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Crowds enjoy Summer Mania in the village

by Sherri Keaton
Staff Writer

This year's Summer Mania went off without a hitch, with some 5,000 people in attendance to enjoy plenty of good food, fun and games.

"We usually get about 5,000, but today I think we are getting more because the weather is so nice," Cass City Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Dee Mulligan said.

Mulligan emphasized that the event could not have been pulled off without the help of all the sponsors.

"(The event was) completely funded by the chamber of commerce and by the people that are members of the chamber," she said.

This year's platinum sponsors were

Deputies nab man wanted in Kentucky

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County deputies captured a wanted fugitive from Kentucky last week in Kingston.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent reported officers received a tip regarding the suspect, Cecil Hume, 40, who was wanted by the Louisville Metro Police Department for several pharmacy robberies and other charges.

Police in Kentucky said that, during the robberies, Hume indicated he had a weapon, then fled on foot.

"Deputies from the sheriff's office searched the woods several times (in the Kingston area) during the night. After 5:30 a.m., the deputies were searching the wood area and saw a subject crouched in the woods," Please turn to page 4.

Allen wins District One board seat

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Unionville area resident Roger Allen will continue to represent residents in District One on the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners.

Allen, A Republican, garnered more than twice the number of votes than his Democratic competitor, Zygmunt P. Dworzecki, Akron, in last week's general election. Allen received 338 votes compared to Dworzecki's 160 votes.

District One is comprised of Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships, including the villages of Cass City, Akron, Fairgrove, Gagetown and Unionville.

Allen was appointed to the county board last January to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Cass City attorney Amanda Roggenbuck, who won her second, 2-year term on the board last November, but opted to leave the post after being appointed the new probate judge in Tuscola County.

All-Season Sales & Rent-All, Baker College, McDonald's, the Village of Cass City, Hills and Dales General Hospital and Curtis Chrysler.

Dan Curtis, general manager of Curtis Chrysler, noted the car show is always a part of Summer Mania, and all the dealership employees volunteered their time to help out.

"This is our 11th year," Curtis said. "It is growing bigger and bigger and it got to the point where we use Main Street."

The event typically showcases about 100 cars annually. Curtis commented, "It is an event that brings a lot of people to town to see the downtown businesses and hopefully they will see them and come back. It is great to see the town full of people."

Mulligan added that the funding allows the village to host the activities that range from a magic show to inflatable activities to a health fair.

"We have everything," she said. The new addition from last year, the health fair, allowed children to receive a general look-over.

"The school started the fair last year," Mulligan pointed out.

Carrie Osentoski, a chamber member, volunteered her time and manned the cotton candy machine area during this year's celebration. The Cass City resident indicated everyone — the young and young at heart — seemed to enjoy themselves. "They like the cotton candy and the snow cones," she said. "It is full of sugar and it is free," she said with a laugh.

Even with a tough economy, Mulligan said, people are still able to help put on this annual event.

"It is amazing how many people are struggling (but) willing to put money out to support the community. It is not free," she said.

"Without the (sponsors) I would not be able to put this event on at all."



THE ANNUAL Summer Mania event draws crowds from around the area. The Cass City Chamber of Commerce presented this event recently, with 6 platinum sponsors, including: All Season Sales & Rent-All, Baker College, Curtis Chrysler, Hills & Dales General Hospital, McDonald's and the Village of Cass City. (Related photos, page 8.)

At Cass City High School

Ag lab open house slated

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It took less than a year, from planning to fundraising to construction, and Cass City Public School officials couldn't be prouder.

Now, the district is gearing up to showcase the brand new Cass City Ag Learning Lab.

An open house is slated for Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m., with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided, and all area Future Farmers of America (FFA) alumni are invited to wear their FFA jackets for a group photo.

Construction of the ag lab came

about after school officials revived the district's agriscience program for the 2010-11 school year.

Seeing an opportunity to assist first-year teacher Ashlee Gibson provide her students with hands-on projects involving various livestock, high school Principal Chad Daniels initially asked the school's shop class to build a small shed to house animals. He then asked the class to refurbish an old shed. However, the buildings proved woefully inadequate because of a lack of space — not enough for the animals and certainly nowhere near enough to accommodate a group of students.

"As more kids were interested, we knew there was going to be a prob-

lem," said Daniels, who then proposed construction of a 20-foot by 20-foot barn, an idea he pitched to the school's ag advisory board — a group of area farmers, agribusinessmen and ag lenders.

After further discussion, officials decided there was a need for a larger facility, and they settled on proposed construction of a 40-foot by 64-foot barn. The price tag also grew. What Daniels figured might cost \$40,000 turned into a much more expensive proposition, especially when it came to the cost of extending electrical service and a sewer line to the facility (\$10,000 each), not to mention the expense of drilling a well.

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CASS CITY'S Adam Kranz is gearing up for a trip to Sierra Leone with some of his fellow students at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. The group is taking part in the "KidsGive" project, which provides school supplies and small scholarships to students in the small, West African country. Kranz, who is partnering with the Cass City Rotary Club to help secure donations, is pictured above with his dad, Jim Kranz.

Lending a hand

Cass City's Adam Kranz hopes to make a difference in Africa

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Adam Kranz is joining a group of Lawrence University students in reaching out to youngsters in Sierra Leone with school supplies, and he's hoping residents in his hometown of Cass City will join him in the effort.

For Kranz, 21, a former Cass City student and now a junior at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., majoring in environmental studies and minoring in percussion, this isn't his first experience in terms of experiencing life in another country.

A graduate of the prestigious Interlochen Arts Academy, Kranz spent a year in Mexico, sponsored by the Cass City Rotary Club as a Rotary Youth Exchange student.

"This fall term, I'll be taking this year's Environmental Studies Symposium - Environmental

Challenges of Africa. At the end of the term, a small group of students from this class, several related classes, and the campus activism group, KidsGive, will be traveling to Sierra Leone for 2 weeks," he said.

Sierra Leone is a country in West Africa, totaling 27,699 square miles, with a population of some 6.4 million people. It is bordered by Guinea to the north and east, Liberia to the southeast and the Atlantic Ocean to the west and southwest.

The country has a rich, but often troubled history. Its capitol city, Freetown, was established in 1792 as a haven for Africans newly freed from slavery. A British colony until 1961, Sierra Leone became independent that same year. However, the new republic had difficulties reining in corruption and dealing with poverty, and there was great

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It's a boy!



