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Homelessness growing risk

Coalition helping local needy families

by Caitlin M. Foy
Staff Writer

The Tuscola County Homelessness Coalition (THC) has helped 8 Cass City residents battle homelessness since the beginning of this year.

So far this year, the THC has already helped 123 individuals in Tuscola County and has contributed \$18,885, which is soon expected to overshadow last year's total of 135 people that received assistance, which amounted to \$26,799.

Mike DeGrace of the THC said the

increase in referrals, which have already surpassed the amount that was seen this time last year, are likely caused by Michigan's economy crises. Unemployment, low wages, and the low percentage of affordable housing are growing problems throughout the state, he said.

"If we keep at this rate, funds will total \$36,000 to \$37,000, so the need has definitely increased. The need is growing higher and we are just getting more referrals and service in that area."

Cass City is among 12 cities that re-

ceive assistance annually in Tuscola County from the non-profit homelessness prevention group, which began through the Caro United Methodist Church back in May of 2000. The THC formed as a result of a growing percentage of those that have "fallen through the cracks" of mainstream social service agencies and works in cooperation with the Huron/Tuscola County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness which was implemented last October.

It's difficult to get a firm count of the amount of people that are homeless in Tuscola County and it's more of a question of who is homeless on any given day, DeGrace explained. Counting people who are in shelters or "at-risk," one paycheck away from homelessness, can result in underestimates of the problem.

The THC estimates that there will be between 357 and 562 people "at-risk" to the experience of homelessness over a given year, which affects between 127 and 200 children.

"Most people's definition of homeless is people out on the street. In cities you see more of that because they will congregate," he said. "In a rural setting, it's difficult to really estimate and say 'well has homelessness gone up?' Many don't have health care benefits, but have too much money to be eligible for any type of government assistance."

The homeless prevention group began organizing and implementing financial planning software in the last 6 months. The statistics represent the households served by the THC and the number of men, women and children.

According to a research document drafted by the THC earlier this month

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Caro official now facing 51 counts

A village of Caro employee charged with one count of embezzlement in June now faces multiple counts in a separate case.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene Thursday authorized a 50-count warrant charging Cheryl L. Daniels, 53, with embezzlement of more than \$50 by a public official. Each offense is punishable by up to 10 years in prison or a fine of \$5,000.

"The charges were authorized as a result of a detailed and exhaustive investigation completed by Detective/Sgt. Mark Krebs of the Michigan State Police," Reene said. "The time period at issue involves conduct between January 2004 and June 2007 during which time Ms. Daniels was a deputy clerk/treasurer for the village of Caro."

Reene said a search warrant was executed at Daniels' residence Thursday and that investigators seized

several items of evidence.

Daniels was scheduled for formal arraignment Friday in Tuscola County District Court.

In the earlier case, involving one count of embezzlement by a public official, the charge was brought following a month-long investigation by Krebs, who said the allegation stemmed from payroll money that had been allegedly "misappropriated."

Daniels appeared on that charge early last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court, where she stood mute. A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and her bond was continued at \$3,000.

Daniels is a 33-year employee of the village of Caro and served as deputy treasurer in charge of payroll at the time of her arrest. Village officials placed her on administrative leave after her arrest.

It's fair time in Tuscola County!

KELSEY RUSSELL will be showing Max in addition to her 2 sheep, Jack and Jonnie, at the Tuscola County Fair on July 26.

Russell ready to shine again

by Caitlin M. Foy
Staff Writer

Last year Kelsey Russell's 660-pound Champion Dairy Feeder sold for \$3.05 a pound at the Tuscola County Fair.

It was her proudest moment in all 8 years she has been bringing livestock to the Tuscola County Fair. Last year was the first time Russell had raised a feeder for the fair and was surprised that she did so well.

"Feeders are a lot more work than sheep because they're a lot bigger," said the 14-year-old Cass City resident.

At this year's Tuscola County Fair,

she will be showing 2 sheep named Jack and Jonnie and one feeder named Max through the Cass City Livestock Club.

These days, Russell is spending several hours a day brushing, feeding and walking them around, while simultaneously preparing them for the fair.

Russell has been faced with greater challenges than she has in the past because as she puts it, "Max can be so difficult to work with."

"He's stubborn and doesn't like to move. I just have to stand there and pull on him until he moves," Russell said.

She also had to give the animal extra care after he developed ringworm during the early summer months. She had trouble overcoming her fears of

Max's infection and found it difficult to work with him until the case cleared up after a full month's time.

Her mother, Roseann Russell, said her daughter's attentiveness to her animals is a sign of maturity. As a child, she expressed an interest in her older siblings participation in 4-H groups and wanted animals of her own. But it was not until more recent years that she has become more involved with the responsibilities of her livestock.

"As she has gotten older, she has done much more with them," Roseann said.

Though at first she was reluctant to admit it, Russell said she has developed a close bond with Max and will be sad to see him go after next weekend's fair.

"She loves him. She likes all of her animals," her mother said.

Tom Herron ready to help lead village

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Editor's note: This is the second story in a 2-part series profiling the candidates seeking the office of village president in Cass City.

Tom Herron will tell you his bid to become Cass City's next village president has everything to do with a lifetime of hard work invested in the community, and his desire to see to the village grow and prosper for years to come.

Proof of his handiwork isn't hard to find.

In his 45 years in the construction business, Herron has built several commercial buildings in town - Walbro, Marshall's Distributing, Thumb National Bank, the Charmont and several additions at Erla's Food Center.

He's developed 160 acres in the village, starting with the Country View Subdivision in the southeast corner of Cass City back in 1972. In 1975 he started the Hill Crest Subdivision just west of the water tower, and 3 years

later he embarked on Northwood Estates at the north end of town. In 1984 he started the Northwood Lake Condominiums, now totaling 100 units, and 6 years later developed the Northwood Lake golf course.

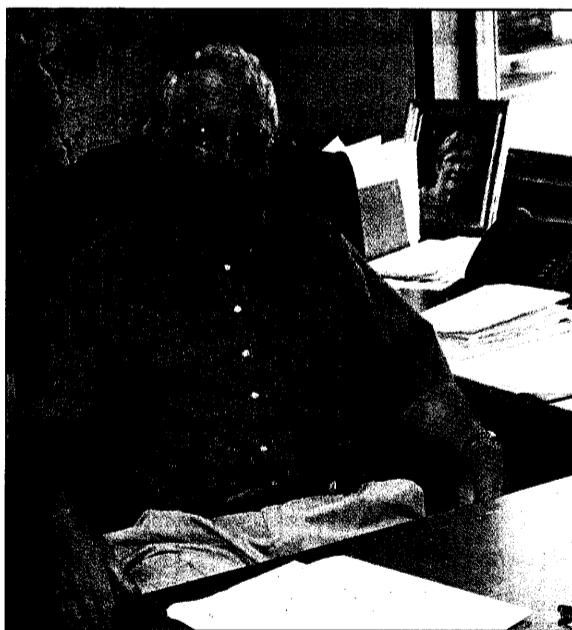
Herron is still keeping busy these days, but he also wants to have a hand in guiding Cass City's future as a community.

He and fellow lifelong Cass City resident, Carl Palmateer, will square off in the fall election scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11. Both are vying for the job previously held by Bert Althaver for more than 3 decades.

"I have been asked several times why in the world do you want to be the village president," Herron commented Thursday in his office at Northwood Modular Homes, a business he started in 1997 and remains active in along with his daughter, Barb Karr, and son-in-law Dick LeValley.

"Well, sometimes I have to ask myself that very question," he said. "To answer I have to think back to 1964 when I began in business. I had noth-

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DEVELOPER TOM Herron has designs on the village president's seat in Cass City, a community he's called home for most of his life. Herron says he's ready to put his years of experience to work as a local village leader.

126th annual fair still a family-friendly bash

Tuscola County Fair organizers have always focused on putting together a family celebration for both the young and young at heart, and this year's 126th edition - Sunday, July 22 through Sunday, July 29 - will be no different.

From an assortment of 4-H events to music and games to championship rodeo action, the fair caters to just about every taste.

"We try to keep it an old-fashioned fair. There's hardly any other fairs that still do the harness racing - we don't make any money on it, but we want to keep it up as many years as we can," said veteran fair board member Jerry Vandemark, who noted this year's harness racing dates will precede the fair dates and are slated for this week, Thursday through Saturday, at 5:30 p.m. The admission is \$4, kids under 12 get in free and senior citizens get a free pass on Friday.

The fair will get underway Sunday and run a full week.

