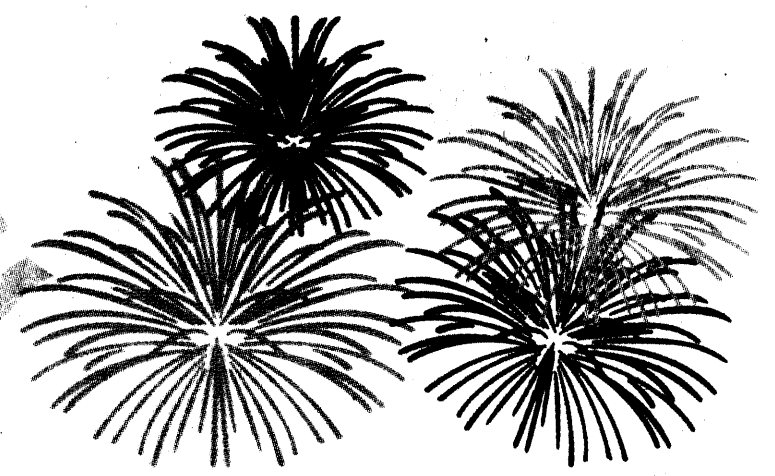


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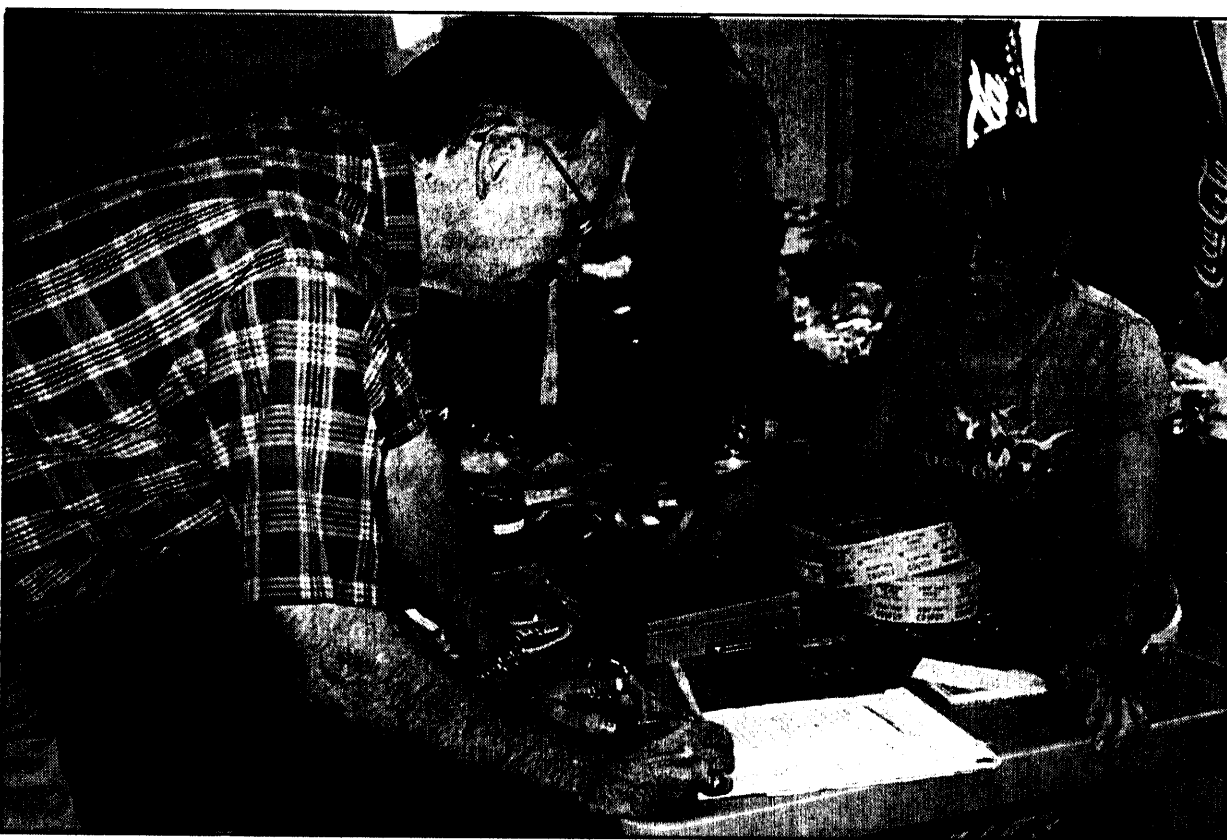
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**DENNIS KULA (left), material director for Millennium Industries from Cass City, signs up with cashier Kayla Haebler, of Cass City, to win a quilt in the raffle at Millennium Industries' Attic Treasure and Bake Sale June 22 and 23. The \$632 made was split between 2 Millennium families who are dealing with cancer. An estimated 90 percent of employees donated items, and all leftover items were donated to local organizations.**

## School cuts total \$1.214 million

The Cass City School Board approved a budget for 2006-07 that included spending cuts of \$1.214 million that will be enough to balance the budget and leave the district with a surplus of \$221,416 for the year. The surplus will increase the fund balance to \$692,876. If successful, the cuts will end 2 years of losses that cut the fund balance from \$1.626 million to \$471,460.

Despite the necessary belt tightening, a plan was outlined by Tom Menard of Honeywell Corp. that he said could be installed and paid for by savings in operational costs. The remodeling plan at the high school

includes the installation of new boilers.

He told the board that he estimated that the changes at the high school would save in the neighborhood of \$75,000 a year. After we make a detailed plan we will guarantee in writing the savings to be earned and if it's not achieved we will pay the school the difference, he said.

While the basic plan is expected to cost \$1.3 million it will result, Supt. Ron Wilson points out, in a savings in the long run. The district has already been approved for an interest-free government loan.

Menard also said that if the heating

system and other improvements were added at Campbell Elementary School the project would jump to some \$2.5 million.

Joan Helwig reported to the board the progress in building a sidewalk from Rose Street to the athletic field east of the high school. The plan is to extend the new walk to the walk adjacent to Seeger Street. The project was funded by 2 \$15,000 grants, one from the Pinney Foundation and the other from the Michigan Department of Community Health.

The school has pledged \$2,000 for the work and the committee hopes to raise another \$6,000 to complete the job.

Elaine Howard explained the K-8 curriculum process that provides consistent student achievement and has resulted in better MEAP testing results. Now in the third year, Howard said that the school was in the forefront among most area schools in the new program.

The Campbell reading recovery team explained the program and presented statistics showing how the program has aided children who require special help.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The cost for school lunches has gone up. The lowest price lunch was increased 5 cents to \$1.50. The high school lunch increased 25 cents to \$1.75 and adults will pay \$2.75, an increase of 55 cents. Wilson reported that a survey of area schools revealed

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## Financial picture at O-G still improving

The financial picture in the Owen-Gage School District brightened considerably from July 2005 to late this month, board of education members learned at a regular monthly meeting Monday night.

School Supt. Dana Compton presented an amended 2005-06 budget and a proposed 2006-07 spending plan.

"We saw a pretty good changeover in our revenues," said Compton, who noted there was a positive adjustment of about \$138,000 over the course of the fiscal year. "And had some title monies that were increased and (we

were) a little better in our school aid, and, of course, the sale of the (Gagetown Elementary) school," he added.

School officials had projected an ending fund balance of \$143,000 by the end of this month. The revised figure is roughly \$275,000, Compton said.

In accordance with state law, which requires school districts to have a new budget in place by July 1, Compton presented a proposed 2006-07 budget with expenditures set at just over \$2.035 million and revenues esti-

## Awards \$230,000

# Jury: surgeon Jeung was negligent in case

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A Tuscola County jury awarded more than \$230,000 to an Ubyly man and his late wife's estate last week after finding that a former Cass City physician/surgeon was professionally negligent in treating the man 6 years ago.

The jury handed down the verdict last Wednesday after deliberating for 3 to 4 hours. The trial lasted about 4 days.

Lawrence and Florence Longuski of Ubyly filed the suit against Dr. Hoon K. Jeung, M.D., a former longtime physician and surgeon in Cass City.

The suit stemmed from surgery Jeung performed on Lawrence Longuski June 21, 2000, at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City.

According to the suit, Longuski subsequently developed complications and was transferred to Covenant Health Care in Saginaw. Later, he was transferred to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, where surgeons performed extensive repair of the man's esophagus and stomach.

Attorney Terry Dawes of the Detroit legal firm of McKeen and Associates, who represented the Longuskis, said those complications were the result of an unnecessary surgical procedure that nearly cost Longuski his life.

According to Dawes, Longuski initially saw Jeung because he suffered from gastro esophageal reflux disease - chronic, severe heartburn.

The cause of the disorder is a small, one-way valve, called the lower esophageal sphincter (LES), located between the esophagus and the stomach. When functioning properly, the LES allows food and water to pass into the stomach, but prevents backflow. If the LES is loose or weak, ferocious stomach acids can back up into the esophagus, causing a powerful burning sensation as the acid comes in contact with the sensitive lining of the esophagus.

Dawes said Jeung performed an appropriate surgical procedure to correct the disorder. "The problem was that Dr. Jeung combined that surgery with a surgery we contend was not necessary," he added.

Dawes explained that the second surgical procedure involved cutting part of a nerve that controls how much acid the stomach secretes. Consequently, blood vessels are also cut during the procedure, he said, and the result was that the combined surgeries compromised the blood flow to Longuski's stomach and lower esophagus, causing tissue in both areas to die.

Dawes said surgeons later were forced to remove the dead tissue, leaving Longuski with an esophagus that ended in a blind pouch. He also lost two-thirds of his stomach. For 11 months, a feeding tube sustained

Longuski.

"I would say, by November 2001, he (Longuski) medically - in terms of his physical condition - he was all put back together," said Dawes, who noted doctors used a portion of Longuski's intestine to create a new, but much smaller stomach, and then reconnected his esophagus.

In its decision last week, the jury awarded Longuski \$134,200 for past

economic damages, including lost wages and medical expenses, and another \$50,000 for non-economic damages. The jury awarded a total of \$50,000 to his wife's estate, represented by the couple's son, for economic and non-economic damages.

The Chronicle was unable to reach Mr. Longuski and Dr. Jeung for com-

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## Police nab youths in damage spree

by Maggie Peterson  
Staff Writer

Charges of malicious destruction of property will be requested against the 2 Cass City juveniles who admitted Friday morning to damaging 9 properties earlier that day, Police Chief Craig Haynes said.

The juveniles are 11- and 12-years-old, he said. No other information was released because they are minors. The damage happened between midnight and 2 a.m. Friday, and Haynes received the first complaint around 7 a.m.; he said.

Interviews led him to the 2 juveniles, and during separate interviews with the juveniles and their parents, the 2 admitted to damaging the property, he said.

Powerhouse Auto, 6248 Pine St., was where the damage began, he said. "They damaged 4 windshields on

vehicles that were at that business," he said, adding that their feet were used to damage the windshields as they stood on the hoods of the vehicles.

Powerhouse Auto owner Darryl Mallory, of Cass City, said 3 of the cars were being used for parts, but one was a customer's car.

Mallory estimated that to replace everything new, "there would probably be \$1,900 to \$2,000."

He said he plans to seek money for the damages.

The juveniles then progressed to 4409 Brooker St., where a rock damaged the hood and windshield of a car, Haynes said.

The owner of the vehicle said he will seek restitution for the damages.

The third stop was a mailbox at 4461 Oak St., which was torn off the post

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**HARRISON NATIVE and recent CMU graduate Suzanne Harris stands in the band room at Cass City High School, where she was recently hired to take over the reins of the high school band and choir program. (See story, page 6)**

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## Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Phone 989-269-6994



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Ubyly K of C breakfast at St. Johns Catholic Church Hall in Ubyly Sunday morning.

Caitlen, Claire and Shlen Murphy, and a friend, Kaitlin Sherman of Caro, spent Wednesday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy.

Doris Western and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel had dinner at Frankenmuth on Father's Day.

Ron Wolschlager, Jack Kennedy, Tom Talaski, Bernard Morley, Claude Mestack, Allen Farrelly, and Julie Koraleski and daughter, Jenny, met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Monday morning.

Arlene Reese of Deckerville was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Jim Booms of Harbor Beach was a Sunday evening guest of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Bob Deachin of Clarkston visited Thelma Jackson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western had dinner at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Sunday evening guests of Stanley Wolschlager.

Jim Lewis, Wayne Kennedy and Allen Farrelly met at Burger King in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Farrelly, Lee and Heath, and Allen Farrelly had Father's Day dinner at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hosner of Huntsville, Ala., spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland of Bad Axe, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cleland, Mrs. Curtis Cleland, and Mr. and

Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski, Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mrs. Gerald Wills, Brian Sweeney, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson last week.

Fourteen members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Coffee Cup Plus in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Peppermill in Bad Axe next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Silver of Albuquerque, New Mexico, came Wednesday to spend a few days with Reva Silver.

Michelle Reid, Ethan and Joshua, of Clinton Township were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.

Renee Puterbaugh was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

June Rutz of Sterling Heights and Allen Farrelly had breakfast at Big Boy in Lakeside Sunday.

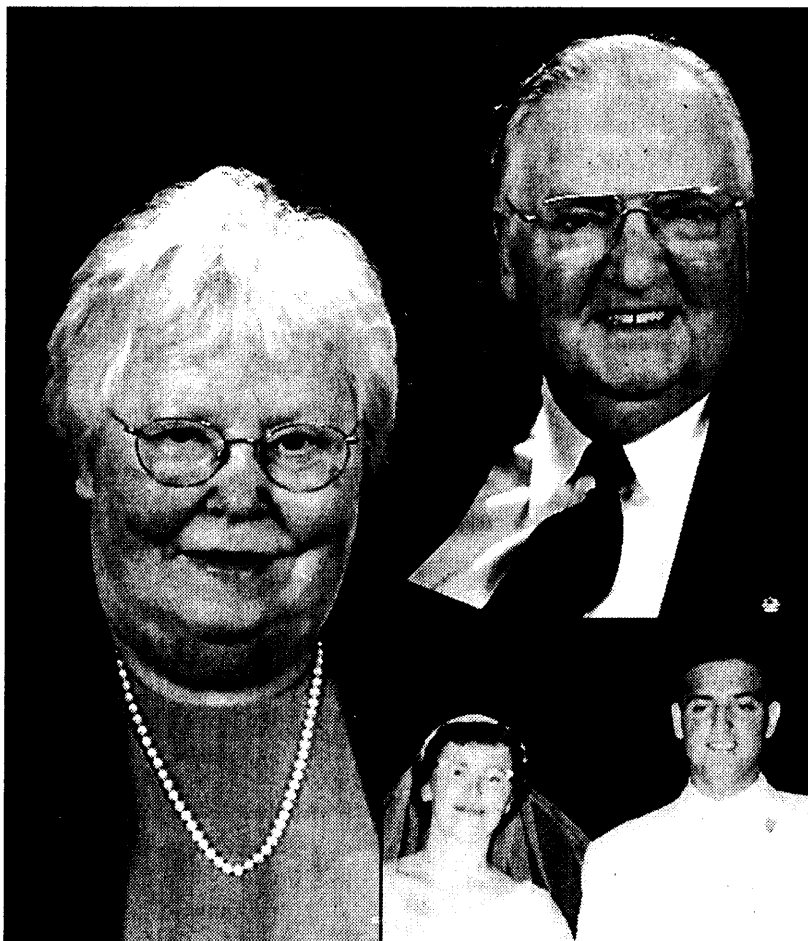
Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mrs. Gerald Wills and Edith Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Hill and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Nicol, Mrs. Harold Ballagh, and Mrs. Gerald Wills attended a party for Kyle Swanson's 17th birthday Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr hosted a birthday party for their grandson Cory Rickett's 21st birthday.

Allen Farrelly, June Rutz, and Cindy and Dennis Rutz went to the Red Lobster in Madison Heights for Father's Day dinner Sunday.

Ethan Reid of Clinton Township is spending a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Particka.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson

## Watsons mark 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson of Traverse City observed their 50th wedding anniversary June 23, 2006.

They will be celebrating with their family in July in Breckenridge, Colo.

Chuck Watson and Carol Howarth were married June 23, 1956 at the Cass City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Floyd Porter officiating the ceremony.

Carol's sister, Barbara Bird, was the

maid of honor. Chuck's brother, Bill Watson, was the best man.

Chuck and Carol are 1951 graduates of Cass City High School. Carol graduated from MSU and taught at Campbell Elementary during the 1955-56 school year. Chuck served in the U.S. Air Force and then graduated from MSU in 1961 as an electrical engineer. Carol retired in 1995 from Farmington Public Schools. Chuck retired in 1996 from Ford Motor Co. At that time, they moved from Birmingham to Traverse City.

The couple has 3 children: Dr. Wendy (Eric Otting) Watson of Pennsylvania, Rebecca (Alan Morris) Watson of Texas, and Daniel (Victoria) Watson of Florida; and 6 grandchildren.

## Engaged



Stacey Horiski and Todd Bliss

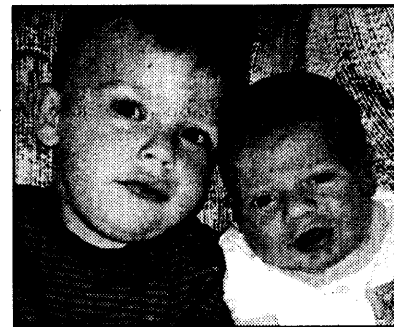
Connie Pachla, the late Donald Willis, and Donald and Cynthia Horiski announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Horiski, to Todd Bliss, the son of Phil and Carol Wagner.

Stacey is currently employed by Tuscola County and is pursuing a Master's Degree in social work at Michigan State University.

Todd is currently employed by Dave's Glass in Caro.

An Aug. 19, 2006 wedding is being planned.

## It's a girl!



Bryce and Kaylee Marie Koch

Bryan and Marie Koch of Gageton announce the birth of their daughter, Kaylee Marie Koch.

Kaylee was born at 12:57 p.m., Friday, June 2, 2006 at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed home by a big brother, Bryce.

Her grandparents are George and Robin Russell, and Joan Koch, all of Cass City, and Dennis Koch of Sebawaing. Great-grandparents are Shirley Russell of Cass City, Louis and Jane Cheek of Lewiston, and Amasa and Virginia Anthes of Gageton.



## Meg's Peg Tucker's tale

by Melva E. Guinther

The night before our grandkids and their mother were to arrive from California, we got a phone call saying, "We hope you don't mind, but we're bringing Tucker."



Tucker is a Tibetan terrier, our son's family's foster dog.

The plans that had been made for Tucker's temporary home while they were in Michigan had fallen through at the last minute and attempts to make new arrangements hadn't worked out. So there was little else to do but bring Tucker along.

The problem was that the airline on which the family already had reservations doesn't fly animals. So they had to find another flight arriving at the same airport at roughly the same time.

Then it was necessary to get him a new, airline-approved carrier, for which he had to be measured. Have you ever tried to hold a frisky Tibetan terrier still long enough to measure him? I don't know if it's typical of Tibetans, but he's a very active dog. They have to pay an extra "fidgety pet" fee when having him groomed.

Flying him home in August could present another difficulty, since animals can't fly if the temperature in either the city they're departing from or arriving at exceeds 84 degrees. Maybe we should start praying for a cold spell in August.

He's adjusted quite well and seems to be content except when family members go separate ways. Then he

gets excited because he can't guard all of us at once.

Tucker is a good guard dog, but his bravado exceeds his size. When confronted by the much larger Malamute grandson Drew was dog sitting, Tucker was ready to take him on. Only Drew's quick intercession saved his brave little bones.

The kids are doing their typical Michigan vacation activities. Drew and Spencer went fishing with Grandpa and caught and released some good-sized bass.

They've buried 2 squirrels that died of unknown causes. Then they dug them up to check on the progress of decomposition. Gross!

Drew and Grandpa have also been involved in a process which I'd rather not know about, involving a beaver head donated by a friend(?).

When they dug for worms in the back yard, Gretchen, the 5-year-old princess, was out there digging right along with the boys.

