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FIRE FIGHTERS from 3 departments battled a Cass City house fire Thursday night for nearly 2 hours at 4443 Doerr Road next to Micro EDM. Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski estimated the loss at \$100,000 to homeowner Dan Weiss.

Quick response cuts fire damage

A quick response by a pair of Elkland Township fire fighters Thursday night helped prevent a Cass City house fire from expanding into a neighboring business. Elkland Township Fire Chief Ron Pawloski said his department was dispatched

to the Dan Weiss residence, 4443 Doerr Road, located next to Micro EDM at around 8:30 p.m. Pawloski said the fire originated on the front porch when a soldering iron rolled off its resting spot and quickly sent flames through-

out the home. Pawloski estimated the loss at \$100,000, which included the house contents. "In my opinion our guys did a great job," said Pawloski. Fire fighter Jack Hartwick added, "Mark Tomlinson and Glen Guilds

were the first 2 fire fighters on the scene and they did a good job knocking the fire down." Cass City firefighters remained on the scene for approximately 2 hours. Both the Gagetown and Caro fire departments assisted them.

VFW needs \$500 to seek approval of patriotic sign

VFW members opened up discussion about the VFW mural at the Village Council meeting Monday evening. Frank Sheridan, village manager, encouraged the VFW to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to request a permit for their patriotic sign. According to the Village ordinance, the mural fits the definition of a sign. The village does not have a mural ordinance, Sheridan said. The painting is too big according to zoning requirements in the office service district, which is the district the VFW annex building is zoned in. An 18-square-foot sign is permitted under the zoning regulations in that district, but the VFW painting is 282 square feet.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has the authority to look at the VFW annex building and say it isn't an office building, he said. The ZBA is allowed to change zoning ordinances within a certain limit, Sheridan said. The VFW has solid grounds for a variance, he said. "As I read the rules, when you don't fit the cookie cutter mold, you have to use judgment, and it is an approval I can't make. I happen to like the sign, but what do I do with the next guy who wants to violate the ordinance?" Sheridan asked.

In order to get a public hearing with the Zoning Board of Appeals the VFW must put \$500 down. One hundred dollars will be nonrefund-

Elmwood Township Seek 1.5 mills for fire dept.

Elmwood Township officials will go to voters next week with a special millage request to purchase a new fire truck for the Elmwood-Gagetown Fire Department.

The election is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 5. Residents can cast their votes at the municipal building in Gagetown from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Township Clerk Elaine Seibel said officials are asking voters to approve 1.5 mills for 4 years. The tax would generate about

\$40,000. For the owner of a home valued at \$80,000, the millage would cost an additional \$60 in taxes annually. The truck will cost roughly \$162,000 and will replace a 1968 model.

"It's not reliable," Seibel said of the older truck, which has become costly to maintain. "We have another fire truck that they use regularly, then there's the one we're replacing, a tanker and the rescue van. Seibel noted the fire department operates on an annual

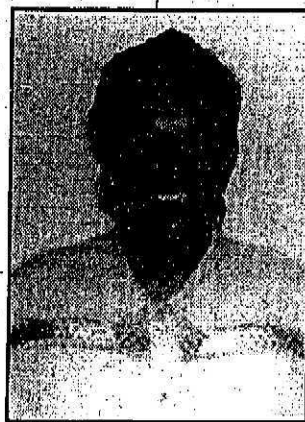
budget of about \$27,000, which is generated by a special one-mill levy that was renewed by voters in 1996. The budget covers the department's expenses, such as maintenance and small equipment purchases, but it isn't enough for a major purchase like a truck, the clerk said. "A couple of years we've been trying to figure out how to raise the money to buy another one, and it never happened," Seibel said. "Now, it's time to ask for help."

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Veteran counseling director hired to replace Wayne Dillon

Susan Frederiksen of Almont was selected from among 10 finalists to become the new guidance-counseling director at Cass City Schools. She was hired at a special meeting of the school board Wednesday. She replaces Wayne Dillon who retired, but her duties are expected to be slightly different from her predecessor. Dillon assisted in counseling, but also served as the school's work co-op director. The co-op program will be under the direction of Ed Pasant, who was a principal

last year at the now closed Deford School. Pasant will also be in charge of grants



*Frederiksen: role will
enlarge to guidance in
grades K-12*

and special government funding programs and will work as an assistant principal. Frederiksen's role will be enlarged to include supervision of guidance in K-12. The plan is to establish the program as outlined in the Michigan Comprehensive Guidance program. Frederiksen is excited about coming to Cass City. She says that she likes small towns and the small school settings. She has worked at Laker School from 1988 to 1996 the final 2 years as a counselor. She was a counselor at Frankenmuth, 1996-2001. She comes to Cass City from Davison Schools where she worked from 2001

to the present. In Frankenmuth the Michigan guidance program has been established, Frederiksen said, and she is anxious to establish the program in Cass City. Frederiksen lives in Almont next to the house of her father and expects to commute to her job. The school will have one more person working in the administration in Cass City Schools, but will not increase the over-all administration staff due to the closing of the Deford School where Pasant worked last year. Frederiksen will work full time with a 4-week vacation in the summertime. Her salary will be \$68,000 per year.

School buses to test bio-diesel

At a special meeting last week the Cass City School Board approved a test plan using bio-diesel fuel in selected buses.

A select few buses will use the environmental friendly fuel and then will be switched to regular fuel and compared to determine cost of operation.

The formula for bio-diesel fuel includes 10 percent of the fuel mostly created from soybeans, added to the regular diesel fuel.

The hope is that the entire fleet can adopt the bio-diesel formula, but the results of the test will be the deter-

mining factor.

It is estimated that bio-fuel costs 14 cents more a gallon than regular diesel. Balancing the increased cost is that the new fuel will be more efficient than straight diesel. If the buses get one more mile per gallon, Supt. Ken Micklash said, it will more than make up for the increase in cost.

Several schools, Micklash added, have already switched to bio-diesel in their fleets. It's really a low risk program. If it fails, the buses simply switch back to straight diesel without any adjustments required.

Apple pie contest open to public

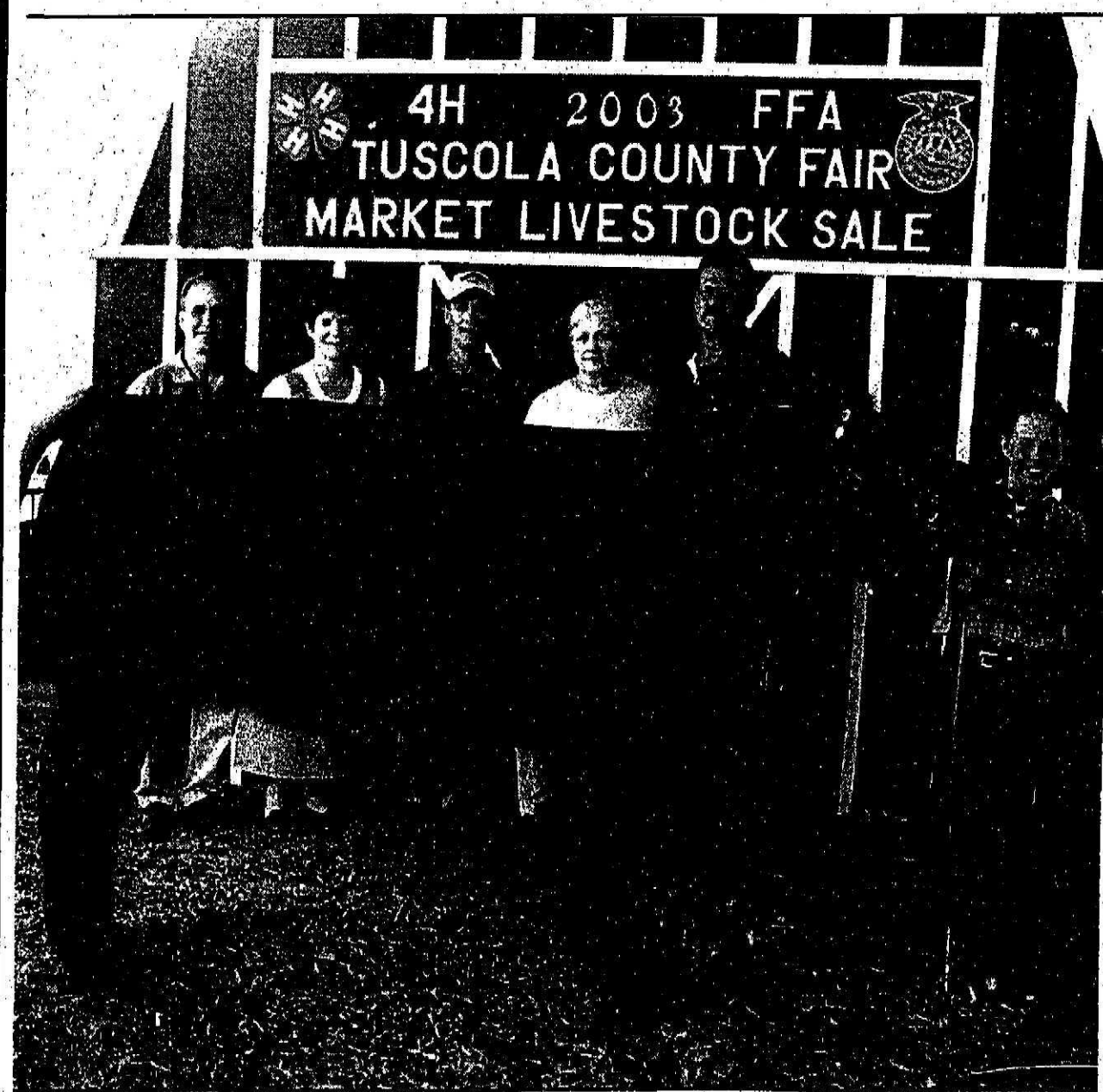
Remember grandma's mouthwatering apple pie? Well, who doesn't — and Northwood Meadows of Cass City is sponsoring a contest that harkens back to a simpler time, when baking pies was a family must and nothing tasted better!

The first apple pie contest is scheduled for July 31 and is open to the public. Judg-

ing begins at 3 p.m. at Northwood Meadows, located at 6086 Beechwood Dr., and only one lucky pie baker wins the \$50 grand prize.

"Blondie" of the Burke and Blondie Morning Show at radio station 96.1 WHNN, headlines the list of judges. Other judges' names are being announced. Please turn to back page.

Grand Champion!



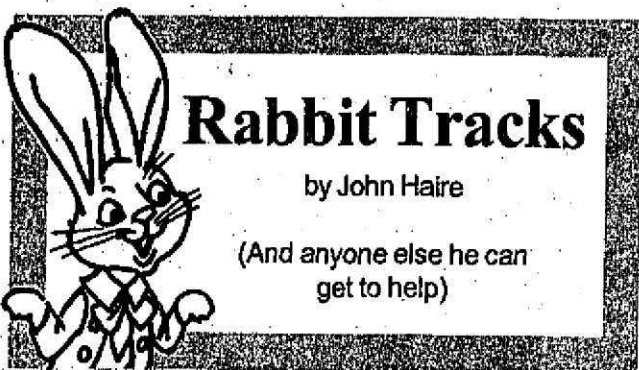
FRIENDS OF Boyd Tate bought Quinnlin Daily's Grand Champion Home Grown Steer for \$2,900 and presented the money to Tate's wife and daughters in honor of Tate, who died this year. He was an auctioneer throughout the Thumb for many years. Daily is the daughter of Greg and Lynette Daily and a member of the Country 4-H'ers. Pages 9 and 10 feature area 4-H livestock winners.

