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# O-G approaches funds cautiously

could cash in on some federal "Race final decision. to the Top" funding, but school officials are approaching the idea with

dated board of education members on Education, which plans to reward the program during a rescheduled states for past accomplishments in edmonthly meeting Monday night.

ticipating in the program, and re- (ARRA) funding viewed a letter from the district's law The competitive grants, officials say, state of Michigan officials regarding targeting school improvement. Owen-Gage's interest — in participating, but officials want to be certain ble than it's worth.

are restrictions on how you can use est-performing schools.

Compton recommended that the

The Owen-Gage School District board wait until to January to make a

The \$4.35 billion Race to the Top fund is the largest-ever federal competitive investment in school reform. School Supt. Dana Compton up- according to the U.S. Department of ucation and create incentives for fu-Board members discussed what ture improvements utilizing American Compton described as pitfalls in par- Recovery and Reinvestment Act

firm on the topic. Compton said the will be used to challenge states to credistrict has prepared a "memorandum" ate comprehensive strategies for adof understanding" — a guarantee to dressing 4 central areas of reform

They are: adopting internationally benchmarked standards and assessthey can back out should they decide ments that prepare students for sucthe funding is going to be more troucess in college and the workplace; recruiting, developing, retaining and "Our share of that (money) would be rewarding effective teachers and prinjust under \$20,000, but the bottom cipals; building data systems that line is, there are a lot of hoops that are measure student success and inform included in this project, so it could be teachers and principals how they can a little dicey to do it, and then there improve; and turning around the low-

In other business Monday, the board Please turn to back page.



SATURDAY WAS "pack day" for the Cass City Rotary Club's annual Christmas for Kids project, which served a record 400 needy children this year. Among the volunteers helping out at the project headquarters, Curtis Chrysler in Cass City, were (from left) Bert Althaver, Pat Curtis, Colleen Langenburg, Susan Walsh, Andy Gray and Gray's daughter, Kalee, 6.

# Christmas for Kids serves 400 this year

The holidays can fly by fast when you're trying to tackle the monumental task of ensuring a merry Christmas for dozens of youngsters.

Just ask Pat Curtis, who along with his fellow Cass City Rotary Club members have spent the past few weeks organizing their 11th annual Christmas for Kids campaign, collecting donations, cash contributions, shopping for gifts and, of course, sorting and packing items for each family on their list.

"It went by fast," Curtis acknowledged Friday, a day before club members were slated to gather at the campaign's headquarters, Curtis Chrysler in Cass City, to pack gifts. Families were scheduled to pick up their packages Monday.

Not surprisingly, this year's effort proved to be a tall order, with so many families struggling financially.

The Rotary Club served a record number of families, and Curtis, who headed up the effort along with Colleen Langenburg and Matt Prieskorn, described the campaign as another resounding success.

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# Record \$20.67 million awarded in Tuscola Co.

A Tuscola County Circuit Court jury awards, respectively, to the amounts verdict has resulted in a record of \$12,170,757 for LEC, \$3,752,361 \$20,675,913 award to Laethem for LFSC and \$42,852 for Canusa. Equipment Company (LEC) of Caro, Laethem Farm Services Co. (LFSC) of Fairgrove and Canusa Equipment ing, embezzling or converting prop-Company of Caro.

jury of 3 women and 4 men, after de- judge, the news release states. liberating for 90 minutes, awarded more than \$4 million to LEC, some \$1.25 million to LFSC and \$14,284 to Canusa Equipment Company against J & D Implement Inc., an Ohio corporation, for conversion of their prop-

According to a news release issued Monday, Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn last week signed a judgment tripling those

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Under the law, when a person is damaged because of someone stealerty, they can recover 3 times the The award stems from a verdict actual damages and are also entitled handed down in circuit court last to costs and reasonable attorney fees month following a 6-day trial, when a in an amount determined by the

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2009-10 campaign on track U-W distributes 62 baskets Saturday

some 400 children in the Cass City Heiser, Cass City, officials were able of Tuscola County officials were just lend a hand to needy families this holiday season.

from a storage barn located behind handful of Erla's employees assisted with the distributions.

While Cass City Rotary Club mem- According to United Way of Tuscola "In addition, United Way of Tuscola banks. bers were packing Christmas gifts for County Director of Operations Jim County will be making donations to Bank of America provided a generous far. program, and the funding left over paign is \$10,000. Last year's camfrom that effort will go to the food

Heiser indicated this year's annual various food banks throughout the United Way Campaign, which was School District Saturday, United Way to distribute 62 Christmas baskets county in January," he noted, adding kicked off in October, is going well so

a few blocks away, doing their part to Erla's Food Center. He noted that a \$5,000 grant for the Christmas basket "The goal for the 2009 mail-in cam-Please turn to page 10.



EIGHTH GRADE student Katie Hacker assists Olivia Graff in picking out gifts for family members during the Santa's Workshop at Cass City Middle School last week. The event is a fundraiser that benefits the annual Cass City Public Schools' 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

# Planning well underway for annual 8th grade D.C. trip

Planning for the Cass City Schools' expose the students to those specific made the trek to the nation's Capi-14th annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. is in full swing.

"This trip includes aspects of history school," explained organizer Linda

"(It's an) opportunity to see first hand our country's past and will hopefully give students the knowledge they will need later in life. This family vacation' trip, but rather the

The trip was the combined idea of mesh historical literature and U.S. History curriculums.

The goal, according to Bailey, is to provide a "hands on" experience in addition to the learned curriculums. The sites visited reflect, expand, or than 700 students and adults have

areas studied in the social studies curtal. riculum through 8th grade. The emphasis is on the historical side of the history is made real, as well as the studied in the 8th grade in preparation area rather than the political or law- opportunity to experience other for the history curriculum at the high making aspects of government, which areas of theater, aesthetics and ca-

"Monthly parent/student meetings noted. "Most of the monuments and are held to keep parents informed and many museums are visited along to plan fund-raising. Each meeting with other points of interest and hisagendas are given with information tory. on one or more sites that will be visis an educational opportunity and as ited," Bailey said. "It is the hope that we've been privileged to participate many experiences as possible will be a scrapbook can be started before the in is the laying of the wreath at Arpacked into our day. This is not a trip so students and adults will be fa- lington. Students are given an opmiliar with the sites they will see. For portunity to write an essay to be 'I'm here to gather as much as I can example, who is FDR; what is Iwa chosen as one of 4 to present the in 4 days' trip. Lots of sleep, keeping Jima; what is the Peterson House wreath. Our date for 2010 is June on schedule, and walking shoes are known for; what is the name of the 13. The tour company is Son Tours lady statue on top of the capital?

"Also visited are the Smithsonian itinerary planning and scheduling, Bailey and the late Kally Maharg - the Complex, Holocaust Museum and a along with all liability insurances. result of both educators' desire to medieval dinner theater where everyone cheers and eats with their hands," she added. "An itinerary with websites is available for anyone wanting

more information. Since the inception of the trip, more

"With walking 3 to 5 miles daily is addressed at the high school level. maraderie for all involved," Bailey

> "One of the newest highlights which provide the wreath and all They have allowed us to do our own bookkeeping, which is better for our families.'

The first leg of the annual trip will be the Gettysburg Battlefield and

surrounding area. Please turn to page 10.

At the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our success possible. It is in this spirit we say...thank you and best wishes for the holidays and a peaceful & prosperous New Year!

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# Calendar of Events

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

### Thursday, December 24

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

#### Friday, December 25

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

Christmas Day Dinner, noon, Pieces in a Basket: A Woman's Ministry, Mayville Junction, 2254 E. Ohmer Rd. (M-24). 1/2 mile east of Mayville. Open to the public. For more information, call (989) 843-0133.

### Sunday, December 27

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-0086.

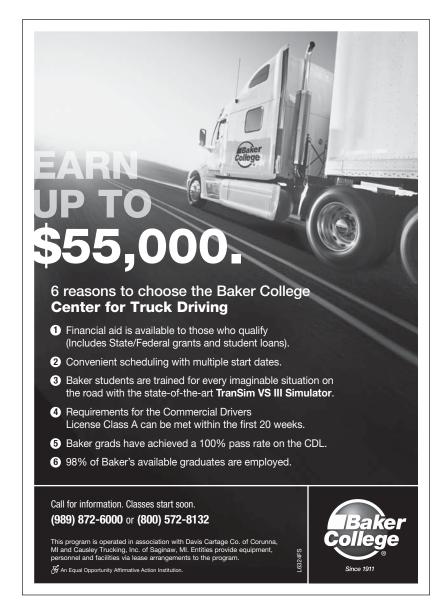
### **Monday, December 28**

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

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.

Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

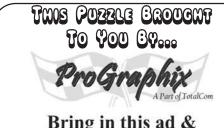






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pencil and put your

sudoku savvy to the

test!

THE HUMAN Development Commission (HDC) is organizing "Seniorcize" classes next month in Caro. The classes begin Jan. 11 at the HDC Senior Dining **Center on Green Street.** 

# "Seniorcize" classes scheduled in Caro

from exercise as they age. People in would like to increase their flexibility, their 70s and 80s who have been coordination and mobility. These exsedentary in the past can increase ercises, led by Jeanne Putman, are their survival rate by exercising 4 done either seated or with the assishours a week.

juries while still maximizing the vating. health benefits. With the winter cises to do in the warmth.

All adults age 60 and over are invited to attend free "Seniorcize" classes at at 10:30 a.m. at the HDC Senior Dinthe Human Development Commis- ing Center on Green Street in Caro. sion (HDC) in Caro.

"Seniorcize" is an exercise program mission at (989) 673-4121 to register.

