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FUTURE YOUTH Involvement (FYI) members representing the Cass City area assemble a cardboard house in conjunction with the Tuscola County Cardboard City Sleep Out Friday. The students set up a temporary home on the courthouse lawn in Caro to sleep in for the night in an effort to raise awareness of homelessness. Pictured (from left) are Morgan Erla, Cassandra Tomlinson, Nicole Kelley and Ali Smith.

Homeless for a night

FYI members build cardboard homes to raise awareness of less fortunate

by Kelli Ameling
Staff Writer

Cass City High School senior Emily Martin has served on the Future Youth Involvement (FYI) committee for 4 years to help bring homelessness awareness to Tuscola County.

Martin has been president of the youth group for 2 years. Also in the group are Tyler Perry, Ali Smith, Nicole Kelley, Alex Varney, Morgan Erla and Cassandra Tomlinson.

"It has been a great experience helping the entire county," Martin said.

Friday marked the 9th year for the Tuscola County Cardboard City Sleep Out, which was located on the Tuscola County Courthouse lawn in

Caro.

In 1998 the FYI group was given a \$1 million grant and established a homelessness endowment to help bring awareness to those in need, said Ken Micklash, executive director for Tuscola County Community Foundation.

"It helps raise money for organizations that help assist (the homeless)," Micklash said. "We are approaching the \$30,000 mark for (the endowment homeless fund)."

Other members of FYI were also excited about the sleep out.

"Making an impact on people and putting things into perspective," Varney said is what he looked forward to the most.

Martin said the group raised money through pledges the students had

brought to the sleep out along with a raffle they had.

Micklash said the raffle included an iPod Touch, a \$150 Visa debit card and tickets to see the Detroit Tigers play in August.

Along with the raffle, the students were able to participate in games and activities, Micklash said.

"The big event was building their cardboard houses," he said.

Martin said the participants could use as much cardboard as they would like to help build their house for the city and could also have one luxury item with them.

Micklash said attendance is growing from a few years ago.

"Last year, there was an average of 125 participants at the sleep out, Please turn to page 6.

Incentive plans will cost district several teachers

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Cass City Public Schools expects to lose years of teaching experience in the coming weeks.

Even before the Michigan Legislature approved a controversial retirement incentive plan during the early morning hours Friday, local school officials had already approved their own incentive proposal.

And, by all accounts, a dozen or so Cass City teachers have already expressed an interest in retiring in exchange for a one-time payment of \$30,000 over the next 3 years.

The number of instructors Cass City will lose is a big question mark.

Before legislators approved the statewide retirement incentive last week, "We were looking at 10 to 12, 13 teachers that were going to take the buyout" offered by the Cass City Public Schools, said new school Supt. Jeff Hartel, who acknowledged it's likely other veteran instructors will consider taking advantage of the state plan.

The Cass City Board of Education last month approved a plan in which teachers with at least 10 years of service with the district would be paid a \$20,000 incentive over 3 years

to retire, provided at least 5 instructors participate. If 6 or more accepted the proposal, they would each be paid \$30,000 over 3 years.

Former school Supt. Ron Wilson explained the plan would save the district money, considering it costs roughly \$20,800 in unemployment payments when a teacher is laid off. And, he predicted, the school would likely be forced to reduce the teaching staff by 5 or 6 individuals next year due to falling enrollment numbers.

State officials say the incentive package approved by lawmakers Friday could lure as many as 28,000 teachers throughout the state into retirement before the next school year, saving schools millions.

The savings would come in the form of replacing more experienced teachers with less-experienced, lower-paid instructors.

The incentive approved by legislators would slightly increase the multiplier used to calculate the amount of pension checks to 1.6 percent.

The plan was designed to offset a significant portion of a School Aid Fund deficit that now stands at more than \$400 million. Districts have been anticipating a per-pupil funding cut of \$215 in the next school year Please turn to page 6.

Green eyes return to seat in Lansing

A Tuscola County man who is no stranger to politics at the county and state levels has set his sights, once again, on Lansing.

Former state Rep. Mike Green (R-Mayville) last week announced he will seek the Republican nomination for the Michigan Senate in the 31st District, which covers Arenac, Bay, Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac counties. Current 31st District Senator Jim

Barcia cannot seek reelection due to term limits.

Green is a retired General Motors tool and die maker who owned and operated a family farm for 17 years. He is currently the owner/operator of Green's Log Rails and Custom Log Furniture. Please turn to page 6.



Mike Green

Ameling joins staff at the Chronicle

The Cass City Chronicle's staff last week welcomed the arrival of its 2010 summer news/editorial intern, Kelli Ameling.

Originally from Bellevue, located in southern Michigan (Eaton

County), Ameling is a senior at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, where she is scheduled to graduate in December. She is majoring in journalism, with a concentration in news/editorial and a minor in management information systems.

"I was a business major for 3 years before deciding to switch to journalism, which I love," Ameling said. "I recently received a scholarship through the Department of Journalism for leadership. I have been a sister of the Delta Phi Epsilon

Sorority since the spring of 2008 and I currently hold the sisterhood chair within the sorority."

Ameling's long-term goal is to become an entertainment journalist.

"I love keeping up on the celebs and what they are doing," she explained. "I do not want to be like the paparazzi, but more like a Barbara Walters-type of celeb reporter. To work up to my long-term goal, I hope to get lots of experience through newspapers and magazines to help me become the journalist I want to be."

Ameling's personal interests include watching sports, movies and television. She loves to dance and once auditioned for American Dance Idol. "I listen to all kinds of music, anything from country to rap, but my favorite is country," she says.

"I am from Bellevue and live with my dad and step-mom, 2 horses — I had 3 but my miniature horse recently passed away — 2 cats and a 3-legged dog, which is my second 3-legged dog I have owned," she added. "Bellevue is a lot smaller Please turn to page 6.

Kelli Ameling



CASS CITY High School Director of Bands, Jonelle Lull, presented Kyle Weidman (right) with the 2010 John Philip Sousa Award during the annual senior awards ceremony at Cass City High School. Receiving the Harold Ferguson Award was Jacob Ballard, also pictured above. (See story, page 8)

Teschendorf: "buckle up or pay up"

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Ignore Michigan's seatbelt law this Memorial Day weekend in Tuscola County and you can count on a \$65 ticket.

Just don't say you weren't fairly warned.

That's part of the message Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf is spreading as his department prepares for a stepped-up enforcement effort to ensure both adults and youngsters are buckled up.

The other part of the message? Drivers and their passengers who don't wear seatbelts are risking a great deal more than a few bucks when they travel unprotected, because seatbelts save lives.

"Wearing a seatbelt is a motorist's Please turn to page 6.



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HEATHER MAIN, pictured above (center) with her parents, **Brian and Loretta Main**, Minden City, was recently honored by Cooley Law School as an "Outstanding Law Student" by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. The granddaughter of Frances A. Reinelt of Cass City, Main was slated to receive a \$2,500 scholarship award from Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly.



Holbrook Area News

Mrs. Thelma Jackson
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Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mrs. Gerald Wills visited Thelma Jackson on Thursday.

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bouchard on Thursday. The next meeting will be in May.

Mrs. Dan Franzel and June Rutz had dinner at the Stockyards in Cass City on Tuesday.

Mrs. Allen Depcinski, Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson on Tuesday and Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon was a Wednesday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Krozek, Ryan and Samantha of Filion were Mother's Day supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter and Jessica of Caro, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osentoski of Bad Axe, Betty Myers of Gladwin, Sharon Depcinski of

Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski had Mother's Day brunch at Franklin Inn in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson visited Ordean Michalski and Thelma Jackson at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the Over 50th Club meeting at Oswald Hall on Tuesday. After the Rosary was said, a potluck dinner was served and Bingo was played. The next meeting will be at the same place the second Tuesday on June 8.

Mrs. Bob Damm of Pigeon visited Thelma Jackson and Ida Shepard on Monday.

Paul Van Allen of Caro and Jim Coy of Nashville, TN visited Thelma Jackson on Wednesday.

Lauren and Katelynn Bell of Cheboygan, Wayne and Kate Sweeney and Samantha and James of Auburn Hills spent the weekend with Jim and Kay Sweeney.

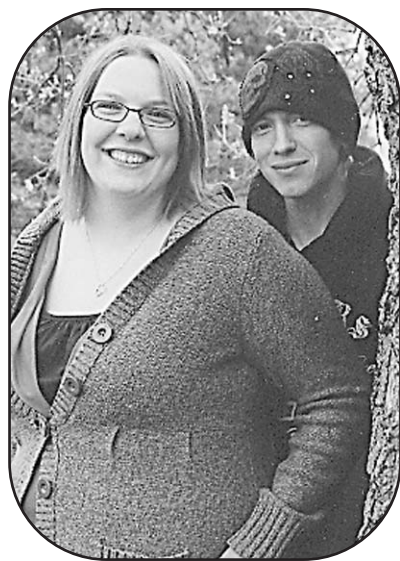
Eric and Heidi Sweeney and Nicole of Ubyl, Mary Ritter of Elkton, the Wayne Sweeney family and the Bell girls were all Saturday night dinner guests of Jim and Kay Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson were Mother's Day afternoon guests of Thelma Jackson.