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Members of the club have been looking for a suitable project that will be meaningful and provide a lasting benefit to the community.

That's where you can help. Please send your idea to Cass City Rotary, Post Office Box 63, within the next week.

Summer Mania, Aug. 7-8, is going full speed ahead, Kay Warner, Cass City Chamber of Commerce Director says. The response has been good, but there are still openings for vendors in arts, crafts and the flea market.

Contact Kay at the Chamber office in the Municipal Building to enter.

It worked out well in the end. Several years ago the Cass City School Board adopted a policy, after much debate, that required members of the administrative staff to live in Cass City.

Now, of course, the courts have ruled that is illegal. Meanwhile, an exception was made when Jody Miklovic was hired as Campbell Elementary principal. New guidance counselor Susan Frederiksen will live in Almont.

Now the best person for the job is the determining factor and that's the way it should be.

It was with reluctance that I turned down an opportunity to be a judge in the apple pie baking contest slated today (Wednesday) at 3 p.m. at Northwood Meadows.

I love apple pie and it's a sure thing that the pies submitted will be among the best.

That's sad, but there is a silver lining. It's a plus in the never-ending battle of the bulge.

Former resident retires

Ernest Bouck of Royal Oak, a former Cass City resident with a brother and parents in Cass City, has retired from Clarenceville Schools, ending a 34-year career at the school.

During his career he has taught in elementary, middle school and high school and has taught students at every grade level K-12. He ran the driver education program each summer and Clarenceville Principal David Simowski said the program received rave reviews from road testing services.

Operating a driver training company may be on the horizon for Bouck, who says it's something he enjoys doing.

Immediate plans call for work at his home in Royal Oak and his vacation home in Harbor Springs. Bouck graduated from Cass City High School in 1965. He earned his BS degree from Central Michigan University and his Master's degree in education from Wayne State University in 1973.

Bouck feels that his parents waited too long before retiring and is quitting to "enjoy life" before he becomes too old.

On the immediate agenda as he starts his retirement is a trip this summer to the Adirondacks.

Whatever happens, Bouck feels that his retirement will not be boring. He feels that



Ernest Bouck

it will just be different, a different lifestyle and different kind of work.

Help police

The Cass City Police Department asks the community to look out for people stealing lawn ornaments.

On July 22 and July 26, people reported stolen lawn ornaments. Multiple outdoor ornaments were taken from people living in the Huntsville Trailer Park.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents, or who witnesses new incidents, is encouraged to call the Cass City Police Department immediately.



Robert A. Schenk

The Haire Net



It doesn't go as far as being a bone of contention with my wife, but at the very least we have a marked difference in what makes a good vacation.

Her ideal is to get on the Interstate and make a beeline for a predetermined location. Mine is to get in the car and stay as far away as possible from the main roads and super highways.

One of the outstanding incidents in a trip by car to the West Coast was the time we lunched in a community smaller than Cass City. It was someplace west of the Mississippi River and I chatted with a native about crops and farming in general.

She talked about the land and about a pair of water holes that was on it. It was easy to see that the water holes were the jewels of her farm and that the availability of water was the key that made her property valuable. A lesson learned.

In California another bit of trivia made it a trip that is indelibly sketched in memory. Traveling a back road, a crew of migrant workers in a field were harvesting a crop. I stopped and bustled over to one of the crew.

Unfortunately he didn't speak English and we started to communicate via sign language. He took a bite from a stalk and obviously figured it was very good. He gave me one and I took it back to the car and then showed it to Esther as I took a chunk to see how it tasted.

And, oh, how it tasted! It was garlic. That's learning the hard way.

It doesn't have to be a new area to enjoy getting off the Interstate. Traveling I-75 and state highways, a trip to Boyne City figures to be about 3 1/2 hours. Traveling off the expressway the same trip takes 4 1/2 hours.

Yet when time permits I take the "back roads" through the small towns and resort lake

areas just to avoid the boredom of the expressway.

I have plenty of company. Author Andrew Wood, who researched the book "Road Trip America", refers to persons who like to get off the beaten path, as "Travelers". "Tourists" are people who speed by on the Interstate and collect souvenirs at destination points. Travelers stop and talk awhile and sometimes take home a memory of what happened when they were there.

Perhaps the outstanding majority on vacation this summer will visit national parks, beaches and amusement parks.

That's certainly well worth doing. Combine it with a back roads trip to get there and it becomes a vacation that has everything. For travelers like me.

The back forty

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by Roger Pond



I'm having a difficult time with the many vitamin, mineral, and herbal supplements on the market these days. How is a person supposed to know which pills to take and how much is enough?

During the past few weeks I've been reading about St. Johnswort, ginkgo and ginseng; to name a few. I understand these are all good, but I'm always afraid of product interactions.

St. Johnswort is said to be a "mood enhancer" that helps fight depression. Ginkgo reportedly increases blood flow to the brain, improving memory and math skills. Ginseng is supposed to boost energy and possibly memory as well.

What if I take all three? I might jump out of bed in a wonderful mood, remember my deadlines, add up my bills, and go back into another depression. Maybe I should stick with the mood enhancers.

I was surprised when I first heard about St. Johnswort. I remember St. Johnswort (Hypericum perforatum) as a weed plant that causes blistering around the mouth and eyes of livestock unlucky enough to eat it — and then stand around in direct sunlight.

I'm told St. Johnswort pills are made from a different plant in the same family. The label cautions, however, "Because of its photosensitizing properties, avoid long exposure to direct sunlight, tanning lights, or ultra-violet light sources while taking this product."

Direct sunlight?! That's where I go fishing. If you want to see a guy in a bad mood, just tell me I can't go fishing.

We used to consult doctors about medications and nutritional supplements, but now folks are realizing doctors are not trained nutritionists. Many don't trust their doctor for nutritional advice.

We do trust neighbors, cousins, health food salesmen and radio commentators for this advice, however. I find that confusing.

So I did what any confused, married person would do. I asked my wife, "O.K., if I take St. Johnswort, will I be a better person? The bottle says 'Mood Enhancer'."

The Weather

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Bad Axe postmaster Neal Emerick will join the 4-H clubs and have a U.S. Postal store set up during the Huron County Fair.

The unique postmark is free. Postal personnel at the temporary post office station in-

side the 4-H/FFA Building will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. They will apply the postmark to any item bearing first-class postage.

To order the postmark by mail, write to: Postmaster, P.O. Box 9998, Bad Axe, MI 48413-9998. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return.

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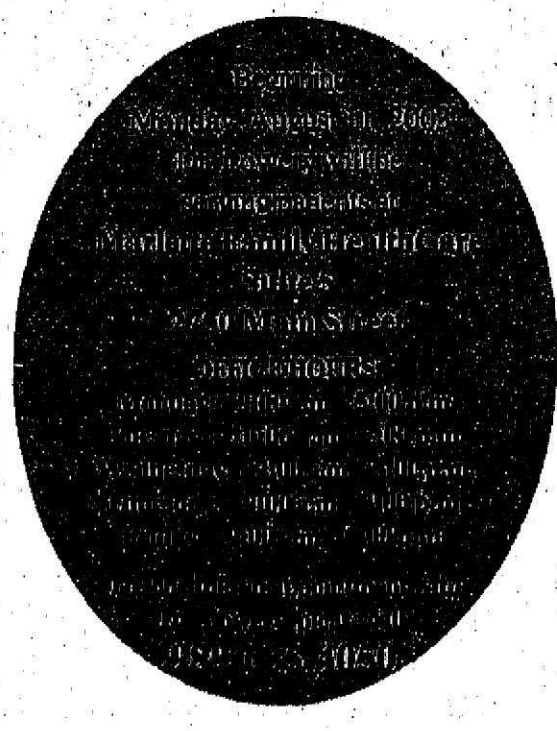
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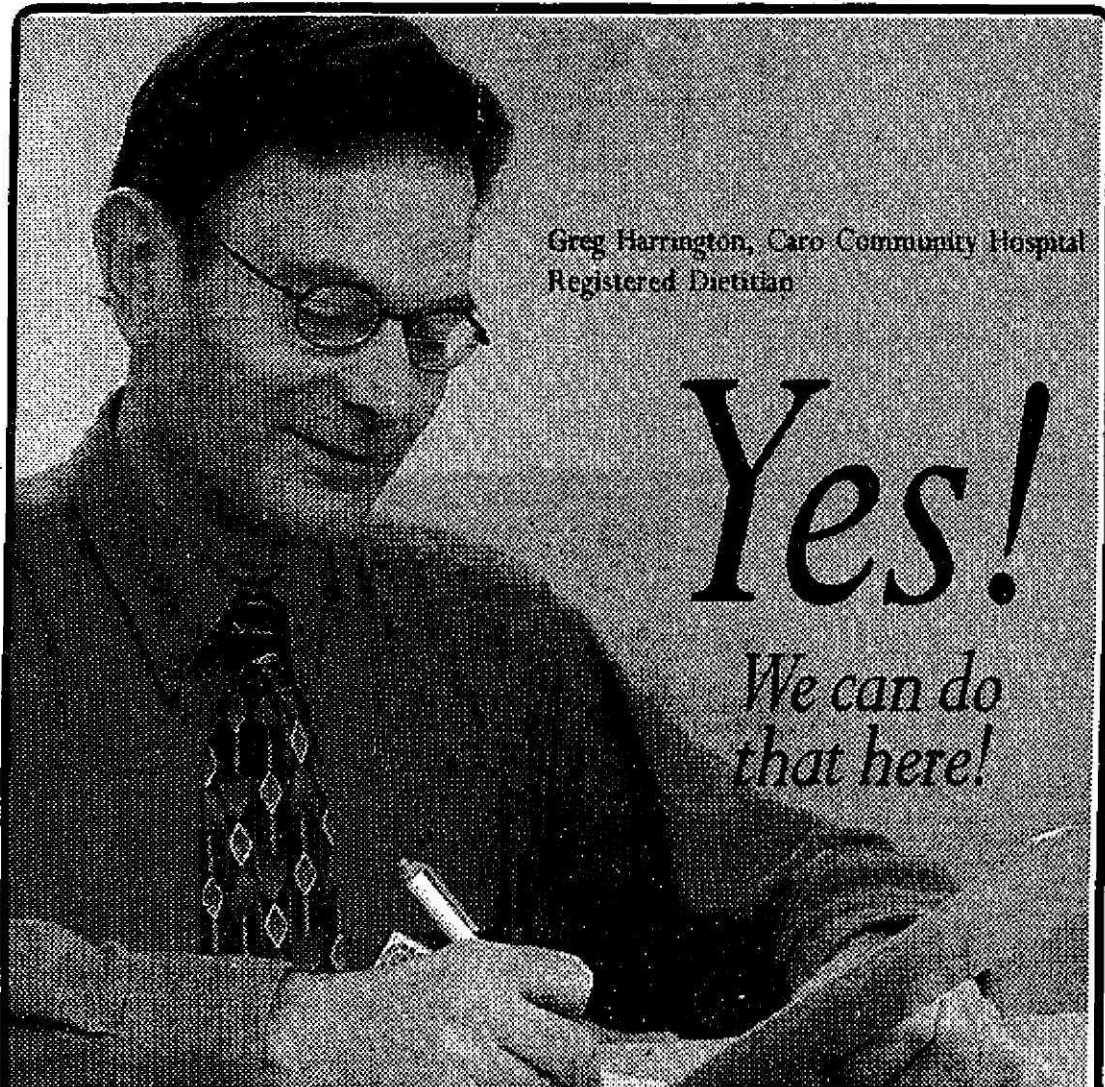
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Elated with opportunity

“Mamma Mia” - Osentoski joins cast

by Melissa Herren
Staff Writer

Whitney Osentoski, who grew up in Cass City and took dance lessons at the Sally Doerr Dance Studio as a kid, is living his dream, performing with the National Broadway Tour of Mamma Mia.