Older adults will continue to benefit designed especially for people who tance of a chair. Putman is a certified It can be a challenge, however, to fitness instructor and her cheerful perknow how to exercise to avoid in- sonality and enthusiasm is very moti-

Couples and caregivers are also enmonths here, outside activities can be couraged to attend as these exercises difficult, but there are plenty of exer- are easy to follow for individuals with dementia and Parkinson's Disease. Classes will begin Monday, Jan. 11,

(989) 872-1101 Call the Human Development Com-

# Owen-Gage officials announce honor roll

Officials at Owen-Gage Schools announce the first marking period honor Andrew Fahrner, Donna Hopper, Je-

### Grade 4

Emalee Bach\*, Aaron Fahrner\*, Jacob Gamet, Madison Mandich\*, Morgan Ondrajka, Dalton Powell, Luke Retford\*, Victoria Reynero, Zane Schember, Benjamin Schultz and Dustin Woodward.

### Grade 5

Devin Bach, David Binder, Falica Fackler, Isaac Fahrner, Abigail Jeffery\*, Cara Morris and Jacob

### Grade 6

Daniel Good\*, Kyle Miller, Larissa Miller, Andrew Muntz, Tyler Roemer and Jacob Wright.

Grade 7

Creedy\*, Rachel Mroz, Adam Retford\* and Tyler Volk.

Grade 8

### Grade 9

remy Jamieson Tiffany Megan Lester\*, Michael Mandich, Courtney McCreedy\*, Justin Miller, Kayla Montreuil\*, Eric Rievert\*, Shiloh Starks and Sarah Volk.

### Grade 10

Mariah Blackmer\*, Hunter Champagne, Christin Harris, Alexis Morrish, Erika Mroz\*, Amanda Muntz, Lacie Prich\*, Carli Warack and Marissa Woodruff.

### Grade 11

Bryan Buschlen, Holly Errer, Mitchel LaPratt, Lauren Mandich, Megan McLaren\*, Sina Meier, Eric Montreuil, Dylan Powell, Clyde Rhodes and Victoria Wright.

### Grade 12

Ryan Francis, Danielle Irion, Zach Mroz\*, Devin Prich\*, Kelsey Quick\*, Sidney Bencheck\*, Andrea Mc- Ashley Rockefeller\*, Christine Schmidt\*, Carin Seibel\*, Erin Seibel\*, Alexis Slavick\* and Amanda Woodruff.

Benjamin Good and Amaris Janos. \*Denotes all A's

# All-Women's Christmas Dinner attended by 106

hall, with 106 United Methodist dishes. Women and friends in attendance. Connie Schwaderer, Shirley Wisen-

ryl Seeley prepared the meal.

under the direction of Judy Wallace. ols and gave his witness for Christ.

The All-Women's Christmas Dinner Each table had a hostess and their was held recently in the fellowship table was set with the hostess's fine

Seeley was mistress of ceremonies. Joan Merchant gave the blessing. bach, Melody Frankowski and Sher- Poinsettias were given as door prizes. The program was Jerry Garcia from The setting of the dining room was Adrian. He sang many Christmas car-

### To my current and former clients:

After more than 27 years, I am announcing my intent to retire. John C. Burns, P.C. Law Offices will not be accepting new contested matters effective Jan. 1, 2010. I anticipate that the process of winding up all pending cases and fulfilling my contractual obligations will not be completed before Dec. 31, 2010.

I have enjoyed representing many clients over these past years and thank each of them for the opportunity to do so. The friendships I've made, cooperation received, and my associations with fellow attorneys and courthouse personnel are also appreciated.

Words are not adequate to express my gratitude and appreciation for the diligent, tireless and professional assistance of my Legal Assistant/Office Manager, Stephanie Hutchinson. Her value to me and to our clients has been immeasurable. I am both pleased and proud that "Steph" will be continuing her career with the law firm of Biddinger and Bitzer, PLLC, here in Cass City

. John C. " Jack " Burns

# Recycle during holidays

The holidays offer many chances to and use reusable dishes and utensils. reduce, reuse and recycle. This is a If you need paper products, buy prodgreat opportunity to buy gifts that ucts made form recycled paper. Set up benefit the environment.

environmental organizations, hand- party. made and homemade gifts, gardening items or long lasting "environmental" rechargeable batteries, water conserv- be creative while saving the environing shower heads or ceramic mugs. For kids, consider giving rechargeable batteries, a camping trip or a gift certificate to a museum.

Use recycled and reusable materials cycle@tuscolacounty.org. in your gift wrapping and packaging. Buy recycled content wrapping paper, through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., use popcorn for packing and reuse and on the third Saturday of each your packing materials. You can also month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. use reused, and reusable, boxes, baskets, bags and tins. Old cards can be recycled into creative gift tags.

If you are entertaining, send invitations on recycled paper, buy in bulk,

an area to recycle cans, bottles and These could include memberships in other recyclables at your holiday

Try to be creative in using reusable materials for your gift-wraps. Make gifts like a solar battery charger with it a holiday tradition in your home to

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# Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps. We present it again to our readers for their enjoyment.

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

- "Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. "Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'
- "Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON. "115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which night. childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIR-GINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood

### Reporter's notebook

# State's smoking ban is good for everyone

by Tom Montgomery

I have to hand it to whoever coined the saying, "Having a no-smoking section in a restaurant is like having a 'no peeing section' in a swimming

Just doesn't make sense, does it? Which is why I had to join Michigan Department of Community Health Director Janet Olszewski in recently expensive, stinky habit. lauding the Michigan Legislature for passing a bill that bans secondhand smoke in public places, including restaurants and bars.

and Senate with exemptions for De-

to protect Michigan's citizens from major chronic illnesses such as lung the other. cancer and heart attacks," Olszewski "The Legislature passed a strong bill that outright bans smoking in pubic places. That decision shows that the health of Michigan citizens is a top priority.'

She's right. Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in Michigan, resulting in some 2,500 deaths annually. Smoking-rerespiratory illnesses and diabetes. asthma, ear infections, colds and

Advocates of the legislation, exfrom picking up the habit, and en- but in their homes and cars. courage smokers to quit.

I have my doubts that the ban will hope to shed.

lead to hordes of Michigan residents giving up cigarettes — it's more likely that Michigan's huge tobacco taxes have had more of an effect towards that end.

Still, it's a step in the right direction. I always admired the late John Haire's success many years ago long before I met him — in quitting his cigarette habit cold turkey. He just quit what is undeniably a dangerous,

I should know. I've smoked for more years than I care to admit, even to myself. I've tried to quit numerous times — the gum, the patch, hypnosis, The bill passed both the state House even acupuncture. But I'm still puffing away, in spite of the fact that it's troit casinos (where smoking is also catching up with me; colds and pneubanned in their restaurants and homonia get the best of me every winter, physical activity is difficult, smoker's "Today, the state Legislature chose cough is a morning ritual. And, I know it's only a matter of time before secondhand smoke, which leads to this habit will end my life, one way or

> If young people out there who are After we were married, Connie and experimenting with cigarettes only knew what lies ahead for them.

Anyone who tells you that nicotine is "less dangerous" or addictive than many illegal drugs out there is just blowing smoke at you.

That's why I support the Legislature's backing of a smoking ban in kids we should open presents on fault! I never take a good photo, anypublic places. The Chronicle has been a smoke-free workplace for a lated illnesses in adults include heart long time. John's decision to impledisease, cancer, stroke, chronic lower ment the ban wasn't all that difficult for me because I haven't lit up in my Children and adolescents exposed to own home in years. As for restausecondhand smoke can develop rants, I've never been fond of trying to eat with thick clouds of smoke hanging overhead.

Smoking is still legal in Michigan, pected to take effect in May, say it but how can anyone argue that it's not will create smoke-free environments a poor decision? The bottom line, in that play a critical role in the preven- my opinion, is smokers have an oblition of smoking-related illnesses, es- gation to not put the lives of others at pecially among the young. They also risk with that decision, not only in suggest the law could prevent youth restaurants and other public places,

It's an awful habit, one that I still



## Red Hawk News & Views

Cass City Public Schools by Paige Lester

From the start, you could tell some- and motions that left many amazed thing special was about to occur at that these young kids were able to Cass City Middle School last Tuesday learn so much. After this opening

eling up the hill and then back down again with the realization that there was no space to park there any longer, or even the hundreds of people who walked into the building. Whatever it young fives continued to impress the was, whoever passed by the middle school on that chilly, blustery night may have wondered what was hap-

As I sat near the top of the bleachers in the middle school gym and Claus". To top off their performance, watched hundreds continue to pour they put on sunglasses and used their into the doorway, the spectators chatbest dance moves to perform "Rap on ted, producing a noisy, bustling sound the Rooftop" and more and more chairs were

brought into the gym. Then, at 7 o'clock, the magic began. At that moment, Mrs. Walker, the elfirst and second grade who sang 2 ementary music teacher, stepped for- new songs entitled, "Red & Green" ward and announced the beginning of and "My Red Sled". As proud parents the children's Christmas program. Students from the grades of young fives and kindergarten stepped into ance in the spotlight. This group sang the scene. Each class was dressed up in either dressy clothes or a red shirt

faces and you could tell that all were out into the cold. waiting in anticipation for Christmas

plete with all kinds of dance moves children had imparted on them.

number the kindergarteners were ush-Maybe it was the stream of cars travered out and the young five students presented their part.

