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### School board reviews audit, okays Memphis

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Cass City Board of Education Monday reviewed the local school district's 2009-10 audit and approved a proposal that would welcome Memphis to the Greater Thumb East Conference in a couple of years.

Gary R. Anderson of the firm, Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C., presented the audit report. He gave the district's 2009-10 finances a clean bill of health and indicated school officials have fared well, considering Cass City has suffered from the same enrollment losses as other area schools. From 2005-06 through 2009-10, Anderson noted, Cass City lost a whopping 271 students.

Anderson reported the district's revenues totaled \$10.2 million last year — a decrease of \$450,000 compared to the previous year — while expenditures came in at \$10.1 million, \$172,000 less than the year before. School officials transferred \$160,000 to the athletic fund, leaving Cass City with a deficit of \$191,000, which reduced the general fund balance from a little over \$1 million to \$877,000, he said.

School officials anticipated an improved financial outlook for the district when Tim Berlin, the district's chief financial officer, presented a revised general fund balance figure for the end of the 2009-10 school year a few weeks ago.

At that time, Berlin said a projected loss of \$673,589 for last year actually turned out to be a loss of roughly \$192,000, giving Cass City an anticipated year-end fund balance of more than \$877,000.

There were several factors that contributed to the over-estimation of red ink, according to Berlin, including over-budgeted personnel expenses tied to pay and benefits. In addition, he said, state officials approved an additional \$11 per student in funding last year, adding up to about \$13,500 in unexpected revenue, and school officials learned the first of 3 annual, \$160,000 payments stemming from a teacher buy-out package approved earlier this year must be made during the current fiscal year — which began July 1 — so the payment was removed from last year's budget.

#### ADDING MEMPHIS?

Turning to a proposed realignment in the Greater Thumb Conference, Athletic Director Aaron Fernald asked the board to approve the proposed addition of Memphis to the Greater Thumb East, filling a slot previously held by Deckerville, which left the conference to join the North Central

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**CASS CITY NATIVE Ed Hartwick was recently honored with the Michigan Department of Community Health's Director's Choice Award for an Innovative Solution. The award was for Hartwick's work in designing the department's Communicable Disease Information and Resources website.**

### MDCH honors Ed Hartwick for work on website design

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recently honored a Cass City native with its 2010 Director's Choice Award for an Innovative Solution.

"The award was for the website that I helped design that we call the 'Communicable Disease Information and Resource website or CD Info,'" explained Ed Hartwick, who now resides in Okemos and has been working for the Department of Community Health since 2006.

"Recently I was promoted to MDSS (Michigan Disease Surveillance System) and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) coordinator, which means my duties are those that I have done along with the project supervision of the Michigan Disease Surveillance System," he said.

"The MDSS is used by the state and local health departments for reporting of infectious diseases which are on the state's Reportable Disease List. This list contains those infectious diseases that require notification of state and local health departments when they're seen — diseases such as measles, chickenpox, whooping cough, Salmonella, E. coli, rabies, West Nile Virus, influenza, polio, anthrax, most STDs and several others.

"The process for the (Director's Choice) award is that someone within the department nominates you to the administration level — there's about half a dozen — and the deputy director for each administration chooses from those," Hartwick explained. "From there, those nominees are passed to the department director (Janet Olszewski) and she chooses from those."

Hartwick is a 1996 graduate of Cass City High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in geography at Central Michigan

University in 2004, and his master's degree in geographic information science at Michigan State University in 2006.

"I discovered geography as a major when I was in college at Central and enjoyed it enough that I went on to get my master's before I was done," he recalled. "After finishing college, I got a job with the Michigan Department of Community Health as a GIS specialist.

At the time, my job pretty much consisted of making maps of disease

### Sting tests Tuscola Co. businesses

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro announced Saturday that a number of Cass City area businesses earned high marks during a sting operation targeting alcohol sales to minors.

Troopers alerted Tuscola County businesses last month that they would be conducting random compliance checks regarding illegal alcohol sales. The operation was funded by the Tuscola Underage Drinking Prevention Coalition.