Blaine Nicol

Jason and Jennifer Nicol of Ubyl announce the birth of their son, Blaine Alexander Nicol.

Blaine was born on Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011 at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. He was delivered at 9:34 a.m. by Dr. Roselyn Delacruz, and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 23 inches long.

Blaine was welcomed home by his big brother, Graham.

His grandparents are Jake and Cheri Diebel of Elkton, and John and Gayle Nicol of Cass City. Great-grandparents are Stuart and Vera Nicol of Cass City, Joan and the late Art Sebald of Hale, the late Huntz and Fern Diebel of Elkton, and the late Edward and Meta Elftman of Elkton.

Blaine was baptized May 22, at Our Savior Lutheran Church by Pastor Ken Lueke. His Godparents are Don and Brandi Bucholz of Weidman.

It's a girl!



Morgan Langenburg

Leigh and Sharon (Kanaby) Langenburg of Ubyl, announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Lewis.

Morgan was born July 9, 2011 at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 18" long.

Her grandparents are Francis and Marilyn Kanaby of Ubyl, and the late Lewis and Jeanette Langenburg of Cass City. Great-grandmother is Marie Wheeler of Bad Axe.

Morgan was welcomed home by big brothers Brady, 7, Cooper, 15 months, and big sister Madeline, 5.



Anne and Preston Davis

Nizzola, Davis wed in garden ceremony

Anne Lorraine Nizzola and Preston Wayne Davis were united in marriage June 11, 2011 in a garden ceremony at the Nizzola family home on Schwegler Road. Presiding at the double ring ceremony was Alex Nizzola, uncle of the bride.

Parents of the couple are Carl and Kathleen Nizzola of Cass City, and Heidi and the late Harold Wayne Davis of Bad Axe.

Matron of honor was Tiaja McKnight, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Heidi Davis, sister of the groom; and Stephanie and Katie Nizzola, sisters of the bride. Flower girls were Kailynn Lowry, friend of the couple; and Iva Joyce Davis, daughter of the couple.

Best man was Steve Sulkowski, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Richard LaGrandeur, friend of the groom; Trevor Davis, cousin of the groom; and Brandon Rockwell, friend of the couple. Ring bearer was Davis LaGrandeur, nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Jonathan Nizzola, cousin of the bride; and Jacob Piskowski, friend of the couple. Hostess for the evening was Melissa Woodward, friend of the bride.

A reception for 200 guests followed at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bad Axe. The couple will honeymoon later in Tennessee, and currently reside in Bad Axe.

Several named to honors list at CMU

Several area residents were recently named to the honors list at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, for earning grade point averages of at least 3.5.

They are:
 • **Cass City** - Sophomore Heather L. Depcinski, senior Jennifer M. Hacker, freshman Amanda M. Kaake, sophomore Carl W. Nicol, senior Allyn E. Richards, junior Jennica C. Richards and senior Derek R. Suro.
 • **Caro** - Senior Bradley S. Erla, senior Heather M. Kozar, freshman Andrea L. LaJoie, sophomore

Bradley R. LaPratt, junior Allison M. MacKenzie, freshman Haley L. Tomlinson and junior Danielle M. Wood.

• **Decker** - freshman Kristen M. Hirsch.
 • **Ubyl** - Junior Kara J. Booms, sophomore Amanda B. Grifka and sophomore Alexander M. Osentoski.

Kretzschmer reunion held

The 71st annual Kretzschmer family reunion was held Sunday, July 31 at the home of Russel and Pennie Rienas.

There was a potluck dinner followed by a business meeting. Election of officers is as follows: Tom Alexander, president; Mary Alexander, vice president; and Pennie Rienas, secretary/treasurer.

Gifts were given for the oldest member to attend, Beulah Kretzschmer, 88; the young member to attend, Kole Perry, 1; and the member who came the farthest, Dana Martin of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

There were 39 people in attendance. The annual family fund auction was held. Games were played, and fun and fellowship was had by all.

The reunion next year will be held the last Saturday of July instead of the last Sunday. Roger and Deb Talaski volunteered to be the hosts next year.

Senior movies slated at the library Aug. 19

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, Aug. 19, at 1:30 p.m.

Secrets of Stonehenge: Stonehenge may be the best-known and most mysterious relic of prehistory. During the 20th century, excavations revealed that the structure was built in stages, and that it dates back some 5,000 years, to the late Stone Age. The meaning of the monument, however, was anyone's guess - until recently. Now investigations inside and around Stonehenge have kicked off a dramatic new era of discovery and debate. A new generation of researchers is finding important clues in the landscape surrounding the monument and rewriting the story of Stonehenge. (56 minutes)

Maple Sugaring: The history of maple sugaring in Michigan is almost as old as the land itself. Native Americans were making maple sugar here centuries ago. Today, Michigan maple syrup is made both traditionally and in modern facilities using current day science and technologies. But the taste of pure maple syrup is as delicious and irresistible today as it was for our ancestors. This film shows the sweet traditions and production methods of sugar making in Michigan. (20 minutes)

Refreshments will be served and closed captioning is available. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

VBS on tap at Ellington Church

A summer family event called "Hometown Nazareth" is on tap this week at the Ellington Church of the Nazarene.

Families will step back in time at Hometown Nazareth, exploring what it was like to live in the town where Jesus grew up, according to church officials, who said both kids and adults are invited to participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing songs, play teamwork-building

games, dig into Bible-time snacks, visit Jesus' mom, Mary, and collect "Bible memory makers".

Hometown Nazareth will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, through Friday, Aug. 12.

The church is located at the corner of M-81 and Lazelle Road, between Caro and Cass City. More information is available by calling (989) 545-1267.

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In Our OPINION..

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Businesses give kids a great day

A free snow cone and some cotton candy, a quick trip down an inflatable slide, a free lunch, a live magic show and the chance to win a prize or 2.

It may not sound like much, but to many area youngsters, the annual Cass City Summer Mania celebration, held over the weekend, is like Christmas in August. And we all have some very faithful businesses to thank for that.

Sure, for some kids, Summer Mania is just another day of summer fun. But for others, the event is much more, because it offers them one of the few opportunities they have to enjoy a great day without having to worry about whether mom and dad can afford it.

In this economy, a lot of youngsters are in that boat — not because their parents don't want their kids to have the best, but because they simply don't have the money to spend.

That's where a dwindling number of local businesses have again come through.