> Featuring the songs, "Are you Sleeping?" and "Oatmeal Kisses", the audience with their warm smiles and happy voices. Next, the kindergarteners came back

> out and performed a cute rendition of "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa

After the applause died down from this exciting number, the show moved on with multiage students from both cheered them on, the last group, the first graders, made their first appear-"If I Could Fly Like a Snowflake" and "Ha, Ha, Holidays".

The program closed with "We Wish With smiles on their faces, these kids you a Merry Christmas," leaving began singing. Immediately the noise everyone in the audience feeling in the gym was quieted and everyone warm and proud. As the final apfocused on listening. The magic of plause died down, people began to Christmas reflected in each of their scurry and leave to once again venture

But this time, as people traveled to their cars parked down the hill or at To start off the show, the younger the elementary school, the weather group of kids greeted us with the did not seem so cold and the wind not song, "I'm So Glad to Be Here," com- so harsh, because of the warmth the



Everyone has a list of memories and can if you want to." traditions associated with Christmas. I can't speak for others, but I'm sure a few years to ruin your kids.' I remember a few things that probably never happened.

They generally aren't as deeply rooted as we like to believe.

A newspaper story reminds us of how stressful the holidays can be. The author suggests we take a different approach to Christmas.

lationships and let the holiday take but he refused. care of itself. Rather than fretting about all of our traditions, we should strive to survive.

My family is a good example of this. Our stress level has definitely declined over the years.

Connie and I grew up with a totally different set of Christmas traditions. Her siblings always opened their presents on Christmas morning. My family opened presents Christmas Eve.

Santa Claus left each of us one unwrapped present during the night. That way my parents didn't have to get up at 5:00 a.m. to watch us open

I had to compromise. So for 20 years I had to get up at 5:00 a.m. to watch the kids open presents.

Do I resent this? Of course not. Why do I keep bringing it up? Never mind about that

Christmas Eve. They said, "Fine, you way.

That's when I realized, "It only takes

Some of our family traditions only lasted a few years. We used to send a That's the thing about traditions: family photo with our Christmas cards, for example. One year we sent photos of Connie and I with the kids and their dogs.

The main problem with that was finding someone to take the photo. I He says we should concentrate on re- tried to get one of the dogs to do it,

> I finally solved the problem by using the little timer on the side of my camera. (The one that gives you twenty seconds to run into the photo and try to smile before the camera goes off.)

> The last time we took these photos I set the camera on a tripod and got everyone lined up on the hearth in front of the fireplace. The kids and their spouses were sitting in front, Connie was in the middle, and I was supposed to squat down on the hearth behind them.

> I've taken these before, so I'm kind of an expert at it. I focused the camera, made sure the flash was working,

> and set the timer. Then, I ran to the hearth, squeezed in behind everyone and squatted down. The camera went off, and

everyone was smiling — except me. The kids said I should have noticed the fireplace poker before I set the One year I convinced Connie and the timer. I can't see how that was my



## **Rabbit Tracks**

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Every year that the Chronicle uses artwork supplied by Cass City High School students to highlight our Christmas issue, we can't help but be impressed and hope you are, too.

The credit goes to veteran Cass City High School teacher Judy Hoelzle, who for years has faithfully worked with the Chronicle to provide the artwork by encouraging her students to contribute. We've been delighted with the quality of that work in the past, and this year is no different.

If you're planning a snowmobile trip over the next couple of weeks, Dave Bartnik reports that the trail conditions over the weekend near Meredith (south of Houghton Lake) are in pretty good shape.

The 1977 Cass City High School grad says the area could stand to get a little more snow, especially on the main trail, but the 2 tracks and back country riding is worth the 2-hour hike north

With Christmas and New Year's falling on Fridays this holiday season, deadlines for the Chronicle's classified ads will remain the same for the next 2

That means you have until noon Monday to get a classified advertisement in that week's issue. However, our display advertising cutoff times will be moved up one day - to

Thursdays at 5 p.m. As always, the Chronicle staff thanks you for your cooperation and notes

that our office will be closed on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1.

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With the shortened work weeks ahead, Editor Tom Montgomery is sure to have a hectic schedule. In addition to one less day to get things done at the office, he and his wife, Deb, will have to make time for a new grandson, Ethan, born to their daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Josh Hinkle over the week-

# Have a concern? A complaint? Just want to voice your opinion?

### **The Cass City Chronicle** welcomes letters to the editor.

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**Rates & Policies** 

**Social News** The Cass City Chronicle will gladly publish social news free of charge. Social news includes: engagements, weddings, anniversaries, college graduations, birth announcements and similar items. There is a \$4 fee to include a

### **Obituary Rates**

Obituary notices cost \$19 per insertion. There is a \$4 additional charge for including a photo

### **Subscription Rates**

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# Several appear on charges

Tuscola County Circuit Court last also convicted of being an habitual ofweek on various criminal charges:

•Robert W. Lemay, 50, Millington, was sentenced to 30 days in the munity service and pay \$428 in costs county jail and placed on 48 months probation for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and operating a motorcycle without an endorsement June 8, 2008, in Millington Township.

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,920.

•Dale N. Nelson, 50, Lapeer, stood under the influence of liquor, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Nov. 19 in Fremont Township

A pre-trial hearing was ordered in the case and bond was continued at

guilty to first degree home invasion and fleeing a police officer July 21 in Almer Township, and to unlawfully driving away an automobile May 10 tion for his plea of guilty to delivin Wells Township.

dered and bond was continued at a mont Township. combined \$20,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Duane E. Worden, 47, Flint, pleaded guilty to failure to pay child support from November 2000 through convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was set at \$500. Sentencing is to be set.

•Jesse J. Carey, 21, Silverwood, pleaded guilty to charges of assaulting a police officer and third degree retail fraud Nov. 15 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was or- ceny in a building Aug. 14-16 in Den- dered. Sentencing is to be set. dered and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Frank B. Bellizio, 22, Gagetown, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony and possession of a firearm by a felon Aug. 5 in Gagetown, and to accosting a child for immoral purposes July 16 in Gagetown. In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling

•Guadalupe Lugo, 53, Reese, was Township will be undergoing a psysentenced to 180 days in jail and 24 chiatric examination in Ypsilanti. months probation for his plea of guilty to possession of a controlled Reene recently announced that future

The following people appeared in substance May 7 in Caro. He was mark Township. fender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 135 hours of com-

•Darrin J. Lewis, 19, Cass City, pleaded guilty to interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery July 4 in Novesta Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Nancy L. Woodworth, 47, mute to charges of possession of a Mayville, was sentenced to 180 days loaded firearm in or upon a motor ve- in jail (90 days deferred), with work her plea of guilty to delivery/manujuana (20 to 199 plants) Aug. 19, 2008, in Fremont Township.

She was also placed on 18 months dered to pay costs and fines totaling probation and ordered to complete \$128. 100 hours of community service and •Kyle G. Roat, 18, Caro, pleaded pay costs and fines totaling \$1,598.

•Todd L. Woodworth, 46, Mayville, was sentenced to 270 days in jail (135 days deferred) and 24 months probaery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms A pre-sentence investigation was or- of marijuana Aug. 19, 2008, in Fre-

He was also ordered to pay \$2,128 in costs and fines.

•Paul A. Langlois, 49, Gagetown, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of guilty to fleeing September 2009 in Caro. He was also a police officer and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Sept. 4 in Wisner Township.

> He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,661 plus restitution

•Brandon A. Buckley, 19, Vassar, pleaded guilty to 3 counts of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and one count of lar-

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

•Timothy L. Beckman, 43, Vassar, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 years last March-April in Vassar Township. He was also ordered to pay \$196 in costs and fines.

•Robert S. Arnold, 22, Sebewaing, was sentenced to 18 months to 5 years in prison for his plea of guilty to furnishing contraband (marijuana) to hicle, possession of a firearm while release and worksite privileges, for prisoners Sept. 7 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marifender (3 or more prior felony convic-

In addition to prison time, he was or-

•Christopher B. Senior, 27, Vassar, pleaded guilty to charges of fleeing a police officer and using an altered/forged registration plate Sept.

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

•Pamela J. Nagy, 23, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence followidentity theft and obtaining money (less than \$200) by false pretenses March 28 in Caro.

She was ordered to pay \$1,002 in costs and fines.

•Alexander T. Vargo, 22, Caro, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, second offense, Sept. 22 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony

A pre-sentence investigation was or-

conducted at the Michigan Center for

Husarick was recently arraigned on

2 counts of assault with intent to mur-

der in Tuscola County District Court,

where Judge Kim D. Glaspie set bond

knife during the incident - one a 37-

year-old male and the other a 33-year-

old female. Both reside in Clio. The

defendant is the ex-wife of the male

Both victims were transported to

Caro Community Hospital for emer-

gency treatment. The male was

treated and then released, while the

female was stabilized and then trans-

ported to Covenant Hospital in Sagi-

Husarick was taken into custody and

transported to Hills and Dales General

Hospital in Cass City for treatment of

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Woman arraigned in

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ing her pleas of guilty to 2 counts of A HOST OF Cass City Middle School 8th grade students, including Braeden Perzanowski (above), helped out with last week's Santa's Workshop by assisting youngsters picking out gifts. The older students also wrapped the presents. (Related photo, page one)

# Trio arrested on drug charges in Huron Co.

Investigations into heroin and mor- must reside at the Lighthouse Rehaphine trafficking in Huron County bilitation of Caro.' netted 3 arrests last week. stabbings faces exam

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson said Bradley M. Prill, a 24-yearold Huron County resident, turned The 34-year-old Caro woman ar- court dates for the suspect, Lisa R. on felony drug warrants related to disrested in the stabbings of her ex-hus- Husarick, are on hold until comple- tribution of heroin.