Spencer is definitely not taken in by her demure feminine appearance. He says that she'll walk daintily down the hall in high heels and lace and satin gown, looking oh so refined, then pull out a light saber from behind her back and zap him with it.

She's a girl, but you can tell she lives with boys, and she can hold her own.

The boys are a big help around the house, mowing the lawn, emptying trash, carrying in groceries, etc., and daughter-in-law Shelley has made strawberry freezer jam, which her father-in-law loves, and cooked some of her great meals for us.

The house is cluttered and the noise level has increased dramatically, but they're all a joy and it will be hard to let them go come August.

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Alfred and Mary Horne

## Hornes mark 60th anniversary

Alfred and Mary Horne celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 28, at their home with family and friends. They were married May 18, 1946 in Port Huron.

The couple have 8 children: Marie (Larry) Groombridge of Traverse City, Fred (Sharon) Horne of Decker,

Dewayne (Sherry) Horne of Virginia, Randy (Marie) Horne, Don (Robin) Horne, Al (Jenny) Horne, Mike (Dennile) Horne and Robert Horne, all of Cass City. They have 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

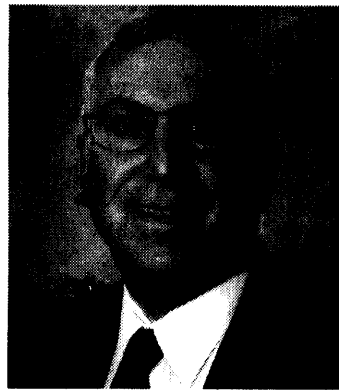
Alfred is retired from GTE and Mary is a homemaker.

## Frank Schinco, MD, FACS Opens Neurosurgery Clinic in Cass City

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Dr. Schinco will be available at the Cass City Specialty Clinic the first Thursday of every month.



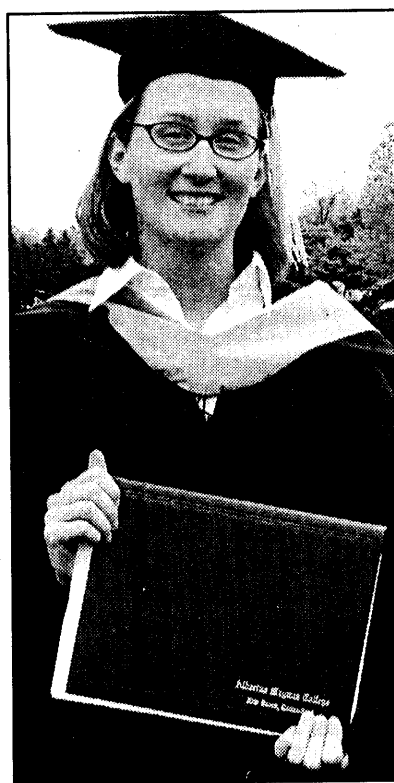
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Jenny Rick-Baarck

Jenny Rick-Baarck recently received her Master's Degree of Science Management from Albertus Magnus College.

Rick-Baarck is a 1996 graduate of Cass City High School. She resides with her husband, Jevon, in Stafford Springs, Conn.

She is currently employed by Pratt-Whitney as a senior design engineer.

## Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, June 29

Story Time, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

### Monday, July 3

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

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, July 4

Heartland Hospice Grief Group meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cass City VFW Hall. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 877-486-6671.

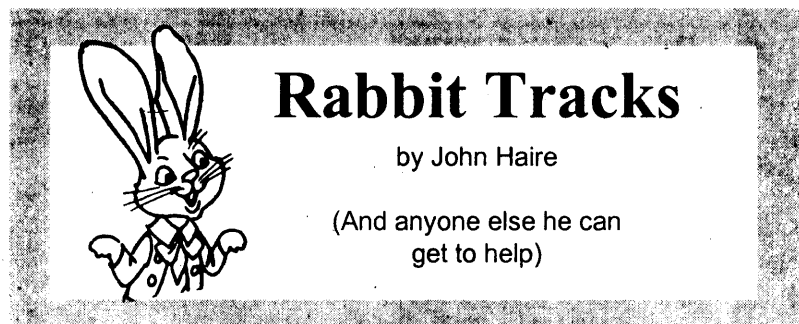
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Because the Fourth holiday falls on Tuesday this year the Chronicle will be published a day later than usual, at the newsstands on Wednesday and through the mail on Thursday. The Chronicle will be open Monday, July 3. Advertising and news deadlines remain unchanged.

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Greenhouse roses grow big and beautiful and when convenient I stop to look at and smell them, knowing full well that every time I do the beautiful flowers just don't have the aroma of wild roses.

Wild roses fill the air with their fragrance. They once grew profusely at our cabin in Boyne City, and I regret that they are gone now.

How that happens, I don't know. Certainly, they were not indiscriminately jerked out of the ground. While the wild roses score big on aroma, they are invariably protected by thorns.

Don't attempt to give a vase of long-stemmed wild roses and expect to score points. Better to give the hothouse variety and smell the wild ones as they continue to grow in the wild.

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About 25 youngsters that are participating in the summer craft program at Cass City Recreational Park toured the Chronicle Monday. They learned about the latest tech developments used to publish the paper and the jobs that the staff members have.

Judging by the questions asked, it was a new experience for about half of the group and a refresher for the ones who were making a second visit. The Chronicle welcomes visitors. Just call and make arrangements.

## Register to vote

Monday, July 10 is the deadline for registering to vote in the Tuesday, Aug. 8, primary election.

To register, applicants must be 18 years old by election day, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of Michigan and the city or township in which they are applying.

Residents can register at their county, city or township clerk's office, at any Secretary of State branch office, or by completing a mail-in voter registration form. Mail-in forms may be obtained from county and local clerks. Forms are also available on the Secretary of State website at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

Residents who register by mail must vote in person in the first election in which they participate unless they are age 60 or older, temporarily residing overseas, or disabled as defined by law. Residents who have never voted in Michigan and register by mail may

also be subject to identification requirements under federal law.

In a partisan primary, votes must be cast for only one political party. Casting votes in a partisan primary for both Republican and Democratic candidates invalidates the partisan section of the ballot.

Absentee ballots are available to eligible residents at city or township clerk's offices through 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 7. Absentee ballots may be obtained by mail by submitting a signed ballot request to the city or township clerk no later than 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 5.

Voters may obtain an absentee ballot if they expect to be away from their city or township on election day, are 60 years of age or older, are in jail awaiting trial or arraignment, unable to attend the polls for religious reasons, or are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another person.



## The back forty

by Roger Pond

This is the age of technology. So many things we learned to do as youngsters are now obsolete, or performed by machines.

Even more disheartening is the thought that ethics and responsibilities drummed into us by our elders have somehow lost their value. That's what struck me a few days ago when I was preparing to clean a paint brush.

Nobody cleans paint brushes anymore. We just buy a little sponge on a stick and throw it away when we're done painting.

It hurts to admit it, but one of the few skills I was able to master as a youth has been rendered obsolete.

I grew up in the days when failing to clean a paint brush was a sign of moral decline. We were supposed to put the brush in some paint thinner or gasoline and work on it until it was nearly as good as new. Failure to do so was sure to get one in trouble with the authorities (your parents).

My wife, on the other hand, is younger than I am. She grew up in a time when they put the paint brush in a can of gasoline and let it sit for a few days.

By this time the brush is ruined, so you can throw it away without feeling guilty.

I read recently about a futurist speaking at a conference on education. He said almost nothing kids are learning today will be of any use 20 years down the road.

This caught my attention because it's exactly what my kids were saying 20 years ago. There's really no

point in learning history or math when you know you'll never see this stuff again. (They know better now, but youth can fool with one's mind sometimes.)

I suspect the majority of high school students would agree with the futurist. On the other hand, I think test scores would show most of these kids aren't learning enough to hurt them in the long run.

I remember, 15 or 20 years ago, when every convention had a futurist on the program. These fellows said we needed to change our educational system and the outmoded values taught in the family. What we learn today will be obsolete tomorrow.

They said the future would be controlled by computers. Robots would cook the meals and clean the house.

Driving cars would be a useless skill. Cars would drive themselves. All we'd have to do is hop on when one goes by.

Nobody would even consider cleaning a paint brush, according to the futurists. Robots would paint with a spray gun. Then we would clean the robot.

Change is inevitable, I guess. We didn't even have futurists when I was a kid.

We had some folks predicting the weather or how long it would be before the world exploded, but no bonafide futurists.

We did have teenagers, though. And as far as I can tell, they're about the same thing.

## The Haire Net

A little of this and that



A little of this and that, the passing parade as seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets. How it is, or, at least, how it should be.

It's sort of useless to speculate, but walking underneath a canopy of trees on Main Street, I couldn't help but think about how long these trees will grace Main Street.

Most folks won't recall the Main Street tree history in Cass City. Perhaps 4 decades ago the original trees that graced the street gave way to "progress" and these trees and, eventually, trees on the first half-block of streets that intersect with the downtown business section also succumbed to the chain saw.

They didn't fall unnoticed. The fight between the tree huggers and the parking convenience backers raged for months and resentments lingered and lingered after that.

A few years later, the tree removal sentiment shifted and it was decided to plant new trees to wipe out the barren-looking business district. It was a village council-chamber of commerce project.

There evidently wasn't a great deal of research in the kind of trees that were appropriate because these trees didn't last long.

Roger Little, former owner of a funeral home in Cass City (now Kranz Funeral Home) was the motivator for the change. Roger is the brother of Richard Little, who has taken an active role in community projects since returning after retiring from teaching.

Roger sold the new tree program with facts, pictures and features about a tree designed to grow and not crack the sidewalk.

These trees have stood the test of time and appear hale and hearty.

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Over the years, there has been a steady stream of carnivals, professional wrestling shows, rodeos and local fund-raiser programs. Local programs almost inevitably net the most money for the sponsoring group. Unfortunately, most of the time they are a one-time project because of the work involved.

All this is prologue to today's (Wednesday) circus with performances slated at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. The last time that this year's sponsor, Cass City Rotary, contracted for a circus a lot of questions were answered.

The first was that the show presented enjoyable, family-type entertainment. Like this year's show, it was presented close to the annual Fourth of July celebration and did nothing to reduce attendance at the festival. In fact, there were some observers that felt that the circus increased attendance at the festival.

Two major influencing factors were that the circus left the park as clean as it was when they arrived, as promised, and provided all the labor necessary without local assistance.

Rotary's role was selling (and buying) tickets, providing publicity and deciding what local projects the profits will be used for.

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	<b>Wednesday</b> Scat'd T-storms High: 77 Low: 58
	<b>Thursday</b> Scat'd T-storms High: 71 Low: 56
	<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 76 Low: 57
	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 75 Low: 53
	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 55

#### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 77°, humidity of 78% and an overnight low of 58°. The record high temperature for today is 98° set in 1971. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 71°.

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	84	66	76/54	0.00"
Tuesday	73	55	77/54	0.00"
Wednesday	75	55	77/54	0.00"
Thursday	61	63	77/55	0.00"
Friday	64	46	77/55	0.00"
Saturday	73	39	77/55	0.00"
Sunday	75	48	78/55	0.00"

#### Upcoming Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New	
7/3	7/10	7/17	7/24	

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Sunrise today ..... 5:53 a.m.  
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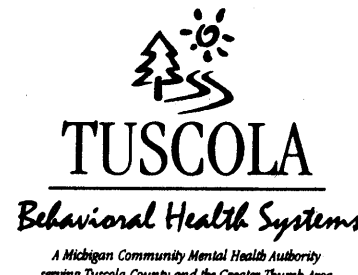
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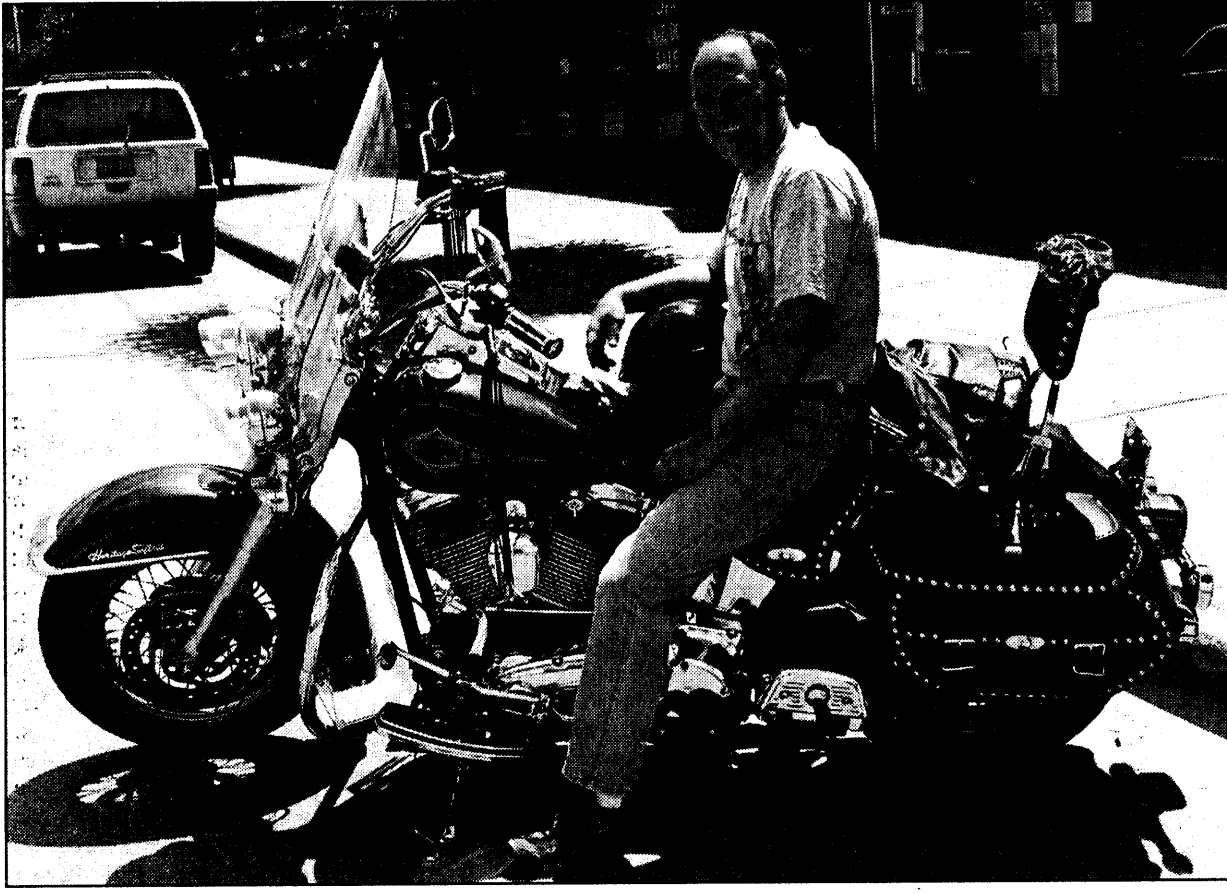
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**JON ZDROJEWSKI, of Cass City, wears his helmet and other safety gear when riding his 2001 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail. He supported repealing the Michigan helmet law, which Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed Friday.**

# Granholm shuts down no helmet legislation

by Maggie Peterson  
Staff Writer

There is no choice and no exceptions- if you ride a motorcycle, you wear a helmet.

Friday, Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed repealing the Michigan helmet law, saying "The social and economic costs of this legislation simply are too high."

First introduced in 2005 by Sen. Alan Cropsy, R-DeWitt, the bill to repeal the helmet law was passed in both the House and Senate, and presented to Granholm on June 16.

In order to ride without a helmet, the person would have needed to meet conditions outlined in the bills.

These conditions were that the person must be at least 21 years old, licensed for 2 years or have completed motorcycle safety course, and must be insured for up to \$10,000 for medical benefits in case of an accident.

"The \$10,000 personal injury protection requirement under the bill is woefully inadequate ... By failing to require sufficient insurance protection, this bill would force higher medical and insurance costs on all Michigan citizens," Granholm said in a letter explaining the veto.

She included that the cost of head injuries is often 400 times more than the \$10,000 coverage.

Alan Klco, owner of Knight Insurance Agency, called the \$10,000 a "drop in the bucket" compared to the actual cost of injuries.

"That's just the first day," he said. "That's the emergency room."

A 58-year-old motorcyclist would have to pay \$75 a year for a \$10,000 medical insurance plan, and a 28-year-old would have to pay \$54 a year for the same coverage, Klco calculated.

He estimated that had the bill passed, "they'll add around \$5, \$10 to people's auto insurance."

Another fundamental problem in insuring motorcycles and motorcyclists is that they fall half-in and half-out of no-fault insurance, he said.

"If the motorcyclist is involved in an accident (with an automobile), the automobile driver must pay," he said, adding that the motorcyclist falls third or fourth in line to pay for medical treatment.

There were 3,504 motorcycle crashes in Michigan in 2005. During this year, 120 were fatalities and 2,632 resulted in injuries.

One of the biggest supporters of the bill was American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) of

Michigan, a non-profit organization focused on the overall rights and safe operating practices of Michigan motorcyclists.

ABATE will continue to fight for freedom of choice in wearing a helmet, said Caro resident Butch Brown, ABATE Region 7 coordinator.

"We do not support mandating use of helmets at all times for adult riders," he said, who added he would not wear a helmet if given the option.

The reasoning behind their stance is that ABATE is a freedom of choice organization, and the belief is each rider should be able to make the decision on what motorcycle to ride and what safety gear to wear.

"We've never said we're against the helmet," Brown said. "It's just freedom of choice."

Rep. Tom Meyer, R-Bad Axe, voted in favor of the bill because he said it should be up to the rider to decide to wear a helmet or not.

He compared legislating about helmets to legislating about seatbelts.

"I think we over legislate things," he said. "We shouldn't have to legislate seatbelts in cars."

He added that passing the bill "doesn't mean everyone is going to run around without helmets on."

Jon Zdrojewski, of Cass City, has been riding motorcycles since 1982 and supported the bill, even though he said he still would wear a helmet.

"I enjoy the ride, but I want to make sure I get home from the ride," he said.

He recalled attending different events where he and fellow bikers would get the comment "Oh, you must be from Michigan," because they would wear their helmets throughout the event.

"I figure, my legs'll heal if I skid them up, but if I crack my head, I'm done," Zdrojewski said.

In 2005, there were 31 motorcycle crashes in Tuscola County. Within these, there were 24 injuries and 2 resulted in fatalities.

Tuscola County Sheriff Thomas Kerr said he thought wearing a helmet was common sense, and he has seen helmets save lives.

He said he supported the bill, and

that he was tired of fighting people who do not want to wear their helmet.

He added that there are "bigger and better" projects to legislate on, like terrorism and sex crimes.

"To me, this is one little blip on the radar screen that's not worth fighting for," he said.

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc. (MPAS), agreed that there are other issues in more need of legislation than whether or not to wear a helmet, said Tom Masseur, MPAS government and media relations director.

MPAS, which also operates federally funded Protection and Advocacy for Traumatic Brain Injury, works to provide information referral and helps to protect the rights of people with disabilities, Masseur said.

He added that should the bill have passed, "it would result in individuals having head injuries, therefore increasing the demand for resources, (of) which Michigan has very little right now. And we're going to be pitting people against each other" for these services.

Brown said ABATE has been trying to repeal the helmet law for 30 years.

The group's "educate, not legislate" attitude stems from the belief that teaching about motorcycle awareness and how to ride safely will ultimately save more lives and result in less injuries than having a law requiring motorcyclists to wear a helmet, he said.

"Your chances of being a statistic are very, very high" without proper training when driving a car or riding a motorcycle, he noted.

Training courses are given at colleges and ABATE will go into driver's education classes to teach about motorcycle awareness at no charge, he said.

"The whole state has taught over 25,000 car drivers to be aware of motorcycles on the road," Brown said, adding that Region 7 teaches about 375 drivers per year.

He added the next attempt to get the law repealed could be in the next session.

"ABATE will be back," he said.

