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Zaleski edges Manwell by one vote

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

You don't have to convince Alice Zaleski that every vote counts in an election.

Zaleski edged fellow challenger Dan Manwell by the smallest of margins in last week's annual school election in Cass City, winning the seat now held by veteran board Secretary

Randy Severance, who opted not to seek reelection after putting in 16 years of service.

Residents elected Zaleski by a single vote — 249 to 248. Nearly 9 percent of the district's 5,561 voters cast

ballots in the election.

Zaleski said she had no idea whether she would win or lose, but was sure the vote would be more lopsided either way. "I was surprised it was that close," she added.

"I was very glad there were so many people who voted...and that that many people cared," Zaleski said.

Zaleski, who is employed as a trust officer/financial officer with Thumb National Bank in Pigeon, is married and has 3 sons, all of whom attend Cass City Public Schools.

A lifelong Cass City resident and Cass City High School graduate, she has been active in a host of school-related activities, including serving as a member of the Cass City PTO and band boosters. She has also volunteered as a chaperone, serves as president of the local athletic boosters, and is a member of the district's extracurricular activities ad hoc committee.

Now, she's looking to the future, with an eye on how she can play a

positive role in helping the board return to the sense of unity it enjoyed for decades before very difficult economic forces required school officials to make decisions — privatiza-

tion of custodial services, for example — that have divided school officials and the community.

"I would really like to see the community come back together and pull

together and do what's right for the kids," Zaleski said.

Manwell echoed that comment, saying he ran for the seat in hopes of Please turn to page 4.



Alice Zaleski



CASS CITY HIGH School student Liz Lintner takes a ride on a zip line, just one of many attractions local students enjoyed during a recent trip to Costa Rica. Teacher Chris Collins organized and planned the adventure for his students. (See story, page 8)

As a write-in candidate

Mandich returns to Owen-Gage board

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A former Owen-Gage Board of Education member who sued school officials for allegedly violating the Michigan Open Meetings Act will return to the board as a trustee this summer.

Mike Mandich, a lifelong Owen-Gage School District resident, was elected to a 4-year term last week as a write-in candidate.

Mandich was the top vote getter in the May 4 annual school election in Owen-Gage, garnering 33 votes. Current board President Kathy Champagne, the only candidate officially listed on the ballot, was reelected to a 4-year term, receiving 30 votes.

There was no candidate for a lone one-year term. That position was created following the resignation of Trustee Ron Maurer last summer.

The board temporarily filled the seat by appointing former Trustee Brenda Kretzschmer.

Kretzschmer opted not to complete the remainder of Maurer's term. School Supt. Dana Compton said the board will be looking at appointing another individual when Kretzschmer leaves at the end of June.

Also not seeking another term was past board President Jeff Leinweber, who served the school district for several years.

Mandich said he sought a seat on the board after being encouraged to do so by residents in the district.

"It was short notice, when I did this," said Mandich, who sought a legal opinion first regarding a possible conflict of interest related to his lawsuit against the district. "That weighed heavily on my mind, as to whether to run or not," he added, Please turn to page 4.

R. Bills faces 10-25 years

An Ellington Township man charged with nearly 50 counts of criminal sexual conduct involving a young girl over a period of 6 years was sentenced to prison last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Tuscola County Circuit Court Judge Patrick R. Joslyn sentenced Russell H. Bills, 67, to 3 concurrent terms of 10 to 25 years with credit for 185 days already served. The prison term was scheduled to begin May 3.

Bills previously pleaded guilty to 3 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct.

Bills, a former Cass City resident whose latest home was a travel trailer located at 2311 Hurds Corner Rd. in Ellington Township, was charged with a combined 48 counts of criminal sexual conduct, including 12

counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony punishable by up to life in prison or any term of years. Prosecutors said the charges were in connection with multiple sexual assaults against a single victim - a girl starting when she was 11 years old.

He was also charged with 12 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct and 24 counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct, all felonies.

"The charges (were) all broken down by acts and the age of the victim," explained Tuscola County

Prosecutor Mark E. Reene, who said the assaults occurred between December 2003 and January 2009.

Even after Bills was charged, Reene said, additional victims came forward with allegations against the former local resident.



Russell Bills

State okays O-G's plan to cut red ink

Owen-Gage School officials could write a book when it comes to moving "one step forward, 2 steps back" financially.

But the school district keeps battling, and state education officials have taken notice.

The Michigan Department of Education has fully approved Owen-Gage's plan to erase a deficit that stands at roughly \$18,000, according to school Supt. Dana Compton, who noted he recently updated the board of education on the status of the district's deficit elimination plan.

Under that plan, the school will erase its red ink by the end of the 2010-11 school year, leaving a fund balance of a couple thousand dollars.

That isn't much cushion, but school officials have worked hard to offset rising costs and dwindling state revenue. Owen-Gage teachers, for example, accepted a true pay freeze in their last contract. The same goes for the support and administrative staffs, with the support staff taking a 3-percent cut a few years ago.

However, budget woes in Lansing that led to a \$165-per-pupil funding reduction for schools last year wiped out the area school district's efforts to save cash.

Turning to other financial matters, the board approved a resolution to move forward with a "memorandum of understanding" to accept federal "Race to the Top" funding should Michigan be included in the next round of funding. The state was overlooked in the first round of funding.

Had Michigan been included in the first round, Owen-Gage would have received an estimated \$20,000, its share of the \$4.35 billion Race to the Top fund — the largest-ever competitive investment in school reform launched by the federal government in an effort to reward states for past accomplishments in education and for creating incentives for future improvements utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) dollars.

In other business during the regular monthly meeting, the board:

*Approved continued probation for several Owen-Gage teachers.

They are: Melissa Freeman, secondary resource room teacher (second year of probation); Hayley Godwin, first/second grade teacher (second year of probation); Teressa Deering, secondary science teacher Please turn to page 4.



50 treks across the "Big Mac"

THE TUSCOLA COUNTY Board of Commissioners honored Dagmar Brown, 87, of Cass City, Monday for her 50 completed treks across the Mackinac Bridge. Pictured above are (from left) board Chairman Tom Bardwell, Cass City Village President Carl Palmateer, Brown and board vice chairman Jerry Peterson. (See story, page 6)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, May 12

Civil War History meeting, 7-9 p.m., Sleeper Public Library, Ubly. Everyone welcome, come and learn about your ancestors. For more information, call (989) 658-8324.

Thursday, May 13

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.
Caregiver Connection, 3:30 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon. For more information, call Marie at (989) 453-5222.

Friday, May 14

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

Saturday, May 15

After HOurs, 3:30-8 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Sunday, May 16

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

Monday, May 17

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.

Tuesday, May 18

Parkinson's Support Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, Bad Axe. For more information, call Kim at 1-800-843-6394 or Annette at (989) 864-3779.

Wednesday, May 19

United Sportsmen's Alliance meeting, 7 p.m., Cass City Gun Club, 2676 Englehart Rd. All are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

Teen Caffeine Cinema, 6:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Ubly honor roll announced

Officials at Ubly High School announce the third marking period honor roll.

GRADE 9

Faithé Baslock, Kurt Booms, Alyssa Briolat*, Lindsay Dickert, Tyler Dropiewski, Jacob Fulton, Jamie Grifka, Jenna Grifka, Skye Grifka, Tyler Grifka*, Maria Guza, Zachary Kranz*, Ashley Kubacki, Hailey Kubacki, Brandon Leppke, Geng Ming Liu*, Tiffany Maurer, Tabitha McCarty, Raket Osentoski*, Jessica Peplinski, Kristi Pollum, Jeremy Porzondek, Zachary Priemer, Austin Rothe*, Becky Rutkowski, David Rutkowski, Jason Rutkowski*, Allison Sadro*, Rickelle Schmidt*, Elizabeth Shaw, Morgan Smalley, Rachel Sorenson, Christopher Stacer, Justin Stepka, Chandra Susalla, Brandon Sweeney, Alyssa Tyrrell, Vanessa Ulfig, Joseph Varosi, Jacob Walker, Samantha Warchuck, Jonathan Watchowski, Marie Wolverson* and Kyle Wrubel.

GRADE 10

Kelsey Block, Jennifer Booms, Nicole Booms, Brandi Burton, Bret Cleary, Ashley Deachin, Susanne Dekker, Austin Drake*, Jesse Franzel, Stephanie Geiger, Felipe Gottardello, Ian Grifka*, Mitchell Guza*, Connie Heleski, Austin Keller, Joshua Kubacki, Nicole Kubacki, Marshall Leipprandt*, Briana Lemke, Leandra Leppke,

Darcy Lipskey, Jason Messing*, Sherie Messing, Raquel O'Connor, Kyle Peplinski, Michael Pichla, Taylor Pionk, Laken Rich, James Shaw*, Jennifer Susalla, Brooke Vogel, Melissa Vogel, Bryan White*, Joshua White and Laura Wrubel.

GRADE 11

Elektra Arnott, Cory Booms, Katelyn Briolat*, Cassandra Gerow, Brandon Glaza*, Jessica Gracey*, Alicia Heilig, Brandon Heritier*, Brittany Jewett*, Alexandria Kranz*, Jasmine Loss, Leonard Nowicki, Lauren Peplinski*, Dakota Porzondek*, Arielle Walsh and Laura Warner*.

GRADE 12

Alexandria Arnott*, Stephanie Baslock, Ashley Burton*, Justin Cleary, Amanda Cummings*, Ashley

Dropiewski, Matthew Eilers*, Lee Farrelly*, Nicole Franzel*, Nicole Geiger, Katie Gentner, Charity Glaza, Michael Goetzeluck, Shauna Heleski*, Jordan Hieber, Caitlyn Holdwick, Rebecca Kirsch, Jessica Kozfkay, Brandon Lemke, Bryant Messing, Camay Messing, Shaun Messing, Chelsey Morell, Megan Murdock, Elizabeth Napora*, Brennan Ney*, Dalton O'Connor, Stacy Osantowski, Amy Peruski, Ashley Peruski, Kylie Pierson*, Chelsey Pionk, Iiro Rantanen*, Travis Rumptz, Brian Rutkowski, Danial Rutkowski*, Nicholas Sadro*, Ashley Simmerlein, Samantha Sweeney*, Zachary Taylor, Kelsey Vatter, John Walker, Steven Weber, Jennifer White* and Amanda Wolschleger*.

*Denotes all A's.

Movies scheduled at library May 21

Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City, will show the following Senior Citizen Movies Friday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m.

Brooklyn Bridge: The "Great East River Bridge" was the largest bridge of its era, a technical achievement of unparalleled scope, marked by enormous construction problems, equally ingenious solutions, and heroic human achievement. In unexpected and wonderful ways, the Brooklyn Bridge captured the imagination of all Americans, and in the process became a symbol in American culture of strength, vitality, ingenuity and promise. In this film, Ken Burns captures the physical majesty of this greatest of all achievements of the industrial age, the dramatic story of the larger-than-life men who imagined and built it, and the immense charm this granite and steel structure has exerted on generations of city dwellers. (58 minutes)

Christopher Columbus and the New World: The son of a Genoan wool-comber who discovered the new world, Christopher Columbus survived battles with Tunisian galleys, shipwrecks, imprisonment and illness during his remarkable expeditions. Columbus eventually set foot for the first time in the West Indies and on the South American mainland: this is his story of victory against the odds. (50 minutes)

Refreshments will be served. This Older Adult Program is offered free of charge.

