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WORKERS RAISED the last steel beam for the new wing at Hills and Dales General Hospital Monday morning. They said it's a tradition to include an American flag and a pine tree, which symbolizes safety on the worksite.

Vote of confidence

O-G board extends Compton's contract

Members of the Owen-Gage Board of Education figured they made a good choice when they selected Dana Compton to serve in the dual roles of superintendent and K-12 principal.

The board's feelings have not changed, judging by action during a rescheduled monthly meeting Monday night.

The board approved a 3-year contract extension for Compton Monday, through the 2009 school year. He has been on the job since last June.

The decision came following a 30-minute executive session during which board members reviewed Compton's first evaluation as superintendent. The results of that review were discussed when the board returned to open session, but Compton

indicated both he and the trustees remain on the same page in terms of their vision for Owen-Gage.

"The evaluation went fine. The comments they made were very positive, very supportive," Compton said. "This is such a neat group of people, and just a wonderful group of kids, and they've weathered so many issues over the years," he added. "I look at it (working in a small school district) as being so exciting. I see it as challenging."

The board set Compton's base salary at \$82,000 for the 2006-07 school year. It's an increase of about 2.5 percent, about the same as was granted to the district's teaching staff, although they also receive step increases and longevity pay.

Compton said he had no intention of asking for more than what the teachers received. "I think that's fair," he said, adding a larger pay hike would not have served the school or community, given the tough financial times facing schools, including Owen-Gage. "We have to demonstrate fiscal responsibility."

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Compton reviewed the latest Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test results with the board.

"Our reading scores were really excellent and that was across the board.

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Kingston teacher pleads no contest

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Kingston High School English teacher charged last summer with engaging in sex with one of her students entered pleas of no contest to 3 counts of criminal sexual conduct Friday morning.

Kristen A. Margrif may avoid prison time if she follows the conditions of her probation over the next year, but her career as a teacher is over.

"She pled to 3 counts of criminal sexual conduct, second degree," Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said.

A plea of no contest is not an admission of guilt, but is treated as such for sentencing purposes.

"As part of the agreement, what the court is going to do is establish a one-year delay of sentence," he noted. "After the end of that delay, if she successfully complies with all the terms in place set by the court, the court will enter (convictions on) 3 counts of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct."

Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct is what is known as a "high misdemeanor" and is punishable by up to 2 years in prison, but Reene said the charge would be treated as a felony should Margrif commit any other offenses or violate her probation.

Margrif had been scheduled for a jury trial Tuesday, April 4.

She was initially charged last August with 7 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct - a 15-year-felony - and one count of fourth degree criminal sexual conduct.

The charges stemmed from what investigators said were several incidents of sexual contact between Margrif and one of her 16-year-old students between June 25 and July 18. School officials in Kingston placed her on an unpaid leave of absence and hired another teacher to fill the position, saying Margrif would be im-

mediately dismissed should she plead guilty or no contest to any of the charges.

Reene said that a number of factors contributed to the length of time between the authorization of charges and Margrif's decision to enter a plea.

"There were a number of factual issues and certain legal issues that arose because of the student's status," he said.

There was speculation that Margrif's attorney might argue that the 16-year-old student involved in the case was no longer a student in the Kingston Community Schools when the offenses took place. However, Reene dismissed the idea, saying the student, although no longer

attending school in Kingston, was a registered student at the time.

Margrif was charged under a state law that makes it illegal for a teacher to have sexual contact with a student younger than the age of 18 who attends the school where the teacher is employed.

Reene said the plea agreement Margrif entered Friday assures that she won't repeat the offense.

"She'll lose her teacher certificate. She won't be teaching again," Reene said. "You can't have the relationship between teacher and student, and that's addressed by this resolution."

"I think it's a resolution that takes into account all the issues that exist. It accomplishes the objective."

Road construction to begin April 3

A sure sign of spring is the start of the road construction season, and Michigan Department of Transportation officials are gearing up for a pair of projects slated to start Monday, April 3, in the Thumb.

The work includes a paving and streetscape project that will get underway on M-46 (Sanilac Road). Between M-24 and M-53 in Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

The project will involve 14.9 miles of pavement resurfacing with hot mix asphalt on M-46 between M-24 (Mertz Road) and M-53 (VanDyke Road), as well as joint repair and culvert extensions and replacements.

In addition, streetscaping will be done in downtown Kingston as part of the project.

Improvements there will include aesthetic upgrades, improved Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility, and new curb and gutter. The streetscaping will include decorative lighting, colored and stamped sidewalks and plantings.

"The work being done on M-46 will upgrade this stretch of well-traveled roadway and provide a smoother driving surface," said Doug Wilson, Cass City Transportation Service Center manager. "The streetscaping in downtown Kingston will greatly add to the aesthetics of the area and continue to make Kingston a lovely area for both residents and visitors."

Wilson said traffic will be maintained on M-46 throughout the duration of the project, with single lane closures in effect. Access to local businesses

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Girl loses locks in memory of her cousin

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Six-year-old Alyssa Sangster wanted to donate some of her own hair to her cousin, Emily.

It was a gift the Deford area youngster waited a year and a half to give in order to let her hair grow long enough so that it could be used for a hairpiece. Sadly, her cousin, Emily Woltman, daughter of Tim and Jodi Woltman of Forestville, died this past Valentine's Day after a 3 1/2-year battle with cancer.



Alyssa Sangster

But Sangster's gift won't go unused, thanks to Locks of Love, a Lake Worth, Fla.-based non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 with medical hair loss.

Sangster's parents, Rob and Leah Sangster, said their daughter planned to donate her hair to Locks of Love for some time.

