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## Little, Martin village's top citizens

by Clarke Haire  
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Evidently, the apples didn't fall far from the family trees of the 2010 Cass City Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year award winners.

Richard Little and Emily Martin headlined Saturday's Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Dinner celebration, held at Northwood Meadows, where the pair received what are generally considered the village's most prestigious annual honors.

A long and tireless record of public service earned Little this year's citizen of the year tribute, while the same holds true for Cass City High School senior Martin who was tapped as the junior citizen of the year for 2010.

Both of this year's public servants follow in the footsteps of their fathers. Harry Little was citizen of the year in 1974, while Ken Martin, Jr. was the junior citizen of the year in 1980.

"This man is a powerhouse of energy who won't take no for an answer," said Kate VanAuken, Cass

izing the repair of the recreational park tennis courts, which coincided with the start of the Cass City Red Hawk tennis program.

Still, Little's passion for veterans and area youth, mainly through the Boy Scouts of America program, are among his most gratifying charity endeavors.

"He fundraised, planned and helped construct the impressive war memorial located in our downtown area for all to remember area fallen soldiers. You can also see Richard at the memorial from spring through fall taking care of plantings, watering and weeding the monument with the utmost care and respect," VanAuken said.

In 1955, Little became an Eagle Scout. He served as a scoutmaster for 40 years and was awarded the Vigil Honor in 2001 as well as being presented the Silver Beaver award in the same year.

Additionally, Little has been a helper at the Thumb Octagon Barn, volunteering to guide special needs children. He is active in the St. Pancratius Catholic Church, teaching Bible school, and in the Knights of Columbus, serving as treasurer

announced Martin as the 2010 Junior Citizen of the Year from a list of 5 candidates that also included fellow seniors Kevven Dorland, son of Tom and Kathy Dorland, Lindsay Jamieson, daughter of James and Diane Jamieson, Elise Nicol, daughter

of Jerry and Karen Nicol, Tyler Perry, son of Randy and Joy Perry, and Samantha Swiderski, daughter of Laura Cotton and Alexander Swiderski.

"I think I can speak for all the nominees that it is a great honor just to be

considered," said Martin, who was lauded by Senator Jim Barcia and Representative Terry Brown for her humanitarian work. Adding, "I am very humbled. Very honored."

Martin, the daughter of Ken and Please turn to page 13.



**HIGHLIGHTING Saturday's Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Dinner was the presentation of the 2010 Citizen of the Year Award to Richard Little, left, who receives a pat on the back from last year's recipient Kate VanAuken who made the presentation. Also pictured is Red Hawk senior Emily Martin, addressing the crowd after being named the Junior Citizen of the Year. (Related photos, page 10 and 13)**

*"Are you expecting me to say something, I don't think I can."*

-- Richard Little, after receiving his award.

City's 2009 Citizen of the Year, who helped present Little with the coveted plaque, symbolic of his devotion to community.

After a 40-year teaching career in the Yale school district, Little returned to Cass City and immediately became involved in the community. He single-handedly organized the popular Lighted Christmas Parade 5 years ago that grew to over 30 entries this past December.

Little also planned and runs the downtown farmer's market, which continues to attract more vendors each season. The Cass City Easter Egg Hunt was another project he championed a number of years ago, along with raising money and organ-

and receiving the "Knight of the Year" award in 2009.

Little's good deeds have resulted in recognition as the "United Way of St. Clair County Community Hero", the "Thumb Friend of the Youth" and "Cass City Friend of the Youth" awards.

Always concerned for others' well being, Little has planned very successful benefit dinners and concerts for victims of Hurricane Katrina, sufferers of the devastating tsunami, and more recently aiding the country of Haiti.

### JUNIOR CITIZEN

Chamber board member Jim Luth

## Dairy Farmers of America exercises purchase option

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

In December of 2008 the Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. (DFA), a Kansas, Missouri cooperative marketing association, entered into an option agreement to purchase 40 acres of land in the Industrial Park at Doerr Road and Schell Street in Cass City.

The company, however, never followed through with plans to build in the Industrial Park in 2009, becoming the first of 2 major industrial developments that never materialized.

But in a surprise announcement at Monday's regular meeting of the village council, Peter Cristiano informed board members that company officials from DFA have notified his office that they wish to exercise the option to purchase the land for \$22,500.

"The total purchase price is \$100,000," says Cristiano. Adding, "Under the terms of the agreement, the village of Cass City will receive the balance of payment in the amount of \$77,500."

While the sale is a long way from being completed, the council took action to execute all documents necessary for the sale.

"We don't know what their plans are right now, but they aren't going to purchase the land and just let it sit there," Cristiano said. "This is more positive news for Cass City. We have a lot to be thankful for in our community."

In an unrelated matter, but also involving land in Cass City's Industrial Park, the council put in motion the execution of all necessary documents for the return of 12 acres of land from Mr. Steven Liang.

Last October, a land contract was contingent upon Liang's company, L & L Poultry, constructing and operating a poultry processing plant. The 5-year contract terms included a down payment of \$10,000 and the

balance of \$70,000 to be paid over 5 years.

Since then, Liang's company has

flown the coup - looking to move to neighboring Caro.

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## O-G gives Compton "satisfactory" grade

The Owen-Gage Board of Education completed its evaluation of school Supt. Dana Compton and approved a revised deficit elimination plan during a rescheduled

monthly meeting Monday night.

After meeting in executive session for about 45 minutes, the board gave Compton a "satisfactory" rating on Please turn to page 9

## Martin and Ballard top Class of 2010

Cass City High School officials have named the top graduates of the Class of 2010. Emily Martin is the valedictorian, while Jacob Ballard earned the title of salutatorian this year.

Martin, who achieved a grade point average of 4.062, is the daughter of Ken and Roselyn Martin, Cass City.

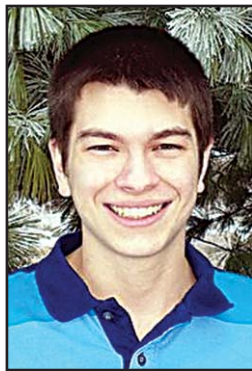
In addition to earning all throughout her high school career, she has earned a host of honors, including the Red Hawk Award of Excellence, All Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Team Academic All State honors, and D.A.R. Good Citizen. She was recently named the 2010 Village of Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year.

Martin has been involved in athletics as a member of the basketball, volleyball and softball teams. She is

a member of the student council and yearbook/school newspaper staffs, and has participated in Academic Games.

Also a member of the National Honor Society, she has served as a peer counselor at the high school and is a member of the Tuscola County Community Foundation's Future Youth Involvement group.

The list of Martin's other volunteer activities is extensive. She has been involved in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church vacation Bible school and the church youth group's Needy Family Christmas Shopping project, Youth for Christ Benefit Auction, Cass City Freedom Festival, Tuscola County Community Foundation Cardboard Please turn to page 6.



Jacob Ballard



Photo courtesy of Amy Stone

### The wonder of nature...

THERE'S STILL A chill in the air, but Cass City first graders recently enjoyed a taste of spring during a field trip to Dow Garden's "Butterflies in Bloom" exhibit. Above, Mikayla Reeder, daughter of Mike and Sharon Reeder of Cass City, holds a butterfly as Dawson Klein, daughter of Jason Klein and Keri Klein, looks on. Teachers from Campbell Elementary School secured a \$300 grant from the Dow Foundation to help pay for bussing expenses to Midland.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Thursday, April 1

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

Grief Counseling offered by Thabet Funeral Home in conjunction with Home & Hospice Advantage, 6 p.m., Arrangement Center (formerly the VFW Annex building), 4530 Veterans Dr.

Friends of the Library meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

## Friday, April 2

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

Rawson Memorial District Library will be closed from noon to 3 p.m. in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

## Sunday, April 4

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

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

## Monday, April 5

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.

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 6

Toddler Story Time, 10-10:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

## 2002 "cold case" investigation

# Trio charged in murder of man discovered in Tuscola County

Attorney General Mike Cox announced Thursday that his office has issued murder charges against 3 Saginaw residents in connection with the 2002 cold case murder of 19-year-old Saginaw resident Kevin Amos.

Patrick Martin, 39, Tanisha Williams, 27, and Terrance Shepard, 33, face first-degree murder charges. Shepard also faces an additional charge of perjury in a separate, but related, complaint.

The victim was last seen alive in late December 2002 in an apartment complex in Bridgeport. His body

was later discovered on the banks of the Cass River in Tuscola County March 23, 2003.

"Our special emphasis on cracking cold cases like this one should send the message that we will bring killers to justice and help find closure for victims' families," said Cox. "Justice may be delayed, but it will not be denied."