There will be no midway rides Sunday, but there will be plenty to see,



including a 4-H dog show at 10 a.m., while the 4-H rabbit, cavy and poultry check-in is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. The 4-H swine check-in is from 4 to 6 p.m., and the beef, feeder, sheep and goat check-in is 6 to 8 p.m.

In addition, Living Truth will present a Gospel concert from 4 to 5 p.m., and the annual 4-H Talent Show and crowning of the 4-H king and queen will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Fair officials will be on hand during the day distributing coupons good for \$1 off admission for Thursday's fair events.

The midway will be up and running Tuesday. Planned events include the 4-H horse show (8 a.m.), 4-H rabbit and cavy show (9 a.m.), 4-H horticulture and foods check-in and judging (9 a.m. to noon), 4-H open crop and sugar beet check-in (9 a.m. to noon), 4-H and open dairy cattle show (10 a.m.) 4-H goat show (2 p.m.), 4-H small livestock exhibitor meeting at the small stock barn (5:30 p.m.), 4-H food

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S. Richards studies in China as part of CMU Study abroad program

Central Michigan University junior Stephanie Richards of Cass City got to experience Chinese culture and business practices during a recent 2-week study abroad trip to China.

Richards, 7 other students and 3 faculty members traveled to Shanghai and Beijing May 13-27. Their trip included attending lectures about Chinese history, culture and business practices at the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology. The group also visited United States corporations with plants in Shanghai, including General Motors Corp., Coca-Cola and Johnson Controls. They also visited cultural attractions such as the Great Wall, The Forbidden City and the Museum of Chinese History.

Richards received an Honors Program Study Abroad Scholarship and an Office of International Education Study Abroad Scholarship to aid in funding her trip. The CMU College

of Business Administration also provided partial funding for the program.

Community Prayer Walk set July 22

The Novesta Church of Christ will be hosting a Community Prayer Walk Sunday, July 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. on the track at Cass City Recreation Park. Participants will be given handouts that focus on 8 specific areas to pray for in the community - churches, families (marriages), those who serve (in government, firemen, police officers, etc.), the spiritually lost, schools, work and economy, youth, and those who are hospitalized or sick.

The idea of a prayer walk is simply to pray while walking. While the event is scheduled to take place on the track, participants are welcome to pray anywhere in the vicinity of the park.

The public is invited to participate. Church members will provide free water bottles for those that want them. More information is available by calling (989) 872-3658.



Donald and Barbara Hendrick

Hendricks mark 50th anniversary

Donald and Barbara Hendrick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, June 23, 2007 with family and friends at the Cass City Gun Club. The couple was married June 22, 1957.

Their children are Cheryl (Wade) LaJoie of Escanaba, Sharon Swalwell of Cass City, Donald II (Sharolyn) Hendrick of Eagle River, Alaska, Marie Spencer of Cass City, and Harold (Erica) Hendrick of Mt. Home, Idaho.

They have 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Easterling graduates with master's

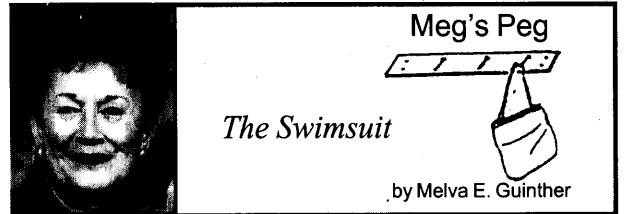
Karen Easterling, director of Baker College of Cass City and Baker College of West Branch, has earned a master's degree in human resources from the Baker College Center for Graduate Studies.

A Saginaw resident, Easterling has been affiliated with Baker College since 2001. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ferris State University and has more than 20 years of managerial and sales experience.

Easterling was recently elected to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She is also a member of the National Association of Career Women, the Optimist Club of West Branch, the Workforce Advisory Training Board of West Branch and the Cass City Rotary Club.



DEANNE KINNEY recently retired from Tendercare, Cass City, after more than 30 years of service. She started at Tendercare - then known as Provincial House - in 1976 as a nurse's aide. Kinney was later a physical therapy assistant for 5 years and spent the final 25 years as housekeeping/laundry supervisor. "I will miss the residents most of all," said Kinney, who is pictured above with her co-workers - (front row, from left) Deb Bimer, Marie Horne, Peggy Edwards, (back row, left) Ida Lynn, Kinney, Connie Pachla and Patricia Littleton.



A friend remarked the other day that she needs to buy a new swimsuit, and she remembered the piece on that subject recorded in this column several years ago. The account wasn't original with me, although I could relate to several of the descriptions presented. I vaguely recall that it came from one of the gals at the library, who swore it wasn't her personal story either.

Anyway, it was pretty funny and I decided to look it up.

The author lamented the days, gone forever, when a swimsuit for a woman with a "mature figure" was designed for a woman with a mature figure - boned, trussed and reinforced. They were "engineered" to hold back and uplift, and they did a good job.

Today, she claimed, the mature woman can go to the maternity section and try on a floral costume with a skirt and come away looking like a hippopotamus escaped from Disneyland. Or she can choose to wander around the regular swimsuit department and try to select one from what amounts to a designer range of fluorescent rubber bands.

Determined, she made a selection and headed for the chamber of horrors a/k/a the fitting room.

The Lycra used in bathing suits, she concluded, was developed by NASA to launch small rockets from a slingshot. Nevertheless, she fought her way into the suit, but as she twanged the shoulder strap into place, she gasped in horror! Her bosom had disappeared!

Eventually she found one cowering

under her left armpit, and after a search discovered the other flattened beside her seventh rib. The problem, you see, is that modern swimsuits have no bra cups. You're supposed to wear your bosom spread across the chest like a speed bump.

After realigning the speed bump, she lurched forward to the mirror. The bathing suit fit all right, but unfortunately it fit only those bits willing to stay inside it.

The rest oozed out rebelliously from top, bottom and sides. She says she looked like a lump of Play Doh wearing undersize Cling Wrap.

She tried on another, cream-colored suit that made her resemble a big wad of masking tape. A floral 2-piece gave her the appearance of an oversized napkin in a serviette ring.

A black suit with a midriff, presented by the prepubescent salesgirl, made her look like a jellyfish in mourning.

The leopard skin fabric with a ragged frill had her coming out like Tarzan's Jane on a bad day, and a bright pink number had such high cut legs, she thought she'd have to wax her eyebrows to wear it.

You have to admire the gal's fortitude. She finally found one that fit. It had a shorts-style bottom and halter top. It was cheap, comfortable and bulge-friendly, so she bought it.

When she got it home she read the label, which said, "Material may become transparent in water."

She's going to wear it anyway. Brenda, I wish you luck!

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 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
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 872-2604 or 872-5201
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 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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 Pastor - Judy A. Esckelsen

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 989-872-2729
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
 Pastor - Bob Sweeney
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 5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Folks around our house are constantly picking up loose change in easy chairs, sofas, clothes closets, bathroom and any other place that I happened to wander.

So when I come across change lost in the street I confess I have a secret concern. Is it truly a "find" or is it change that fell out of my pocket on a previous walk?

It was reassuring that a quarter I found on Brooker Street was not one that I lost. I wasn't on that route for a couple of weeks, preferring to use the rail trail instead.

Another confession, I'd rather find a "lucky penny" than a quarter any day.

Now that the last gasp attempt to change a court ruling has faded away and there will be no exception allowed to keep high school tennis season unchanged, the way is clear to start solving the serious problems that the court has decreed.

Cass City has a plan to comply with the court decision, but I'd guess that any plan that requires drastic change in the status quo would need to be tweaked as problems arise.

The schools will probably adapt better than the fans in the basketball season. It would be a rare enthusiast who would trudge to the school 4 nights a week to see games on the junior varsity and varsity level.

I can see a lot of interest in a varsity only boys and girls double header, but that leaves the junior varsity out in the cold, not to mention finding officials for that type of promotion.

At the end of the first year most of the wrinkles may be ironed out, but if attendance is as good as it was in the 2006-07 season it would be a major surprise.

The 7-time Drum Corps International World Championship Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps has a professional publicist that has secured stories (free advertising) in several papers, including the Salem Times-Register, Salem, Virginia that published a front page bylined story about the corps in its July 5 edition.

Not only are the stories free, the work of the volunteer writer is also free. It's Tom Montgomery, Chronicle editor.

I enjoy doing it, Tom says.

Police arrest theft suspect

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe arrested an Elkton man last week after the man confessed to taking 2 vehicles that didn't belong to him.