"The investigation began in Septemwas with last fall in Indianfields sponsibility examinations are ber 2009 when detectives received information regarding (the suspect)," Hanson reported. "As a result of the investigation, detectives were able to erv of a controlled substance - a 20- sion of marijuana. year felony - possession of heroin - a Assault with intent to murder is a 4-year felony - and delivery of a confelony punishable by up to life in trolled substance - a 5-year felony.

Oct. 31 at approximately 1 p.m. on an outstanding uttering and publish-sending

Hanson reported Thursday that 2 other Huron County men, Gary J. Kiehl, 51, and Steven R. Kiehl, 44, both of Verona Township, were arhimself in to the sheriff's department rested on charges of delivery of morphine stemming from an investigation that began last May. The felony is

punishable by up to 7 years in prison. Hanson said the investigation revealed that alleged prescription pills were being sold from a north Verona Road residence, and as a result, both secure warrants from the Huron suspects have also been charged with County Prosecutor's Office for deliv-maintaining a drug house and posses-

Hanson reminds residents that they can report any suspected drug activity "The conduct at issue occurred on "At the time of the arrest, he also had central dispatch at 269-6421, or by will provide safer roadways and thouan email East Dayton Road in Indianfields ing felony warrant out of (the) Elkton www.co.huron.mi.us. Citizens can Township," Reene noted. "Two sep- Police Department," Hanson said. also call the anonymous tip line at arate victims were stabbed with a "As a condition of Prill's bond, he 269-2861 and leave a message.

# Obituary

### Florence Hall

Florence Irene Hall, 93, passed away at Heritage House in Portage, Wis., Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009.

She was born in Cass City, daughter of Charles and Louise McConnell. Florence was a public school teacher before becoming the owner and manager of Parrotts Dairy Bar on Main Street in Cass City for many years. She had also lived in Oxford, Wis., and Jackson.

Florence is survived by 2 daughters:

Lottridge, Paul (Susan) Lottridge, George (Shelly) Brehman, Michael to Brehman, Bryan (Thecia) Hill and Program@michigan.gov before Fri-Jennifer Hill; 7 great-grandchildren; a day. The draft 2010-2014 Five-Year brother, Carl McConnell of Harrison, Transportation Program is available age 101; and many nieces and

She was preceded in death by her first husband and father of her chil- concerns about road funding by calldren, Maurice G. Parrott; her second ing a toll-free number - 888-719-3087 husband, Eldon R. Hall; a daughter, - set up by MTT. Callers simply enter Joan Brehman; 3 brothers: Ira, Vernon their 5-digit ZIP code to be connected, and Earl McConnell; and 3 sisters: at no cost to them, with their legisla-Lilah (Betty) Wilhelmi, Alice Neitz tors' offices.

A "celebration of her life" service is

# MDOT cuts bridge and road work in Thumb

A plan issued recently by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) proposes cutting nine road and bridge projects in Huron, Lapeer and Tuscola counties due to continued declines in state gas tax revenues and now the state's inability to match fed-

Statewide, MDOT has been forced to delay 243 road and bridge projects. This is in addition to the 137 statewide road and bridge projects MDOT delayed in the spring.

The delayed area projects include: Huron County: M-142, M-142 over Nettle Run, Culvert Replacement; M-142, M-142 over Pigeon River. Bridge Replacement; M-46, M-25 over Harbor Beach Creek, Bridge Re-

Tuscola County: M-15, M-15 over Cass River, Bridge Replacement; M-26, M-26 over Quanicassee River, Bridge Replacement; M-46, M-46 over Sucker Creek, Bridge Replace-

MDOT's new updated draft 2010-2014 Five-Year Transportation Program lists the statewide projects that have been delayed, including road preservation projects, bridge preservation projects and new roads/capacity improvement projects, because of an estimated \$800 million cut - a nearly 60 percent decline.

"Michigan's transportation funding system is in a state of crisis," said Mike Nystrom, vice president of government and public relations for the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA), and co-chair of the Michigan Transportation Team (MTT). "These postponed projects represent critical improvements that impact every community across Michigan. Our legislators' failure to invest in our transportation system is forcing the state to neglect our roadways and will ultimately lead them to fall into deplorable conditions and increase the cost of repairs.'

In the plan, 243 projects - 128 bridge replacements and rehabilitations, 105 road rehabilitations and reconstructions, 8 new roads and 2 capacity improvements - have been delayed.

"Public safety and the recovery of our state economy should be a top priority for lawmakers," said Nystrom. "Clearly legislators can no longer ignore Michigan's crumbling infra by calling the Huron County Sheriff's structure and allow the state to forgo Department at (989) 269-6500, or nearly 300 construction projects that sands of jobs to Michigan residents." As Michigan faces an estimated \$3 billion annual shortfall of funds (based on local road agencies and state agencies' inability to match federal aid), the legislature is exploring bills that would increase road funding over the next 5 years. The plan is expected to yield an additional \$1.8 billion annually in transportation revenue.

MDOT is in the process of seeking public comment on its draft 2010-2014 Five-Year Transportation Pro-Robert Lottridge, James Lottridge, gram. Comments should be e-mailed MDOT-5-Year-

on the MDOT Web site at:

www.michigan.gov/mdot5yearplan. Michigan residents can voice their

MTT is a broad-based, bipartisan partnership of business, labor, local government, associations and citizens with the common goal of improving Michigan's transportation infrastructure. The DriveMI campaign is committed to promoting the development and maintenance of a safe, convenient and efficient transportation network that serves the public, private and economic development needs of Michigan. Please visit www.drihour trainings for those interested in vemi.org for more information on a food safety certification course and transportation funding or follow them exam. Call (989) 672-3870 for more on twitter @drivemi or YouTube at



# Food safety course slated

o.m. at USA Elementary School, ServSafe food safety training for any- Food Code. one who prepares food, serves food, •Monday, Jan. 11, from noon to 5:45 or is involved with food service.

Interested individuals may be restaurant wait staff, day care providers, church groups/associations, school "By donating blood through the groups/associations, service clubs/organizations, or anyone wishing to learn more about proper handling of

The program will cover the importance of food safety, personal hygiene, controlling time and temperature, preventing cross contamination, proper cleaning and sani-"We're hopeful the holidays will intizing, as well as other topics. The training will be offered Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Tuscola steady, consistent blood collections County MSU Extension in Caro. The fee is \$30 per person.

Call MSU Extension at (989) 672-3870 to register for this program or Donors must be at least 17 years of with any questions concerning the age (16 years with parental permistraining. This program is not intended sion), weigh a minimum of 110 for Food Service Managers who need pounds and be in general good health. training to fulfill training require-

MSU Extension is offering many 16-

information on those training classes. www.youtube.com/user/FixMIRoads.

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CASS CITY MIDDLE School band students who recently brought home medals from the MSBOA District 3 Solo and Ensemble Festival are: (front row, from left) Rebecca Graff, Katie House, Daymon Tabako, (middle row, left) Sam Bootz, Erika Martin, Libby Venema, Kara Reif, (back row, left) Rachel Patera, Elisabeth Milligan, Kristin Ewald and Audrey VanAuken.

## At MSBOA festival

# Local band students shine

A small group of Cass City Middle rating (the highest mark possible). School students brought home several honors during a recent Michigan I rating. School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA), District 3, Middle II rating. School Solo and Ensemble Festival at North Branch High School.

"Students (had) the option of performing solos or small ensembles or sion II rating. a collection of both kinds of events," explained Cass City Director of Bands Jonelle Lull. "All of the (students) that were entered ended up coming home with a medal."

The students and their honors were:

•Sam Bootz, clarinet solo, Division

•Rachel Patera, piano solo, Division

•Libby Venema, alto saxophone solo, Division II rating. •Rebecca Graff, trumpet solo, Divi-

•Erika Martin, clarinet solo, Division II rating.

•Sam Bootz and Daymon Tabako, clarinet/bass clarinet duet, Division II

•Libby Venema and Katie House, saxophone duet, Division II rating. •Elisabeth Milligan, piano solo and •Katie House, Libby Venema, Erika baritone saxophone solo, Division I Martin and Daymon Tabako, wood-

saxophone quartet, Division II rating.

# Assistance is only phone call away in county

Did you know that Sanilac County residents have a toll free number to call for health and human services as-

available for residents to get information on services such as rent and utility assistance, food, counseling, clothing, shelter, health care needs, substance abuse services, support groups, child care, housing and more. They can also call the line if they would like to volunteer or donate

without the support of the United Way of Sanilac County. The 2009 campaign is in desperate need of your

If you support the Kids' Connection, donate to the United Way. You can send your donation to 217 E. Sanilac Ave. Suite 2, Attn: United Way, Sandusky, MI 48471. You can also donate online at www.unitedwaysanilac.org.

wind quartet, Division II rating. Kristin Ewald, Audrey VanAuken, Kara Reif and Elisabeth Milligan,

This number, 1-888-580-5437, is

This service would not be possible

# **Down Memory Lane**

By Tina Pallas



#### 5 YEARS AGO

Cass City chalked up win number 4 this season with a one-sided victory over the Mayville Wildcats, 72-38. Chris Landrith opened the scoring with a hoop and Justin Glaza followed with a trey. Cass City bounced out to a 5-0 lead in the first 4 minutes of the game and was not threatened the rest of the way.

The Cass City Village Council didn't waste any time dealing with the challenge of finding a new village manager following Frank Sheridan's resignation early last week. And, it appears that Sheridan's replacement will be a familiar face, bringing many years of village government experience on board. Council members, meeting in special session Friday afternoon, voted 6-1 to enter into negotiations to hire Sandusky City Manager and former Cass City Village Manager Lou LaPonsie as Cass City's interim manager.