Cherry averages

There are about 7,000 cherries on an average cherry tree, with each tree capable of producing more than 100 pounds of fruit in a season.

Engaged



Robyn Hill and Eddie Williams, Jr.

Dennis and Laura Hill of Cass City, and Eddie, Sr., and Robin Williams of Vassar announce the engagement of their children, Robyn Hill and Eddie Williams, Jr.

A June 19, 2010 wedding is being planned in Cass City.

C. Seibel named O-G "Student of the Month"



Carin Seibel

Carin K. Seibel has been named Owendale-Gagetown School's "Senior Student of the Month" for May.

Seibel has been very active in school activities during high school. She served as class president her freshman, junior and senior years. As a sophomore, she served as her class secretary. She currently also serves as the secretary for the student council.

During her sophomore year, Seibel was a member of the E.P.I.C.S. program at Owen-Gage and was a representative on the homecoming court. She was a member of the prom committee her junior year. As a senior, she was chosen as a 2010 snowball queen candidate. She has been the editor of the school's newspaper for the past 2 years.

Academically, Seibel has been on the honor roll and a member of the 3.0 Honors Club all through high school. She became a member of the National Honor Society her junior year and currently serves as the chapter's historian/publicist. Besides school activities, she also enjoys landscaping, being around friends, and scrapbooking.

Seibel is the daughter of Rick and Kathryn Seibel of Sebewaing. She plans to attend the cosmetology program at the Huron Area Technical Center upon graduation.

Cass City Village Council PUBLIC NOTICE

At the Regular Meeting on April 26, 2010 the Village of Cass City Council adopted Ordinance # 168, Outdoor Furnace Ordinances, to the Cass City Code of Ordinances, and shall take effect May 26, 2010, thirty (30) days after adoption.

A copy of the ordinance is available at the Village of Cass City Municipal Office, 6056 Main Street, and www.muni-code.com, Code of Ordinance Library, Select: Michigan, Select: Cass City.

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In Our OPINION..

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Hot weather, cars and kids don't mix

Michigan's often cool and wet springs can make it feel like summer will never arrive, but warmer temperatures will be here before you know it, along with a potentially dangerous situation for kids.

We're talking about the deadly combination of hot weather and children left unattended inside vehicles.

Overheating deaths are preventable, yet they occur every year. In fact at least 33 youngsters across the country died from heatstroke caused by being left or trapped in a vehicle last year.

That's why the Safe Kids Greater Thumb and Saginaw Area is reminding parents now that a few simple precautions can keep another tragedy from happening.

"A child is our most precious cargo, and drivers must know that these deaths and injuries are entirely preventable," said Officer Matt Gezequel, coordinator of Safe Kids Greater Thumb and Saginaw. "Our hearts go out to every family that has lost a child in this way. No one ever thinks it would happen to them."

It takes only minutes for a child left inside a vehicle to succumb to the heat, in part because youngsters are more susceptible than adults. In fact, when left in a hot vehicle, a young child's core body temperature may increase 3 to 5 times faster than that of an adult.

Heat stroke occurs when the core body temperature reaches 104 degrees Fahrenheit. A core body temperature of 107 degrees is considered lethal.

"The inside of a vehicle can rise 19 degrees above the outside temperature in just 10 minutes," said Gezequel. "After an hour, the temperature inside and outside of a vehicle can differ by 45 degrees or more, even if the window is cracked."

Research shows that half of children left inside vehicles were accidentally left behind in a closed, parked car by parents, while nearly a third of them were trapped while playing in an unattended vehicle. Sadly, one in 5 children who died were intentionally left in the vehicle by an adult.

Experts offer the following tips to parents and caregivers:

- Teach children not to play in or around vehicles.
 - Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.
 - Always lock a vehicle's doors and trunk, especially at home. Keep keys and remote entry devices out children's reach.
 - Place something that you'll need at your next stop — such as a purse, a lunch, gym bag or briefcase — on the floor of the backseat where the child is sitting. This simple act could help prevent you from accidentally forgetting a child.
- That's sound advice we can all live with.

Reporter's notebook

Collins' example is worth second look

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

It's easy to get caught up in the media feeding frenzy that follows a negative, attention-grabbing story involving the area's public school districts, and Cass City has had its share of those in recent weeks.

Unfortunately, the deeds of a few students can unfairly cast a long shadow on a school district in just moments.

But if you ask me, a story in last week's Chronicle shed some light on the true "state of education" in Cass City.

That article focused on Cass City High School Spanish teacher Chris Collins' decision to once again accompany a group of students abroad — to Costa Rica — in an effort to literally expand "his" kids' horizons far beyond the classroom.

Collins, assisted by a small group of chaperones, did an admirable job.

I say that because, first of all, organizing a trip abroad is a monumental task, especially in a world that has become increasingly paranoid — and rightly so — when it comes to global travel. There are also the logistics to consider, not to mention fundraising and unlimited details to attend to, all the while taking care of business in the classroom.

Collins, who previously took a group of students to Spain, handled the entire affair without a hitch. I should also note that in both cases, he received the full support of the administration and school board.

But what impresses me the most is his attention to the experience his students enjoy during these trips.

Collins' enthusiasm for the latest adventure, and what it would offer the

teens in his charge, had to be contagious. By all accounts, it was.

Let's face it, when you're not 16 or 17 anymore, it isn't as easy to keep up with the younger crowd. But Collins did that and more. He made certain the kids took it all in — and learned, whether or not they knew it at the time — during the group's travels.

Now, that's teaching. The journal Collins keeps during these trips offers some interesting details regarding his observation of the students' experiences, including their realization that learning to speak Spanish really pays off in the real world.

A co-worker recently commented that, while Collins was fortunate to have a great group of young people to take on this trip — students who would make the most of the experience — she also hoped those same youths realized how lucky they have been to have Collins for a teacher.

She was right. Teachers can collect a paycheck without demonstrating the sort of excitement and passion for education that Collins has for his students.

On the other hand, I'm glad to have seen, firsthand, that a number of teachers in the Cass City Public Schools share the same devotion and caring for the kids in their classrooms.

Sure, that's a story that doesn't often make the headlines, but it's more important than many of the issues that do receive media attention.

The important thing is that local residents have plenty of reasons to maintain their confidence in the education offered here, regardless of the negative attention drawn by a few misguided kids.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

"Well, isn't this a fine mess?" I mumbled. "Just a few more and I'll have enough for breakfast."

That may sound strange to some folks, but mushroom hunters will understand. Getting one's self into a fine mess is about the best thing that can happen to a mushroom hunter.

I grew up in the Midwest in the days when mushroom hunting was a blend of art, science and religion. There was a certain mythology to mushroom hunting when I was a kid.

We always looked around the apple trees, for example; and oak groves were good — as were beech, ash, hickory, maple, gum, sycamore, poplars, walnut, hawthorn, hedge apples, etc. We always looked in the mayapple patches. We found most of our mushrooms in places we always looked.

Dedicated hunters carried a stick and raked the leaves to uncover the secretive morels. Some dragged their feet as they walked, hoping to cover their tracks so no one would find their mushroom patch.

That's part of the lore of mushroom hunting: You never know where you'll find them, but you surely aren't going to tell anybody else where you've been looking.

I've learned to choose my mushroom hunting companions carefully. I won't take a person who has never found a mushroom, for example. There's a reason they've never found a mushroom and there's no point in dragging a jinx through the woods with you.

I get a kick out of those old stories about blind-folding your companions when you take them

mushroom hunting. That's a bunch of baloney. Ninety percent of them will try to peak under the blindfold as soon as they get in the car.

Some of my best mushroom hunts started out as something else. We would be planting corn and park the fertilizer truck next to a woods; or we might find some mushrooms at the edge of a lane.

Those were the days when portable outhouses were unheard of, but every farm had a woodlot. If a guy was working in the field he always spent part of his day in the woods.

It's hard to say how many mushrooms are found by folks who are actually looking for a paw-paw tree, but we found quite a few that way.

My favorite mushroom hunt started out as a turkey hunt. I was wandering around waiting for a turkey to gobble, when I happened to spot a few morels. The turkeys weren't cooperating anyway, so I put the mushrooms in my hat.

A few minutes later I found some more — and my hat was getting full. So I took off my T-shirt and tied the top shut.

By the time my T-shirt was full the turkey hunt had escalated into a full-blown mushroom hunt. Finally, I didn't have any place to put them.

So I took off my long underwear and tied the legs shut. A few hours later my underwear was fully loaded. I took that as a sign it was time to quit.

Some folks might wince at carrying mushrooms around in their underwear, but that's because they aren't mushroom hunters. We can't expect them to understand, now can we?



Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Over the years, the Chronicle has been fortunate to find several talented writers to fill the role of Red Hawk Columnist. Add the name of Paige Lester to that list.

The Cass City High School senior always met her deadlines, providing interesting copy, often with details on subjects that are only covered in your hometown newspaper.