Trooper Brian McComb was dispatched to an address in Elkton July 7 to investigate a stolen pickup truck complaint lodged by a 44-year-old victim who awoke to find his 2004 GMC Canyon pickup missing from his driveway.

Two days later, the owner of Wild John's Party Store, located on M-53 near M-81, contacted the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department to report a "drive-off" involving \$50 worth of gasoline.

"Two suspects entered the party store and attempted to pay for the gas, but their credit cards were denied and they did not have the money to pay for the gas - prior to this, they ran out of gas just south of the party store," McComb said. "An agreement was made that they would return within 24 hours to pay for the

gas. One suspect produced his Michigan identification card and the owner wrote this information down along with the license plate to the truck."

McComb and Elkton Police Chief Scott Jobs contacted the suspect at a farm near Elkton. "The suspect, a 43-year-old male who has been living in Elkton, admitted to taking the pickup and also admitted to taking another vehicle from the village in June," said McComb, who added the Elkton Police Department investigated the latter complaint in which a stolen van was recovered in Clarkston.

The suspect was arrested on 2 counts of unlawfully driving away an automobile, driving with a suspended/revoked license and for being in violation of his parole. He was lodged in the Huron County Jail pending his arraignment in Huron County District Court.

McComb later recovered the stolen GMC pickup in a store parking lot in Bad Axe.

The Haire Net

A little of this and that



A little of this and that as seen from the corner of Oak and Main streets. How it is and how it may be in the future.

I confess that I never heard of David Beckham until reading about the soccer star from England who has signed to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy. It's a lucrative deal for Beckham, who will squeeze into a \$22 million home in Beverly Hills.

In Michigan, soccer has grown by leaps and bounds starting with kids that are yet to enter school and continuing until they graduate from high school and beyond.

It may be that soccer attracts more participants than any other sport. As these players grow up, it's logical to assume that they will be fans of the future. If that happens, the investment in Beckham would be a sound business decision.

It would be a bet that I wouldn't want to make. Soccer has yet to catch on with the fans and the current crop of players don't seem to be much interested unless they are playing.

If they don't have a kid playing it is boring for the majority, and that shows no signs of changing.

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With a couple of exceptions, I've always thought paying a buck or more for a bottle of water didn't make sense. If you are thirsty on the road and water is not available, pay a buck

for the convenience, not the water. If the water available is foul tasting, as it once was in the Freeland area 50 years or so ago, a bottle of water (not available then) is worthwhile.

Other than that, why do it? The tap water in Cass City and all Michigan communities has to meet rigid standards so it can be drunk safely.

Not only is the tap water cheap, it's also better for the environment. An article quoting an ABC report says that before quaffing down a bottle of water from France about 2 ounces of oil has been used and that doesn't include the oil needed to make the plastic.

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I suppose it's a matter of "keeping up with the Joneses" for the billionaires' club. The latest is what family owns the best submarine. There are currently an estimated 100 private subs cruising the seas and there is a waiting list for new subs.

A 10-passenger sub costs \$15 million, but the gymnasium is an option extra. A midsize sub lists at about \$25 million. It offers 3 stories, 5 state-rooms with baths, 2 kitchens, a gym, a wine cellar and has a range of 3,000 miles.

It would seem proper for these buyers to stick with the economic \$15 million sub and donate an additional \$10 million to any worthy charity.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

Increasing bear populations have led to unusual measures in certain parts of the country. The Anchorage Daily News reports that Alaskan biologists plan to tranquilize bears in the Russian River area and dye their hair so hikers and fishermen can report which bears are giving them a bad time. That way when the biologists have to shoot a bear they are more likely to get the right one.

The plan is to give the bears a shampoo, bleach the hair around their heads, shoulders, and hindquarters, and then apply green, orange, blue, or yellow dye. The story doesn't say, but I suppose a green bear would be fairly harmless, whereas an orange one would be dangerous. A blond bear might be unpredictable or a bit whimsical.

The U.S. Forest Service will also install grinders along the river so fishermen can dispose of fish carcasses and avoid attracting bears. Again, the story is unclear whether the bears will be allowed to use the grinders, too.

I know some readers might think this is unfair, but I suspect the Forest Service will dye some fishermen, also. In situations like this every effort must be made to protect the bears.

The Forest Service plans to hire two protection officers to patrol the river and educate fishermen about bear safety. These officers will issue citations to folks who stray more than a few feet from their lunch or their fish. The bears quickly learn whose fish

and whose lunch can be had without a tussle.

Projects such as this are going on all over the West. I recently received a copy of an email that refers to efforts to protect bears from golfers near Montana's Gallatin, Helena, and Lewis and Clark National Forests.

The Montana Department of Fish and Wildlife advises golfers to take some precautions here. They suggest golfers wear noise-producing devices, such as little bells, on their clothing so the bears won't be startled. Everyone knows the worst thing we can do is surprise a bear. If we are planning a party, for example, we should make sure the bear knows beforehand.

Besides, I've always thought golfers who are out in the woods surprising bears need to take some more lessons.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife also suggests golfers carry pepper spray. A large can is recommended, but the most important thing is to make sure your pepper spray isn't the same size as your Right Guard. Spraying a bear with Right Guard makes him smell better, but that's about it.

Lastly, golfers should learn to distinguish between black bear sign and grizzly bear droppings near the golf course. Black bear droppings are smaller and often contain berries and rodent fur.

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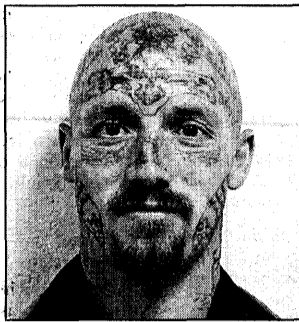
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Shooter faces years in prison

The Flint man charged in connection with the shooting of a Tuscola County resident last May earned a one-way ticket to prison last week with his pleas of guilty to several charges, including assault with intent to murder.



Chris Inman

Chris A. Inman, 41, Flint, appeared in Tuscola County Circuit Court last week. Aside from the assault charge, he pleaded guilty to carrying a weapon with unlawful intent and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. He was also con-

victed of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions), meaning he'll face enhanced penalties on charges already punishable by up to life in prison.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case, bond was continued at \$1 million and Inman was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

The charges stem from an incident during the early morning hours of May 31 at a residence on Vassar Road near Arbela Road in Arbela Township.

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies reported the shooting victim had gone to a nearby residence requesting help, and the homeowner called police, saying the victim was bleeding from wounds to his face and neck. No other details were released. Investigators say they haven't determined a motive, although Inman and the victim reportedly had a disagreement prior to the incident.

The victim's name and hometown also were not released. Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reene said the victim survived but faces a long road to recovery.

Several appear on charges last week

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

•Samuel R. Dicks, 54, Cass City, pleaded no contest to attempted malicious destruction of fire department/police property and domestic violence Feb. 22 in Ellington Township.

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

•William Michael-Leonard O'Brien, 24, Vassar, pleaded no contest to second degree home invasion Jan. 3 in Ellington Township.

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

•Richard S. Potter, 44, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to third degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years June 4, 2005, in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

Potter was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,120 plus restitution of \$1,950.11. Attorneys fees are to be determined.

•Ryan J. Warren, 21, Caro, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny March 11 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$7,500 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Ronald F. Brill Jr., 37, National City, Mich., pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from July 1, 2005, through May 31, 2007, and from March 1, 2005, through Jan. 31, 2007. He also pleaded guilty to 2 counts of assaulting a police officer June 12 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$50,700 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•David E. McPherson, 20, Ellington, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, June 8 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$4,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Timothy W. Craig, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, June 11 in Indianfields Township.