“This is the break I have been waiting for,” Osentoski said. “I feel like this show has validated all of the time and hard work I have put into my career as a performer.”

This is Osentoski’s first Broadway tour. A casting director called him in June and asked him if he was interested in being a replacement. Of course, he said, “yes”. He is part of the singing and dancing ensemble and the understudy for the character “Pepper”. “It was perfect timing. I was emotionally at a low point because I had just finished a show and there were not many shows I wanted to audition for at the time.”

Osentoski said when he is not on stage dancing with the ensemble he is singing with the chorus. The show is upbeat and lighthearted, and the music is so recognizable everyone has a good time, he said.

Osentoski started singing at the Cass City Methodist Church when he was 5 years old and began dance lessons at the Sally Doerr Dance Studio when he was 9 years old. After seeing a Sally Doerr Dance Performance at the Cass City Freedom Festival he said, “Mom, I have to do this.”

Osentoski graduated with a degree in music from Saginaw Valley and moved to New York to pursue his dream. He spent the summer in New York with 3 other dance instructors that he had worked with at the Joan Malone Dance Center in Saginaw. “I was blown away by the fast pace and size of New York, the variety of dance classes available in

New York and watching Broadway shows. At first, I didn’t know if I could hack New York, because I was such a country boy,” Osentoski said.

“That summer I had a good experience auditioning in New York and got positive feedback from some of the casting directors,” he said. “After getting my feet wet in New York I knew I would move back there after I graduated to pursue a career in musical theater.” He said he prefers musical theatre to strictly acting roles.

Osentoski has lived in New York for two years now, where he auditions for shows and works a temporary office job in between shows. He took the stage in Atlantic City in the show “Manhattan Magic,” he played Mike in “Miss Saigon”, which was playing at the prestigious regional theatre in Melbourne, New Jersey, and

also was in “Nights on Broadway,” in Atlantic City, during his 2-year stay in New York.

“I really feel like when I am performing I am connected to the audience for 2 to 3 hours, and during that period I help people forget about their problems.” “It is great to get paid for something I love doing,” Osentoski said. He said he loves being surrounded by performers and said that they are a different breed of people. Osentoski described them as energetic and non-conventional. He said he has befriended a lot of performers like himself. “We have a lot of fun both on and off the stage.”

But like anywhere, the good times accompany the bad. The hardships a performer faces are very real, he said. “It is either feast, or famine. Either you are making really good money, or just enough to pay rent.” The employ-

ment for an actor goes in periods. He said he works a temporary office job in between shows.

Traveling to audition is difficult, he said. Osentoski has been to countless auditions, which is very time consuming. “I have to take a lot of time off my temporary office job to audition for shows, and then I am not in the office making money.” It is one thing if someone takes time off from work and knows he or she will land the job, but for an actor, nothing is certain, it can be months between shows. Osentoski said rejection comes with the territory, “You just have to learn to not take it personally.”

Not all auditions are based solely on talent; sometimes the director has a particular look or personality he wants for the part. As for standing by the phone and waiting for a call, it just doesn’t work

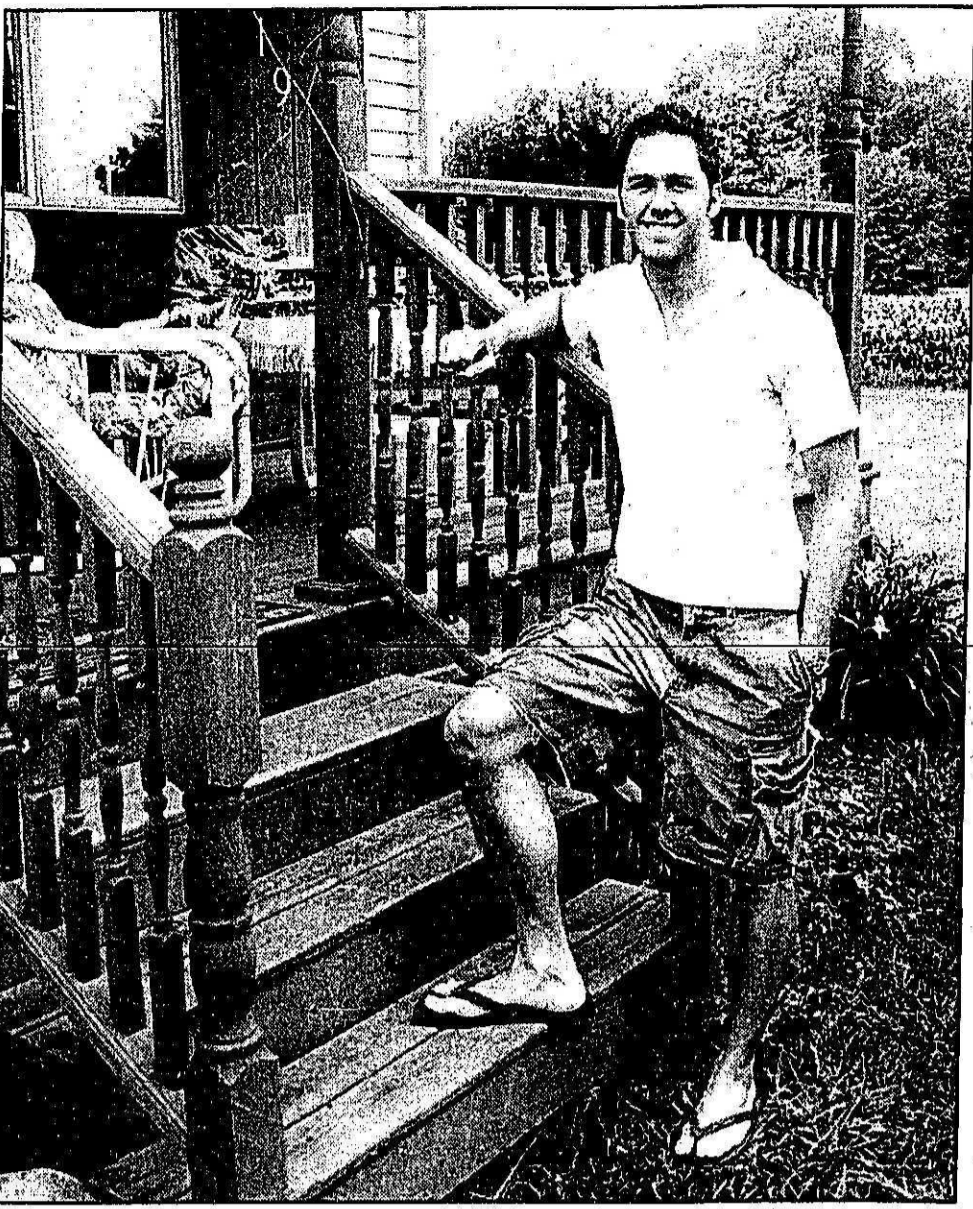
that way, he said. “As a performer, you audition and forget about it because you may never get a call back, or you may, but it can be months from the time you auditioned.”

Osentoski said there have been some rough times in his career when he was in between jobs and wondered if he should do something else, but during his time of questioning something always fell in his lap.

Osentoski is very excited about traveling with Mamma Mia. “This show will look really good on my resume and it pays well. I should be able to save a lot of money to use when I am in between shows. Osentoski has an open contract with the company, so he can stay with the tour as long as the show runs and it will run over a year, he said. I would like to be able to save enough money so when the show ends I don’t have to put all of my energy into the office, but can put it into my craft”

He said his ultimate goal is to be part of a Broadway show playing in New York City, but for now Osentoski will relish and enjoy his current employment.

The tour will give him the opportunity to spend a couple of months at a time in major U.S. cities including Chicago, Washington D.C., San Francisco, LA and Boston. The National Tour of Mamma Mia is playing in Chicago until September 28 and will come to Detroit Oct 3 and play through Nov. 16.



FORMER CASS CITY resident Whitney Osentoski was recently cast in the National Broadway tour of Mamma Mia. Osentoski made a quick stop in Cass City to visit his family last week.

Youth for Christ

Fifth annual benefit auction set Aug. 16

The hum that usually comes from Tuscola County communities is that of tractors and harvesters in the fields, but on Aug. 16 that hum will be distinctly different.

Instead of machinery, the hum will be coming from Dave and Marty Osentoski, who donate their services at the Youth for Christ Summer Benefit Auction.

In its fifth year, the Summer Benefit Auction that will benefit Cass City, Kingston, Caro and Reese regions of Youth for Christ is ready for bidders. This year’s auction will begin at 9 a.m., Aug. 16, at the Cass City Recreation

Park. “This is shaping up to be the most diverse and exciting auction to date,” Jeff Bader, Campus Life director for Cass City and Kingston said. “We have a huge variety of items from lawn furniture to experiences you can’t find anywhere else.”

In addition to the exclusive L.J. Gascho oak furniture, Amish-made lawn furniture and collectibles, bidders will have their try at winning up-north golf packages, specialty dinners, hand-made crafts and furniture and much more.

Members of the auction committee have been working with area businesses to secure donations of hundreds of items, gift certificates and exciting experiences for auction attendees.

The auction proceeds will benefit the ministry of Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ, which has been a pres-

ence in Tuscola County for 23 years and in the area for 51 years providing positive alternatives to drinking, drugs, alcohol and other destructive decisions. The auction is the ministry’s largest fund-raiser of the year and with the economy tight this year, the event’s success will mean more than ever.

“Campus Life directors are missionaries to the local teens and in the local high schools, so we are funded as such,” Bader said. “All of the costs of ministry are raised through individuals, churches and businesses who support the work financially, and through the Summer Benefit Auction, which makes up about half the budget need for the regions each year.”

For more information concerning Youth for Christ or the Summer Benefit Auction, please contact Jeff Bader at (989) 872-1530 or Heather Jensen at (989) 672-6048.

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Flight #1 (scratch)		Tom Herron		119
Craig Helwig	157	Don Erla		117
Mark Swanson	156	Pat Curtis		113
Scott Richards	143	Paul Adams		100
Ray Fox	137	Jim Mastie		93
Jim Peyer	131	Scott Cuthrell		83*
Dieter Roth	131	Duane Henn		74*
John Maharg	123	Flight #4 (all scratch)		
Brad Goslin	122	Mike Hawrylo		159
Terry Wiseman	120	Asa Apley		143
Ken Zdrojewski	118	Dan Curtis		133
Bill Kritzman	117	Doug Lautner		132
Don Ouvry	110	Orvil Beecher		127
Fred Leeson	101	Tom Lis		121
Rich Tate	99	Charley Tunis		116
Mike Lowe	92	Terry Hendrick		114
Don Warner	79	Bruce LeValley		109
		Jeff Krol		103
		Anton Peters		103
		Bob Montgomery		99
		Bob Stickle		98
		Tavis Osentoski		86
Flight #2 (scratch)		Flight #5 (handicap)		
Jim Hobbs	145	Clate Sawdon		164
Brian Reinhardt	142	John Agar		134
Jim Fox 1	33	Pat Davis		131
Dave Hoard	129	Doug Laurie		131
Daryl Iwankovitch	128	Bert Althaver		129
Mike Ware	126	Bob Bredemeyer		129
Dave Weiler	126	Bill Ewald		127
Clark Erla	121	Dennis Meck		119
Craig Bellew	120	Aaron Mar		116
Jack Hool	117	Dave Keller		104
Ernie Bellew	114	Roger Apley		102
Gary Robinson	113	Thad Phelps		97
Jim Apley	108	Tom Thorold		93
Corey Ulfing	104*	Ed Mercado		89
Russ Biefer	103*			
Dan Mosher	63			
Flight #3 (all scratch)				
Jon Zdrojewski	155			
Dick Wallace	138			
Don Corrigan	136			
Dan Hittler	136			
Dave Oehring	134			
Rich Perkins	132			
Roy Tuckey	129			
Kevin Bliss	122			
Ed Knight	119			

*Points to be adjusted.