"I want to commend the hard work and tenacity of the Michigan State Police detectives who put this investigation together," Cox added.

All 3 defendants were arrested last week. Bond has not been set. Martin

was arrested at the Saginaw County Jail, where he was in custody for unrelated charges. Williams was arrested at her place of employment and Shepard was arrested at his home. Williams and Shepard were arraigned in the 70th District Court in Saginaw County before Judge Terrance Clark. Martin was also scheduled to be arraigned before the same judge.

Each faces up to life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted as charged. They are all due in court for a preliminary exam, currently scheduled for April 8 in the 70th District Court.

# Several appear on charges in Tuscola County court

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

•Kevin S. Magiera, 21, Caro, was sentenced to 5 to 25 years in prison for his plea of guilty to second degree criminal sexual conduct involving an injury to an incapacitated victim last May in Indianfields Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$128.

•Kirt M. Bedore, 38, Unionville, pleaded guilty to possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle Nov. 19 in Akron Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$4,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Gregory L. Miller, 50, Clio, was sentenced to 18 months to 7 1/2 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 7 in Arbela Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay \$128 in costs and fines.

•David E. McPherson, 23, Richville, was sentenced to 18 months to 20 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to 3 counts of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, and larceny of property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Aug. 14-16 in Denmark Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,772 plus restitution of \$1,260.

•Mark A. Smith, 51, Mayville, was

sentenced to 365 days in jail following a year-long delayed sentence. He previously pleaded no contest to larceny in a building and conspiracy to commit larceny in a building Feb. 15, 2004, in Mayville. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

•Paul K. Nutall, 41, Vassar, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Aug. 7, 2007, in Caro, and to engaging in the business of being a private detective or investigator without a license from the Department of Consumer and Industry Services May 21-June 19, 2007, in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at a combined \$60,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Andrea M. Brady, 24, Westland, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond May 27, 2008, in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$25,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Richard W. Cross, 46, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Oct. 31 in Almer Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

•David M. Mihalko, 47, Caro, was sentenced to 2 1/2 to 20 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under

influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 14 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$628 plus restitution of \$95.

•Sirena M. Lyttaker, 41, Flint, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation for her pleas of guilty to malicious destruction of fire or police department property, and 2 counts of assaulting a police officer Aug. 14 in Caro. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to pay \$2,064 in costs and fines.

•Sheila L. Mitchem, 23, Deford, pleaded no contest to 3 counts of making a false statement to procure a financial transaction device, and 2 counts of obtaining money by false pretenses between August and November 2008 in Almer Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Shawn D. Chapelo, 39, Caro, was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to falsely reporting a felony (second degree home invasion) between June and November 2006 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay \$128 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$8,000.



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**THUMB AREA Sheriffs** (from left) Garry Biniecki (Sanilac County), Leland Teschendorf (Tuscola County) and Kelly Hanson (Huron County), along with Lapeer County Undersheriff Robert Rapson, recently gathered at the Thumb Works! in Marlette in support of FFA Chapter Strategy Day. The law enforcement officials presented a certificate of appreciation to keynote speaker Dwight Armstrong, who serves as chief operating officer of the National FFA.

## State traffic deaths hit all-time low since 1924

Michigan's traffic deaths reached a milestone of 871 in 2009, the lowest number the state has recorded since 1924 when there were 863 traffic fatalities.

Today, there are nearly 10 times

more vehicles on the road than in the 1920s. The 2009 fatality figure is down 11 percent from 2008, when 980 people died on Michigan roads.

Just a decade earlier in 1999, 1,386 people died on state roadways.

"Michigan is part of a national trend where states are seeing significant declines in traffic deaths," said Office of Highway Safety Planning Director Michael L. Prince. "A variety of factors contributed to the decline, including fewer miles driven, the state's high seat belt use, strict enforcement of traffic laws, roadway engineering improvements and vehicle safety features."

Overall, the number of traffic crashes dropped 8 percent, fatal crashes fell 12 percent and injury crashes declined 6 percent.

Declines were noted in several areas, including alcohol and/or drug-involved fatalities. These dropped from 379 in 2008 to 351 in 2009. Specifically, alcohol-involved fatalities dropped 6 percent, from 317 in 2008 to 299 in 2009. Drug-involved fatalities fell 15 percent, from 140 in 2008 to 119 in 2009. (In some cases, both alcohol and drugs were involved.)

The crash data also shows:

- Motorcycle-involved fatalities fell from 127 in 2008 to 105 in 2009, a drop of 17 percent.
- Commercial motor vehicle-involved fatalities dropped 28 percent, from 106 in 2008 to 76 in 2009.
- The state recorded zero school bus-related traffic deaths in 2009, down from four in 2008. There has not been a child killed on a school bus in Michigan since 1989.
- Cell phone-involved crashes fell from 919 in 2008 to 866 in 2009. (Michigan cannot track crashes involving texting specifically.)

## Deputies cite man in school bus crash

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies cited a 22-year-old Sebawaing man for failing to stop for a school bus, leaving the scene of an accident and careless driving following an accident last week.

The driver's name has not been released "due to the type of charges filed," Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent said Friday, the day of the accident.

The hit-and-run incident occurred at about 7 a.m. on M-25 near Vassar Road in Akron Township, according to Skrent, who reported a USA School District bus was stopped, with its red flashers activated, when a single cab pickup truck struck the bus. There were 12 to 18 children on the bus at the time, but no one was injured, he noted.

After the accident, the pickup truck continued eastbound on M-25, he said.



**WINNERS OF the annual Tuscola County Right to Life oratory contest** are (from left) Tyler Perry of Cass City (first), Mallory Tanis of Silverwood (second) and Miranda Tanis, also of Silverwood (third).

## Perry wins Right to Life competition

A Cass City High School senior last week took first place in an annual oratory contest sponsored by Tuscola County Right to Life.

The event was held March 22 at the Caro Public Library.

Tyler Perry of Cass City was named the winner, followed by Mallory Tanis of Silverwood, in second place, and Miranda Tanis, also of Silverwood, in third. Philip Krill, pastoral administrator at St. Francis Cabrini Parish in Vassar, and Vicar

Adam Lehman of Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese, officiated as judges.

Donella Peasley, president of Tuscola County Right to Life, noted Perry was awarded \$150 and will be competing in the Right to Life state contest Saturday, May 8, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Holt.

Mallory Tanis was awarded \$100 and Miranda Tanis, \$50, for their efforts in the county contest, Peasley said.

## "First on scene" program scheduled

The Huron-Sanilac EMS Network, in cooperation with the McNeil Company, will be offering a "First on the Scene" safety education program at North Huron High School Thursday, April 1, from 6 to 9 p.m.

There is no cost to attend, but a \$5-per-person donation at the door is appreciated to cover expenses associated with providing the program.

First On The Scene is a program that teaches farm family members, farm employees and the general community how to make important decisions at the scene of a farm emergency.

Farming is an occupation that exposes workers to many hazards. The key to survival involves not getting caught by these hazards. This program will lead participants through various scenarios that will force them to think about typical injury incidents and make proper decisions and reactions to them. This program is intended for all farm groups such as farm managers, employees, spouses, 4-H and FFA groups. Participation as a family or as a farm work group is encouraged.

The network will also be sponsoring a Farmedic Provider Course, also in cooperation with McNeil, April 2, at the fire hall in Kinde. The provider course, designed for EMS

professionals and firefighters, is taught by FARMEDIC instructors and combines classroom training with hands-on exercises. There is a fee for the provider course.

The Huron-Sanilac EMS Network began with directors from the 9 EMS services in Huron and Sanilac counties. The Network was initially funded by a grant awarded by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health Policy and in 2008 became a Michigan non-profit Corporation.

In April 2009, the network was awarded a 3-year outreach grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health Policy. The grant funds a new outreach program, which was developed to ensure that having a prepared and trained person first on scene becomes the norm, not the exception. Activities include community education and training, cardiovascular health screenings and education, advanced EMS professional education, and increased coordination of the Michigan trauma care system.

For more information or to register for the First on the Scene program or the Farmedic Provider Course, contact Leslie Hall, Huron-Sanilac EMS Network director, at (989) 315-8442.

## Martin and Ballard top Class of 2010

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City Sleep Out, Big Brother/Big Sister Lunch Buddy program, Adopt-A-Highway, American Red Cross blood drives, Thumb Octagon Barn Fall Family Days, and Backpacks for Kids (Campbell Elementary School).

A former Cass City Chronicle student columnist, Martin plans to attend the University of Michigan after graduation to study communications and sports management.