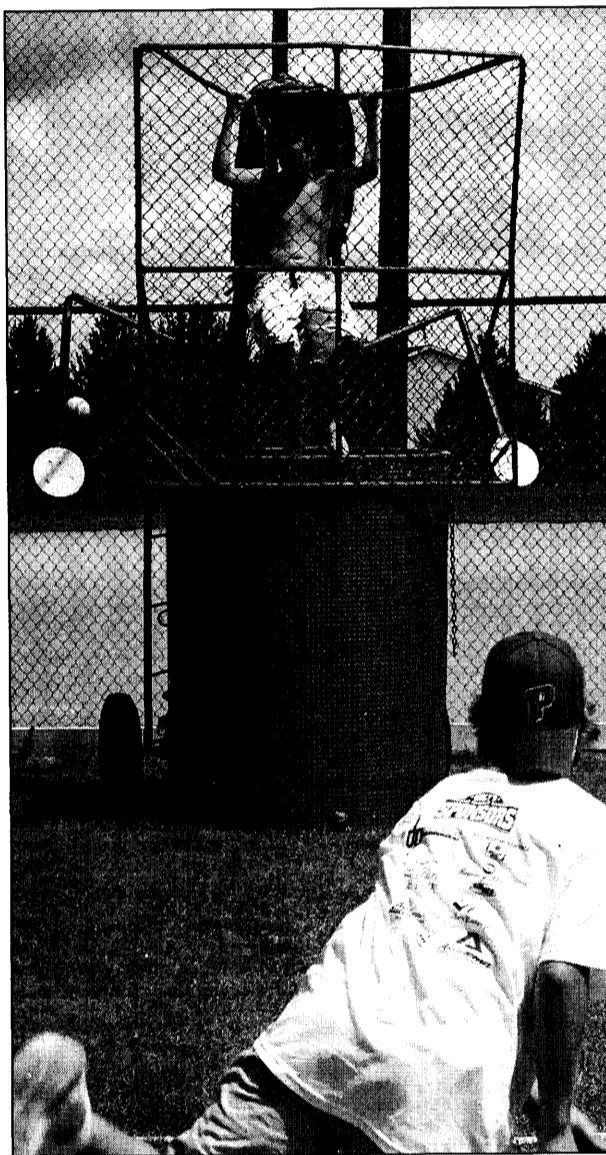
A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at \$35,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the

Milk milestones

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HADLEY GIBBS, 7, and her brother, Colton, 2, shared some fries and a slushy along with their dad, Dan Gibbs of Deckerville. The trio were waiting for the Ubly Homecoming Grand Parade to get underway.



12-YEAR-OLD Austin Rothe of Ubly gave it his best shot at the PTO dunk tank, manned above by recent Ubly graduate Shaun Wolverton, 18.



LENN MORELL (LEFT) swabs barbecue sauce on a rack of chicken while Gene Stambaugh stands ready with a pan following Sunday's Ubly Homecoming Grand Parade. The pair were among several Ubly FFA volunteers whose chicken had folks standing line.

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Munger Potato Festival slated for July 26-29

The Munger Volunteer Firemen Corps will sponsor its 53rd Annual Munger Potato Festival, July 26, 27, 28 and 29.

The events start Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with a figure 8 derby, the only type of auto racing where cars cross in opposite directions while at full racing speed. At 7 p.m. there will be the selection of the 2007 potato

queen and king in front of the Merritt Township Hall. From 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., the Jerkwater Town Boys will provide music in the big tent. Elliott Amusement Rides begin at 4 p.m.

On Friday at 7:30 p.m. there will be a demolition derby. Men and women will compete for cash prizes of up to \$2,500. There will be 5 action packed heats with over 50 cars destroyed.

Music in the big tent will be provided by CEYX, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"Kids Day" is Saturday, with a children's pedal pull at 11 a.m. There will be lots of other activities for the kids. All activities are held inside the big tent and are free. Special pay-one-price for the Elliott Amusement Carnival will begin at noon.

Back again this year on Saturday will be the addition of another figure 8 race. The race will begin at 7 p.m. with the gates opening at 5 p.m. At least 56 cars will participate in 6 heats. In the big tent music will be provided by Groove Circle (formerly Jedi Mind Trip) from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. At 9 p.m. there will be a teen dance in the firemen hall.

Sunday at 1 p.m. will be the annual parade, which is led by the potato queen and king and court. There will be floats, fire engines, and many marching bands. Entertaining in the big tent from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. will be Steve Drzewicki and Friends, rotating with the Jerkwater Town Boys.

Elliott Amusement Company will provide carnival rides with special pay one prices. Las Vegas style casino, bingo and big 6 wheel will be operating every day. Tons of free potatoes will be given away Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Trinity St. James Lutheran Church will be operating the food tent throughout the festival and featuring a chicken barbecue beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Also on sale during the festival will be Munger's famous potato bratwurst made with Munger potatoes.

On Wednesday, July 25, the Munger area churches, Bay County Chapter of Thrivent Financial and the Munger Volunteer Firemen will sponsor a Christian concert in the entertainment tent. Although not part of the festival, organizers wanted to take advantage of the facilities and invite the entire community to attend before the festival begins.

Beginning at 7 p.m., "The Calvarymen Quartet" and "The Thurstons" will perform. This event is free, but a free-will donation will be accepted.

Parking is free and there is no admittance charge to enter the festival grounds. Come out to the 53rd annual Munger Potato Festival, "The Granddaddy of Them All".

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Car-deer accidents are frequent, costly and sometimes unavoidable in Michigan. I thought about that while driving outside of Sudbury, Ont. There were caution signs posted on highway 69 that were similar to our deer crossing warnings, except these were to alert motorists that they were driving in a moose crossing area. Hitting a deer is costly, but colliding with a moose? A calamity. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Andrea Rea, Cass City, recently completed her 4th varsity year of Intercollegiate Track and Field competition at Taylor University (TU). Rea was selected for the third year as All-Conference for the mid-Central Conference. She became a two-time conference champion in the hammer throw her junior and senior years. Rea also received the TU Most Valuable Player award for the fourth year in a row for women's field events. Rea is a 1998 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2002 graduate of Taylor University, where she received a teaching degree in elementary education. She is the daughter of Mike and Shelda Rea.

Cass City runners recorded the top 3 finishes over the weekend during the 5K race in Snover. Annjea Tanton was the over-all female winner with a

time of 22:23, while Ashley Ouvry finished second with a time of 22:51 and Carrie Hillaker finished third with a time of 23:24. In the men's competition, Jessup Hoyt won the 15-19 age division and finished third overall with a time of 22:10. The event attracted 35 runners.

10 YEARS AGO

Consumption of veal is improving, according to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission. Average U.S. consumption of veal rose 20 percent in 1996 to one pound per person. For the first time since 1989, veal consumption rose higher than lamb.

Nathan Haag got a hole-in-one June 21 while golfing as a guest of Ken Eisinger in a local tournament at the Windstar on Naples Bay, Fla. Nathan, 16, hit a 5 iron on the 156-yard 9th hole.

Mark Pisarek of Cass City recently was presented an Outstanding Achievement Certificate from the Technical/Drafting Design Technology program at Ferris State University from Professor Mark Hill.

25 YEARS AGO

HIGH LIVING — Randy Johnson, 11, enjoys his tree house built by his father, Jim Johnson of 4286 Oak Street. The house has an electrical outlet for the radio, a bucket for hauling items to the house, and a porch. The house was built on a 4-by-8-foot piece of plywood and took Johnson about five days to build. The house is about 12 feet from the ground and four feet tall.

Members of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 50, of Caro, collected more than \$500 from their sale of forget-me-nots in downtown Cass City Friday. The money will go to Veterans Administration hospitals in

Michigan to aid disabled veterans, according to Andrew Kozan of Cass City, the chaplain of the group.

To defrost ground beef quickly, sprinkle with the salt you planned to use for seasoning. It speeds the thawing process.

Jeff Michalski, 15, of Deford, caught a 28 1/2-inch long pike Tuesday evening, July 13, in White Creek. Normal pike there, he said, average 12-21 inches. The fish weighed 6 pounds.

35 YEARS AGO

Business was good Saturday night at the Cass Theatre. The show was full. Owner Dick Hendrick said that the crowd wasn't reflected in the cash box. That's because Friday for the first time since at least 1949 the sound went dead and so did the revenue from the flick. Hendrick reports that he dished out 50 bucks in cash and 300 rain checks and part of Saturday's crowd used them for admission. The RCA serviceman came Saturday morning to get the show on the road again. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Ambition has always been a necessity for success, but don't fly higher than you can roost.

Walbro Corporation of Cass City became Walbro Corporation of Delaware in a special meeting held Thursday in the theatre room at Cass City High School. The move was of special significance to stockholders of the company because it is the first step towards a listing in the over the counter stock market. This fall an offering of Walbro stock will be made through the firm of Bacon, Whipple & Co., investment bankers of Chicago. After it is sold, it will then be possible to buy and sell Walbro much the same as thousands of other securities that are listed on the various stock exchanges.

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At Quest for Truth children will search for the truth about Jesus. They will meet friends and get to do activities, hear Bible stories, sing songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks and more! The mission project for the week will be the 50 Blind Outreach Centers located in many states in North America.

A special program is set for 9:30 a.m., Sunday, July 29. The children will join in skits and songs to show the many things they have learned during the week of VBS. After the service there will be games for all ages.

A picnic is slated after the worship service. Hot dogs, brats and pop will be provided. Those attending may bring a dish of food to share. Children and their parents are invited to attend this program and picnic.