Boys' soccer practice set

Conditioning for boys' soccer starts Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at field one in the park. Varsity practice starts Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the varsity field behind the high school.

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LION OF THE YEAR. John Niebrzydowski (left) was recently presented one of the Cass City Civic Club's top honors for the 2002-2003 year. Presenting the award is past president Ken Martin Jr.

Arthritis Self-Help Course set at Huron Health Department

The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, and the Huron County Health Department are offering a 6-week course to give people with arthritis the knowledge and skills they need to take a more active part in their arthritis care.

Beginning the week of Aug. 11, the Arthritis Self-Help Course will be offered at the Huron County Health Department.

Attendees are encouraged to assume responsibility for the daily care of their arthritis, including any decisions or actions they must take to keep arthritis under control and to stay as independent as possible.

The key subjects taught in the course are exercise; relaxation; ways to save energy and use joints wisely; the role of medication and nutrition; and coping with depression, pain and other problems that result from arthritis. Participants use a textbook entitled The Arthritis Helpbook, which is written in easy-to-understand language.

Arthritis is a chronic condition that can be painful and crippling. Physical limitations caused by arthritis can often be accompanied by social isolation, depression and pain.

The Arthritis Self-Help Course was designed to re-

duce the impact arthritis can have on people's lives and encourage a positive approach to the problem. The course has proven to be an effective way for people with arthritis to educate and encourage each other. It is designed to complement, not replace, professional health care services.

The cost of the series is \$35, payable to the Arthritis Foundation, and includes receiving a copy of The Arthritis Helpbook. Pre-registration is necessary, and enrollment is limited. The registration deadline is July 31.

For more information, or to register, call the health department at (989) 269-9721 (ext. 185).

Obituaries

Barbara Bullis

Barbara Ann Bullis, 81, of Caro, died Friday, July 25, 2003 in her home.

She was born Feb. 20, 1922 in Yawkey, W. Va. to Walter Taylor and Effa (Pauley) Bell.

She married Walter Ray Bullis Jan. 31, 1959 in Montrose. He died April 10, 1999.

Bullis worked as a LPN nurse at Hurley Hospital in Flint for 17 years.

She is survived by her children: Mollie (Orville "Glen") Glendening of Kalispell, Mont., Michael Ray (Donna) McDaniel of Caro and Mahlon (Carol) Bullis of Portland, Ore.; 8

grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, June Ann Doan; a grandson, Ken McDaniel; a granddaughter, Holly Doan; and her brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 29, at Curry Funeral Home, Alum Creek, W. Va., with Keith McDaniel officiating.

Interment was in the Bell Family Cemetery, Yawkey, W. Va.

Memorials may be made to the United Hospice of Marlette.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Krystal Tracy

Krystal Lynn Tracy, 19, of Marlette, died Sunday, July 27, 2003 in Hurley Medical Center, Flint.

She was born March 20, 1984 in Lapeer, daughter of Dan and Bonny (Ferguson) Tracy.

She was a 2002 graduate of Marlette High School. She attended Grondin's College of Cosmetology, Lapeer and Howard's Caro Beauty School, Caro, where she received her beautician license. She was a member of the Hope Lutheran Church. Tracy worked for Speedy Q and the Main Street Clipper, Marlette.

She is survived by her father, Dan Tracy and friend Loretta of Port Austin; her mother, Bonny Tracy and fiancée Karl of Almont; a brother, Josh Tracy of Marlette; two sisters, Kristine (Harold) Howard of Marlette and Melissa Tracy of Almont; a grandmother, Lola Nicholas of Cass City; two nephews: Michael Tracy of Fostoria and Kaiden Howard of Marlette; and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 31, in the Hope Lutheran Church, Juhl.

Burial will be in the Marlette Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the family. Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc., Marlette.

Ruggles participates in National Angus show

Chelsea Ruggles of Kingston exhibited Angus cattle at the 2003 National Junior Angus Show at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky., July 13-19, according to John Crouch, executive vice president of the American Angus Association.

Ruggles, a junior member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo., is one of 789 young Angus breeders from 37 states who entered a total of 1,612 head in the show.

Bill Wilson, Cloverdale, Ind., was scheduled to judge the bred-and-owned breeding cattle, cow-calf pairs and steers. Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y., was scheduled to evaluate the owned breeding heifers.

The National Junior Angus Show is the largest single-breed registered beef cattle show in the world. This year's event hosted a beef cook-off, team sales competition, public speaking, photography,

graphic design, writing and poster contests in addition to the traditional cattle show.

The National Junior Angus Show is sponsored by the American Angus Association and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). The NJAA serves a membership of more than 11,000 junior Angus breeders in the United States and Canada.

New recycling program set

The Tuscola County Material Recovery Facility is starting a new program to collect and destroy "confidential" materials.

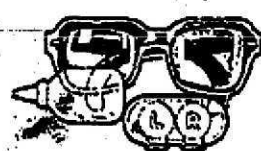
The cost to all businesses will be 20 cents per pound when brought to the facility. There will be only 2 designated individuals who will have contact with confidential material and both of these individuals are bonded for the safety of those documents.

To secure the confidentiality, appointments will need to be made in advance by calling (989) 672-1673. All material will be weighed upon arrival, and it will be necessary for the owner to complete a short form. The material will be shredded immediately upon receipt. Owners are welcome to monitor the destruction of their "confidential" material. Only one customer will be allowed in the shredding area in order to maintain confidentiality. Once the material is shredded, it will be baled up and sent to a paper mill or insulation company.

For convenience, the facility is offering pick-up service for all "confidential" material by calling the facility. It will be necessary to charge an additional fee of 36 cents per mile as well as the 20 cents per pound. A minimum of 500 pounds or more of material is required to qualify for the pick-up service.

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"After six short weeks the pain was completely gone."

Roy Jaster Jr. is in the family business with Jaster Construction. Over the years, he had continuing difficulty with lower back pain. Then, on vacation to the Indian River, a water skiing accident was the final straw.

The agony had finally just become too much. A friend referred Roy to Dr. Paese of The Knee & Orthopaedic Center. The diagnosis was three herniated disks of the lower lumbar region of the back. In 1992 Roy had back surgery, which Dr. Paese also had to consider before treatment was decided upon.

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McGregory Manor is home away from home

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of stories entitled, "A Day in the Life of..." which will provide insight into the careers of various professionals in the Cass City community.

by Melissa Herren
Staff Writer

At the McGregor Manor, Frank and Val Kemp treat their guests like family.

The McGregor Manor is a comfortable environment to stay in, and is somewhat of a home away from home, said Andrew Masterman, president of Walbro Engine Management, who stays at the bed and breakfast when he comes to Cass City on business. Frank and Val always give me a warm welcome to Cass City and they are very accommodating. "They always put feather pillows on my bed, just the way I like it, I don't drink coffee, and so they always have tea and other beverages available, and they always ask me what

kind of breakfast I want, light or heavy."

The Kemps go beyond the call of duty to make their guests' stay extra special. Besides keeping the small refrigerator in the entertainment room stocked with cold beverages, Val and Frank add a personal touch to a guest's stay like making popcorn on occasion for guests while they are watching a sporting event on TV, taking special breakfast requests, making sure the beverage of choice is outside the guest's door when their wakeup call rings, and Val has even offered to iron a businessman's shirt on occasion. "Our goal is to make people comfortable and provide them with a stress-free stay," Val said. "We always tell people this is your home away from home. If you want or need something, do not hesitate to ask."

People from all over the world and from all walks of life stay at the McGregor Manor. There are a lot of businessmen and women,

doctors, authors and illustrators who come to Cass City on business trips. There are also people who come to visit family in Cass City that stay with us, the Kemps said.

Yoshiaki Douyama, a design engineer from Walbro Japan, will be staying at the bed and breakfast for 6 months while working on a project at Walbro Engine Management. This is the third guest from Walbro Japan the Kemps have had staying with them for a longer period of time.

The Kemps have developed a lasting relationship with previous Japanese guests who stayed with them. "It's almost like having our kids back home," Frank said. The Kemps help bridge the cultural gap by helping them do things Americans find simple, but things that are difficult when living in another country like finding a doctor, or guiding them through an automated phone system. On occasion, Val makes food that is similar to

what they would eat in Japan. "The Japanese guests we have had in our home are very polite and kind," the Kemps agreed.

The Kemps play a special part in the lives of the people who stay with them. "A man who was staying at the bed and breakfast with his girlfriend asked us if we had wine glasses. He was holding a ring box and told us he was going to propose to his girlfriend. We gave him the bottle of champagne we kept from our wedding along with the champagne glasses we received as a wedding present. He placed the ring in the glass, and filled it with champagne. About 15 minutes later we heard a squeal come from upstairs. His fiancée came running down the stairs in tears saying, 'look what I got!'"

The Kemps continue to work their magic.

They offer a newlywed package for couples who stay at the Manor during their honeymoon. "We try to incorporate the color and flower scheme of their wedding in the room they are staying in, and find out their favorites. I often make heart shaped French toast for them for breakfast, and sometimes we put a bottle of champagne or sparkling juice in their room. Wedding nights are special. We don't have rooms with a Jacuzzi or fireplace, but we can shower guests with a lot of attention," Val said.

The beauty of running a bed and breakfast is that you never know from one guest to another what the day will bring, she said. Sometimes it is a nice conversation at breakfast, or an impromptu adventure. "We had a family stay with us that were on the road a lot, and as a result they always celebrated the holidays with an artificial Christmas tree. They wanted to know where they could get a real Christmas tree and so we took them to a Christmas tree farm. It was hysterical watching them cut down the tree," Val said.

The world is filled with a lot of interesting and likable people, she said. "We talk about everything with our guests, ranging from politics to our families." Everyone has a funny story to tell including prank jokes people have played on one another and funny wedding stories. "For the most part we have all experienced a lot of the same things, just in different degrees and colors," she said. A Vietnamese couple who

lived in Vietnam during the war are among the most interesting people who have stayed at the Manor, Val said. The man was an officer in the Vietnamese army during the war, but didn't want to be part of the war effort. The only way he could get out of the army was to die fighting, or get hurt so badly that he couldn't fight anymore.

"While talking to them I discovered the other side of the Vietnam story," she said. "I thought it was very interesting to learn that some of the Vietnamese people opposed the war. The man talked about the struggles he and his wife went through to escape Vietnam and expressed how grateful they were to be able to live in the United States."

Owning a bed and breakfast is not all fun and games. The Kemps said that running a bed and breakfast is a lot of hard work. "On your worst day you have to be willing to clean a bathroom," Val said. Running a bed and breakfast takes team effort. "We couldn't do it without each other," Frank said. Val had a lung reduction surgery and is hooked up to oxygen, but her health certainly has not hindered her spirit. "I just have to pace myself," she said.

On most days Val wakes up at 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. to start making breakfast, and on some days, breakfasts. If she has people on different schedules she sometimes makes 3 different breakfasts. She starts her day making fresh bread of some sort, usually muffins or scones, she said. While she is making breakfast, Frank sets the table and takes the food out to it and keeps the dishes washed.