Paige's last column will appear on May 26.

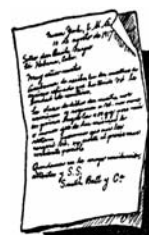
The Chronicle and The Oxford Leader have exchanged publications for nearly 3 decades. With interest, I followed news on the Oxford Schools, which privatized custodial services around the same time as Cass City.

Often their headlines mirrored ours, as several community residents opposed the move in both districts. Their lead headline last week: District seeks bids for transportation services.

Here's another scary thought. To help cover budget shortfalls, parents in Rochester schools are facing steep increases in pay-to-play sports fees. There, students could be charged \$450 to participate in just one high school sport and \$210 to play one middle school sport.

In next week's issue, the Chronicle will print its annual salute to the graduating Red Hawk class. The keep-sake supplement, as always, will include individual pictures of the seniors, plus a variety of information, including future plans of the Class of 2010 members.

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



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, May 19

Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30-7 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City. Donations.

Thursday, May 20

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

Annual Spring Perennial Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 5780 Ubyl Rd., Ubyl (8 1/2 miles south of Ubyl or 1 1/2 miles north of Argyle). Sponsored by The Thumb Buds Garden Club. Proceeds go for the scholarship fund. Also held Friday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sanilac County Police & Firefighter Retiree Dinner, 6 p.m., Lakeview Hills County Club, Lexington. Cost: \$18 per person (includes tip & non-alcoholic beverage). For more information, call Lucy at the prosecutor's office at (810) 648-3402.

Sanilac County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 3 p.m., HDC Adult Day Services Building, 227 N. Elk St., Sandusky. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121 or Amanda at (810) 648-4497.

Cass City Area Genealogical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Friday, May 21

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

Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Sunday, May 23

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

Spring Spiritual Renewal Conference 2010, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m., Restoration Outreach Center, 202 W. Burnside St., Caro. Everyone welcome, no cost. For more information, call (989) 672-2202. Also held Monday & Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Monday, May 24

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyl. 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.

Cass City School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans.

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

Wednesday, May 26

Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

Ravenous Readers, noon, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Weekend boating accident claims Peck area resident

A Sanilac County fisherman lost his life in a boating incident Sunday in Saginaw Bay, Michigan State Police troopers from the Caro post reported. Troopers identified the victim only as a 61-year-old Peck man.

Troopers were dispatched to the bay, in the area of Akron Township, at about 8 a.m. to investigate a reported partially submerged boat. While en route to the scene, they were informed that one of the boaters, a 41-year-old Metamora man, had been located by fishermen while he was still in the water, wearing a personal flotation device.

He was pulled from the water, taken to shore and transported to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon for treatment.

The victim was also located by fishermen. He was also found to still be in the water, wearing a flotation device.

Investigators said the 2 men had been in the water for about 16 hours. The exact cause of the boating acci-

dent has not been determined yet.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by the U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan Department of Natural Resources

and Environment, Tuscola County Sheriff's Department, and personnel from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe.

Cass City residents injured in accident

Two Cass City residents suffered minor injuries in a 2-vehicle traffic crash Friday night in Huron County's Chandler Township.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe reported the accident occurred at about 6:13 p.m. at the corner of North Elkton and Filion roads.

Trooper Brian McComb said James M. Brydon, 72, of Marlette, had stopped in the parking lot of the Chandler Township Hall and attempted to re-enter Elkton Road

and made a left turn onto Filion Road when he pulled into the path of a northbound vehicle driven by Scott C. Kelley, 70, of Cass City.

Kelley was unable to avoid a collision, according to McComb, who said both he and his passenger, Kelly S. Stevens, 46, of Cass City, suffered minor injuries and were transported to Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, where they were treated and later released.

Troopers cited Brydon for failing to yield.

Teen sentenced to prison for break-ins in the county

A Mayville teen charged in connection with several burglaries, including a break-in at the First Baptist Church in Cass City, was sentenced to prison last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Tuscola County Circuit Judge Patrick R. Joslyn sentenced Derek W. Damm, 18, to 4 to 15 years in prison.

Joslyn also ordered Damm to pay court costs and fines totaling \$640 plus restitution of \$14,634.16.

Damm previously pleaded guilty to multiple charges, including one count of breaking and entering a

building with intent to commit larceny, stemming from a break-in Nov. 17 at the First Baptist Church, 6420 Houghton St., Cass City.

At the time, Cass City Police Chief Craig Haynes identified 2 suspects in the crime - Damm and Alexander D. Davis, 17, Cass City, who was sentenced to jail time following his conviction. Haynes said the teens stole 4 speakers valued at a combined \$800 from the church. They also damaged a door frame in the pastor's office.

The suspects, who entered the church through a basement window,

both confessed to the theft, and Damm told officers that they took golf clubs from the pastor's office to use as weapons had someone caught them in the act.

In addition to the Cass City break-in, Damm pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion Sept. 1, 2009, in Mayville; third degree home invasion (with intent to commit malicious destruction of property less than \$200) Aug. 20 in Mayville; second degree home invasion Oct. 11 in Mayville; and breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny Oct. 9 in Mayville.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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

- Roy J. Klinessmith, 46, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Dec. 2 in Fairgrove Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$5,028 plus restitution of \$95.

- James J. Raymond, 25, Mayville,

received a 6-month delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a motor vehicle Jan. 16, 2009, in Mayville.

He was ordered to pay \$978 in costs and fines. Attorneys fees are to be determined in the case.

- Benjamin T. Lobaugh, 20, Vassar, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges for his pleas of guilty to possession of marijuana Oct. 3 in Vassar. He received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of marijuana, also Oct. 3 in Vassar.

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,331.

- Carolyn A. White, 51, Highland Park, pleaded no contest to one count of identity theft March 19-28, 2008, in Cass City.

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

- Thomas M. Alampi, 40, Millington, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of no contest to assaulting a police officer Nov. 1 in Vassar. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay \$2,218 in costs and fines.

- Jonathon M. Wilson, 16, Millington, stood mute to charges of delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and possession of marijuana Nov. 29 in Millington Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case.

- John E. Hudeck Jr., 33, Clio, stood mute to a charge of domestic violence, third offense, April 18 in Arbel Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$5,000.

- Cody J. Terbush, 20, Caro, stood mute to charges of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a danger-

ous weapon, assaulting a police officer - causing injury, assaulting a police officer, 2 counts of domestic violence, second offense, and the purchase, consumption or possession of alcohol by a minor April 22 in Wells Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$75,000.

- Raquel A. Lalko, 31, Gagetown, pleaded guilty to creation/delivery of a counterfeit substance June 24-July 1 in Cass City.

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

- Daniel E. Willette, 60, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail (305 days deferred), and 60 months probation for his pleas of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, assaulting a police officer and carrying a weapon with unlawful intent Aug. 2 in Millington Township.

Willette, who was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department, was also ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$5,164 plus restitution of \$95.

- Mac L. Irwin, 34, Bridgeport, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury Sept. 18 in Tuscola Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$2,128 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$500.

- Timothy J. Barden, 50, Kingston, received a one-year delayed sentence following his pleas of no contest to 2 counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of reckless driving Dec. 4 in Kingston.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,949.

- Patricia A. Peters, 50, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following her pleas of no contest to domestic violence and resisting and obstructing a police officer Dec. 8 in Caro.

She was ordered to pay \$801 in costs and fines.

Registration slated for Cass City Cub Scouts

The Cass City Cub Scouts will be hosting a registration night for current kindergartners and non-scout first graders. The sign-up will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at the Elkland Township Fire Hall in Cass City.

Prospective scouts are invited to meet a local fireman during the

event, which will include a program introducing the boys and their parents to this year's Summer Time Cub Scout Program. There will also be refreshments.

More information is available by contacting Mike Herrington at (989) 798-2832 or Louise Palmer at (989) 550-1874.

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NICHOLAS SWANSON is pictured above receiving his award from **Faith A. Richert**, a 1999 SIUE business graduate and a past winner of the Staggers Award.

N. Swanson honored at SIUE with award

Nicholas Swanson of Cass City, recently won the Frank Staggers Award for Excellence in Marketing Research from the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) School of Business.

The award is sponsored by the late Staggers' wife, Brenda Staggers, as well as his family, friends, SIUE marketing faculty and former colleagues.

Swanson was among some 60 students recently honored with several awards for academic excellence and leadership at the school's annual scholarship and awards program.

"The School of Business is fortunate to have the support of individuals, corporations and organizations that provide annual or endowed scholarships assisting deserving stu-

dents," said Judy Woodruff, director of development for the school.

"The scholarship and awards program is a way to recognize outstanding students, to thank scholarship sponsors for their generosity, and to introduce them to the student receiving their scholarship."

School of Business Dean Gary Giamartino said the school has 1,300 students enrolled, and that the students being honored were receiving more than \$80,000 in scholarships.