Senior Citizen movies Friday

Rawson Memorial Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Thunder on the Mountain: Every year, more and more people are drawn to the beauty of Europe's and North America's scenic mountain ranges to live, work and play. But without warning these picturesque mountains can turn deadly. Hear about one family's terrifying brush with death as a raging river of mud tore through their home. Discover how, on any given day, even the most experienced skiers can get caught in the middle of a 200-mile-an-hour avalanche. Then follow a team of engineers and geologists who risk their lives scaling 120-foot-high rocky cliffs to keep California's coastal highways free from falling boulders and other hazardous debris. Witness devastating landslides, avalanches and mudslides firsthand and see how earlier prediction can prevent disaster - and save lives - in Thunder on the Mountains. (60 minutes)

Great Plains: The Great Plains - centrally located and fundamental to the shaping of our nation's history, this robust region comprises the heart of America: Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa. From cornfields and rolling prairie grasslands to cattle country and the rugged Ozarks, you'll find a variety of vacationing opportunities. Trace the boyhood roots of Mark Twain and his mischievous Tom Sawyer, or follow the paths of more notorious characters in history, like Wild Bill Hickok. Step back to the days of settlers over land and waterways. Or enjoy a modern-day adventure by exploring Native American artwork and Western wear shopping treasures, or relaxing at a fashionable resort. (60 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

Plug-in cars within a decade

What do you think of the idea of an electric car?

Ford Motor Company expects to be selling plug-in Hybrid cars in the next 5 to 10 years. Executives at the Ford Motor Company said the technological advancement is dependent upon improvements in lithium ion batteries, which will serve as the rechargeable power source in each vehicle.

Users will simply be able to remove a cord from beneath the hood of the car and plug into ordinary household electrical outlets to provide power.

Plug-in Hybrids are to use little or no gasoline over short distances and at lower speeds.

The plug-in car is intended to be more environmentally sound as a more efficient alternative to oil usage, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere.

Dennis Hill, 54, of Cass City said he has not given much thought to the idea of mass-producing electric cars, but he thinks it will be interesting to see how gas prices will change in the next few years as a result. "The way gas prices are shooting up, driving is getting almost impractical. Electricity is an alternate source that should be utilized," he said.

To make the project work, the Ford Motor Company has initiated the beginning of an alliance with U.S. electric utility Edison International. Hill is a retired air force veteran that says he knows very little about cars. He relies on his brother-in-law to assist him when he needs maintenance done on his vehicle.

Reuters contributed to this report.

Dennis Hill

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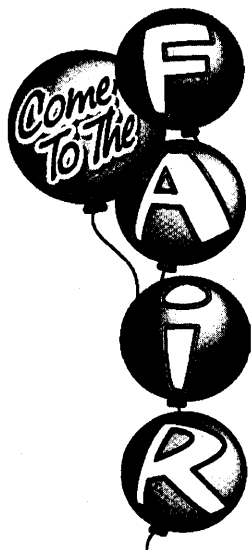
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SUNDAY, JULY 22 NO MIDWAY RIDES

- 10:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Show
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbit, Cavy & Poultry Check-In
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Gospel Concert: Living Truth
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- 4:00-6:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Check-In & Weigh-In
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. 4-H Beef, Feeder, Sheep & Goat
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- 6:00-8:00 p.m. 4-H Talent Show & Crowning of
4-H King & Queen

MONDAY, JULY 23

CARNIVAL OPENS AT NOON, MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon 4-H Horticulture & Floriculture
Check-In & Judging
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon 4-H Foods Check-In & Judging
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon 4-H & Open Crop & Sugar Beet
Check-In
- 10:00 a.m. 4-H & Open Dairy Cattle Show
- 2:00 p.m. 4-H Goat Show
- 5:30 p.m. 4-H Small Livestock Exhibitor Meeting
at Small Stock Barn
- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Food Auction
- 7:30 p.m. 4-H Large Livestock Exhibitor Meeting
at Livestock Pavilion
- 7:30 p.m. Demolition Scramble
No spectators allowed on infield

TUESDAY, JULY 24

KIDS' DAY - 14 yrs. & under,
\$2.00 discount NOON to 6:00 p.m.

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- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show
Awards ceremony to follow
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Swine Show
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Judging
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H & Open Crops & Sugar Beets
Judging
- 5:00 p.m. 4-H & Open Sheep Show
- 7:30 p.m. Demolition Derby
No spectators allowed on infield

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

- 9:00 a.m. Open Goat Show
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H & Open Beef Show
- 10:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Fun Show
(Open to Tuscola County 4-H horse members only)
- 1:00 p.m. 4-H Feeder Beef Show
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H Small Livestock Sweepstakes
Showmanship Contest at Rabbit Judging Tent
- 7:30 p.m. Pickup and Tractor Pulls

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THURSDAY, JULY 26

SENIOR CITIZENS FREE TILL 6:00 p.m.

(Must purchase ticket for evening grandstand show)

- 9:30 a.m. 4-H & FFA Small Animal Sale
****NOTE: TIME CHANGES OF AUCTIONS****
- 11:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Large Livestock Sale
(Immediately following the end of small livestock sale,
not prior to 11 a.m.)
- 4:00 p.m. Pedal Pull
(open to all kids on the grounds)
at pavement along Merchants Building
- 7:00 p.m. Motorcycle Racing
(motorcycle time trials at 5:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 p.m. Re/Max New Image
Hot Air Balloon Launch in front of the grandstand -
Weather permitting

FRIDAY, JULY 27

- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Cloverbud Learning Experience
at the Rabbit Barn
- 9:00-Noon 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 10:00 a.m. Light Horse Pull
(wristbands only on infield)
- 1:00 p.m. Open Speed Horse Show
(Trailer-In Only)
- 1:30 p.m. Heavy Horse Pull
(wristbands only on infield)
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H Large Livestock Sweepstakes
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- 7:30 p.m. Championship Rodeo
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SATURDAY, JULY 28

- 7:30 p.m. Championship Rodeo
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SUNDAY, JULY 29

All Exhibits Released
6:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

(Check with project superintendent for specific release time.)

- 9:00 a.m. Open Pleasure Horse Show
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MERI DZIELINSKI was recently listed in "Who's Who Among Outstanding Students in America," which is an honor that focuses on displaying the hard work and achievements of elite students in the U.S.

Thumb snowmobile club busy making trail plans

Melted snow means nothing to snowmobile extremists.

Summer is the time for the Thumbs Up Snowmobile Club to plan for another winter of off-road riding.

An ensemble that began in 2005, the club has dedicated itself to a project that has thus far lain about 100 miles of public snowmobile trails across the Thumb. The trails begin in Sandusky and continue into Deckerville. From there, the trail splits into 2 with one heading to Forestville and the other to Minden City.

President Galen Faith of Deckerville is proud of the group's achievements, but is still hundreds of miles away from his goal. "We want to circle the Thumb," Faith said. "It's going to take quite a few more years before it gets done. We want to go up to Caseville and Port Austin."

Faith said existing routes have attracted people from across the Midwest and Canada. "Trails improve our riding and affects the cost of gas," he said. "People are just loving our trails."

This winter, the club hopes to have trails going from Ruth to Sandusky. Board member, Ed Kazinski said the knowledge of what they learned about creating trails has made a big difference in the group's success. "When we first got started, we thought we had to have the DNR's approval for everything. The second year, we were able to create more trails," Kazinski said. "We started to build trails just for the fun of it. In the Thumb, snowmobiling is ditch to ditch and it's not very good."

Faith hopes the paths will blaze a trail to what he feels are the real objectives of the group - to destroy the depictions of snowmobile riders held by the public eye. Creating public trails and discouraging the riding on private property, he said, will alter the bad reputations associated with the group.

Lately, the club has been mapping out and finalizing snowmobile routes with the DNR, while simultaneously picking up support from various counties in the Thumb. It's a process that demands a lot of time and so much of it that the group pushed back their original goal of reaching Harbor Beach by this winter.

Monthly meetings take place the

first Thursday of each month at the MSU Cooperative Extension Conference Room in Sandusky starting at 7:30 p.m. and again the third Thursday of the month at the Comfort Inn Conference Room in Port Huron starting at 7:30 p.m.

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Cass City Golf League as of July 15

Flight #1

Dave Weiler	100
Ray Fox	99
Mike Lowe	98
Rick Salcido	96*
Craig Helwig	92
Don Warner	90
Dieter Roth	89
Scott Richards	77*
Corey Ulfing	76
Rich Tate	74
Don Ouvry	72
Rick Coleman	71

Hendrick/Wilson	18
Alexander/Spencer	17
Dillon/Tonti	17
Glaspie/Strickland	16
Berwick/Greenlee	16
Jones/Marshall	13

Medalists: Individual-Kelley 38;
Team-Kelley/Caister 78.