"Actually, a friend of ours had it done and Alyssa was asking a lot of questions," Rob Sangster said last week as his daughter waited for Sally Zimba, owner of Sal's Country Clipper, to cut her hair. "Her little cousin had cancer, and she said she wanted to do this. She said I want to get my hair cut for Emily."

"Three or 4 weeks ago, Emily passed away and she was pretty sad. She was just 10 years old," Sangster added. "Alyssa wanted to do this in memory of her cousin."

Alyssa, a kindergartner at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City, will get her wish. Her hair will be sent to the Locks of Love organization, which provides custom-fit hair prosthetics free of charge or on a sliding scale to children whose families meet certain income guidelines. Donors provide the hair, volunteers staff the office, and a manufacturer

hand assembles each piece, a process that takes about 4 months.

The organization, established in 1997, has helped more than 1,000 children since its first year of operation. Thousands of bundles of donated hair arrive from around the country as a result of national publicity.

And the donations continue to pour in, according to Locks of Love officials, who said most donors mail a note and photo with their bundle of hair. Children comprise more than 80 percent of the donors, making this a charity in which youngsters have the opportunity to help other children.

Locks of Love provides its recipients with a custom, vacuum-fitted hairpiece made entirely from donated human hair. The vacuum fit is designed for children who have experienced a total loss of scalp hair and does not require the use of tape or glue.

Locks of Love officials say most of the recipients suffer from an autoimmune condition called alopecia areata, for which there is no known cause or cure. Others have suffered severe burns or endured radiation treatment to the brain stem, in addition to many other dermatological

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ALYSSA SANGSTER, 6, of Deford, donated 10 inches of her hair to the Locks of Love organization last week, which provides hairpieces to financially disabled children with medical hair loss. Doing the honors above was Sally Zimba.

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Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr were Leone Doerr of Argyle, Wendy Rickett and Caitlyn, and Courtney Doerr.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel and Doris Western spent 2 days with Mr. and Mrs. John Nicol and family of Mt. Pleasant.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Monday and Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hurford were Friday afternoon visitors.
Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen attended the fifth and sixth grade band concert at Ubyly High School.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski came home Wednesday from a 3-week trip to Queens Creek, Ariz., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cummings, James, Joey and Joshua, and also a granddaughter, Janesse, who attends college at Tucson, Ariz., where they saw a movie, Deep Sea, and had dinner at a mall. They also attended church at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at Queens Creek Sunday. They left for home at 12:45 p.m. their time on MBS on Wednesday.
Mrs. Jim A. Sweeney returned home Friday after having hip surgery at Bad Axe Hospital Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franzel, June Rutz, Doris Western and Allen Farrelly attended the Bad Axe K of

C fish fry Friday.
Linda Roberts, Marlene and Jeff Reich of Bad Axe were Thursday visitors at the home of Mrs. Curtis Cleland.
Kate Toma of West Bloomfield and Wayne Sweeney of Auburn spent Saturday with Jim and Kay Sweeney. June Rutz and Allen Farrelly spent Thursday at Flat Rock.
The Greenleaf Extended Homemakers met at Northwood Meadows with Dotty Korth from Hills and Dales Hospital as a guest speaker on bones with Midge Clemens and Jean Clarke as hostesses. They will meet at the same place the second Thursday in April with the same speaker.
Bernard Morley, Allen Farrelly, Claude Mestack and Jack Kennedy met at McDonald's in Bad Axe Wednesday morning.
Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mrs. Martin Sweeney visited Thelma Jackson Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hagen visited Joyce Zulauf at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe Sunday afternoon.
Eight members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill Thursday morning. They will meet at the Franklin Plaza next week.
Allen Farrelly took June Rutz back to her home in Sterling Heights after she spent a week at his home.

Willis and Pachla wed in February

Connie Willis and Richard Pachla were married Feb. 18, 2006 in Sheridan Township at St. Columbkille Catholic Church. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Father Joseph Griffin.
Connie is the daughter of John and Betty Komonowski of Elkton, and Richard is the son of Stanley and Corine Pachla of Clifford.
The maid of honor and matron of honor were Stacey Horiski and Kellie Beecher, both daughters of the bride. The bridesmaid was Pat Littleton, friend of the bride. The flower girl was Centel Hill, friend of the bride.
The best man was Stanley Pachla, Jr., brother of the groom. The groomsmen were John Pachla, son of the groom. The ringbearer was Zackary Beecher, grandson of the bride.
A dinner was held at the Brentwood in Caro for family and friends.
After a honeymoon in Florida, the couple is residing in Cass City.

"Spring Fling!" scheduled for April at library

It's "Spring Fling!" for toddlers and preschoolers during April Story Times at Rawson Memorial Library. Toddler Story Times give children 18 to 36 months opportunities to enjoy stories, songs, finger-plays and crafts in a positive and supportive atmosphere.
Adults participate fully, joining their child in all activities. Join us for fun every Thursday in April from 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 years old are invited to explore the wonderful world of language through stories, songs, rhymes, finger-plays and crafts each Wednesday in April from 10 to 11 a.m. The theme is "Happy Spring" and we have many fun activities planned!
Both programs are free, but children must pre-register. Parents may register children at the library or by calling 872-2856.

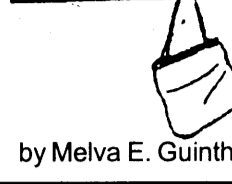
Estrada promoted

Charity L. Estrada has been promoted to the rank of senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.
Estrada, a satellite systems operator, is assigned to the 3rd Space Operations Squadron, Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colo. She has 3 years of military service.
She is the daughter of Michael Gaszczynski of DeFord and Bonnie Marker of Cass City. Her grandparents are Mike and Marilyn Stec, also of Cass City.
Estrada is a graduate of Cass City High School.



