his first tattoo "for the fun of it." It wasn't until a few years later, he said, that he started his collection. There is a common theme to most of Smith's tattoos, cartoons. An avid cartoon watcher, Smith is also a cartoonist. Hence the reason for all the tattoos.

Chicago, San Francisco and New York are among cities highlighted in songs that became classics. Chances are most of you don't know that there was a song saluting Detroit that never made it to anywhere near the top of the popularity polls, even though it

work force does not approach those wages, it's also certain that President Reagan's stand will be popular. The hard line was surprising in the light of the concessions made to the postal workers to avert a threatened strike. Looking at both issues, the question that comes immediately to mind is whether the chaos threatened by a mail strike was so great that the administration buckled while a strike by the controllers could be overcome, with great inconvenience, but without paralyzing the nation. (From The Haire Net)

### 35 YEARS AGO

Germany and Austria haven't changed much for Mrs. Joseph Koepf since she left in 1948 as a "war bride."

She and her 19-year-old daughter, Linda, returned recently to visit the old country. They left July 8 and returned July 22. The main objective of the trip was to visit Linda's fiancé, who is stationed with the Army at Fruda, near Frankfurt. They began their trip pleasantly at Fruda, but when they reached Frankfurt, Mrs. Koepf said both she and Linda received stares and giggles every time they walked down the street. "I went out to buy a magazine one night, just a nice clean magazine like Look or Life, and every one I saw was pornographic, every one," said the woman. She still speaks with a slight accent but it is hardly noticeable. "Frankfurt is terrible," she said, "but the little towns are darling. They haven't changed much. It is still eat, drink and be merry."

Flame throwing Rob Alexander, Cass City's pro baseball hope, has turned down an offer to attend a baseball-college academy run by the Kansas City Royals. The Royals made Alexander an offer after he tried out recently at Port Huron. He was one of two from over 2,000 candidates that could have made the grade. But after considering the offer, Rob turned it down, his dad, Robert, said this week, and instead is accepting a "free ride" at Port Huron Junior College.

The thought behind the move, the senior Alexander said, is that after a couple of years at Port Huron which runs an ambitious baseball program, if Rob has the stuff he'll get other offers. If he doesn't, he wouldn't have made it anyway and he'll have two years of college behind him as he goes on to other things. The young pitcher had been ready to sign the KC offer, but when all the details were revealed the proposed college education was in reality a guarantee of just one year and Rob decided to wait and see if better things would come his way in the future. He's still committed to giving pro ball his best pitch. (From Rabbit Tracks)

## Ask your neighbor

### Food, sales, weather great for Summer Mania

Question: Why did you come out to Summer Mania?

Summer Mania was alive and swinging in Cass City this weekend, and Robyn Brummitt and Kathy Sweet were enjoying every minute of it Friday.



Robyn Brummitt & Kathy Sweet

They headed into town because "today is our day off together so we decided to come in to town," said Brummitt.

The two planned to hit the sidewalk sales after eating a leisurely hot dog and potato chip lunch in Rotary Park.

Brummitt, of Deford, said she already had found some great deals at garage sales - swimsuits, plants and child gates for her dog.

The two also were fans of the weather, especially after the hot days earlier in the week. "The weather's beautiful and we're enjoying our one day off," said Sweet, of Cass City.

Robyn Brummitt is a Deford resident and works in the dementia medical unit of Northwood Meadows. Kathy Sweet is from Cass City and is a cook at Northwood Meadows.

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<p><b>Calvary Bible Fellowship</b>                  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 &amp; Youth Group 7:00 p.m.                  Pastor - Chuck Carr                  Transportation available</p>	<p><b>Evangelical Free Church of Cass City</b>                  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</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b>                  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 &amp; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.                  AWANA 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays                  Pastor: Eric Holmgren                  Website: www.fbccc.us</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church</b>                  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</p> <p><b>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</b>                  6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726                  872-2770                  Worship Service 9:30 a.m.                  Bible Class &amp; Sunday School 10:45 a.m.                  Pastor: Gerald Meyer</p> <p><b>Living Word Worship Center</b>                  (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</p>	<p><b>Novesta Church of Christ</b>                  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 &amp; Sunday Evening Services 6:00 p.m.                  Minister: Chuck Emmert                  Youth Minister: Brad Speirs                  Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org</p> <p><b>Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church</b>                  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</p> <p><b>St. Agatha Catholic Church</b>                  4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735                  665-9966                  Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>St. Pancratius Catholic Church</b>                  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</p> <p><b>Shabbona United Methodist Church</b>                  4455 North Decker Rd., Decker, MI 48426                  810-672-9929 (parsonage)                  989-872-8094 (church)                  Sunday School 9:45 a.m.                  Worship 11:00 a.m.                  UMW Monthly 1st Wed., 7:00 p.m.                  Pastor: Ellen Burns                  Visit our website at: www.dasuparish.com</p>
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### Calendar of Events

