

Community booster

# Dave Osentoski expands firm

Editor's note: this is one of a series sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce about community boosters who are members of the organization.

David Osentoski wears two hats in the business world. He's a co-owner of Osentoski Auctioneering with his father, Ira, and brother, Martin. In addition he is the owner of Osentoski Realty which has six offices in the Thumb including one in Cass City.

Born and raised on a farm in the Cass City area, Osentoski graduated from Cass City High School. When 16 years old he became a partner with his father. After attending Delta College for a year he received his real estate license when 18.

In 1968 he worked for a Bad Axe realtor for four years and in the spring of 1972 he and his mother, Marie, received brokers' licenses and started operating from their home.

In 1974 expansion started and the firm opened offices in Port Austin, Caro, Bad

Axe, Caseville, and Unionville. The Cass City office opened in the spring of 1979 and the most recent office is a Florida division in Saginaw as a franchise representative for Deltona Corporation for Florida.

David Osentoski is a member of Cass City Rotary, member of Upper Thumb Board of Realtors and serves as its vice-president. He is also a member of the Caro Jaycees and Sacred Heart Catholic church in Caro.

He has two sons, Travis, 4, and Rory, 2½ years.



David Osentoski

## Three students winners in essay contest

Three students from Cass City Intermediate School have been named local winners in the 11th annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

The three are De'Angela Garety, first; Jill Hutchinson, second, and Cathy Deatherage, third. All are students in Michelle Ancomb's English classes.

All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, De'Angela's name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Her first place essay now advances to the state level competition from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in March, will receive plaques and U.S. savings bonds ranging in value from \$100 to \$500.

A team of finalist judges, headed by former President Gerald Ford, will determine the top statewide winners. Other judges are Gov. William Milliken, Congressman Robert Carr, and the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, Mary S. Coleman.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 400 Michigan schools participated in the 1979-80 essay contest.



ESSAY WINNERS -- Winners in the America and Me Essay Contest at Cass City Intermediate School were, from left, De'Angela Garety, first; Jill Hutchinson, second, and Cathy Deatherage, third.

## Vandals damage Willy pickup

Damage was estimated at \$400 to the pickup of Nelson Willy of 4205 West Street, which had three windows broken while it was parked at the Charmont.

Broken were the windshield, left side window and left side window on the attached camper. The pickup was parked at the Charmont from 8:30 p.m. Monday to 2:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Warrants were being requested by the sheriff's department charging two teenagers with malicious destruction of property under \$100 after they damaged two mailboxes on Kelly Road the night of Jan. 27.

Eugene Otulakowski of 6313 Kelly saw subjects damage his mailbox then drive east, where the car stopped at the home of Sandy Bergman, 6325 Kelly. Occupants got out and struck the mailbox three several times.

While on route to the Otulakowski residence, Cass City police started following a car that matched the description of the vehicle involved and finally stopped it.

There were three subjects inside, one of whom admitted he and one of the others had done the damage, using a tire iron, which was

on the front seat. The third had been the driver but hadn't gotten out of the car.

All were released, with the two who had done the damage being told that warrants would be sought from the prosecutor's office. One was a juvenile, the other, 17.

Howard Rexin of 2525 N. Crawford Road, Cass City, reported to sheriff's deputies Jan. 29 that a building used by him on Severance Road, owned by his brother, Floyd Rexin, had been entered.

Taken were a hydraulic jack worth \$35 and a 5-gallon can of gas, \$12. Entry was gained by kicking in the front door.

Leonard G. Ziemba of 3435 N. Van Dyke, Decker, reported to Cass City police Jan. 29 that the four hub caps off the wheels of his car were removed while it was parked in the General Cable lot the previous day. They were worth \$50.

A man was pinned under his car after it fell on him while he was working on it, about noon last Thursday.

The incident took place at Wilcox and Cemetery Roads, east of Wilmot.

Cass City Police Chief Gene Wilson, the first police officer there, said the man didn't appear seriously injured, if at all, but didn't get his name as a sheriff's deputy was on the way to make out a report.

A report wasn't available as of Tuesday, however.

The victim was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital by ambulance to be checked.

# Cass Cityan charged with assault of police officer

A Cass City man charged with assault with a dangerous weapon against Gagetown police officer James Compo stood mute at his arraignment Monday before Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn.

Charged is Billy H. Reese, 24, of 7950 E. Cass City Road. He is accused of being involved in an incident in which Compo was threatened with a .12 gauge shotgun after the officer tried to quell a fight between the defendant and his brother in a home on Lincoln Street in Gagetown, the incident having taken place Jan. 11.

Joslyn entered a plea of innocent in Reese's behalf and scheduled a pretrial hearing March 3. He denied a motion for reduction of the defendant's \$3,000 bond.

Also Monday, Debra Partaka, 23, of 2787 Dutcher Road, Caro, stood mute to a charge of uttering and delivery, in connection with writing of three checks in September for a total of \$77, for which there were insufficient funds in the account.

A plea of innocent was entered and pretrial hearing scheduled March 3. Bond was continued.

William R. Vanden Beurghy, 17, of 8403 Vassar Road, Millington, was sentenced to 100 days in the county jail for larceny in a building. He was credited with 59 days served, placed on three years' probation and fined \$200.

The charge to which he pleaded guilty Dec. 14 was in connection with the break-in of a house Nov. 27 in Vassar.