Meg's Peg

Pithy puns



by Melva E. Guinther

Here are some clever one-liners from an unidentified source:

- > Wear short sleeves. Support your right to bare arms!
- > To err is human, to moo bovine.
- > Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.
- > A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- > A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.
- > My wife really likes to make pottery, but to me it's just kiln time.
- > Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
- > Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
- > Did Noah keep his bees in archives?
- > I fired my masseuse today. She just rubbed me the wrong way.
- > I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.
- > I used to be a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax.
- > If electricity comes from electrons, does that mean that morality comes from morons?
- > A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- > Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
- > Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?
- > Adolescence - when a lad forsakes his bosom buddy for a bosomed buddy.
- > Banning the bra was a big flop.
- > Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
- > Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Obituaries

Connie Pierce

Connie M. Pierce, 75, of Swartz Creek, died Thursday, March 16, 2006 at her daughter's home in Vassar.

She was born March 18, 1930 in Chicago Heights, Ill., the daughter of Alfonso and Christina (Bravo) Perez.

She married Luis Z. Pierce Nov. 4, 1949. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children: Christina P. (Roger, Sr.) Bacon of Vassar, Roy (Sonia) Pierce of California, Alfonso M. Pierce of Swartz Creek, William (Sonia) Pierce of Flint and Louis (Mary) Pierce of Reese; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Joe and Al Perez; and 2 sisters: Carmen Jankowski and Amelia Perez.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 21, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Flint, with Father Timothy Nelson and Father Eduardo Lorenzo officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society (Pancreatic).

Arrangements were made by Reigle Funeral Home.

Not Ashamed in concert at Baptist church

The Gospel quartet Not Ashamed will be hosting its annual benefit concert, "A Taste of Heaven" Saturday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Caro.

This year's special guests include Dennis Gwizdala, Mark and Andrea Forester, and Ted Tackett on piano. The concert will also feature a community choir and several talented instrumentalists.

No admission fee will be charged, but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit Forgotten Man Ministries.

More information is available by calling (989) 872-1813.

Stoll named runner up for essay



Mandy Stoll

Cass City Middle School seventh grade student Mandy Stoll was recently named runner up in the National "Share Your Cell Phone Story" essay contest sponsored by the CTIA Wireless Foundation in Stamford, Conn.

Essays were submitted as a class assignment to meet one of the Michigan education benchmarks in the technology portion of Michelle Anscomb's performing arts class.

Stoll, the daughter of Shelly Bartnik and Dave Bartnik, both of Cass City, received a \$50 gift certificate from the wireless foundation in Washington, D.C.

The following is Stoll's essay:

The Cell Phone Flood

One spring afternoon, my dad picked my brother, Matt, my sister Rachel, and myself up from school. My dad told us that the Cass River had flooded over onto Greenland Road. No one had homework, so we drove by Greenland Road on our way home. When we got there, the road was like a lake! It was an awful sight. Someone attempted to drive right through the water! I could see that an elderly lady was on top of her vehicle. There was a man who arrived at the scene before us, but he was unable to call for help. He didn't have his cell phone. My dad had his cell, so he called 911. After that he flashed the headlight of his truck to tell the lady that help was on the way. Help did come right away! Cass City brought out the big fire truck. Before the firemen drove through the flood, they told us the stranded woman happened to be the grandmother of the gentleman who was first at the scene. Thank goodness that my dad had a cell phone.

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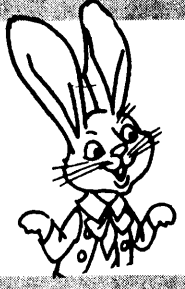
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Newly hired Cass City Schools Superintendent Ron Wilson doesn't officially start working for a couple of weeks, but he has already made a significant contribution to the community. At Saturday's annual Rotary fundraiser he sponsored a major item to be raffled.

It was an all-day float fishing trip for 2 on the Pere Marquette River, one of the top trout fishing streams in Michigan. It was purchased by Craig Bublitz for \$210 and was a great deal all around - a moneymaker for the club and a bargain for Bublitz.

Regular readers will recall that the Wolverine that was discovered over a year ago in the area was brought back into the limelight a few weeks ago when the story was featured on TV-12.

It caught the attention of the producers of the Animal Planet Report on the Discovery Channel, according to an article in the Huron Daily Tribune, and will be aired Mar. 29 at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

It was a sad week for area basketball fans. All of the teams that most of us in the area were pulling for lost. Going down in the regionals were Kingston, Unionville-Sebewaung and Frankenmuth. A bright note was Bay City All Saints that plays in the Greater Thumb West rolled to the quarterfinals with a win over Bellaire.

Forensics squad heads for regionals

The Cass City High School Forensics Team flexed the sort of muscle last week that the program has been known for in recent years.

The team traveled to North Branch Thursday to compete in a district tournament, and came home with several honors.

"The team traveled with 17 students, with all 17 advancing to the regional level," Coach Chad Daniels said.

"There was an interesting first on the day in that no Cass City student was ranked lower than any student from any other school throughout the entire day," Daniels added. "As a matter of fact, the students who placed second did so because they were defeated by another Cass City student."

Individual results including first place in Oratory 9/10 for Brittany Loomis, first place in Sales for Sarah Langmaid, first place in Broadcasting for Courtney Rabideau, first place in Duo Acting for Jeremiah Fritz and Adam Wentworth, first place in Storytelling for Kurt Hanby, and first place in the Multiple category for Allie Richards, Jennica Richards, Allie Hillaker, Jill Dillon, Phil Nahernak, Carly Rabideau and Kelli Lautner.

Finishing second, behind their teammates, were Kyle Swanson in Sales, Courtney Hacker in Storytelling, and Anna and Ashley Deel in Duo Acting.