Cass City's 2010 salutatorian, Jacob Ballard, has earned a cumulative grade point average of 4.013.

Ballard, the son of Anne and Steve Ballard, Cass City, has been involved in a number of activities, including marching and concert band, Academic Games, golf and Lunch Buddies. He also earned the honor of being a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

After graduation, Ballard plans to

attend the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Other Cass City students slated to graduate with honors are:

- Honor cords (gold), signifying a grade point average of 3.5 and above - Rachel Auten, Josiah Battel, Cansu Cabucak, Kevven Dorland, Amanda Kaake, Paige Lester, Thomas Marker, Ashleigh Moore, Elise Nicol, Eric Reif, Kelsey Rudy, Rochelle Rushlow, Steven Rychlewski, Jenna Sattelberg, Angelena Simpson, Stephanie Steely, Ashleigh Stoeckle and Samantha Swiderski.

- Honor students (silver and maroon cords), achieving a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49 - Chantel Beyette, Richard Doerr, Abby Ellis, Jalen Ferris, Lindsay Jamieson, Renae Janssen, Amber LaPonsie, Andrew Leslie, Paul Martin, Tyler Perry, Dillon Peruski, Vanessa Scasny, Nicholas Schantz, Sara Venema and Kyle Weidman.

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# Obituaries

## Robert Brown

Robert Hilton Brown, 82, of Cass City, died unexpectedly while visiting his grandson, March 20, 2010 in Rapid City Regional Hospital, Rapid City, South Dakota.

He was born Feb. 1, 1928 at home in Tyre, the son of Lloyd Hilton and Clara Mae (Gibbard) Brown.

He married Marian R. Keller Dec. 20, 1952 in Argyle. She died May 29, 1996.

Robert was a dairy farmer most of his life, later a hog farmer. He also did lumbering for others in the area and fumigated railroad cars for the state of Michigan for a time. He served on the Greenleaf Township Board of Review for over 40 years. Robert loved sports including hunting and fishing. He played on several softball teams over the years and coached the Cumber Softball Team. Robert was an avid reader and loved his politics and was willing to share his opinions.

Robert is survived by his children: Daniel Brown of Cass City, Diane (Craig) Walsh of Ubyly, and Debra (Thomas) Rodriguez of Cass City; grandchildren: Robert (B.J.) Osentoski, Aaron Osentoski, Tommy (Leslie) Rodriguez, Melinda (Paul) Kasat, Rachelle (Jeremy) Vredeveld, Aaron Rodriguez, and Rebekah Rodriguez; several great-grandchildren; a sister, Florence Dyet of Arizona; brothers: Clare (Georgene) Brown of Ubyly, and Keith (Joyce) Brown of Ubyly; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Phyllis Pelton; a brother, Jay Brown; and an infant brother, Billy.

Memorial services will be held Memorial Day weekend.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## June Phillips-MacDonald

June S. (Auslander) Phillips-MacDonald, 86, of Troy, formerly of Decker, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

She was born Jan. 24, 1924 in Decker, the eighth of 9 children to Paul and Sabie Auslander.

She married Clayton Phillips in April of 1947, and lived in Detroit with their 2 children, Craig and Beth. He preceded her in death in November 1961. She later married James MacDonald in April 1985, residing in Troy. He passed away in June 2008.

June graduated from Cass City High School in 1942, and soon after moved to Detroit at age 18 to work with her sister Mabel at Stouffer's Restaurant on Woodward in downtown Detroit. June later worked at Stouffer's Northland Inn and Hudsons at Northland. She was the volunteer organizer for Baldwin Center for 13 years through Troy First United Methodist Church. June was very active in the Troy First United Methodist Church for 25

years. She was a wonderful and loving mother, friend, Christian, and an example for those who knew and loved her, and will be missed by her large circle of family and friends. June loved to play pinochle at the Northfield Hills condominium clubhouse and the Troy Community Center. She touched many hearts in ways she never even knew.

June is survived by her children: Craig (Marsha) Phillips and Beth Phillips; step-children: Robert (Shelley) MacDonald and Bruce MacDonald; 5 step-grandchildren: Paul MacDonald, Matt (Emma) MacDonald, Madison and Sam MacDonald and Shaun (Tera) Hamilton; 3 step-great grandchildren: Annabelle, Andrew and Liam; sisters: Jean Cohen and Marie (Charles) Osontoski; brothers-in-law: Paul (Alice) Phillips and Arthur Itchue.

She was preceded in death by her step-son, James (Kathy) MacDonald; sisters: Iris (William) Butts, Zeldia (Anders) Hem and Mabel Itchue; brothers: Clair (Virginia) Auslander and Clark (Gladys) Auslander; and sisters-in-law: Ann (Jack) Hayes and Dorothy Tiernan.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, at the First United Methodist Church, Troy.

Memorial tributes may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Troy.

## Kyle Spencer

Kyle Lee Spencer, 27, of Cass City, died Sunday, March 21, 2010, from injuries sustained in a house fire.

He was born March 5, 1983 in Cass City, the son of Graydon Lee and Christine Marie (Vargo) Spencer.

Kyle worked as a CNC operator for Millennium Industries, Cass City. He worked as a CNC operator granite fabricator with his brother in Florida for 4 years. Kyle worked with his dad at Verona Hills Golf Course for over 5 years as groundskeeper and maintenance person. He loved being outside. He enjoyed camping, canoeing, hiking, sharing barbecues with family and friends.

Kyle is survived by his mother, Christine "Tina" Spencer of Cass City; father, Graydon Spencer of Cass City; brother, Domonick

(Colleen) Vargo of St. Cloud, Fla.; sisters: Dinelle (Donnie) Harp of Fabens, Texas, and Danielle "Dannie" Kopah of Cass City; nieces: Alyssa, Jewels, and Jasmine; nephew, Donnie; and grandmother, Shirley Brown of Caseville.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Reginald Vargo, and Jack and Vernita Spencer.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor Paul Carmichael officiating.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Lawrence Summers

Lawrence Anthony Summers, 86, of Grant Township, died Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at home while under hospice care.



He was born April 17, 1923 at home in Grant Township, the son of the late Ostrum and Wealtha (Sherman) Summers.

He married Marguerite Cummings Oct. 3, 1942 in Royal Oak. Marguerite preceded him in death July 18, 2003.

Lawrence served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Europe. After the war, he farmed and worked the night shift at Walbro. He was a Christian man and active member of the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene where he was a Sunday school superintendent and teacher.

He enjoyed watching Tiger baseball, camping with family at Lake of the Pine near Lake George and gardening.

Lawrence is survived by his children: Larry (Carol) Summers of Gagetown, Marilyn Pierce of Gagetown and Gary (Gwen) Summers of Grayling; grandchildren: Tom, Chuck, Terri, Christy, Jason and Ciara; great-grandchildren: Justin, Sydney, Ben, Dyllan, Lylian, Emily and Kendall; and a sister, Loretta Woolner of Bad Axe.

He was preceded in death by his brothers: Clifton and Alton Summers; and sisters: Gretchen Severn, Reva Russell, and Hazel Atkinson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, at the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene, Gagetown, with Pastor Ben Walls officiating.

Burial with military honors was in the Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene.

Arrangements were made by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

## Donations sought for annual sale

The Cass River Pet FriendZ is gearing up for this year's annual rummage sale, slated for Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at the American Legion Hall, 110 W. Frank St. in Caro.

Volunteers will be available at the hall on Friday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accept "tax-deductible" donated items. Tax receipts will be available and the group asks that you price your items before dropping them off.

Some suggested items needed are household goods, kitchenware, furniture, small appliances, tools, toys, games, bikes and clean and gently used clothing of all sizes.

Proceeds from the sale go to support the spay/neuter cost reduction program for Tuscola County pet owners.

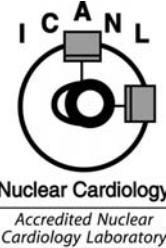
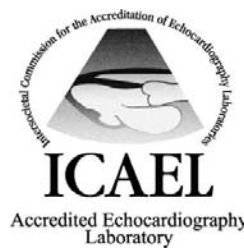
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# Dairy Farmers of America exercises purchase option

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"Mr. Liang, in a letter dated February 11, 2010, informed the vil-

lage of Cass City that due to lack of funds for this project, he cannot proceed and therefore wants to give back, sell back, the 12 acres,"

Cristiano said. "It is the village's position, with agreement from the village attorney that the \$10,000 paid by Mr. Liang is

not refundable and Mr. Liang must pay any property due between Oct. 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010."

## HELEN STEVENS MEMORIAL POOL

Parks and Recreation Committee member Marilyn Biefer requested that sealed bids for a pool salt chlorination system be accepted until Thursday, April 15.