It's a boy!



Cooper Langenburg

Leigh and Sharon (Kanaby) Langenburg announce the birth of their son, Cooper Francis.

Cooper was born April 8, 2010 at Covenant Hospital, Saginaw. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/2" long.

Maternal grandparents are Francis and Marilyn Kanaby of Ubly. Paternal grandparents are the late Lewis and Jeanette Langenburg of Cass City. His great-grandmother is Marie Wheeler of Bad Axe.

Cooper was welcomed home by his brother, Brady, and his sister, Madeline.

S. Adams graduates AIT course

Army National Guard Pvt. Sarah L. Adams has graduated from the Automated Logistical Specialist Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The course is designed to train soldiers to establish and maintain stock records and other documents such as inventory, materiel control, accounting and support reports, automated and manual accounting records; perform stock record/warehouse functions pertaining to receipt, storage, distribution and issue and maintain equipment records and parts; review and verify bills of lading, contracts, and purchase orders; repair and construct shipping crates for equipment and supplies, and perform prescribed loads and shop stock lists in manual and automated supply applications.

Adams is a 2008 graduate of Kingston High School.


Area residents named to list at Northwood

Officials at Northwood University, Midland, recently announced the school's honors lists for the winter term.

Area students named to the president's list for achieving a minimum 3.85 grade point average include Heather L. Briolat, a senior from Ubly, and Nicholas J. Timko, a freshman from Caro.

Among those named to the dean's list, for earning a grade point average of at least 3.25, were Krysta L. Timko, a freshman from Cass City, Ivan M. Peruski, a senior from Ubly, and Joram A. Tyson, a freshman from Snover.


HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Several family members of Lessel Crawford helped her celebrate her 95th birthday Sunday, April 25, at the American House in Rochester Hills, MI.

Miss Crawford was born April 28, 1915 in Deford to the late Clayton and Anna (Hadley) Crawford.

Cake, ice cream and reminiscing was enjoyed.



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In Our OPINION..

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No texting/driving? That's a no brainer

Michigan's lawmakers and Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently came to terms on new legislation banning texting while driving, and we applaud that decision.

This law was a no-brainer. In fact, we wonder why a law was needed in the first place to require drivers to practice a little common sense. After all, there are plenty of other distractions out there. We've all seen them — folks eating, talking on their cell phones, changing a radio station, all while driving their vehicles.

On the other hand, perhaps this new legislation will serve as a reminder to the younger drivers (although many older motorists are guilty, as well) in our community that operating a motor vehicle is serious business, and that there's no substitute for paying close attention while behind the wheel.

According to a study conducted last summer by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, people who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to be in a crash (or what they call a "near-crash" event) than non-distracted drivers.

In crashes or near-crashes, texting took a driver's focus away from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, enough time, the report pointed out, to travel the length of a football field at 55 miles per hour.

In a nutshell, the new law in Michigan cracks down on distractions on the road, including a ban on sending, typing or reading text messages or emails while driving, starting July 1.

A first offense will cost you \$100, and repeat offenses will cost \$200, although a driver would not accumulate any points on his/her license.

One other note — texting will be a primary offense, meaning police can pull you over solely for using a cell phone to send text messages.

Unfortunately, the new law does not ban drivers from using their cell phones to make calls while driving. Again, we wonder why a law is even necessary to legislate common sense. Is any phone call or text message worth risking your life or the lives of others?

We find it interesting that Granholm's approval of the new law was incorporated into an appearance on Oprah Winfrey's "No Phone Zone" rallies all across the United States.

The attention is nice, but we wonder if Winfrey would have been that interested in shining the spotlight on Granholm if our legislators and governor had finally dealt with a more controversial issue — such as a way out of a financial debacle that has left the state's families, schools and local governmental units struggling for survival.

But we digress. Before residents wonder if Michigan is becoming a proverbial "police state", keep this in mind: several other states have moved in the same direction in the area of texting while driving. In fact, texting while behind the wheel is a primary offense in more than 20 other states.

Michigan's legislators approved the bills related to the ban in April after agreeing that fine money would go to support public libraries.

That's a win-win proposition. Now, if we could only convince Michigan's lawmakers to tackle some difficult issues in an election year.

School finance reform comes to mind. If our legislators fail to act — this year — on really difficult, and often unpopular laws such as those involving the education of our kids, we suggest that voters demonstrate their displeasure at the polls come August and November.

Lobbyists may rule in Lansing, but we can certainly do our best to silence them at the polls.

Letters to the Editor

Bock and Walsh did a great job

Dear Editor,
Just a note to say what a wonderful job Shari Bock and Sue Walsh did with organizing the fundraiser for backpack lunches for kids.

It was held at Northwood Meadows Assisted Living, and it was so nice to see all the support from our community, with all the different ladies selling things like candles, purses, jewelry, household accessories, scrap booking, cupcakes, gourmet cheeses, local homemade wine,

hair salon products, make-up and so much more.

I had a really nice time and I'm sure everyone else did, too.

I hope they do it again next year, although they may need to find a bigger place; there was a lot of people there and when the news gets out, they'll be a lot more I'm sure.

Keep up the good work girls.

Sincerely,
Kim Donovan
Cass City

Looks like paper's editor had agenda

Editor,
This is in response to your piece about Dan Manwell's running for office.

I guess if I had a policy of not endorsing any candidates, the best way to get around that is to disparage the other candidate, which is what you seem to have done. You raised issues about his not turning in his questionnaire about his views, so you did not know where he stands. Had he passed the deadline or was the timing so you could raise a question about a non-issue?

You raised an issue about why his children don't go to the schools. Why didn't you ask him first? Hey, another school district just may offer some needed classes that Cass City doesn't offer.

The last I knew, this is a free country and anyone can run for the school board if they reside in the district. We need individuals that will serve the best interests of the children in the district. School board members are not there to rubberstamp the agenda of the administrators blindly. That is all part of the checks and balances of how any organization is run. We have seen across the country too many times organizations just run into the ground because of boards consisting of yes men.

You said in your piece, "I won't speculate, but if he or any other candidate for the position plans to bring a personal agenda to the board, I hope they will think better of it, and

soon." Does he have an agenda? We don't know that yet. Do you have an agenda? It looks that way from the way you word things.

I don't know who your friends are or who you hang around with, but the way the article was worded sure smacked of a good ol' boy philosophy.

In your attempt of slinging mud, some of it got on you. There was more said in that piece about your character by how you wrote it than about Dan's. I guess I can see why many in your community refer to your paper as the Cass City Comical.

Sincerely,
David Segroves
Caro

Editor's note: The column in question was an OPINION piece - that is all. And, it was published 4 weeks prior to the school election in order to give Mr. Manwell adequate time to respond if he chose to do so. At the time, he had not submitted responses to our questionnaire, but he did later and we published his comments in our April 28 edition.

I should also note that I held your letter to the editor for one week because I thought it would be unfair to bring the issue up again on the day of the election.

You refer to my questioning Manwell's candidacy as a non-issue. Perhaps to you, but we weren't the only ones in the community asking - we were just the only ones who asked in public.

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

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The back forty

by Roger Pond

We ventured into the world of high tech when we got caller I.D.. This doesn't mean I won't answer when someone calls, but there's a good chance of that.

I resisted those telephone gimmicks for years, but I finally gave in. Things were getting to the point where I felt like a human answering machine.

The customer service representative sensed I wasn't used to a lot of frills on my phone. He pulled up our file and said, "You really have been basic over the years haven't you?"

I didn't tell him what drove me to caller I.D., but I think he could tell. It wasn't just the telemarketers, either.

Even friends and family were calling quite often. (My wife's friends and family.)

I have friends, too. But not very many. That's understandable, I guess.

My family isn't very talkative, either. I was talking with my brother this spring. And when we finished our visit we hung up.

"How can you do that?" my wife asked. "You must have more than that to talk about."

"Not really," I said. "I found out they got the corn planted. I'll call back in the fall to see if they got it harvested."

I blame a lot of today's chatter on the proliferation of cell phones. The last time I traveled by airplane

most of the folks in the airport were talking on their cell phones.

Many of them were telling someone they just arrived at an airport, were just leaving an airport, or they just sat on a French fry. I can remember the days when we only called if a flight was late. Now people call to describe which seat they're in.

What did folks do before they had cell phones? They found a real phone to call on, or realized they didn't need to call in the first place.

I remember my dad talking about one of the local guys when I was a kid. This man had a two-way radio in his car, and his wife had one in the house.

Every evening folks who had scanners would hear this fellow coming home from work.

"I'm just south of town near the old, round barn," he'd say.

A minute or so later, he would call again. "Now I'm crossing the railroad tracks. I should be home in about two minutes." (Talk about useful information.)

Now everyone has a cell phone with unlimited long distance and a jillion free minutes. For some reason they feel a need to use up their minutes.

I don't know why people consider these free minutes. There's no such thing as free minutes or a free lunch. They paid for those calls, and now the rest of us are paying, too.

Rabbit Tracks
 by Clarke Haire
 (And anyone else he can get to help)

Here's hoping every mother enjoyed their big day as much as my sister Lynn did.

Always big on education, the Cass City Class of 1969 valedictorian and Junior Citizen of the Year award recipient also celebrated her oldest son Jimmy's graduation from Michigan State University on Sunday after returning from his graduation ceremony at the Breslin Center the day before.

Any teaching jobs out there?

 Being a former merchant marine, Milligan Road resident Mark McClorey has a unique perspective of the oil spill, the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion, spreading toxins in the Gulf of Mexico.

He spent days moored to similar platforms in the region while supplies were unloaded from his 186' supply ship in the mid-late 1970s.

 Working as a deck hand for Offshore Logistics was a tough and dangerous job which McClorey received \$42.50 per day for performing. He worked 2 weeks straight followed by one week off.

He was instructed to be wary of the 5" mooring lines. If they snapped, the ropes could slice a man in half, says the ex-marine. As a deck hand he helped load supplies, often pipes and mud, from the deck of the ship using a crane to lift the cargo.

One time McClorey was on deck and witnessed a tragedy - a load of pipes came loose in transport - that cost a young man his life.

 On a lighter note, hats off to the golfers Saturday who faced bitter conditions at Rolling Hills Golf Course during the annual Gavel Club fundraiser.

High winds, rain and temperatures in the 40s didn't spoil the fun for 4 men - Bill Weibel, Ryan Lowman, Jon Langley and Tavis Osentoski - who won the 4-man scramble with a score of 65.

When I told Osentoski he was a ringer, his reply was, "I played with one", referring to Weibel, a former all-American at Aquinas College.

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Obituary

Valeria Clark

Valeria A. Clark, 68, of Decker, passed away Monday, May 3, 2010 at Tendercare of Cass City.

She was born Oct. 24, 1941 in Erie, Penn., the daughter of the late Raynard and Josephine (Waskiewicz) D'Amour.

She married Robert Clark, April 8, 1959. He passed away Sept. 29, 1980.

Valeria worked as a licensed practical nurse at Autumn Woods Nursing Home in Deckerville, retiring in the early 90s. She also enjoyed gardening, singing, crocheting and working with artistic glass and enjoyed time with family and friends.