The Cass City School Board decided it will send a letter of congratulations to Unionville-Sebewaing School for winning the Division 7 state football championship at its regular monthly meeting Monday at the school.

Army Pfc. Rebecca S. Rumptz has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Rumptz is the daughter of Linda Rumptz of Ubly. She is a 2004 graduate of Ubly High School.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Cass City High School Debate Coach Chad Daniels still shakes his head when he talks about his team's narrow loss in the final round of the Michigan High School Novice Debate Tournament, held Dec. 10-11 at Michigan State University. At the same time, the veteran coach is all first Cass City team ever to claim first place in Class B in the state tourney, although his teams have won back-toback state novice titles in Class C. Members of the team are: Dara Iwankovitsch, Amanda Frederick, Rajen Raythatha, Heidi Cheng, Joe Lounsbury and Erin McMahon.

Cass City's Travis Schneeberger pinned New Lothrop's Brent Weisenberger at the 2:36 mark of Wednesday's double dual meet in New Lothrop. The Hawks defeated the hosts, 60-21, and downed Birch Run,

The winners of the annual Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee were recently announced at Cass City Middle School. They are Ryan Biddinger, Brad Severance, Courtney Rabideau, Allie Richards, Aimee Hennessey, Jessica Chappel, Lauren Rowe, Angela Stoeckle, Kaylin Tack and Kayla

Justin Rogers, an eighth grade student at Owendale-Gagetown Schools,

which students answered oral ques- said. tions on geography, was the first round in the twelfth annual National Geographic Bee. The local bee was held under the direction of Connie bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Laura Vandiver and her father, Todd Vandiver, Unionville, were visitors at Santa's house in Cass City Friday night. The two-year-old girl told children this year, wanted a Cabbage Patch doll for Christmas.

For many people, a Christmas tradithe Dec. 25 feast, or caroling through the neighborhood on Christmas Eve. For the Mike Bigelow family, one of the Christmas traditions that has been passed on to him is the large decorative scene in the front yard of his Cass City home at the corner of Pine and Woodland Streets. Bigelow ex- then hadn't really seen what she could plained that his father, Dr. M.C. do. Today she's turning out a wide Bigelow, Flushing, developed the hol-variety of hand-painted jewelry, that iday scene in 1952 or '53. It was seems to keep bringing customers given to him about four years ago. back for more. Mrs. Wright, a Cass Santa and his eight reindeer are en City native, creates a world of color route to a small house complete with and expression on the smallest porcea girl patiently waiting for Santa and lain plaques and can create a winter with a glass of milk and cookies. In-scene, complete with a covered side the house, Bigelow has a micro-bridge, in no more than an inch of phone connected to a loudspeaker in space. Santa so that he can talk to the children visiting the display. "I would have just loved to live around here when they called Cass City Christmas town. I don't feel it (his display) is smiles after his charges became the anything compared to what they had in the past," he said about the elaborate displays that Cass City residents used to have. On Christmas Day, Santa will be taken from his sleigh, commodities grown on a commercial and placed in the display house with basis in Michigan.

won the school-level competition of his feet in a tub of hot water, enjoying the National Geographic Bee Dec. 15 his milk and cookies. "We really love and a chance at a \$25,000 college Christmas. This is one way we can scholarship. The school-level bee, at say Merry Christmas to everyone," he

#### 35 YEARS AGO

Jack McCampbell, 41, recalled that Baranski and Joe Candela. The fol- he was working one day in Gagetown lowing students were runners-up: first and noticed a high number of cars - Heidi Scott, second - Tim Kain. The speeding through town. Knowing the village relied on police patrol from the Tuscola County Sheriff's department and the Michigan State Police, McCampbell offhandedly mentioned he would be interested in police work in Gagetown. "The next thing I knew, one of the council members picked up the idea and by June 1 I was on the job," the soft-spoken, compassionate Santa that she, like so many other McCampbell said. Compassion. That's a major part of how Jack Mc-Campbell handles his job. "I believe laws are made to benefit man, not tion is a visit to grandma's house for man to benefit the law," he said, reflecting on how he views police work. "You have to be understanding on the

job. You have to be flexible. Nine years ago, Mrs. John Wright of North Greenland Road thought she'd give decorative painting a try. She knew she had some talent but until

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# **Campaign Management** Academy slated Jan. 23

Are you running for public office or contemplating a run in the future? Could you use some pointers on how to improve your campaign and stand apart from other candidates? Or are you a campaign staff who wants to be a strong driving force behind your campaign's victory?

If so, Tuscola County GOP's Campaign Management Academy is for you.

Class will be held Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Akron Municipal Build-Led by past candidates and current elected officials, the workshop is nonpartisan and open to candidates running - or considering running - for local,

county or state-elected office, as well as their spouses and campaign managers. The purpose of the school is to help community leaders as well as current and potential candidates who are interested in running for public office execute a successful political campaign. The school is open to anyone interested in seeking public office, regardless of whether they are a first-time candidate or veteran office holder.

board, city council, county commission, even a state level office," said Tuscola County District One Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck. "I've attended many campaign academies and found them very beneficial to me and my campaign. We have many elected officials and members who wanted to share their collective knowledge with others." The Campaign Management Academy is comprehensive and offers handson training with issues such as deciding to run, media coverage, selecting a

"This campaign school is perfect for anyone running for their local school

campaign theme and key issues, identifying and targeting voters, campaign structure, volunteer recruitment and coordination, budget preparation and fund raising In addition, participants will also receive discounts on photography and printed materials for use in their campaign. As an extra benefit to Tuscola County GOP members or individuals who sign up to be Tuscola GOP mem-

worldwide web. To allow for individual attention and involvement, the seminar will be limited

bers at the time they enroll in the workshop, is a web page presence on the

to 20 students. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 15. Register online at www.ThumbGOP.org. Questions may be directed to Roggenbuck at amanda@ voteroggenbuck.com or (989) 872-8881.



# Cass City Area Church Directory

Calvary Bible Fellowship an Independent Baptist Church 4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-4088 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.

**Cass City Church of Christ** 

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Cass City Church of the Nazarene 6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726 872-2604 or (989) 912-2077 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible Study

& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.

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# Hawks still winless at holiday break

For a while Friday, it appeared the added 6 blocks for the Red Hawks. Cass City girls' basketball team would enter the Christmas break on a positive note.

Instead, host Marlette used a big second half to deny the Red Hawks' their steals and 7 assists, but was guilty of maiden win on the season. With the 30 turnovers while bowing to visiting 48-31 setback, Cass City will end the Harbor Beach, 43-24, in non-conferyear winless in 6 tries.

In the early going, the visitors used

Rowell scored on a trio of shots in the paint and Parrish connected on 2 long treys to help put the Red Hawks in front, 15-10, at the end of the initial

Both teams' offenses struggled in the frame before the break, but solo field goals by Parrish and Haley Peters had Cass City clinging to a 20-17 advantage at the halfway point.

From there, however, it was all Marlette and more precisely, Amara Wil-

Wilson scored 17 of her game-high 22 points in the final half, 9 in the third quarter where the hosts went on a 19-4 spurt to take a 12-point spread into the final 8 minutes.

Wilson continued her antics in the final period, adding 8 points, and was the only Red Raider to score from the floor down the wire. However, Cass City, hampered by 33 turnovers on the night, was held to a pair of baskets by Becca Leslie and one from McKensie Parrish in the last frame.

For Cass City, which shot 11-for-40 from the floor in defeat, Megan Par- 1-0 (0-0) 2; Woycehoski 3-0 (2-3) 8. rish had a team-high 9 points. Rowell TOTALS - 14-2 (9-16) 43.

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#### **HARBOR BEACH**

On Wednesday, Cass City had 9 ence play.

The Pirates, 3-1 overall, jumped out the inside punch of Logan Rowell and to a 14-4 lead after one quarter of acthe outside threat of Megan Parrish to tion and then coasted to 28-8 at the intermission.

> Trailing 31-14 entering the final quarter, Cass City was outscored 12-10 to the final whistle.

McKensie Parrish led Cass City with 12 points on 5-of-14 shooting, while no other Red Hawk finished with more than 4 tallies.

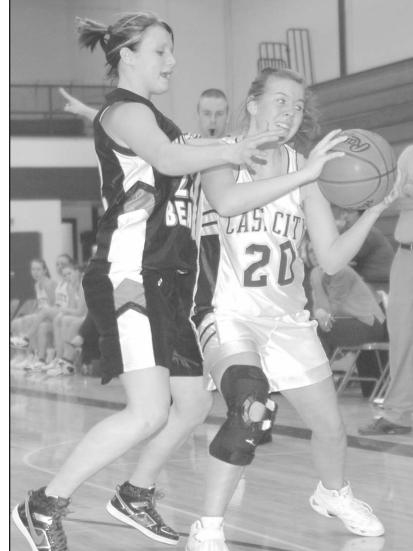
Samantha Essenmacher had a gamehigh 14 markers to pace Harbor

CASS CITY - Varney 6-1 (0-1) 15; Brown 1-0 (0-0) 2; Mulrath 3-0 (0-2) 6; Dunnuck 5-0 (1-2) 11; Ketterer 4-1 (0-2) 11; Rubey 1-0 (0-0) 2; Erla 4-0 (0-0) 8. TOTALS - 24-2 (1-7) 55.

MARLETTE - Lange 0-0 (2-4) 2; Armstrong 7-3 (2-5) 25; Thomas 3-0 (2-2) 8; King 1-0 (3-4) 5; Polishuk 2-0 (0-0) 4; Moore 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hall 6-0 (0-0) 12. TOTALS - 20-3 (9-15) 58.