## Prosser sentenced to prison

A Tuscola County teen will spend at least the next 22 years in prison for his armed robbery spree last December in downtown Caro.

John R. Prosser, 19, of Fairgrove, was sentenced last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court to 20 to 50 years in prison for pleas of no contest to 4 counts of armed robbery stemming from the Dec. 12 crimes involving 4 different Caro businesses. He also received a consecutive prison sentence of 2 years for his pleas of no contest to 4 counts possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

In addition to prison time, Prosser was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling more than \$5,800.

In the same case, Prosser previously also pleaded no contest to 4 counts of carrying a concealed weapon, larceny in a building and 2 counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms as well as assaulting a police officer.

A plea of no contest is not an admission of guilt. However, the plea is treated the same as guilty for the purpose of sentencing.

Prosser's crime spree in Caro lasted just 35 minutes, starting with the robbery of the Rite-Aid Pharmacy on the east side of the village. He then hit an Admiral gas station on the west end before circling back and robbing the Speedway West Service Station and then Family Video, all at gunpoint.

Caro police officers, assisted by sheriff's deputies and troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, caught up with the teen downtown, arresting him without incident.

At the time of his arrest, Prosser had a semiautomatic handgun in his possession, there was one round in the chamber and the safety was off.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said drug use was involved with the crimes, which briefly netted Prosser about \$1,500 in cash along with checks and food items.

At the time of his arrest, Prosser was out on bond on felony charges stemming from a Sept. 27 break-in in Fairgrove. He pleaded no contest to breaking and entering, safe breaking and possession of burglar's tools in the case, and was sentenced to a concurrent prison term of 3 to 25 years last week.

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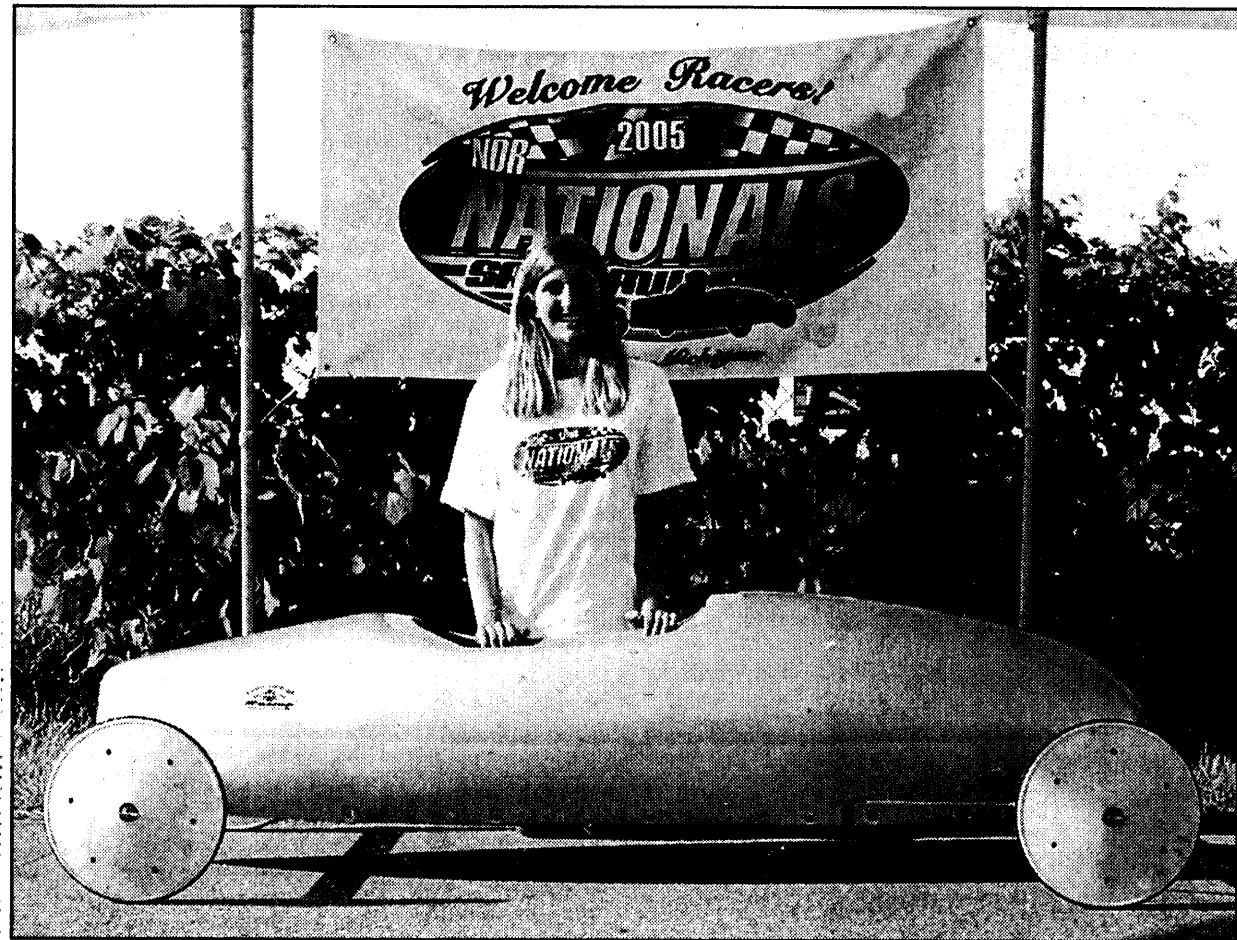
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## M-53 work to begin July 5

Construction on M-53 in Sanilac County is scheduled to get underway Wednesday, July 5, according to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials.

The \$3.8 million project will involve 9 miles of asphalt resurfacing, drainage improvements and safety upgrades on M-53 between M-46 and Severance Road.

One lane of alternating traffic will be maintained with flag control throughout the work, which is expected to be completed in early October.



**THORP STANDS NEXT to her car at the All-American Local soapbox derby competition earlier this month in Saginaw. She took first place in the superstock division and will now be competing in the All-American World Competition.**

# Teen racer headed for world soapbox event

Jennie Thorp might not look like a seasoned racer at first glance.

At just 5 feet 4 inches tall and 105 pounds, the petite, blond Cass City area teen looks like she'd be more at home modeling on a runway than coasting down a soapbox derby track.

But make no mistake about it - Thorp, 14, is a competitor. In fact, she's a champion.

The daughter of Sheri and Shawn Sherman, Thorp recently captured first place in the All-American Local soapbox derby competition at the Saginaw Superslope in Buena Vista Township. The win qualified her to compete in the upcoming All-American World Competition, July 23 in Akron, Ohio.

The victory in Saginaw was Thorp's second first-place finish - she previously won another competition last fall. "And I was at nationals last year in Saginaw," she said, adding she finished 12th out of 200 to 300 racers.

Thorp, a Cass City High School sophomore, has been racing competitively for about 2 years.

"When she started racing, she was only 8 or 9, and she just did fill-ins," Sheri Sherman noted, referring to the practice of inviting younger drivers to participate in order to meet the minimum number of competitors required for a race.

Thorp said an uncle, Don Spencer, inspired her to get involved in soapbox derby racing. "He built a car for one of his eighth grade projects, and he raced and he won," she added. "He was third at nationals in Nebraska and he also went to worlds."

Thorp currently competes in what is known as the superstock division.

"It (division) doesn't go by age - the older kids typically race the superstock," explained Sherman. She said the division also dictates the design and weight of cars.

"It (car) has to weigh 230 pounds,

nothing more, nothing less," Sherman said, adding the weight limit includes the driver and his or her safety equipment (goggles, helmet, etc.).

Thorp's car is made of a lightweight plastic derived from recycled milk jugs. The streamlined design and weight distribution in the car enable Thorp to reach speeds of up to 35 miles per hour by the time she approaches the finish line at the end of the 950-foot track.

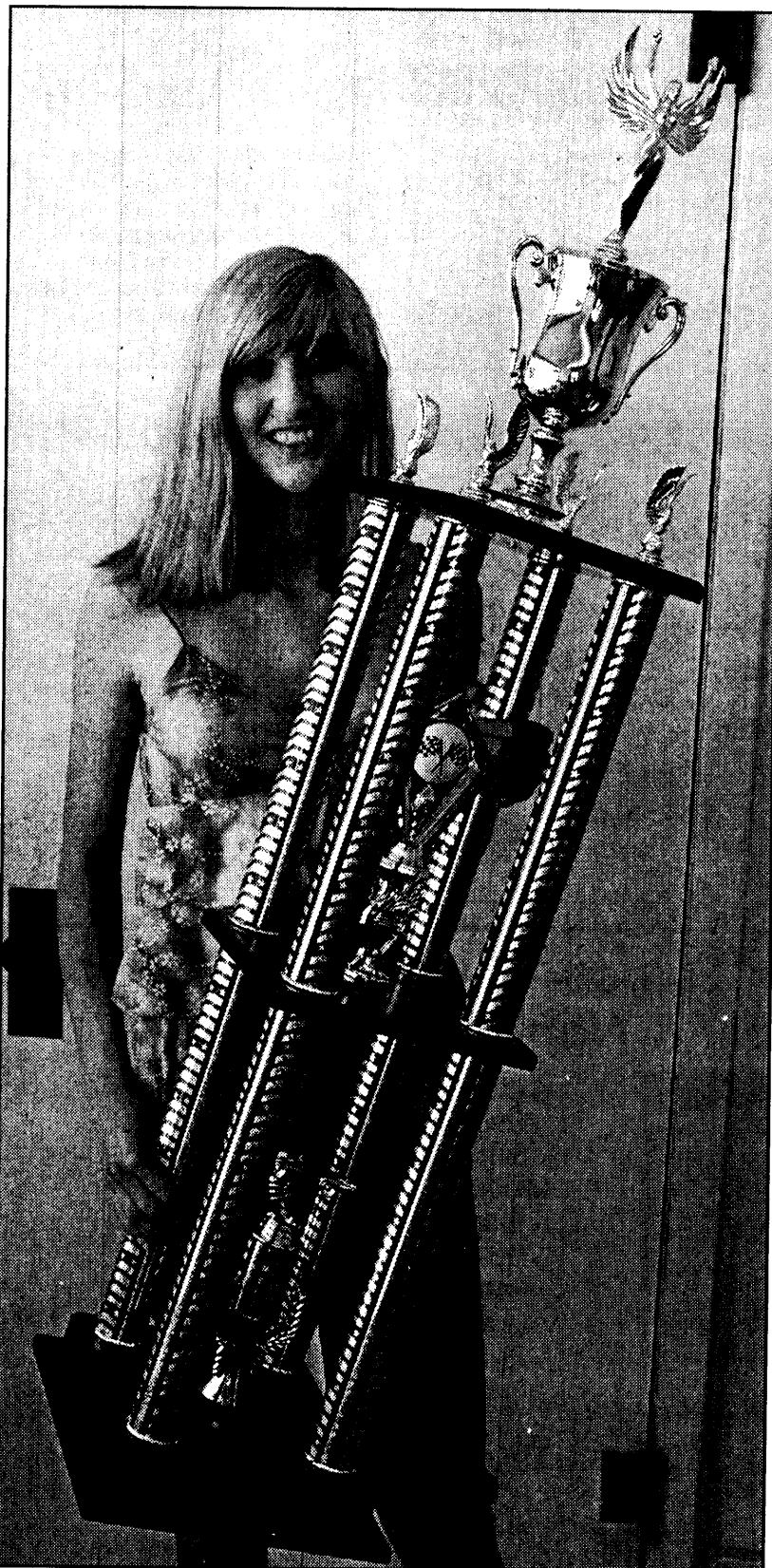
"If you can get a sponsor, that's really good," Sherman said. "If you don't, you can run in to some money. There's an \$80 entrance fee, and her car is probably worth about \$3,500."

Fortunately, Thorp has sponsors - Cheryl and Vaughn Dietzel of Freeland, who also sponsored Thorp's uncle and several other competitors over the years.

Thorp takes an active role as car owner, working on the vehicle with the Dietzels. "Sanding axles and oiling my wheels," she said.

But she enjoys competing the most, even when the outcome of a race is decided by fractions of a second. At the All American Local competition earlier this month, Thorp captured first place by just .024 of a second.

"It's stressful when you're going against someone who is equally as good as you are," she said, "but I like all of it."



**14-YEAR-OLD Jennie Thorp hoists the trophy she received after winning the All-American Local soapbox derby competition in Saginaw. The victory earned the area teen a trip to the world competition July 22 in Akron, Ohio.**

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARS AGO

Sign of the times. The Marlette School Board recently approved a \$5,000 match for a school cop. The school and the city approved to share the cost of \$10,000 for the officer to work from August to January. If the federal grant that has been applied for is received, the cop will continue to work. If not, the program will be evaluated by the board at the conclusion of the initial trial period. Is the Thumb getting closer to the schools in the big cities where the need for police on duty is never ending? Granted that \$5,000 is nothing in budgets of \$10 million, but spending money for cops rather than education is certainly a downer. (From Rabbit Tracks)

A pair of Cass City runners competed in Saturday's 5K race in Sebawaing and returned home with 2 of the top 3 finishes. Junior Annjea Tanton, a member of the Red Hawk's Division 3 state championship squad, finished runner up in the event with a time of 21:08. Liz Hoyt, recovering from an ankle injury, finished third in the 16 to 19-age class with a time of 23:12.

Cass City's Dale Bullock was recognized recently for 25 years of government service at the Cass City post office where he has spent 23 of those years. He was presented a commemorative plaque and pin by acting postmaster Stacey Middleton.

### 10 YEARS AGO

After more than 13 years of service to the community, the Cass City Food Closet has closed its doors. The local food pantry, located in the basement of the First Baptist Church, 6420 Houghton St., officially closed Tuesday, according to volunteer Carol LaPonsie. "We're merging with them (Human Development Commission in Caro) due to extenuating circumstances," LaPonsie said Thursday. LaPonsie wouldn't elaborate, but emphasized the closure is not the result of a lack of generosity on the part of the community, which has faithfully kept the pantry's shelves stocked since it opened in March 1983.

For years, the Environmental Protection Agency has relied on animal testing to determine cancer risks of certain chemicals and pollutants. But the EPA recently announced it will de-emphasize animal testing and utilize recent scientific advances to determine the risks of chemicals and pollutants. Under the new procedure, the EPA will have greater flexibility when taking into account epidemiological data.

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-a-thon, which was held in Cass City was a success. Forty-

seven children and adults raised \$2,623 from their May 18 ride, in spite of an extremely windy day, which made riding a challenge. After the event, riders collected their pledges. Ross Sherman collected \$200 and Garrett Wichert turned in \$166. Five others collected \$100 or more. They include Matt Derfny, Chris Reinas, Leah Sherman, Ricky Lovejoy and Becky Wass.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Drilling for oil or gas on property owned by the James Tuckey family at Elmwood and Dodge Roads began Sunday and should take 10 days to reach the intended 3,700 foot depth, according to Ron Bacon, area engineer for ANR Production Co. of Troy. ANR's sister company, Michigan Consolidated Drilling, is doing the drilling.

Lightning was the cause of a fire that destroyed a barn Monday night northwest of Cass City. Resulting in an estimated loss of \$60,000-\$65,000. It was a double blow for its owner, Jim Merchant, who on Sunday reported the theft of more than \$1,500 in tools and other equipment from his machinery storage and shop building. The fire was reported at 11:11 p.m. and in getting it out, the Elkland Township Fire Department required assistance from Elmwood Township, Gagetown, Owendale and Oliver Township (Elkton) firemen. The last fire truck didn't return to the station until 2 a.m. It didn't rain heavily until after that.

Shades of when Cass City was the "Christmas Town." The big city dailies are back with us again. Scheduled as a feature for Sunday's Free Press, I'm told, is the July 4th Festival and Cass City. I don't know what it will contain, but a dime will get you a dollar that it will be a variation of the theme of a small rube town buried in the backwaters of the rural Thumb, scarcely touched by the real world. That's okay, too. Publicity can't hurt. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 35 YEARS AGO

Most persons at one time or another have traveled to the Upper Peninsula to see the sights, but not many can say they saw Michigan by bike. Jeff Tuckey of Cass City can make such a claim with a great deal of pride and sense of accomplishment. Jeff was among 29 boys involved in an 800-mile Campus Life bike trip that took them across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to such places as Copper Harbor, Tahquamenon Falls, Marquette and Mackinac Island. The trip began June 11 and ran for nine days with the boys averaging some 100 to 110 miles a day. Jeff would have preferred going at a slower pace. "We went 120 miles in the rain the first day," Jeff related. "After awhile you just keep watching the front tire to make sure it's moving," he said.

Final revisions and plans for the 1971 street program were revealed Tuesday by Supt. James Blades to the Cass City Village Council meeting in regular session at the municipal building. New construction will cost the village an estimated \$48,000 and of this amount Cass City will receive some \$30,000 from State sources. However, President Lambert Althaver said that the State funds will also have to stretch over road maintenance as well as new construction.

It was a night for the citizens to seek special changes in the laws governing the village, a night when two separate groups appeared before trustees to secure action for causes they sponsor as the council held its regular monthly meeting at the municipal building. Tuesday the trustees okayed the sale of beer in the Cass City Recreational Park in a unanimous decision and took under advisement proposed changes in the building code. The council did place restrictions on the sale or use of alcoholic beverages. It can be sold by a group only after written application has been received and okayed by the council. There will be no Beer sold at the park by private commercial interests.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
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5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,  
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Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
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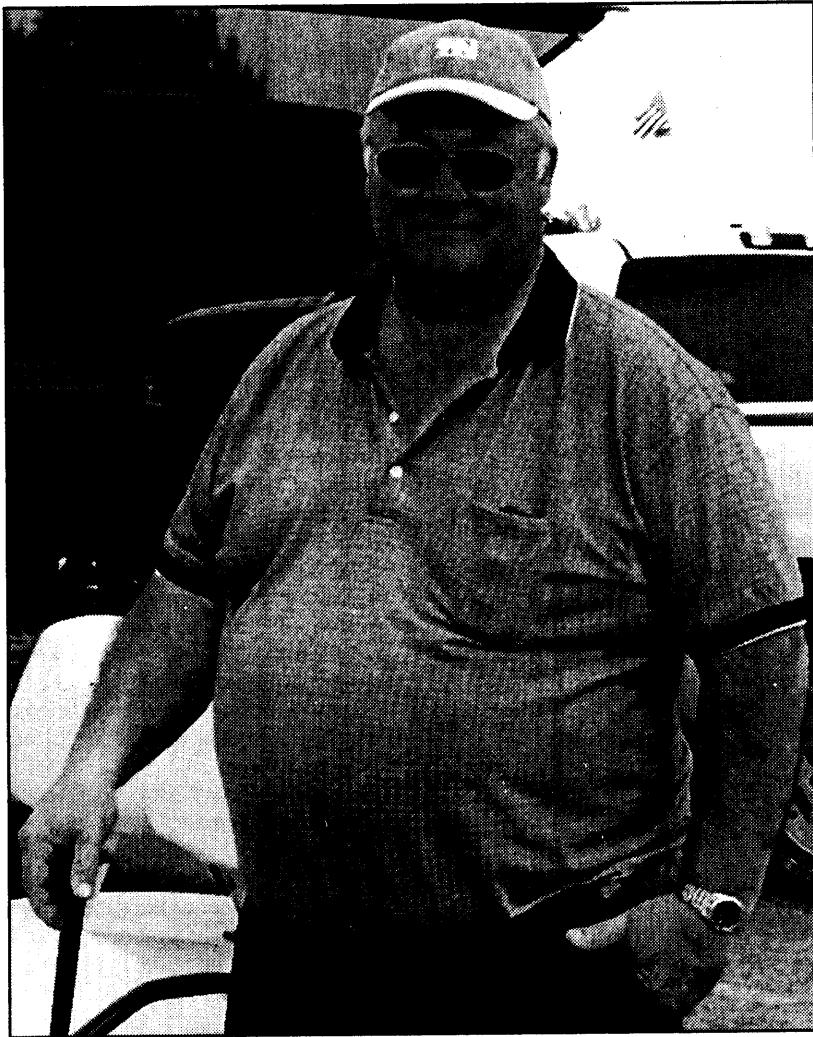


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# Area golfers record aces at Rolling Hills



**JON LANGLEY** stands next to the pin on the 5th hole at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Langley recently used a lop wedge to post a hole-in-one on the 133-yard, par 3, hole.