Major sponsors of Summer Mania this year include All Season Sales & Rent-All, Baker College, Curtis Chrysler, Hills and Dales General Hospital and McDonald's, along with the village of Cass City. Together, these groups as well as others provided the cash to make sure this free summer celebration continues to be just that — without cost — giving children a day of fun they will be talking about for weeks to come.

If you don't believe that, just ask Cass City Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Dee Mulligan, who will tell you she is constantly running into little ones days after Summer Mania, big smiles on their faces, and telling her, "That was one of the best days of my life!"

Keep in mind, the sponsors of Summer Mania aren't any better off than anyone else financially — they've faced the same economic challenges as the rest of us — and they're not looking for front page headlines patting them on the back. However, they understand the importance of providing something special for our youngest citizens.

It's the same story during Cass City's annual and very popular Christmas in the Village event, which offers many free attractions for youngsters, including treats, visits and lunch with Santa Claus. You'll see the same businesses financing that celebration, too.

Mulligan probably said it best when she commented that witnessing the sort of generosity she has at the hands of area companies confirms what she's always believed: that the desire to live in a small community has everything to do with what folks are willing to do for one another.

In other words, people here give back to their community without asking for anything in return.

But there is a return on their investment. Make no mistake about that.

Today's kids are tomorrow's leaders. Hopefully, some of them will recall their memories of growing up in this community, including those days of summer time fun, and decide to remain here, continuing a tradition of giving back to others just because it's what makes living here, well, worth living here.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

The last lap



Sunshine streams in the windows. Birds chirp and warble happy morning hellos to each other and anyone who will listen, although I am oblivious to their greetings. The alarm clock sounds and from somewhere outside the edges of my awareness I hear a young voice calling, "Mom!"

Morning comes too soon. On this day - like most - I am not ready. I roll over and cling to unconsciousness, fully immersing and indulging myself in the last lap of sleep.

The last lap, when morning tugs at you, but your brain is unwilling, your body lies heavy with resistance and you sink more fully into the mattress and further into rapid eye movement.

The most treasured moments of sleep come at the end of the night - or more accurately the start of morning - when the best dream is about to begin, your pillow is elevated in softness and the sheets have developed a new level of crispness.

I pull the blankets up over my shoulders and the weight and warmth surrounds me like a cloud as I turn to savor the last lap.

The last lap - when you open one eye halfway to look at the clock and see you still have 10 minutes. The duration seems expansive - much longer than it would if you were really awake - because time stretches beyond definition. Ten minutes unfolds like an hour, without a second wasted on anything but those glorious final moments of unconsciousness.

The last lap - the end of a long-distance race - where it all comes to completion. Your legs propel you forward toward the finish line. Morning sounds try to interrupt your run, but you round the bend again and again, wishing it could last forever.

The last lap - mesmerizing and languid - like the lapping of the waters on the shoreline. Fluid. Free. Filled with a calm and haze that distorts to a make the world slightly out of focus. You sit on the sand, reaching your toes out to touch the cool water as it surges forward before retreating in the rhythm that is the tide.

The last lap - immersed in the water - face down, swimming the length of a pool. Reaching an arm up and then downward. First one, then the other. Stroke, breathe, stroke. Gliding smooth and weightless.

The last lap - climbing onto your grandmother's lap as she rocks in her chair - maybe on the front porch, maybe in the front room. The memory is as fuzzy as her slippers. She wraps her arms around you in a soft embrace. She smells of the kitchen - an intermingling of coffee, soap and bacon grease - and you nuzzle in for the comfort of a hug only a grandma can give.

The last lap - a dog's welcome tongue on your face - sloppy and slobbering, but pleasant somehow. Undeniably friendly. The licking, lapping pup's actions tickle and you laugh in your sleep as you cascade toward consciousness. Down boy. That's enough now. I'll get your breakfast in a minute.

The last lap - those final moments when the first rays of sun slip in through the curtains and sleep feels not like a need, but an indulgence. When you want nothing more than to linger half an instant, to draw out this last lap a little further, before the rigors of daylight and wakefulness can be denied no longer.

Letter to the Editor

It's sad someone had to steal lawn lights

To: The thief that stole our lawn lights,

On Saturday, July 30, someone felt they had a right to come onto our property and steal 4 of our lawn lights that change color. So if someone gave you changing color lawn lights of a butterfly, dragon fly, humming bird and flower...you may want to ask where they got them...it's our \$40 that bought them.

It's sad that people can not enjoy some simple yet

meaningful things in their own yard, because some Godless person thinks it's okay to steal. We may never know who you are, but God knows...you will have Him to answer for your sinful actions.

Perhaps you will show some dignity and self respect and do the right thing by returning our lights. May the Light of Jesus guide your decision.

Rita Bartle
Cass City

Reporter's notebook

My garden does look awful, but that's okay

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

My garden looks awful. Don't get me wrong; I'm harvesting plenty of cucumbers and peppers and such, but my garden always looks terrible this time of year.

The reasons are several-fold.

First, while the garden looks great earlier in the summer (I pay one of my kids to hoe), eventually there's no way to hoe beyond a certain point because the vine crops begin to spread. Yes, I'd love to have the perfectly trimmed rows of my fellow gardeners in the area, but my technique is a bit different.

Well, that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it.

Secondly, I make the same mistake year in and year out; I plant things too close together. I have plenty of space, so I'm not sure why I do it, but I do. I'm sure there's some sort of psychoanalytical explanation for this. However, frankly, if I ask for one, I'm afraid I'll get more than I bargained for.

There's a method to my madness, however. Planting closely offers many benefits, such as my peppers don't get "sun burned", because they're covered with foliage; weeds (a couple, anyway) get choked out; and it makes for a fuller looking garden.

Again, that's my excuse, and if I do say so myself, it sounds pretty believable.

When it comes right down to it, I garden because I enjoy it. We have no time to can green beans, pickles or tomatoes (gee, half the time, it's hard to find time to pick

them all in the first place).

My biggest concern this year is the mammoth sunflowers I planted at the request of my oldest grandson. I experimented with these once before and it was an almighty trial getting those plants out of the ground in the fall. At this point, they're close to 9 feet tall and the stalks are several inches in diameter, meaning I'm going to have to rent a jack hammer to remove them eventually.


A lesser concern is that the 2 feet between my garden fence and the neighbor's fence is now choked with tall weeds, which I haven't chopped down because the cucumber and muskmelon vines have a mind of their own and have climbed the fence, occupying that space. It's not pretty.