Lori Ann Curtis, 17, of 224 S. East Street, Vassar, pleaded guilty to violation of probation, of having failed to report to the county jail Jan. 2 in connection with work-release privileges.

She was sentenced to 130 days in the county jail Dec. 28 and placed on 36 months' probation for attempted larceny from an auto.

Monday before Circuit Judge Martin E. Clements: Probation was revoked for Gordon Lee Wood, 23, of Melvindale. He was sentenced to 45 days in the county jail, with credit given for 39 days served.

He was placed on 24 months' probation, starting in March, 1979, for delivery of phenylhydrazine. He pleaded guilty to violating probation Dec. 3, because of a Nov. 19 district court conviction for driving with license suspended.

The judge found Larry G. Dill, 29, of 1060 Riley Road, Caro, guilty of violating

probation for having consumed alcoholic beverages. Bond was continued, with sentencing scheduled March 3.

He was placed on 18 months' probation in February, 1979, for assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest.

## Regular meeting of Cass City Village Council

The regular meeting of the Cass City Village Council was held Jan. 28, 1980 at the Municipal Building. All Trustees were present.

The minutes for the regular December meeting and the special meeting held Jan. 19, 1980 were approved as presented.

The December preliminary Financial Statement was reviewed.

All committees with the exception of Public Safety had no reports.

It was recommended by the Public Safety Committee to hire Harold Duane Sprague as a 5th policeman, starting at the 2nd year level of pay and to begin employment on Feb. 1, 1980.

A motion was made by Trustee Helwig and supported by Trustee Stahlbaum to accept the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

It was noted that Deanna Patnaude and Harold Duane Sprague be officially invited to meet the Council at the next regular meeting.

It was reported that the application to the DNR for tennis courts is in and we would have no definite word until April as to Grant approval.

It was reported that Paul Lefler, Administrator of Building Codes Division for the county of Tuscola, has sent a notice to Larry Peters concerning his property on the corner of Main and Nestles Streets which has been found to be unsafe. Mr. Lefler has also turned the matter of the McNeil Property over to the Prosecuting Attorney.

It was reported that the Village Superintendent had looked into the matter of the Garfield St. Railroad Crossing with John Michals, Engineer of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Michals stated that the traffic count of at least 3,000 cars per day would be needed before the State would consider a crossing review.

Mr. Dykman, Public Services Engineer for Grand Trunk Railroad advised us that Grand Trunk has already advertised for bids on having the depot at the Garfield Crossing removed or torn down in 1980.

Clinton C. House, Village Attorney, received a letter from James R. Suchodolski, Vice-president - Eastern

Operation, for Wickes Agriculture on Jan. 16, 1980 stating that the removal of the old Wickes Agriculture buildings is expected to be accomplished in the summer of 1980. He had previously stated that the buildings would be demolished as soon as possible after the

new building was open. The Village President wants the record to show that Wickes has not met its obligation for the removal of these buildings.

It was noted the Step 3 approval for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Program has been received from both the State and Federal Governments and that we also have approval from FHA and the Municipal Finance Commission for our loan and sale of bonds. The project will be advertised for bids on Feb. 25, 1980.

Bids will be received March 20, 1980 (Thursday) at 2:00 p.m. in the council chambers. The Engineers will then review the bids and make recommendations to the Council at their regular meeting March 24, 1980.

The 1980 Preliminary Budget was reviewed. It was noted that we should get a cost estimate for paving the parking lot at the corner of Leach and Pine Streets and review the fees for the swimming pool.

A motion was made by Trustee Ware and supported by Trustee Stahlbaum to establish a Public Hearing for the 1980 Proposed Budget and Revenue Sharing at 7:00 p.m. Feb. 25, 1980. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Certificates were received for Water Distribution Course Completion by Lou LaPonsie and Russell Bradley.

It was noted that a contribution of \$1,000.00 was received from the Pinney State Bank to be used for the tennis court project in honor of Horace Bulen.

A notice was read concerning the Michigan Municipal League's Annual Legislative Conference, which is to be held Thursday, Feb. 28, 1980 in the Lansing Civic Center, Lansing, Michigan.

A letter from Leonard Zulewski, Sanitarian, DNR, was read concerning requirements and time schedules the Village is to meet under the new Act 641 for our landfill license renewal.

Further investigation is to be made into the costs of compliance.

A motion was made by Trustee Stahlbaum and supported by Trustee Rawson that the bills as examined be approved for payment. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

There being no further business a motion was made by Trustee Helwig and supported by Trustee Tuttle that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Joyce LaRoche Village Clerk

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## Seek employees for job training

Employers in Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola now have the opportunity of participating in Private Sector Initiative Program (PSIP), a part of the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), according to Albie C. Hults, program manager.

PSIP seeks more involvement by business and industry in training and placing disadvantaged unemployed citizens in jobs within the private sector.

A Private Industry Council (PIC) has been formed for the upper Thumb to implement the program. The majority of PIC members must represent business and industry with half of the business members from small businesses.

"Because 80 percent of the jobs are in the private sector," Hults said, "it is strongly felt that the expertise and involvement of business and industry will improve the direction and quality of training conducted under CETA, thus producing a worker who has a marketable skill, is 'job-ready,' and can successfully support him or herself and family in a private sector job."

Hults welcomes invitations to speak without charge to service clubs and other organizations in the Thumb to explain the program.

Information is also available at the Thumb Area Consortium office, 6240 W.

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