Valeria is survived by her brother, Charles (Margie) D'Amour of Madison, Wis.; a sister, Eloise E. (Robert Dunn) D'Amour of Decker;

her children: Charles (Diana) Clark of Yorktown, Va., Robert (Victoria) Clark of Wake Forest, NC, Constance Clark of Oceanside, Calif., Philip Clark of Zebulon, NC and Josephine Clark of Oceanside, Calif.; grandchildren: Leigha Clark, Ashley Carter, Amelia Clark, Stephan Clark, Jon Eric Clark, Justin Clark, Trevor Clark and Brandon Clark; 6 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a brother, C. James Brienne.

Funeral mass was held Thursday, May 6, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fr. Don Eppenbrock as celebrant.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Police seeking gas thief

Police are looking for the suspect in several gasoline "drive-offs" at multiple locations over the past several months.

Troopers at the Michigan State Police post in Caro, along with officers from several other area law enforcement agencies, are investigating the thefts, which involve the

same suspect and suspect vehicle.

The vehicle is described as 1994 Ford full sized extended cab pickup truck, dirty green in color, with dual gas tanks on the driver's side. The suspect is described as a heavy set white male.

Troopers said last week that they are working to determine if there are

additional victims who have either reported or have not reported thefts of gasoline at the hands of the same suspect.

Anyone with information related to the case is asked to contact Trooper Osborne at the Caro post by calling (989) 673-2156.

Mandich back on O-G board

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noting he simply plans to abstain from any board action involving the suit in the future.

As for his differences with Compton over the years, Mandich indicated he plans to concentrate on encouraging members of the school board to work together, and to understand their role in the Owen-Gage School District.

"He (Compton) works for them — the board doesn't work for him. But it hasn't worked that way," he said. "I feel they've (board members) been misled. It's happened in the past. I think they've been misguided as to what they can and cannot do."

In his lawsuit against the school, Mandich alleged that 4 board members violated provisions of the Open Meetings Act in October 2008 when they along with school Supt. Dana Compton met with the district's auditor prior to a regular board meeting.

Board members named in the original suit were Terry Muntz, Deb Quick, Jeff Leinweber and Kathy Champagne.

Mandich, an Owendale resident who previously served as a board member for 8 years, also alleged the gathering was not properly noticed, was not conducted in a meeting open to the public, and that there were no minutes taken during the session.

School officials acknowledged a pre-regular meeting gathering of the district's budget committee took place with Compton and the auditor, but they said there was no quorum of the board present.

Committee members Terry Muntz, Deb Quick and Kathy Champagne were in attendance, but board president Jeff Leinweber was not, according to Compton, who said the purpose of the gathering was to update committee members on the audit report, which was again presented to the full board during the regular meeting. There was no discussion or action prior to the regular meeting, he noted.

Mandich later stated he believed 3 board members — not 4 — were present during the gathering prior to the regular meeting. However, he also said he believes school officials have consistently failed to follow Open Meetings Act provisions related to the proper posting of meeting dates and times.

"What's going on is wrong," Mandich commented last fall,

adding he was especially concerned about financial issues in the district.

"Times are hard, and the public really needs to be concerned about what's going on at that school."

Compton said school officials routinely post committee meeting dates, times and locations as well as regular and special meetings. He estimated the cost of defending Mandich's initial lawsuit at roughly \$5,000.

"This (suit) is a non-issue, and to go through the process and spend this money...we could buy 5 new laptops for kids, we could buy a new reading series for a couple of grades," he

added.

"It's time and money," he said. "It's frustrating, and you would hope that someone who really believes in and supports a (school) system would not do something like this where the expense isn't necessary."

Huron County Circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock ruled in favor of the school district last fall, granting a motion for summary disposition. Knoblock's ruling stated the suit lacked proof that school officials violated the Open Meetings Act.

Mandich and his counsel, Bay City attorney Kim Higgs, subsequently filed an appeal.

Zaleski wins by a single vote

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continuing to contribute to the community in a meaningful way and wanted only to make a difference in the education offered to local youngsters.

Manwell indicated he's satisfied with the way both he and Zaleski ran their respective campaigns. "I really wish my opponent the best. She ran a great race. It was very clean," he said, adding he has no plans to ask for a recount, in spite of the one-vote difference. "I'm not interested in doing that. I'm not going to pursue that," he said.

Manwell suggested that the election results exemplify issues that Cass City School officials must address now — unity and trust. After all, he pointed out, the election followed the recent hiring of a new school superintendent, also by a one-vote margin among board of education members. "It shows you Cass City is still a divided community."

Manwell also addressed questions regarding his decision to run for a board seat after he and his wife transferred their children to another school district. The couple made the move last summer after Manwell lost his job as a custodian following a 10-year tenure with the Cass City Schools, a position that was elimi-

nated when school officials privatized the service in an effort to save money.

"That's one of the hardest things I've ever had to do," he commented, adding the decision was based on his daughters' academic interests. In other words, he explained, the availability of classes in another district that are not offered in Cass City at this time.

UBLY RACE

In the Ugly Community Schools, the incumbents prevailed over one challenger for a pair of 4-year terms.

The winners were Jeanette Hagen and Renee T. Morell, who received 219 votes (40 percent of the vote) and 171 votes (31 percent of the vote), respectively. Challenger Kevin Gracey garnered 164 votes, or roughly 30 percent of the votes.

KINGSTON SCHOOLS

Also during last week's elections, voters in the Kingston Community School District reelected incumbents Sherri Diegel, a board member since 1994, and Jason Koehler, who has served on the board since 1988. Diegel received 28 votes (53.85 percent of the vote), while Koehler garnered 23 votes (44.23 percent).

State okays Owen-Gage plan

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(fourth year of probation); Kayla Warack, fourth/fifth grade teacher (second year of probation); and Matt Peters, secondary math teacher (second year of probation).

In addition, the board granted tenure to Sandra Carriveau, elemen-

tary resource room teacher.

•Reviewed plans to finalize the district's coaching staffs for fall and winter sports. Compton said the board will consider recommendations during its next regular meeting at the end of May.

•Approved the nomination of Zachary Mroz as the "Senior Student of the Month" for May.

DTE Energy offers customers savings tips

With warmer weather here, many homeowners are tackling their spring cleaning and home improvement "to-do" lists.

DTE Energy customers looking for springtime projects that can help them save money by saving energy will find a wealth of ideas — from roofing to landscaping — on the company's energy efficiency Web site, YourEnergySavings.com.

The site features an interactive house that provides visitors with how-to videos, energy savings tips, and information on an array of energy efficiency programs and rebates available to DTE Energy customers. The site has 2 new videos on home weatherization that offer easy-to-follow advice on sealing air leaks and installing insulation. The videos were filmed in Ann Arbor and feature DTE Energy customers.

The site also offers interactive calculators that show how much you can save by switching from traditional incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs). One calculator helps you pick the right CFL bulbs for every fixture in your home, and the other determines your near-term and long-term savings for making the switch. In addition, the site provides a list of retailers where DTE Energy currently offers CFL bulbs at steeply discounted prices.

YourEnergySavings.com offers energy-savings tips year round, but has these recommendations — and more — for the spring:

- Roof ventilation. Now's the time to ensure that your roof has adequate ventilation. When the weather gets warmer, good attic ventilation helps reduce heat buildup. That cuts cooling costs and prolongs shingle life.
- Air Conditioner maintenance. An annual inspection is key to keeping your cooling system at peak performance. Early spring is the best time to call a local contractor to schedule a check up for your air conditioning system. It's important to keep air conditioning units free of obstructions inside and out. Make sure your spring yard work includes clearing bushes, leaves and other debris away from your outdoor condenser.



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Babcock and Jacobs to compete in 2010 Nationals pageant

Two Cass City area youths were recently selected to participate in the Nationals' 2010 Miss Pre-Teen Saginaw/Flint Pageant competition that will take place Sunday, May 16.



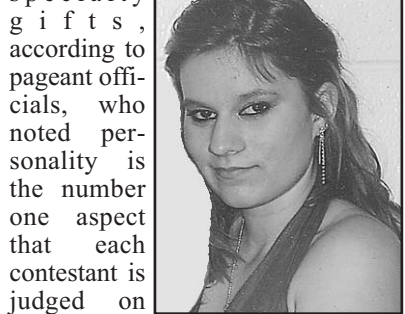
Katlyn Babcock

They are Katlyn Babcock and Marie Jacobs, the daughters of Jennifer Strickler.

Both girls learned of their acceptance into this year's competition when officials with Nationals, Inc., announced their selection last week. The girls first submitted applications and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Anna Klejnowski, this year's Saginaw/Flint pageant coordinator.

Jacobs will be competing in the Miss Jr. Teen division, and Babcock will be competing in the Miss Pre-Teen division, 2 of the 4 categories that will have young ladies ages 7 to 19 taking part in modeling routines that will include casual and formal wear. They will also be asked to demonstrate their personality and interviewing skills in front of a judging panel.

The girls will be competing for a share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts, according to pageant officials, who noted personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of the competition.



Marie Jacobs

If Babcock and/or Jacobs win the titles in their divisions, they would represent Saginaw/Flint and surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition, which will be held in Orlando, Fla. There, more than \$60,000 in prizes will be presented to contestants.

There is no cost for the local girls to compete in the pageant, as community businesses and organizations, along with individuals are assisting them by serving as their official sponsors.

Anyone interested in making a donation can learn more by contacting Klejnowski at 1-800-569-2487.

Reporter's notebook

Pets land men in the doghouse

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A third of pet-owning married women said their pets are better listeners than their husbands, according to a recent Associated Press-Petside.com poll. Eighteen percent of pet-owning men said their pets are better listeners than their wives.

Huh? The poll statistics revealed that 25 percent of dog owners said their canines listened better than a spouse. Only 14 percent of cat owners, meanwhile, chose the feline as a good listener (big surprise there; everyone knows cats are selfish).

I'll admit that I hear my wife more often than I listen to her, but she'd probably make the same confession. Unfortunately, we often don't hear each other at all.

I suspect our declining ability to hear over the years is to blame for some of it. I mean, anymore, just about every third word or phrase out of our mouths is focused on getting the other to repeat what we just missed. Huh? Pardon me? What?!

It reminds me of a joke involving an older married gentleman who, while undergoing a physical by his physician, confided that he was concerned about his wife's hearing, or rather lack of it.

The doctor suggested that the man test his wife's hearing by waiting until she was in the kitchen, and then

standing some distance away and asking her a question, in a normal voice.

The man tried it that evening. "What are we having for dinner, Margaret?" he asked.

No response. He walked a few steps closer and repeated the question. Then he stood just outside the kitchen, out of sight, and asked again. Still nothing.

Frustrated, he stormed into the kitchen and demanded to know what they were having for dinner.

"George, for the fourth blessed time, I said WE'RE HAVING CHICKEN!!!" she yelled.

In addition to some pets being considered better listeners, the recent Associated Press poll also found that most people believe their pets are stable and seldom struggle with depression. Just 5 percent of all pet owners said they had taken an animal to a veterinarian or pet psychologist because it seemed "down in the dumps". Even fewer said they'd ever given antidepressants to a pet.

Okay, I have to ask this: who are these people and where do they live? Granted, sometimes my yellow lab, Jake, seems a bit down in the dumps, but only because I haven't fed him as quickly as he would like, or because I'm ignoring his sad eyes and his best begging posture when I'm holding a slice of pizza in my hand.

Oh, I hear him. I'm just not listening.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Members of the Cass City High School Forensics Team have a well-earned reputation at the state level for excellence and fierce competition.