It looks terrible, but it's very functional, sort of like my work space at the Chronicle.

Okay, honestly? My garden looks like a jungle, and harvesting cucumbers is like tip-toeing through a field of land mines. I'm sure it looks silly to my neighbors if they're watching when I'm out picking one crop or another. It can't look any sillier than when I break out my tiller for the first time each spring. After all, that reartined monster is powerful and tends to drag me all over the soil, hanging on for dear life.

Well, if my neighbors are disgusted by the state of my annual horticultural masterpiece, I haven't heard a peep. Not yet.

I certainly haven't heard any complaints after leaving 4 or 5 fresh cukes and a couple of fresh green peppers on their doorsteps.



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

If you are interested in art, architecture and the rural history of Michigan, stop in to the Chronicle office and take a peek at a book written by Jerry R. Davis entitled *Michigan Barns, Et Cetera: Rural Buildings of the Great Lake State*.

Skillfully illustrated in the book are 50 black and white images of barns, covered bridges, churches and other rural buildings throughout Michigan. Each drawing is enhanced by a short vignette containing interesting facts, figures and anecdotes about the featured structures.

Of course, The Thumb Octagon Barn is among the collection of art, which is suitable for framing.

According to avid fishermen Dave Doerr and Ron Wilson, salmon are showing up in unusual locations for this time of the year.

Doerr, a former Red Hawk football star and Cemetery Road resident, says he quickly switched from targeting walleyes to salmon over the weekend, when he boated a rare Lake Huron salmon in 45-feet of water outside the Port Austin harbor.

Wilson, Cass City's previous school superintendent, reports that salmon are already appearing in the Pere Marquette River, months earlier than normal. He feels heavy rains in the Baldwin area is part of the reason for the advanced arrival of the prized sport fish.

On Friday I headed to the Ubyly Dragway with intentions to "Test & Tune" my Dodge Challenger street car. It was my first visit to the Huron County facility, which was hosting an event dubbed "Mopars vs. The World" over the weekend.

However, about 80 race cars registered for the event, canceling the "Test & Tune" session in favor of a "Gambler's Race," that I stayed clear of.

Veteran racer and track supporter Don Melnik called the high number of race entries impressive and I certainly agreed.

Here's food for thought, err...a thought for food. U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, held a press conference at the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee and Michigan Soybean Association office in Frankenmuth Monday where she was joined by business leaders and soybean growers to showcase the economic potential of bio-based manufacturing — using Michigan-grown goods in Michigan-made products.

On display at the gathering was Ford's new Soy-based car seat, a prime example of bio-based manufacturing.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, August 3

Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Thursday, August 4

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Book Sale, during regular business hours, Rawson Memorial District Library. Sponsored by Friends of the Library Thursday-Saturday.

Friday, August 5

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

Saturday, August 6

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. John Episcopal Church, 8271 Crescent Beach Rd. on Sand Point. Anyone with a drug problem is invited to attend. For more information, please call (989) 963-9077.

Sunday, August 7

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 325-2592.

Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, August 8

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

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.-noon, Faith Free Methodist Church, Snover. For more information or transportation, call (810) 672-9242 or (810) 648-9615. (Monday-Friday)

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

VFW monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Tuesday, August 9

Al-Anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m., HDC Generations Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121.

Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 10

Chicken Dinner, noon, Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Cost: \$7. For takeouts, call 872-4604 and pick up between 11 a.m. and noon or after 12:30 p.m.

In Huron County

Pair charged with pot possession

Huron County Sheriff's deputies arrested residents from Owendale and Sebewaing Friday after following up on an investigative tip involving possession of a large amount of marijuana.

"Members of our office began to investigate a tip that a pound of marijuana was going to be sold in the Thomas Road area, between M-142 and M-53, in Colfax Township," Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said. "At approximately 1:35 p.m., our office acted by stopping the suspected 2007 Chevrolet 4-

door. It was occupied by a 21-year-old female driver from Sebewaing, a 19-year-old male passenger from Owendale and a 19-year-old female passenger from Elkton.

"While searching the vehicle, our deputies located approximately a pound of marijuana under its hood. All occupants were taken back to our office and questioned," Hanson continued. "The vehicle was impounded. While working in conjunction with Huron County Prosecutor Tim Rutkowski, it was decided that the 21-year-old female from Sebewaing

and the 19-year-old male from Owendale would be charged."

Both suspects were lodged in the Huron County Jail on charges of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver marijuana. Her bond was set at \$50,000 (10 percent cash) and his was set at \$100,000 (10 percent cash).

Hanson noted the male is currently out on bond from home invasion charges levied earlier this summer.

The case remains under investigation.

Kranz hopes to make a difference

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dissatisfaction with the political leadership of the time.

A rebel army was formed and, in 1991, it invaded Liberia, beginning a brutal civil war that lasted for 11 years. In 2002, after a U.N. peace accord, President Kabbah was democratically elected, and in 2007, the country held its first elections without U.N. support, elected Ernest Koroma as president. Although they have a long ways to go, residents there are slowly rebuilding their economy and infrastructure that was devastated in the war.

"The (Lawrence University) trip will serve 2 purposes," Kranz explained. "First, it is a field experience, during which we will conduct research and put our lessons into practice. More importantly, it is a service trip. Our teacher, Professor (Claudena) Skran, went to Sierra Leone on a Fulbright Fellowship. Once she became a professor at Lawrence, she founded KidsGive as a way to help the nation that hosted her."

KidsGive is a Lawrence-affiliated, non-profit organization whose mission is to educate students in the United States about African life and cultures, and to promote informed giving while providing children in Sierra Leone with the opportunity to learn and become the next great leaders of their generation.

Through scholarships and the provision of school supplies, KidsGive supports educational opportunities for children in some of the most direly impoverished social classes in the world — including both urban and rural communities and the FAWE (Forum for African Women Educationalists), which focuses on education for women.

By providing education, officials also hope to ensure some measure of food security (scholarships usually include school lunches), and provide youngsters with opportunities to advance and find meaningful, con-

structive purpose for their lives, building a better future for Sierra Leoneans.

"The Cass City Rotary Club is KidsGive's newest partner," Kranz noted. "Through them, the Cass City community will be able to donate school supplies and scholarship money to support students in Sierra Leone. These donations will be distributed directly during our trip this December."