Division 2 - Late

Doerr/Haire	31
Prieskorn/Repshinska	31
Martin/Robinson	30
Osentoski/Schott	26
deBeaubien/Patrick	24
Bliss/Krol	23
Hillaker/Murphy	20
Corey/Paul Ulfing	18
Hool/Toner	18
LeValley/Morgan	14
Langley/Curtis	13*
Biddinger/Smith	12
Hartel/Brown	4*
Bellew/Nicholl	0*

Medalists: Individual-Chris Anthes
36; Team-Osentoski/Schott 82.

*Match not played.

Flight #2

Gary Robinson	114
Jon Zdrojewski	100
Clark Eria	93
Tom Kelly	90
Dan Curtis	88*
Jim Hobbs	87
Dan Mosher	86
Jim Peyerk	85*
Daryl Iwankovitsch	84
Jon Langley	77
Russ Biefer	66
Virgil Peters	57*

Flight #3

Pat Casey	107
Terry Hendrick	105
Jack Hool	105
Tom Lis	94
Jim Smithson	91
Ernie Bellew	88
David Allen	85
Dick Wallace	84
Larry Robinson	83
Charles Tunis	71
Bruce LeValley	67*
Dan Caister	54*

Flight #4

Mark Curtis	108
Harold MacAlpine	105*
Doug Laurie	97*
Craig Innis	94
Doug Lautner	89*
Duane Henn	86*
Dave Keller	81
Thad Phelps	72*
Dennis Meck	68
Bob Stickle	66*
Keith Pobanz	54

*Points to be adjusted

Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of July 11

Division 1 - Early

Burns/Caister	31
Craig/Knight	30
Herron/Tuckey	29
Wallace/Warner	28
Iwankovitsch/Stickle	27
Burns/Kritzman	25
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Rural Artisans hope to expand recognition

Obituaries

by Caitlin M. Foyt
Staff Writer

The work of local artists, the Rural Artisans, is as decorative as it is practical.

Dave and Mimi Nicol, who specialize in wood and glass craftsmanship, started the group 2 years ago with hopes of expanding recognition to the home front.

Other than their exclusive group of city clientele. "People around here didn't know we exist or other artists exist and (we) push that to let people know that we're around," said Mimi Nicol.

Currently, the Rural Artisans are a group of 6, each with their own genre, medium and style.

Many of the varying types of art include: stained glass, woodworking, rustic furniture, quilting, painting, sculpture, embroidery, and accent pieces.

To be eligible to be a Rural Artisan, the existing circle of artisans judges whether or not the artist in question is skilled and has serious artistic

value.

The group looks for something more innovative and diverse in the artists' work.

"We look for originality and not something that's mass produced," Nicol said. "Painters- they just have specific things they paint. Just talent. Going on something you just don't see everyday."

Artist Renee Kaczynski, who uses varying mediums including acrylics, pen and ink, watercolor, colored pencil and embroidery, said she has noticed a change in her work since joining the Rural Artisans last year. "My work has a tendency to be a little tighter. It's all right to be articulate. My work is getting a lot looser and more spontaneous," the Decker area resident said.

She attributes the increase in her number of pieces and the slight change in style to the camaraderie of the art group. "We meet once a month with arts council, it's nice to know what everybody's doing. It's just really great," Kaczynski said. "Artists

need that because they're always looking alone in the solitary space and sometimes you need a little friendly competition, creative inspiration."

Originally an interior designer, Nicol got started designing and crafting stained glass work by helping her husband, Dave, work on the glass portions of his handcrafted wood doors. She has since then shifted her focus from interior design work to colorful glasswork. She is inspired by nature and uses a lot of flowers and bright color in her patterns. "It's just a lot of different things," she said, attributing her reasons why she loves what she does. "I'm not always on the same project. I get to create and experiment and do different things."

The Nicol couple currently works out of their home, which is off of Schwegler Road in Cass City, but plans to open a shop on Main Street in the downtown area.

The business, Artifax, is scheduled to open this upcoming September and will be located on the corner of Oak and Main streets, directly across the street from the Cass City Chronicle. "It'll have a stained glass shop and cabinet shop and gallery space for other artists," Nicol explained. "We'll also have an upstairs artist loft for those that want studio space. A lot of people ask about lessons in stained glass, so I'll be offering that, as well."

Associating themselves directly

with the Cass City Art Council, to which Nicol serves on the board as president and by creating a website, the group has slowly begun to gather a small group of clientele.

Recently, the Rural Artisans were invited to participate in the Port Austin Farmers Market, which will take place later this month. The artists will sell their work among fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods and antiques on July 14 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in downtown Port Austin.

The artists will make another appearance Aug. 24 through 25 in the Cass City Rotary Park where they will be displaying and selling their work in an art exhibition. A saxophone quar-

ter will play among them and light refreshments will be served.

During Summer Mania, a large rummage sale event throughout the village of Cass City on Aug. 3, the Cass City Art Council will be organizing an auction based on local artist work.

Called Cass City All Stars, the Art Council will be buying large metal stars and then ask artists in the area to paint them. Artists must finish working on their stars by August 1 and people can bid on the stars at the silent auction Friday night starting at \$30 each.

Local artists that are interested in participating can contact Mimi Nicol at (989) 872-4281.

Nina Janks

Nina R. Janks, 85, of Caro, died Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at Marlette Community Hospital.

She was born Nov. 15, 1921 in Gagetown, the daughter of the late Calvin and Mable Hiser.

She married Fred Janks Sept. 30, 1943 in Napoleon, Ohio. He died Feb. 24, 1999.

Janks was a member of the Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She was a longtime Sunday school teacher. She was a member the U.S. and A.T.M Farm Bureau Club and a H leader.

Janks is survived by her children: Bob (Bonnie) Janks of Mayville, Gary (Joyce) Janks of Caro, Dale (Diane) Janks of Caro, Sharon (Gary) Tesko of Gaylord, Karen (Don) Smale of Caro and Betty Stewart of Fairgrove; a daughter-in-law, Ginny Janks of Lakeport; 15 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; a sister, Geraldine (Archie) Ferguson of Utica; a brother, Carl (Donna) Hiser of Caro; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jim Janks; a son-in-law, Mike Stewart; a grandson, Allen Janks; a great grandson, Carter Meerschaert; brothers: Cliff (Margaret), L.Z., and Adriari Hiser; and 2 sisters: Beatrice King and Shirley Hiser.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 14, at the Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church, with Pastor Pat Robbins officiating.

Burial was in the Ellington Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Collon Funeral Home, Caro.



STATE-REP. Terry Brown shakes hands with Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who last week signed the new Michigan Business Tax into law. Brown's bill to slash the Personal Property Tax was part of the overall package.

Tax bill now law

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) last week announced that Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm signed the new Michigan Business Tax (MBT) into law.

Brown's bill to slash the Personal Property Tax was part of the overall package. The comprehensive MBT will help move Michigan toward economic recovery by rewarding investment, protecting Michigan-based companies, and safeguarding funding for education, health care, and police and fire protection.

"Putting the MBT in place removes a giant obstacle on the road to Michigan's economic recovery," Brown said. "Rewarding businesses that invest in our state will create

more good-paying jobs for our workers - and that is Michigan's most urgent need right now. We have to keep jobs from going out of state and overseas."

The MBT replaces Michigan's outdated Single Business Tax, which expires at the end of the year. Under the MBT, about 75 percent of businesses in Michigan will pay less in taxes.

"The Michigan Business Tax will attract emerging industries to our state, support our existing businesses, and protect funding for essential local services," Brown said. "The MBT will get Michigan moving in the right direction."

Homelessness

Continued from page one.

entitled "Estimating Homelessness in Tuscola County: A Rural Community Experience" one of the key reasons for homelessness is unaffordable housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates 5 million households spend more than one-half their income for rent - and these households have incomes below half of the local median.

The THC helps each village/city by comparing the percentage of the total amount of people living in rental housing. They do their best to be evenhanded with funds so that those struggling the most can be assisted. This year, Cass City has been underserved as a percentage of its rental unity, which was -7.2%, while Caro was well served at 4%.

"We try to look at what areas we're helping and be fair about it. We're not the Caro homeless coalition, we're Tuscola County," DeGrace said.