CASS CITY - Martin 2-0 (0-0) 4; Parrish 5-0 (2-2) 12; Clifton 1-0 (0-0) 2; Hendrick 1-0 (0-2) 2; Rowell 2-0 (0-0) 4 TOTALS - 11-0 (2-4) 24.

HARBOR BEACH - Grekowicz 1-0 (2-2) 4; T. Kraft 2-0 (1-2) 5; Cooper 3-0 (0-0) 6; Wilson 4-1 (3-7) 14; Essenmacher 0-1 (1-2) 4; S. Kraft



HALEY PETERS and her Cass City teammates

# faced heavy defensive pressure against Harbor Beach and were held to a season low 24 points.

# Cass City drops pair in crossover battles

basket in the early stages of the non- utes to gain their first advantage, 51conference contest, and with 6 min- 50, on a pair of baskets off turnovers Hawks trailed 10-2.

The Red Raiders would extend their tallied a dozen of his game-high 25 tion.

Alex Varney, but it was Red Hawk the line by sophomore Kolby Lange. center Cameron Dunnuck that was dibreak.

basket, and to Varney as he cut down tempt. the lane.

the boards and back-to-back hoops one of 7 freebies. from Armstrong to gain a double-digit margin entering the final half.

Cass City dug itself a hole against Cass City outscored its guests17-12 visiting Marlette Thursday in the to start the final half, when consecuopening half that would result in the tive field goals from Erla had the Red Raider's first win of the season, hosts within a solo marker at 41-40.

The Red Hawks then turned up their Both teams had trouble finding the defensive pressure in the final 8 minutes removed from the clock, the Red that led to easy lay-ins for Varney and Justin Ketterer.

With 2:51 remaining on the clock, advantage to 34-23 by halftime as the 2 teams would trade leads 5 times Mike Armstrong consistently drove before Armstrong nailed his third trey, down the lane for easy scores with a hand in his face, for a 57-55 throughout the opening half when he edge with 26 seconds left in regula-

Forced to foul, Cass City actually Still, Cass City was able to close to had 2 chances to send the game into within 4 points of the Red Raiders, overtime as Brandon King split a pair 16-12, following a steal and lay-in by at the stripe that preceded 2 misses at

Lange's misses left 11 seconds for recting the hosts' attack before the Cass City to get off shot to extend the game, but following a timeout by Dunnuck, who opened the scoring Coach Jim Green, the hosts weren't for Cass City in each quarter of the able to get a clean look at the basket, half, recorded a pair of pretty assists and Ketterer's shot from well behind in the initial frame on passes from the the 3-point arc was off the mark, high post to Morgan Erla under the spoiling the hosts' late comeback at-

Although Marlette struggled from But after a basket from Nick Brown, the line in the closing seconds, they the Red Raiders went on a 10-2 run made good on 9 of 15 tosses on the highlighted by Kyle Hall's work on night, while the Red Hawks made just

> For Cass City, Varney recorded 15 points while Dunnuck and Ketterer split 22 markers.

> Hall joined Armstong as a doubledigit performer for Marlette and chipped in 12 markers.

### HARBOR BEACH

Cass City traveled to Harbor Beach Tuesday and suffered a 51-32 beating in a Greater Thumb Conference

crossover tilt. The Pirates, 3-0 overall, grabbed a 19-8 first quarter margin that they ex-

tended to 24-12 after 2. The Red Hawks' offensive woes continued after the break as the host were able to double the score, 36-18. entering the final 8 minutes en route to the lopsided victory in non-confer-

Jacob Murawske recorded game scoring honors for the winners, finishing with 17 points, while Justin Braun added 14.

Varney was Cass City's top scorer with just 7 points.

CASS CITY - Megan Parrish 1-2 (1-2) 9; Mar-Peters 1-0 (1-3) 3; Leslie 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rowell 4-0 (0-0) 8 TOTALS - 11-2 (3-7) 31.

MARLETTE - Spinks 0-0 (2-2) 2; Odoerfer 0-0 (2-2) 2; McEwen 1-0 (0-3) 2; A. Wilson 10-0 (2-4) 22; Dobbelaere 1-0 (1-4) 3; K. Wilson 2-0 (0-0) 4; J. Hirsch 3-0 (2-4) 8; Baize 1-0 (3-

### TOTALS - 18-0 (12-24) 48.

**CASS CITY -** Phillips 1-0 (0-0) 2; Varney 3-0 (1-2) 7; Brown 2-0 (0-0) 4; Mulrath 3-0 (0-0) 6; Dunnuck 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ketterer 3-0 (0-0) 6; Rubey 1-0 (0-0) 2; Erla 0-0 (3-4) 3. TOTALS - 14-0 (4-6) 32.

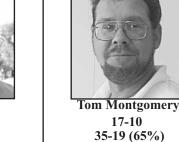
HARBOR BEACH - Grekowicz 2-0 (0-0) 4: Sorenson 2-0 (0-0) 4; Ginther 2-1 (0-0) 7; Booms 1-0 (1-1) 3; Delpiere 0-0 (0-1) 0; Murawske 7-1 (0-0) 17; Braun 5-0 (4-5) 14; Klaski 1-0(0-0)2TOTALS - 20-2 (5-7) 51.

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Last Week's Results 21-6 40-14 (74%)

Varsity **Basketball** 

Last Week's Results 17-10 Season's Results 38-16 (70%)





14-13 30-24 (56%)



CASS CITY'S Jeff Mulrath penetrates the lane using the dribble in non-conference play against visiting Marlette. The Red Raiders escaped with an exciting a 58-55 win.





# Peck turns back Bulldogs, 69-41, in crossover war

North Central Thumb League play other double-digit performer. with a solid 69-41 victory over visiting Owen-Gage. With the loss, the Bulldogs slip to 0-2 in the North Central Thumb League - North and 1-3 overall entering the Christmas break.

Both teams came out red hot in the NCTL crossover battle and treys from Bulldogs Ryan Francis, Eric Montreuil and Devin Prich had the visitors trailing by just 4 tallies after 8 min-

Francis, who recorded a team-high 19 points, continued his assault on the Pirates throughout the half, but despite 15 first half markers by the Owen-Gage center, the hosts increased their gap to 34-28 at the

The Pirates then used a 16-8 run to build a double-digit margin entering the final stanza, where they limited Owen-Gage to solo field goals by Prich and Francis to produce the final

While the Bulldogs went stone cold in the final half, Kolin York heated up for the North Central Thumb League - South leaders and poured in 16 of his game-high 25 points.

Peck's Devin Meddaugh finished

**OWEN-GAGE -** Champagne 0-1 (0-0) 3; Prich 1-1 (1-2) 6; Montreuil 1-2 (0-0) 8; Zaleski 2-0 (1-2) 5; Francis A-Fairgrove 70, Dryden 38 8-1 (0-0) 19. TOTALS - 12-5 (2-4) 41.

**PECK -** York - 10-1 (2-4) 25; T. Logghe 1-0 (0-0) 2; Meddaugh 1-2 (2-2) 10; Pathic 4-0 (0-0) 8; Mann 2-0 (0-0) 4; Quandt 1-0 (0-0) 2; J. Logghe 3-0 (3-5) 9; Hamblin 4-0 (1-4) 9. TOTALS - 26-3 (8-15) 69.

Peck improved to 2-0 Friday in with 10 points as the game's only

#### **BOYS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

**GREATER THUMB WEST** 

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Vassar	0	0	2				
Bad Axe	0	0	2				
Reese	0	0	W 2 2 2 2				
EPBP	0	0					
BCAS	0	0	1				
USA	0	0	1				
Cass City	0	0	1				
GI	REAT	ER THUMB	EAST				
Team	$\mathbf{W}$	L	$\mathbf{W}$				
H. Beach	0	0	W 3 2 2 2				
Ubly	0	0	2				
Sandusky	0	0	2				
B. City	0	0	2				
Marlette	0	0	1				
Deckerville	0	0	0				
Mayville	0	0	0				
NCTL NORTH							
Team	$\mathbf{W}$	L	$\mathbf{W}$				
N. Huron	3	0	3				
A-F	1	2	1				
O-G	0	2 2 2 2	1				
Caseville	0	2	0				
Port Hope	0		0				
NCTL SOUTH							
	W	L	W				
Peck	2	0	2				

FRIDAY'S RESULTS Kingston 62, Caseville 31 North Huron 65, Memphis 50 Peck 69, Owen-Gage 41 CPS 75, Port Hope 36

TUESDAY'S GAMES Pioneer Sugar Tournamen (Second round at Peck) p.m. – Championship Game USA at Ubly Caro at Vassar Sandusky at Deckerville (7:30 p.m.) **WEDNESDAY'S GAMES** Bad Axe vs. Marlette (2:15 p.m., The Palace)



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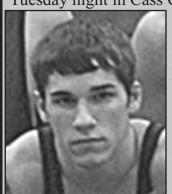
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# Schneeberger's ATHLETE of the WEEK

Senior Kevven Dorland is this week's Schneeberger' Athlete of the Week award winner.