"Therefore, it is apparent why it is crucial that our University secures additional scholarship funds, both annual and endowed, so that we can continue to attract and retain outstanding students by offering them the highest quality business education possible," he said.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

U.S. Navy Dispersing Clerk First Class Gary T. Crickon was honored recently during a retirement ceremony. A 1985 Cass City High School graduate, he is the son of Barbara Crickon and the late Thomas Crickon. Born at Cam Lejeune, North Carolina, Crickon enlisted in the U.S. Navy July 15, 1985, in Detroit. His personal and service awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3), Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Good Conduct Medal (5), National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (7), Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service (2), Kuwait Liberation (Saudi Arabia) Kuwait Liberation (Kuwait), Navy Pistol Shot. Crickon is married to Gina Lirazan Crickon, and the couple has 2 sons, Joseph and Jeremy. The family will reside in Chesapeake, Va.

will be similar to those posted near exits on Michigan freeways, with a display of general services, such as restaurants and lodging. Warner said local businesses that join the promotion can purchase space on the sign for their logos.

25 YEARS AGO

Members of the Cass City senior class honored a former classmate, Larry Steely, by placing a memorial in the high school yard. Larry Steely was killed in an auto accident in 1982. Class officers and family members at the ceremony were Wendy Hempton, president; Kim Bader, vice-president; Melanie Enos, treasurer; Missy Carr, secretary; Mary Steely, Larry's mother; Joanne Steely, sister; brothers Dave and Dennis Steely and Larry's grandmother, Florence Steely.

Seven Cass City High School seniors will be trading in their casual clothing for a United States Navy uniform. Students who have signed up for the Navy's delayed entry program are Robert Wrona, Robert Walters, John Brun, Craig Schuette, Gary Crickon, Bryan Beecher and Jim Palmateer.

The St. Jude's Hospital Bike-A-Thon top riders were Wendy Walker, Amy Osantoski, Jodi LaRoche and Kathy Bolton. Bolton and Walker each rode 30.2 miles. LaRoche was the top rider with \$139 pledged. Osantoski had \$77 pledged, the second highest.

10 YEARS AGO

Owen-Gage swept visiting Port Hope Thursday, riding the arm of Kayla Zaleski to a pair of North Central Thumb League wins. Zaleski tossed 2 complete games, allowing just one hit in 9 innings of work. In the opener, the hosts struck for 5 tallies in the second frame en route to a 7-0 decision. Zaleski surrendered one hit and fanned 14 while collecting her 15th victory of the season.

50 YEARS AGO

A Cass City student will graduate from Goshen (Ind.) College during the school's 102nd annual commencement at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21. Jennifer J. Johnson will receive a bachelor's degree with a major in nursing. A 1991 graduate of Cass City High School, she is the daughter of David and Connie McNaughton of Cass City. Johnson lives in Elkhart, Ind., with her husband Randy and daughter Heather. She will be working at Goshen General Hospital in the Family Care Unit.

Cass City finished second to a strong Marysville squad in the regional track meet held Saturday at Cass City Recreational Park. Paul Holmberg was the high point man for the meet with 15 1/4 points. The fleet thinclad copped the 100-yard dash in :10.45; ran off with the 220 in :23 flat; took second in the broad jump, and anchored the winning 880-yard relay team. Other points were won by Bob Wright who finished third in the pole vault; first in his heat of the 440-yard dash, and ran a leg of the 880-yard relay. Jim Walmsley finished third in his heat of the 880-yard run and Art Randall came in third in the 440-yard dash. Bob Parrott finished third and Jerry Gage fourth in the mile run. Cass City finished second in the medley relay. Running the event were Ron Parrott, Marvin McCormick, Tim Anthes and Bill Gage.

Cass City Chamber of Commerce officials Thursday outlined an aggressive promotion designed to attract northbound M-53 traffic as well as tourists to the village through a series of attractive and informative signs. "We've been talking about this for a long time. We're just now getting it off the ground," chamber Director Kay Warner said following Thursday's general membership/after hours meeting at Rolling Hills Golf Course. The promotion will include installation of an informational sign about .4 of a mile south of M-81 on M-53. The sign

Lorn Hillaker, a former partner in Cass City Concrete Products, has sold his interest in the business to his partner, Don Shagena. Donald and Eunice Kaufman have

started a trailer rental business on West Main Street, featuring a 14-foot travel trailer. The new concern, known as the D & E Rentals and Sales, will also sell trailers.

Frank Alexander of Owendale, a well-known figure in Cass City and the Thumb area, is now operating a Gonsertson Health Center at the corner of M-53 and Bay City-Forestville Road. Gonsertson is an electric therapy treatment. Mr. Alexander said, that brings relief for a variety of ailments including nervous tension, sinus and other related diseases.

100 YEARS AGO

The Bears school in Elmwood, taught by Miss Jennie Little, was closed this week because of a small-pox scare, which is now thought to be only chickenpox.

The Misses Fern Pattison, Lucy Fritz, Laura Hollingshead, Lucretia Campbell, Bertha McKenzie and G. E. Sutton and B. H. Bingham enjoyed a pleasant evening at the home of A. O. Knapp last Tuesday. They were all invited to the kitchen to assist in making cracker-jack. Later in the evening, ice cream and cake were served.

Seven of the district schools of Evergreen and Novesta townships will give a basket picnic at Forest Home on Friday, May 27. The schools taking part are the McHugh, Chambers, Fox, Brown, Ferguson, Withey and Moshier. A program will be given in the afternoon and a brass band is expected which will furnish music during the day. A baseball game is scheduled for the afternoon. Everyone is invited to bring well filled baskets and enjoy the day with the pupils. A stand on the ground will sell refreshments.

Ask your neighbor

Smoking ban draws mixed views here

Since the Dr. Ron Davis Smoke Free Air Law was passed in December, some members of the community have had mixed feelings on its effect.

The smoking ban, which went into effect May 1, was established to preserve and improve the health, comfort and environment of the people of Michigan by limiting exposure to secondhand smoke, according to Michigan Department of Community Health officials.

"I don't have to worry about where I sit," Cass City resident Marilyn Biefer said of the ban. Biefer added she likes the smoking ban, but can also understand why smokers might be upset.

She said she has not seen many problems with the new law because people seem to be "going with the flow" of things.



Marilyn Biefer

Caro resident and employee at Nick's Country Oven, Brandy Childs, said she is worried some businesses might close down because of the smoking ban. At the same time, Childs, a smoker, said the ban has helped her.

"I was upset at first about the ban, but I have cut back on cigarettes, saved money and spend less time wanting to smoke," Childs said.

Childs also said she enjoys going into restaurants where she can actually breathe, where before some of those establishments were too full of smoke.

Brandy Childs

Gilligan's employee and Ellington Township resident, Suezette Minder, said she is upset about the smoking ban.

"It's killing us," Minder said. "If people do come in, they will only have one drink, which is very unusual."

Minder, who noted more people are staying home since the smoking ban began, added she will hear customers who come in say to their buddy, 'Hey, let's grab a 6-pack and go home'."

Minder said that, although she is a smoker, she spends too much time working for the ban to affect her personally, but she has saved some money since the ban began.



Suezette Minder

Cass City Area Church Directory

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

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
Biblical Counseling
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould

Living Word Worship Center
(Where the Word is Life)
6536 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-4637
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. (Family Training Hour) 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Steve Totten

Cass City Church of Christ
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study - Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
(Independent, Fundamental)
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6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-3155
Sunday School All Ages 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:45 p.m. During School Year
Thursday Teen Club 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pastor: David G. Hill
Website: www.fbccc.us

Novesta Church of Christ
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3658 or 872-1195
Bible School 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Youth Group & Sunday Evening - Services 6:00 p.m.
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Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study - & Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
Rev. Judy A. Eskilsen

First Presbyterian Church
Barrier Free
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

Potter's House
Christian Fellowship Church
Corner of 6th and Leach, Cass City, MI 48726
872-5186
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: F. Robert Tucker

Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koeppfgen 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.
Pastor - Bob Sweeney
www.casscitymc.org

Fraser Presbyterian Church
3006 Huron Line Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
872-5400
Sunday School - Sept.-May 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

St. Pancratius Catholic Church
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-3336
Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Pastoral Administrator: Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC

Cass City United Methodist Church
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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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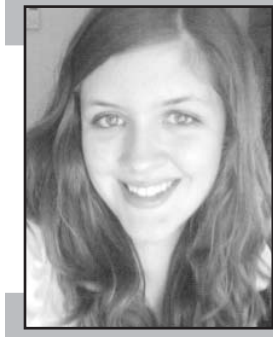
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Red Hawk News & Views

Cass City Public Schools
by Paige Lester

For centuries, a message in a bottle has been used to communicate to someone far away, across the sea, usually as a plea for help. A castaway on an island will have a bottle with a cork and a piece of parchment to send a desperate help message. Scientists have sent bottles by water to test the currents.

Last week, as seniors had their final day of school, each of us received our very own message in a bottle, a time capsule, that most of us had forgotten even existed.

As it happens, in sixth grade our entire class wrote letters to our senior selves. At the time we were 11, 12, or 13. Six years have passed, old ideas are gone, and new interests have taken the place of old ones, but what is more surprising is how some things never changed.