Biefer says that currently the village pool is chlorinated by liquid chlorine and PH is regulated with liquid acid.

"This method typically costs between \$8,000 and \$15,000 a year to operate," Biefer said, noting the new system eliminates the need for hazardous chemicals and is easier to maintain.

"Over a 5-year period, the system can be expected to save between \$40,000 and \$75,000," she said.

However, the actual costs for the salt chlorination system is unknown according to village employee Sam Moore who is heading the project.

"There has been a wide range of prices provided for the conversion," Moore says. "It's hard to say exactly what the costs will be."

## OUTDOOR FURNACE ORDINANCE

Public services committee member Jenny Zawilinski requested a public hearing for Monday, April 26 for Ordinance No. 168 - Outdoor Furnace Ordinance.

The purpose of the ordinance is to

provide guidelines, review, and regulation of outdoor heating devices for residential and commercial structures located in the village of Cass City.

Officials say the entire ordinance will be published in a future Chronicle edition, or it can be seen at the municipal building during regular business hours.

Zawilinski also spearheaded a motion to approve Albrecht Sand & Gravel, Snover, to enter into contract for improvements to Church Street, the north alley between Oak Street and Maple Street, and the DPW site, in the amount of \$95,733.

"Five bids were received ranging from the low bid from Albrecht Sand & Gravel to a high bid of \$127,814," reported Zawilinski. Albrecht is honoring their bid from May of 2009 for the construction that is scheduled for May 2010.

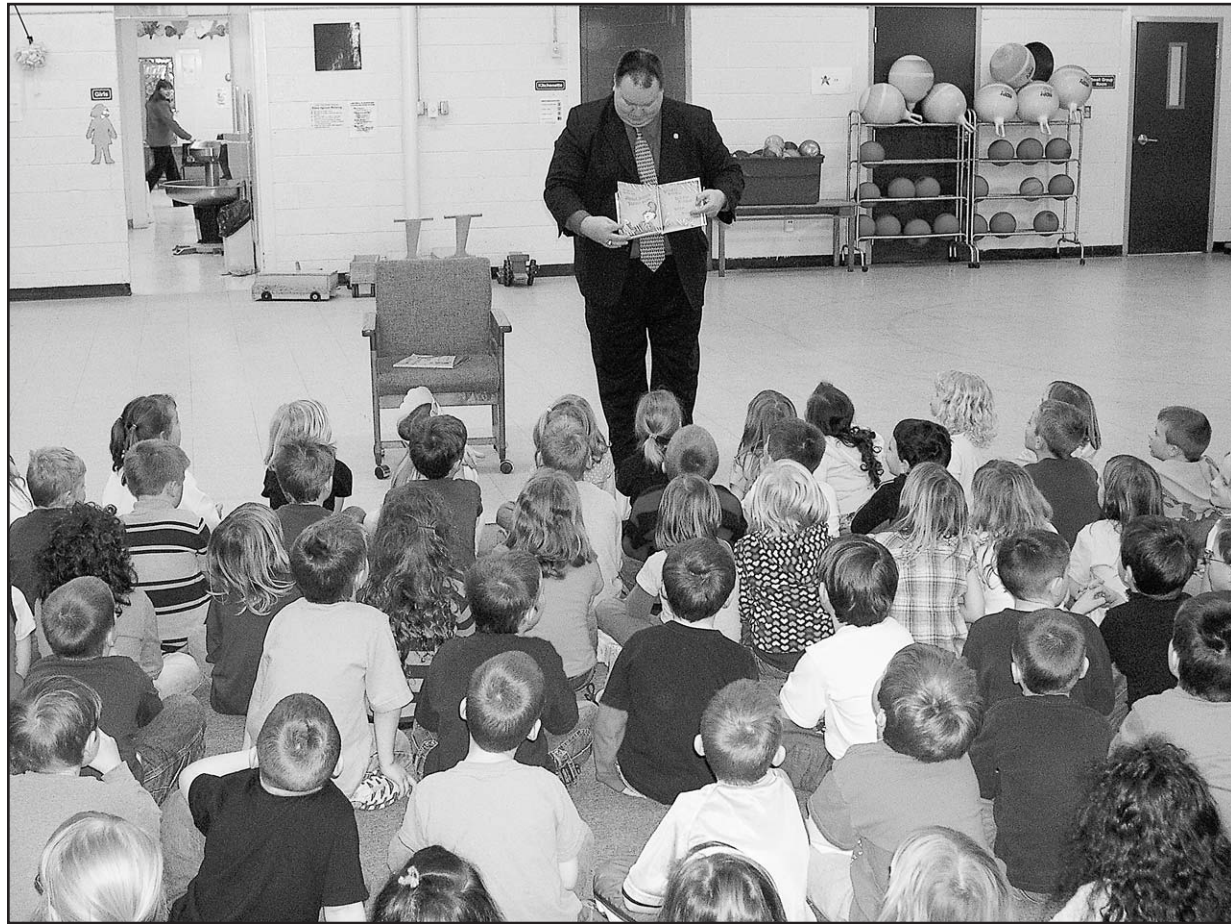
## OTHER BUSINESS

Also during the 45-minute session the council:

\*Heard from state senator candidate Paul Mezo, Sandusky, who invited voters to visit his website at [www.mezoforsenate.com](http://www.mezoforsenate.com).

\*Accepted the financial statements ending Feb. 28, 2010 with a cash balance of \$1,226,292.

\*Received and filed the minutes of the Feb. meetings of the Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation.



**STATE REP. TERRY Brown (D-Pigeon), who represents Tuscola and Huron counties, paid Cass City's youngest students a visit Monday at the Cass City Early Childhood Education Center to read to them in conjunction with March is Reading Month. The visit was also related to the Cass City Public Schools' new PEP (Post Education Preparation) initiative, which promotes post-high school education.**



**STEERING LOCAL youngsters away from poor decisions was the focus of recent free skating parties hosted by Cass City Middle School over a 4-day period last week. "We had a skating party each night after school to promote positive activities to reduce underage drinking. Kids were treated to free skating, snacks, a DJ and guest speakers," explained Principal Jeff Hartel, who said the activity, funded by a \$500 grant, was sponsored by the Tuscola County Underage Drinking Prevention Coalition. "Students will write about their experiences in class and also will take a survey, which the coalition will use for further activities." Hartel said plans are already in the works for another free student activity - a swim evening — sometime in late May or early June.**

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his job performance.

School officials have spent several months revamping the evaluation process for their top administrator, and that effort remains a work in progress, according to Compton, who said he and the board continue to discuss expectations, future goals and ways to improve communications between himself and individual trustees.

Turning to the revised deficit elimination plan, the board formally adopted a resolution in which district officials have outlined for the state a plan to erase \$28,000 in red ink over the next 2 years.

Compton explained the district initially presented a plan that showed progress in reducing the deficit in an annual budget that typically totals just under \$2 million. The state countered with a proposal for Owen-Gage to eliminate its shortfall in 3 to 5 years.

However, Compton said he believes the district can tackle the deficit in a shorter period of time.

"This plan goes into effect in the 2009-10 school year and we end up removing just under \$5,000 from our deficit," he said, adding the plan is to slice the remaining in red ink and end up \$5,000 in the black in the second year.

The plan relies on some assumptions involving upcoming staff contract negotiations and programming adjustments, along with savings realized by previous measures implemented to reduce utility and fuel

expenses. "And we're going to look at tightening some things up in transportation and some other things," Compton said. "We'll see where it goes."

However, the superintendent pointed out that one of the biggest question marks — state school aid funding — can't be projected at this point because the numbers coming out of Lansing are constantly changing.

## IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

\*Discussed upcoming teacher contract negotiations in executive session. The current 2-year contract, which will expire at the end of June, provided teachers with step increases in the first year, but included a "true" pay freeze — no step increases — in the second year.

\*Heard a report from teacher Carol Sattler on the district's "Step Up to Writing" program, which promotes consistency in writing techniques to students. Sattler also touched on the high school's yearbook/newspaper efforts and the district's website.

\*Approved band trips for fifth and sixth grade students to Cedar Point, and for students in grades 7 through 12 to the Upper Peninsula. Also receiving the board's nod of approval was a senior class trip to Chicago.

\*Passed an annual resolution to post all fall and winter coaching positions.

\*Approved the nomination of Erin Seibel as the "Senior Student of the Month" for March.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Elkland will hold a public hearing on the 20th day of April, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the application by Reliable Roll-Off Co., LLC for a special land use approval for the purpose of a rural highway commercial business and rubbish transfer station to be located at S.W. corner of M-81 and Greenland Rd. on property identified as tax parcel number 007-036-000-0150-04.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to ask questions or to make comments as to the application. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk at 6691 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726 at any time prior to the public hearing.