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

#### Wednesday, August 9

Chicken dinner, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. For takeouts, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon, or after 12:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, August 12

Novesta Old Settlers Reunion, potluck dinner at noon, Novesta Church of Christ.

#### Sunday, August 13

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

#### Monday, August 14

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

#### Tuesday, August 15

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.

#### Wednesday, August 16

United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. Finalization of Youth Day. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

Creative Cartooning Program, 6:30 p.m., at Rawson Memorial Library

## Golf tryouts slated

Mandatory tryouts for the Cass City golf team will be held August 10th at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Individuals must have a current physical to participate in Thursday's practice, which starts at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact coach Jim Green at 989-683-2602.

## Softball league planned

The village of Cass City is planning a co-ed Slow Pitch Softball League. Games will be played on Monday and Thursday nights with a tentative starting date of August 21.

Anyone interested in entering a team, please call Doug Hyatt at 872-2911 before August 17. Cost is \$125.00 per team.



## DAY ONE!

CASS CITY LINEMEN (from left) Jake Leslie, Justin Louks and Isaiah Battel take a water break during Monday's opening day practice. The Red Hawk season opens Aug. 25 with a home non-conference tilt with Sandusky.

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Ray Fox	132	Warner/Wallace	57
Craig Helwig	132	Jones/Marshall	57
Rich Tate	126	Burns/Kritzman	56**
Don Ouvry	126	Berwick/Greenlee	55
Jerry Toner	122	Dillon/Tonti	52*
Mark Swanson	121	Davis/Leeson	51
Rick Salcido	116	Burns/Hutchinson	47-
Mike Falatko	115	Craig/Knight	44
Bill Kritzman	114	Henn/Peters	40**
Erik Tamlyn	101	Glaspie/Stickland	40**
Fred Leeson	94	Herron/Tuckey	36
Scott Richards	93	Medalists: Individual-Bill Kritzman	
Don Warner	93	38; Team-Bellew/Kritzman 81.	
		Substitutes: C. Weaver, E. Bellew,	
		S. Wright.	
<b>Flight #2</b>	166	<b>Division 2 - Late</b>	
Rick Coleman	136	Osentoski/Schott	67
Daryl Iwankovitsch	132	deBeaubien/Patrick	63**