The local Rotary Club's goals are to provide:

*Pencil packs for 150 students (50 at the FAWE girls school and 100 at the new St. Mary's High School). The club is looking for donations of pens, pencil sharpeners, pens, erasers, scissors, crayons and rulers.

*Scholarships for students at the FAWE school and St. Mary's High School of \$20 each. The money pays for school uniforms, book fees, lunches, desks and exam fees.

Drop boxes for donations will be located at Knight Insurance and Baker College, according to Kranz' mother, Debra Kranz, who along with her husband, Jim, own and operate Kranz Funeral Homes in Cass City and Kingston.

"Money for scholarships can be dropped off at these locations also," she said. "Checks can be made out to 'KidsGive Lawrence University. This is a tax-deductible donation."

Debra Kranz said the Cass City Rotary Club's involvement in the project stems, in part, from its previous relationship with her son as an outbound youth exchange student.

"We want to support his continued involvement in international studies," she added. "In a small way, the community of Cass City can help provide education opportunities to 150 students who otherwise would not have this important opportunity."

Open house set August 16

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The Cass City Board of Education pledged the first \$10,000 towards the project, and the community, including the Pinney Foundation, local service clubs and individuals, came through with the rest of the money.

"We raised — currently we're just a hair under \$80,000," Daniels said, noting \$68,000 of the total came from area organizations and residents, with donations ranging from \$25 to a trio of \$10,000 donors, including the Tuscola County Community Foundation and Walther Farms.

"My guess is, we're going to see all the money spent," Daniels said. He pointed out that a portion of the money has been used to purchase gates along with a variety of agricultural classroom tools, and to construct stalls and a loft for storage of straw and hay. The lab also has an office. "So, the barn is completely

outfitted and equipped."

The facility will get plenty of use. In its first year, the agriscience class drew about 60 students. A whopping 155 students — roughly a third of the high school enrollment — have signed up to attend one of Gibson's classes in 2011-12. She will be teaching 4 basic ag classes along with one advanced ag class.

Those students will also have an opportunity to be a part of Cass City High School's new Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, which was chartered last spring.

Daniels is quick to credit the ag advisory board, as well as the community, for enabling Cass City High School to offer a state-of-the-art facility to its students.

"You couldn't ask for a more positive, more receptive group than the (members of) the advisory group," he said. "And that's why we're making a big deal of this open house."

Deputies capture a fugitive

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Skrent said. "The deputies could see something in his waistband, which turned out to be a knife. The subject surrendered without incident and gave false information as to his name.

"However, after further checking to

verify his identity, the subject was arrested and lodged at the Tuscola County Jail," Skrent added. "At the scene, the officers found a tent the subject had been sleeping in and discovered a large amount of cash and prescription drugs. Extradition proceedings will be taking place in the next few days."




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Ask your neighbor

First job experience has been memorable

Often times it is a memorable experience when you get your first job. The experience is surely even more memorable when your bosses are also your parents.

Megan Schoel, who works for the Main Street Grill in Cass City, said she likes the different rewards that come with serving freshly-prepared food with a smile.

"I like it because it is social and it gets busy," said the 17-year-old Cass City resident.

There are other aspects that might not give her a reason to smile.

"I don't like it sometimes because it is hot and it can get up to 90 degrees back here with the window opening (to serve the food)," she said.

Even though there is air conditioning, it's hard to keep up with it some days, she added.

The perks outweigh the heat, though, in her opinion, especially when the perks deal with food.

"I like serving the ice cream the most, but I don't really like cooking on the grill," she said.

Schoel is the daughter of Wendy Romain and Steve DeLong.



Megan Schoel

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Samantha DeLong's 112-pound market sheep earned \$2 a pound from McNeas Meats. Her 135-pound market sheep sold for \$1.80 a pound to Farm Bureau Insurance of Caro. DeLong is the daughter of Melissa and Dennis DeLong and a member of the 5 Star Livestock Club.

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

Summer Mania was alive and swinging in Cass City this weekend, and Robyn Brummitt and Kathy Sweet were enjoying every minute of it Friday. They headed into town because "today is our day off together so we decided to come in to town," said Brummitt. Robyn Brummitt is a Deford resident and works in the dementia medical unit of Northwood Meadows. Kathy Sweet is from Cass City and is a cook at Northwood Meadows.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday night's rainfall in Cass City may have been refreshing, but it was all too brief. MSU Extension officials say it will take a great deal more precipitation to put a dent in this summer's drought and, hopefully, make a difference in the yields of certain crops. In some cases, particularly corn, the damage has already been done.

The third annual Youth for Christ auction drew a record 155 bidders and raised some \$25,000 Saturday at Cass City Recreational Park. The proceeds are used to support Cass City - Kingston YFC Region programs throughout the year.

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

Josh Wark, 15, is off to New York after returning from a month-long study of ballet at the Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lakes, MI. Accompanying Wark to New York will be fellow scholarship winner Danielle Osentoski.

25 YEARS AGO

Talk about corn "as high as an elephant's eye," Charlie Alley's got a

couple of stalks of sweet corn that are going as high as a giraffe's eye...maybe higher! The three biggest stalks measured over 12-foot tall last Friday, Aug. 8, in Alley's plush garden at 495 Cemetery Road. His corn is clustered with five ears of huge sweet husks each stalk. No telling what those stalks will be like when they reach the "Jack and the Beanstalk" range. Charles Alley, 67, and his wife, Stella, 60, are transplanted Virginians who settled here three years back, coming from Utica when Alley retired as a machinist from a job shop there.

After years out in the working world, most of us look forward to that day when we can hang it up and lounge in the lap of retirement. For resident Oscar Seeley retirement means keeping busy. Oscar retired 7 years ago but continues to work part-time painting. "It keeps me busy," he said. "I never get a chance to complain about all my aches and pains because I'm too busy," he added. Oscar also enjoys fishing in his free time. "Working holds me up on my fishing," he chuckled. Oscar, 71, also enjoys working on cars and gardening, but "I give everything away," he said. "I just don't go for sitting around the coffee shop," Oscar explained.

Will Burdon of Cass City, an ophthalmic dispensing graduate of Ferris State College, has been awarded the Thomas J. Bucigalupo Memorial Award. The award established in 1984 by Michael Bucigalupo in memory of his father, a noted Michigan optician, is given to an optician student based on accomplishments of the student during the first year laboratory portion of the program.