Winning is nothing new for the Red Hawk 4-year standout, who earned career victories number 100 and 101 Tuesday night in Cass City during Greater Thumb Con-



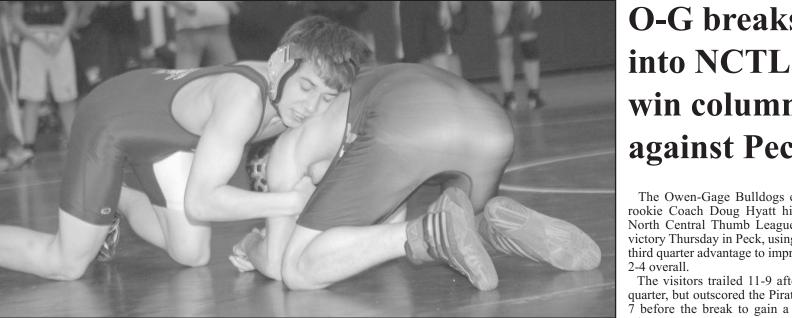
ference wrestling action and, more importantly, helped the hosts improve to 2-0 in league play with victories over Mayville and Sandusky.

Dorland became only the 21st Red Hawk wrestler to reach the 100-win plateau, following in the footsteps of older brothers, Aaron and Adam.

Kevven's parents are Kathy and Tom Dorland.

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**RED HAWK GRAPPLER Cody Crouch, left, works to take control in the 130**pound match during Cass City's home opener with Sandusky and Mayville. Despite suffering a cut lip, Crouch went on to pin his Wildcat opponent.

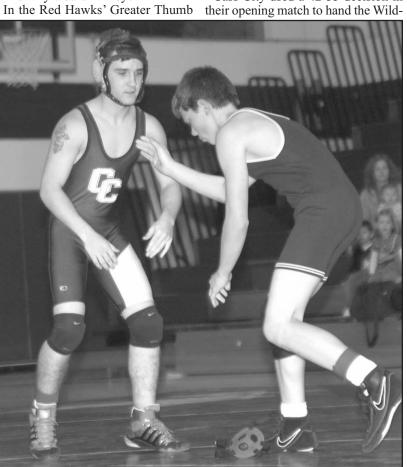
# Cass City hands Mayville rare GTC wrestling loss

Conference opener.

And why wouldn't they?

Coach Don Markel's Cass City Conference (GTC) icebreaker, which cats just their third GTC loss over the wrestling team will enter the holidays also served as their home opener, the in good spirits after their showing Sathosts delivered Mayville a rare GTC urday in Swan Valley, which followed setback and then easily defeated San-Tuesday's successful Greater Thumb dusky, 63-9, to stand at 2-0 in conference play entering the New Year.

Cass City used a 42-33 decision in



TJ MARKER, left, looks for an opening during the 125-pound bout in the Red Hawk's Greater Thumb Conference opener. Marker was a double winner, helping the hosts get off to a 2-0 start in league play. Greenvine, the state 8 2 nd rain team in Division 2, finished third.

past 8 years. A pair of those setbacks was courtesy of the Red Hawks.

Senior Kevven Dorland highlighted the action for Cass City when he defeated Mayville's Aaron Moody for his 100th career victory. Dorland flipped Moody on his back in the second period, prompting his teammates to chant "pin, pin, pin..." from the sidelines where they erupted moments later when he accomplished the

Besides Dorland, the Red Hawk's had double winners in TJ Marker, Dean Rabideau, Eric Reif and Nick

#### **TEAM TOURNEY**

Despite finishing 5th at the Swan Valley Invitational, Coach Markel was more than pleased with his squad's effort over the weekend.

'To defeat Mayville and place fifth in the Swan Valley tourney is a testament to the hard work we are putting into our practices. This is a very hard working team willing to go the extra mile to achieve success," Markel said.

The Red Hawks compiled a 2-2 record in pool play, suffering losses to 12; Gust 5-0 (0-0) 10; Koglin 4-0 (4-4) Greenville, 65-0, and Richmond, 68- 12; Smaglinski 5-0 (1-1) 11. 6, while defeating an Alternate Team, TOTALS - 20-3 (6-8) 55. 78-0, and Hemlock, 54-24.

comprised of wrestlers from several Harris 1-4 (0-0) 14; Prich 0-0 (0-2) 0; schools to replace Saginaw Arthur Hill, who dropped out of the tourna-

In a crossover match, Cass City ended the day with a 66-10 victory over Bryon to finish at 3-2 overall. Richmond, state ranked number 2 in TOTALS - 15-0 (10-29) 40. Division 3, edged out Saginaw Swan Valley, the state's top ranked team in Division 3, for the team title. Greenville, the state's 2nd ranked

#### victory Thursday in Peck, using a big third quarter advantage to improve to 2-4 overall. The visitors trailed 11-9 after one quarter, but outscored the Pirates 11-7 before the break to gain a 20-18

O-G breaks

win column

against Peck

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs earned rookie Coach Doug Hyatt his first

North Central Thumb League cage

Christin Harris, Kayla Montreuil and Lacie Prich each scored twice from the floor after the intermission to help the Bulldogs build a commanding 37-24 margin entering the final stanza en route to the 47-40 outcome.

"We still need to work on our rebounding and boxing out, but our defense is getting better," Hyatt said afterwards. "I am hoping we can get on a roll to close out our pre-holiday schedule and take some momentum into the new year.

A balanced scoring attack for the winners had Harris and Christy Schmidt each with 14 points, while Montreuil added 9. Harris used 4

treys to post her season-high. Earlier in the week, on Monday, Owen-Gage had no answer for Port Hope's inside weapons and suffered a 55-31 setback.

"We couldn't stop Kayla Gust and Allyson Koglin from scoring," Hyatt said. "Their 2 big girls really hurt us."

The visitors outscored the Bulldogs in each quarter, leading 11-7 after one and 28-17 at the halfway point. The North Central Thumb League - North front runners then outscored their hosts 27-14 over the final 16 minutes. Koglin and Brittany Schave each posted a dozen markers to lead Port

For Owen-Gage, Mandy Muntz finished with 12 points, while Schmidt chipped in 11 points, 5 rebounds and 3 blocks.

OWEN-GAGE - Montreuil 1-0 (1-2) 3; Prich 0-0 (1-2) 1; Mroz 1-0 (0-0) 2; Schmidt 2-0 (7-8) 11; Muntz 6-0 (0-2) 12; McLaren 1-0 (0-2) 2. TOTALS - 11-0 (9-16) 31.

**PORT HOPE -** Zick 1-0 (1-3) 3; Kowaleski 2-1 (0-0) 7; Schave 3-2 (0-0)

Markel said the Alternate Team was **OWEN-GAGE** - Montreuil 3-0 (3-7) 9; Mroz 0-0 (2-3) 2; Schmidt 6-0 (2-3) 14 Muntz 2-0 (1-4) 5; McLaren 0-1 (0-0) 3. TOTALS - 12-5 (8-19) 47.

> PECK - Bedy 3-0 (0-4) 6; Daniels 0-0 (2-4) 2; Corkens 0-0 (3-6) 3; Murray 3-0 (1-3) 7; Schell 2-0 (1-3) 5; Warren 0-0 (1-2) 1; Jones 2-0 (0-1) 4; Pries 5-0 (2-6) 12.

#### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

neiping the nosts get on to	a 2-0 start in league play.	team in Division 2, finished third.	GR	EATER	R THUMB V	WEST	
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$\sim$			Vassar	0	0	4	
CALIMA IN	asts open s		EPB	0	0	2	
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	•		Bad Axe	0	0	0	
,			Cass City	0	0	0	
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		occ v occident	Sandusky	0	0	5	
			B. City Deckerville	0	0	3 1	
			H. Beach	0	0	3	
The Cass City gymnastics team trav-	scores of 8.15 and 8.1, respectively.	Cass City also had a pair of 6th place	Marlette	0	0	4	
eled to Vassar Thursday and suffered	All 3 Lady Red Hawks earned the	finishes in the balance beam and floor	Mayville	0	0	3	
			Ubly	0	0	1	
a 127.50 - 98.75 defeat during the	first of 4 regional qualifying marks re-	exercises to complete the list of point	COL	NCT	TL NORTH		
Red Hawks' season opener.	quired to compete in the March re-	winners. Bartnik recorded a score of	Team	w	L	$\mathbf{W}$	
Coach Kathy Bouverette had 4 girls	gional, as did Mandi Bartnik with a	6.75 to top the Red Hawks' showing	Port Hope	3	1	4	
post regional qualifying scores in the	score of 7.9.	on the beam and Bliss recorded a	N. Huron	3	1	3	
vault to highlight the evening for the	In the uneven bars, Bartnik had the	team best score of 6.65 during the	A-F	2	2	2	
visitors. Lindsay Bliss finished as	Red Hawks' best showing with a	floor exercise.	O-G	1	4	2	
		Hoof exercise.	Caseville	0	5	0	
runner-up in the event with a score of	score of 5.75, finishing 5th, while			NCT	<u> FL SOUTH</u>		
8.25, while Haley Wynn placed third	Wynn also finished 5th competing in	The Red Hawks will return to action	Team	$\mathbf{W}$	L	W	
and Vanessa Scasny, fourth, with	the All Around category.	on Jan. 12 to entertain Freeland.	Memphis	5	0	5	
			Kingston	4	1	4	
			CPS	3	1	3	

FRIDAY'S RESULTS EPBP 56, Ubly 38 Marlette def. Cass City Sandusky 59, USA 32 Reese 64, Mayville 28 Vassar 58, Saginaw Buena Vista 48

TUESDAY'S GAMES (Second round at Peck) 5:30 p.m. Consolation Game 8:30 p.m. – Championship Game

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All or Nothing	49
Thumb Octagon Barn	49
Just One More	47
Northstar Allstars	9
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Marlene Sieradzki 199 (481);	Krista
Maurer 172-184 (516).	

Team High Game & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 600 (1672). Splits: Peggy Hellwig 4-7-9-10. Strikes: Marlene Sieradzki 3 strikes

in row.