**THUMB RESIDENT Marv Irrer** recently recorded his first hole in one. He accomplished the feat at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Marv used his 8 iron on hole #5, a 133-yard, par 3. Witnessing the ace were Bob Bliss, Jack Baker and Ross Kraft.



Cass City Golf League as of July 2		Dan Mosher		89
<b>Flight #1</b>		Ernie Bellew		89
Ray Fox	97	Jim Fox		81
Dieter Roth	95	Jack Hool		77
Rick Salcido	88	Jim Hobbs		77
Don Ouvry	83	Dick Wallace		75
Jerry Toner	81	Virgil Peters		71
Craig Helwig	81	Dan Hittler		67
Mark Swanson	80	Orvil Beecher		65
Bill Kritzman	76	Dan Caister		53
Rich Tate	71	Ron Wilson		40
Mike Falatko	70	<b>Flight #4</b>		
Erik Tamlyn	65	Corey Hodgkinson		97
Don Warner	60	Harold MacAlpine		93
Fred Leeson	53	Duane Henn		91
Scott Richards	49	Jeff Krol		88
<b>Flight #2</b>		Asa Apley		86
Rick Coleman	101	Doug Laurie		76
Daryl Iwankovitch	86	Bruce LeValley		72
Dave Weiler	85	Charles Tunis		70
Corey Ulfing	85	Mark Curtis		65
Jon Langley	77	Terry Hendrick		64
Clark Erla	76	Pat Davis		63
Gary Robinson	75	Doug Lautner		59
Mike Lowe	74	<b>Flight #5 (handicap)</b>		
Jim Peyer	73	Rocky Spear		106
Dave Hoard	71	David Allen		106
Jon Zdrojewski	70	Jim Mastie		93
Craig Bellew	61	Bill Ewald		79
Jim Apley	53	Chad Daniels		76
Russ Biefer	47	Pat Casey		75
<b>Flight #3</b>		Bob Stickle		69
Ed Knight	106	Dennis Meck		64
Dan Curtis	99	Bert Althaver		64
Tom Lis	91	John Agar		60
		Craig Innis		57
		Thad Phelps		53

## At Cass City High School

# Harris ready to lead music program

If you could bottle and sell enthusiasm, Suzanne Harris might just make a fortune.

It's Harris' positive attitude that helped her land the job as the new director of bands at Cass City High School, according to school officials, who waded through more than 50 applications during the hiring process.

"We had a number of good conductors come in, and we ended up selecting her (Harris) for the enthusiasm she has. We're really happy to have her on board," said high school Principal Jon Good. "We're looking for great things."

Harris is a recent graduate of Central Michigan University, where she majored in music education and minored in instrumental. During her years at CMU, she played baritone saxophone in the university's symphonic wind ensemble, the Chippewa Marching Band and the Trillium Saxophone Quartet.

Harris, who student taught for 16 weeks at Midland High School, is a native of Harrison. Both of her parents teach social studies there, and her father is varsity football and varsity girls track coach.

Combining teaching and music in a career has been a lifelong goal for the Harrison High School graduate.

"I've wanted to be a teacher since I was probably 8 or 9, and then I started band and that's what I've wanted to do since. I've always wanted to be the center of attention," Harris joked. "I think that was part of it, too."

"I started band in sixth grade, so I was 11. I actually started on flute, but switched to bar sax in the seventh grade because I wanted to be in the jazz band," she said.

As director of bands, Harris will be responsible for the high school symphony and concert bands, jazz band, marching band and choir. She will also be preparing students for an appearance in Cass City's annual July 4 parade, and is gearing up for marching band camp in mid-August.

"I'm excited to be here because everybody I've encountered has been just so friendly - everyone I've met," said Harris, who acknowledged she is a bit nervous about her new job.

"I think anytime you start something new, it's nerve wracking," she added, noting there will be transition as she learns about the routine already established in the Cass City band program.

"I have to find a way to fit into that," she said. "So, yeah, I'm nervous, but I'm excited, too."

## Meet the new band director

New Cass City High School Director of Bands Suzanne Harris will be hosting an open house Wednesday, July 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school band room.

"This will be an opportunity for the students, parents and community to meet me and ask any questions they may have. I will briefly introduce myself and go over some goals that I have for the year," Harris said. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

## Several named to dean's list

Several area residents are included on the academic honors list at Ferris State University, Big Rapids, for the semester that ended in May.

The students include Ashley L. Barrigar, Jason C. Barrigar, Paul E. Hoelzle, Joseph P. Lounsbury, Nicholas E. Swanson, Jennifer M. Sweeney and Nicolette L. Zawilinski, all of Cass City; and Gary J. Laming, Luann R. Laming, Daniel L. Schuman and Lindsay N. Walleman, all of Ubyly.

To be eligible for academic honors, undergraduate students must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework during the semester.

## Grace Chisholm

Grace E. Chisholm, 84, of East Lansing, died June 12, 2006.

She was born July 2, 1921 on the family farm near Owendale, the daughter of Franz and Isadora Chisholm.

Chisholm was a 1943 graduate of Central Michigan University. She taught first grade for over 30 years in Michigan schools. She taught the children of Standard Oil Company's U.S. employees in Venezuela for 2 years.

She is survived by a sister, Joyce Mosher; 2 brothers: Donald (Margaret) Chisholm and Frederick (Lois) Chisholm; a brother-in-law, Dr. Charles Hendricks; and 19 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, June 29, at Grant Township Cemetery, with Pastor John Heim of the Owendale-Gagetown United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Burcham Hills, East Lansing.

## Clarence Miller

Clarence Miller, 98, of Cass City,

died following a long illness Sunday, June 25, 2006 in his home.

He was born Sept. 12, 1907 in Verona Township, the son of Lester and Minnie (Parney) Miller.

He married Eleanor M. Binder Nov. 24, 1936 in Detroit.

Miller worked for General Telephone as a lineman, retiring in 1972 after over 26 years. He was a member of Masonic Tyler Lodge No. 317.

Miller is survived by his wife, Eleanor; children: Joanne M. (Charles C.) O'Dell of Caseville and Gary W. (Mary) Miller of Grand Rapids; 6 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; a great great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Lester, Roy, and Irven Miller; a sister, Myrtle Ludlow; and a sister-in-law, Ann Miller.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 27, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Worshipful Master Carl Palmateer, of Tyler Lodge No. 317, officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

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## Rotarians greet new president D. Oehring

An estimated 25 Rotarians greeted incoming Rotary president Dave Oehring and applauded the efforts of retiring president Ken Micklash at the annual installation dinner Thursday at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The dinner followed an afternoon of golf at Mulligan's Irish Links. It was announced that there were no losers and the 3 teams each received a token gift in a "tie" for first.

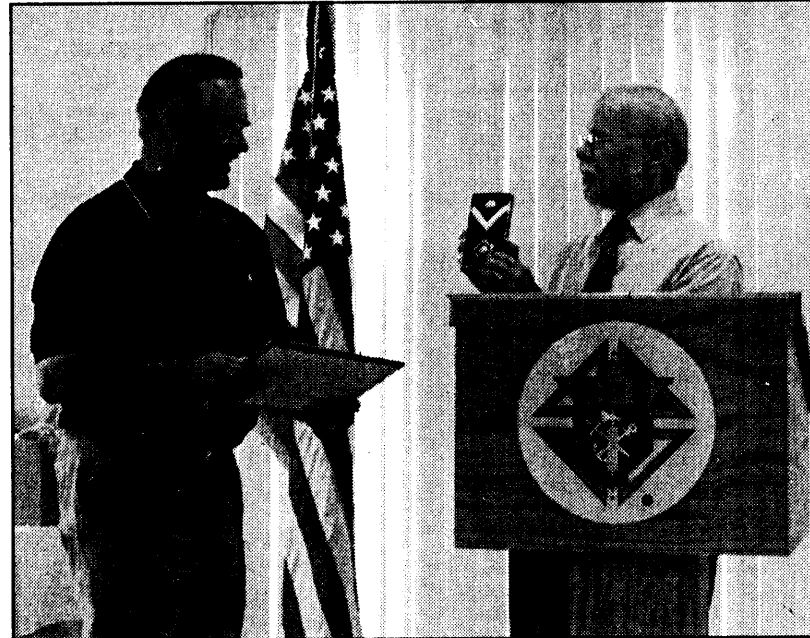
Micklash reviewed the achievements of the club under his tenure. We started the year with the loss of 6 members for various reasons, he said, and today we have 40 members.

Lambert Althaver, who was the master of ceremonies, also reviewed Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow program. Membership is awarded when \$1,000 has been contributed to the program by the member or by others in his name. Today nearly half of the members are Paul Harris Fellows and several are multi-member Fellows. Althaver announced that Micklash was the newest member of the club that uses the money to help fund the Rotary Foundation.

New president Oehring introduced the club officers and directors for the 2006-07 year.



**DAVE OEHRING** Cass City Rotary president-elect accepts the gavel from retiring president **Ken Micklash**.



**LAMBERT ALTHAVER** presented a certificate and medal to **Ken Micklash**, left, as the newest Paul Harris Fellow from the Cass City Rotary Club.

## Recycle plastic

The Tuscola County Recycling Center accepts all plastic shopping bags for recycling.

The recycling center is located at 1123 Mertz Rd. (M-24) in Caro and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit the website: [www.tuscolacounty.org/recycling/](http://www.tuscolacounty.org/recycling/).

More information is available by calling (989) 672-1673.

## Letters to the Editor

### Police need to patrol park more

While at the Cass City park a few weeks ago with my small grandchildren, we were going to be forced to leave until the police came and stopped the water balloon fighting, climbing on the bathroom roof. Teenage girls and boys in both bathrooms mixing and swearing. At the same time, older boys were throwing a football over the heads of my grandchildren while they tried to play on the teeter totter.

Yesterday, I stopped by to enjoy eating my supper and soon a gathering of cars parked at all different angles in the small lot by the old municipal building was around my sister and I. It appears it's cool to park at all directions making it hard for the correctly parked person to get backed out...along with F-this and F-that, one of the boys had a cell phone, which ran constantly making me wonder if he is running a "business of some sort."

There wasn't a small child there, which isn't surprising because it looks like probably half their equipment has been destroyed. One boy about 6 foot tall climbed to the top of the curving slide, stood on the top showing off, then dropped to the slide and slid down.

Meanwhile, two boys throwing a football took over the whole basketball court after others gave up trying to play basketball because these two threw the ball so hard it hit the bathroom building over and over. When they had the court clear they threw it better. I wondered why they didn't just move to the other areas where

they would have more room. But then I realized they must have wanted an audience. So the younger boys sat on the bench and over by the side of the bathroom waiting. I'm not sure how long they waited, one of them was a nephew of mine, a good boy, waiting to have a little fun at the park.

The equipment ruined should be replaced and moved so the little kids have a safe environment to play. My grandchildren beg to go to the park and my little 2-year-old grandson was just pointing out last time we were there the drinking fountain lions eyes, he thought they were so neat. Well, they're punched out now, the merry go round is broken with yellow tape around it. The teeter totter is missing, also with yellow tape marking off one of the crawling tunnels beside it. The bouncing animals have been abused and one ripped out of the ground.

I also think it's time for the village to put a little wading pool like they used to have years ago when my kids

were little. It was so busy and the kids loved it and were safe where you could have your smaller children in a stroller and watch both kids while one had water fun.

The police need to patrol this part of the park more. Either make it a place for teen gathering and move the smaller kids equipment and bathroom.

On the previous visit we made, my granddaughter could hardly get into the bathroom and while she used it boys were standing in front of the girls' door hollering...she's only six but this bothered her.

These two groups definitely don't mix and the older kids causing these problems need to be taught some manners and made to repair things they ruin.

Parents, your child may be seeing and hearing things that definitely are not cool at the park.

Louise Wright

Cass City

### Brown commends Christine Young

Dear Editor,

I am writing to commend Christine Young, Chair of the Tuscola County Senior Fair, and the rest of the committee that provided such a nicely organized event held June 16 at the Deford Community Church.

For those who might be wondering why one of Christine's opponents would recognize her efforts, let me state that we must all be in the business of doing the right thing - no matter our political party or ambitions. I understand the sacrifice, untold hours, and headaches that go into making a difference in our community. I also know that Christine spent lots of valuable campaign time in meetings and organizing the event with little thought of a "political dividend."

It looks to me like each of the candidates running for state representative in the 84th District are involved in making the "Thumb" the best place to live and work. The public deserves to know that there are those who want to truly serve the public more than making a name for themselves.

I challenge each of you to make an effort to learn about each of the candidates running for office.

Please join me and others as we strive to "be a part of the solution." Let's be informed when we vote in the primary on Aug. 8.

Sincerely,  
Terry L. Brown  
Pigeon

#### 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.

## School cuts total over \$1 million

Continued from page one.

that Cass City previously charged the least. It is expected that the new prices will increase revenues some \$21,000.

The Cory Merz Memorial Foundation was granted permission to hold fundraisers at Cass City's football games.

Marion Binder, who is eligible for a retirement bonus, announced her resignation effective June 30. Ryan Pritchett was granted a leave of absence. He will have the first chance for any teaching position he is eligible for when he returns, but is not guaranteed a position that has been filled by another instructor.

At the June meeting a parent reported that personal property had been stolen and they felt that the school should have insurance to cover it. After investigation, Wilson said that type of insurance was impracticable for schools and no school in the area offers it. The insurance coverage will remain unchanged.

A special meeting of the school board is scheduled Thursday morning at 7 o'clock to reorganize the board.

Low bidder for garbage removal was Richfield Co. from Lapeer, which presently has the contract. The new 3-year pact's cost will be \$7,788.00 for the first year; \$7,970 for the second year, and \$8,123 for the third year.

The school is buying 2 new buses and the board authorized the superintendent to seek a loan for one of the new units.

Four bids were received for used buses. The highest bid was \$2,560 by Matthews and Son.

### Patterson and Cherry honored

Baker College officials recently awarded 2 honorary doctorate degrees recognizing Senator Deborah Cherry and L. Brooks Patterson for their support of higher education during commencement exercises in Flint and Cass City.

Patterson, Oakland County executive, received an honorary doctorate of humane letters at the ceremony held in Cass City. He was recognized for leadership in promoting statewide economic development, including the area of education and the establishment of Automation Alley.

Cherry was presented with an honorary doctorate of humane letters at the Flint Campus. She was recognized for her involvement and effective leadership in Michigan's House and Senate, and her long-standing support of effective solutions for education and health services at the state, county and local levels.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET				
2005-2006 Proposed Revised Budget and 2006-2007 Proposed Budget				
	Actual 04/05	Adopted 05/06	Revised 05/06	Proposed 06/07
Revenue-Local Sources	\$862,961	\$892,223	\$897,495	\$876,539
Revenue-State Sources	\$9,908,428	\$9,908,219	\$9,919,721	\$10,358,507
Revenue-Federal Sources	\$444,920	\$415,927	\$418,823	\$415,927
Other financing Sources	\$104,287	\$38,000	\$37,000	\$37,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$11,320,596</b>	<b>\$11,254,369</b>	<b>\$11,273,039</b>	<b>\$11,687,973</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,831,803</b>	<b>\$11,771,915</b>	<b>\$11,916,595</b>	<b>\$11,466,557</b>
	-\$511,207	-\$517,546	-\$643,556	\$221,416
Adjustment to Fund Balance				
Fund Balance July 1	\$1,626,223	\$1,115,016	\$1,115,016	\$471,460
<b>Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>\$1,115,016</b>	<b>\$597,470</b>	<b>\$471,460</b>	<b>\$692,876</b>

### Possible Reductions for 06-07

8 Teaching Staff salaries	476,216.68
FICA	36,430.58
Retirement Contribution	84,480.84
Health Insurance	92,626.80
Band Sub	47,871.00
Retirement Stipend	-80,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>657,625.90</b>
Ele Text & Supplies	65,000.00
MS Text & Supplies	30,000.00
HS Test & Supplies	80,000.00
CO	42,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>217,000.00</b>
Sub. Sec. @ Campbell	30,000.00
2 bus drivers	20,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
Administrative Costs	30,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
Teachers (Choices)	68,708.00
1 Custodian	60,924.38
Girl's Ele Basketball	1,627.70
Boy's Ele Basketball	1,627.70
Girls Ele Volleyball	1,627.70
MS Cross Country	1,368.75
7-8 Cheer	1,072.80
Cheerleading	1,701.68
Coaching Clinics	3,500.00
Uniform replacements	5,000.00
Asst. Golf Coach	1,110.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>148,268.71</b>
MS Counselor	\$62,144.28
Transportation/Grounds	\$74,415.32
Sub contracting trans & grounds	(\$25,371.00)
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$111,188.60</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,214,083.21</b>

### For portion of arsenic facility

## Council wraps up financing

The Cass City Village Council accepted a commitment of \$200,000 from Chemical Bank for construction on the site of the arsenic treatment plant.

The plant will be only about 50 percent of the Department of Public Works building, according to the U.S. Rural Development Agency; therefore, separate funds are needed to finance the portion of the building to be used for other reasons.

In a commitment letter, Chemical Bank set an interest rate for the \$200,000 loan. The council accepted the letter for Wednesday's closing in a 5-0 vote.

In his recommendation to the council, Village Manager Peter Cristiano said, "Funds for this loan will come from revenues received by the Highway Department from Act #51 monies. The loan will be for 10 to 15 years and basically be an installment loan."

In related business, the council approved the loan resolution for \$1.85 million for the arsenic treatment plant, which was needed before closing the loan Wednesday.

Another approval was of a proclamation request for a new post office, which will be sent to the U.S. Postal Office Administration in Chicago for review.

The request, which will be signed by members of the council, states that the post office has not been updated substantially in almost 50 years, there is difficulty delivering to the location and Baker College has expressed interest in using the property.

Also included in the request is endorsement by the council of Main Street properties for the post office.

Cristiano said the request will be part of the package sent to Chicago because

it provides the proof, needed by the U.S. Postal Office, that village officials support a new post office.

"We want it, we need it, (and) we're able to do the things" that need to be done, Cristiano said.

Village President Bert Althaver said there is no guarantee the village will get the new office, but Cass City's only investment would be time and enthusiasm for the new post office.

"There's no investment on the part of the village," he said.

#### IN OTHER BUSINESS

The council presented certificates to Center B Drain Clean-Up volunteers, which included Bob Haselhuhn, Bob and Margie Morley, and Boy Scout Troop 594.

Scoutmaster Jim Baker and Assistant Scoutmaster Gordon Willis were present, as well as Boy Scouts Thomas LeValley, Jacob Kittle, Austin Baker, Joseph Rule and Jeff Willis.

The council approved in one motion the sale of 2 used police vehicles and a sewer rodder.

The sewer rodder received one bid from Shagene Excavating of Cass City, who will get the rodder for \$151.

There were 3 bids for each of the police vehicles.

The bids for the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria ranged from \$600 to \$1,809.

The highest bidder, Government Cars of Miami, Fla., will receive the vehicle for \$1,809. The 2002 Ford Crown Victoria bids ranged from \$1,576 to \$2,880. Government Cars of Miami, Fla., was the highest bidder and will get the car for \$2,880.

The Village of Gagetown's \$3,000 bid for the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser was approved by the council.

The approval came with a waiver of the traditional bidding process because "Cass City has a tradition of assisting neighboring communities in cooperative governmental efforts,"

said the letter from Cristiano recommending the sale.

Also in the letter, the 2004 police car will be sold in 2007, when a new car will be purchased.

Mikes Sines, owner of Gilligan's, requested and was granted temporary authorization to use the alley behind the business for a beer tent Fri., Aug. 4 and Sat., Aug. 5, during Summer Mania.

Chief of Police Craig Haynes recommended approval of the application, stating there have been no problems in the previous 4 years, when Sines was granted the alley's use.