Josiah Battel, for instance, said, "I have changed as a person, but my core values are exactly the same."

TJ Marker commented, "I wrote that I wanted to be a police officer and go to SVSU. Now I'm going to SVSU, but to be a corrections officer."

For most of us, reading a letter from ourselves made us laugh. We wonder why we thought it important to include miniscule details, or why we thought we were so qualified to give advice to our older selves.

In my own time capsule, I outlined my favorite book and mentioned the exact number of points I had in reading counts. As far as advice, I wrote, "Always do your personal best," something I'm not sure I actually quite understood at that point, and, "Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday."

Steven Rychlewski's letter provided humor in its opening line. "I am a shrimp," he wrote. "I am only 4'6. I think I would be satisfied knowing that now I'm 5'7."

The most used themes involved avoiding alcohol, smoking, and becoming a professional sports player. Others were to become a rock star, be in a band, or if all else failed, a teacher. Almost everyone wanted to go to college.

As we leave this stage of our life behind, these letters helped us remember and flash back to one of our 12 years here. Receiving them a couple days before we were officially done with school made them even more important.

Back then, when we wrote them, graduating and going to college was just a far off dream. It was something we were told to do, but had no connection or passion in actually doing. We all believed we would graduate, the day just seemed an eternity away.

Today, what seemed like an eternity has passed, and graduation is 10 days away.

The message in the bottle has come full circle. It was sent by young kids. And, unlike so many messages that are sent into the sea with no certain destination or travel path, our messages were received at exactly the right spot.



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District expects to lose teachers

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due to the deficit, but legislators said the cash saved by the retirement reform could prevent a significant reduction in funding for schools.

Michigan Education Association (MEA) officials blasted the state incentive package, calling it an ill-conceived plan that will not deliver savings to cash-strapped school districts.

"The meager 'incentive' included in the bill will fail to entice anyone not already planning to retire to do so. In fact, it will cost school districts far more money than any estimated savings because the numbers of potential retirees who might take advantage is grossly exaggerated," said MEA President Iris K. Salters.

"The legislation also fails to include charter school employees and private contractors in the pension plan, a

move that would have stabilized the retirement system by increasing the number of participating employees," Salters added.

"Finally, dozens of legislators violated their 'no tax' pledge by enacting a 3-percent tax on current employees to pay for this, effectively forcing them to take an additional pay cut at a time when they have already accepted concessions that have saved the state over a billion dollars in the past 3 years."

Michigan Association of School Boards (MASA) officials also expressed concerns about a provision that prevents school employees who retire and are then re-hired by schools through third party contractors from collecting a salary as well as their pension/health insurance benefits.

In the Cass City Public Schools, the

provision would impact 4 positions — the secretary to the superintendent, the bookkeeper, the Title I and special education director, and the district's maintenance director, all of whom were hired through Thumb Educational Services.

"A lot of this is unclear. We're in the process of figuring it out," Hartel said of the legislation's potential impact on the local district. He noted school officials have asked for legal interpretations in an effort to fully understand the state's retirement incentive plan.

In any event, "We're going to lose (teachers). That's a lot of experience walking out the door," Hartel said. On the other hand, he suggested, the anticipated retirements will open the door to younger, job-seeking teachers who might otherwise be forced to leave the state in search of employment.

Sheriff: "buckle up or pay up"

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best defense in a crash, but...some people still will not wear one. That's why sheriff's deputies from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office will be out enforcing the law," said Lt. James Giroux, commander of the sheriff's department's road patrol.

Giroux is also project director of a "Safe Communities" grant that will fund the county's seatbelt campaign in which deputies will be joining forces with law enforcement agencies across the state by focusing on unbuckled motorists as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" mobilizations, May 24 through June 6.

"This grant is paid for with federal funding provided by the Office of Highway Safety Planning," Giroux explained.

"Seatbelt enforcement zones will be in place in the Caro area on May 24 and May 28. Additional mobile patrols will also take place in various locations throughout the county," he

said.

"We're not trying to sneak up on anybody; it's more of an awareness (effort)," he added. Giroux noted large, portable "safety belt enforcement zone" signs will be posted to alert drivers that they are entering enforcement areas, which are typically located on roadways where crash problems are prevalent or where seatbelt use is low.

Michigan law requires all drivers, front seat passengers and passengers 15 and younger seated in any vehicle position to be buckled up.

Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4-feet, 9-inches tall, whichever comes first. In addition, kids younger than age 4 must ride in the back seat if the vehicle has a back seat, unless all rear seating positions are filled with children younger than age 4.

Michigan's seatbelt law provides for "primary enforcement", meaning police officers are allowed to stop a

motorist solely for not wearing a seatbelt in the front seat of a vehicle. The law also allows officers to stop a motorist if a child age 4 to 15 is not properly restrained, no matter where they are riding in a vehicle.

The tough law has paid off in lives, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration figures, which a year ago revealed that Michigan's 97.2 percent seatbelt use rate was not only the highest in the nation, but has also contributed to fewer traffic deaths.

The state's seatbelt use had been steadily climbing since Michigan's primary enforcement law took effect in the spring of 2000. Under the secondary enforcement law, belt use peaked at about 70 percent. In 2004, Michigan reached the 90-percent mark, making it the first state east of the Rockies to achieve that milestone.

In 1990, Michigan recorded 1,386 traffic deaths. By 2007, that number had dropped to 1,084.

Mike Green eyes seat in Lansing

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Also the immediate past executive director of Rural Partners of Michigan, Green served as a Tuscola County commissioner for 8 years, from 1985 through 1993, and was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1994, serving constituents in Huron and Tuscola counties for 6 years.

"I am not running for the state Senate because I need a job, but because I want my 5 kids and 18 grandchildren to be able to get a job here," Green said in announcing his candidacy.

Green, whose log home and furniture business operates nationwide, cited a huge drop-off in Michigan orders after the Legislature passed the increase in the Michigan

Business Tax following the 2007 budget crisis.

"It's criminal what has been done to this state in the last 8 years," he said. "The last thing we should do is promote one of Jennifer Granholm's willing accomplices to the state Senate."

"In the...years since I left Lansing, the liberal administration has made it more expensive to do business here while unemployment was rising, allowed property taxes to rise while people were losing their homes, and tried to make health care even more costly," Green added.

"As a state representative, I voted to cut taxes 31 times, we had the fastest growing job market in the nation, and a \$5 billion surplus in our 'rainy day fund'. Now, we have more gov-

ernment jobs in our state than manufacturing jobs, and a so-called 'budget crisis' every 6 months or so."

Green said his experience at every level of the state's economy, from manufacturing to agriculture to charitable work, and in Michigan government, from the local level to Lansing, gives him unmatched qualifications for the state Senate seat. But he credits his 8 years as a business owner under the current "tax-and-spend" administration as being the most eye-opening experience for him.

"I know, first-hand, how Lansing is strangling job creation in this state, and I know what needs to be done," he said.

Green has been married to his wife, Paula, for 42 years. They have 5 children and 18 grandchildren.

Ameling joins staff at the Chronicle

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than Cass City; its population is just under 1,500."

Since her arrival in Cass City, Ameling noted, "I am getting all settled in. I am slowly unpacking

Students raise awareness

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which is an increase from 2 years ago when there was only about 50 to

Business starts focus of meet

The Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) will offer a free "Fundamentals of Starting a Business" seminar at the Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City, from 2 to 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 8.

The seminar is for those who would like to start a small business or who would like to become acquainted with community and business resources.

Topics include what it takes to start a business, where to go for information and assistance, the business plan and why you need one, licenses and permits, funding and the myth of "free money," as well as resources available to help set up your business.

For more information about MI-SBTDC, resources, other seminars, or to register for this free seminar online, go to www.gvsu.edu/misbt-dc/region5 (click training), or call (989) 686-9597. Pre-registration is required.

Seminar sponsors are the Rawson Memorial District Library and the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center.

everything, but I am feeling right at home. This town makes me think of home and I feel very comfortable here. I look forward to meeting more of the community."

As a staff reporter for the Chronicle, Ameling will cover a variety of news

75 people," he noted.

Micklash said it is important to recognize the good the sleep out is doing for those in need.

Martin said people really live like this and it is important to remember we take things for granted.

"We are so lucky," she added.

and feature stories this summer. She will also be responsible for writing stories and taking photos for the paper's annual Freedom Festival tab.

"We're looking forward to working with Kelli. She comes highly recommended by members of the journalism faculty at CMU, which has produced a number of outstanding summer interns for us," said Chronicle Editor Tom Montgomery.

"Kelli's attitude and enthusiasm for journalism will be an asset to the Chronicle's editorial staff," he added. "We're confident members of the community will enjoy meeting her as she continues to hone her skills as a reporter and photographer over the next several weeks."

Township of Novesta

Land Division & Combination Ordinance Amendment Ordinance No. 2010-01

An Ordinance to amend Land Division and Combination Ordinance No. 2007-01 to revise the provision as to the parcel size requirement of a survey and legal description prepared by a registered surveyor or engineer.