The district was comprised of teams from Cass City, Bad Axe, Lakers and North Branch.

The next step is the regional tournament, which will take place Tuesday, April 25, at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Dean's list

Danielle J. Guilds and Rebecca L. Rockwell, both of Cass City, and Colleen M. Kubacki of Ubly were all recently named to the dean's list at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, following the fall semester.

To be eligible, students must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 hours of graded class work.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

I always get a kick out Jerry Baker's gardening tips on public television. If you haven't seen Baker's show, you might have to bear with me for a paragraph or two. The best way to explain it is to say Jerry doesn't do anything the county agent recommends. Baker gardens by the seat of his pants. Everything comes right out of the kitchen — or the bathroom. His "Timely Tree Tonic", for example, consists of 1 cup of beer, 4 1/2 tbsp. of instant tea, 1 tbsp. gelatin, 1 tbsp. baby shampoo, 1 tbsp. ammonia, 1 tbsp. whiskey, and 1 tbsp. hydrogen peroxide.

All of this stuff is mixed with 2 gallons of water and poured around the tree once a month. Who knows what this mixture does for a tree? I suspect the 2 gallons of water does a lot of good.

I'm always amazed that folks who wouldn't think of applying chemicals to their gardens will mix up a batch of common household items without the slightest concern that these are chemicals, too! And these things haven't been tested.

The homemade tonics are supposed to work, though. Advertising for Baker's book includes a testimonial from a woman who revived a 20-year-old houseplant by watering with Baker's houseplant tonic and a birth control pill.

He sprays plants with mouthwash, fights moles with Tabasco sauce, and

fertilizes roses with dog hair and banana peels. And don't forget the Epsom salts. Epsom salt is good for most everything.

That's all fine and dandy, but I'd like to know how Baker discovered these helpful remedies. Very few universities are researching dog hair and banana peels right now.

I suppose a fellow might be soaking his feet in the yard when he accidentally spills some Epsom salts in the flowerbed. Or he's sitting in the roses, eating bananas and combing his dog, when he suddenly notices how much roses like banana peels and dog hair.

Maybe he's just a sloppy eater? How else would a person learn that cola and beer are good fertilizers, or that bourbon makes the shrubs grow better?

That might explain the food items in the garden, but how the birth control pill got in the flowerpot has to be a story of its own.

I'm reminded of a farmer who told me his neighbor always carried some 80-proof bourbon when he went out to check the wheat. This was winter wheat country, and the crop often looked pretty ragged early in the spring.

"I just walk the fields from one end to the other," the neighbor said. "And every once in awhile I'll stop and take a drink."

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Prepare to pay if you live in town

When I was a kid there was a real advantage to living in town. But everything changes and living in town has few advantages and several disadvantages.

In bygone days when I was in high school (1936-1940) I never walked more than 2 blocks to get to school. In Pinconning every student that lived within the city limits was within 10 blocks of school and most of them were much closer.

In addition nearly all of the townies had indoor plumbing not available to many country-living dwellers. The Sears catalogue had more than one use.

There's a reason why living within easy walking distance is stressed here and it's an odds-on bet that the vast majority doesn't have a clue about the reason.

Here it is. There were no school buses. Remember, we are talking about the years in which the country experienced the worst depression in history. Not everyone could own a car and very, very few families owned 2.

If a high school education was desired, it nearly always required an effort that many deemed was not worth it.

Students managed to snag rides most of the time, but not all of the time. When they missed a ride, for

some it was 9 miles to get home by road or about 7 miles if you walked the railroad track. While transportation was a major problem, the kids had one thing going for them. Driving licenses were available at about 14 years old and many kids were driving long before they were legally old enough to do so and lawmen enforced the law judiciously. If you were driving sensibly to get to school they looked the other way.

The reason that many ignored high school is that an immediate return on the time and money invested was rarely apparent. You didn't need a high school education to work in the factory, farm or in the printing business.

It's easy to see the advantages of living in town in those days. Not so easy these days, if there are any advantages at all.

Looking at my tax bill and last month's \$52.23 sewer-water bill reveals that the pendulum has swung around.

At the very least, if town living is your thing be prepared to pay to do it.

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5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 35 Low: 21

Thursday
Rain/Snow
High: 37 Low: 25

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 25

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 41 Low: 26

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 28

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 35°, humidity of 64% and an overnight low of 21°. The record high temperature for today is 63° set in 1953. The record low is 6° set in 1989. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 37°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

Last 3/22, New 3/29, First 4/5, Full 4/13

Sunrise Sunset Times

Sunrise today 6:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:48 p.m.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	64	34	38/21	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	36	26	38/22	0.00"	-0.54"
Wednesday	39	27	39/22	0.00"	32.9°
Thursday	36	21	39/22	0.00"	30.6°
Friday	30	20	39/23	0.00"	+2.3°
Saturday	36	23	40/23	0.00"	
Sunday	43	25	40/23	0.00"	

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THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY of interested residents the Cass City Rotary Club's annual St. Patrick's Day fundraiser Saturday night raised approximately \$8,000 on sales of some \$11,000. Rotarian Ben Varney chaired the gala. Highlights of the night, counterclockwise from bottom, left. The final drawing for the 3 major prizes were taken from the drum by Rotarians Barbara Karr and Mary Cunningham. Winners are Michelle Biddinger, \$250; Marty Tripp, \$500; and Chris Anthes, \$1,000. Rotarians handled special sales events. Sonya Tschirhart makes a sale; David Oehring smiles as he pockets cash for the club; Colleen Langenburg (right) assists Amy Cuthrell; and Marty and Rotarian David Osentoski, again, donated their auctioneering services.