Sines will be able to use the alley, from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. both days. There will be 2 doormen and entrance to the tent through the bar.

Rick Mohr, superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Tom Soule, plant operator, completed the training program "Chlorine, Sulfur Dioxide and Sodium Hypochlorite Safety and Handling."

### Scholarship awarded to N. Froede

Local student Nicole Froede has been recognized for superior academic achievement with an Albion College Briton Award worth \$10,000.

This fall, she will be a first-year student at Albion, majoring in economics and management. The daughter of Bryan Froede of Bad Axe and Gloria Froede of Cass City, Froede is a 2006 Cass City High School graduate.

More than 85 percent of Albion's entering first-year students have earned a merit-based scholarship, a statistic that underscores the high quality of Albion's students, school officials said.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mable Williams, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2004 and recorded on December 27, 2004 in Liber 1021 on Page 1255 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Seven and 53/100 Dollars (\$90,537.53), including interest at 7.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JULY 27, 2006.

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

PARCEL 0-3 PART OF PARCEL 0 BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/2 OF SECTION 12 TOWN 11 NORTH RANGE 10 EAST. SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD, TOWNSHIP ZONING LAWS OF RECORD.  
PARCEL 0-3: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, DAYTON TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT THAT IS SOUTHWEST 00 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 1589.05 FEET ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE AND NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 304.48 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST 336.16 FEET; THENCE WEST 304.48 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST 336.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 2.35 ACRES SUBJECT TO PRIVATE ROADWAY EASEMENT F AND PRIVATE DRAIN EASEMENT E. PART OF PARCEL D OF A SURVEY BY ROWE ENGINEERING, JOB NUMBER C-1482-74.

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

Dated: June 28, 2006

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas D. Aspin, married man and Maryann Aspin, his wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 29, 2003 and recorded on September 10, 2003 in Liber 953 on Page 251 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger and/or name change to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five and 01/100 Dollars (\$137,965.01), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 27, 2006.

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

Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 1, Sunset Bay Subdivision, being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 31, Town 15 North, Range 8 East, Akron Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 93, now being Page 43A of Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: June 28, 2006

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Allen Thorp and Renee Thorp, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 22, 2003 and recorded March 4, 2003 in Liber 918, Page 1086, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One and 54/100 Dollars (\$81,191.54), including interest at 6.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JULY 27, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 15, Town 12 North, Range 8 East described as beginning distant West 798.41 feet along the North Section line from the Northeast corner of said Section 15; thence from said place of beginning, South 00 degrees 03 minutes 03 seconds East, 760.20 feet parallel with the East line of said Section; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 04 seconds West, 193.27 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 03 seconds West, 760.15 feet; parallel with the East line of said Section to said North Section line; thence East 193.27 feet along said Section line to the Place of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: June 28, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 362.0265

6-28-5

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WILLIAM FEE and RENEE FEE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 12, 2003 and recorded on April 8, 2003, in Liber 924, on Page 892, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$106,756.50), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on July 27, 2006.

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

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUAR-

TER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30 TOWN 12 NORTH RANGE 10 EAST DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER NORTHERLY 300.00 FEET; THENCE PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 30 EASTERLY 300.00 FEET; THENCE PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER SOUTHERLY 300.00 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 30 WESTERLY 300.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TAX ID NO. 022-030-000-0800-02

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

Dated: June 22, 2006

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

6-28-4

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randall J. Sanders and Tammy A. Sanders, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety and not as tenants in common, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 22, 2004 and recorded on January 12, 2005 in Liber 1023 on Page 1087 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two and 40/100 Dollars (\$93,172.40), including interest at 7.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on July 27, 2006.

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

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 10 East, described as beginning at the South 1/4 corner of Section 35; thence along the South Section line East 120.22 feet; thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 23 seconds East 320.72 feet to the South line of the P.M. Railroad; thence along said line, North 82 degrees 44 minutes 09 seconds West 121.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 23 seconds West 336.02 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: June 28, 2006

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6-28-4

## Sheriff: enjoy fireworks safely

Enjoying fireworks displays at dusk is synonymous with Fourth of July celebrations. However, Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits of Huron County wants area residents to know the rules in order to stay safe this Independence Day.

There are 2 classes of fireworks. Class B is manufactured for use in professional displays like the one put on by your city or township. These fireworks are illegal in the state of Michigan without a permit. Class C fireworks however, are the kind commonly sold in stores for consumer use. Examples of Class C fireworks include paper caps, toy trick noisemakers, sparklers, fountains, toy snakes and toy smoke devices.

"If you are unsure whether your fireworks are Class B or Class C, follow this one simple guideline: If it makes a loud bang or leaves the ground, then it is illegal!" said Tibbits. "The most important thing you can do for your family is to properly educate them about fireworks and you do this by setting a good example."

Tibbits offered the following guidelines for the safe use of fireworks at home displays:

- Stay away from illegal explosives.
- Obey the local laws and use com-

## Tendercare awards 2 scholarships

Officials at Tendercare, Cass City, recently announced that employees Karen Darbee and Jennifer Katzinger are pursuing their degrees to become registered nurses. Tendercare presented both women with scholarships.

Darbee has been with Tendercare, Cass City, since December 2000 and is currently serving as a licensed practical nurse. Katzinger has been with the company since October 2003 and is also currently serving as a licensed practical nurse.

The scholarship program is designed to provide Tendercare employees with opportunities for growth and self-improvement through continuing education. Students who meet scholarship qualifications are reimbursed 100 percent for their tuition.



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# Owen-Gage

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mated at just under \$1.95 million. Compton projected a fund balance of \$175,000 to \$200,000 by the end of June 2007.

Compton stressed the figures are based on estimates only, and that he intentionally projected higher expenses than expected, and was conservative in figuring total revenues for the coming year.

"We don't want to get caught in a negative here. I'd rather see us have more money than not enough," he told the board.

In fact, Compton noted, school officials won't be able to accurately estimate revenues for several weeks. "Actually, we won't know for sure until we have our (student) count in September.

In 2005-06, Owen-Gage recorded a K-12 enrollment of about 200 students and received \$7,079 per student in state foundation grant money.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business during the brief session, the board:

- Approved an annual resolution to borrow \$250,000 from the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority in anticipation of state school aid. The loan will provide sufficient cash-flow through the beginning of the new school year when the district will begin to receive its state funding.

- Accepted the resignation of veteran foreign language teacher Sandra Juengel, who has been with the district since 1984 and now plans to retire.

- Lauded girls varsity softball Coach Doug Hyatt for his work with the team this past season. Hyatt presented the board with the 2005-06 NCTL North Division Championship plaque. Compton told the board that students and parents have been very positive about Hyatt's approach to coaching and his rapport with the athletes and school.

- Approved an updated technology plan for 2006-09 that incorporates and revises school officials' plans to explore distance learning, "virtual high school" and implementation of a trimester system beginning next year.

- Adopted a School Wellness Policy that focuses on issues such as eventually doing away with unhealthy vending machine snacks and soda and replacing them with healthier items.

- Authorized formation of a new student-sponsored activity, an equestrian team led by adult volunteers. The program will begin small and at no cost to the district, according to Compton.

- Approved an annual resolution renewing membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

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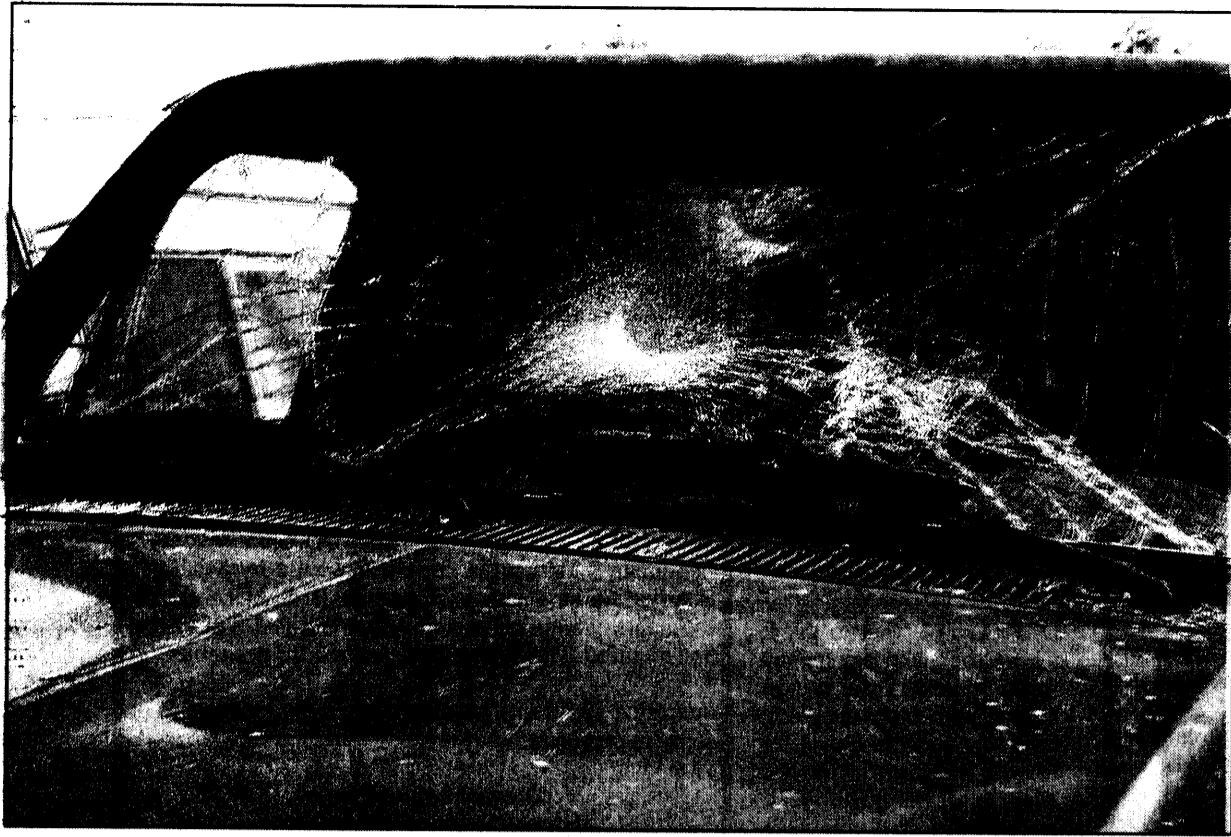
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## Several appear in circuit court

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•Matthew A. Rogers, 24, Vassar, was sentenced to 4 days in the county jail and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from Feb. 1, 2004, to March 1, 2005, and from April 1, 2005, to Feb. 1, 2006.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$600 plus restitution of \$37,942.18.

•Jesse L. Beyette, 26, Millington, was sentenced to 24 months probation and 180 days in jail, with work release, for his plea of guilty to uttering and publishing involving a \$60 check drawn on Mayville State Bank between June 24 and Aug. 7, 2005.

The defendant was also ordered to undergo residential treatment and pay \$1,780 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$1,905.

•David W. Sexton, 23, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 36 months probation and 365 days in jail (100 days deferred), with work release, for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, operating a motor vehicle with an occupant under the age of 16 years, and possession of marijuana Feb. 25 in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,985 plus \$200 in attorney fees.

•Robert A. Smith, 59, Cass City, was sentenced to 180 days in jail (90 days deferred) and 12 months probation for his conviction on a charge of assaulting a police officer (conservation officer) Nov. 9 in Grant Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$990 in

costs and fines.

•Suzan M. Hutchinson, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 60 months probation and 180 days in jail (90 days deferred), with work release, for her plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury, July 14 in Fairgrove Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,320.

•John C. Kester, 18, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years in April-May 2005 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$520 in costs and fines.

David M. Strickland, 21, Cass City, pleaded guilty to unlawfully driving away an automobile and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor May 29 in Elmwood Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$5,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Ronda E. Worth, 41, Caro, pleaded no contest to forgery involving a \$4,600 financing authorization form drawn on Capitol One between July 1 and Aug. 31 in Cass City, and to being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$10,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the Michi-

gan Department of Corrections. Sentencing is to be set.

•Craig M. Androl, 32, Unionville, pleaded no contest to third degree child abuse April 30 in Unionville.

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

•Jacob D. May, 24, Otisville, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon, shooting a deer outside the firearm deer season, and trespass-recreational (discharging a firearm) Nov. 5 in Millington Township, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Dawn M. Stickney, 31, Mancelona, pleaded guilty to retaining/stealing a financial transaction device without consent of the device holder Dec. 9-12 in Indianfields Township.

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

•Jeremy P. Bader, 25, Caro, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, between April 27 and May 8, and to being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$35,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Christopher B. Vanderpoel, 17, Kingston, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building March 28 in Koylton Township.

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

•Scott M. Donovan, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 16 in Fairgrove Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Joshua K. Kilbourn, 19, Deford, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to fleeing a police officer Feb. 4 in Novesta Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,020.

•Joshua R. Daly, 17, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic/cocaine (less than 25 grams) and consumption of alcohol by a minor June 1 in Millington Township.

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

## Jeung

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ment.

Jeung's counsel, Southfield attorney Melvin R. Schwartz, lauded Tuscola County Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn, saying he was extremely fair, intelligent and knowledgeable throughout the trial.

"But I am certain the case will be appealed," added Schwartz, who said he was "surprised if not astounded" that the members of the jury would believe the plaintiffs' medical witness over 2 experts and documentation he presented, showing Jeung's decision to combine the 2 procedures was both medically sound and safe.

"Although the judge conducted the trial wonderfully and treated everyone fairly, I was surprised the jury reached the conclusion that they did," he said.

Dawes indicated he still marvels at Longuski's strength and perseverance throughout and since his ordeal. Longuski, whose wife, Florence, died in 2002, was 71 and still working full-time when Jeung performed surgery on him back in 2000, he said.

"We were very satisfied (with the verdict)," Dawes said. "I think it's a credit to Mr. Longuski more than anything else. I would never bet against this guy."

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Matthew Goniwicha, 14, said he plans to spend the weekend with family and friends.

"I'll probably sit in my backyard and have a bonfire," he said, saying his friends and family will be there with him.

Other plans for the weekend include going to the Freedom Festival parade with cousins and watching the fireworks, which are his favorite part. "I just like sitting out there and watching them," Goniwicha said.

Matthew Goniwicha is from Cass City. During his summer vacation from school, he and his family plan to visit his aunt's house in Paw Paw and go camping.



Matthew Goniwicha

## 68 people give blood

Sixty-eight people donated blood recently during a blood drive sponsored by the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary and VFW Post #3644, Cass City.

First-time donors were Amanda Wehner and Deborah Jean Raymond; one-gallon donors were James Heiser and Mary Shantz; 2-gallon donor was Lynn Miller; 3-gallon donor was Gilbert Kern; 7-gallon donors were Robert Morley and Larry Robinson; and 8-gallon donor was Barbara Crickon.

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## Police nab youths

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and left on the ground, he said.

It (the line of damage) then moved to the playscape at Seeger and Rose, the elementary school," Haynes said. At this location, the door was taken off a wooden trash can holder and the trash was dumped out, a picnic table was overturned and a port-a-john was tipped on its side.

Next was what Haynes called the butterfly garden at the elementary school, where a cement turtle next to the butterfly house was turned over and the door to the house was damaged, with one half hanging by a hinge and the other half on the ground.

"From there they went up to the middle school, and there was a school van," Haynes said. "The windshield was damaged" in the same way as those at Powerhouse Auto, and footprints were seen on the hood.

"From there they came back down Oak Street to the building at 6544 Main St. ... and broke 5 windows on the east side of the building," he said.

Haynes added that the windows were punched out, and scrapes were seen on the juveniles' hands.

The building is vacant, but being renovated by the Nicols, who took over the property in May.

Dave Nicol, who, along with his wife, Mimi, owns the building, said he is not looking to be reimbursed for the windows broken, but would not mind showing the juveniles how difficult it is to change the panes of glass.

The next damage was to the company car at the Cass City Chronicle, and Haynes added that windshield damage was similar to those at other properties.

Clarke Haire, Cass City resident and publisher of the Cass City Chronicle, said restitution for the damages will be sought, if possible.

He added that he would like for the "people responsible (to be) held ac-

countable."

The last stop was Fairway Discount Stores, where "there were 2 windows damaged at the south end," he said.

Chris Wright, Cass City resident and manager at the store, said there had never been damage done to the store in the past, and was unsure if restitution would be sought.

"I don't know yet what's going to be done about it," she said.

Haynes said the police reports will be sent to the Tuscola County prosecutor for review, but the 2 juveniles will be charged in a juvenile court.

The juveniles were released to their parents, he said. Haynes called Friday's damage "the second largest" he has seen in his 20 years in Cass City.

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# Home cooked foods - tasty, plentiful

There will be plenty of places to get tasty meals and treats throughout town during the Freedom Festival.

Returning for its second year is the World Famous Flaming Anus Barbecue, with Executive Chefs Mike Spencer and Jim Baker, both of Cass City, at the grill.

Ribs, with homemade rubs and barbecue sauce, beans, coleslaw and bread will be served, with proceeds going to the Cass City Band Boosters and the Freedom Festival committee, Spencer said.

"We always try to give back what we make," he said.

The chefs are looking to cook 1,300 pounds of ribs, and "we're going to sell until they're gone," Spencer added.

The barbecue will be next to the tennis courts in the Cass City Recreational Park. It starts Friday at 4:30 p.m. and

again Saturday after the parade.

Chicken lovers can check out the Lions Club Chicken Barbecue, featuring barbecue chicken, coleslaw, cheesy potatoes, rolls and iced tea.

Sales start at the pavilion after the parade and end when the food runs out, which last year was around 3 p.m., said Cass City resident Rich Witherspoon, event coordinator and member of the Lions Club.

"We usually do about 400 (chicken) halves," he said.

Proceeds will go to the Freedom Festival, as well as for local funds, like the Cass City High School scholarships, and funds to assist the blind, like the leader dog programs, Witherspoon said.

For those who prefer fish to meat or poultry, the Knights of Columbus will once again

be frying up pollock for their fish sandwiches.

The sandwiches, French fries and cold drinks will be sold Friday starting at 4:30 p.m. by the village offices.

Bob Butucel, Cass City resi-

dent and grand knight, said the fish are freshly fried on location, using soybean oil from local farmers.

"It's kind of expensive (the oil), but we figured, hey, we might as well support the lo-

cal guys," he said.

Proceeds of the sales will go to various charities, and Butucel said at least 75 percent of the money made by the Knights stays local. Boy Scout Troop 500 will be assisting the Knights.

Also making an appearance will be the Cass City United Methodist Church, with its strawberry shortcake and strawberries and vanilla ice cream.

"We usually serve about 200, 250 (people). It depends on the night," said Coordinator Connie Schwaderer, of Cass City. "We could serve up to 300."

She said volunteers work the event, as well as make the homemade biscuits for the shortcake.

Proceeds will go to the church's building fund,

which exists to pay off the building's loan.

The tent will be set up by the pavilion on Friday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., and there will be tables where people are welcome to sit and visit with each other, Schwaderer said.

"People can come and talk, and meet their friends. And eat strawberry shortcake," she said.