On a day when the Manor is hopping, the Kemps may spend 6 hours completing daily tasks like doing laundry and ironing, stripping and making beds, cooking, cleaning toilets and yard work.

Days when people are not staying at the bed and breakfast are used to restock, deep clean and delve into maintenance projects. Val keeps herself busy making curtains, quilts or anything else that is needed to spruce up or tone down a room in the

house. "We make enough money to pay the bills, but anything extra goes back into the house," she said.

Frank and Val use their creativity every day, whether it's coming up with a new recipe, housing guests who spontaneously stop in, or putting a family of 4 in one bedroom, the Kemps said they enjoy the challenge.

The 101-year-old manor has a post Victorian look to it. The dining room features dark green and a rich rose colored pattern accented in gold and lined with antique teacups and saucers Val had before they purchased the bed and breakfast. "We want our house to have a comfortable appearance, like a trip to grandma's," Frank said. "Not like you are in a museum and can't touch anything."

And like all grandmas who touch the lives of many people, so do the Kemps. They have a collection of signed books with thank you notes in them and letters and treasures that guests have left, or sent them, thanking them for their hospitality. "When we started this business we never realized the impact we would have on people," Val said.

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday, July 30

Chicken Barbecue, 5:30-7 p.m., Kingston United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

Sports physicals, 1-5 p.m., North Branch HealthCare, 4000 Huron St., North Branch. For more information, call (810) 688-3048.

Sports physicals, 1-5 p.m., Kingston HealthCare, 5988 State St., Kingston. For more information, call (989) 683-2221.

Thursday, July 31

Picnic for those enrolled in Rawson Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program, noon, Cass City Park.

American Red Cross blood drive, Marlette Community Hospital, 3270 Wilson St., Marlette. Walk-in from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. For more information, call (989) 635-4012.

Friday, July 25

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Tuesday, August 5

Adult Diabetes Support Group, 2 p.m., Marlette Community Hospital, 3270 Wilson St., Marlette. For more information, call Resource Coordinator Dotty Korth, RN at (989) 635-4348.

Diabetes Self Management Education Class, Marlette Community Hospital, 3270 Wilson St., Marlette. For more information, call Resource Coordinator Dotty Korth, RN at (989) 635-4348. This program is state and nationally certified.

KLICK set to reopen

The Cass City Kids Learning In Computer Klubhouses (KLICK) program will reopen Aug. 5. The Cass City Middle School computer room will be open Tuesdays

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JENNIFER ANGLE, daughter of Nadeene and Dana Delong and Country 4-H'ers member, earned Reserve Champion pen honors in the sheep division. Weltin's Meat Packing bought her lamb.



CASS CITY Livestock Club member Christina Osentoski, daughter of Steve and Cheryl Osentoski, won Grand Champion honors for her Market Fryers. Osentoski Trucking bought the fryers for \$325.



MOORE MOTORS and Stephens and Moore PLLC bought Justin Ruggles' Grand Champion lamb for \$6.25 a pound. Ruggles is the son of Tim and Julie Ruggles and a member of the Country 4-H'ers.



WENDY WOOD, daughter of Jane and Keith Wood and member of the Country 4-H'ers, won Sr. and Overall Champion Showman honors in the feeder division. Caro Dairy Queen bought the feeder for \$770.



KATIE WOOD won Reserve Sr., and Overall Showman honors in the feeder division. Wood is the daughter of Jane and Keith Wood and a member of the Country 4-H'ers. Cooperative Elevator bought her feeder for \$1.65 a pound.



ERICA HERRON received Grand Champion individual Hog honors. She is a member of the Country 4-Her's and daughter of Bill and Ann Herron. Thumb Area Title was the highest bidder at \$2.95 a pound.

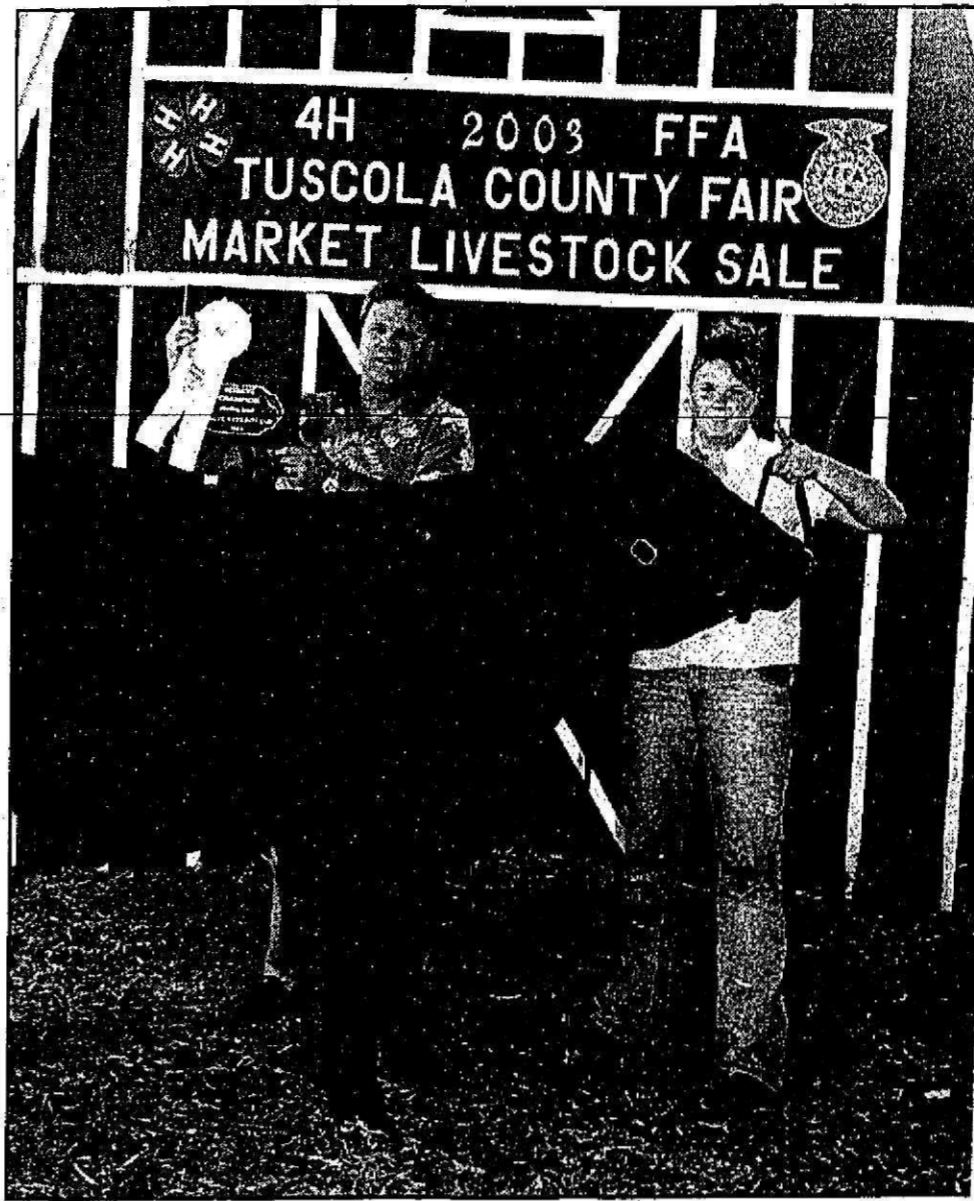


LITTLES ON FARMS bought Tyler Little's Reserve Champion beef steer. Little is the son of Dean and Patricia Little and a member of the Cass City Livestock Club.

Championship animals bring top prices



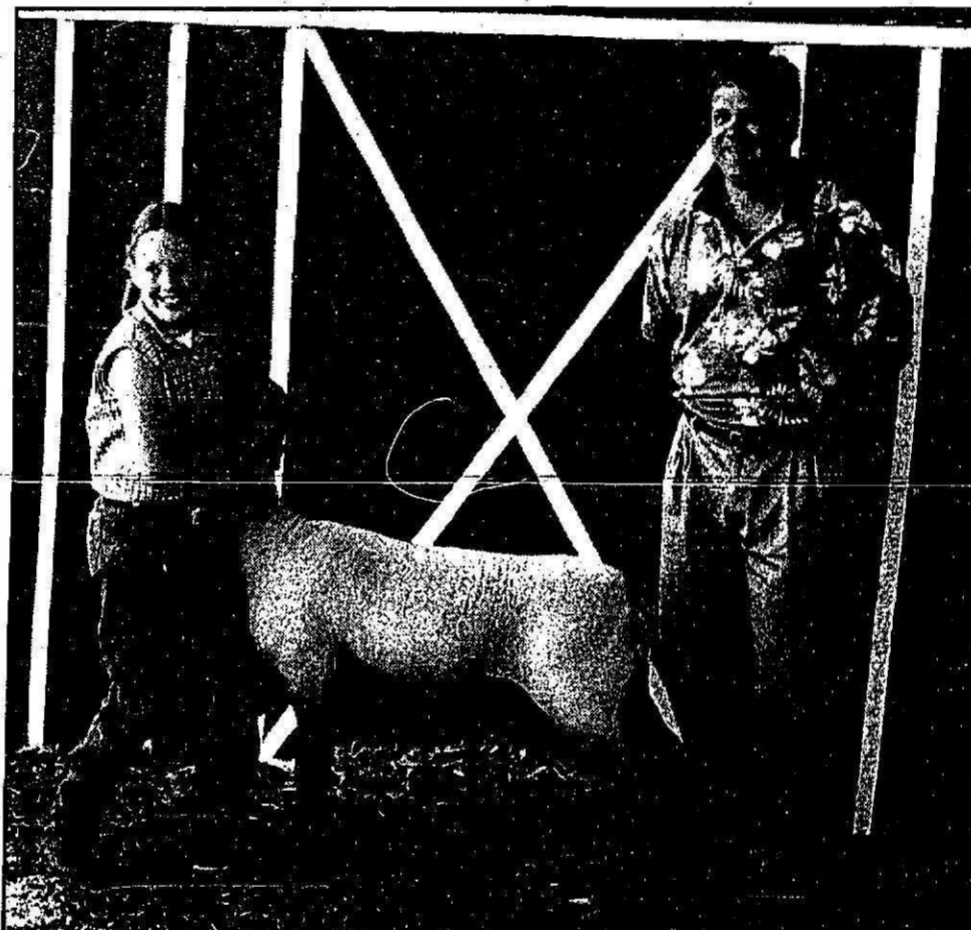
KELSEY RUSSELL received Grand Champion honors for her market goose. She is a member of the Cass City Livestock Club and daughter of Donald and Roseann Russell. Osentoski Trucking bought the Goose for \$400.



ERICA HERRON received Reserve Champion honors for her steer.



THE GRAND Champion rabbits belonged to Michael Milligan, Cass City Livestock Club member and son of David and Kris Milligan. Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran P.C. were the highest bidders at \$400.



QUINNLIN DAILY also won Reserve Champion honors for her lamb.



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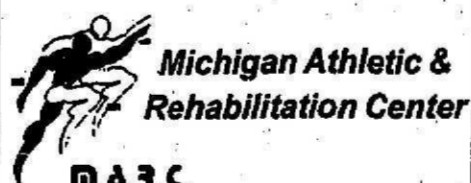
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Crackdown cuts fatalities

Law enforcement officers arrested 2,583 motorists for alcohol-related offenses during the statewide You Drink and Drive, You Lose, crackdown that took place June 27-July 13.

Preliminary statistics from the Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center, indicate there were 12 fatalities over the Fourth of July period, down from 30 in 2002.