Jim Peyerk	127	Biddinger/Smith	60*
Dave Weiler	126	Hool/Toner	53
Gary Robinson	122	Bliss/Krol	52**
Corey Ulfig	121	Martin/Robinson	49*
Jon Zdrojewski	116	Corey/Paul Ulfig	49
Dave Hoard	116	Hartel/Hartzell	46
Mike Lowe	116	Doerr/Haire	45
Jim Apley	109	Hillaker/Murphy	44
Jon Langley	104	Bellew/Curtis	37
Clark Erla	104	LeValley/Morgan	33
Craig Bellew	95	Tamlyn/Langley	32
Russ Biefer	91	Prieskorn/Repshinska	30
		Medalists: Individual-Todd Comment	
<b>Flight #3</b>	157	35; Team-T.O./Schott 79.	
Dan Curtis	143	Substitutes: T. Comment, K. Bliss.	
Ed Knight	141		
Dan Mosher	137		
Virgil Peters	135		
Jack Hool	132		
Jim Hobbs			
		<b>Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of Aug. 2</b>	
		<b>Division 1 - Early</b>	
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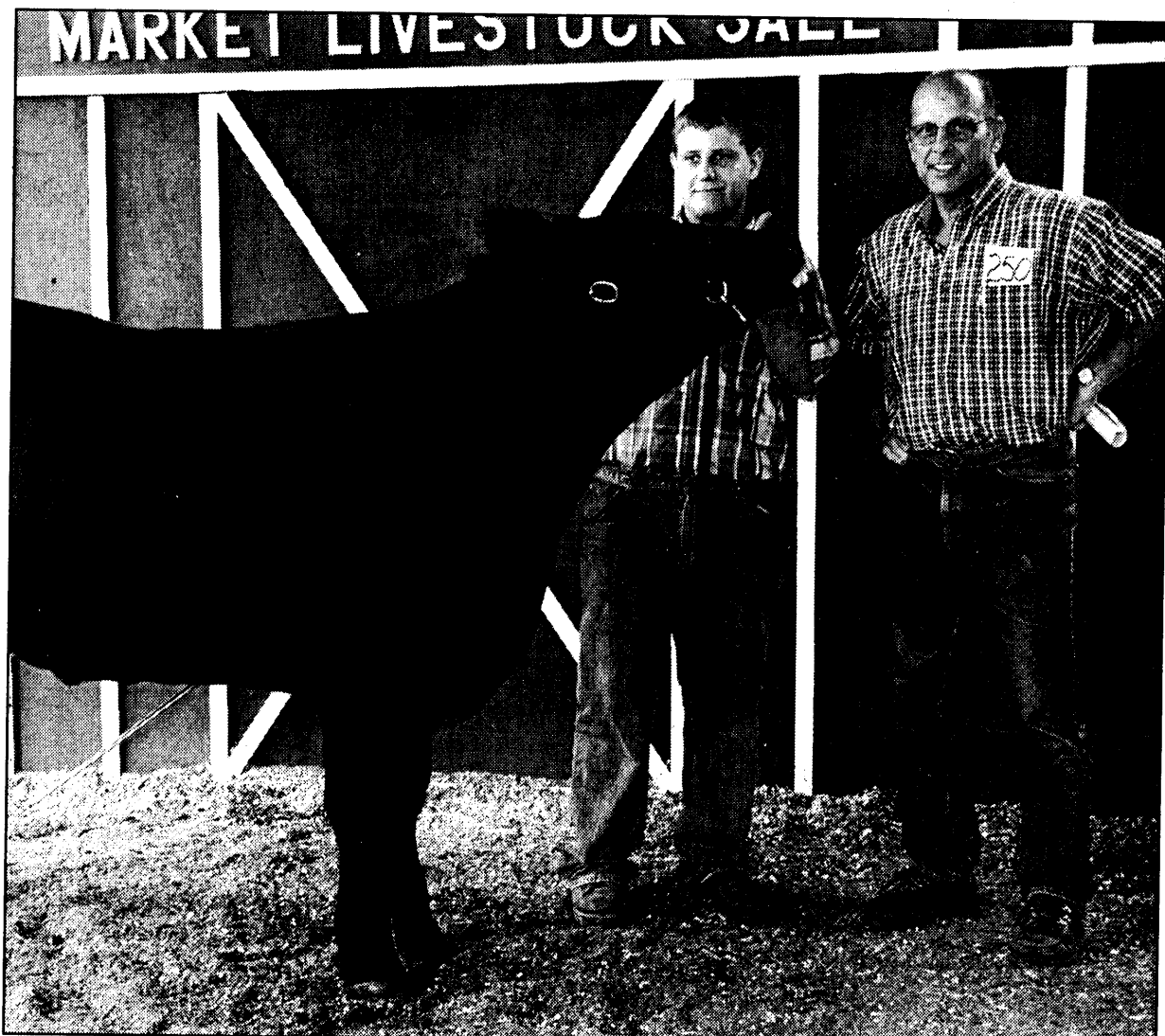
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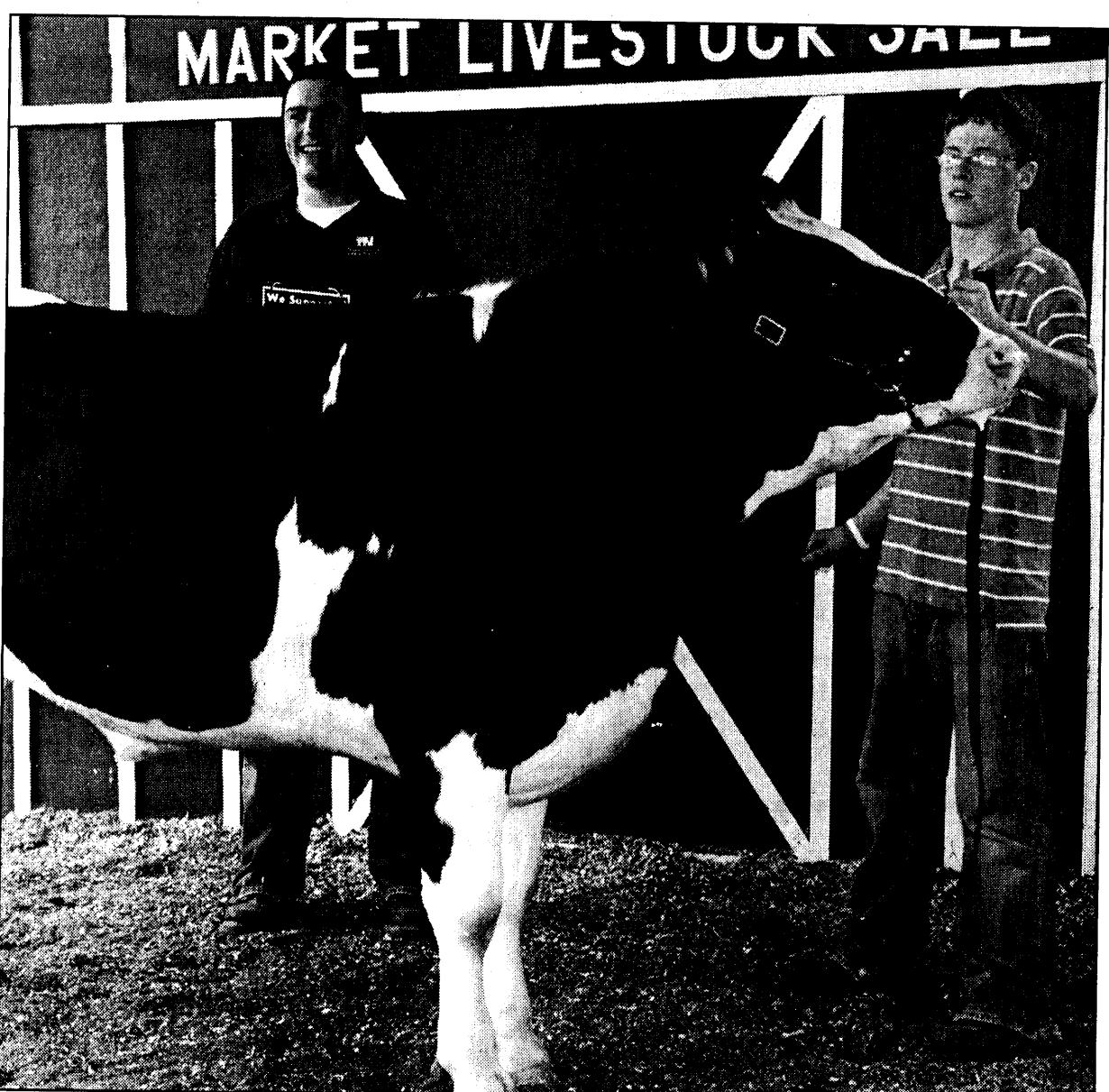
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ADAM OSENTOSKI'S 1,250-pound market beef went to Bob and Mary Am Hirn for \$1,400. Ten percent of the sale went to the Paul DeLong Memorial Fund. Osentoski is a member of the 5 Star Livestock Club and the son of David and Teresa Osentoski. (Related photos, page 10)