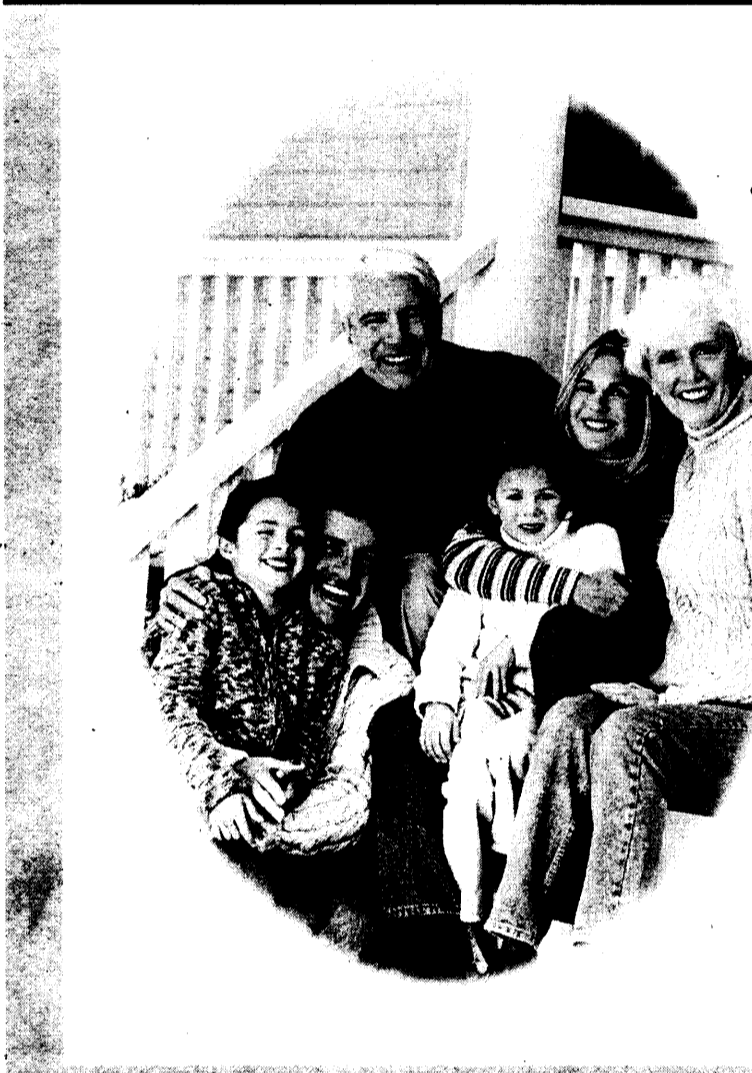
The Shabbona United Methodist Church will be back this year, serving up slices of pie, ice cream and ice cream cones.

The homemade pies will be cherry, apple, rhubarb and blackberry, said Cass City area resident Janet Severance, coordinator.

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# Shabbona ladies known for pies

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"We're known for our pies because in the fall, we do about 3,000 apple pies and sell them in the area," she said.

The group will be selling from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday under a tent in the grove. Similar to last year, the num-

ber of food vendors is limited, said Lisa Merz, food coordinator.

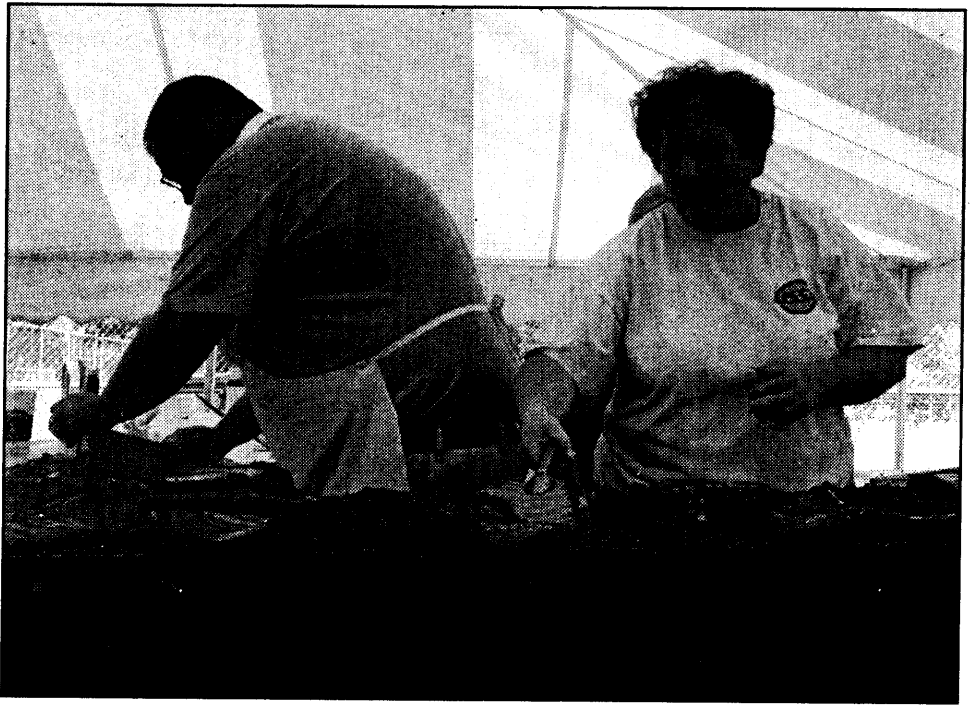
Before, "there were so many vendors that came in, nobody made money," she said.

The majority of food vendors are non-profit, which was important to Merz when

deciding on vendors.

"I feel like the charities (not for profit) should get top priority," and then vendors, who sell for profit, Merz said.

Many of the non-profit groups not only earn money for their organizations, but donate money back to the festival, she said.



WORLD FAMOUS Flaming Anus will be one of various food vendors at the Freedom Festival. Executive Chef Jim Baker (left) and Cathy Czekai cooked at last year's festival.

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# Races right for Wright family



**THE WALK/RUN, sponsored by Hills and Dales Rehab and Fitness, starts at 8 a.m. Saturday. David (from left), Emily, 11, Brady, 13, and Wendy Wright, of Cass City, plan to once again participate as a family.**

## Age divisions offered in 5K, 8K runs, 5K walk

Brady Wright's goal for this year's 5K race is to beat 33:32.38 - his time from last year.

And his dad, David, will be right next to him the whole way.

David, Wendy, Brady and Emily Wright, of Cass City, have made the Hills and Dales Rehab and Fitness Fourth of July race a family affair.

Last year was the first time the whole family competed, though David and Brady had participated the year before.

"I just wanted to do something that was healthy and get some exercise into our lives," David said, and the race was a good reason for the mile Brady, 13, and Emily, 11, run every day.

Wendy said she and her daughter, who will run together, give each other moral support.

In last year's race, they had just reached the hill by Cass City High School when Emily said "Oh, we're this far already? We can do this!" Wendy reflected.

Emily would also like to beat her time from last year, and

said the whole experience is "just fun."

David said the experience is a great way to be part of the community and do something in town.

And, he added "It's been something that pulls us together."

The 10th annual walk-run will be Saturday at 8 a.m., starting and ending at the Hills and Dales General Hospital Medical Arts and Rehabilitation Center.

There are 3 different races: 5K run, 5K walk and 8K run. There are age divisions for each race.

Aside from T-shirts given to all participants, there are many other awards to be given.

For each race, trophies will be given to the Masters Male and Female, which is someone 50 years or older, and to the Overall Male and Female.

Also, for each age and gender division trophies and medals will be awarded.

David Wohl said the race is over "a moderately hilly course in the village of Cass City."

Though most of the races

are on the same course, the 8K splits from the 5K's by Cass City High School.

Wohl said the event is a good way to promote fitness and health.

"Obviously, because we're a fitness center we're trying somewhat to benefit the health of the citizens in the area," he said.

This is the second year the race has been endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports as a qualifier for the Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Run.

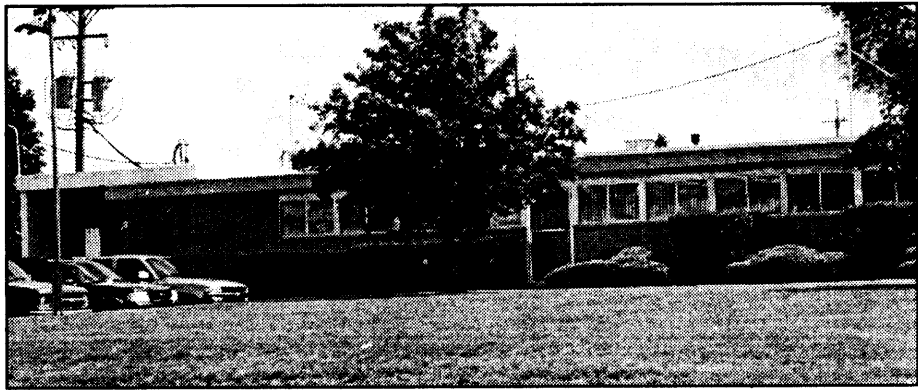
Wohl said this is the only endorsed race in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties, and participants who are 18 years or older can be entered in the lottery to run across the bridge with Gov. Granholm.

There is a \$15 dollar fee if registering before Fri., June 20 at 4 p.m. Registration also will take place Saturday on-site from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. for \$18.

More information and the registration form can be found at <http://www.hdghrehab.com>.



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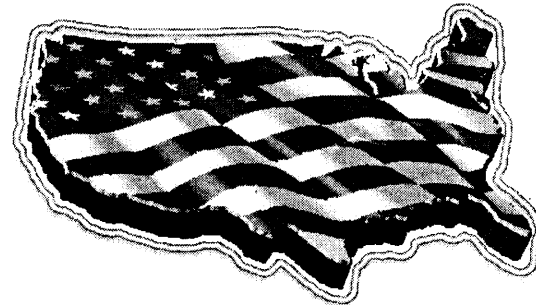


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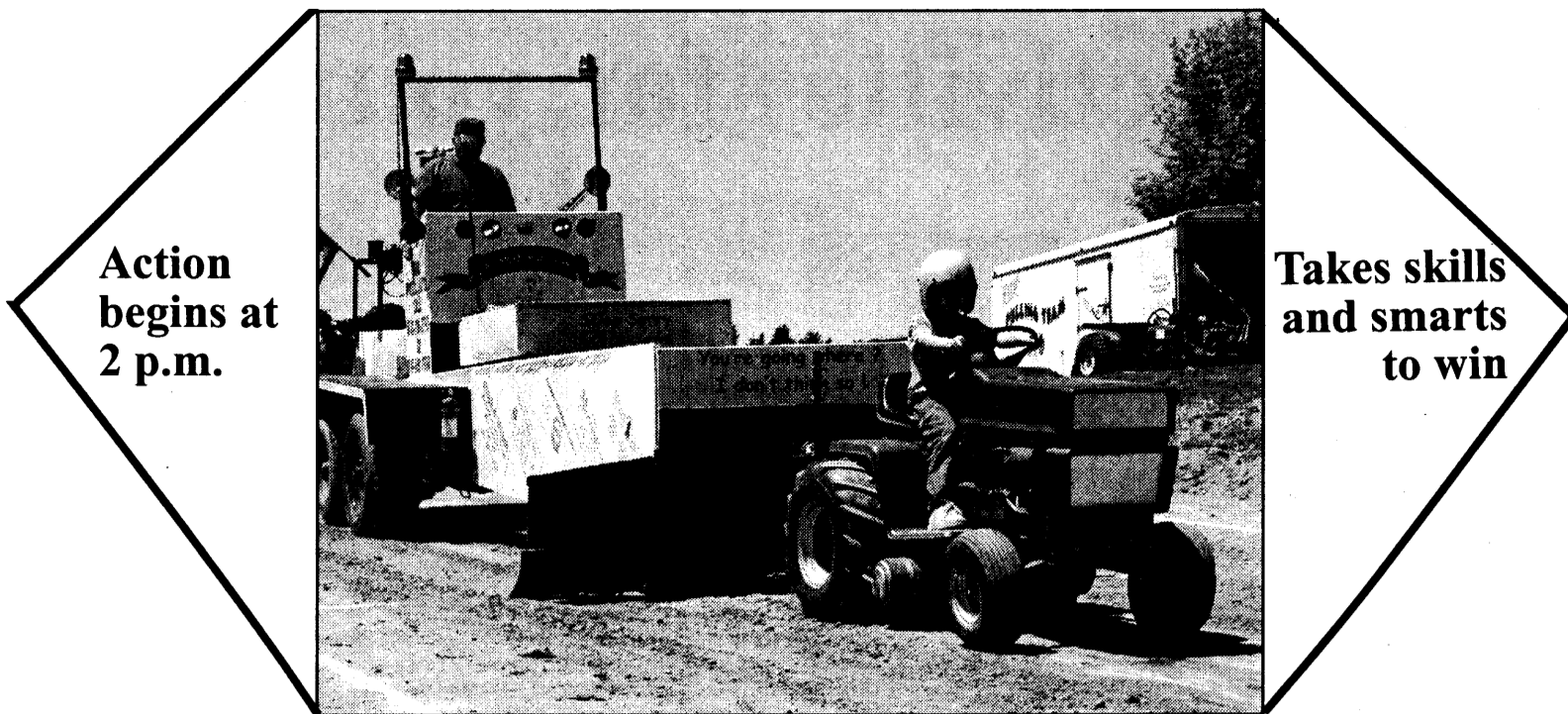
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A FESTIVAL favorite, the tractor pulls by M-T Pocket Pullers are scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. Dylan Collison, of Pigeon, participated in last year's Kids Class.

# M-T Pocket Pullers set to compete

The sounds of roaring engines will once again fill Cass City Park on Saturday, as the MT Pocket Pullers come to town.

The event, often drawing crowds of close to 1,000 people, is set to start at 2 p.m. by the hill and Little League diamonds.

Mike Spencer, Cass City resident and event coordinator, said the event was brought back again because of its popularity.

"It's fun to see who can outdo each other," he said, which is part of the reason he enjoys the event.

Each tractor is attached to a sled with weights on it, and the object of the pull is to see who can pull the sled the farthest, said Pam Hawley, who, along with her husband, Ron, helped to facilitate bringing the event to town.

"When you see the green light, you give it all you got," she said.

And that is just what David Ross did last year as he took first place in the 0-580 CC Ultra Lite pull.

This year, the Marlette resident and MT Pocket Pullers director said the competition is going to have to work hard to beat his tractor, an 11-year point winner.

"I'll still be pushing for that first place spot," he said.

Each tractor is attached to a

sled, which has a moving bar with weights in it. As the pull progresses down the 300-foot flat track, the weights move closer to the tractor, making the pull harder, Hawley said.

Three main categories of tractors will be raced: garden tractors, ultra lites and all-terrain vehicles.

Within each category, the tractors are divided by horsepower, because that determines the amount of weight they pull, she added.

The garden tractors must have the original engine from the lawnmower they are fashioned from, and wheelie bars, which prevent the tractor from flipping over backward, must be installed, Hawley said.

Besides horsepower, the garden tractors are separated by fuel type. Stock altered means the engines run on alcohol, not regular gasoline, Hawley added.

She said ultra lites are tractors with motorcycle or snowmobile engines, as well as wheelie bars.

The bars are for safety, as are the required helmets, leather gloves and boots, flame-retardant suits and eye protection, she said.

Another safety precaution is a kill switch on the sled, which would automatically kill the engine of the tractor.

should the sled driver have to pull it because a tractor is out of control, Hawley said.

The talent to pulling is not necessarily in the actual pull, but in how the owner has suped their engine.

If drivers can't get the energy from the engine to get the tires moving and pull the sled, they aren't going to win, Hawley said.

"You have to have a little bit of smarts, but also luck," she said.

This year, she estimates there will be at least 50 entries, but there could be more since those interested in pulling may register up to an hour before the race.

"You do not have to be a member (of MT Pocket Pullers)," Hawley said.


The non-profit organization started in 1991. Hawley said the MT Pocket name is a play on empty pocket, because when the group was started the funds came from the member's pockets.

Prices are \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members. Everyone racing must bring their own safety gear.

Ross said the pulls have become "like a family reunion every weekend," not only because his family races, but because the other pullers have become like family.

"We all enjoy coming up to pull at Cass City," he said.

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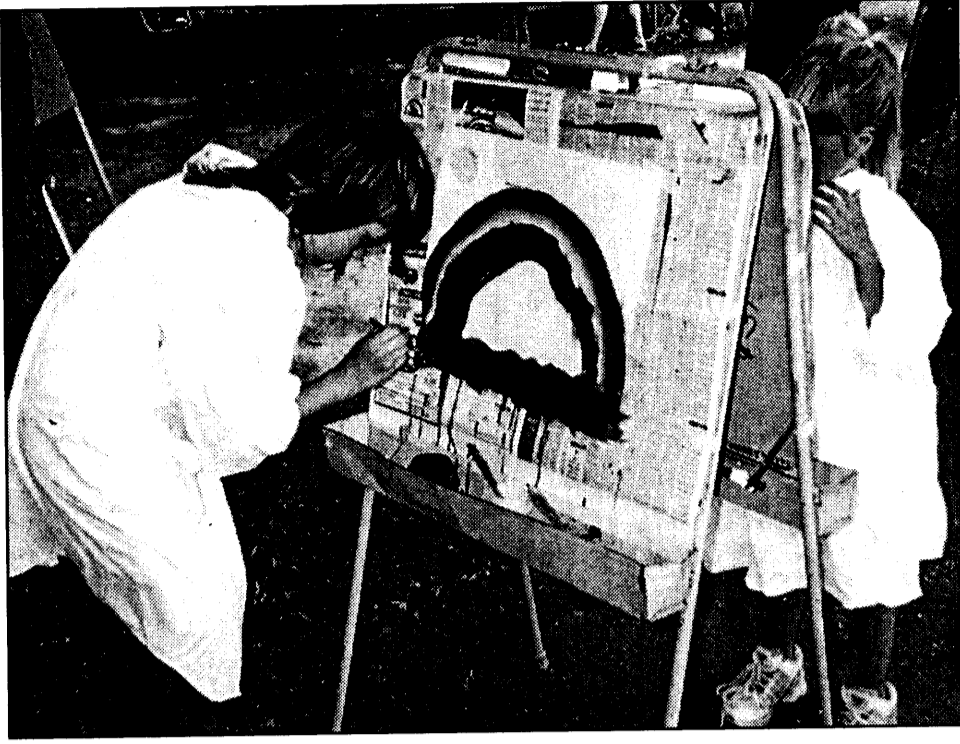


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# Plenty of activities for youngsters...



**THE PAINT-IN, a tradition since the first festival, is a chance to let children's creativity shine through art.**

Kids will have plenty of opportunities to showcase their artistic talents during this year's Freedom Festival.

Children ages 12 and under are encouraged to decorate their bikes, wagons and pets, or come dressed patriotically, and participate in the 28th annual Freedom Festival parade.

Coordinator Richard Little said the patriotic event is designed to show how creative the children can be and to get them involved in the community.

"They (the children) get excited," he said. "They like doing this."

Touch-ups may be made before the parade on Saturday, but most decoration should be finished before the 10 a.m. gathering at the Chemical Bank parking lot off Main Street.

Pre-school children are asked to be accompanied by

an adult, and there is no fee or need to register.

Later in the day, all little Van Goghs and Picassos are encouraged to take to their easels this year in the annual July 4 Paint-In.

Children can paint their own masterpiece on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. by the gazebo in the Cass City Park.

"They (the children) just love to stop by and paint a picture," said Ann Craig, event coordinator and member of the Paint-In sponsor American Association of University Women (AAUW) Cass City/Thumb Area branch.

A well-attended and colorful tradition since the Freedom Festival started, the organization provides paint smocks, paper and paint.

"The kids can come and paint and we hang their pictures on a clothesline (to dry)," Craig said.

Organization members volunteer their time, and Craig said the Paint-In is a fun activity for the group.

AAUW member Marlene Erla has volunteered regularly at the event because she always has enjoyed working with children, as she is a retired Cass City kindergarten and first grade teacher.

The children's creativity is impressive, she said.

Her favorite part of watching the painting process is "the amazement of seeing what they come up with," Erla said.

Leslie Farms will give kids another chance to have fun in the park Saturday with its petting farm.

Four sheep, 2 pigs and 2 calves will be making the trip from the 140-cow Decker dairy farm.