50 YEARS AGO

The American Academy of Medical Administrators announced today that Oran W. Hudson, administrator of the Hills and Dales General Hospital, has been elected as a nominee. This honor is conferred upon those whose special qualifications in medical administration merit such recognition. The Academy is an international professional society.

The electrical storm that raged in the area the afternoon of August 5 caused considerable damage to some farms southwest of town and to the chimney on the Elementary School Building in Cass City.

The Joe Grubers were forced to cancel an open house last week in

honor of their Golden Wedding when Mr. Gruber went to Hills and Dales Hospital. Hospital attendants reported that the event was observed in the hospital with a special party, complete with cake.

Tim Knight and the Doerrs have gotten a lot of mileage out of their "Flintstones" float. The clever take-off on the popular TV show was awarded top prize in the kids' parade at the Home-coming Thursday. It also was a prize winner in the annual "On-Wheels" parade in the summer recreation program and at the Unionville Home-coming (From the Editor's Corner)

100 YEARS AGO

The foundation has been laid for a building next to the power house of the Cass City Grain Company which will be used by the firm as a store room for cement and other products handled by the company. A building now located near the stock yards and formerly used for storing hay will be moved and placed on the foundation.

"The Rex", the new picture show in the Lamont Block, will have tomorrow (Saturday) evening for its opening night.

C.H. Mellon has arranged with the fair management for the exclusive right to sell ice cream on the grounds and grandstand during the fair. Mr. Mellon has had years of experience in supplying the demands of fair visitors and he promises the best of service.

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THE MUDDY VanAuken clan of Cass City participated in Michigan's first Warrior Dash, an obstacle course involving mud, ropes, water and more, recently in Mt. Morris. Siblings Audrey (from left), Rob and parents, Kate and Joe VanAuken, stand in front of the dash's logo after finishing the event.

SURVIVORS!

VanAuken clan completes state's first-ever "Warrior Dash" event

by Sherri Keaton
Staff Writer

What family chooses to jump over fire, get soaked in mud and drenched in cold water, all the while competing in an obstacle course in the name of fun?

Cass City's own VanAuken clan is that family.

Recently in Mt. Morris, the 4-person group participated in a Viking battle-like race, where the strong and weak can still be winners, and getting dirty is not a bad thing.

The Warrior Dash takes place all over the country and this was the first year Michigan hosted one.

Kate, who had not heard of the dash before, said even though her children were reluctant to go at first, in the end they had fun.

Their son Rob indicated he enjoyed doing the obstacle courses, where

getting soaked in mud and water was only part of the fun. However, waking up early in the morning was a different story.

"It was not so fun," Rob said.

When the family started the race, they decided to join the first wave of racers at 8:30 a.m.

The 5K race started out with a path free of obstacles, Kate said, but the first challenge included junkyard cars, tires and different items in the way of the race.

"Some were kind of scary and some were kind of high," Kate recalled.

The family jokingly lays the blame on the head of the household, Joe, who said it was his idea to sign everybody up, and they had a choice in the matter, even though his children didn't see it that way.

"It was my fault," he said smiling. "I gave them the option (to participate) and everybody said yes."

Kate added the event was something fun to do and it will "definitely (be) a memory."

Their daughter, Audrey, agreed. "It was fun," she said.

The cost to register was \$50 a person and those who completed the dash received a medal of honor.

For more information on the Warrior Dash visit the website: <http://www.warriordash.com/>

Preservation of food focus of area class

As gardens are growing around the county and thoughts turn to those gardens overflowing with shiny, red tomatoes, and bright green peppers or farmers markets filled with fresh produce and orchard trees with apples and pears, it is so easy to preserve.

A Food Preservation 101 Basics class will be held Thursday, Aug. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Tuscola County MSUE office, 362 Green St, Caro. Registration is required and can be made by calling 989-269-9949. The fee for the class is \$15 per person (checks made payable to MSU Extension and can be sent to MSU Extension-Huron County, 1142 S. Van Dyke, Suite 200, Bad Axe, MI 48413).

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AT THE end of the dash, the family members went for a soak in the "Warrior Wash" to clean the mud off their bodies. "It felt like we were being herded into a (cow) pen," Kate said of the experience.



THIS CUSTOM Warrior Dash medal was given to the participants when the entire race was finished. All of the VanAuken family members proudly received theirs after being soaked in sweat and mud.



THE CARGO Climb is one of the many obstacles in the Warrior Dash that the VanAuken family and many others participated in recently.

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Leah Sangster

Leah has lived in the Deford area her entire life. She is married to Rob Sangster and they have 2 children.

Leah has been a stay at home mom for 11 years, involved with her children in school & sports activities, and has previously worked at McDonald's.

She will be working as a Customer Service Representative with TNB.

Stacy Anthes

Stacy is a lifelong Thumb area resident. She grew up in the Unionville area and moved to Cass City after marrying Justin Anthes. The couple now raises 2 sons.

Stacy comes to TNB with a financial background, having earned a Bachelor's Degree in business finance from SVSU. She worked in Bay City as a finance/sales manager for 8 years and is very excited to be part of the Thumb National Bank team.

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Division 1		High Points: Daryl Iwankovitsch 18	Low Net: Tony Nika 30
Dieter Roth	161	Most Bogeys: Jim Peyerk 7	High Points: Dan Mosher 16
Dan Caister	149	Most Pars: Dieter Roth 8	Most Bogeys: Harold MacAlpine 7
Daryl Iwankovitsch	146	Most Birdies: Daryl Iwankovitsch 2	Most Pars: Tony Nika 5
Scott Richards	132		Most Birdies: Doug Jones 1
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Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of Aug. 3

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Martin/Stern	74
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Biddinger/Smith	70
Wallace/Brent & Scott	69
Hillaker/Murphy	69
Hartel/Brown	68
Green/Zdrojewski	66
Osentoski/D. Wallace	62
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deBeaubien/Lowe	55
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LeValley/Morgan	48
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Individual medallist: Tamlyn 36	
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Clip and Save Cass City Schools Fall Sports Schedule

VARSITY FOOTBALL

All games begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
8/25	Sandusky	A
9/1	Brown City	A
9/9	Bad Axe	A
9/16	USA	H
9/23	Reese	A
9/30	BCAS (HC)	H
10/7	Vassar	H
10/14	EPB Lakers	A
10/2	Caro	H

J.V. FOOTBALL

All games begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
8/24	Sandusky	H
8/31	Brown City	H
9/8	Bad Axe	H
9/15	USA	A
9/22	Reese	H
9/29	BCAS	A
10/6	Vassar	A
10/13	EPB Lakers	H
10/20	Caro	A