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Planning Commission Chairperson  
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Matt Eilers

## Ubly senior Matt Eilers celebrates earning the Eagle

An Ubly High School senior has earned scouting's highest honor — the Eagle rank.

Friends, family members, fellow Boy Scouts and scouting leaders honored Matt Eilers recently during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor featuring guest speaker state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon). Eagle Scouts Brian Rutkowski and Nick Sadro served as Eilers' honor guard, and his brother, Chris, also an Eagle Scout, served as master of ceremonies.

Brown, a longtime friend of the family, spoke of the value of scouting and other youth programs, and how they help youth attain their goals and prepare them to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Eilers, 18, has been a member of Troop 585, Ubly, since its formation in February 2003. Also a past recipient of the Arrow of Light — the highest honor awarded to a Cub Scout — he is the son of Dave and Jeanne Eilers of Ubly and the grandson of Roseline and the late Charlie Gliniecki of Parisville and the late Alvin and Christine Eilers of Bad Axe.

Eilers said he's been involved in scouting since he was 5 years old.

"Off the top of my head, probably, it was something that a bunch of friends and me got involved in after school, and later, my dad became scoutmaster," he recalled. "Eagle Scout was something that my brother had achieved and I wanted to reach, too."

Earning the Eagle rank takes a great deal of dedication.

To become an Eagle Scout, a scout must fulfill a set list of requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in those areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks — Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle.

Scouts must pass tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, which signify mastery of specific skills and also help the boys focus on activities of personal interest.

Of the 120 available badges, a Boy Scout must earn a minimum of 21 to qualify for Eagle Scout. Of those, 12 are required, including first aid, citi-

zenship in the community, communications, environmental science, personal fitness, camping and family life.

The final step is organizing an Eagle project.

Eilers focused on a renovation project at the old St. John's Cemetery, located 1 1/4 miles south of Ubly. He and a group of volunteers established a trail leading to the grave markers at the top of a hill. They also cleared brush and planted perennials along the trail. To complete the project, Eilers designed a sign for the trailhead along with brochures that were distributed to the Ubly Historical Society and to St. John's Parish.

As a newly-honored Eagle Scout, Eilers joins some impressive company.

Well-known Eagle Scouts have included Gerald R. Ford Jr., the 38th president of the United States; William C. DeVries, M.D., who transplanted the first artificial heart; J.W. Marriott Jr., president of the Marriott Corporation; and H. Ross Perot, businessman and former presidential candidate.

After graduating from high school this spring, Eilers plans to further his education at Central Michigan University, where he'll pursue a degree in psychology.

And he'll take with him all of the values and skills he's learned in scouting, not to mention a strong sense of leadership that served him well in earning the Eagle rank.

"Scouting has pretty much given me a set of rules to live by, and set my morals straight for later in life," he said.

## Hutchinson accepted to university

Lyle Hutchinson, son of Greg Hutchinson and Kathy Hutchinson of Cass City, has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio, to begin classes in the June session.

Hutchinson, a Cass City High School student, plans to major in the school's automotive program.



A pair of Cass City businesses received Community Enrichment Awards at Saturday's Chamber of Commerce event held at Northwood Meadows. Above, Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano, center, praised Schneeberger TV & Appliance owners Russ, at the podium, and Bud Schneeberger for years of community service. Also receiving the distinguished award was Nick's Country Oven owner Gjon Camaj, left, and his restaurant manager Artur Nika.



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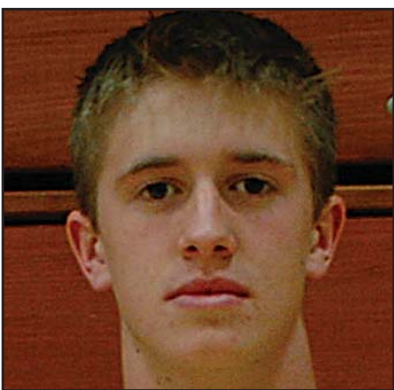
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## Greater Thumb West all conference basketball selections include Varney, Ketterer and Mulrath

Vassar, Bay City All Saints and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, the top 3 finishers in the Greater Thumb West standings, each placed a pair of performers on the 2009-2010 all conference dream team.

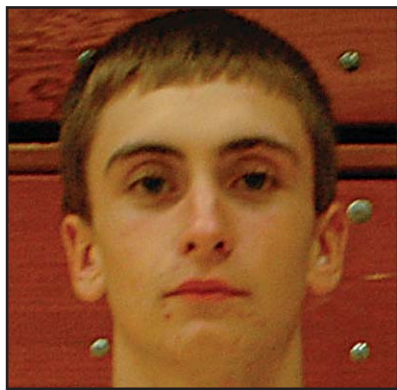
The 7-member first team consisted of Vulcans Troy Hecht and Ryan Amend, Cougars Adam Pijaszek and Drew Janer and Lakers



Alex Varney

Luke Voelker and Chris Rowe. Rounding out the first team picks is Josh Pickell, Reese, Janer, a junior, is the elite squad's only underclassmen.

Named to the GTW second-team are Ethan Stockmeyer, Reese, Justin Villano, Bay City



Justin Ketterer

Holland, Josh Lakie and Clinton Krueger. Holland, a junior, is the

lone player returning for his senior year.

Cass City had juniors Alex Varney and Justin Ketterer and senior Jeff Mulrath earn honorable mention praises, along with Bad Axe senior Luke Flannery and sophomore Jessie Quinn, All Saints senior Thomas Villano, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port senior Shay Wruble, Reese sophomore Adam



Jeff Mulrath

season." Adding, "Justin was our leading scorer and began to develop his all around game as the season progressed, while Jeff led us in assists and his solid guard play will be missed next year."

On the year, Varney scored 221 points, grabbed 92 rebounds, dished out 57 assists and recorded 44 steals, while Ketterer tallied 265 points, hauled in 72 rebounds, passed for 34 assists and made 20 swipes.

Mulrath had a break out season in his senior year and posted 148 points, 46 rebounds, 65 assists and 35 steals.

### Cass City Bowling

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All or Nothing	51
Thumb Octagon Barn	48
Just One More	34
Northstar Allstars	7

Individual High Games & Series:  
 Krista Maurer 194 (489).  
 Team High Game & Series: All or Nothing 604 (1661).  
 Splits: Marlene Sieradzki 5-7-8; Deidra Zdrojewski 4-10.



THE 2010 Cass City varsity softball team members include: (front, l-r) Brenda Haley, Nikki Guigar, Emily Martin, Lindsay Jamieson, Amanda Kaake, Amber Warju (back) Asst. Coach Ken Martin, Dana Woodward, McKensie Parrish, Krista Guinther, Hayley Peters, Megan Parrish and Coach Josh Stern. Missing is Shannon Stec.

## Lady Red Hawks set to lift curtain on softball season

Despite the departure of 4 key performers from Cass City's 2009 softball squad, veteran Coach Josh Stern will have several returning letter winners to lead this year's Lady Red Hawk hopefuls.

Among the graduation losses are 3-year starters Amanda Langenburg and Megan VanVliet. Langenburg is a 2-time Greater Thumb West all-conference second team pitcher, while outfielder VanVliet was voted to the conference's dream team in her final season.

Also sure to be missed this season are a pair of 2-year letter winners in Carly Rabideau and Aleigh Kappen. Both provided timely hitting during their Red Hawk careers.

Nonetheless, the Red Hawks' 2010 team will feature sisters McKensie and Megan Parrish, along with Dana Woodward, all of whom earned all conference recognition a year ago.

Junior McKensie Parrish was an infielder on the GTW all-conference second-team last year and will anchor the Red Hawk defense at shortstop. Megan Parrish, sophomore, earned honorable mention praises and will return to behind the plate with a year's experience under her belt. Woodward also received honorable mention praises in 2009 as a sophomore and will be counted on to improve her offensive stats if the Red Hawks hope to compete for a conference title in the tough Greater Thumb West.

Cass City will have a proven performer in senior first basemen Emily Martin, while Amanda Kaake will give the Red Hawks a tested glove in the outfield.

Look for returning seniors Lindsay Jamieson and Nikki Guigar to contribute at the plate for Cass City.

While Cass City has a bevy of pitchers with experience, including McKensie Parrish, Woodruff and Jamieson, it's sophomore newcomer Shannon Stec that could quickly become the Red Hawks' workhorse.

New to the team are Hayley Peters, Amber Warju, Krista Guinther and Brenda Haley. All are sure to see plenty of playing time in the early season as Stern searches for his best line-up.