While the number of alcohol arrests is down somewhat from the December 2002 mobilization, so is the number of agencies reporting statistics to the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). In December, there were 2,736 arrests for alcohol-related offenses reported by 337 law enforcement agencies. Most recently 279 agencies reported their activity to OHSP.

"Using a combination of publicity and enforcement, our goal remains to eliminate drunk driving," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP division director. "I believe we are moving in the right direction."

More than 550 Michigan law enforcement agencies took part in the crackdown. OHSP information shows agencies logged 61,373 patrol hours, stopping 48,258 vehicles and making 613 felony and 4,004 misdemeanor arrests.

In addition, officers issued 3,606 safety belt citations and 14,595 speeding tickets.

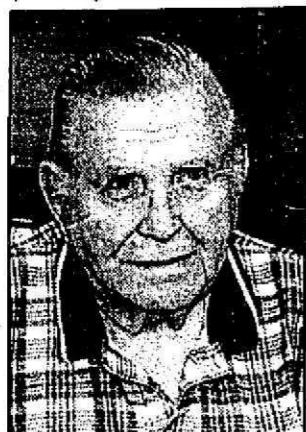
Your neighbor says

Drug costs too high and will get worse

When asked about whether or not the rising cost of healthcare and drug costs is a concern, Lyle DeRousse, who is retired and has lived in Cass City during the summers for 10 years, said yes.

"I think drug costs are too high and I think we have only seen the tip of the iceberg. I think things are going to get worse. More and more people are going to need to rely on Medicare and the resources are limited. This will impact my family. I believe the medical profession is doing a marvelous job, but there isn't any leadership when it comes to directing resources."

DeRousse stays in Cass City during the summer months and lives in Florida the rest of the year. He likes living in Cass City during the summer because he likes the people and the slow and relaxed pace.



Letter to the editor

Walk-run benefit raises \$3,200

Dear Cass City Community, On behalf of "Laps of Love" (a walk/run benefit for the American Cancer Society's chapter of the Relay for Life and the Alison Emmert Scholarship Fund)—a big thank you is in order.

On July 5, from 1-4 p.m. a team of walkers/runners accumulated over 125 miles on the Cass City track (that's over 500 laps).

The community supported their efforts in gifts totaling over \$3,200. For this, we are grateful! With all the worthy projects and fundraisers going on in Cass City already, and considering the economic times, your generous contributions to a new event were especially appreciated.

Our hope is to have another walk/run benefit next year. Your participation will be welcomed, but for the moment please accept our heartfelt thanks for this initial program.

Sincerely,
Chuck & Amy Emmert
"Laps of Love 2003"

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.

HDC sets dementia ed.

The Human Development Commission (HDC) has announced that it will sponsor Dementia Education Trainings Thursday, Aug. 14 and Thursday, Aug. 28. Sessions will be held at the HDC Caro Senior Dining Center at 429 Montague Ave.

A portion of the funding for this series is provided by the Administration on Aging, Alzheimer's Disease Specialized Respite and Demonstration grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health.

These educational sessions are being offered in Tuscola County to help providers develop and maintain the appropriate care for persons with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia and will cover topics such as the importance of communication, safety issues, dementia sensitivity and caring for the caregiver.

The sessions are provided free of charge and refreshments will be provided. The sessions are limited to 20 participants, so early registration is essential.

For more information on dementia, or to register for the HDC Dementia Education Series, contact Kelly Richmond, M.S.W., at (989) 673-4121.

Kettering honors 2 area pupils on dean's list

Officials at Kettering University, Flint, have announced the school's dean's list for winter 2003.

The dean's list is an honor earned by students who, in a given term, have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 out of a possible 100, have received no grades below 85 and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.

Area students named to the dean's list are James Hollenbeck of Bad Axe and Brad Roche of Cass City. Kettering University is one of the country's premier co-op institutions, providing 2,500 students with career-based education in engineering, applied sciences, mathematics and business management.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Evergreen Township Park continues to stay in tip-top shape thanks to 2 area residents. Emerson and Maxine Kennedy, who live almost directly across from the park, have mowed grass, picked up trash and replaced light bulbs for the past 12 years.

Emerson, with a happy laugh, said, "I enjoy doing this, it gives me something to do since I've retired. I also enjoy meeting all the people down there."

Judi Haas displays the new "Friends of the Octagon Barn" calendar. She is one of the local artists whose work is featured in the 1999 edition on sale at various locations in downtown Cass City. Money from the sales will help the group's restoration efforts on the 1923 barn.

Cass City police are investigating the theft of a new pickup truck that was apparently stripped clean and then set on fire about 8 miles southwest of the village last week. The vehicle, a 1998 Chevrolet S-10 valued at \$15,000, was reported stolen by Randy J. Whittaker II, Cass City. Whittaker told police he parked the pickup at his place of employment, Walbro Corporation, Cass City, July 22 at about 11 p.m. He discovered the vehicle missing Thursday at about 6:50 a.m.

10 YEARS AGO

The Cass City arts and crafts program had 61 youngsters march proudly down Main Street Friday in the first kids' parade in 4 years.

Sister Joan Maher is ready to get involved with her new community in Gagetown as the new pastoral administrator at St. Agatha's Catholic Church.

Nine swimmers took part in the annual swim-a-thon to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association at the Cass City pool from noon Friday to noon Saturday last week.

25 YEARS AGO

John (Richie) Kamrad and his son John and Harold Perry and his grandson Troy

Perry have something in common. They were in a tornado and lived to tell about it. The tornado struck about 4:30 p.m. last Wednesday at the Dorothy Perry farm on McGregory Rd., north of Cass City. "We knew it was going to storm," Kamrad said, "so I said to John, 'We better get out of here.'" John said later he had seen a funnel cloud. "I looked up and everything was..." finishing the sentence by making a twirling motion with his fingers.

Kyosti Karttunen, 17, from Finland and Charlotte Oskarsson, 18, from Sweden have been visiting Cass City as participants in the Lions Club exchange program. Kyosti, who has been staying with the Ken Martin family, arrived June 29 and departs Monday. Charlotte, who stayed with the Allen Witherspoon family, arrived June 25 and left last Wednesday.

Steven Ross, 9, a member of Cub Scout Pack 3594, has been presented a certificate of merit from the Lake Huron Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for having rescued his sister, Amy, 4, from possible drowning. The incident took place in March while the Ross family was visiting relatives in Caro. Steve, Amy and their other brother Darren were playing outside alongside a ditch. Amy stepped to the edge, which gave way, dropping her into the water-filled ditch. Because of the spring thaw, the water was flowing rapidly. While Darren ran for help, Steve stepped onto the muddy bank and was able to pull his sister out of the water.

35 YEARS AGO

A blazing fire in a barn cut phone service in most of Cass City Wednesday morning. The barn housed only an old model car. Qualified observers said that the biggest loss will be the cost of restoring phone service to the community. The fire melted the main cables near the building. Sam Urchick, Cass City, said that he saw two children about 8 years old leave the barn and noticed the fire about 20 minutes later. He called the alarm at 10:30 a.m. The Elkland

Township Fire Department, assisted by the Caro Fire Department, kept the fire from spreading.

Original plans to extend Church Street east of Seeger as a 40-foot wide major traffic artery were abandoned in favor of a 38-foot wide street. The problem is the concrete storm sewer that is directly under one edge where the curb for a 40-foot sewer would be too close to the surface to allow proper installation of the curb.

Changes caused by the resignation of two General Cable executives were announced this week at the Cass City plant. William Leverich and his immediate supervisor, John Scandalios, resigned their Cable posts to become vice-president and president of the Loral Company in New Jersey. Their resignation opened the way for the long anticipated rise to plant manager of John Lyle, Caro.

Volunteers needed

The Tuscola County Faith-In-Action volunteers are seeking volunteers to drive people to the doctor, pharmacy, grocery store, etc., do grocery shopping for the shut-ins, friendly visiting, respite care, telephone reassurance, business matters (assisting the vision impaired with paying of bills, letter writing, etc.) and much more.

Volunteers may choose which services they would like to provide and may turn down any request for service. Services are provided on weekdays, evenings and/or weekends.

Volunteers must attend one 2-hour orientation/training session on the following dates:

Thursday, July 31, 10 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; or Tuesday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The sessions will be held at the Akron Community Church of God, located at 3703 N. Main St., Akron. Please reserve your time by calling Sandi at (989) 693-6183 or toll-free at 1-877-693-6183.

Tuscola Technology Center

Fall 2003

Evening Class Schedule

Computer Classes

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- Digital Camera Basics
- Exploring the Palm Pilot
- Firewall-Security for your PC
- HTML
- Introduction to Computers
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Publisher
- Microsoft Windows XP
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- Quickbooks Pro Basics
- Using the Internet
- Virus-Getting Rid of the Bugs!

Career-Technical Classes

- A+ Certification
- Basic Construction
- Blueprint Reading for Machinists
- Certified Nurse Aide Training
- Computer Numerical Control
- Drafting Basics
- GED Preparation & Testing
- High Performance Engines
- Machining
- Medical Terminology
- Network + Certification
- Welding & Cutting

Senior Citizen Classes

- Home Buyers Workshop
- Introduction to Computers Level I, II, & III
- Senior PrintMaster Gold
- Therapeutic Water Exercise
- Windows XP for Seniors

Personal Development Classes

- Adult CPR
- Art of Drawing
- Basic Quilt Blocks
- Beginning Guitar
- Community First Aid
- Crocheting Basics
- Dynamic Window Displays
- Home Buyers Workshop
- Knitting Basics
- Market Yourself-Resume/Interviews
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- Therapeutic Water Exercise

Youth Activities

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- Water Baby Swim

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Fall



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Cass City Area Church Directory

Cass City Church of Christ

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Contacts: 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene

6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study
& Children's Activities 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Rev. Darold Ward

Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: David Edwards

Cass City United Methodist Church

5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. George F. Ward

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1392 Kingston Rd., Deford, MI 48729
989-872-4051 (parsonage)
989-872-4055 (church)
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Worship 10:45 a.m.
Contemporary & Traditional 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: David Mercer
email: dmercer@band.net
website: defordcommunitychurch.org

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

First Baptist Church

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
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First Presbyterian Church

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6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Gagetown United Methodist Church

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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: John Helm

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Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David McKnight, a married man, and Lisa McKnight, his wife (original mortgagors), to Geniys Financial, Mortgage, dated March 16, 2001 and recorded on April 9, 2001 in Liber 827 on Page 1184 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated February 12, 2002, which was recorded on February 28, 2002, in Liber 867 on Page 1299, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 22/100 dollars (\$76,172.22), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on August 7, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

That Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, beginning at the Southwest corner of said section; thence North along the West line of said section 660 feet; thence East parallel to the South line of said Section 727 feet; thence South 660 feet to the South line of said Section; thence West along said South line 727 feet to the point of beginning. Except land being known as the School House Lot of School, District No. 7 also known as One Square Acre in the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, Township of Fremont.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 9, 2003
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
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TROTT & TROTT, P.C., Attorneys and Counselors
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Case No. 03-0110-SP

STATE OF MICHIGAN
71B Judicial Circuit
440 N. State St.
Caro, MI 48723
(989) 672-3800

Plaintiff:
LASALLE BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS AS INDENTURE
TRUSTEE FOR CSFB MORTGAGE
BACKED NOTES SERIES 2003-NP-6

vs.