RAWSON MEMORIAL Library's Young Adult Book Club recently won a Random House Readers' Circle Summer 2005 National Consumer Contest and was awarded 30 copies of a book and \$75 for a luncheon. The club decided to share its prize with the library's Ravenous Readers' Book Club. Thirty members of the 2 clubs celebrated together. The book, "Before We Were Free", by Julia Alvarez, was the topic of discussion before lunch was served.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Village of Cass City Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Recent testing results show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb). The levels of arsenic in the Village of Cass City water were 18 ppb in Well #1, and 21 ppb in Wells #2 and #3.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

In 2001, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lowered the arsenic standard from 50 ppb to 10 ppb and gave water supplies five years to comply. As of the deadline of January 23, 2006, the level of arsenic in the Village of Cass City water is above the new standard and therefore a violation of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended. We are working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on a mutually acceptable schedule to evaluate options to lower the arsenic level, to secure financing, and to implement the best option. **The option for the Village of Cass City is installing an Arsenic Removal Treatment Facility.**

We anticipate resolving the problem by February 1, 2008.

For more information, please contact Village of Cass City, at (989) 872-2911 or sending correspondence to: Village of Cass City, P.O. Box 123, Cass City, Michigan 48726.

Please share this information with people who drink this water who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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March 15, 2006

Ubly High School Honor Roll

Ubly High School announces the second marking period honor roll.

Grade 9

Kyle Bischer, Kara Booms*, Mitchel Cleary, Heather Depcinski, Emily Dropiewski, Sean Fligger, Kayla Franzel, Rebecca Gentner, Amanda Grifka, Paul Halifax, Kayla Helewski*, Carley Holdwick, Jordan Kaufman, Leandra Kramer, Kayla Kubacki, Eric LaBuhn, Mary Lancaster, Alicia Lepprandt, Nathan Leppek, Megan Lubeski, Adam Maurer, Jennifer Messing*, Lauren Messing, Taylor Messing, Kenneth Murray, Alexander Osentoski, Chelsie Peruski*, Isaac Peruski, Kelsey Peruski, Kenneth Peters, Nicholas Pichla, Sheila Pichla, Ross Pionk, Robert Pollum, Jason Schroeder, Janee Snyder, Brandon Sorenson, Alexandria Stevenson, Alicia Susalla, Robyn Tolin, Kayla Vogel, Marlena Walsh and Lyndsay White*.

Grade 10

Teri Gentner, Tricia Heleski*, Jason Kubacki, Shelby Lemke, Brandi Messing, Kevin Messing*, Bree Ann O'Connor*, Tyler Osentoski, Nicole Parish, Nicole Peplinski, Grant Pichla*, Gwen Pionk, Nathan Roth, Tammy Rutkowski, Courtney Stomack, Janelle Susalla, Parsaraporn Vootapanich, Beth Weber, Shannon Weber*, Travis Wolschleger and Erin Yarbrough.

Grade 11

Heath Farrelly, Rita Gentner, Andrea Hill, Woong-Bin Kang, Jade Kaufman, Nicole Klee, Michael

Koglin, Rebecca Kubacki, Shelby LaBuhn*, Kara Lackowski, James Mazure, Alison McDonald, Renee Melnik, Megan Morell, Phillip Movish*, Courtney Ney*, Shawn Oberski, Amanda Osentoski, Faith Osentoski, Shelby Partaka, Justin Peruski, Kendall Peruski, Lucas Priemer, Cynthia Rumpitz, Steven Rutkowski, Imke Schmidt Eylers, Ryan Simmerlein, Bianca Smaglinski, Aaron Smithers and Bianca Weltin.

Grade 12

Julio Alvarado-Velez, Jaimie Bolda*, Seth Briolat, Krysta Cleary*,

Steven Depcinski, Kevin Geiger, Bobbi Gentner, Jenni Guigar, Joshua Holdwick, Kimberly Lackowski*, Nicholas Lindquist*, Jessica Maurer*, Andrea McCarty, Danielle McLean, Samuel Osentoski, Ashley Peruski, Stephanie Peruski, Sara Pettinger*, Eric Pionk, Laura Pollum, Jared Puvalowski*, Mark Recker, Sarah Roberts, Ashley Romzek*, Amy Rutkowski, Eric Rutkowski, Jason Samuelson, Amy Schroeder, Mary Tibbetts, Sarah Walsh and Dar Weber.

*Denotes all A's

Early Childhood applications coming

Applications for the Cass City Early Childhood Program (also known as the 4-year-old program) will be available Tuesday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Baker College in Cass City.

The Cass City Early Childhood Program has changed application procedure. In the past, parents have picked up and dropped off applications at the schools; again this year, officials are going to have a joint enrollment with Cass City Head Start at Baker College, Cass City.

For the enrollment, you need to bring a certified birth certificate, immunization records, 2004 tax return (or Food Stamp/FIP case number), and the child's social security number.

Parents may pick up an application from any Cass City School office beginning Wednesday, April 13 to be considered for any other openings, either at-risk or tuition.

Applicants wishing to apply for tuition only (if any positions are available) may pick up an application form beginning April 25 and return the forms by June 1.

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Experts: children act fast, so do poisons at home

Children act fast...so do poisons. In an effort to raise awareness of the dangers of accidental poisonings and to encourage people to take preventive measures, March 19-25 has been designated as National Poison Prevention Week.

Numerous substances around the home are potential poisons in the hands of a child. Glass cleaners, all-purpose cleaners, laundry detergent, plants, paint and medicines are some of the many examples of substances that can be poisonous when used incorrectly.