BOYS' SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/24	Bad Axe	5 p.m.
8/29	EPB Lakers	TBA
8/31	Caseville	5 p.m.
9/7	USA	5 p.m.
9/8	Caro	5 p.m.
9/10	Bad Axe Invite	9 a.m.
9/13	Harbor Beach	5 p.m.
9/15	Marlette	5 p.m.
9/20	Sandusky	5 p.m.
9/22	Brown City	5 p.m.
9/28	Memphis	5 p.m.
10/4	Marlette	4:30 p.m.
10/6	Sandusky	4:30 p.m.
10/11	Brown City	4:30 p.m.
10/13	Memphis	4:30 p.m.
10/14	North Branch	4:30 p.m.
10/17-22	Districts	TBA

CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/25	Birch Run	12 p.m.
8/31	USA	3:45 p.m.
9/10	Bad Axe	TBA
9/22	Frankenmuth	4:30 p.m.
9/24	Ubyly	TBA
9/28	Marlette Invite	4 p.m.
10/8	Cass City Invite	9 a.m.
10/15	Reese	TBA
10/18	GTC Leag. Meet @ EPB Lakers	4:30 p.m.
10/22	Thumb Meet @ Caro	10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/26	Bad Axe (F/JV)	9 a.m.
8/27	Bad Axe (V)	9 a.m.
9/10	Caro (JV)	TBA
9/13	Reese	6 p.m.
9/15	USA	6 p.m.
9/17	Caro (V)	TBA
9/20	Caro	5:30 p.m.
9/22	BCAS	6 p.m.
9/24	Caro (F)	6 p.m.
9/27	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
9/29	Vassar	6 p.m.
10/4	Bad Axe	6 p.m.
10/6	Reese	6 p.m.
10/8	Essexville (V)	TBA
10/11	USA	6 p.m.
10/18	BCAS	6 p.m.
10/20	EPB Lakers	6 p.m.
10/25	Vassar	6 p.m.
10/27	Bad Axe	6 p.m.
10/29	EPB Lakers (V)	9 a.m.
TBA	Districts	TBA

TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/18	Cros-Lex	10 a.m.
8/24	BCAS	4 p.m.
8/25	Bay City Central	11 a.m.
9/12	Caro	4 p.m.
9/15	BCAS	4 p.m.
9/17	Yale Tourney	TBA
9/26	Caro	4 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

All games begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/13	Sandusky	H
9/20	Ubyly	A
9/27	Harbor Beach	H
10/4	EPB Lakers	A
10/11	Bad Axe	H
10/18	USA	A

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KARA MORELL, 3, of Cass City, zips down an inflatable slide during Cass City's own Summer Mania event. Morell attended the event with her mother Janell, who said her daughter is having fun and loving the activities.

Obituaries

Frank Preba

Frank Junior Preba, 80, of Cass City, passed away Aug. 5, 2011, after a long illness, at his home with his family at his side.

He was born April 11, 1931 in Ubyly, the son of the late Frank and Rose (Rosinski) Preba. Frank married Elizabeth Metko on Jan. 1, 1956 in Rogers City. She passed away Nov. 6, 2006.

He was a lifelong farmer and loved his Ford Jubilee tractor. He worked as a Hi-Lo driver for Tower Automotive. He sailed on Great Lakes ships when younger, and enjoyed gardening, casinos and time with his family. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus - Cass City/Gagetown.

Frank is survived by a daughter, Kathy Sweet and a son, Frank, both of Cass City, son-in-law Eugene Vincent, grandchildren, Nathan Sweet, Josuha (fiancé - Kendra Wilson) Vincent and Ashley Vincent, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a daughter, Susan Vincent and 5 sisters and 3 brothers.

A service was held Aug. 7 at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City with Scott Mills and Sr. Maria Dina Puddu officiating.

Memorials may be made to Americans Hospice Care, 2575 McLeod Dr., Suite C, Saginaw, MI 48604.

Dorothy Tracy

Dorothy I. "Dolly" Tracy, 87, of Cass City, died Sunday, August 7, 2011 in Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City. She was born January 12, 1924 in Derby, England to Walter and Dorothy (Kinsey) Harlow. She married Leo Edward Tracy September 27, 1945 in Derby, England. He died January 6, 1997.

Dolly came to America June 7, 1947. She worked for Hills and Dales General Hospital as a Supervisor in the kitchen and linen departments for over 30 years. Dolly was a life member of the O.E.S. She attended Farver Road Baptist Church for many years. She was a Girl Scout leader and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Dolly enjoyed knitting, bowling and playing Bingo. She loved music and loved to sing and dance. Dolly truly loved and enjoyed her family and friends. She had a beautiful smile and could always make you laugh.

Dolly is survived by her children: Gary (Peggy) Tracy of Sanford, NC, Carol (Richard) Gaffney of Cass City, Dorothy Caverly of Kingston, Teresa (Herbert) Williams of Deneden, FL, Christopher (Tracy) Tracy of Aberdeen, MD; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters: Margaret Winfield of England, Janet (Roger) Pritchett of England; sisters-in-law: Iris Harlow of England, Doreen Harlow of England; several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City with the Rev. Debra Brown of Kingston United Methodist Church and the Rev. Duane Plonta of Farver Road

Baptist Church officiating.

Interment will be in the Evergreen Township Cemetery. Pallbearers for Mrs. Tracy: Kris Lynn, Mark Lynn, Tom Dorland, Michael Furness, Todd Furness and Jacob Williams. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Rinerd A. Schember

Mr. Rinerd A. Schember, age 67 years of Cass City, passed away August 1, 2011 at his residence.



He was born in Cass City on June 1, 1944, son of Clarence and Ruth (Knoblet) Schember.

Rinerd had been employed with the stock yards in Cass City where he was an auctioneer for more than thirty years. He was especially fond of farming and raising rabbits and he was a singer-musician with the "Snover Bunch" for several years.

Surviving along with his parents are his brothers, Lyle of Grand Rapids and Paul (Kaylene) of Nicholasville, Kentucky. Several nephews and nieces also survive.

A brother, David, passed away in 1975.

A memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 20, 2011 at Cass City Missionary Church, 4449 Koepfgen Rd.

The family has suggested memorials to the Rinerd A. Schember Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were entrusted to The Gagetown Funeral Chapel.