Defendants:
TERRY A. HANKS, SR.
CATHLEENA HANKS
MR. AND MRS. OCCUPANT
1010 WEST BARNES ROAD
FOSTORIA, MI 48435

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: TERRY A. HANKS, SR. AND CATHLEENA HANKS

IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to FORFEIT A LAND CONTRACT. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before AUGUST 27, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in CASS CITY CHRONICLE for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Agent shall post a copy of this order in the courthouse, and at Tuscola County Municipal Building, and at Comer Cafe in Caro, Michigan, for three consecutive weeks, and shall file proof of posting in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendants at the above address at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: July 10, 2003

Michael J. Matuzak
Judge

Bar No. 33668

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AUSTRIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ASTRUTTER UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2002, AMONG CREDIT-BASED ASSET SERVICING AND SECURITIZATION LLC, ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION, LITTON LOAN SERVICING AND IP MORGAN CHASE BANK, C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-CB1, WITHOUT RECOURSE, by an assignment dated November 13, 2001 and recorded on June 24, 2003 in Liber 938 on Page 392, TUSCOLA County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty nine thousand five hundred fifty two and 71/100 Dollars (\$69,552.71), including interest at 8.620% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, at 11:00 AM on August 21, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TWP. OF ELKLAND, TUSCOLA County, Michigan, and are described as:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, THENCE EAST 208 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 208 FEET, THENCE WEST 208 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated: July 16, 2003

THE CITICORP CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.

Assignee of Mortgage

ATTORNEY FOR:
Assignee of Mortgage
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that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, at 10:00 AM, on August 14, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 400 feet of the East 500 feet of the South 200 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Tuscola County Records.

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

Dated: July 16, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce Aubert, AKA Bruce Allen Aubert, and Tammy Aubert, AKA Tammy Lynn Aubert, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Mortgage Company), Mortgage, dated November 20, 1998 and recorded November 20, 1998 in Liber 756, Page 471, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twelve and 64/100 Dollars (\$67,512.64), including interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on July 31, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

A Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing at a point 570 feet North of the Centerline of C&O Railroad on the North-South 1/4 line; thence West 400 feet; thence South to the North right of way line of said C&O Railroad; thence Southeast along said North right of way line of the C&O Railroad to the North-South 1/4 line; thence North along said North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: July 2, 2003

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mortgagors), to Standard Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Mortgage, dated May 7, 1998 and recorded on June 5, 1998 in Liber 741 on Page 1055 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 24/100 dollars (\$159,835.24), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 14, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, lying Easterly of the centerline of M-15, and part of the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, describes as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33, Town 10 North, Range 8 East; thence South 11 degrees 38 minutes 23 seconds East 1741.53 feet along an extension of the centerline of state trunkline M-15 to the point of beginning; running thence East 1382.37 feet; thence North to the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 33; thence Westerly along the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 to a point 500 feet Easterly of the centerline of M-15; thence South 150 feet; thence Westerly to the centerline of M-15; thence along the centerline of M-15, South 11 degrees 38 minutes 23 seconds east to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 16, 2003

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arden J. Thompson and Cynthia L. Thompson (original mortgagors), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 2, 2002 and recorded on October 16, 2002 in Liber 898 on Page 569 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE AND 02/100 DOLLARS (\$85,339.02), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 28, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF DAYTON, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 11, Town 11 North, Range 10 East; thence West 395 feet along the South line of the said Section 11; thence North at right angles to the Section line 91.52 feet along the centerline of Sucker Creek Drain; thence North 34 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds East, 719.02 feet to the East line on said Section 11; thence South 690.00 feet along the Section line to the point of beginning; being part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 11 North, Range 10 East, Dayton Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 30, 2003
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Services

BYLER'S MINI BARNs - 8x8, \$550; 8x10, \$650; 8x12, \$750; 10x12, \$950; 12x20, \$1,600. Other sizes available. 8x8 economy barn, \$375. Erwin Byler, 7155 E. Kelly Rd. 989-872-3679; leave message. 8-7-9-ff

Help Wanted

LPN

Progressive, growth-oriented hospital seeking LPN for a Full-time position in the Emergency Department. Health and Disability Insurance offered. Will start at a rate compensatory with experience.

If you're looking for hands on care giving and care managing while working with a great TEAM, please send or fax your resume to: Hills and Dales Hospital, 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726. Fax: (989) 872-5791 Attention: Human Resource Department. 11-7-23-2

Help Wanted

INSTALLING INSULATION and some light construction. Call Michigan Insulation, 872-1584. 11-7-16-3

AVON REPRESENTATIVES needed - 50% commission, free kit, \$10 registration fee. 866-484-9741 (ind/rep). 11-7-9-4

Help Wanted

SATCHELL'S CHRISTIAN Adult Foster Care Home is looking for part-time help - weekends. Caro, 989-673-3329. 11-6-4-ff

RN & LPN

Positions available. Benefits and Competitive Wages

Send resume to: Caro Community Hospital Attn: Human Resources P.O. Box 71, Caro, MI 48723 (989) 673-3141 11-7-10-ff

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Cass City, MI 48726

Sfrazee@hillsanddales.com

Fax: (989) 872-5791

Attention: Human Resource Department.

11-7-23-2

Help Wanted

Advertisement for Employment

The Tuscola County Farm Service Agency is accepting applications for permanent office employment. A copy of the vacancy announcement is available at www.usajobs.gov.

Applications may be submitted at the Farm Service Agency Office located at 1075 Cleaver Road, Caro, MI 48723, until July 31, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

FSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer
11-7-23-2

Help Wanted

Thumb area manufacturing company has an immediate opening for a:

Maintenance Technician

We offer a challenging position with excellent benefits for a hands-on team oriented individual who possesses the following qualifications:

- Must possess valid driver's license with excellent driving record
- Self motivated, positive attitude
- Knowledgeable in maintenance of industrial equipment
- Machining experience with lathes, mills, and grinders beneficial
- Forklift experience beneficial

For consideration, please send resume and wage requirements to:

Box A, c/o Cass City Chronicle
P.O. Box 115, Cass City, MI 48726 11-7-30-1

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED - local butcher shop. Butchers and wrappers, part-time. Must be able to process deer, elk, hogs and buffalo. 989-658-8634 11-7-16-3

HELP WANTED - deli department. Flexible hours; days, nights and weekends. Apply in person at Eria's Food Center, 6233 Church St., Cass City. 11-7-2-ff

Respiratory Therapist

Growth-oriented company looking for Temporary Part-Time Respiratory Therapist to perform physical assessment of patients, set up respiratory therapy equipment and render basic diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. RRT or CRTT required.

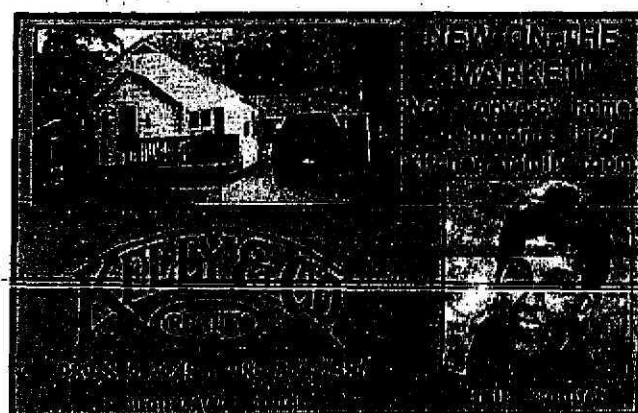
Send or fax resume to: Hills and Dales General Hospital, 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726, Attention: Sharon Frazee. Fax: (989) 872-5791 or E-mail to: Sfrazee@hillsanddales.com. 11-7-23-2

Fitness Instructors

Progressive, growth-oriented hospital seeking an individual for Fitness Instructor position. Responsible for teaching Fitness in a class setting. High School Diploma or equivalent, C.P.R. Certification and First Aid Certification required.

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Real Estate For Sale



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IMMEDIATE POSSESSION!!!
Pinecrest Senior Park - 2 bedroom with 21'x8' attached sun porch with storage - could be converted into a garage. Included in price all appliances, 2 window air conditioners, curtains and shed. \$10,000. MH849

Card of Thanks

I WOULD LIKE TO thank everyone who has been so kind and thoughtful by sending cards, visits, telephone calls and prayers for my recovery. I still have a long way to go, but thank you from the bottom of my heart. Bob Speirs 13-7-30-1

RN

Are you seeking paid full family health coverage?

A one-to-five patient ratio?

Look no further!

Growth-oriented hospital located in a rural area surrounded by a friendly atmosphere is seeking motivated individuals with a progressive attitude. Will start at a rate compensatory with experience. Current RN License, Bachelors of Science in Nursing, or previous experience preferred. These positions available:

1 Full Time Med-Surg RN PM shift
1 Full Time ER RN PM shift

Also, searching for experienced Home Health RNs:

1 Full Time Home Health RN Days

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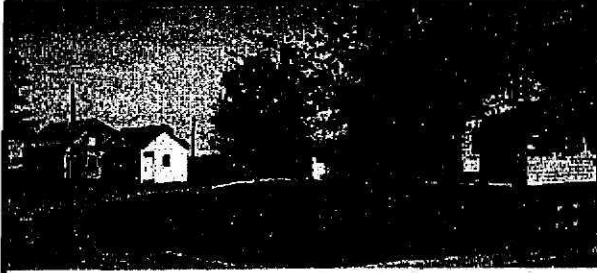


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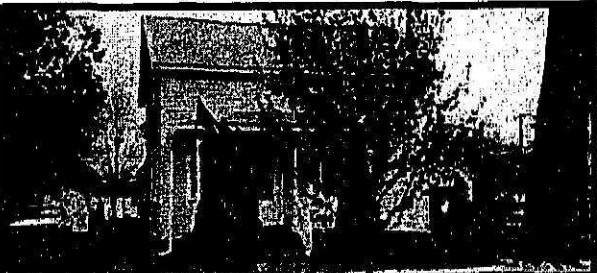
Nice 3 Bedroom Home Near Unionville with 2 1/2 Car Garage - Many updates. Has 12'x16' deck in back. A must see home. Reduced to \$113,900. Cy2359



Sebawaing Area - 3-4 bedroom home located near Sebawaing on a paved road. Oak floors downstairs and up. Has a barn, machine shed, storage shed, workshop and small guesthouse. All this on 5 acres. Cy2367



Nice 4 Bedroom Home with Fenced-in Yard - Great room with fireplace. Recently remodeled kitchen. Large detached garage and 10'x15' shed. Close to schools, shopping, etc. Motivated sellers. \$84,900. TCC1394



Cute Home Located in the Southeast Part of Cass City - Lots of cupboards in kitchen. Upstairs has an open bedroom. Large grape trellis in backyard. Needs some TLC to suit your taste. TCC1393



Immediate Possession! 50s style brick, 1 1/2 story home on double lot and matching garage. This home features 2 large bedrooms, living room with fireplace, country kitchen and full basement. Freshly painted and new floor covering - ready to move in. This home has room for 3rd bedroom on 2nd floor and plenty of room for the family to grow. TCC1396



Close to Cass City Schools - This is a must see home. Living flows from front of house to backyard, including 2 picture windows. Nice den/family room. \$99,900. TCC1367

LISTINGS WANTED - We have buyers waiting for property.



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HOMES OF THE WEEK



New!!! THIS VIEW COMES WITH..
A 2-bedroom chalet. Nice for vacation get-aways or living on the water. Includes a smaller lot across the street also. Call Marty O. for a showing SOON. AF-135



New!!! Let's Make A Deal!
3.963 acres and a very low price tag. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, full basement. This property is being sold for less than purchased. Needs some work. Call and ask Marty or Lola for a tour. P.A. Pending. M-258



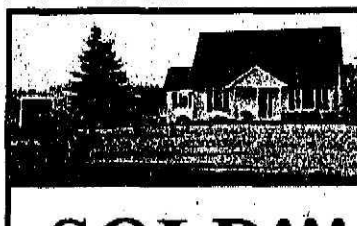
New!!! Wide Open Space! Room to have... anything you want. Home offers 1,500+/- sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 1st floor utility room, mud room. 1+ car garage and shed. All on 60 acres to farm or raise horses. Call Marty today.