Sophomore Courtney Rabideau proved that reputation isn't a fluke Saturday when she was crowned the 2004-05 Broadcasting State Champion during the Forensic State Championship at Central Michigan University. "This latest accomplishment is yet another feather in the cap for what is unquestionably the 'premier' forensic program in the Thumb," said Coach Chad Daniels, who has now led his charges to 3 consecutive state team and/or individual championship titles.

Cass City High School jazz musicians recently continued a string of top-notch performances at Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association competitions. The Cass City High School Freshman Jazz Band and Early Bird Jazz Ensemble performed in the District III Jazz Band Festival last Wednesday at Montrose High School. "Both bands earned first division ratings for outstanding performances," said Doug Burch, director of bands. "Derrick Mallory was awarded an 'Outstanding Jazz Musician' award for his performance on string bass. All of our bands from the eighth grade on through the high school have earned first division ratings for every performance this year in an MSBOA festival," Burch added. "This is truly a great accomplishment for the musicians and I am very pleased with their efforts."

10 YEARS AGO

There are pen pals, and then there are Pen Pals. Count Cincinnati, Ohio, resident Tim Anglin among the latter. A former U.S. Marine and current member of the Air National Guard, Anglin corresponded via e-mail for weeks with students in Carol Pasant's sixth grade classroom at Cass City Middle School while serving with a peacekeeping force in Kuwait. During that time, he offered the students a close-up look into life in the Arab state. Anglin took his friendship with the students one step further Thursday, when he paid them a visit. "We just couldn't exhaust him. It was a wonderful experience," Pasant said of Anglin, who shared lunch with the class, participated in recess and taught students military drills during phys ed.

Cass City Boy Scout Troop 594 has suffered through a drought of sorts when it comes to producing Eagle Scouts. In fact, until recently, it had been a dozen years since the local troop held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, a formal ceremony in which officials present the Scout with the

coveted Eagle award. Thanks to a lot of hard work and determination, Cass City's Jeremy Weippert has become the first Eagle Scout from Troop 594. And he achieved the honor in a big way, earning not only the required 21 badges, but nearly 40 in all covering areas such as astronomy, communications, citizenship, fish and wildlife management, sailing, sports and first aid. "It's always been my goal since I joined the Cub Scouts," Weippert, 17, said of his desire to earn scouting's highest honor.

The Cass City High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team has been named one of the top academic Class B teams in the state by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. The honor recognizes the top 10 teams with the highest cumulative grade point averages. The cumulative GPA of the Cass City athletes totaled 3.810, good enough for third place out of 118 teams, according to Cass City Coach John Maharg. Team members are Brooke Ouvry, Ashley Ouvry, Melissa Homakie, Lindsey Gaszczynski, Deidre Deering, Jaime Fluegge, Katie Hacker and Holli Cooper.

25 YEARS AGO

It took an 11 under par score to win the annual Cass City Gavel Club Invitational scramble golf tournament Saturday. It was held at Rolling Hills Golf Course. The winning team members are Jack Hool of Windsor and Cass City, John Watson of Caseville, Jeff MacKenzie of Caro and Pat McGee of Caro.

When most people think about making a buck off the lottery, their thoughts are of picking the right numbers, or buying the lucky ticket that will put them on Easy Street. But Arnold Nieboer is not counting on blind luck to cash in on the popular game. He hopes to earn his money by selling caps and T-shirts that promote the game of chance. Nieboer, owner of Arnie's Custom Caps, Cass City, has begun producing caps and T-shirts that tell the world the person wearing them is a lottery fan. Before Nieboer began manufacturing the hats and T-shirts, he contacted the Lottery Commission for their written permission to make and sell the hats. "They gave me their permission, but they won't promote me because I am a private business," Nieboer said.

50 YEARS AGO

When he's not working, chances are you'll find Dr. James Ballard in the garage behind his house constructing his roomy 22-foot long sailboat ... for he has spent most of his spare time building the boat since he started his major project the first week of February. The boat is probably half

completed now. Although he won't make any predictions, Dr. Ballard hopes to be able to launch the craft sometime this summer. The number of hours he has spent on the boat are uncounted, but the doctor spends three-quarters of each Sunday, nearly every Thursday afternoon and two or three hours in the evening working on the boat. In fact, he has been in the garage so much in recent months that he has had an extension phone installed to save steps of running back and forth to the house.

Cass City moved back into contention in the Thumb B Conference league this week with a pair of victories to trail league-leading Bad Axe by a single game. The team found its hitting eye Thursday when Marlette furnished the opposition at Cass City Recreation Park. Banging out an unbelievable 13 runs in the first inning, the Hawks coasted to an easy 21-5 victory. The team pounded out 17 hits including a home run, triple and single. In four trips by Mike Hnatiuk. Also hitting three for four were Les Severance and Gary Hutchinson. Three other Hawks, Larry Robinson, Tim Anthes and Wayne Brown, picked up two hits in four tries in the free scoring game. Caro Game - Led by the pitching of Brown and the hitting of Gary Hutchinson the Hawks stormed to their most impressive victory of the year when they shut out Caro Tuesday, 4-0.

100 YEARS AGO

Out of 38 farm sales, which have been advertised in the Chronicle since Oct. 1, 1909, 31 have been cried by Striffler & McCullough. This record speaks for itself and the firm is about to close one of the most successful seasons enjoyed by the auctioneers of the Thumb.

On the afternoon of May 6, the high school baseball team ran up a large score against the Vassar high school team at Vassar. If the Vassar boys had kept up their energy and continued as they worked during the first three innings the score would not have been 16-2 and the game would have been much more interesting. The Cass City boys surely had a good batting practice. Graham, pitcher, and Keating, catcher, worked together excellently. A great deal of credit is due the new man at short, Benkelman, who landed some safe hits and got settled into the game shortly after the first ball was thrown. It is evident that those who struck out two or three times need to apply themselves with greater energy to improve this phase of the game. The team as a whole did fast work and we hope their enthusiasm and success will continue. They were gratified to see so many from their own town present.

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989-872-4088
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday -
Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - Chuck Carr
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Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3156
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study -
Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (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.
Rev. Judy A. Eskillen

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
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5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5060
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Midweek Bible Studies
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Barrier Free
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989-872-3155
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Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pastor: David G. Hill
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3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
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Pastor: Steve Totten

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2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
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Red Hawk News & Views

Cass City Public Schools
by Paige Lester

Every Tuesday as I walk into Campbell Elementary School I feel like a celebrity, or at least like someone in a movie. As soon as my lunch buddy or "little brother" sees me, he starts a dead run straight in my direction with his arms stretched out until he tackles me into a hug. Sometimes this run starts down a hallway, other times, across the blacktop at the playground.

Although we are in the lunch buddies program, my lunch buddy and I started calling each other recess buddies when we finally realized lunch was never going to happen. Since his lunch starts about 10 minutes before I even leave for lunch, by the time I reach the elementary school his recess has already started.

The lunch buddy program at Cass City Public Schools is based on the Big Brothers Big Sisters nationwide mentorship program. The little sister or brother is usually from 6 to 18 years old. Here in Cass City we pair high school students with those who are younger.

During high school I've been paired with 3 different lunch buddies, or as those from Big Brothers Big Sisters like to call them, "littles". This week will be my last week going to the elementary school to visit my lunch buddy, a sad time for both my lunch buddy and me.

When you are paired with a younger student, you soon become not only their friend, but also the friend of kids who hang out with your lunch buddy. Sometimes when I begin pushing my lunch buddy on the swings I end up pushing 10 other kids on the swings. When I play a card game with him, others invariably join in. When I read a book, they want to listen too. So I will be saying good-bye not only to my lunch buddy, but also to many others.

Being a lunch buddy is simple. Once a week during my lunch at school I drive down to the elementary school and meet up with my "little". Then we do whatever he wants, whether it is playing Uno or Skip-Bo, reading picture books, swinging on the swings, playing tag, or just taking a walk around the playground. I didn't even have to try to get him to like me; all I had to do was show up and smile.

The best part about my experience as a lunch buddy is how much these little things I do mean to him. Just about everything we do produces a smile on his face.

I am not the only lunch buddy who visits the elementary school. In fact, there are over 10 older students who are paired with younger ones. Big Brothers Big Sisters also has programs that do not revolve around school, such as their community-based mentoring program.

So as the school year comes to a close, so does my time with my lunch buddy. We will miss the card games, the books, times on the playground, and each other. And though we never were able to eat a lunch together, we still had a lot of fun.



MEMBERS OF THE Tuscola County Explorers Post 2560 recently attended a state competition held at the Alpena Air Force Training Academy. "There were teams from all over Michigan and one team attending from Georgia. "The competition consisted of 4 events: traffic stops, building searches, domestic assault incidents and traffic accidents," explained Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent. "This was the first year in many years that the explorers from Tuscola County competed. (They) did an outstanding job. More information about the program, which is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and is designed for young people ages 14 to 19, is available by contacting Deputy Steve Roland at (989) 673-8161 (ext. 4056) or Deputy Barbara Thayer at 673-8161 (ext. 4006).

County, village honor Brown

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners formally honored Cass City's Dagmar "Walker" Brown Monday with a resolution recognizing her 50 Labor Day treks across the Mackinaw Bridge.

The resolution, presented at McDonald's in Cass City, states:

"Whereas, each Labor Day, thousands of people walk across the Mackinac Bridge, the longest suspension bridge in the western Hemisphere, which encompasses a distance of approximately 5 miles or 26,372 feet, and

Whereas, this tradition started by Gov. G. Mennen Williams in 1957 has been going on for 52 years, and during these 52 years Dagmar Brown, a United States Navy retiree and a retired licensed practical nurse of Cass City, Michigan, has now made this walk for 50 sequential years, having only missed the very first 2, and

Whereas, this is a monumental feat for anyone to accomplish, yet alone a person who has celebrated 87 years of life. Dagmar Brown normally makes this 5-mile walk in approximately one hour and 13 minutes, during which time she stops along the way to throw 2 new pennies into

the lake to make a wish for herself and her friends for good health, happiness and peace.

Dagmar Brown for this truly heroic and monumental accomplishment, and

Therefore, for all the above reasons and more, this 2009-10 Tuscola County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor and congratulate

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the official records of Tuscola County and that a copy be presented to Dagmar Brown."



CASS CITY officials, including Village President Carl Palmateer (above), also honored Brown Monday at the Cass City McDonald's, where she works.

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Our library through the years...100 years and going strong

by Kate VanAuken, director
Rawson Memorial District Library

U.S. Census Part 2

Last week the U.S. Census was the topic of this column. Here is some interesting information about past counts taken from Time Magazine, February 8, 2010. *The first Census took place in 1790. *In 1850 data collectors were instructed to "ascertain if there be any person in the family deaf, dumb, idiotic, blind, insane, or pauper." *In 1870 there was a distinction made between farmers and "farm laborers" and house-



keepers and those just "keeping house". *Until the Civil War, surveys differentiated free people from slaves, who had historically counted as three-fifths of a person. *Race classifications in 1890 included mulatto, quadroon, octoroon, Chinese, Japanese and Mexican was added in 1930. *In 2000, for the first time, respondents are allowed to check more than one box for their race. *The 2010 questionnaire has included Negro in addition to black and African American.