GUY SOMERVILLE'S 1,220-pound market beef sold for \$1,250 to Thumb National Bank of Cass City. Somerville is a member of 4 Leaf Achievers and the son of John and Thresa Somerville.

## Cpl. Cameron J. Becker activated for deployment

Army National Guard Cpl. Cameron J. Becker has been mobilized and activated for a future deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Becker, a combat field medic with 3 years of military service, is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment based in Big Rapids. A 2002 graduate of Caro High School, he is the son of Victor and Lisa Becker of Caro. His wife, Erica, is the daughter of Harold Conley of Ubyly and Pauline Guigar of Cass City. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the of-

official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq.

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Cpl. Cameron J. Becker



## Students can pick up schedules

Cass City High School students may pick up their class schedules this month. Student must turn in a completed emergency form in order to pick up their schedules.

Students may pick up their schedules on the following dates: Seniors - Tuesday, Aug. 15; juniors, Friday, Aug. 18; and sophomores, Monday, Aug. 21. Freshmen orientation is slated for Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m. in the high school gymnasium.

New students must make an appointment with the guidance office for class scheduling by calling 872-2148.

## Cartooning program set at library

Young Adults, age 10 and up, are invited to attend Michal Jacot's "Creative Cartooning" program set for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 16 at Rawson Memorial Library.

As a published cartoonist, Jacot will lead those attending through the creative process and together they will create a super hero and story. The fun doesn't end there...Jacot will take the ideas and write and illustrate a complete 15-20 page comic book which he'll send to the library and everyone that comes to the program will receive a copy and/or may view it online at the library web site. He will also answer questions about comic books and graphic novels. Refreshments will be served.

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Throughout her 20+ years of teaching, Erin has performed for several dance companies, and currently tours with Be Dance, Be Charmed. She trains throughout the year in New York and California in dance, yoga and pilates. Erin was featured in a commercial for Chase Manhattan Bank Corp., performed with Cameron English from the movie "A Chorus Line", directed three years for the Mid-Michigan Diabetes Fund, "A Night Out on Broadway" (a two year running show), and "A Night in Hollywood". She choreographed and performed in "Out Numbered" a national hip hop tour. Erin has judged national competitions with Kids Artistic Revue and American Heritage Dance Convention and Competition.



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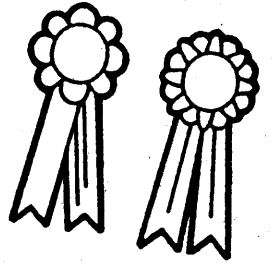
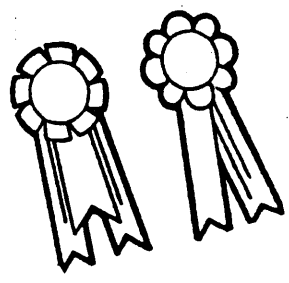
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**KATIE WOOD**, of Kingston, sold her roaster chickens for \$170 to Caro Community Bank and donated 10 percent of the sale to the Small Stock Committee. Wood is the daughter of Keith and Jane Wood and a member of the 5 Star Livestock Club.

## Cooperative provides images

A new collaboration between Michigan State University (MSU) and state government agencies will help planners across the state get their first aerial glimpse of their communities in nearly a decade.

The digital aerial images will also be used to update the statewide land use and land cover map for the first time since 1978.

Aerial photographs help planners and citizens see actual land use patterns on the ground and help anticipate future patterns. Decision makers can use this information in making land use choices that support sustainable development.

The Michigan Aerial Imagery Partnership (MAIP) was established to acquire statewide digital aerial images this summer. Members of MAIP are the MSU Land Policy Program, MSU Remote Sensing and GIS Services, the Michigan Center for Geographic Information, and the Michigan departments of Environmental Quality, Agriculture, Transportation, Labor and Economic Growth and Natural Resources, and the Michigan State Police.

"We want to empower Michigan decision makers and stakeholders by providing critical land use information in spatial formats," said Soji Adelaja, the MSU John A. Hannah professor in land policy and director of the Land Policy Program. "Many planners and decision makers are currently forced to make decisions without current land use and land cover information."

Aerial images are useful to land use planners, but aerial imagery is very costly.

The MAIP project will make aerial images available to every municipality across the state. The MSU Land Policy Program brokered a \$1.2 million deal with the U.S. Farm Service Agency to make the project possible.

State-of-the-art airborne digital sensors (Leica ADS40) mounted on high-speed Lear jets will be used to obtain aerial images of the entire state this summer. This is the first time this technology has been used in Michigan for statewide aerial images. Imagery will be processed according to state specifications for local political boundaries and down to 1-meter resolution. Local digital image data will be distributed for use by local, county and regional governments. This digital image information will be available online through the Michigan Center for Geographic Information in 2006.