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam E. Peet, an unmarried man, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004 and recorded July 2, 2004 in Liber 999, Page 142, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC, successor by merger with Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six and 29/100 Dollars (\$102,486.29), including interest at 6.375% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2010.

Said premises are located in the Township of Dayton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 11 North, Range 10 East; thence South 24 rods; thence West 19 rods: thence North 24 rods: thence East 19 rods 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.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: December 2, 2009

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Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Brenda C. Ritchey, a single woman, of 1502 S. Kingston, Deford, MI 48729, as Mortgagor, to Northstar Bank, f/k/a Community Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated September 16, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on November 16, 2004 in Liber 1017, pages 790, et.seq,. A Memoran dum of Land Contract dated June 1, 2006 was recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on June 2, 2006 in Liber 1083, pages 917, et seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Forty Six Thousand

(\$46,341.36) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the City of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

and situated in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as

Part of the Northwest quarter of Section 20, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: beginning at a point on the West line of said Section 20 which is North 00 degrees 23 minutes 02 seconds East 990.65 feet from the West quarter corner of said Section 20; thence continuing along said line, North 00 degrees 23 minutes 02 seconds East 331.50 feet to the North, East and West eighth line of said Section; thence along said line, South 89 degrees 53 minutes 12 seconds East 1315.35 feet to the West, North and South eighth line of said Section; thence, along said line, South 00 degrees 18 minutes 57 seconds West 331.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 12 seconds West 1315.74 feet to the West line of said Section 20 and the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: 2155 Underwood Road, Caro, MI 48723

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the period of redemption shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240.

Dated: December 21, 2009 NORTHSTAR BANK

RICHARD L. TROWHILL Attorney at Law 175 Thompson Rd. Bad Axe, MI 48413

Mortgagee

12-23-5

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Default having been made in the condi-Adam Spencer and Brooke Spencer, hus band and wife, of 2715 Hoppe Road Gagetown, MI 48735 as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on February 11, 2008 in Liber 1141. pages 273, et.seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and 70/100 (\$31,689,70) Dollars and no proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the City of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premses are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the Twp. of Ellington, Tuscola Co., MI: Parcel F - Part of the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section 11, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 11; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds East along the East and West quarter line, 990.75 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 05 seconds West parallel with the North and South quarter line 1,321.32 feet to the North 1/8 line; thence along said North 1/8 line South 89 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds East, 330.33 feet; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 05 seconds East parallel with said North and South quarter line, 1,321.29 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds West along the East and West quarter line, 330.33 feet to the point of begin-

Commonly known as: 4101 Joshua Road, Cass City, MI 48726

12-23-5

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the period of redemption shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240.

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# U-W distributes 62 baskets

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paign generated a total of \$10,392. The current campaign is at \$8,657, Tuscola County Medical Care Facility which is 86.7 percent of the goal," he

"The mail-in campaign generates pledge over \$2,300 for the year." about 20 percent of the funds that are ultimately passed on to agencies (supported by the local United Way)," Heiser explained. "The remaining 80 Heiser percent comes from payroll deductions, grants and corporate donations. cation were mailed on April 9, and the

VG's in Caro is our newest payroll remaining 50 percent was presented there have pledged a total of \$882. employees have increased their donations by over 39 percent and now

In all, the United Way of Tuscola County allocated \$59,956 at its April 2009 board meeting, according to

"Checks for 50 percent of the allo-

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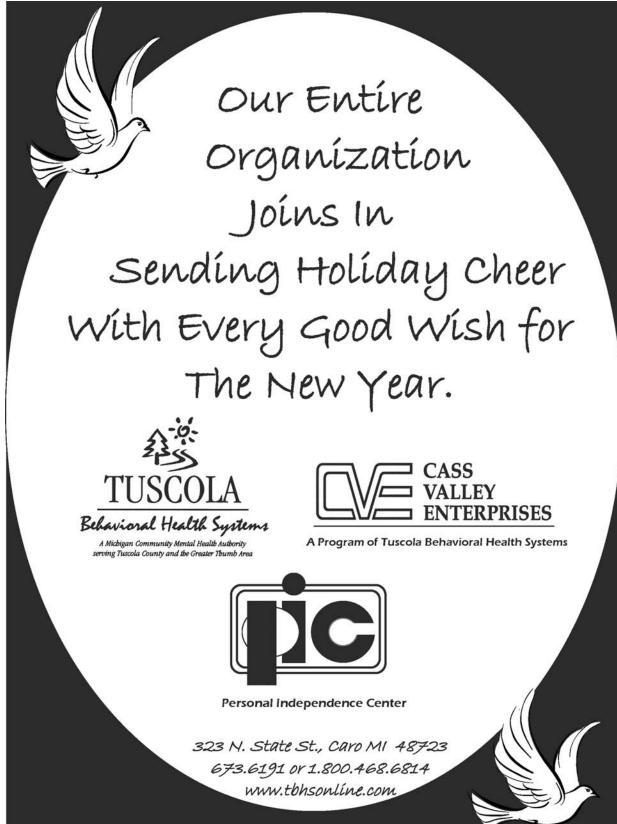
6240 W. Main St., Suite 5, Cass City (989) 872–3400 In the Thumb Insurance Group building across from

deduction partner, and the employees at the annual kick-off breakfast on Sept. 17 at the Tuscola Technology Center," he said.

> "United Way of Tuscola County is also helping families cover prescription costs by providing the Familywize Drug Discount Cards. This card could lower the cost of medications by an average of 35 percent. United Way of Tuscola County is providing these cards free of charge," Heiser pointed out. "There are no age restrictions, no income restrictions, no limit on how many times you can use it and no waiting period to receive the

> "People with Internet access can go to www.familywize.org to print a card, look up drug prices, and get a list of participating pharmacies," he added. "Those organizations wishing to maintain a supply of the cards for distribution can contact United Way of Tuscola County at (989) 325-

Heiser extended an invitation to anyone in the county interested in serving on the United Way board. "Board members are especially needed from Millington, Vassar, Reese and other areas throughout the county," he said. "Officers will be elected for a period of one year at our annual January board of directors meeting.'



# Planning well underway for D.C. trip

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"Students will travel, by coach, through the battleground with a guide explaining important aspects of the battle, generals and 'plans' of attack that worked and failed," Bailey said. Students get out frequently and walk in the footsteps of those past, and when in the cemetery are taken to the burial area of the Michigan units and names are read. The spots of Lin- who donate privately. It is the intencoln's address and ceremony at the tion that our students are able to earn gravesites are also visited. When downtown, the students are shown the remnants of damage to buildings made recognizable by the bronze plaques by the door. The next 3 days are spent in Washington, D.C.

There are 43 participants planning to dents," Bailey continued. attend the upcoming trip, leaving slots for just 6 more. The trip is all inclusive of food, travel, accommodations

and entrance fees to events. "There are many fundraising activities that have been made available so students and families can choose the opportunity to begin their trip ning. fund and add to it cumulatively for 3

more years," Bailey said.

"Students collected bottles in November and worked with a company made contributions of one form or anfor home goods sales in December, other in bookkeeping, donations, suand recently hosted the annual Secret pervision, Santa's Workshop, the brain child of Deb Montgomery. All fundraising actional support," Bailey pointed out, tivity is designed to be service ori- adding organizers also appreciate "the ented to the public. This organization huge support group of positive parhas support given by many local and ents that participate and add their help outlying businesses and individuals in many ways. the bulk of the trip through the opportunities available.

Sadly, Mrs. Maharg was not able to sadly, Mrs. Maharg was not able to participate in these trips, but by establishing a scholarship in her name, has made this trip possible to many stu-

In addition to Bailey, there are two other key staff members that help to make the trip a reality. They are the accounting and distribution of payments and compilation of fund which suit them the best. Other ideas and planning; and Jon Zdrojewski, for sponsorship for students are also who is responsible for all student anprovided. The annual magazine sales nouncements, information, Red Hawk starting at fifth grade provide students card sales, and supervision and plan-

"The middle school office staff —

Brenda Sherman and Kathy Milligan along with the entire district has announcements, fund-raising, participation and emo-

# Christmas for 400 children

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"It went well. I think we're right Laura Schinnerer, who handles all of around 130 families when it's all sorted out," he said, noting the club was able to serve roughly 400 chilraising money, along with supervision dren this year. "I think everybody got clothes and toys, so it should be a good Christmas for them.

> "The club has been great about supporting this, and the community does a great job of helping the club," Curtis

# O-G looking at funding cautiously

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discussed its commitment to work with the Huron Intermediate School District to provide Owen-Gage with

tires next month.

down" to an athletic league proposal that meet on that night, as well as accounts payable, payroll and other that would have boys basketball school district commitments.

financial services once veteran school games slated on Wednesdays and Fridistrict bookkeeper Liz Roemer re- day, rather than on Tuesdays and Fridays. The concern, Compton said, stems from a desire to keep Wednes-The board also gave its "thumbs days open for the many youth groups

### Record \$20.67 million awarded in circuit court

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In addition interest will accrue at the rate of 5 percent from Feb. 28, 2003. the date J & D took over the Laethem businesses, until the filing of the complaint Feb. 15, 2005, against J & D on the tripled damages. The statutory interest rate will then run from the date of the filing of the complaint.

"The jury also awarded \$556,062 for J & D interfering with LEC's business relationship or expectancy and \$753,881 for them interfering with

LFSC's business relationship or ex- business reputation as a result of J & pectancy," the news release states. D's conduct, and LFSC was awarded "In addition, LEC was awarded \$1.7 \$1.7 million for damage it suffered to