Caregivers invited to program May 26

Family and professional caregivers are invited to attend "A Day for Caregivers" Wednesday, May 26, at the Franklin Inn in Bad Axe. This session is designed to bring families and nurses, social workers, and other caregivers together to learn about family dynamics, communication strategies and the importance of self care. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Beth Spencer, director of the Silver Club Memory Loss Programs, Geriatrics Center, University of Michigan. Attendees will also have the opportunity to play "Caregiver Jeopardy," listen as 2 local caregivers share their stories, and participate in round table discussions to develop strategies that maximize the strengths of individuals with memory loss and allow them control over their daily lives.

"A Day for Caregivers" includes a continental breakfast, lunch, brochures and handouts, and it is free to caregivers in Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. Caregivers must pre-register. Please call the Human Development Commission at (989) 673-4121 or 1-800-843-6394. Social workers and nurses are approved for 5 contact hours. Certificates of attendance will be given to AFC homeowners and other professional caregivers. "A Day for Caregivers," from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. is sponsored by the HDC and Huron Behavioral Health. This workshop is offered to caregivers free of charge, thanks to a grant from the Region VII Area Agency on Aging. Northwood Meadows of Cass City will be providing the continental breakfast.

"Park and Read" this summer at the library

Back for a second summer, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) and the Library of Michigan are again offering "Park & Read" at more than 400 libraries across Michigan, including Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City. Park & Read allows library card-holders the ability to "check-out" a one-day pass into any Michigan state park or recreation area in lieu of the resident daily motor vehicle permit. This \$6 savings also provides free access to the more than 500 events taking place in state parks throughout the summer. For those interested in bringing along a library book for serious beach reading, 71 of the state parks have hammocks available for Park & Read users to borrow while on-site for the day so they can fully enjoy a great book in Michigan's great outdoors. "This is a great opportunity to try something different. Whether you're looking for time alone or time together, these free passes are a great excuse to go for a picnic, take the kids swimming, or to find your next best fishing spot," said Ron Olson, Recreation Division chief for the DNRE. Passes are valid for 7 days from check-out and can be used for one day at any one of Michigan's 98 state parks. Passes are valid for day-use only. The program is available through Oct. 1. For more information on the program contact Rawson Memorial District Library at (989) 872-2856. For a complete list of participating libraries, hammock availability, and park events taking place throughout the state, visit www.michigan.gov/stateparks.

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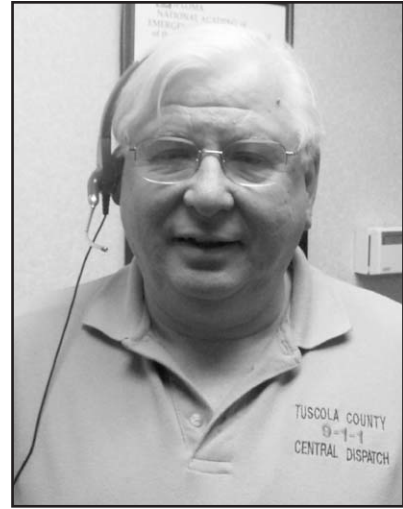
Red Cross honors county residents, TBHS officials

The East Shoreline Chapter of the American Red Cross is honoring 2 Tuscola County residents and one area business for their contributions to the community. The awards will be presented at the chapter's 3rd annual "Heroes Among Us" celebration May 19 at 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City. Linda Giddings of Millington will receive the 2010 Mary K. Adelman Volunteer of the Year Award. She has been a volunteer with the Red Cross for 6 years, beginning in 2005 with Hurricane Katrina. She says she had just lost a job and was sitting at home watching coverage of Katrina when she was overcome with the desire to help those affected. Since then, Giddings served at 8 more national disasters from California to New Jersey and many

states in between. She says the smiles, hugs and hope are what keep her coming back, and she also enjoys the sense of teamwork among Red Cross volunteers. Giddings is trained in mass care, damage assessment, family services, and recently was certified to drive heavy industrial trucks, like forklifts, at Red Cross operations. She also serves on the local Red Cross disaster relief team, helping Tuscola County residents after fires, floods, tornados and other emergencies. When a tornado struck Tuscola County a couple of years ago and threw a baby from his home, Giddings was on hand with a baby blanket, teddy bear and hugs for the baby's mom, Nicole Opperman. One Sunday morning in 2009, Giddings took a call from a fire chief requesting food and beverages for a group of firefighters at a residential fire near Caro. Within an hour, another call came in requesting help for a family whose mobile home had just burned near Millington. A couple of hours after that, the family from the Caro fire called requesting assistance. She took care of a lot of people that day, working about 10 hours to help all of them. Robert Bashur will receive the Tuscola County Good Samaritan

Award. While working as a dispatcher for Tuscola County 911, he took a call from a frantic father whose daughter was about to give birth at home. There was no time to get to the hospital. Bashur called upon his experience, training and other resources and talked the family through what needed to be done until paramedics arrived. Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems is this year's Workplace Safety Hero. TBHS trains over 500 Tuscola County residents each year in life-saving skills such as CPR and First Aid. It has shown further commitment to saving lives through the placement of 22 AEDs in Tuscola County: 6 AEDs at TBHS operational sites; the rest at contract provider homes throughout the county. TBHS has 3 instructors on staff who teach lifesaving skills. Its director of marketing and training, Susan Holder, is one of those instructors and has also been a member of the board of directors for the East Shoreline Chapter for a number of years. Tickets for "Heroes Among Us" are available by calling the Red Cross at (989) 892-1541 or by visiting www.redcross-esc.org.

The awards will be presented at the chapter's 3rd annual "Heroes Among Us" celebration scheduled for May 19 in Bay City.



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Collins: Costa Rica trip unforgettable

The thought of chaperoning a dozen teenagers on a field trip might be enough to make any adult sweat.

Imagine taking those same youths on a 9-day trip abroad.

Meet Cass City High School Spanish instructor Chris Collins, who is wrapping up his sixth year as a teacher, and who took 11 students to Costa Rica April 2-10.

It wasn't Collins' first such experience; he took a group of 14 teens to Spain back in the spring of 2008. Both were great experiences, according to Collins, who would do it again. In fact, he plans to take another group of kids to Spain, Italy, France and Monaco in 2012.

Collins recently shared portions of the journal he kept during the trip to Costa Rica, which he described as both a fun and educational experience "his" kids are certain to never forget.

DAY ONE

"I was excited for the handful of students who have never flown before," Collins recalled. "Even something like going through airport security and making connecting flights is very educational for kids, many of whom have never traveled without their family."

"As we approached Costa Rica, students had the first opportunity to use their Spanish and practice their independence," he said. "Custom forms had to be filled out; they were a bit confusing and the English translations on them were not exactly accurate. I helped a few students, but most students just did the best they could."

"As we exited the airport and boarded the bus to leave for our hotel, I was reminded of the time I first went to Spain as a 13-year-old, and the sense of wonder I experienced at being in a different culture. I watched the students intently, at how they would react to the new sights and smells."

Collins noted his students were tired after their long journey, but they were still ready to get their first taste of San Jose.

"This exploration is where the real education kicks in," Collins noted. "Students don't realize it, but in one hour's time, more learning can take place 'on the street' than 10 hours in a classroom."

DAY 2

"We met at 6 a.m. for breakfast. We had a full day planned," Collins said. "Everything in Costa Rica begins earlier and ends earlier. It is so hot that it makes sense to wake up early to work. Even this is educational for the kids."

The Cass City students met with other student groups from Virginia and Georgia. "Our groups meshed very well. I am proud of my students," he said.

"Another educational nugget was in dealing first-hand with the relaxed attitude toward time many Hispanics have. The students eventually made an inside joke to add 'an hour and a half' to the length (tour guide) Olman told us any bus ride or tour would last."

"We took a 2 1/2-hour bus ride to Rio Suerte and, from there, transferred to a couple pontoon-like boats. We saw monkeys, birds, iguanas and other types of wildlife. The rainforest is full of awesome creatures. We arrived in Tortuguero — only accessible by water — and checked into our cabins on the shore of the Caribbean Sea."

"We took a 20-minute boat ride to a small Costa Rican town where students had a great opportunity to use their Spanish. We split off into small groups and walked up and down the main street, shopping," Collins continued.

DAY 3

The Cass City students and their chaperones awoke to howler monkeys on the third day, which started with a morning boat ride.

"Students are starting to feel the need to call home a bit," Collins wrote in his journal. "They all miss their cell phones and computers, although I had some even say that it was nice not always having to answer a text (message) or a call."

"We went on an intense nature walk — the guide did not prepare us well for it. It was up a very steep, muddy mountain. Wow! What a culture shock."

"Another educational nugget: students are beginning to realize that rice and beans are staples in third world countries. We have had rice and beans offered for every meal. There have been other things, too, but it is starting to become a joke."

Collins said the students enjoyed some time swimming and relaxing, and by this time they had learned the importance of using good sunscreen protection.

"One thing students are learning is that in a foreign culture, things are not always laid out in an orderly fashion. It is more 'fly by the seat of your pants,'" he recalled.

DAY 4

The fourth day offered the Cass City teens another brand new experience — riding a "zip line." "This is what everybody has been looking forward to," Collins said. "It was intense (and) very fun. Thirteen rides throughout the rain forest. Twelve platforms situation throughout the forest. Students love the adventurous aspect of this trip."

The students also learned some other lessons they may not have expected.

"Kids are learning what it takes to be a good roommate on this trip," Collins explained. "No big issues, just some practical things they need to learn before going off to college."

DAY 5

"Today we saw the volcano Arena. We will only see it from afar, since it occasionally erupts," Collins wrote. "We (also) descended down a mountain to the base of a huge waterfall. It was magnificent. The students really enjoyed themselves swimming at the base."

"I am having so much fun since they (students) are having so much fun," Collins added. "The great thing is that they are being educated on so many levels that they do not even understand. They will remember this trip for their entire life. It is going to shape them more than they know in these developing years. These parents got it right by allowing them to come. It is an investment in their future."

DAY 6

"We went kayaking today on Lake Arenal. In pairs, we set out on the lake, following a guide. Had a chance to swim in the lake half-way through. Of course, my students took this opportunity to tip my kayak over — all in fun," Collins joked.

"Had a chance to go to a much larger town to shop. More independence for students, (who) set off in small groups to shop (and) explore. They repeatedly told me stories excitedly of how they had this or that opportunity to speak Spanish."

DAY 7

"Had a long bus ride today. We went from the poverty-stricken east side of the country to the more wealthy and built up west side of the country," Collins wrote, noting his students were beginning to crave some good old American fast food, so they stopped for lunch in a location that offered a variety of restaurants, including Burger King and McDonald's.

"We arrived to the last hotel tonight," Collins noted. "The boys had a scorpion in their room — more education! They trapped it with a glass and called the resort reception. They were pretty freaked out."

DAY 8

"We took it easy today. The plan is to see the Pacific Ocean," Collins wrote. "We are all starting to wear down a bit. Ready to go home, but with wonderful, rich memories."

The next day, "Day 9", the group left early in the morning to catch their first flight home, meeting Cass City School Bus driver Rita Hanby at Detroit Metro Airport April 10.