The funding that is dispersed to those in need comes from: community grants, The Tuscola Community Foundation, The Good Samaritan Fund, The United Way, corporations like Wal-Mart and Credit Union, and various churches across the community.

"For this year, 60% of our income was in the form of indirect public support from places like the Tuscola Community Foundation," DeGrace explained. "Thirty percent is direct public support and other types of income represent 9%, which comes from fundraising and other income activities."



RURAL ARTISANS. Mimi and Dave Nicol founded the group to promote local artists in 2005. Members will be displaying and selling their work Aug. 24 and 25 in the Cass City Rotary Park.

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Letters to the Editor

This story fell short

Dear Editor,

We were pleased to see an article entitled "Cass City Post Office marks 50 years of delivery" in the July 10 issue. We were particularly interested to read the information because Mick's father, Stan Kim, was one of the original village deliverymen. As we read the article, there was no mention of him at all.

Dad, Stan Kim, also read the article and pointed out some discrepancies in the information presented. First, there were 2 postmen assigned to make home deliveries in the village in 1957, Dick Root and Stan Kim. Delivery was made to some 600 homes and business places in the village. Stan handled home delivery to the south half of the village and businesses west of West Street. Dick delivered to businesses east of West Street and the north half of town. Dick also handled parcel post delivery because his route was shorter than Stan's at that time.

Second, there was only one daily

delivery to businesses, not 2. Larger towns and cities had 2 deliveries, but not Cass City. Third, the utilization of the Jeeps came in 1975.

We feel it was a shame that the 2 men who started this valuable service in our village history were not interviewed more extensively or at all, as the case may be. Each of these men faithfully walked their routes some 23 plus years and could have given very interesting and valuable insight to the evolution of home mail delivery in our village.

When primary sources are available, it is always advantageous to make use of those to back up secondary source information and give added credence to what is being presented.

Kudos need to be also given to those who today faithfully provide this valuable service in our village.

Sincerely,
Mick and Barb Kim
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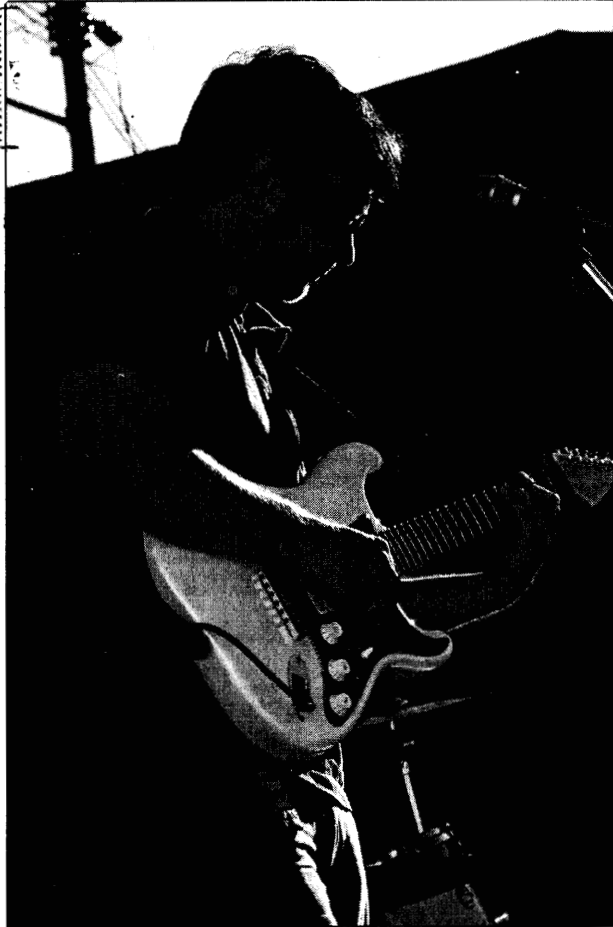
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THE BOONDOCS played rock and country styled music in Cass City Rotary Park on Wednesday. As part of the "Music in the Park" concert series, a different styled music group will perform every Wednesday night starting at 7 p.m. "We just want to bring something into Cass City for people to listen to so people don't have to go out of town," said one of the event's coordinators, Dave Nicol. "It's overall to make Cass City a destination."

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, July 19

AYSO Board meeting, 7 p.m., Gaffney's Hometown Kitchen. Walbro picnic for former employees, 5:30 p.m., Cass City Municipal Park Lions Club Pavilion. Bring a dish to pass and table service. For more information, contact Helen Rayl at 872-3449.

Friday, July 20

Christ-centered 12-step recovery: pain management, addictions, divorce, "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m. New Creations Church, 114 N. Almer St., Caro (across from Caro Post Office). For more information, call (989) 673-3274 or visit www.colwood.org.

Closed Al-anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 872-4042.

Monday, July 23

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

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m. Tuscola County Right to Life Organization meeting, 6:30 p.m., Caro Library.

Tuscola County Fair

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auction (7 p.m.) and 4-H large livestock exhibitor meeting at the livestock pavilion (7:30 p.m.).

Also at 7:30 p.m., there will be a demolition scramble. Vandemark said the event is a typical demolition derby. "It's more like an off-road race with small, front-wheel drive cars," he explained. "It's quite exciting to watch."

Tuesday will again be celebrated as "Kids Day" with youngsters ages 14 and under receiving a \$2 admission discount from noon to 6 p.m.

Vandemark noted the organizers will be giving away free T-shirts to the first 800 kids. "We're also doing some extra kids' games with prizes at the Merchants Building for younger kids," he said.

The day's activities will also include 4-H horse and swine shows at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. respectively; poultry judging and 4-H and open crops and sugar beet judging at 9 a.m.; a 4-H and open sheep show at 5 p.m., and demolition derby action at 7:30 p.m.

The open goat and 4-H and open beef shows kick-off Wednesday activities at 9 a.m., followed by a 4-H Horse Fun Show at 10 a.m. The feeder beef show is slated for 1 p.m., with the 4-H Small Livestock Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest getting underway at 6 p.m. at the rabbit judging tent. The evening's top attraction will be pick-up and tractor pulls starting at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday is "Senior Citizen Day" and offers free admission for seniors until 6 p.m. A highlight of the fair - the 4-H and FFA small and large livestock sales - have new starting times this year, with small animals being auctioned off at 9:30 a.m. and the large livestock sale set to begin at 11 a.m. A pedal pull open to all kids is set for 4 p.m. at the Merchants Building, and there will be motorcycle racing at 7 p.m. (time trials at 5 p.m.) and a Re/Max New Image hot air balloon launch at 7 p.m.

Friday will mark the first of 2 days of championship rodeo action starting at 7:30 p.m., and Vandemark says this year's rodeo has been expanded and sanctioned, with 6 to 7 events on tap in all. The day's activities will also include a 4-H livestock judging contest (9 a.m. to noon), light horse pull (10 a.m.), open speed horse show (1 p.m.), heavy horse pull (1:30 p.m.) and the 4-H Large Livestock Sweepstakes Contest at the livestock pavilion (6 p.m.).

The championship rodeo returns Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday will feature an open pleasure horse show at 9 a.m.

Fairgoers will once again pay one price daily (\$10), which covers admission, parking, grandstand and rides (children not meeting the ride height requirements admitted free).

Township, Gagetown recycling

Officials in Elmwood Township and the village of Gagetown have decided to work together to bring recycling closer to their community.

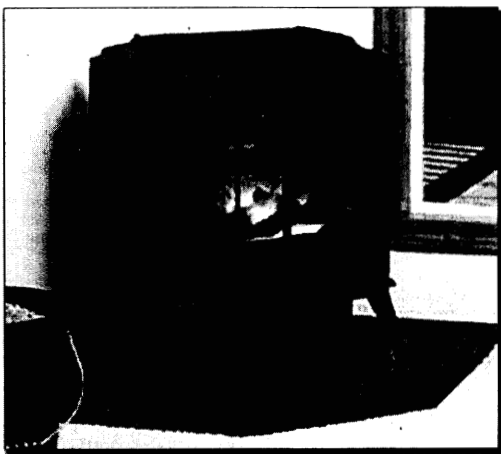
"The municipalities are jointly hosting a Tuscola County Recycling trailer and accepting recyclables free of charge from their residents one Saturday a month," explained Kate Neese, Tuscola County Recycling coordinator.

"The recycling trailer will be located at the Elmwood Township Municipal Building at 6437 South St. in Gagetown," Neese said. "Residents are encouraged to bring their recyclables to the local drop-off point on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m."

More information is available by contacting Bob Guza at (989) 665-2375.