Land use/land cover mapping can be used to inventory, quantify and manage existing and future land resources. Knowledge of the rates and locations of land conversion can provide a scientific basis for land use decisions and facilitate planning for sustainable growth and preserving valuable natural features.

The land cover map, in turn, will be used in the Picture Michigan Tomorrow initiative, an effort of the MSU Land Policy Program, Remote Sensing and Outreach Services, and the Computational Ecology and Visualization Laboratory to combine land cover data with information about past land use change and how it has been driven.

MSU is bringing together a multidisciplinary team of modelers from MSU and sister universities who will use the combined informa-

tion to build predictive models that forecast land use patterns and analyze land consumption and transformation in Michigan.

An integrated model will have the capacity to predict the local and statewide impacts of population dynamics on the performance of land-based industries, municipal fiscal health, economic growth, natural features, water quality, impervious cover and other quality-of-life variables. The resulting data will help local officials look at detailed future scenarios for

their communities and allow them to make better informed decisions.

"This information will be invaluable in making intelligent land use decisions that contribute to our state's economic growth," stated David C. Hollister, director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. "We are extremely sensitive to the fundamental relationships between good land use decisions and a healthy state economy and future prosperity."

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# Summer Mania enjoyed

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with his friend, Dolores Hartsell, of Cass City, and was enjoying the day.

"The hot dog is good, the pop is cold, and the shade is nice," he said.

Dotty Scollon, of Cass City, was at Summer Mania Friday evening with Cass City resident Geri Prieskorn.

"We like to come to support things that they do to bring people together," Scollon said.

Prieskorn added "It's a beautiful night. Why would you want to stay home?"

With no threat of even a drop of rain, the weather was perfect at the classic car show, sponsored by Pat Curtis Chevrolet, Curtis Chrysler and 98.1 KCQ-FM.

With about 75 cars, the show went very well, said Dan Curtis, general manager of Curtis Chrysler.

"It's only a 2-hour show," he said.

"Everybody gets to look at everybody else's cars. It draws people up town."

Four Wheel Drive, a Pontiac-based barbershop quartet, wandered through the cars during the show delivering their a cappella hits.

Cass City residents Julie Vargo and her father, Junior Vargo, took in the car show as they sat next to Junior's street rod, a black 1935 Chevrolet Standard Coupe.

"This is our third year that we've been here," Julie Vargo said of the car show.

Visiting with friends is one of the enjoyable things about the event, she added.

"I think everyone should own a classic or antique car," she said.

Curtis said the volunteers who worked the show "did a really good job and helped the show run real

smooth."

Luth said Summer Mania was well attended and enjoyed.

"It's just a great time for people to sit around and socialize," he said.

## Benefit scheduled for boy

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A subsequent MRI exam revealed the remaining tumor has swelled, but doctors can't say yet if the cause is more growth or the result of the radiation, according to his parents.

"We won't know anything until September," noted Tisa, who is on family leave from her job at Midwest Rubber in Deckerville.

"They can't tell us anything, so it's just tearing us apart," added Ed, who has continued to work as a survey crew chief for the Spicer Group in Caro.

"Our kids have always been extremely healthy. This has just hit us hard and fast — it's been a roller coaster — but the community support for Chase has just been outstanding. From what I understand, he's on every prayer board in Tuscola and Sanilac County," he said.

Tisa nodded. "It means a lot to us and it means a lot to him, too."

*Editor's note: Anyone interested in volunteering or donating cash or items for the upcoming auction can learn more by contacting Tuckey at 872-3236, Lovejoy at 872-2515, Walker at 872-5356 or Jaworski at 872-2502.*



ED AND TISA Szczepanski enjoy some family time at their Shabbona home with daughter, Courtney, 8, and Chase, 7, who underwent surgery to remove a portion of a cancerous tumor on his spine. A group of teachers at the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center are organizing a carnival-style benefit and auction for the family in September.

## Pets a risk to workers

Dog bite injuries have long been a problem for DTE Energy meter readers, who often have to enter homeowners' yards to read their MichCon gas and Detroit Edison electric meters. Unfortunately, these injuries are on the rise.

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