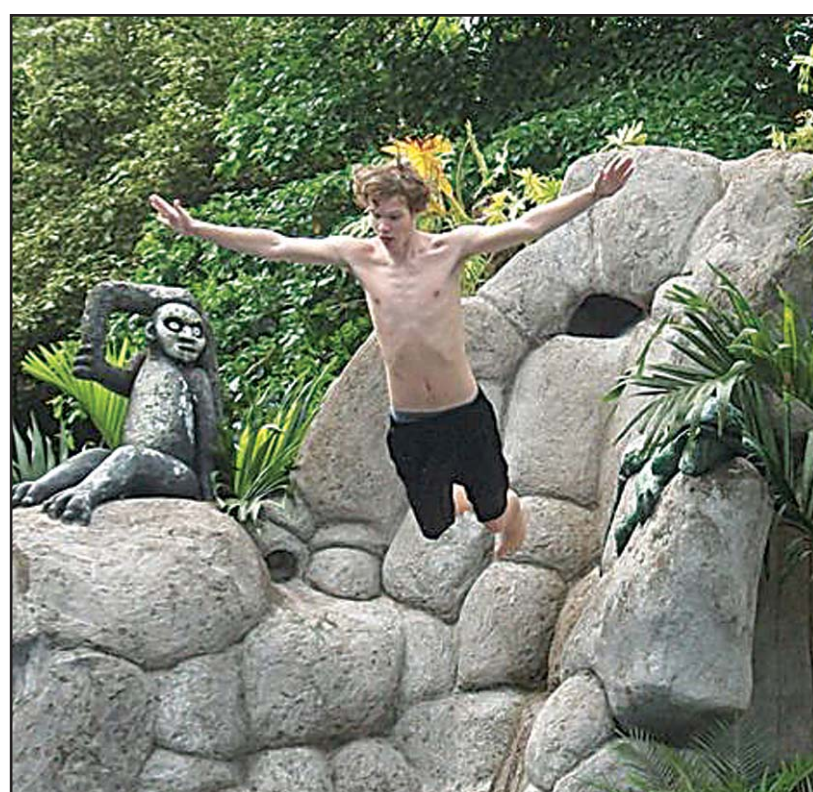
It was the end to a perfect journey, according to Collins, who indicated much of the success of the trip can be attributed to the students, who made the most of the opportunity of a lifetime.

"(Cass City High School Principal) Chad Daniels told me years ago that if I take good students, I will have a good trip. He was absolutely correct," Collins said.

"These students were fantastic. They were responsible and fun. They kept an open mind when things were not to their liking, and they gave me absolutely no behavior issues," he added. "I absolutely loved taking them and I look forward to taking the next group of Cass City students abroad."



KRISTA GUINTHER and Chelsea Green jump into the Pacific Ocean at dusk.



ROB VANAUKEN dives into a pool in Sarapiquí.



CASS CITY STUDENTS who participated in a recent trip to Costa Rica are (from left) Becca Leslie, Liz Lintner, Jenny Manwell, Stephanie Bock, Chelsea Green, Zac Deering, Kelsey Russell, Rob VanAuken, Krista Guinther, Tommy Brinkman and Brad Whittaker. They are pictured in front of the Caribbean Sea in Tortuguero, a national park accessible only by boat.



CHELSEA GREEN (from left) Kelsey Russell, Becca Leslie, Krista Guinther, Liz Lintner and Stephanie Bock dip their toes into the Pacific Ocean.

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Soccer Report

Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers remain perfect at Hawks' expense

The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers showcased a potent attack last Monday, cruising to a 6-2 win over host Cass City while improving to 6-0 on the season. Katie Beachy recorded a hat trick to pace the winners, while Carmen Zwemmer, Trisha Machowicz and Taylor Comment all netted solo goals for the Greater Thumb Conference leaders.

Hawks played well and were within a goal at 2-1 deep in the first half. Caitlin Reed scored unassisted and the Hawks responded well until 2 late Laker goals on defensive lapses put the game away. Trailing 4-1 at the intermission, the Lakers added 2 goals in the second half to seal the outcome for the Lakers before Alexandra Pena scored for the Red Hawks on assists from Reed and Kaitlyn Messing.

Messing just missed a third goal when the Laker keeper got a finger on the shot to deflect it wide. Keeper Becca Leslie had 9 saves on 15 shots, while the offense generated 8 chances for their 2 goals. "The Lakers' better ball skills limited Cass City's scoring chances, but the Hawks played a solid game for the most part," Coach Chuck Reed said.

Harbor Beach

On Wednesday, Cass City traveled to Harbor Beach and returned home suffering a 3-0 setback. Coach Reed called the contest very physical making it difficult for either team to generate much flow. The Pirates scored late in the initial half on a ball that Leslie had in her hands but was knocked out and kicked past her. The score stood 1-0 at the half. The second half was more of the same with Cass city not able to generate much offense, getting only 7 shots for the game, while the hosts kept grinding getting 2 more goals. By the end of the game, the Hawks were down to 11 players as a result of injury and illness, making any sort of come back difficult. It was not a particularly skillful game for either team.

"The Hawks are having a mid season slide as a result of several nagging injuries to starters, but several reserves have come on and played well, especially Erin Moore and Katie Michalski. Amber and Kassie LaPonsie are getting more playing time and have also done well. The defense of (Rachel) Auten, (Tessa) Kus, (Kristen) Kawecki, and (Amanda) Clifton has continued to play hard against tougher competition, but the offense still needs to generate more shots against the tougher teams," says Coach Reed.

Hatchets claim team titles at Uibly invite

The Bad Axe thinclads finished on top of the team standings last Tuesday, holding off runner-up Cass City 119.5 to 89 to earn the team title among the girls' field at the Uibly Invitational.

The complete standings also had Uibly with 50.5 points, Unionville-Sebewaing 50, Harbor Beach 47, Deckerville 41, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 40, Brown City 33, Mayville 15 and Sandusky 11.

Stephanie Leeson won the 100 and 200-meter dashes for Cass City with times of 13.53 and 27.81, while Logan Rowell placed first in the high jump with a height of 4' 10".

Cass City's 3200-meter relay team finished in 11:01 to place second. Running for the Red Hawks were Ashley Potts, Jessa Prieskorn, Grace Hollis and Carley Hendrick.

On the boys' side, the Hatchets finished with 96 points to top the 10-team field, which had Mayville with 78 points, Uibly 76, Brown City 59, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 54, Deckerville 38, Harbor Beach 33, Cass City 24, Unionville-Sebewaing 24, and Sandusky 14.

Alex Varney posted Cass City's best showing with a second place effort in the 300-meter hurdles completed in a time of 42.49.

The top 3 finishers in each event were:

- Boys Track & Field Results**
3200-meter relay: 1. Bad Axe - 8:57.48 (Nicholas Pawlowski, Will Alfholter, Jacob Schmidt) 2. Uibly - 8:58.07 (Nick McNeil, Jason Rutkowski, John Creguer, Brandon Glaza) 3. Harbor Beach - 9:04.38 (Ryan Kirsch, Alex Deipiere, Aaron Ginther, Tom Combest).
110-meter hurdles: 1. Martin Wolschlagler, 15.69, Bad Axe 2. Nick Gordon, 16.35, Lakers 3. Alex Varney, 16.76, Cass City.
100-meter dash: 1. Stewart Peterson, 11.26, Brown City 2. Brandon Lemke, 11.54, Uibly 3. Cody Ross, 11.84, Deckerville.
800-meter relay: 1. Bad Axe, 1:36.69 (Ryan Brown, Dave Fucinari, Tyler Price, Martin Wolschlagler) 2. Mayville, 1:38.79 (Brandon Gott, Nick Fox, Brandon Raby, Paul Squires) 3. Lakers, 1:40.12 (Luke Voelker, Walter Van Houten, Nick Gordon, Josh Goins).
1600-meter run: 1. Hayden Garlick, Please turn to page 10.



CASS CITY'S Stephanie Leeson takes the baton from Ashley Stilson during the 400-meter relay at the Uibly Invitational. The pair, along with teammates Grace Hollis and Haley Wynn, placed second with a time of 53.93



CASS CITY'S Ashley Potts, left, and Jessa Prieskorn each recorded a top 5 finish in the 3200-meter run at the 10-school Uibly Invitational.

CC golfers top field

In their only outing last week, the Cass City golf team turned in a solid showing to claim the team title Monday on the Timbers Golf Course. The Red Hawks tallied a team score of 176 to easily turn back followers Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port with 180, Millington with 186, Vassar 210, and Saginaw Arts and Science Academy 211.

Red Hawk Brandon Weaver continued his steady play of late and recorded medalist honors with a 9-hole tally of 40. Also for the winners Aaron Bader shot 42, while Paul Rubey and Mason Doerr each carded 47.

The Red Hawks' final GTW jamboree at Rolling Hills Golf Course is slated for Thursday.



CAITLIN REED works the ball downfield in action against the visiting Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers.

Bulldog ball teams each trade double header wins

The Owen-Gage ball teams traveled to face Carsonville-Port Sanilac Thursday and split North Central Thumb League twin bills with the Tigers.

Owen-Gage is 7-1 in the NCTL and 7-9 overall.

BULLDOG BOYS

The Lady Bulldogs led 3-1 early in their opener, but surrendered a pair of markers in the bottom of the sixth to bow, 5-4.

The Tigers collected a 3-1 victory to win the opener, but surrendered 8-7 in the nightcap during an extra inning thriller.

Lauren Mandich suffered the loss on the rubber for the Bulldogs, despite fanning 12 and yielding just one hit.

In game one, Devin Prich was the victim of little run support and suffered the loss despite striking out 10.

At the plate Mandy Muntz's double paced Owen-Gage.

In game 2, Mandich struck out 10 and allowed 2 hits in the Bulldogs' 11-3 triumph.

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At the plate, Hunter Champagne slugged 3 hits, while Prich crunched a home run.

Kayla Montreuil had a pair of doubles and a triple to lead the winners at the plate.

Zaleski received credit for the win on the mound. He struck out 11.



BULLDOG Lauren Mandich struck out 22 batters Thursday, working both ends of a North Central Thumb League twin bill with Carsonville-Port Sanilac.



OWEN-GAGE'S Andrew Fahrner slides into third base in the nightcap of Thursday's NCTL double-header against the Tigers.

Cass City gives up big inning in Greater Thumb West setback

In a light work week, Cass City's diamond-nine traveled to face Greater Thumb West foe Vassar last Monday, where one bad inning foiled the Red Hawks' bid for a twin bill sweep.

In Game One, the visitors jumped out in front, 7-0, after 3 frames only to see the Vulcans strike for 5 mark-

ers in the bottom of the fifth. While the Vulcans' rally closed the gap to 7-6, it didn't keep Coach Nathan Haag's Red Hawks from earning an exciting victory that started and ended with freshman hurler Cody Orban on the mound. Orban allowed one earned run over 4 innings, surrendering 3 hits and fanning 2 before exiting the mound

with a 7-1 advantage. He returned to the rubber in the bottom of the 7th and prevented the Vulcans from scoring with the bases loaded and no outs and a 3-0 count on the batter. "Our boys had their backs flat against the wall and knuckled down to not allow any runs to score," Haag said.

At the plate, Cass City's Steffin Bader and Alex Zaleski each provided a 3-run home run, while Kyle Pine added a 2-bagger. Game 2 saw Cass City grab a 5-2 lead, but 6 tallies in the sixth frame helped the Vulcans claim a 9-6 decision. "If we can eliminate one bad inning

from each game, we'll be in great shape," Haag said. Pine paced the Red Hawk offense with a 3-for-4 effort in the batter's box, while Morgan Erla was 2-for-4. Steven Rychlewski and Ethan Nicol punched singles. Cass City stands at 2-4 in the GTW standings and 11-10 overall.