Additional information on recycling is available by contacting Tuscola County Recycling at (989) 672-1673, or by e-mailing recycle@tuscolacounty.org. The Tuscola County Recycling Center, located at 1123 Mertz Rd., Caro, is a drop-off recycling center open to all area residents and businesses Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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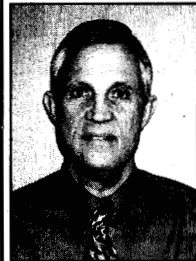
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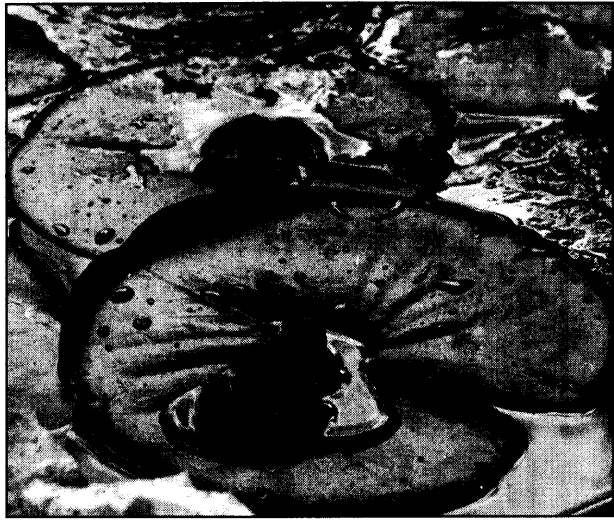
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FROGS COMFORTABLY rest on lily pads in one of the 2 fish ponds in Glenda and Gale Courts' private gardens.

Methodist church gearing up for its garden walk

by Caitlin M. Foyt
Staff Writer

The driveway up to the house is 100 yards long, but the ground beside the rocky way is completely covered with flourishing hostas, ferns and sedums. Somewhere in between an antique tool shed and a rusted, hand-welded Blue Heron garden ornament sits a small fish pond in which 14 mid-sized frogs are happily basking in the sun at the water's edge. The private garden of Glenda and Gale Courts will be open for all to see July 21 as a part of this year's Cass

City United Methodist Church Garden Walk.

This 12 flowerbed garden, located on Leslie Road in Greenleaf Township, is just one of 6 featured in the fourth annual event.

"We get community people that are gracious enough to show their gardens," said event co-chairperson Suzanne Chappel.

The Garden Walk invites the public onto the private grounds of residents that have spent a great deal of time developing extravagant gardens.

"All of the gardens are unique in some way and it just depends upon what people's tastes are. We try to get a variety. The gardens are different every year," Chappel said.

In the case of Glenda Courts, she says there is no rhyme or reason to her garden, which is made up of anything and everything she likes. "I like the relaxation and being outside. I hate staying in the house," she said. Last year's hottest spots on the tour included a meditation garden that featured a large number of rock crystal formations and Buddha statues, another was a containment garden, in which each plant in the garden was growing inside of a flower pot.

Between 80 and 100 are expected to participate in this year's walk to help raise funds to pay for the mortgage on the church's house of worship, which is located at 5100 N. Cemetery Rd.

Tickets are \$10 and go on sale at the church at noon Saturday. Light refreshments will be served in conjunction with the church's perennial plant booth where people can purchase plants for their own gardens. The tour begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

Four gardens in the show are in the county on Leslie and Robinson roads in Greenleaf, while the other 2 are in town.

Norma Wallace, who lives on Seeger Street, has 20 different kinds of flowers in her garden, which she has maintained for 25 years. For many years, people have complimented her for her orange Nasturtium plant.

"Older people will come and say, 'Mother used to raise them.' They're edible, you can put them into salads," Wallace said.

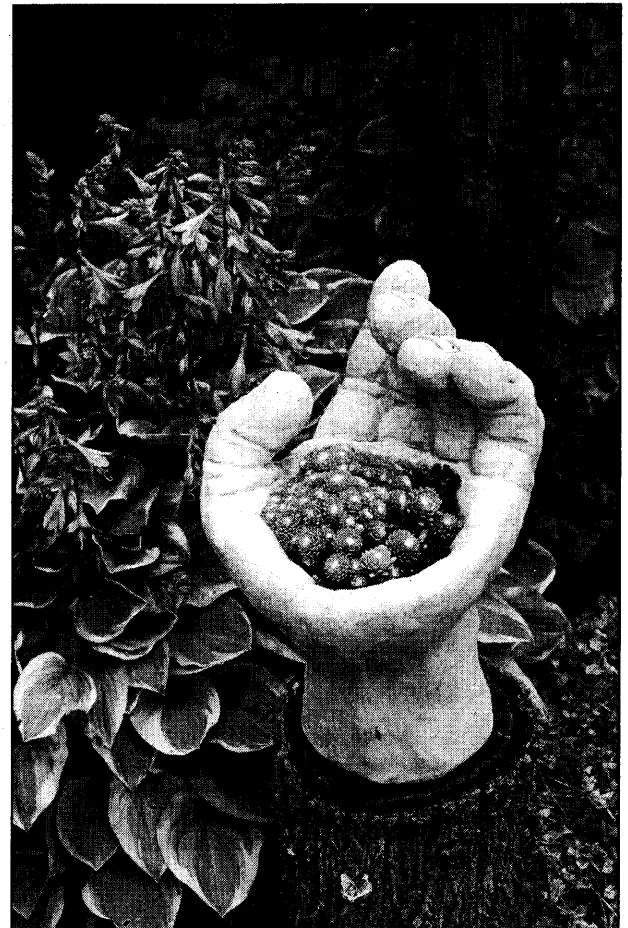
Her garden is designed to attract butterflies and hummingbirds.



NORMA WALLACE admires her flower garden, which is a blend of many different colors and sweet smells.



SCOTT HENDRIAN and Carolyn Westerby's Cass City garden features an 11-by-17 foot pond with water lilies, goldfish and a 30-foot stream that falls into the pond.



GLENDA COURTS' garden is dotted with yard art that is made from the objects she feels are appealing to the eye.

Herron ready to help lead village

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ing but a lot of hopes and dreams. Since that beginning so many years ago, Cass City has been good to me." Herron and his wife of 42 years, Linda, have raised a family in the community. They have 6 children and 10 grandchildren.

Herron has also been active in town. He served on the Elkland Township Board of Review and was one of the original members of the township's zoning board. He's a past member of the Cass City Development Board and the Cass City Industrial Board. A past Cass City Lions Club president, Herron served 8 years as Cass City Chamber of Commerce president, was a founding member of the group that started the village's annual Freedom Festival, and served 3 years as chairman of the St. Pancratius Administration Board.

Bean queen candidates welcomed

The deadline for the Huron County Bean Queen Contest is Monday, July 23. All interested contestants must have their application to MSU Extension - Huron County by that date.

Contestants must be single, between the ages of 17 and 25 (as of Sept. 1, 2007), and the daughter of a Huron County bean grower who has grown dry beans within the last 5 years.

Every contestant is presented with a gift for participating. This year's queen will receive numerous monetary gifts from local agribusinesses. The Huron County Bean Growers' Association and elevators sponsor the contest, and prizes are supplied by local participating agribusinesses.

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Herron was the charter president of the Thumb Builders Association and served in that capacity for 2 years.

Of course, Herron is best known for his work with lumber and brick, a career he says has acquainted him with local government.

"Through all these projects I had a very close working relationship with the village. This relationship gave me a great deal of experience in the operations of village government," he said. "I am very proud of this community and very proud to have been a part of its growth for the past 4 decades."

Herron said he now has the time and experience to lead the council as its president.

"Cass City has always been a great place to live and raise a family and still is," he added, "but I have many concerns; the majority of our population is aging. We need jobs to keep our young people here. We need industry."

"My major concern is cost of living in Cass City; our taxes, water and sewer bills. They must be kept under

control. We must watch costs," Herron said. "With the economy the way it is at the present, things look bleak for Cass City, but it's that way all over. The economy will come back and I am optimistic Cass City will, too."

"Cass City is blessed with a very good infrastructure and people who have led this community," he added. "The state-of-the-art waste disposal system, excellent water supply, all streets (with) curb, gutter and paved. We have fantastic recreational parks and ball fields that families from all over enjoy. A great industrial park — a park we must keep intact if we are to have future growth. We are prepared for growth."

Herron acknowledged his goals all come with significant challenges, but indicated he's ready to go to work.

"I will not make promises, but if elected I will keep an open mind, search for ideas and work harder than anyone, with the council, for the betterment of this community."

"I've got a lot invested in this town," Herron said. "I think I can handle the job."

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