"Children Act Fast...So Do Poisons" is the slogan for Poison Prevention Week to remind everyone to keep potentially harmful substances out of the sight and out of the reach of children.

Each year, the state's certified regional poison control centers receive

more than 100,000 total calls. Many of these calls would not have to be placed by following some basic rules regarding substances around the home.

- * Keep medicines in child-resistant containers.
- * Never call medicine "candy".
- * Store household cleaners, bug sprays, medicines, etc., out of the sight and reach of children.
- * Don't transfer a poisonous substance to a food or drink container.
- * Put a poisonous product away immediately after using it.

Should a poisoning occur, however, it is important to act appropriately. Before doing anything else, you should call the local poison control center, so have that phone number located next to the phone with other emergency numbers. The toll-free number is 1-800-222-1222. By call-

ing this number from anywhere you will immediately be directed to the poison control center serving your area.

Ask your local pharmacist about poison prevention. Pharmacists are a readily accessible community resource with a wealth of information to share that will help improve the health and well being of their patients.

Poison Prevention Week is sponsored by the Poison Prevention Week Council and supported by the Michigan Pharmacists Association (MPA). MPA, representing more than 3,500 pharmacy professionals, strives to be a leader in professional and scientific advancement by following its mission of encouraging and supporting its members as the professionals responsible for the delivery of patient-focused care.



MEMBERS OF THE Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society meet each month to share their latest research into their personal family histories. The group relies on a variety of sources, including the Internet, to trace their ancestors.

Monthly meeting at library Area genealogy buffs share success stories

Some folks might think that researching history would be, well, kind of boring.

Not so, according to a group of Cass City area residents who gather each month to share their mutual interest in the past - specifically their own pasts - and are enjoying a great deal of success in tracing their family roots.

It's a hobby, they say, that is not only challenging and interesting, but has also enabled them to share their personal family legacies and help others to learn more about their own ancestors.

"I guess I started putting this together about 15 years ago, and part of why I started was my own interest, and I figured this could be quite valuable to future generations," said John Agar, who has researched the genealogy of both sides of his family as well as the ancestry of other Thumb area families. His research has netted a collection of nearly 105,000 names on his computer.

"As an example, a gal asked me if I knew Les Booms, and I said, yes, he's a good friend of mine, and she said, his mother is my sister," recalled Agar, who was able to provide the woman with 111 pages of information on her family.

Agar's enthusiasm and success is typical among members of the local genealogy club.

"Actually, it's part of another group. It's part of the historical society. Altogether it's called the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society, but we meet separately," explained Doris Jones, who founded the group in the spring of 2002 after retiring from a 28-year career at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City.

"I knew, from when I was at the library, people who were interested in genealogy," Jones said of what prompted her to start the group.

"We have approximately 25 members. We usually have about 12 or 15 here" at each meeting.

The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rawson Memorial Library. New-

comers are welcome and membership fees are modest - \$5 per person or \$8 per couple, which includes membership in the local historical society.

"When we meet we usually have a little program and then we go and work on the computers," Jones said. She noted that members of the group help one another.

"If they hit a brick wall - if they can't solve something - maybe somebody here would have an idea. I strongly encourage everyone to read the 2 genealogy journals that we have here at the library."

Jones' own personal family tree research has been an on-going project for about a decade. To-date, she said, she has traced her ancestors back to the late 1600s, "with a little help from my friends."

Members of the genealogy society take advantage of a variety of resources in their searches.

"There's just a huge amount of material that's available on the Internet, and there's more every day. It's amazing, the stuff you can find. But I encourage them to back up the information they get on the Internet," said Jones, who cited a host of information sources - birth and death certificates, land records and marriage records, for example. "The (U.S.) Census is the big one, but there are mistakes there, too, so you should have at least a couple of sources."

The Census has been conducted since the late 1700s and provides information such as where family members live, where they were born, the number of people in their households, and their ages and occupations.

"I get a lot of my information out of the old Chronicles," genealogy society member Pat Hester said.

"That's really caught on," Jones added, referring to the newspaper archives available on the library's website.

"I got interested (in genealogy) when I was a kid because my aunt had done some research," said genealogy society member Shelley deBeaubien. "My maiden name is O'Dell, so everyone wants to know"

who you're related to. "My wife and I are kind of new. We started last year," Jim Ware said of himself and wife, Joan.

Ware said he was able to learn a great deal about his family history from a Civil War era photo of 2 men, including his great-grandfather, William R. Ware.

"I got on the Internet and lo and behold, someone had done all the work"

recalled Ware, who discovered the other man in the picture was his great-grandfather, Thomas Truxton Ware. "They were in the artillery - the 115th Artillery out of Ohio," he said. "And I traced my family all the way back to England in 1539."

"It really is interesting, to me, all these people that came together to make me," added Joan Ware. "It doesn't take long to go back one generation, and there are so many people."

Hester said she became interested in researching her family's past after a cousin asked her and her sister to do a little digging.

"She was a member for a year and a half and caught on to this stuff real quick and found an uncle who was in the Civil War," Jones noted.

That uncle was a great-great-uncle - Thomas Lindsay - according to Hester, who discovered Lindsay was originally from Canada but enlisted in Michigan during the Civil War. "He enlisted in 1863, and in 1865 he was shot in the head," she said, adding he was taken to a hospital in Washington, D.C., where he died about 30 days later.

Hester was able to locate his grave in the Old Soldiers Home Cemetery there, and a man she contacted at the cemetery took a photo of his tombstone and sent it to her.

Uncovering family mysteries is a big part of the satisfaction of researching genealogy, members of the genealogy society agree.

"I just enjoy doing it," member Ellen Speirs said. "I like hearing the stories."

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Cass City Middle School Honor Roll

Cass City Middle School announces the third marking period honor roll.