Lady Hawks remain in thick of GTW title chase

Cass City remained in the hunt for the Greater Thumb West softball title with a pair of recent doubleheader sweeps over Bay City All Saints and Vassar. On Thursday, the Lady Red Hawks collected wins of 5-3 and 4-1 over the host Cougars to improve to 6-2 in the conference standings, as well as

earning their 20th win, against just 3 setbacks, overall. In the opener, Cass City struck for 3 runs in the second and never trailed again en route to a 5-3 victory. Shannon Stec whiffed 11 while handling the pitching chores for the winners and was the pitcher of record in both tilts.

At the plate, Dana Woodward had 2 hits including a triple to lead the Red Hawks, while Megan Parrish and Emily Martin each added doubles in Cass City's 8-hit attack. In the nightcap, the visitors scored twice in the third and fourth innings to emerge with a 4-1 decision. Hayley Peters scored twice for the

winners, while Amanda Kaake knocked in 2 runs. Cass City managed to win despite just 4 hits, all singles by Kaake, Megan Parrish, Krista Guinther and Woodward.

Guinther and McKensie Parrish each scored a trio of runs for the Red Hawks, who had Lindsay Jamieson and Guinther with extra base safeties. In game 2, all the scoring came in the third frame where Cass City put 3 runs on the scoreboard. Megan Parrish provided the key knock with a single resulting in 2 RBIs. Stec handled the pitching chores for Cass City and was a double winner on the day.

VASSAR GAMES

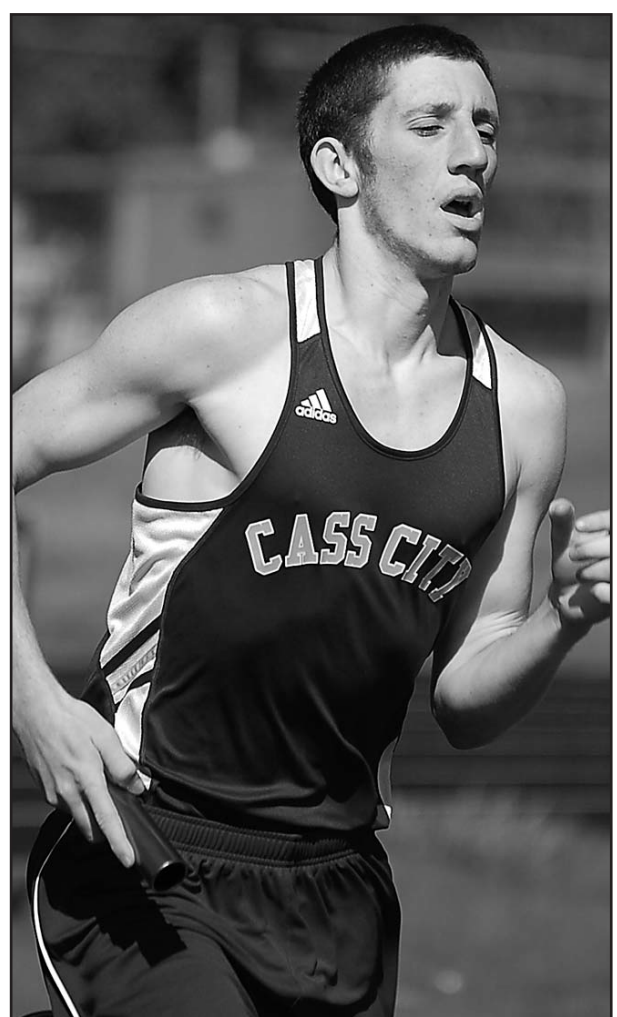
Cass City opened last week with wins of 14-2 and 3-0 Monday at Vassar. In game one, Cass City scored 3 times in the first, second and 5th innings to secure the outcome.

Bad Axe shines at Ubly

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4:50.80, Mayville 2. Phil Schaufele, 4:56.02, Sandusky 3. Nicholas Pawlowski, 4:59.91, Bad Axe. **400-meter relay:** 1. Ubly, 45.91 (Kurtis Booms, Jimmy Shaw, Brandon Lemke, Joe LaFave) 2. Deckerville, 47.38, (Scott Gobie, Cody Ross, Dillon Lundgren, Joseph Spaulding) 3. Cass City, 49.21, (Josh Jensen, Dean Rabideau, Terrence Bennett, Alex Williams) **400-meter dash:** 1. Stewart Peterson, 50.11, Brown City 2. Luke Voelker, 53.50, Lakers 3. Nick Fox, 55.36, Mayville. **300-meter intermediate hurdles:** 1. Martin Wolschlag, 41.74, Bad Axe 2. Alex Varney, 42.49, Cass City 3. (tie) Shane Paeth, Brown City & Nick Gordon, Lakers, 44.43. **800-meter run:** 1. Tom Comb, 2:08.47, Harbor Beach 2. Hayden Garlick, 2:12.65, Mayville 3. Alex Vaquera, 2:15.38, Brown City. **200-meter dash:** 1. Stewart Peterson, 23.23, Brown City 2. Joe LaFave, 23.95, Ubly 3. Dave Fucinari, 24.37, Bad Axe. **3200-meter run:** 1. Hayden Garlick, 10:29.41, Mayville 2. Nicholas Pawlowski, 10:52.38, Bad Axe 3. Brandon Glaza, 10:59.23, Ubly. **1600-meter relay:** 1. Bad Axe, 3:40.54 (Martin Wolschlag, Tyler Price, Jacob Schmidt, Dave Fucinari) 2. Ubly, 3:46.15 (Kurtis Booms, Jimmy Shaw, Brandon Lemke, Joe LaFave) 3. Harbor Beach, 3:46.64 (Aaron Ginther, Doug Booms, Ryan Kirsch, Tom Comb). **Long jump:** 1. Luke Voelker, 19'09.00", Lakers 2. Joe LaFave, 18'05.75", Ubly 3. Ryan Brown, 18'03.50", Bad Axe. **High jump:** 1. (tie) 5'06.01", Paul Squires, Mayville & Jason Moffitt, Brown City 2. (tie) 5'06.00" Aaron Ginther, Harbor Beach & Dillon Lundgren, Deckerville 3. (tie) 5'04.01" Mike Potrykus, Cass City, Brandon Gott, Mayville and Ryan Brown, Bad Axe. **Shot put:** 1. Keith Whitaker, 44'08.00", Mayville 2. Dakota Gangler, 43'02.50", USA 3. Casey Hoff, 41'04.75", Deckerville. **Discus:** 1. Dakota Gangler, 117'10.75", USA 2. Casey Hoff, 117'08.25", Deckerville 3. Keith Whitaker, 116'07.75", Mayville. **Girls Track & Field Results**
Event Results
3200-meter relay: 1. Bad Axe -

10:38.25 (Breann Schramski, Katti Frantz, Crystal Schaible, Cassandra Hanson) 2. Cass City - 11:01.10 (Ashley Potts, Jessa Prieskorn, Grace Hollis, Carley Hendrick) 3. Mayville - 11:10.78 (Amy Elenbaum, Kelli Pape, Ruth Squires, Miranda Strasburg). **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Nicole Kubacki, 16.21, Ubly 2. Shelby McVittis, 16.73, Deckerville 3. McKensie Parrish, 17.30, Cass City. **100-meter dash:** 1. Stephanie Leeson, 13.53, Cass City 2. Kim Schenk, 13.54, Bad Axe 3. Gala Shivley, 13.61, Lakers. **800-meter relay:** 1. Bad Axe, 1:53.53 (Taylor Wolschlag, Kara Flynn, Kim Schenk, Kaitlyn Grifka) 2. Ubly, 1:55.28 (Briana Lemke, Brittany Forman, Jennifer White, Caitlyn Holdwick) 3. Cass City, 1:58.69 (Stephanie Leeson, Megan Schoel, Grace Hollis, Haley Wynn). **1600-meter run:** 1. Alicia Erdman, 5:35.84, Harbor Beach 2. Cassandra Hanson, 5:52.36, Bad Axe 3. Ashley Potts, 5:56.22, Cass City. **400-meter relay:** 1. Bad Axe, 53.60 (Taylor Wolschlag, Kara Flynn, Kim Schenk, Alesha Reed) 2. Cass City, 53.93, (Grace Hollis, Stephanie Leeson, Ashley Stilson, Haley Wynn) 3. Ubly, 54.29, (Briana Lemke, Becky Rutkowski, Ellie Shaw, Nicole Kubacki) **400-meter dash:** 1. Jennifer White, 1:02.53, Ubly 2. Gala Shivley, 1:02.59, Lakers 3. Stephanie Butch, 1:03.29, Bad Axe. **300-meter low hurdles:** 1. Shelby McVittis, 48.94, Deckerville 2. Andrea Vermeersch, 50.99, USA 3. Dezerai Ruckman, 51.38, Brown City. **800-meter run:** 1. Bri Woycehoski, 2:28.48, Harbor Beach 2. Cassandra Hanson, 2:33.32, Bad Axe 3. Crystal Schaible, 2:35.49, Bad Axe. **200-meter dash:** 1. Stephanie Leeson, 27.81, Cass City 2. Gala Shivley, 27.92, Lakers 3. Stephanie Butch, 28.35, Bad Axe. **3200-meter run:** 1. Alicia Erdman, 12:31.43, Harbor Beach 2. Cassi Goglin, 12:37.80, Lakers 3. Ashley Potts, 12:42.02, Cass City. **1600-meter relay:** 1. Ubly, 4:18.06 (Caitlyn Holdwick, Briana Lemke, Brittany Forman, Jennifer White) 2. Bad Axe, 4:21.36 (Stephanie Butch, Kaitlyn Grifka, Crystal Schaible, Cassandra Hanson) 3. USA, 4:24.07 (Cami Valentine, Calie Valentine, McKenzie Treiber, Andrea Vermeersch). **Long jump:** 1. Katherine Kreiner, 15'06.50", Brown City 2. Gala Shivley, 15'03.50", Lakers 3. Stephanie Butch, 15'03.00", Bad Axe. **High jump:** 1. Logan Rowell, 4'10.00", Cass City 2. (tie) 4'08.01" Marissa Demott, Sandusky & Alesha Reed, Bad Axe 3. Jennifer Susalla, 4'08.00", Ubly. **Shot put:** 1. Abby Sharf, 37'06.75", USA 2. Toni Klaus, 33'10.75", Deckerville 3. Tiffany Cross, 33'06.50", Brown City. **Discus:** 1. Abby Sharf, 110'01.50", USA 2. Stephanie Blanchard, 105'05.00", Harbor Beach 3. Tori Batzer, 94'01.50", Bad Axe.



RED Hawk Jeff Mulrath competes in the 3200-meter relay at Ubly.

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Medalists	
Individual - J. Toner	36
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Conference Standings

GTC BASEBALL STANDINGS

Current standings as of Thursday, May 6, 2010

West Division	League	Overall
All Saints	7-1	10-7,1
Bad Axe	4-1	16-4
Vassar	5-3	13-11
Reese	3-3	9-9
USA	2-4	7-11
Cass City	2-6	11-12
Lakers	0-5	2-14

Results from Thursday, May 6
All Saints defeated Cass City in both games with scores of 11-1 and 10-3.
Vassar defeated USA in both games with scores of 9-1 and 11-7.
Reese and Bad Axe split games with Reese winning game one 9-2 and Bad Axe winning game two 5-2.