### GTC East Boys' Basketball All Conference 2009-10

FIRST TEAM	SCHOOL	GRADE
Steven Weber	Ubyly	Senior
Tyler Kubacki	Ubyly	Senior
Dylan Mason	Brown City	Senior
Jacob Murawske	Harbor Beach	Senior
Justin Braun	Harbor Beach	Senior
Shane Ginther	Harbor Beach	Senior
Andrew Fetting	Sandusky	Senior
SECOND TEAM	SCHOOL	GRADE
Josh Frith	Deckerville	Senior
Kyle Hall	Marlette	Junior
Mike Armstrong	Marlette	Senior
Josh Moffitt	Brown City	Senior
Scott Grekowicz	Harbor Beach	Junior
Jordan Coats	Sandusky	Junior
HONORABLE MENTION	SCHOOL	GRADE
Justin Cleary	Ubyly	Sophomore
Eric Booms	Ubyly	Junior
Adam Glaza	Ubyly	Senior
Alex Storm	Marlette	Junior
Brandon King	Marlette	Senior
Kolby Lange	Marlette	Sophomore
Stew Peterson	Brown City	Senior
Brad Booms	Harbor Beach	Senior
Jordan Katt	Sandusky	Senior
Kyle Kritzman	Sandusky	Senior
Cody Hoff	Deckerville	Senior
William Henderson	Mayville	Senior

### GTC East Girls' Basketball All Conference 2009-10

FIRST TEAM	SCHOOL	GRADE
Kristen Greene	Brown City	Senior
Sarah Murray	Brown City	Senior
Marissa DeMott	Sandusky	Senior
Whitney Fox	Sandusky	Junior
Bri Woycehoski	Harbor Beach	Senior
Amara Wilson	Marlette	Senior
SECOND TEAM	SCHOOL	GRADE
Lauren Krause	Sandusky	Junior
Tori Kraft	Harbor Beach	Sophomore
Jenna Hirsch	Marlette	Freshman
Chelsea Kritzman	Deckerville	Senior
Amy Elenbaum	Mayville	Senior
Chelsea Roehl	Mayville	Senior
HONORABLE MENTION	SCHOOL	GRADE
Kari Burton	Brown City	Junior
Alena Sanson	Brown City	Junior
Sam Gierman	Brown City	Sophomore
Jenna Stauffer	Sandusky	Senior
Heidi Grekowicz	Harbor Beach	Senior
Hannah Wilson	Harbor Beach	Senior
Shelby McVittie	Deckerville	Senior
Carleah Kramer	Deckerville	Senior
Mandy Nichol	Deckerville	Junior
Cheyenne Sampson	Deckerville	Senior
Tiffany Smith	Deckerville	Senior
Nicole Franzel	Ubyly	Senior
Jennifer White	Ubyly	Senior
Caitlyn Holdwick	Ubyly	Senior
Tessa Buhl	Mayville	Senior
Rachel McEwen	Marlette	Sophomore

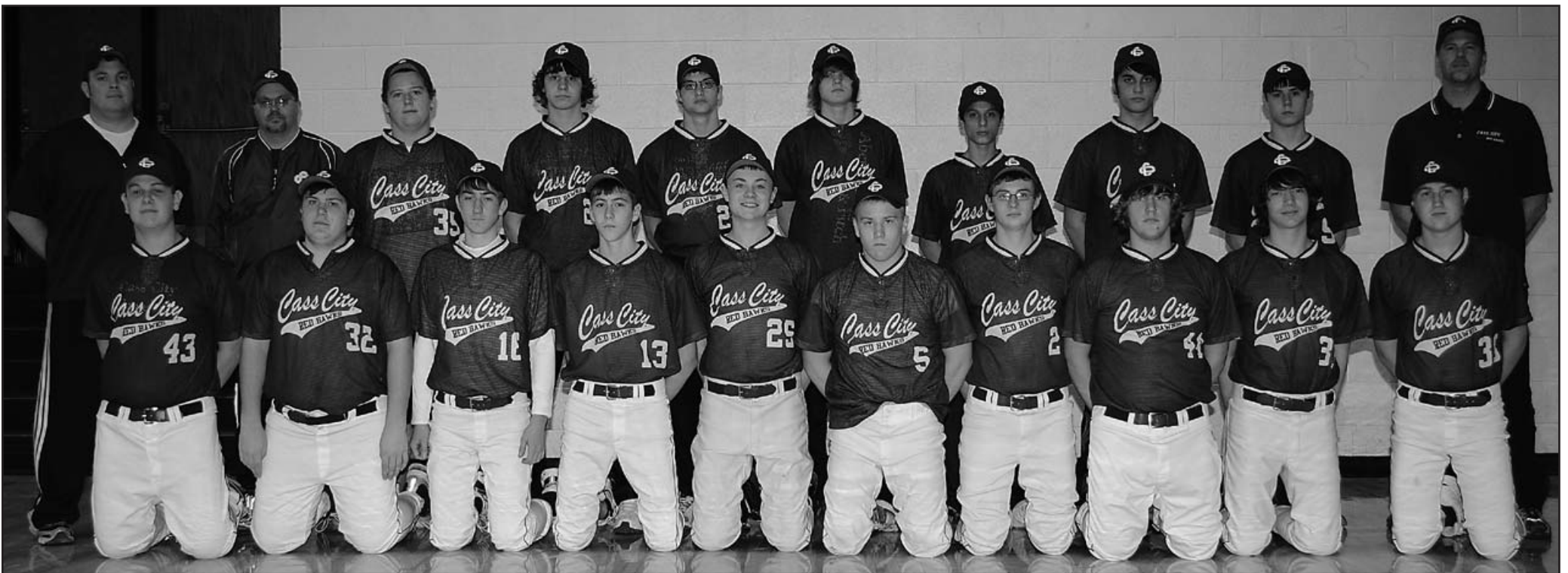


### Ready to roll...

THE 2010 Cass City soccer team members include: (front, l-r) Rachel Auten, Nicole Kelley, Becca Leslie, Caitlin Reed, Amanda Clifton (middle) Adrianna Pena, Kaitlyn Messing, Katie Michalski, Alyse Timko, Tiffany Wilson, Meghan Jarrett, Kassie LaPonsie, Jessica Bootz (back) Coach Chuck Reed, Alexandra Pena, Amber LaPonsie, Vanessa Scasny, Erin Moore, Brooke Hartwick, Kristen Kawecki and Tessa Kus.



THE 2010 Cass City junior varsity softball team members include: (front, l-r) Stephanie Heckroth, Rebecca Hacker, Ali Smith, Lauren Perry, Karley Peters, Andrea Mikolon, Josie Moore (back) Asst. Coach John Hacker, Jordyn Rasmussen, Carley Hendrick, Logan Rowell, Morgan Potter, Erica Kolacz, Ellen Hulburt and Coach Bill Potter.



THE 2010 Cass City junior varsity baseball team members include: (front, l-r) Austin Baker, Jordan Hendrian, Lukas Schenk, Cody Ross, Kyle Hanby, Nick Kappen, Justin Kerkau, Austin Dunnuck, John Ballard, Paul Verhines, (back) Coach Nick Moyer, Asst. Coach Mike Potrykus, Kelby Rowell, Justin Summers, Zac Potrykus, David Terbush, Alex Williams, Josh Elie, Chandler London and Asst. Coach Steve Ross.