THE TOWNSHIP OF NOVESTA ORDAINS:

Section 2. G. of Ordinance No. 2007-01 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

G. A survey and legal description of each proposed parcel of less than forty (40) acres in size prepared by a registered surveyor or engineer.

All other provisions of Land Division and Combination Ordinance No. 2007-01 shall remain in full force and effect.

The undersigned Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Novesta hereby certify that this Ordinance Amendment was duly adopted by the Novesta Township Board on the 3rd day of May, 2010, and was published in the Cass City Chronicle on the 19th day of May, 2010. This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect thirty (30) days after said date of publication.

Dale M. Churchill
Township Supervisor

Joann M. Tauber
Township Clerk

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by Kate VanAuken, director
Rawson Memorial District Library

U.S. Census Part 3
More information about the Census. *Prior to 1951, all tallying of Census numbers and information was done without the aid of computers. Card catalogs filled room upon room with all the gathered data.

•The first Census counted free, white, draft-eligible males 16 and older, those under 16, free white females, and all other free people, and slaves. The total population was 3,929,214.

•In 1830 a uniform question-

naire was printed for the first time. Previously, states or interviewers had provided their own paper.

•Some questions varied over the years and some questions were only asked for one Census. In 1950, a question asks if the household has a television set. Also in 1950 respondents would see door-to-door interviewers for the last time because



in 1960, questionnaires were mailed for the first time. (Time Magazine, February 8, 2010).

Legal Notices

MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by BONNIE MARIE ABBASSPOUR, an unmarried woman, of 6057 CAINE RD., VASSAR, MI 48768, Mortgagor to IRWIN MORTGAGE CORPORATION of 10500 KINCAID DRIVE, FISHERS, IN 46038, Mortgagee dated DECEMBER 22, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on JANUARY 13, 2005, in INSTRUMENT NO. 200500861186 of Tuscola County Records, which was assigned on JANUARY 17, 2005 to MICHIGAN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION of 2343 E. HILL ROAD, GRAND BLANC, MI 48439 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on MARCH 22, 2005, in INSTRUMENT NO. 200500863826 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FORTY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY FOUR AND 15/100THS (\$43,894.15) DOLLARS at 6.00% 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;

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: CITY OF VASSAR, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit:

COMMENCING AT A POINT THAT IS 626.124 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, RUNNING THENCE EAST 350.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 120.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 350.00 FEET, THENCE NORTH 120.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO COMMENCING AT A POINT THAT IS SOUTH 626.124 FEET AND EAST 350 FEET FROM NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 22; THENCE CONTINUING EAST 67.416 FEET, THENCE NORTH 417.416 FEET, THENCE EAST 221.292 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 537.416 FEET, THENCE WEST 288.708 FEET, THENCE NORTH 120 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING IN SECTION 22, TOWN 11 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST.
MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6057 CAINE RD., VASSAR, MI 48768.

During the (12) 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
(586) 777-0770

4-21-5

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;

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 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
(586) 777-0770

4-21-5

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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.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl L. Bailey III and Kathryn S. Bailey, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 14, 2004 and recorded on August 19, 2004 in Liber 1005 on Page 266, and assigned by mesne assignments to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2004-NC7, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-NC7 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 Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven and 99/100 Dollars (\$97,687.99), including interest at 8.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 17, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Village of Unionville, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of Lots 3, 4, 5, and 8, Block 15 of H.C. Marvin's Plat of the Village of Unionville, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 48, now being page 49A, described as: beginning at a point on the East right of way line of Brown Street, which is North 01 degrees 43 minutes 30 seconds East, 116.66 feet from the Southwest corner of said block 15; thence continuing along said East right of way line, North 01 degree 43 minutes 30 seconds East, 116.56 feet; thence parallel to the North right of way line of Bay Street, South 87 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds East 132.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 43 minutes 30 seconds West, 116.65 feet; thence parallel to the North right of way line of Bay Street, North 87 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West 132.00 feet to the East right of way line of Brown Street, and point of beginning, Tuscola County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 19, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #045407F04

5-19-4

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Rebecca J. Schrader, a single woman has defaulted on a Mortgage for the real property known as: 6915 White Creek Road, Marlette, MI 48453.

This Notice is to inform you that you have the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The Real Estate Default Group of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, Co., L.P.A., has been designated by them as the person to contact who has authority to determine your eligibility for a mortgage modification.

Rebecca J. Schrader may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) website at www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at (866) 946-7432.

That if Rebecca J. Schrader requests a meeting with the person designated above, within 14 days, foreclosure proceedings will not commence until 90 days after the date a notice was mailed to them. That if Rebecca J. Schrader and the designated person reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if Rebecca J. Schrader abides by the terms of the agreement.

Rebecca J. Schrader has the right to contact an attorney. You may contact the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer referral service (800) 968-0738.

Dated: May 19, 2010
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive
Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR# 10037959

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to David A. Trigona and Brandy Trigona, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 6201 Bert Rd., Unionville, MI 48767-9731.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1304.

The Borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from May 17, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after May 17, 2010.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Dated: May 19, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
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MEMBERS OF A NEW local organization, Operation Bless Our Children, donated \$4,300 Friday to the Cass City Backpack Program - enough to cover the cost of the program for 43 children for a full school year. The money was generated during "A Ladies Night Out" fundraiser held in April at Northwood Meadows. The program provides local elementary students with backpacks containing nutritious foods designed to supplement weekend meals at home. Pictured above during the check presentation are (from left) Dan Curtis, general manager of Curtis Chrysler, one of the sponsoring organizations; Susan Walsh, a sales consultant at Curtis Chrysler and an organizer of the recent fundraiser; Shari Bock, food service director for the Cass City Public Schools; and Cass City Schools Supt. Jeff Hartel.

Legal Notices

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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.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Mason, a married man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2003 and recorded on December 5, 2003 in Liber 967 on Page 1156 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Four and 14/100 Dollars (\$114,284.14), including interest at 5.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on June 17, 2010.

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

Parcel 6: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes East 916.01 feet along the South line of said Section 31; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 13 seconds West 75.06 feet to the point of beginning; running thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 13 seconds West 1249.26 feet; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 01 seconds East 246.42 feet along the South one-eighth line of said Section 31; thence South 0 degrees 26 minutes 35 seconds West 1249.46 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes West 235.96 feet along the Northerly right of way line of State Trunkline M-46 to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, Indianfields Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 19, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #324947F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Mark D. Waites Jr. and Victoria Waites, husband and wife, to Bank of America, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2006 and recorded September 7, 2006 in Liber 1094, Page 389, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Four Hundred Twelve Dollars and Thirty-One Cents (\$96,412.31), including interest 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on June 17, 2010.

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

The South 396 feet of the Southeast one quarter of the Southwest fractional one quarter of Section 30, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, except the East 858 feet and also except the West 165 feet. Commonly known as 5794 Arbelo Rd, Millington MI 48746.

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

the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: 5/19/2010

Bank of America, N.A.
Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 10-20196

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SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

INITIAL FORECLOSURE NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 30 OF 2009.

Notice is hereby provided to Joann Erickson and Edward Erickson, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property known as 5165 SWAFFER ROAD, MILLINGTON, MI 48746 that the mortgage is in default.

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Weidman, Ballard receive prestigious school band awards

by Kelli Ameling
Staff Writer

And will the following recipients of this award please stand...

Many seniors gathered last Wednesday in the Cass City High School gymnasium to receive honors, awards and scholarships for their outstanding work throughout high school.

Kyle Weidman and Jacob Ballard were both honored during the annual senior awards ceremony.

Weidman received the nationally-recognized 2010 John Philip Sousa Award, presented by band Director Jonelle Lull.

"Our senior alto saxophonist plays his instrument with the reflexes of a cat," Lull said at the ceremony.

The award was created to celebrate John Philip Sousa, the composer of the national anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner", Lull noted.

"(Weidman) has machine-line precision and never misses a note," Lull said, adding Weidman's talents will

be greatly missed.

"I was surprised and happy," Weidman said after accepting the award. "I've worked hard."

Lull presented Ballard with the 2010 Harold Ferguson Memorial Band Award, which Lull said is unique to Cass City.

This award is traditionally given to the most elite senior member of the high school band, she explained.

"He plays a fast xylophone and a loud quad tom," Lull said. "He's been an essential part of the drumline this year and the percussion section at large."

Lull said she has watched Ballard's leadership skills blossom and will miss his tremendous talents and incredible leadership.

"I know he is destined for great things," Lull said.

Ballard said he has enjoyed being a part of the band throughout his high school career, and he thanked Lull for her guidance.

"I am very grateful for receiving this award," Ballard said.

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Cass City golfers dominate play in Greater Thumb West



OH, BOY. Cass City's Aaron Bader looks in disbelief for his tee shot on the 6th hole Friday at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Bader's blast reached the pond guarding the left side of the fairway.

It's now a 3-way race for the Greater Thumb West golf title.

And that's only for individual honors, as Coach Jon Zdrojewski's Cass City golf team all but sewed-up the conference team championship Friday at Rolling Hills Golf Course, where the Red Hawks cruised to their fourth straight jamboree victory with a score of 166.