New!!! Walk Right In! Features abound in this 1,700+/- sq. ft. bi-level. 2 1/2 bedrooms, living and family room, partial basement. 2+ car attached garage. New tear-off roof, furnace and central air. Yard is 2 acres mature trees. 14'x26' deck for family fun. Call Marty O. to walk right in. CC-500



Highlight of the Neighborhood! This 1,100 sq. ft. ranch offers 3 bedrooms, full walkout basement, appliances, 2 car attached garage, 2 acres. Did we mention the 2 extra sheds, newer windows, water softener? Call Marty O. for the rest of this home's distinctions. UB-86



SOLD!!!

Your wait is over, this 1,800 sq. ft. home leaves nothing to be desired. 1st floor master bedroom and bath, laundry, dining area, enclosed garden room. Full extra tall basement. Large lot with 20'x40' pole building. CC-436

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Standard and Poor's study

Cass City Schools above average

Standard and Poor's, the Wall Street analytical firm, studied Michigan schools, comparing results with peer

schools as a group and also with all schools in the state. Supt. Ken Micklash released the information for 2002 at a

recent meeting of the Cass City School Board. In general, the report revealed "Relative to other

school districts in Michigan, Cass City Public Schools produces moderately above-average student results with

moderately below average spending per student."

When compared to a composite of peer districts with similar demographic characteristics, the district has "above average student results with comparable per-student spending."

In Michigan, 2 tests are keys to student achievement and abilities. In Michigan Education Achievement Program (MEAP) tests Cass City recorded moderately above-average passing rate and participation. It is also moderately above average in MEAP excelling rate.

The MEAP tests were taken by 92.2 percent of Cass City students. Passing the tests were 57.5 percent compared with 50.7 percent for peer schools and 52.8 percent for all schools.

MEAP excelling rates were achieved by 13.9 percent as compared to 12 percent for peers and 13.4 percent statewide.

Cass City had wide participation in the American College Testing program (ACT), but slightly lower mean scores. Participating from Cass City were 75.4 percent of its students, compared to 56.6 percent in the peer group and 57.2 percent statewide.

With its wide participation in ACT, Cass City's mean score was 20.5 percent,

slightly under the peer group with 20.8 percent and all state schools with 21 percent. Micklash said that an average score for students seeking college admission was about 22-23.

The ACT test is very important in gaining admittance. Micklash said that generally it takes a score of about 27-28 to be considered for U of M and about 25-27 to be considered for Michigan State. All 4-year colleges rely on the ACT results, he said.

SCHOOL COSTS

Cass City's cost of operation on a per-student basis was \$7,035 and is comparable to its peer group, but moderately lower than the state average of \$7,733. The district's per-student operating expenditures increased by an average of 6.9 percent per year, which is greater than the average annual state and peer increases.

The district's trend reflected an average increase in total operating expenditures of 5.8 percent and a one percent decrease in full-time enrollment over the same period.

In Cass City, \$4,349 per student was spent on instruction, which was on par with its peer group and state averages.

Cass City's cost of administration was \$684 per student, well below the state average of \$956 and lower than the peer group average of \$797. Statewide, only 7.1 percent of Michigan's school districts spend less.

Of the district's total administration costs, just 31.7 percent is allocated to central administration. On a per-student basis, the central administrative expenditures of \$217 are well below the state average and also lower than the peer group. Only 1.1 percent of school districts in the state spend less.

The average teacher salary is \$50,556, comparable to state and peer averages. The district's student-teacher ratio of 18.3 to one is moderately above the state average of 17.2 to one, but comparable to the peer group average.

It should be noted again that the figures are for the 2002 year. They are the latest available and there have been marked changes in staff, employment and costs since that time as the district adjusted to the challenge of a continuing loss of students. At the time of the report the enrollment was 1,567 and in mid-February this year it was 1,555.

VBS set

Children age 4 through grade 6 are invited to Rancho Roundup Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 6820 Main St., Cass City, Aug. 4-8, from 9-11:45 a.m.

The theme for this year's program is, Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Bible stories, music, crafts, games and snacks will be included in the week's activities.

For more information, or to register, call the church office at 872-2770.

Pie contest

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ing kept secret to avoid any hint of indiscretion.

Judging for this event will be based on appearance, taste and texture. Pies must be homemade ("from scratch"), 9 or 10 inches round with a top and bottom crust. Along with the \$3 entry fee, participants must submit their printed recipe on contest day along with the baked pie, which will not be returned.

There is a mandatory pre-registration period through July 30 at 3 p.m. To register as an entrant, please call (989) 872-8131 (Becky) weekdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Council meets

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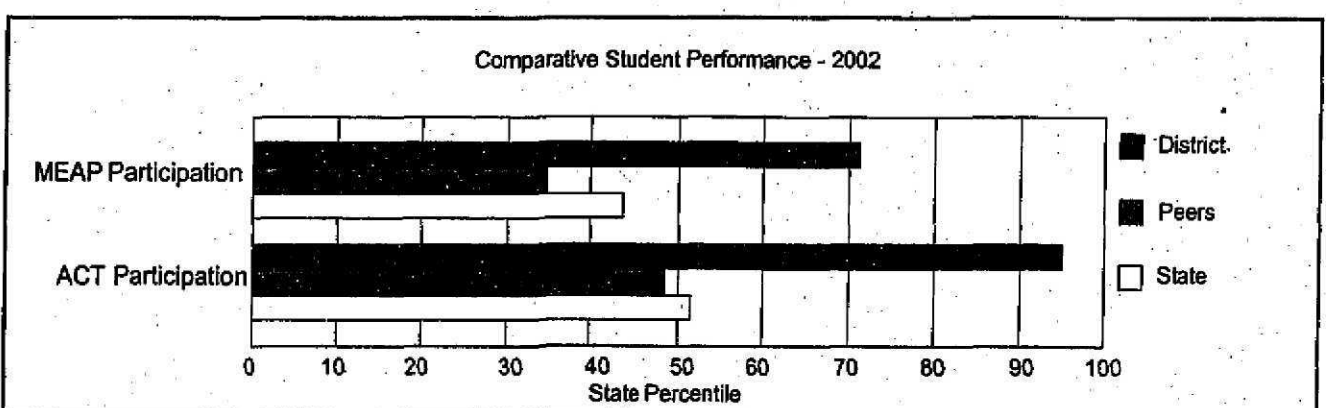
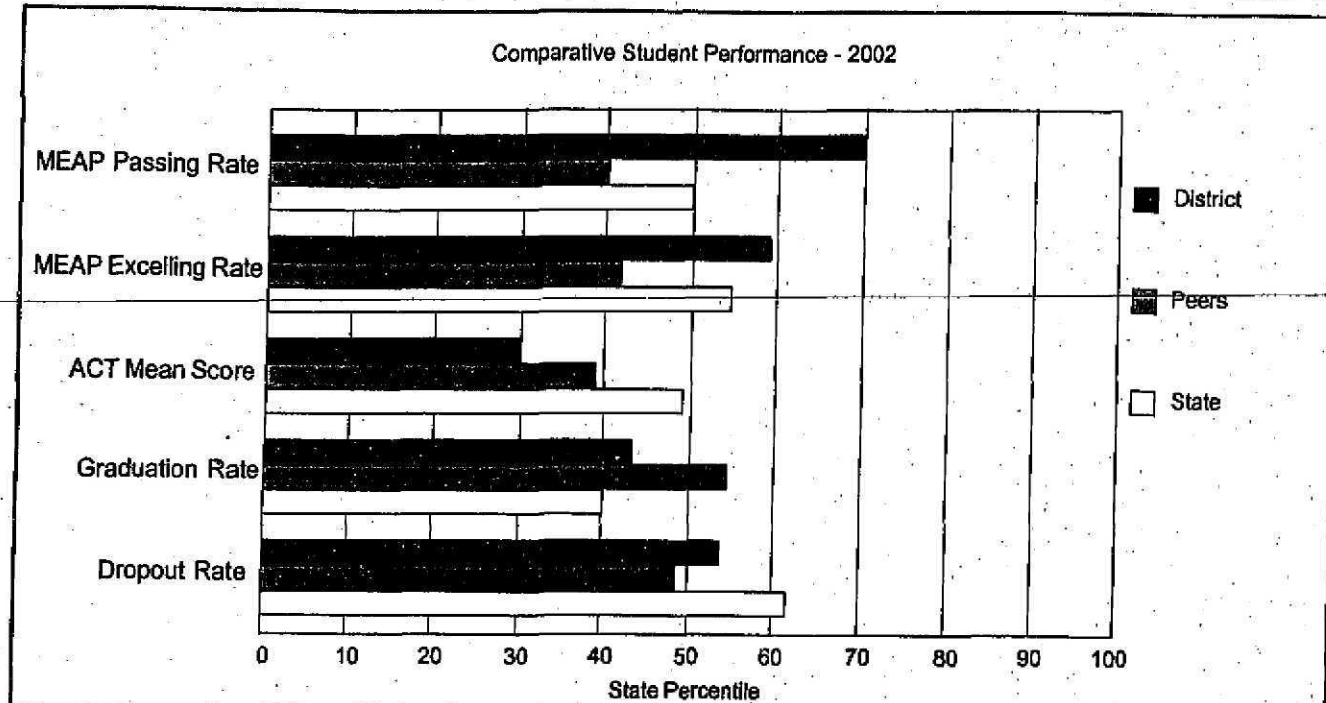
complete activities to comply with the law. The village has contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw to determine the options available, and the cost to comply with the arsenic law.

In other news, the village council unanimously agreed to pay inexperienced police officers in training a lower wage. The officers-in-training will ride with police officers to gain experience, and as their duties increase, so will their pay. When they are able to pull their own weight, they will earn regular pay, said Gene Wilson, Chief of Police.

The pool was closed on July 4 this year and in 2001 and 2002 due to low usage. Most people spend time with their families on the Fourth of July, Sheridan said. The council voted unanimously to provide free swimming in the pool from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. next July 4.

The village has traced the source of high levels of silver that have come into the waste stream and is working with the business to reduce the discharge.

Michigan Department of Transportation has approved the village's request to close portions of Main Street for the Summer Mania.



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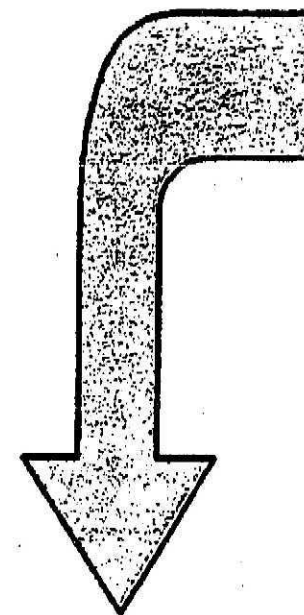
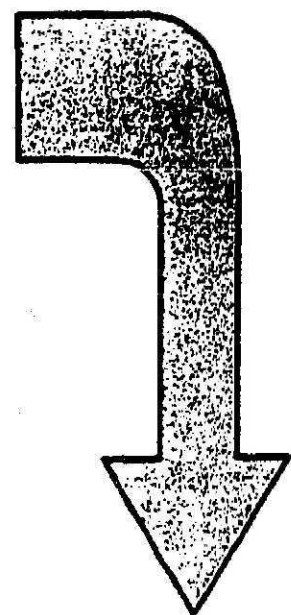
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