Owner Al Leslie said all the animals are friendly, and that

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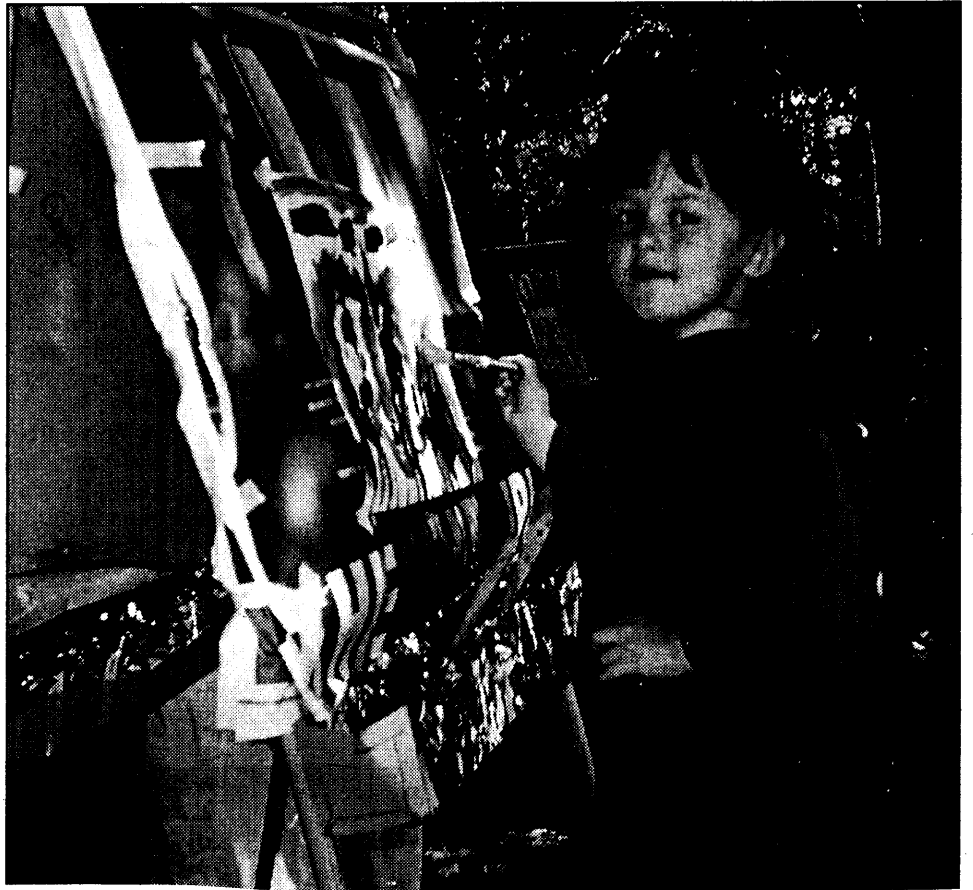
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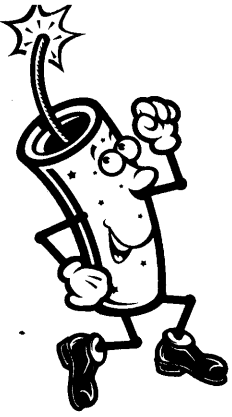
he and his son, Alan, 11, will be bringing the animals to Cass City.

The calves are being raised on the dairy farm, while the sheep and pigs, named Pork and Beans, are his children's 4-H projects, Leslie said.

This is a first time affair for Leslie, who is coming because "I thought I'd help them (the festival) out," he said.



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The Talley Trio has enjoyed

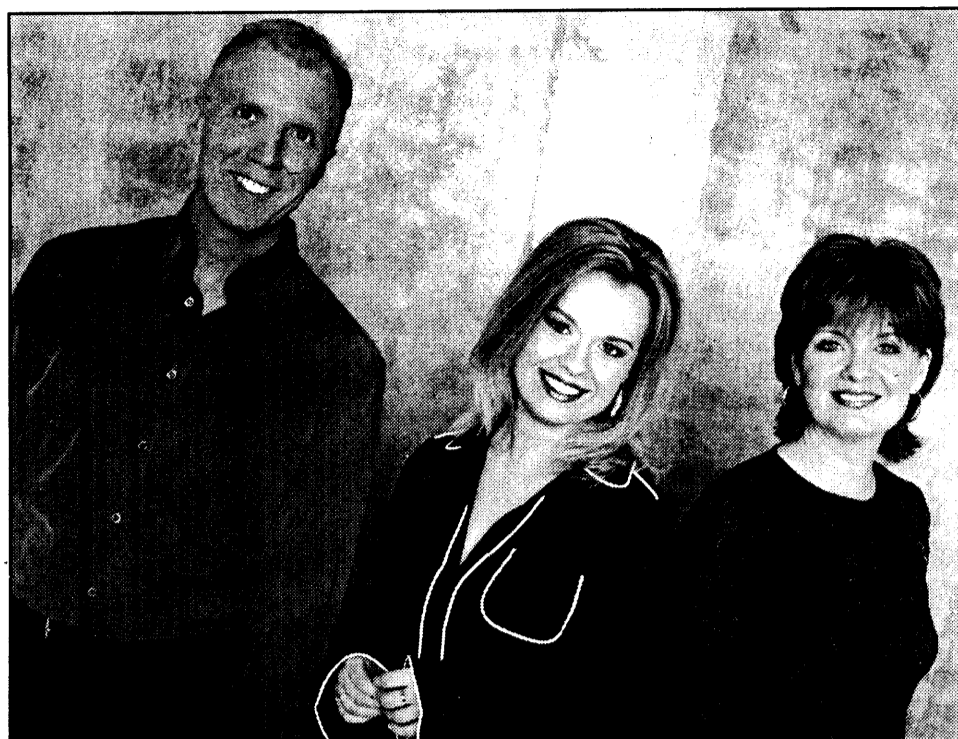
a total of 7 number one singles, with 6 of them occurring consecutively. The Talley Trio travels in excess of 10 dates per year, which range from church settings to the Gaither Homecoming Concert Tour, Praise Gathering, cruises with Pastor John Hagee and Jesse Duplantis, and overseas tours to Northern Ireland and Italy.

Roger and his wife, Debra, began their individual careers with other groups in the 1970s and sang with Roger's brother, Kirk, as The Talleys from 1984 to 1993. Their

daughter, Lauren, began performing together on a limited basis in 1996 as the Talley Trio. At 22, Lauren has already won 3 Singing News Fan Awards for Favorite Young Artist.

The Talley Trio will be at the football stadium at Cass City Recreational Park Friday, June 30, at 8 p.m. as part of the Cass City fourth of July Festival. The public is welcome. Bring your lawn chairs. A free-will offering will be taken.

More information is available by contacting Arthur Severance at (989) 872-3530.




NEW TO the Freedom Festival is the Talley Trio. Roger (left to right), Lauren and Debra Talley will be in concert Friday at 8 p.m. at the football field in Cass City Recreational Park.

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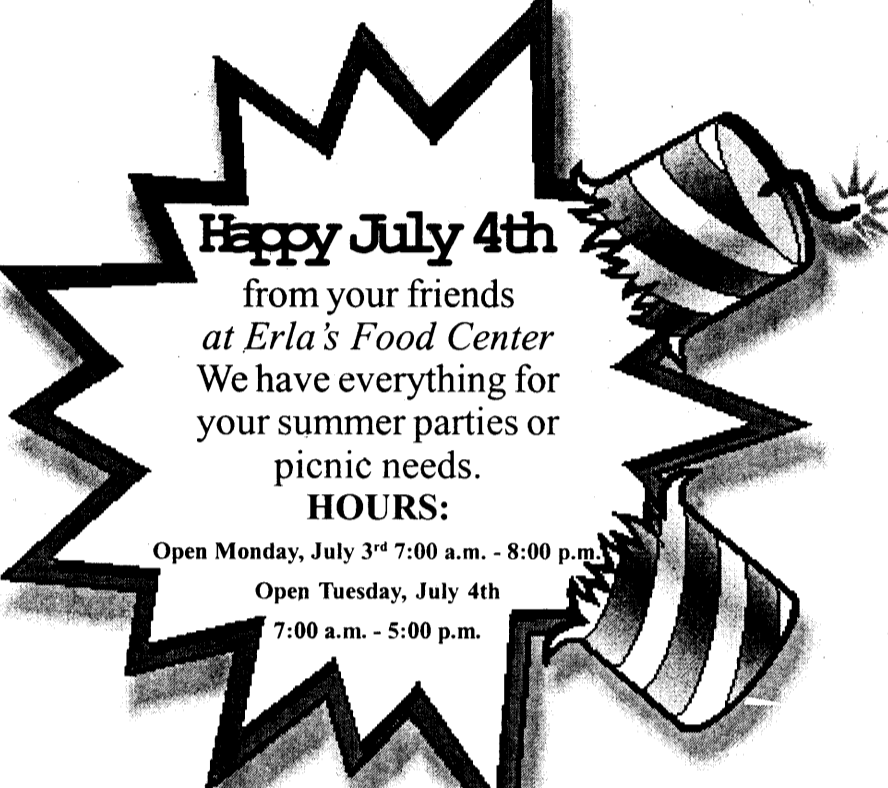
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## Spotlight on '49 Chevrolet

# Antique car show always popular

Floyd McIntosh's car will be in the spotlight at this year's Antique Car show and Parade during the Freedom Festival.

The Cass City resident's black 1949 Chevrolet Styleline Deluxe is pictured on this year's plaque, which is handed out to all participants of the car show and parade. "It feels good," he said about being chosen. "I feel honored."

Every year, the Thumb Area Antique Auto Club, who puts on the annual event, chooses an area member's car for the plaque, said Cass City resident Jim Perry, event coordinator and charter member of the 35-member club.

"We try to get a local car, if he hasn't been on it before," he said.

McIntosh's car comes from a time when the only options were a sun visor, radio, turn signals and fender skirts, which hide the tires from view, he said.

And of those, his chrome-trimmed, beige interior classic only has the sun visor

and fender skirts, which means he uses his hands to signal for turns, he added.

Another oddity, in today's terms, is that the car is a 3 speed manual.

"In that year they didn't even know what an automatic was," he said.

Most of the cars in the show, like McIntosh's, are considered antiques, Perry said.

"We usually consider them (cars in the show) to be more of the antique level, which is 25 years or more," he added.

Perry and his wife, Gerry, are planning on showing and driving their brown and black, two-door 1931 Ford Model A and 1970 Chrysler, he said.

McDonald's sponsors the event. The show starts at 6 p.m. in the McDonald's field, and the parade starts from there at 8 p.m.

There are door prizes for those whose cars are registered in the show. Registration takes place the day of the event.

"You don't know who's going to come," Perry said, as anyone can show up the day of the event.

In past years, the show has drawn in people from Cass City, Caro, Bad Axe and other Thumb area towns.

Weather influences the number of people who show up, with higher numbers when the weather is better, Perry said.

McIntosh is proof, as his car does not leave the garage if it's raining, too hot or winter, he said.

He also avoids washing the car, opting instead to dry dust the exterior.

"This car hasn't been washed in 2, 3 years," McIntosh said.

This is his first classic car, which he bought around 5 years ago, but there's a chance he may look into buying another on in the future, he said.

McIntosh added that although he cannot always make the club's meetings be-

cause he travels a lot as a truck driver, he joined be-

cause of the people.

"Everyone gets along

good," he said. "It's a very good bunch of people."



**THIS BLACK 1949 Chevrolet Styleline Deluxe will appear on the plaque given to car show and parade participants. Cass City resident Floyd McIntosh, who owns the classic, said being on the plaque is an honor.**

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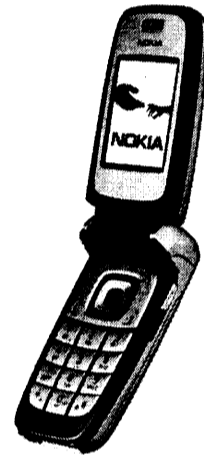
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# Fireworks expensive but worth it

## American made shells added

Fireworks are the icing on the Fourth of July cake, and this year's show should be sweet.

Set to light up the sky with colors, Dennis and Dawn Kunding, owners of Kundis Fireworks Display Shows in Sebewaing, have made the presentation a little more patriotic.

"We're putting some American-made shells in there in the 5-inch category," said Kunding.

These tourbillion shells, which come in blue and green, are 5 inches in diameter and 12 inches long, and will create multiple effects, he said.

The 5-inch diameter, 6-inch long green and red shell of shells should make the display a "very beautiful show," he added.

These are just a couple of the various shell types that will be in the 370-firework show Saturday at dusk.

"Some of the shells that we're putting in are the assortment of the AN-PING shell, which are the higher assortment of shells that come out of China," he said.

Another shell, the "exclusive" SAN-TAI shell from China, is a 5-inch that was custom sorted and is very high grade, he said.

The Spanish Caballer will also be launched, he added.

"The finale is one thing that we've been known for," said Kunding.

This year's grand finale will have 113 fireworks, which is about 31 percent of the fire-

works to be set off. Many of the shells will be "crackling nishiki kamuro niagara falls," a Japanese Yung Feng shell in 3-, 4-, 5- and 6-inch varieties, Kunding said.

In order to get the fireworks in time, the planning process for a show often will start in November, but if they have a multiple-year contract it could start as early as August, Kunding said.

Set up starts Saturday between noon and 2 p.m., with Dan and Carol Suttkus, the lead pyrotechnicians, working the Cass City show.

Suttkus said a rack placed on the ground holds the mortars in place. The shells are loaded into the mortars, which are black, high-density polyethylene pipes.

The Cass City show is manually fired, meaning the fuses are lit with a road flare, and the pyrotechnicians work from one end of the line to the other.

Protecting the finale shells and mortars from stray embers is key to putting on the show.

"We cover the entire finale...with aluminum foil so that any ember, any falling, burning ember from the show can't fall on the fuses, igniting them prematurely," Suttkus said.

Safety is important throughout the process, from setup to cleanup, he said, adding "The mortars are treated just like loaded guns."

Both pyrotechnicians are certified by the Pyrotechnics Guild International; however, despite extensive training,

some accidents can't be prevented.

"I had lit a 6-inch shell and it lit coming up at the end of the tube," Suttkus said. "And it went off in my face."

Luckily neither Suttkus was hurt, in part because of the protective clothing and gear they wear.

"We both (Carol and I) wear a full hard hat and face shield," as well as ear protection and all cotton clothing," Suttkus said.

He called the explosion a wake-up call to the danger fireworks present.

Kunding said he feels a connection with the Cass City show, as it was his first community show when he started the business.

"Everything just seems to flow so great," he said. "(I) wish everybody was this easy to work with."

Suttkus agreed, saying the fire department here is "fantastic. They have been right there by our side."

Though they were assigned to work the Cass City show the first time 4 years ago, they have requested to work here since that time because of the community.


The show costs \$5,200, of which half is paid before the show and half after, said Jane Hittler, Cass City resident and festival financial secretary.

She added Kundis is always reliable, and anytime she is asked, she gives the company a good recommendation.

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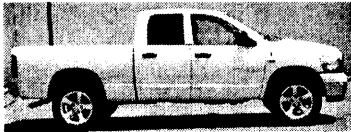
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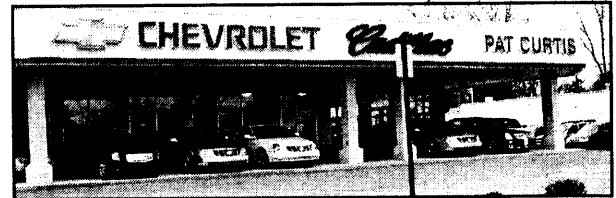
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Owner Jeralyn Bliss, of Cass City, said it is hard to stay balanced while dancing on a moving platform.

"It's one of the most athletic things you can do," she said. One of the changes in the group's performance is the dance style. For the past 2 years it was hip-hop, while this year's is contemporary jazz, Bliss said.

Jones said it is hard work recruiting music groups to perform in the parade, but music is one of the factors in

a parade's success because "that's what makes a parade fun and lively."

In addition to the Cass City High School band, there were 3 professional groups hired for the occasion.

The Flint Scottish Pipe Band will send the sounds of Scotland through Cass City as it plays the bagpipes, while Midland's Tittabawasee Valley Fife and Drum Corps and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps take watchers back to 18th century America.

Jones said these groups were contacted as early as February because they are in high demand.

"They're very good, very professional and very well received," he said.

He added that following the parade, the groups will perform their music at the gazebo in the Cass City Recreational Park.

Various other entries, including floats, motorcycle groups and politicians, will make up the parade, which has at least 50 entries, Jones said.

He added that the amount of people who come to the parade, which he has been told is between 8,000 and 10,000, is a mark of acceptance by the community and of the parade's success.

"The more music, the more variety, and the entertaining nature of the participants makes it a success," he said.

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# Jack Esau: always ready to help

Jack Esau is an unofficial Cass City historian because, he supposes, he's been around long enough. "I lived long enough and I had a fairly good memory ... and I liked to talk to older people," the 88-year-old Cass

City resident said. Being this year's Fourth of July parade's grand marshal is another achievement Esau can add to his list of community involvements. He again credits his long life as part of the reason behind

the nomination. "It's an honor (to be grand marshal) and I say, if you live long enough and sort of behave yourself, you'll get there," he said. Cass City resident Gary Jones, parade coordinator for

the festival, said "He (Esau) does a lot of good things for people. It was just time to say 'Thanks,' in a way." He said Esau was a good candidate for grand marshal because he has helped many people, is well-known, knows

a lot about Cass City's history. "And, he's my uncle," Jones added. His family moved to Greenleaf Township from Detroit in 1920 when he was 2 years old, a move that would influence his proclaimed aversion to cities.

cutting hams with a knife and a hand saw because "there was no electric tool back then. They were just being invented," he said. He enlisted in the Marines

in 1940 at age 22, where he served during most of World War II in the South Pacific. After 6 years of service, he came home. Soon after, he knocked on the door of friend and future wife, Ruth Schenck.

"It wasn't long after he was home that we knew we were going to be married," Ruth said, who remembers he was well-liked, good looking and smart.

The 2 raised their family here, after being married on June 10, 1948, at the Salem Evangelical Church in Cass City.

Their daughter, Anne Ballard, moved back to Cass City recently, but their other 2 children are farther away. Their son, Eric, is in Hanover, N.H., and their daughter, Mary Beth, is near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Esau said of the many changes he has seen in Cass City since he's been here, the biggest changes have been in agriculture.

Esau started working in Cass City in 1935, when he worked 2 to 3 jobs to make a living during the Depression. Starting at the Standard Oil gas station, when gas was 13 cents per gallon, he added a job at A&P, and then went to work cutting Easter hams for Fred Maier and Harry Young, owners of the Cass City Meat Market.

"I came home at Easter (from Michigan State) ... and the store was packed," Esau remembered. "I said 'Fred, do you need some help?'"

He was hired the next day.

After seeing all the gauges on modern farm equipment, he said they reminded him of an airplane's dashboard.

"My father's generation - they wouldn't know what you're talking about," he said.

Sharing her husband with the community hasn't always been easy, but being so well-liked is one of the things that impressed Ruth so much.

She said Fred Maier once told her "If I had a son, I'd like him to be just like Jack, and I liked that."



**JACK ESAU, the unofficial Cass City historian, is this year's grand marshal for the July 4 parade. Some of his community involvements have included the VFW, the Community Club and the Gavel Club.**

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# Crowd-pleasing Clydesdales returning



**GLEN AND Pat Perkins** are bringing their Glenview Clydesdales back to Cass City for the July 4 parade Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

There will be dancing, music and much more as the July 4 parade marches down Main Street Saturday morning.

Parade Chairman Gary Jones, of Cass City, said many favorite entries are returning this year.

One of these groups is the Glenview Clydesdales.

Cass City residents Glen and Pat Perkins, owners of Glenview Clydesdales, bought their first 2 horses in 1998, and today they have 31. Every day, each horse needs

10 pounds of grain, 50 pounds - or one large bale - of hay, and 25 gallons of water, Pat Perkins said.

She said preparations for the parade start the day before when the horses get a thorough bath, followed by fine sawdust used to dry the feather, which is the white hair on the horses' legs.

She said the Cass City July 4 parade is one of 4 parades she and her husband do throughout the year, and it features an 8-horse hitch,

which is "16,000 pounds of horse."

The Cass City hitch started as a 4-horse and moved to a 6-horse before being the 8-horse hitch, she added.

On the day of the parade, 2 53-foot semi-trucks haul the horses, wagon, harnesses and other gear to the site, and it then takes 2 and a half hours the morning of the parade to set up the hitch and the wagon, Perkins said.