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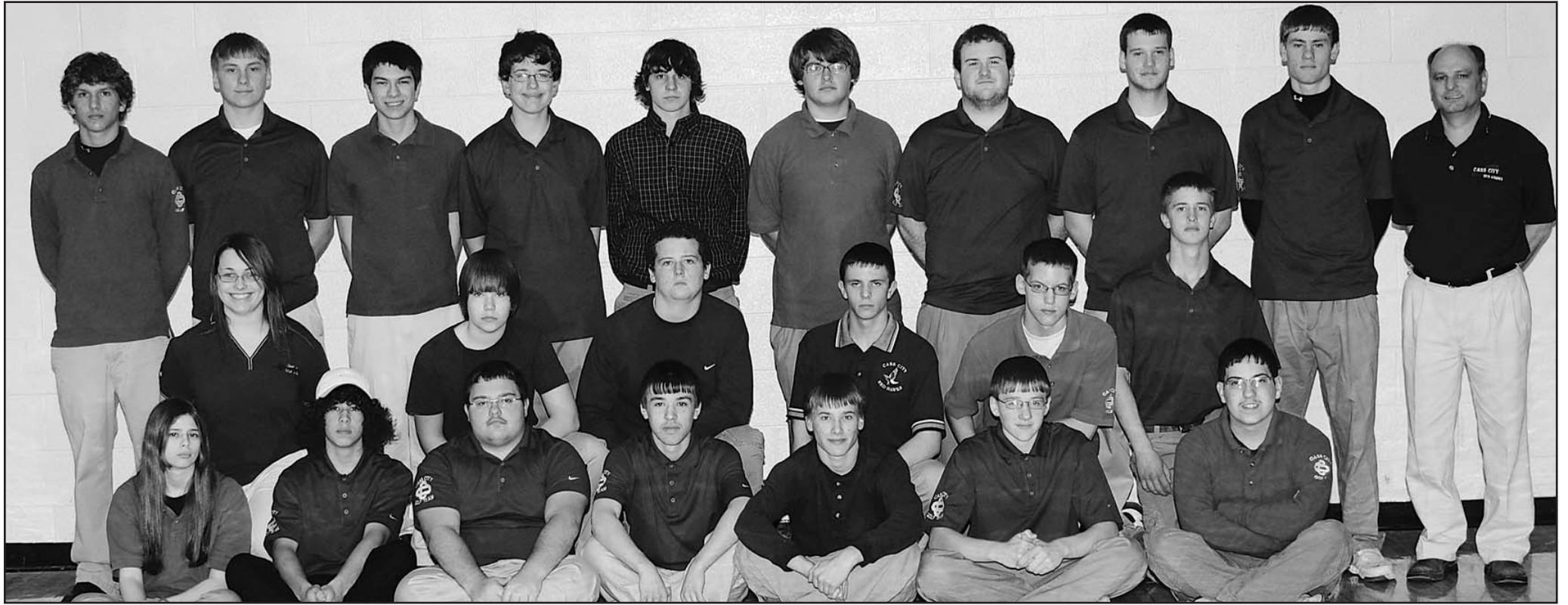
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# Little, Martin named Cass City's top citizens

**Continued from page one.**

Roselyn Martin, plans to enter the University of Michigan to study communications/sports management with a career goal of becoming a journalist.

Her service track record includes time spent with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church youth group and vacation Bible school, American Red Cross and the Thumb Octagon Barn. She has also volunteered as a Bay Shore Camp counselor, lunch buddy and elementary school tutor.

Martin has received several academic honors during her high school tenure and will graduate as the Cass City High School Class of 2010 valedictorian. Along the way she has earned pins in English, science, geometry, Spanish, biology and algebra, among countless other subjects.

Martin was a Greater Thumb Conference Scholar Athlete in volleyball, basketball and softball, while participating in activities such as powder puff football, academic games and national honor society.

Martin's work history includes duties at the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool as a Red Cross life-guard and water safety instructor, and she has served as a little league umpire. She also wrote a weekly column for the Chronicle during her junior year and handled the book-keeping for the Cass City Athletic Department.

**PAST CITIZENS OF THE YEAR**

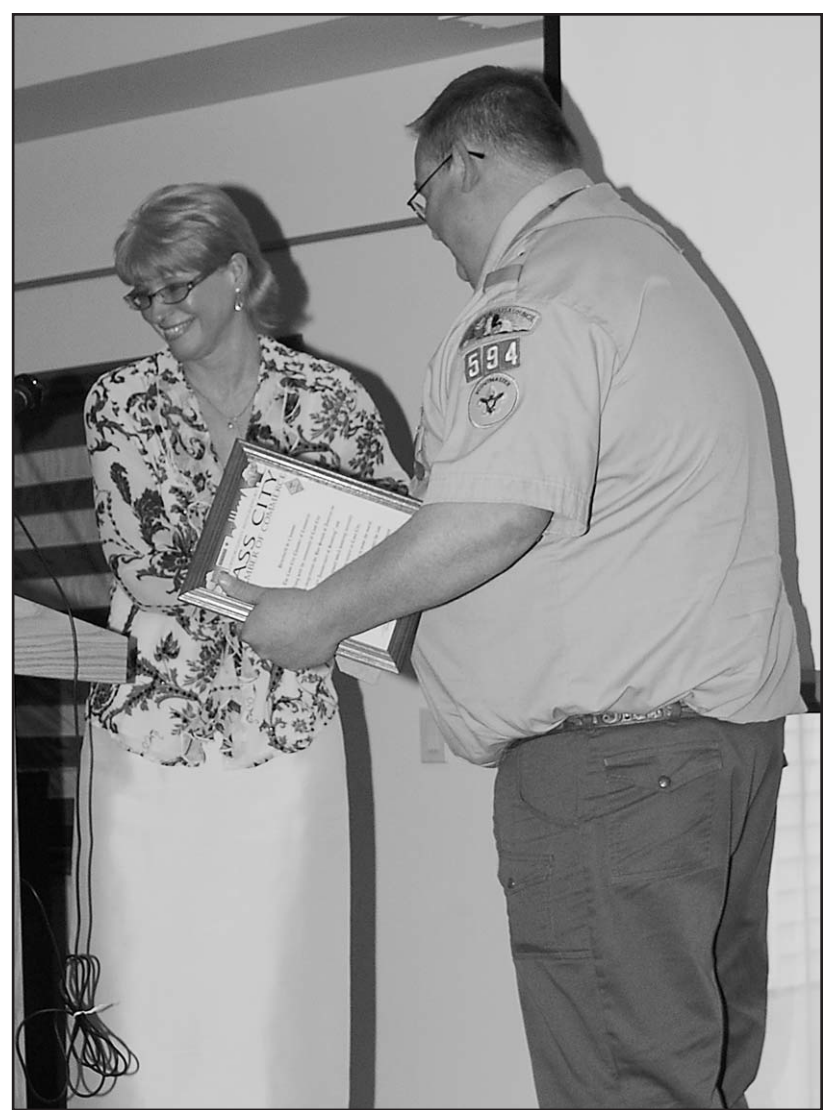
- Willis Campbell 1963
- Herb Ludlow 1964
- M.B. Auten 1965
- Lucille Bauer 1966
- E.B. Schwaderer 1967
- Dr. H.T. Donahue 1968
- James Bauer 1969
- Audley Rawson 1970
- Curtis Hunt 1971
- W.E. Walpole 1972
- H.M. Bulen 1973

- Harry Little 1974
- Cliff Croft 1975
- Evelyn MacRae 1976
- Helen Baker 1977
- Lambert Althaver 1978
- William Kritzman 1979
- Dr. D.E. Rawson 1980
- Esther McCullough 1981
- James Ware 1982
- Holly Althaver 1983
- Arthur Holmberg 1984
- Thomas Herron 1984
- Geraldine Prieskom 1984
- Thomas Proctor 1985
- Jack Esau 1986
- Lou LaPonsie 1987
- Michael Weaver 1988
- B.A. Calka 1989
- Lloyd Vyse 1989
- Ken Jensen 1990
- Arlan Hartwick 1991
- Wayne Dillon 1991
- Nina Davis 1992
- Edward Scollon 1993
- Robert Tuckey 1994
- Robert Stickle 1995
- Jane Mitchell 1996
- Janice Winter 1997
- Marv Winter 1997
- Barbara Hutchinson 1998
- Katie Jackson 1999
- Gary Jones 2000
- Bob Hirn 2001
- Roger Marshall 2002
- Jane Hittler 2003
- Arthur Severance 2004
- Janet Severance 2004
- Dick Wallace 2005
- Norma Wallace 2005
- Ken Micklash 2006
- Curt Strickland 2007
- Marty Osentoski 2008
- Dave Osentoski 2008
- Kate VanAuken 2009

**PAST JUNIOR CITIZENS OF THE YEAR**

- Betty Kennedy 1965
- Robert Rabideau 1966
- Tim Knight 1967
- Joan Maleck 1968

- Lynn Haire 1969
- Sally Geiger 1970
- Cindy Strickland 1971
- Anne Bulen 1971
- Ron Crandell 1972
- Kim Glaspie 1973
- Melody Bacon 1974
- Marie Hobart 1975
- Ann Hobart 1976
- Sue Pobanz 1976
- Cathy Hobart 1977
- Ross Ridenour 1978
- David Heins 1979
- Frances Kozan 1979
- Ken Martin Jr. 1980
- Tammy Tibbits 1981
- Scott Hobart 1982
- Carrie Lautner 1983
- Suzy Scollon 1984
- Julie Smith 1985
- Tammy Iseler 1986
- Clayton Hobart 1987
- David Burnette 1988
- Jane Dickinson 1988
- Amy Francis 1989
- Jeff Bader 1990
- Jane Marker 1991
- Steve Tuckey 1991
- Jodi Erla 1992
- Melissa Micklash 1993
- Amy Osentoski 1993
- Ryan King 1994
- Stacey Klinkman 1994
- Michelle Brown 1995
- Mandy Nizzola 1995
- Andrea Cooper 1996
- Whitney Osentoski 1996
- Elizabeth Bashur 1997
- Lori Brown 1998
- Ryan Hutchinson 1998
- Becky Oesch 1999
- Jim Dale 1999
- Alyssa Glaspie 2000
- Melissa Homakie 2000
- Randy Diebel 2001
- Katie Hacker 2001
- Sara Homakie 2002
- Jessica Nicol 2003
- Leslie Hacker 2004
- Krista Homakie 2005
- Nicole Froede 2006
- Courtney Rabideau 2007
- Rebecca Doerr 2008
- Sarah Reed 2009



**SALUTED** at the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Dinner Saturday was long-time scout leader Jim Baker. Baker's dedication has helped local Troup 594 expand to 28 members, says Kate VanAuken, noting that scouting has been active for over 70 years in the community.