Alexander Zaleski and Sarah Zmierski.

Grade 7

Stephanie Bock, Tommy Brinkman, David Clemens, Amanda Clifton, Jonathan Crouch*, Austin Deering, Zachary Deering, Cameron Dunnuck, Lesley Eberline, Geoffroy Fearson, Taylor Forrest*, Dylan Gibson, Kendra Grady, Chelsea Green*, Krista Guinther*, Marion Henderson, Angela Janssen*, Nicholas Karavas*, Justin Ketterer, Travis Klimek, Michael Lange*, Jeffery Leslie, Rebecca Leslie*, Thomas LeValley*, Elizabeth Lintner, Joanna MacGown*, Kylie Maggard, Anthony McArthur*, Logan Mika*, Michael Milligan*, Brandon Montgomery, Eric Montreuil, Vanessa Munoz, Candace Myers, Kathleen Nizzola, Mitchell O'Dell, Austin Osentoski, Cherokee Parks, McKensie Parrish*, Hayley Peters, Michael Potrykus II, Caitlyn Reed*, Mary Rivest, Kelsey Russell, Victoria Spencer, Amanda Stoll, Marial Tabar*, Kevin Urban Jr., Robert VanAuken, Alexander Varney*, Lauren Walther, Amber Warju, Zachary Weiss, Robert Wolschleger, Dallas Woodward*, Jeremy Wright, Joshua Wutzke and Lauren Zdrojewski*.

Grade 8

Zachary Abell, Rachel Auten, Jacob Ballard*, Josiah Battel*, Richard Doerr, Keven Dorland*, Abby Ellis, Lindsay Jamieson, Renae Janssen, Richard Jeffrey, Amanda Kaake*, Logan Kausch, Jodi King, Kent LaFave, Amber LaPonsie, Andrew Leslie, Paige Lester, Jennifer Manwell, Thomas Marker, Emily Martin*, Grady McCoy, Ashleigh Moore, Brittany Nicol*, Elise Nicol*, Tyler Perry, LaShae Radeka, Kelsey Rudy, Rochelle Rushlow*, Steven Rychlewski, Jenna Sattelberg, Angelena Simpson, David Steely, Stephanie Steely, Ashleigh Stoeckle, Samantha Swiderski, Sara Venema, Kyle Weidman, Amanda Woodruff, Jordan Yax* and Megan Zawilinski.

*Denotes all A's



RACHEL COLLINS, a third grade student at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City, was named the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Poster Contest winner. This year's theme was "What's in Your Michigan Lunch". Collins, pictured above with Diane Arnold, chairman of the Tuscola County Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee, won a \$50 savings bond. Her poster, one of 250 submitted at the county level, will now go on to the state competition.

Groosbeck award recipient

David Groosbeck of Caro has been named the recipient of Michigan Farm Bureau's (MFB) 2006 Marge Karker Scholarship. Groosbeck is a freshman at Michigan State University (MSU), studying agriculture industries.

After college, Groosbeck hopes to work in agronomy or seed sales, and looks forward to sharing knowledge with farmers to help them improve efficiency and yields, and to maximize profits through informed marketing decisions.

Prior to attending MSU, Groosbeck was an active student at Caro High School, graduating in 2005 with a 3.5 grade-point average. There he served as vice president of the National Technical Honors Society and was an active 4-H member - all while working on a neighbor's cash-crop operation, helping raise 1,700 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat.

The \$1,500 Marge Karker Scholarship is awarded annually to a student enrolled in a 2-year, agriculture-related program at MSU.

Grade 6

Michael Adams, Fabion Ballo, Alison Blattner, Jessica Bootz, Tyler Boyne, Angela Braun*, Samantha Clapper, Alekzander Creason, Kelsey Dillon, Joshua Farkas, Alexis Fetterhoff, Rebecca Hacker*, Kyle Hanby*, Patrick Henderson, Carley Hendrick, Jordyn Heredia, Corey Hool, Alexa Kamrad, Troy Kausch*, Kristen Kaweck*, Nicole Kelley, Drew King, Tessa Kus*, Alyssa Lawrence, Trenton Loomis, Joseph Louks, Lindsay McMahan, Kaitlyn Messing, Macey Messing, Megan Metzger, Ethan Nicol, Taylor Nye, Megan Parrish, Alexandra Pena, Zachary Potrykus*, Morgan Potter, Justin Powell, Jessica Prieskorn, Jordyn Rasmussen*, Logan Rowell, Rachael Rule*, Alexandria Smith*, Shannon Stec*, Heather Sweeney*, Cortney Thompson*, Hayley Thorp, Alyse Timko, Cassandra Tomlinson, Jared Weidman*, Ronald Wolschleger, Travis Wright,

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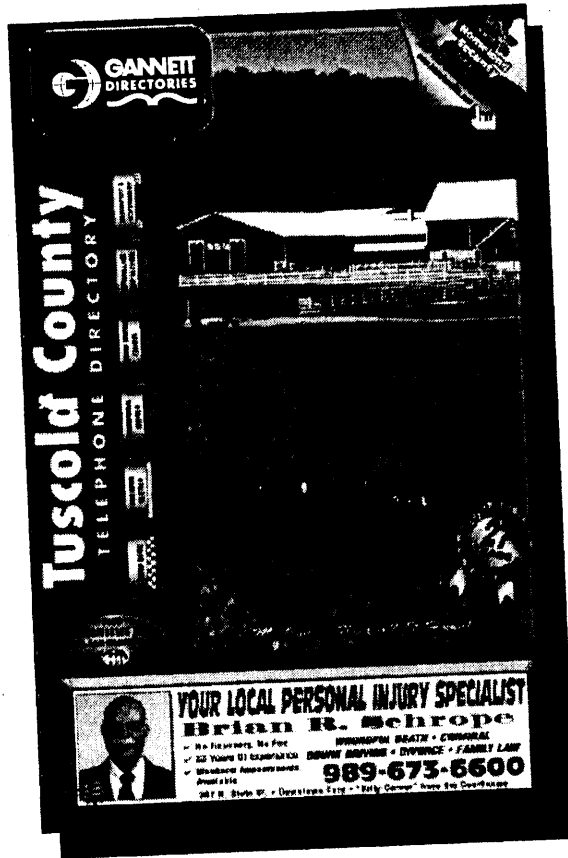
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Applicants must meet the following minimum prerequisites:

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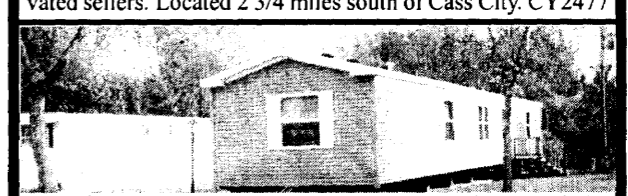
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SALLY ZIMBA, OWNER of Sal's Country Clipper, begins the process of cutting 6-year-old Alyssa Sangster's long locks.

O-G board extends contract

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The third grade was outstanding, the fifth grade was outstanding, (grades) 6, 7 and 8 were all very, very good," he said.

"The math results were pretty good across the board, and the third grade was 100 percent at level one or level 2 (met or exceeded expectations), which is really where you want to be," Compton continued. "And science,

in grade 8, everyone's in level one or 2. Those are great things.

"I think the area that we're really going to focus on is writing. We're going to expand our language arts at the elementary level," he added, noting that will complement students' existing strengths. "Our reading's been so strong and our people have been doing such an excellent job, especially at the primary level."

Also Monday, the board: "Learned recent preschool and kindergarten round-ups resulted in 10 students being registered in both sections.

"Looking at the history, that's probably about two-thirds of what we're expecting (for enrollment)," Compton said. "We're probably looking at a full preschool (18 students) again next year."

"Learned students will be making up a few days at the end of the school year due to weather closing the doors several times this winter.

"At this point, we've probably got about 4 make-up days that we're going to have to plug in," Compton noted.

"Approved the nomination of Andrew Eurich as the "Senior Student of the Month" for March.

"Recognized several students, all nominated for best exemplifying the

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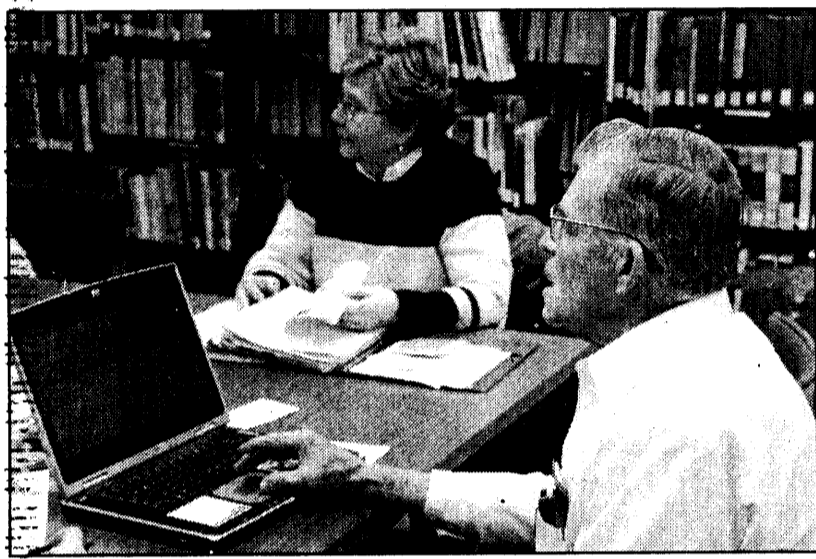
conditions that result in permanent hair loss.

As they watched Alyssa getting her haircut, the Sangsters indicated they are very grateful that she hasn't had to endure what her cousin did.

"I think about that a lot," Rob Sangster said. "I just praise God that she's healthy and has a heart to do this.

"When my wife and I started having kids, I told her I wanted a little girl with long hair," he added. "I'm going to be sad with her hair long gone, but I'm pretty proud."

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DORIS JONES and John Agar listen to the discussion during Thursday night's monthly meeting of the Cass City Area Historical and Genealogy Society at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City.

(See story, page 8)

district's March "adult role focus" of being critical, creative thinkers.

The students are: Morgan Ondrajka, Andrew Muntz, Benjamin Good, Chealsea Miller, Amanda Muntz, Dylan Powell, Carin Seibel, Drew Howard, Joshua Starks, Rebecca Schmidt and Michelle Brown.

Fun fair set

Celebrate spring with a day of family fun. The eighth annual Children's Fun Fair will be held Saturday, April 29, at Highland Pines School on Cleaver Road in Caro, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early On of Tuscola County coordinates and sponsors the event.

Free admission includes balloons, gift bags, refreshments, door prizes and each child will receive a book to keep. Also back by popular demand this year is the free child I.D. station. You will have the opportunity to have your child finger printed and their picture taken to put in a folder that contains vital information about your child. The folder is yours to keep.

There will be several things happening throughout the day to entertain your family. Ronald McDonald will be on hand to visit with the children. Several booths will be set up in the gym offering games and art activities for the children and information about local services for the adults. Gordon the Magician will be performing several times throughout the day. The cafeteria will also be serving free refreshments all day.

Every year, the fair continues to grow. Families can come relax, have fun and gather information about service agencies in the county.

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