Upcoming Games - Thursday, May 13

Cass City at USA		
Bad Axe at Vassar		
Reese at Lakers		
East Division		
Harbor Beach	5-0	14-1,1
Marlette	5-3	8-10
Brown City	4-3	17-6
Deckerville	3-1	10-7
Sandusky	2-2	6-8
Ubyly	2-3,1	8-9,1
Mayville	1-7	4-18

Results from Thursday, May 6
Deckerville defeated Mayville in both games with scores of 13-3 and 10-4.
Brown City and Ubyly split games with Brown City winning game one 11-10 and Ubyly winning game two 4-3.

Marlette and Sandusky split games with Marlette winning game one 5-1 and Sandusky winning game two 4-3.

Upcoming Games - Thursday, May 13

Ubyly at Deckerville
Harbor Beach at Sandusky
Brown City at Mayville

GTC SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Current standings as of Thursday, May 6, 2010

West Division	League	Overall
USA	6-0	18-1
Reese	5-1	12-6,1
Cass City	6-2	20-3
Lakers	4-2	18-4
All Saints	2-6	7-15
Bad Axe	1-5	5-12
Vassar	0-8	10-12

Results from Thursday, May 6
USA defeated Vassar in both games with scores of 14-0 and 14-1.
Reese defeated Bad Axe in both games with scores of 15-0 and 11-1.
Cass City defeated All Saints in both games with scores of 5-3 and 4-1.

Upcoming Games Thursday, May 13

Cass City at USA		
Bad Axe at Vassar		
Reese at Lakers		
East Division		
Mayville	7-0	12-11,1
Brown City	6-2	14-10
Marlette	4-3	12-10,1
Sandusky	3-3	11-11
Ubyly	2-4	7-12
Deckerville	1-5	6-12
Harbor Beach	0-6	3-13

Results from Thursday, May 6
Mayville defeated Deckerville in both games with scores of 6-1 and 11-1.
Brown City defeated Ubyly in both games with scores of 5-2 and 10-0.

Sandusky defeated Marlette in both games with scores of 3-0 and 4-3.

Upcoming Games - Thursday, May 13

Ubyly at Deckerville
Harbor Beach at Sandusky
Brown City at Mayville

GTC GIRLS' SOCCER STANDINGS

After Wednesday, May 5, 2010 games

Team	League	Overall
Lakers	7-0	7-0
Harbor Beach	5-1,1	6-1,1
Bad Axe	4-2,1	4-2,1
Marlette	3-4	3-5,1
Cass City	2-4,2	3-4,2
Sandusky	1-5,1	3-6,1
Brown City	0-6	1-8

Results from Monday, May 3

Lakers 6, Cass City 2
Sandusky 4, Brown City 2
Harbor Beach 1, Marlette 0

Results from Wednesday, May 5

Lakers 2, Bad Axe 1
Marlette 3, Sandusky 0
Harbor Beach 3, Cass City 0

In a non-league game, Brown City 4, USA 2

Upcoming Games - Wednesday, May 12

Bad Axe at Sandusky
Harbor Beach at Brown City
Lakers at Marlette

Friday, May 14

Harbor Beach at Lakers
Bad Axe at Cass City
Brown City at Marlette

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CASS CITY High School seniors Eli Kelley and Lindsay Jamieson were honored as king and queen during the high school's annual prom, held recently at Ubyly Heights.

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Notwithstanding, if the debt secured by this property was discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

To: ROGER L. FIELDER of 2385 FROEDE ROAD, CARO, MI 48723

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward A. Mazurowski, married, and Michelle Mazurowski, married, original mortgagors, to Champion Mortgage, a division of KeyBank National Association, Mortgagee, dated August 3, 2006 and recorded on August 17, 2006 in Liber 1091 on Page 1374, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Household Finance Corp III as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine and 23/100 Dollars (\$52,669.23), including interest at 11.125% per annum.

State law requires that you receive the following notice: You are presently in default under your Mortgage which secures the property described as follows: A PARCEL LOCATED IN SECTION 24, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, WELLS TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING 424 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE EAST 823 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 529.5 FEET, THENCE WEST 823 FEET, THENCE NORTH, 529.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2385 FROEDE ROAD, CARO, MI 48723.

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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 10, 2010.

The Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below. This notice shall apply only if the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc.

Said premises are situated in Township of Akron, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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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.

If you request a meeting with Northstar Bank within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. If an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed. You have the right to contact an attorney and can obtain contact information through the State Bar of Michigan Lawyers Referral Service at (800) 968-0738.

Dated: May 12, 2010

Dated: May 10, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by DENNIS C. BLAKE, a single man, of 5072 MILLINGTON RD., MILLINGTON, MI 48746, Mortgagor to TRI-POINTE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION of 2343 E. HILL RD., GRAND BLANC, MI 48439, Mortgagee dated JULY 8, 2009, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on JULY 21, 2009, in INSTRUMENT NO. 200900921720 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE AND 88/100THS (\$89,165.88) DOLLARS at 6.25% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

in the Township of Akron, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:
BEGINNING 565 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWN 14 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, THENCE EAST 250 FEET; THENCE NORTH 135 FEET; THENCE WEST 250 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 135 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING ALL OIL, GAS AND MINERAL RIGHTS OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE AND ALL RIGHTS PERTINENT THERETO.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4/21/2010

GreenTree Servicing LLC
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for GreenTree Servicing LLC
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800
Troy, MI 48084
248-362-2600
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on MAY 20, 2010, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder in the Tuscola County Courthouse in the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit:

COMMENCING AT A POINT 424 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST; THENCE NORTH 233 FEET; THENCE EAST 100 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 233 FEET; THENCE WEST 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5072 MILLINGTON RD., MILLINGTON, MI 48746.

During the SIX (6) MONTHS immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241 a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 4-19-2010

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
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4-21-5

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Steve D. Wark, a single man, Mortgagors, to GreenTree Servicing LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 18th day of January, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of January, 1996 in Liber 684 of Tuscola County Records, Page 1366, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Forty and 83/100 (\$36,040.83), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of May, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock AM Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 9.500% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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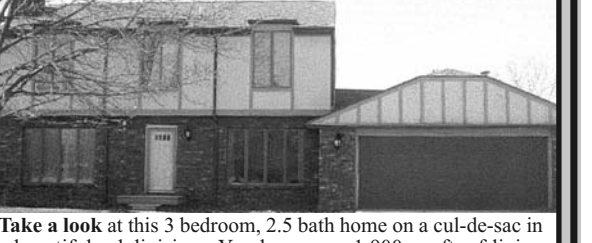

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Officials at Deford Christian Academy, Deford, recently announced the names of this year's valedictorian and salutatorian. The 2010 valedictorian is Richard A. DeGroat, and the salutatorian is Bobbi Sue Cameron, academy Administrator Jeff Willis said. DeGroat, the son of Gerald and

Jane DeGroat of Unionville, has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.76. His future plans include attending Delta College to pursue a degree in engineering. Cameron, the daughter of Bob and Wendy Decker, boasts a grade point average of 3.42. She plans to attend Kentucky Mountain Bible College.



Richard DeGroat



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Motorcycles have come a long way since their invention in 1885, but the need for rider training and safety hasn't changed, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said today. Land was commended for her years of dedication to motorcycle safety as well. Eric Larson of Eaton Rapids, a member of the Gold Wing Touring Association, presented Land with a plaque on behalf of his organization. The popularity of motorcycling continues to grow. Since 2008, the number of licensed motorcycle riders in Michigan went from about 517,000 to nearly 544,000. "Motorcycling is a great way to enjoy Michigan," said Jones, who sponsored House Resolution 217 of 2010, declaring May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Michigan. "But it also demands education, training and constant vigilance."

According to Prince, Michigan is seeing a decrease in overall traffic deaths. "Michigan did experience a sizable decrease in motorcycle-involved fatalities last year," Prince said. "We

presented Langdon and Dutmers with plaques in appreciation of their contributions to motorcycling. Land was commended for her years of dedication to motorcycle safety as well. Eric Larson of Eaton Rapids, a member of the Gold Wing Touring Association, presented Land with a plaque on behalf of his organization. The popularity of motorcycling continues to grow. Since 2008, the number of licensed motorcycle riders in Michigan went from about 517,000 to nearly 544,000. "Motorcycling is a great way to enjoy Michigan," said Jones, who sponsored House Resolution 217 of 2010, declaring May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Michigan. "But it also demands education, training and constant vigilance."

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continue to stress the importance of rider skills, whether you're on a quiet country road or a busy city street." A motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license is required by law to ride on state roads. The Department of State is now reminding riders of that requirement by printing a message on motorcycle license plate tab renewal notices. Riders must successfully complete a knowledge test and a safety course or a skills test with a third-party tester before an endorsement is issued. A safety course is required for 16- and 17-year-olds as well as for adults who fail the skills test twice. The Department of State administers Michigan's Motorcycle Safety Program. It oversees a network of 30 public and private training programs. More than 14,000 students were trained last year. Visit www.Michigan.gov/sos for a list of motorcycle safety training programs or for more information about safe motorcycling.

Sanilac Co. ranks 78th in unhealthy lifestyle choices

Americans are getting fatter. Michiganders are getting fatter and are among the heaviest in the nation. "What's worse is Sanilac County is ranked 78th out of 82 counties in the state for unhealthy lifestyle behaviors," said Dianna Schafer, director of the Sanilac County Health Department. "The 2010 County Health Rankings, a report that reflects the overall health of counties in each state, indicates we simply eat, drink and smoke more than almost every other county in Michigan and we don't get enough exercise. "Improving the health and well being of our county will take time, resources and the talents of many of our community stakeholders; we have to ask ourselves if we are up to the challenge and willing to take action and create positive changes in our health status to build a better future," Schafer added. Louise Blasius, McKenzie Memorial Hospital, elaborated, "Two out of 3 adults are overweight or obese and one in 3 children already are. This is a sad trend - overweight children make for overweight and obese adults if there isn't a change. Children now suffer from high cholesterol, high triglycerides, high blood pressure and diabetes - diagnoses not commonly made for youth in the recent past," she said. "A lot can be done to alter this crisis," stated Nancy Dean, director of the Sanilac County Kids Connection.

"Parents can commit to being role models and eating healthy from the food pyramid and encouraging daily family exercise like walks or bike rides together." According to Jenny Long, Physical Therapist at McKenzie, adults need half an hour of exercise every day and children need one hour of energetic exercise daily. "Everyone needs to eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day," emphasized Gail Innis, MSU Extension. "And limit fat intake to less than 30 percent of their total intake," added Walt Lubeckyj from the hospital dietary department. "Most people don't stop to think that a large serving of fast food fries can have up to 500 calories and 25 grams of fat." "All of us - leaders from the Health Department, MSU Extension, Kids Connection and McKenzie - have been meeting for over a year now due to a small grant from the Michigan Center for Rural Health. We are the Healthy Lifestyles Partners," explained Sharon Danek, also from the hospital. "We have monthly forums at the McKenzie Health and Wellness Center and present topics key to good nutrition and overall fitness along with an e-newsletter which reaches 675 Sanilac County residents."

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