"(We) lengthened their lead over the rest of the league, but in the individual standings there is a race for the top spot between Cass City's Aaron Bader, Brandon Weaver and Paul Rubey. All 3 have a shot at taking the individual title with only half-a-point separating them," Zdrojewski said.

And with just one match remaining in league play, the GTW's 2010 top point winner will be decided this Friday at Century Oaks in Elkton.

Trailing the defending GTW champions in the team standings at their own course where runner-up Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port with 170 points, Bad Axe 180, Bay City All Saints 225, and Vassar 232.

Paul Rubey paced the Red Hawks with a score of 39, bettered only by Hatchet medalist Cam Streussnig who carded 37.

Also for the winners, Weaver shot 40, Aaron Bader 45, and Alex Varney 46.

BAD AXE

Earlier in the week, Bader and Rubey placed one, two, at Monday's Hatchet jamboree to help lift Cass City to the top of the 5-school event. The Red Hawks posted a score of 179 at Verona Hills Golf Course to capture the event, easily out-distancing their followers, which included Vassar with 194 points, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 197, Bad Axe 211, and Bay City All Saints 235.

Bader was the only player on the day to break 40 and his score of 38 resulted in medalist honors. Also for the Red Hawks, Rubey posted a 43, Weaver, 48 and Mason Doerr, 50.



CASS CITY shortstop McKensie Parrish makes a play at second base against Unionville-Sebewaing.

Lady Red Hawks earn rare victory over GTW leaders

Cass City knocked 2-time defending Division 4 state champion Unionville-Sebewaing from the unbeaten ranks in Greater Thumb West softball play Friday on Dana Woodward's game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh inning.

After bowing 6-1 in the opener, the Red Hawks survived a gut-check in the nightcap en route to an exciting 3-2 victory over the host Patriots.

Trailing 2-1, the Red Hawks loaded the bases in the bottom of the 4th frame with nobody out. However, a sharply hit ball by Shannon Stec down the third baseline resulted in a double play, when Lindsay Jamieson was tossed out coming home and Stec couldn't beat the relay to first base.

Still, that left a pair of runners on the bases for the Red Hawks with center fielder Nikki Guigar at the plate. Guigar scored Cass City's initial run after belting a triple to lead off the 3rd inning, but went down swinging as the Patriots emerged

from the inning unscathed.

Cass City produced just one base runner over the next 2 stanzas and entering their final at bats it appeared Patriot hurler Kelsey Schaus was in control.

Guigar, however, would have none of that. She started Cass City's last inning heroics with a hard hit single and then advanced to third base on Krista Guinther's double down the right field line. Woodward ended the tilt a few pitches later when she sent a ball up the center field gap for a 3-2 win.

Stec handled the pitching duties for Cass City and struck out 7 while going the distance.

The win was the Red Hawks' first over the Patriots since a 1-0 decision during district play in 2003.

In game one, Stec was the victim of a lackluster attack and suffered the defeat.

At the plate, McKensie Parrish had 2 hits, while Megan Parrish added a 2-bagger in Cass City's 4-hit assault.

Soccer Roundup

Offense struggles in pair of Lady Red Hawk setbacks

Coach Chuck Reed's Cass City Lady Red Hawk soccer team opened and closed play last week suffering a pair of solo-goal setbacks, and used a 4-0 victory over Caro on Wednesday, to improve to 4-6-2 overall.

On Monday against visiting Marlette a tight contest from the start with both defenses playing well resulted in a 1-0 Red Raider win.

Marlette had only one shot in the first half, but it went in the net and the guests were able to make it stand.

The Red Hawks' best chance to even the score came on a penalty kick late in the half, but Nicole Kelley's kick failed to find the net. The Red Hawks had only 7 shots for the game as the offense had trouble beating the Marlette defense. Kelley and Kaitlyn Messing provided what little offense the Red Hawks had, but both defenses were the story.

CARO GAME

The Red Hawk offense came alive against Caro, scoring 4 goals, 3 in the first half, and completely controlled the action in the 4-0 victory. Caitlin Reed had 2 goals and an assist on only 4 shots, Kelley had a goal and an assist, and Messing a goal.

Katie Michalski had an assist and played a solid game at midfield as did Vanessa Scasney. The defense kept the ball in the attacking zone most of the game, limiting Caro to only 5 shots. Amber and Kassie LaPonsie both got extensive playing time and did well.

BAD AXE GAME

Defense was the story again Friday against the Hatchets as Amanda Clifton, Tess Kus, Kristen Kawecky and Racheal Auten played extremely well in poor weather conditions and a high wind.

According to Coach Reed, both Hatchet goals came on bad bounces, while the Red Hawk goal was by Messing on an assist from Reed. Kus had 5 saves from her defensive wing position but overall the wind was the story again making it hard for either

team to mount much of an attack.

"The Hawks are playing good soccer, but still have problems scoring goals when they really need them.

The defense is continuing at a high level and should keep us competitive going into districts," Coach Reed said.



RED HAWK Katie Nizzola looks to toss the ball in play during Friday's Greater Thumb West match with Bad Axe.



RED HAWK first baseman, Steffin Bader, charges towards a ground ball during Greater Thumb West play Friday against the Unionville-Sebewaing Patriots.

USA, Cass City trade decisions

Cass City leaped out to a big early advantage Friday against host Unionville-Sebewaing and then rode the arm of freshman Cody Orban to an 11-1 Greater Thumb West baseball victory.

However, the visitors' bats went silent in game 2, resulting in a 15-4 favorable decision for the Patriots. With the twin bill split, Coach Nathan Haag's Red Hawks stand at 3-7 in conference action, 12-13 overall.

In the opener, Cass City tallied solo runs in the first and second frames and then removed most doubt for the game's outcome with 8 more runs in

the third.

Orban tossed one-hit ball over 5 innings, fanning 8 to secure the outcome.

At the plate, Kyle Pine had the big bat for Cass City with a 2-for-3 effort, including a home run and 4 RBIs, while Trevor Phillips added 3 RBIs and a triple, and Alex Zaleski and Morgan Erla each doubled.

In the nightcap, the Patriots scored the first 10 runs en route to a 15-4 victory.

Bader, Zack Abell, Steven Rychlewski and Ethan Nicol all contributed solo RBIs for Cass City.

Cass City competes at Imlay City

Cass City traveled Saturday to compete in the Imlay City softball tournament and finished with a 3-1 record.

opener to Brown City, while defeating hosts Imlay City 3-2, before falling 8-2 to Michigan Lutheran North in their final outing.

weekend for Cass City was Amanda Kaake, McKensie Parrish and Lindsay Jamieson, all of whom scored in the last inning to provide the Red Hawks' with their only victory on the day.

The Red Hawks bowed 5-2 in their

Highlighting the action over the



OWEN-GAGE'S Kayla Montreuil beats the tag at second base during Friday's North Central Thumb League doubleheader in Kingston. Despite suffering losses of 3-1 and 6-5, the Bulldogs sit on top of the North Division standings.

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KINGSTON'S ABBY Brzezinski makes a good swing in North Central Thumb League play with Owen-Gage. A Cardinal sweep handed the Bulldogs their 5th loss over their last 6 games.



YOU'RE OUT of here! Owen-Gage's Ryan Francis was booted from game one at Kingston Friday for wearing a bracelet under his batting glove. Still, the Bulldogs went on to collect decisions of 12-4 and 5-3.

Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK



This week's Schneeberger's Athletes of the Week award winners are the Cass City Red Hawk softball gang.

The Lady Red Hawks traveled to Unionville Friday and delivered the Patriots their first Greater Thumb West defeat, 3-2, when the visitors rallied for a pair of markers in their final at bats of the nightcap.

Coach Josh Stern called their final a total team effort. The team members are: Shannon Stec, Brenda Haley, Nikki Guigar, Emily Martin, Lindsay Jamieson, Amanda Kaake, Amber Warju, Asst. Coach Ken Martin, Dana Woodward, McKensie Parrish, Krista Guinther, Hayley Peters, Megan Parrish and Coach Josh Stern.

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Students honored for athletic ability

by Kelli Ameling
Staff Writer

Many Cass City High School student athletes received awards last Wednesday, but 2 of them stood out.

The AAUW Outstanding Female Athlete Award and the Paul Smarks Award were both presented to senior athletes during the annual senior awards ceremony at Cass City High School.

Cass City Middle School Principal, Don Markel, had the pleasure of presenting both awards to this year's recipients, Emily Martin and Eric Reif.

"Both (awards) are based on 4 criteria," Markel said. "The criteria are athleticism, sportsmanship, scholarship and citizenship."

Martin has earned many distinguished honors and awards throughout her high school career.

Not only was Martin honored with

being the 2010 class valedictorian with a grade point average of 4.062, but she has also earned varsity letters and all-conference honors in basketball, softball and volleyball.

Martin has been named "Athlete of the Week" by area media outlets, was most valuable player (MVP) on the basketball team, a member of the Academic All-State Girls' Basketball Team, and was named the 2010 "Junior Citizen of the Year" by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce.