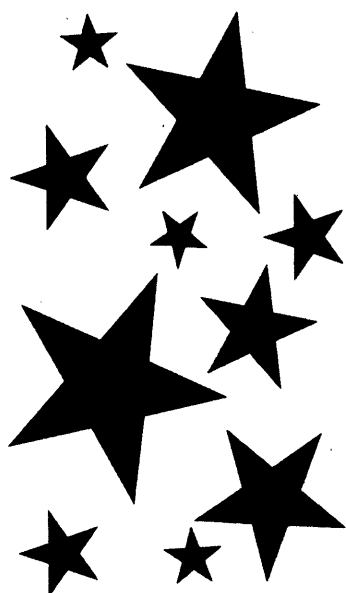
"When you have an 8-horse hitch, you normally have your young horses in the front and your older horses, your bigger horses, in the back," she added.

The wagon is a replica of an old-fashioned circus wagon, which was hand built by an Ohio man and bought at an auction about 5 years ago, she said.

Glenview Clydesdales started as a hobby, but has clearly grown from there.

"It's something Glen's always wanted ... we bought the first 2 and then we got hooked," Perkins said.

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# Financial planning is essential

Finances, organization and preparation are 3 key elements to celebrations of any size, and the bigger the celebration, the more important they are.

The expenses for Cass City's Freedom Festival totals between \$8,000 and \$9,000, said Jane Hittler, Cass City resident and Freedom Festival committee financial secretary.

"We heavily depend on businesses and personal contributions and service clubs," she said. Letters sent to businesses the week before Memorial Day asked for contributions.

Other sources of income are food vendors and the Arts and Crafts Show because each seller pays a fee to participate, Hittler said, adding that the cost is kept low so they can make money.

"They pay a fee to be participating, and we give them back people," she said.

Many of the food vendors, in turn, donate some of their proceeds back to the festival committee, she added.

One of the bigger donations

is from the golf tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Course, Hittler said.

"We get the proceeds, which is anywhere from \$1,500 to \$1,800 dollars," she said, adding that the majority of this money goes to the fireworks.

These sources of income help create the Freedom Festival fund, which contains the money collected for all parts of the festival. From this fund, the expenses are paid out.

One of the biggest expenses is the fireworks, which is a \$5,200 show. Half the money, \$2,600, is paid before the event and the rest is paid after the show, Hittler said.

"They've been very good customers," she said of Kundis Fireworks Display Shows, the company in charge of the show. "They always give us more than we've contracted."

The 2-year contract with Kundis has helped keep the expense of the show possible for the committee because it keeps the price constant, Hittler added.

Though many of the entries in the parade volunteer, there are some groups, which include professional bands and Shriners groups, that charge a fee to be in the parade, she said.

"The parade is not income," Hittler said. "The parade is more expense because the people in the parade are either paid or they participate for nothing."

The parade can cost anywhere from \$3,500 to \$4,000, she estimated.

Another popular event is the M-T Pocket Pullers, which costs about \$450, Hittler said.

She added that another one of the biggest expenses is publicity, but the money has to be spent because "if you don't know, you don't come."

Radio and newspaper advertisements are the most expensive, so the advertising is kept to a minimum in those mediums, she said.

The budget is only part of the festival's organization. The members on the commit-

tees are community volunteers who make the whole event possible, Hittler said.

Almost every event has a coordinator, who serves as the main contact and facilitator of the event.

One of the final preparations for the Freedom Festival is grounds preparation.

Most of the grounds preparation is not out of the ordinary, but the process starts around June 1, said festival Co-chairman Doug Hyatt, who is in charge of park maintenance with Cass City's Department of Public Works.

However, the 30 acres of park that need to be mowed, trimmed with a weed whacker and sprayed for weeds are constantly being worked on because of the size, he said.

All 10 DPW workers work on preparing Cass City for the festival.

Making sure the playground equipment is painted and spruced up is another responsibility of the DPW that needs to be done before the festival, he added.

Another pre-festival prepa-

mately 30 "Cass City" banners from the lampposts, which takes place about 2 weeks before the event, Hyatt noted.

On Saturday, "We kind of divide the park in half," he said, with each half taking charge of that part of the grounds.

"The main thing on Saturday is emptying the trash barrels" and making sure the bathrooms are stocked with what they need, Hyatt said. There are 40 trash barrels on the premises.

The DPW workers' day starts at 7 a.m., as barricades and tape are placed on the streets, starting at Brooker and ending at Sherman.

"They have to barricade all the cross streets off, too," Hyatt said, so that no one ends up being where they aren't supposed to be.

After the parade, the workers maneuver through the crowds to pick up the barricades and tape.

"You basically don't know there's a festival here on Tuesday," Hyatt said.

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# Hunting, fishing equipment on display

If hunting season can't come soon enough, it's time to check out the Outdoor Sportsman's Exhibits.

This new event during the Freedom Festival will feature about 20 companies and organizations, all geared toward outdoors sports, like hunting and fishing.

"There's just going to be various manufacturers," said Mike Spencer, Cass City resident and event coordinator.

The local chapter of Ducks Unlimited will have a booth, where those interested can find information, as well as

raffles and merchandise, like hats and decoys, said Cass City resident Ed Knight, an officer of Cass City's Ducks Unlimited chapter.

"Ducks Unlimited is a non-profit organization that raises money for duck habitats" so the duck population increases, Knight said, adding that the Rose Island wetlands are an example.

There will be 2 raffles - one for kids 12 and younger and another for those 12 and older.

The kids' raffle features a BB gun, and a parent or guardian must be with children

when they enter, Knight said.

He added that for the older crowd, "We're going to raffle off a Stoeger Over and Under (12 gauge) shotgun."

Knight said the group decided to participate because it is a good opportunity to increase awareness of the organization and support the Cass City community.

"We're all from the community and we're trying to support the community," he said.

Also making an appearance is the full line gun shop Randy's Hunting Center, from Bad Axe.

Owner Randy Brown, of Bad Axe, said there are not many chances like this in the area, so it will be a great opportunity to market to area people.

"We're going to show up and give some deals to local people," he said.

The Tuscola Longbeards chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation also will have a booth, where anyone interested can get information about the organization and its membership, said Steve Frederick, Deford resident and Tuscola Longbeards chapter president.

"Our main goal is to perpetuate the expansion of wild turkeys in Michigan," he said.

The local chapter has about 150 members, and is still growing, he added.

The group works to give sportsmen with disabilities the opportunity to get back into hunting, as well as encourages women to get involved in the sport.

Frederick said the group "wholeheartedly" accepted the invitation to be part of the Freedom Festival.

Though there is a no-firearm policy, there will be gun and hunting accessories available at the booth, he added.

Muzzle loaders, which are not categorized as firearms, will also be on sale, Brown said.

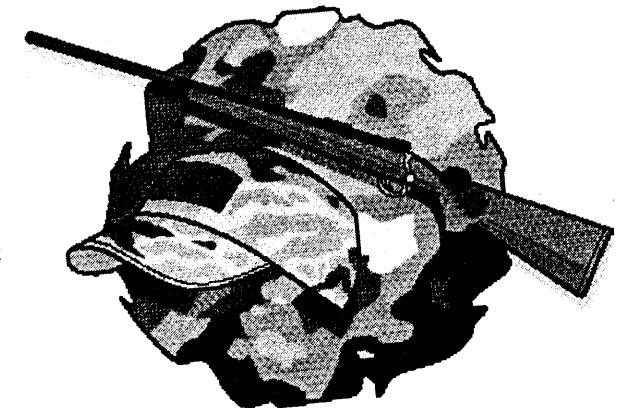
The exhibits will be set up across from the Department of Public Works building, by

the dialysis center.

Spencer said the exhibits are a good event for the festival and the area because "the Thumb is very sport oriented."

Also, this is a chance to help local businesses and bring in more people for the festival, he added.

The people drawn to the exhibits are "all going to trickle down" to the food vendors and other organizations at the Freedom Festival, Spencer said.



## Ready for parade

**NOT ONLY** children, but also adults, will enjoy the Saturday morning parade during the Freedom Festival. Four bands, as well as numerous floats, cars, and clowns, are included in the entries.

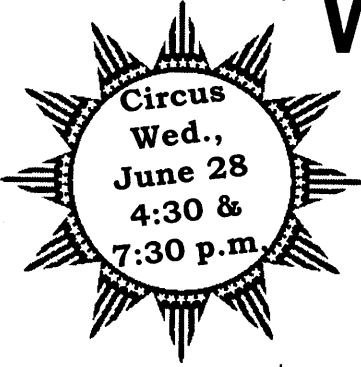


**THE CLOWNS**, often a favorite at festivals, are ready to make their appearance at the Freedom Festival parade.

# Cass City's 28th Annual FREEDOM FESTIVAL

## Schedule of Events

Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.,  
June 28-July 2



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**  
Rotary sponsored Circus Under The Big Top  
4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

**SPORTS - SATURDAY**  
Hills & Dales Rehab. & Fitness Race -  
5 k & 8k  
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament -  
All Day  
Outdoor Sportsman's Exhibits  
Baseball Home Run Derby - 4-6 p.m.  
East of S. Pavilion



**THURSDAY, JUNE 29**  
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**SUNDAY, July 2**  
Alumni Baseball Game - 2:00 p.m.  
at high school baseball field  
Mulligan's Closest-To-The-Pin finals,  
3 p.m.



**FRIDAY, JUNE 30**  
Mulligan's Closest-To-The-Pin Qualifying - All Day  
Festival Starts - 4 p.m.  
Craft Show - 4-9 p.m.  
Classic Cars meet at McDonald's 6 p.m.,  
Parade 7:45 p.m.  
Gospel Concert w/Talley Trio - 8 p.m.,  
football field  
Mulligan's Moonlight Golf, 9:30 p.m.  
**SPORTS**  
**ALL STAR GAMES**  
Little League Girls - 5 p.m., East of pool  
Minor boys - 5 p.m., North ball diamond  
Little League Boys - 7 p.m., North ball diamond

**FOOD**  
Before Parade - Baker College - Snacks  
Band Boosters - BBQ Ribs in Park -  
Fri. & Sat.  
K of C Fish Sandwiches - 4:30 - 'til?  
in town at light - Friday  
Lions Club Chicken BBQ - Sat.  
Methodist Strawberry Ice Cream Social  
4:30-8:30 p.m. - South Pavilion Fri.  
Shabbona UMC Pie and Ice Cream,  
in park Sat., noon-4 p.m.  
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**SATURDAY, JULY 1**  
Craft Show - 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Small kids' bike and pet decorating contest and  
parade entries - 10 a.m., Chemical Bank

**GREAT PARADE - 10:30 a.m.**  
Pool will be open this year (for a fee)  
Mulligan's Closest-To-The-Pin Qualifying, All Day  
AAUW Kids' Paint-In, East of Gazebo, 1 p.m.  
MT Pocket Puller - On Hill, 2 p.m.  
Classic Cars & 2-Cylinder Tractor Display  
near DPW Building  
Petting Farm, near pool  
Mulligan's Entertainment Tent w/DJ, 9 p.m.

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# 45 crafters set for 2-day show

This year's Arts and Crafts Show is only outdoors, but Diane Battel doesn't mind. "We've always been outside...outside is fine with us," she said.

Event Co-coordinator Nancy Simms, of Cass City, said the show is only outdoors this year because construction at the Department of Public Works building re-

stricted access to the municipal garage.

"The decision (of outdoors only) was made early," she said.

She added that weather is important to the show, and she is hoping for good weather.

Cass City residents Battel and her husband, Mark, will be selling their homemade

maple syrup no matter the weather. Plus, if it gets too bad, she said packing up is a 5-minute process because they only have one product.

The Battels have sold Battel Sugarbush Syrup, made from the sap of approximately 500 maple trees that they tap, at the annual show for about 7 years. Battel said the event is a great chance to sell their

product and catch up with friends who pass by.

Simms said many crafters, like the Battels, return every year, and new crafters are always encouraged.

This year's show will be a first for Jennifer Stahlbaum, of Cass City.

She started selling Tastefully Simple gourmet foods about 2 months ago, and thought this would be a great opportunity to get the word out.

"You ask about 90 percent of the people, and they've never heard of it," she said.

Richard Little, Cass City resident and event co-coordinator, said he originally thought without the option to be indoors, the numbers would be down. However, he said there are about 45 crafters at present, which is about average.

Also, he added that the more crafters, the better.

"We'll make room, we'll find room," Little said. The show is a two-day long

event, which takes place between the Department of Public Works building and the village pool. It starts Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. and continues Saturday from 8:30 a.m.

to 5 p.m.

Simms said anyone who still is interested in being in the show should contact her at (989) 872-4798.



Using a tubing system, fourth generation syrup maker Mark Battel (right) and his wife, Diane Battel, collect sap to make syrup. It takes about 45 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup.

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# Sports galore at Freedom Festival

Sports enthusiasts - it's time to show what you can do!

Mulligan's Irish Links and the Rolling Hills Golf Course are the spots to be for golf, and the Cass City Park is where it's at for basketball and baseball fans.

This year, Mulligan's Irish Links added another event to its annual Festival activities-moonlight golf.

The event is a scramble game for teams of 2 to 4 people, and will be played with glow-in-the-dark golf balls.

"There's going to be a lot of people in town and it seemed like a good time to do it (moonlight golf)," Kevin Mulligan said. "It's a good

time of the year to be out."

Registration is at the course, 4795 Hospital Drive, starting at 9 p.m. The cost is \$20 to play.

There will be a pre-game happy hour, from 9 to 10 p.m., with appetizers and snacks. Tee-off will be at 10 p.m. Friday.

Also at the course, Friday and Saturday are qualifying days for the hole-in-one finals on Sunday at 4 p.m.

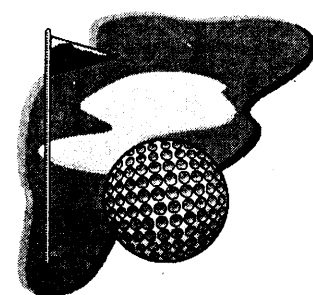
The cost is \$5 for 6 golf balls. Those who hit a raft floating in water will move on to the finals on Sunday.

Prizes will be awarded Sunday to those who hit the ball closest to the pin.

Saturday there will be an

entertainment tent from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

This 21 and older event will have beer and a deejay playing music.



The Fourth of July Golf Tourney at Rolling Hills Golf Course is giving golfers a chance to win big with cash prizes for the top 5 teams.

In addition to these prizes, which range from \$200 for fifth place to \$1,000 for first place, there will be a 50-50 raffle.

The tournament starts at noon on Thursday at the golf course, 6586 Milligan Road. Teams of 4 will play the 18 holes in scramble form.

Included in the \$220 per team registration fee are drinks and a hot dog lunch on the course, with hot dogs donated from Erla's, said tournament chairperson Dick Wallace. Also included is a dinner following the competition.

Wallace added that proceeds from the tournament go to the Fourth of July Freedom Festival committee, and last year's donation was \$1,600.

So the teams are evenly matched, each must have a minimum 45-point handicap and no two players, on the same team, can have a handicap of 8 points or less, Wallace said.

"When you have at least 45 (points) this makes it so you can't have ringers," he said. "(The handicap) makes it even."

The 3-on-3 basketball tournament, sponsored by the Cass City Boosters Club, is set to start around noon on the park's basketball courts.

Players compete for trophies in the double-elimination tournament, said Coordinator Ben Varney.

Divided by age and gender, each team is guaranteed 2 games of tournament play and a T-shirt.

"It's been very successful in the past, in terms of the number of people brought in and the activity of the Festival," Varney said.

Registration ends June 29. The cost is \$70 per team, with proceeds going to the Cass City Boosters Club.

Varney said how the tournament is run, as well as the easy access for fans and clean courts for players, has helped bring people back year after year.

"The players keep coming back because we run a very nice tournament," he said.

The Minor and Little League players are going to be taking the field Friday evening in the all-star games on the Little League field.

Each team's coach chose the 5 top players for the teams, so the "best of our best (will be) going against each other," said Little League President Nathan Haag.

The Minor League game will be at 5 p.m. and the Little League game at 7 p.m.

The competition for bragging rights gives "a chance to let our kids shine for one night," Haag said.

Saturday's Home Run Derby, sponsored by the Cass City High School baseball team, will give older players a chance to shine as well.

Baseball players will be pitching at the event, which takes place from 4 to 6 p.m., east of the south pavilion.

With pitchers versus a machine, "it's easy to adjust to whatever speed" and to each batter, said Cass City resident Ryan Pritchett, varsity baseball coach and event coordinator.

Each batter gets 10 misses for the \$5 entrance cost. Anyone may participate as many times as they wish, and there is no need to register. The winner will receive a trophy.

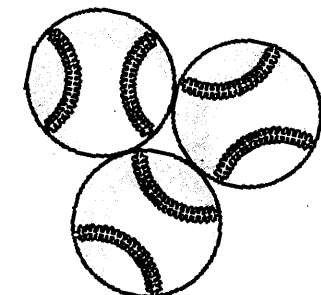
The fence is at 250 feet, as opposed to over 300 feet, which makes homeruns more likely, Pritchett said.

Cass City High School baseball alumni will have the chance to prove they still have what it takes on Sunday's alumni baseball

game.

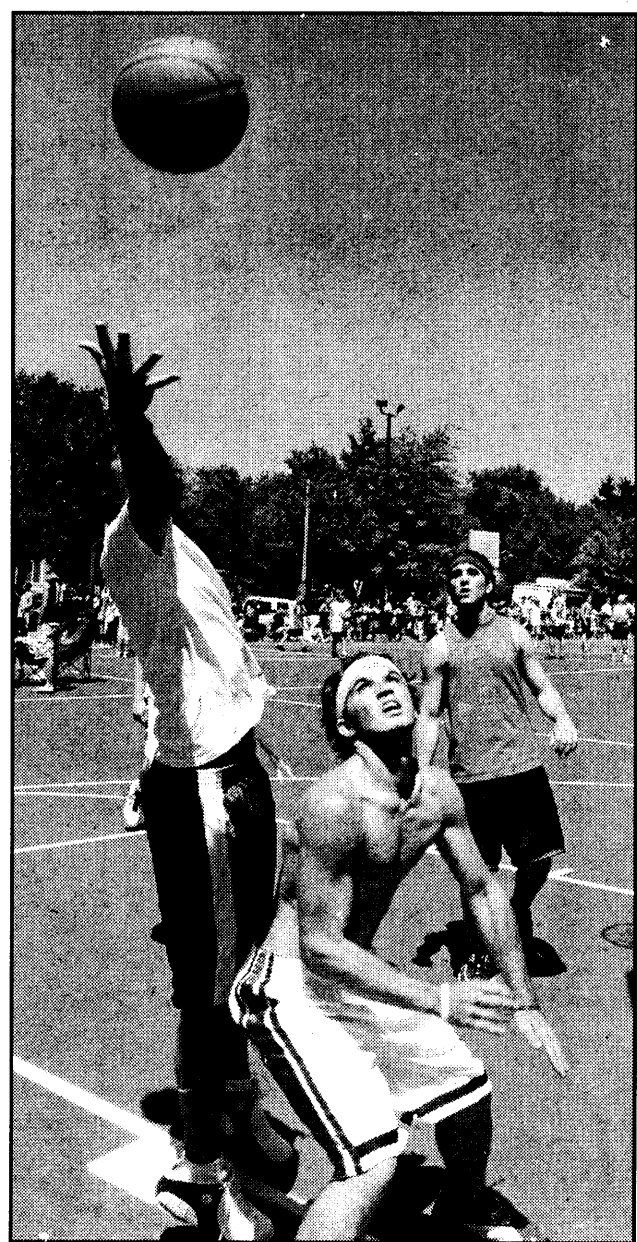
The 9-inning game will be played at 2 p.m. on the high school baseball field.

Last year's game featured 22 alumni, and there are hopes for a better turnout this year, said Pritchett, event coordinator.



The teams are divided by even and odd graduation years, and baseball pants will be provided. Anyone interested may show up for the event or contact Pritchett at (810) 334-7003.

"We're just happy to have people show up and play, and have a good time," Pritchett said.



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