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Based on the true story of the von Trapp family, who sang its way to freedom during the pre-WWII Nazi uprising in Austria, most people associate this beautiful, family-friendly story with the 1965 movie starring Julie Andrews as Maria and Christopher Plummer as Captain von Trapp.

Many songs from the musical have become standards, including the title song "The Sound of Music," "Edelweiss," "My Favorite Things," "Climb Every Mountain" and "Do-Re-Mi."

The play is about Maria, a young postulant who is always getting into trouble. She leaves the abbey to work as a governess for a rich wid-

ower, a position she hopes will lead her to discover what God wants her to do with her life. Captain von Trapp runs his home and 7 children like one of his naval ships. Maria, who is famous for not following the rules, wins the hearts of the children and eventually the Captain, much to the dismay of Baroness von Schrader, who is vying for the Captain and his fortune, but not his children. With the impending threat of the Nazi take-over, the von Trapp family quickly formulates a plan to escape.

Parts are available for 23 characters, including Maria, Captain von Trapp, the von Trapp children (ages 5-16), the Mother Abbess, Max, Elsa von Schrader, Rholf, Frau Schmidt and more, plus a host of nuns, Nazis, neighbors, and other vital roles. Ages 5 through adult are encouraged to attend.

Audition times are as follows: Sunday, Aug. 14 (children: 5 to 7 p.m., adults: 7 to 9 p.m.); Monday, Aug. 15 (everyone: 6 to 9 p.m.); Tuesday, Aug. 16 (call backs and any new auditions: 6 to 8 p.m.).

If you would like to audition, but can't make the specified times, contact Cathy to make an appointment at (989) 672-4686 or email cathy@funkyc.net. There is nothing to prepare. Auditioners will read selections from the script and sing songs from the play, which will be taught at auditions. Show dates are Nov. 3-6 at the Caro K of C Hall. All ticket sales from this production are split between the Thumb Area Center for the Arts and the Caro Knights of Columbus.

For more information, visit www.tacfa.org.



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Thumb Octagon Barn to host trio of coming events

The Thumb Octagon Barn near Gagetown will be hosting 3 new events in the upcoming weeks.

The first event is slated for Saturday, Aug. 20, and will focus on the joy of preparing home-grown fruits and vegetables, according to Friends of the Octagon Barn spokeswoman Rose Putnam.

"In celebration of this year's theme, 'Vintage Kitchens', Mae Hoffman and Lila Arroyo came forward to spearhead this activity," she explained. "As our society recognizes the need to maintain a healthier lifestyle, we felt that teaching how to prepare home-grown products would fill this need."

All ages are encouraged to attend this one-day workshop. All products and materials will be provided, and participants will take home a jar of jam, a jar of vegetables and an instruction book.

The cost is \$20 per person, and pre-registration is required. The deadline to sign up is Monday, Aug. 15.

More information is available by contacting Hoffman at (989) 269-7043 or Arroyo at (989) 872-2658.

The Thumb Area Tourism Council will present a first-time, unique dinner experience Saturday, Aug. 27.

The "Farm to Table" dinner boasts a dinner featuring Andy Fabian, executive chef of the VanCamp House in Port Sanilac, who will create a dining experience with ingredients produced organically/naturally in the Thumb area.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Dinner will be served at 3 p.m. and tours of the barn will be available immediately following.

To make a reservation, contact the Thumb Area Tourism Council at (989) 672-0323 or visit the website, www.thumbtourism.org. Questions can also be directed to Jean Smith at: gardengate@emypeople.net or www.thegardengatefarm.com.

Finally, a one-time opportunity is coming to the Thumb Octagon Barn Thursday, Sept. 1.

"Teamwork and Timbers" is a program sponsored by the National Barn Alliance and the Michigan Barn Preservation Network," Putnam said. "It's a one-day workshop learning about community, traditions, barn vocabulary, techniques and, of course, teamwork. The fun part is the assembly of a quarter-sized timber framed barn replica."

Students ages 10 years and older and adults are encouraged to participate. The program begins at 9 a.m. with classroom instruction, followed by a video, then lunch and the actual construction.

The cost is \$10 per person, which includes a box lunch.

There is room for 20 participants. Those planning to attend are encouraged to register early. The deadline is Monday, Aug. 29. Call Putnam at (989) 673-3184 or email her at: rose.putnam@chemicalbankmi.com for more information.



RAWSON MEMORIAL District Library's annual Summer Mania Book Sale got off to a great start Thursday, with the Friends of the Library-sponsored sale raising some \$1,100 the first day. Proceeds from the event go to pay for library programs.



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Three recent cases of tetanus infection have prompted the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to remind adults that immunizations aren't just for kids.

Tetanus, also known as "lockjaw," is an infection caused by bacteria. Tetanus bacteria is commonly found in soil and can enter the body through wounds contaminated with dirt, feces, soil, or saliva. Tetanus infection can cause a person's neck and jaw muscles to lock, making it hard to open the mouth or swallow. It can also cause breathing problems, severe muscle spasms, and seizures.

Tetanus is a serious disease from which it can take months to recover. If left untreated, it can be fatal.

"It is important for teenagers and adults of all ages to get vaccinated against tetanus," said Dr. Dean Sienko, interim chief medical executive, MDCH. "The best treatment for this disease is prevention through immunization."

MDCH urges teenagers and adults to get vaccinated with Tdap vaccine, which protects not only against tetanus, but also diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

Because immunity to tetanus decreases over time, most adults need to get a booster shot every 10 years to stay protected. Adults who haven't received Tdap vaccine should receive Tdap instead of their next regular tetanus (Td) booster.

Adults who have contact with infants should get Tdap vaccine as soon as possible because being vaccinated against whooping cough will prevent them from spreading the disease to vulnerable infants. It's a good idea for adults to talk to their doctor about what vaccines they might need.

"Vaccination is a lifelong process," Sienko said. "It's important that adults of all ages get vaccinated against serious diseases, such as flu, tetanus, and whooping cough."

Many newer vaccines are recommended for adults, including vaccines to protect against shingles, pneumococcal disease, and human papillomavirus (HPV). Other vaccines adults may need include measles, mumps, and rubella; varicella; hepatitis A and B; and meningococcal vaccines. Seasonal flu vaccine is now recommended for everyone, every year. The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated.

Adults should talk to their health care provider about the vaccines they need to be healthy. For information about vaccines adults need, visit: www.adultvaccination.org/.

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