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### Music Word Find

Just in time for Music in Our Schools Month, see how many related words you can find and circle in the puzzle.

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CHORUS	NOTE	SONG
CONDUCTOR	PLAY	TUNE

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 G G E E S I U O S I V N  
 N N U V N R T T I D N D  
 E O S R O U R C O R G C  
 L S G H Z U T Y A L P Q  
 O G C Y M N R N A R B F  
 O Y I E T G M Z H M P N  
 H M N R O T C U D N O C  
 C T M U S I C A H T P G  
 S O C Y A E Y P E W K Z  
 L L O B S I Y G S B Y Z

### Music Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

1. Many students are in the C R M G A H N I band.
2. Can you sing the M Y D E L O?
3. It is important to S E R E A R H E to play well.
4. Drummers must keep the E T B A.

Answers: 1. marching 2. melody 3. rehearse 4. beat

### THIS DAY IN...



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**1909**  
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**1918**  
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 Ford publicly unveils its V-8 engine.

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To: CHARLENE G. ROMAIN of 3694 N. CEMETERY ROAD, CASS CITY, MI 48726.

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**GERMAN:** Musik

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ANSWER: DRUMS









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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Theodore J. Ambrose, a single man, to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated January 11, 2006 and recorded January 24, 2006 in Liber 1069, Page 817, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-One and 7/100 Dollars (\$75,421.07), including interest at 3.83% 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 APRIL 22, 2010.

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

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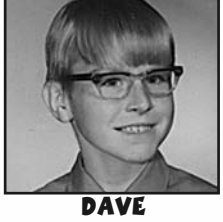
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THE FAMILY OF Esther Sutherland would like to thank all those who prayed for us, sent cards, flowers, food, or made donations in Esther's name. The family is very appreciative for all the acts of kindness. Special thanks to Kranz Funeral Home, Dr. Aqil, Earl Cox - special friend of Esther, and all that worked at Tendecare. Morris Powell truly blessed Esther's life and ours at Tendecare. All the staff treated her like she was their grandmother and made it a loving home for her. God bless everyone who touched our life and our mother's. A graveside service will be held Saturday, May 29 at 11 a.m. at Mosher Cemetery in Hemans with the Rev. Chuck Carr officiating. Lunch will be served following the service at Cass City United Methodist Church by the Ladies' Auxiliary. 13-3-31-1

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Help Wanted

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POSITION AVAILABLE: Agriscience/Natural Resources & Science Teacher beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. QUALIFICATIONS: Must have earned a Bachelor of Science in the area of Agriculture and Natural Resources or a related field. Must possess or be eligible for a valid Michigan Secondary Teaching Certificate with an occupational (vocational) endorsement. Endorsement Required: HX - Agriscience and Natural Resources, DA - Biology or DI - Integrated Science, VA - Vocational Agriculture (Agriscience and Natural Resources). Must meet Federal Highly Qualified Teacher requirements. Must have an electronic fingerprint clearance from a criminal history record check. PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Experience with youth leadership. RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsibilities include, but are not limited to; teaching course related to agriculture, natural resources, environmental, and agriscience and science related classes. COMPENSATION: According to the negotiated Master Agreement with the Cass City Education Association. APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 23, 2010. SEND A LETTER OF INTEREST, RESUME, UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS AND THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO: Chad Daniels, High School Principal, 4868 North Seeger Street, Cass City, MI 48726 or e-mail to cdaniels@casscity.k12.mi.us

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# Siren testing slated for severe weather

Spring isn't always accompanied by spring-like weather in Michigan, but Tuscola County Emergency Management officials are gearing up for warmer weather just the same.

And those preparations include planning for the worst that spring storms can bring to the Thumb.

The threat of damaging thunderstorms and tornadoes each summer is behind Severe Weather Awareness Week, established by the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and Gov. Jennifer Granholm. This year's observance is scheduled for the week of April 11.

In conjunction with the observance, fire departments throughout Tuscola County will be preparing by testing their tornado sirens on a monthly basis. The tests are slated to begin Wednesday, April 7, at 10 a.m., and will continue throughout the severe weather months — April through October — on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management Director Pat Finn reminds residents that a

tornado warning is announced with a 2-minute siren blast. The all-clear signal is 3 short blasts.

Finn noted that a severe thunderstorm or tornado "watch" is issued whenever conditions exist for severe weather to develop. A warning, indicating when residents should seek shelter immediately, is issued when severe weather or a tornado is spotted on radar or when a funnel cloud has been sighted.

Each year, more than 1,000 tornadoes strike the United States. Since 1950, 239 persons have been killed due to tornadoes, which have numbered 847 over the same period.

In 2009, Michigan experienced 3 tornado touch downs, which is below the state's average of 16. However, there was one death, 4 injuries and nearly \$225 million in property damage due to severe weather in the state.

The average Michigan tornado is on the ground for less than 10 minutes and travels a distance of about 5 miles. However, they do not always follow the norm and have been known to stay on the ground for more than an hour and travel more than 100 miles.



# Holiday to close center April 2

Tuscola County Recycling Center will be closed Friday, April 2, in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

Regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuscola County Recycling is closed on the same holidays as the county courthouse.

Tuscola County Recycling is a non-profit, county-owned and operated recycling center funded in part by a recycling millage.

For additional information, call (989) 672-1673 or email recycle@tuscolacounty.org. You may also check out the center's website at www.tuscolacounty.org/recycling.



**TUSCOLA COUNTY Sheriff's Deputy Josh Herman shares safety information with Harriet Stalter of Gagetown and her grandsons, Logan Stark, 8, (left) and Matt Stalter, 9, during Saturday's annual Revive Ministries Children's Fun Fair at Cass City High School.**

# Sanilac Co. Band Festival scheduled

The 60th annual Sanilac County Band Festival for junior high school bands will be held Tuesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. in the Marlette High School gymnasium.

The band festival will begin with an individual performance of 2 selections by each of the 7 participating junior high school bands. The evening of music will be climaxed by a performance of the 2010 Sanilac County Junior High School Combined Band under the direction of Darin L. McNabb, director of bands at North Huron Schools.

The public is invited to attend. Donation to the performance is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.



**REVIVE MINISTRIES enjoyed another successful Children's Fun Fair Saturday in Cass City, where the organization hosted some 200 children — more than 350 people in all — during an event that offered a variety of free kids' activities and refreshments.**

# Cass City Campbell Elementary Kindergarten Round-Up 2010

Tuesday, April 20 - 6:30 p.m.  
Early Childhood Center



Cass City offers **ALL DAY** kindergarten as well as half day Young 4 and 5 Programs, and Daycare-Preschool Programs. Latchkey Programs will also be offered for the 10-11 school year. GSRP Programs will begin taking applications Wednesday, April 21 at all Cass City Public Schools. Applications are available online at [www.casscityschools.org](http://www.casscityschools.org).



Cass City's playscape and playgrounds offer students a secured area to have fun away from the classroom.

## Day Care-Preschool Now Available!



Cass City's Day Care Service offers daily lunches, along with a wide variety of hours to meet your schedule. Applications are available online at [www.casscityschools.org](http://www.casscityschools.org). Latchkey Programs will be offered for the 10-11 school year from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.



Cass City's youths are offered an early start with development programs at the Early Childhood Center.



Cass City's youth computer program is ranked among the best in the state. Individual attention is key to its success.



Campbell Elementary School offers a full library to help broaden your child's horizons.

### Please Bring:

- Child's Birth Certificate • Complete Immunization Record
- Call (989) 872-2158 with any questions after April 20

(Parents Only, Please!) ~ This meeting is for any child who will be 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2010