"It was definitely a surprise and it was such an honor," Martin said. "(This award) is not for me, but for my team I played for."

She added she will always remember her athletic experience.

Reif has also had an impressive high school career.

This year's Paul Smarks Award recipient has a 3.629 grade point average and has received 10 varsity

letters in football, wrestling and track and field.

He served as captain of the football and wrestling teams, was an all-conference pick in football and wrestling, has been named "Athlete of the Week", was a member of regional and league championship track teams, and league and district championship teams in wrestling. He was also named an academic all-conference pick in each of the sports in which he has competed.

"I have been in sports since my freshman year and have worked hard," Reif said, adding it's hard to believe all of the accomplishments he has achieved.

"It was agreed that the selection of both the male and female outstanding athletes was especially difficult this year because we have so many athletes who excel in (the criteria) and are deserving of the award," Markel said.



EMILY MARTIN WAS honored with the 2010 AAUW Outstanding Female Athlete Award during the annual senior awards ceremony at Cass City High School last week. Middle School Principal and Athletic Director Don Markel presented the award.



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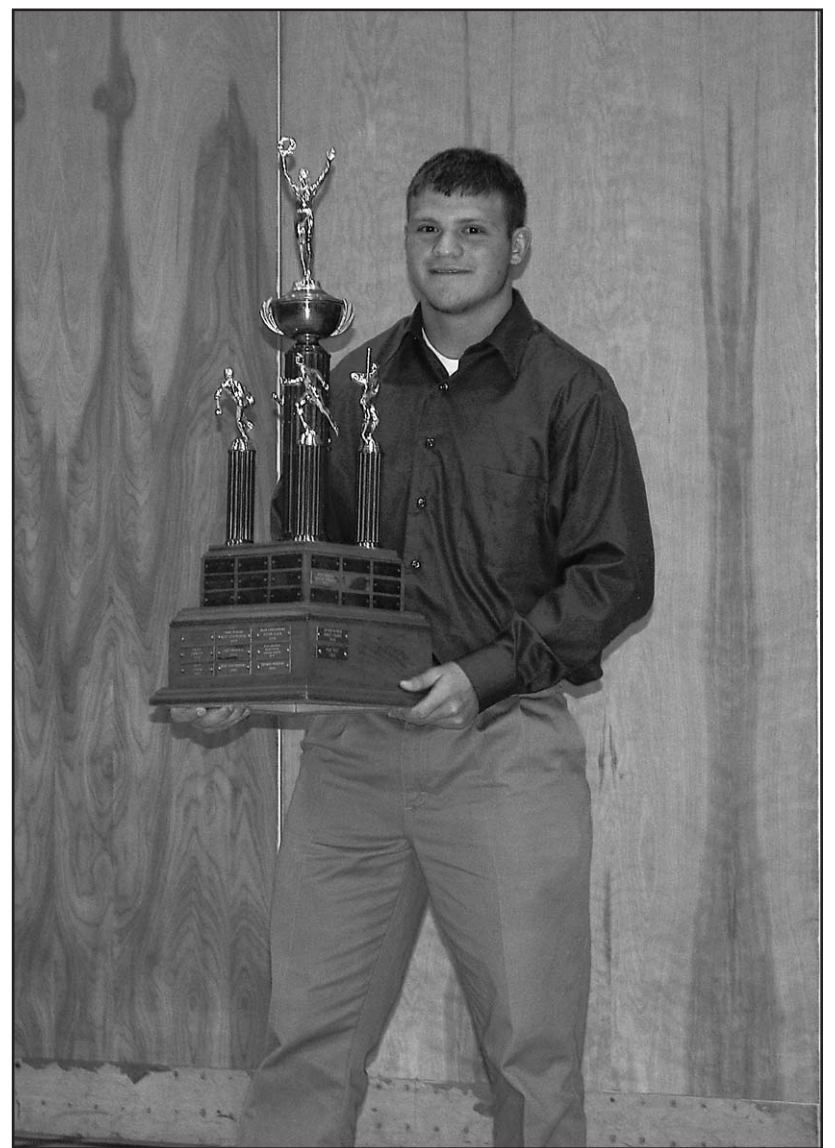
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Huron commissioner Damrow sets sights on seat in Lansing

Huron County resident and 7th District Commissioner Kurt E. Damrow has announced his candidacy for the 84th District House of Representatives.



Kurt Damrow

Damrow is a retired non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force and Michigan Air National Guard. With the exception of his military service, he has been a lifelong resident of Huron County. Damrow currently is a Huron County commissioner, serving the county as the legislative chairman, vice chair of personnel and member of the Safety Committee. He also served as the county representative for former 84th District State Representative Mike Green. Damrow's recent retirement ended an honored military career, which included a 4 1/2 year deployment on 9/11, being selected as the 127th Wing Headquarters and Wing "Outstanding Airman of the Year", The Lifesaving Medal for Heroism, and the Air Force Inspector General's Gold Coin recognizing him as being in the top 1 percent of all Air Force personnel. His service to Michigan's veterans is most often recognized by his creation of the Michigan Vietnam

Traveling Memorial as a tribute to his cousin, GMG3 Oliver Pierce Damrow, who was killed in Vietnam. Damrow has also created the Upper Thumb Veterans Memorial in Port Austin, brought the National POW Flag to Port Austin for display, hosts various veterans events like Project Salute, and coordinating the annual Memorial Day Service in Port Austin. He has spearheaded efforts with the Veterans Administration and Huron County to finalize an agreement that tentatively will open a new VA Super-clinic in Bad Axe by the end of August 2010. Damrow has volunteered his services for the past 25 years for hundreds of events across the state, raising in excess of \$2 million dollars for outdoors and non-profit organizations. He currently chairs the Windturbine Subcommittee, working with Thumb area windfarm developers and area economic development offices on a nearly \$10 billion dollar project. He has taken the lead in the request for revision of the FEMA floodplain maps, which will result in several hundred homes being removed from the floodplain district. He also chairs the BATH (Bay/Arenac/Tuscola/Huron) Committee, organizing this 4-county group to go after millions of dollars in grant money from the EPA to clean up the Saginaw Bay and Thumb area shoreline and waters. The 84th District House seat represents Tuscola and Huron counties. The seat is currently held by state Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon).



RAWSON MEMORIAL Library officials recently hosted another in their series of "You Can't Do That at the Library" activities for youths. "In the theme of the (library's) Centennial, we had a baby crawl relay where they had to put on bonnets, bibs and diapers, and maneuver through obstacles," said library Director Kate VanAuken, pictured above explaining to Justin Zaleski, Janey Ballard, Madison Brinkman and Audrey VanAuken how to put on a diaper (Depends). "They also played "Inventions of the Decades" Pictionary, and the final relay was the 'Geriatric Grand Prix'," VanAuken noted.

AAUW announces scholarship winners

The Cass City Thumb Area Branch of Michigan AAUW (American Association of University Women) recently awarded scholarships to women attending college after having graduated from high school at least a year ago. For the past 2 years, 3 \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded, but due to the generosity of those attending the annual Flamingo Fling, the fundraiser for these scholarships, the local branch was able to give 4 \$1,000 and 2 \$500 scholarships for the coming year. The \$1,000 scholarships were given to Juliann Homes of Caro (Delta College, nursing program), Brandi Kruse of Deford (Davenport University, biometric security), Patricia Maurer of Bad Axe (St. Clair County Community College, nursing program) and Mary Kay Sanders of Cass City (Delta College, nursing program). The \$500 scholarships were given to Rita Hanby of Cass City (Baker College, medical assistant program) and Tracy Major of Mayville (SVSU, elementary special education). The AAUW's purpose is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The local branch also sponsors an annual Halloween carnival, RIF (Reading is Fundamental) at

Campbell Elementary School, Fourth of July Paint-In and the annual wreath sales to support these activities.

Holiday to close center

The Tuscola County Recycling Center will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuscola County Recycling is a non-profit, county-owned and operated recycling center funded, in part, by recycling millage. For additional information, call (989) 672-1673 or email recycle@tuscolacounty.org.

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Obituary

Bill Watson

Bill James Watson, 83, of Cass City, passed away Friday, May 14, 2010 at his residence. He was born Oct. 18, 1926 in Cass City, the son of the late Vern J. and Eva E. (Huffman) Watson. Bill attended Wickware and Cass City Schools. He worked at Detroit Terminal Railroad Co., retiring after 28 years. He also worked hauling milk for the Nestle plant in Cass City for 2 years. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing and feeding the birds and his dogs. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Bill is survived by a brother Chuck (Carol) Watson of Traverse City; sisters: Nancy (Norm) Naren of Sterling Heights and Charlotte Sangster of Decker; a sister-in-law, Glenda (Gale) Courts of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Lynch; and a brother, Robert Watson, both of Cass City. Funeral service was held Tuesday, May 18, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor J. T. Mabe officiating. Burial was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Honor service was provided by members of Caro VFW Post and the U.S. Army. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.



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