Officers conducted the compliance check by sending an underage decoy into retail businesses that sell alcohol. The goal was to ensure business owners and their employees would properly identify and refuse to sell alcoholic beverages to the decoy.

Troopers completed the first round of the operation recently, saying 3 Tuscola County businesses sold alcohol to an underage decoy. They declined to identify those businesses.

However, several businesses passed the test with flying colors, including Erla's Food Center, Shell, Mr. Chips

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**GAIL SMITH HAS spent the past 5 years or so sharing her pride in America with foreign exchange students whom she has placed with various host families in Cass City and other parts of Michigan. Pictured above are some of those students: (front row, from left), Eugeniu (Jack) Slabari of Moldova, Mykola Mischenko of the Ukraine, (back row, from left) Ryan Wyatt of Australia, Taron Aghaloyan of Armenia, Smith, an unidentified Michigan legislator, Kamonchanok (Kik) Siripiyaphan of Thailand, Antoine Chabran of France, and Jihye Park of South Korea. "This was a visit the kids and I made to the Michigan State Capitol in March 2009," she noted. (See story, page 7)**

### Official vote count: Brown loses by 30

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The official general election vote counts have now been completed in both Tuscola and Huron counties, and the results don't favor state Rep. Terry Brown.

The Pigeon Democrat, a 2-term

incumbent seeking his third and final term as representative of the 84th District, initially lost to Pigeon Republican Kurt E. Damrow by 28 votes, according to the unofficial results.

However, the Tuscola County Board of Canvassers last week com-

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Ken and Marsha Grady

## Gradys celebrate 30th wedding anniversary

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Ken and Marsha have 4 children: Melissa (Michael) Loghry of Portage, Scott (Lisa Gangler) Knowlton of Sandusky, Darrel Grady of Cass City and Kenneth Grady of Cass City. They also have 12 grandchildren.

Ken and Marsha are the owners of Ken's Custom Framing, and are managers for Teegrays Enterprises, LLC Apartment and Home Rentals.



### Toddlers

#### Meg's Peg



by Melva E. Guinther

I hope parents find time to enjoy their young children during the holiday season. All too soon the magic will be gone, and shopping for toy fire engines and fairy princess outfits will give way to gift cards and cash. It's not the same.

I can still picture our kids in their footie pjs and the excitement on their faces as they discovered the gifts under the tree Christmas morning.

We didn't have a lot of money and the presents were not elaborate, but the joy was priceless.

And I'll always remember our older grandson Drew's first visit to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth. He was about 3 at the time, and his enchantment and delight as he raced from one scene to another were contagious. I could hardly keep up with him.

That spontaneous delight fades away with the years.

I know all that has little to do with the real meaning of Christmas. Nevertheless, the joy and love experienced make it a special time for toddlers.

Although my own children and grandchildren are long past the stage, I get to play grandma with two and three-year-olds during a weekly church service and at MOPS (Mothers Of Pre-Schoolers) meetings. It's both a joy and a challenge.

After a session with the Mopettes, it's obvious that the moms need and deserve an occasional break. We temporary caregivers often come home exhausted, but wouldn't think of giving it up.

Kids are so precious at that age. They are constantly learning and growing in every way. It's neat to be even a small part of their development. We watch them overcome separation anxiety when their parents leave, and see them take the first baby steps toward independence.

As their individual personalities emerge, learning to share and take turns can be a struggle. But it's also rewarding to see one of them hug and comfort another who's having a rough time.

Sometimes it's downright humbling. Not quite-2-year-old Emma, brandishing a toy vacuum cleaner, ordered me to "move" so she could clean the floor one day, and 3-year-old Molly and Caeley often correct the way I sing a song.

The wonderful assortment of toys in the toddler room at church includes a supply of large cardboard blocks that become towers, houses, roads or forts. Of course, the most fun comes from knocking down whatever has been constructed.

The ever-industrious Isaiah was determined to "clean up this awful mess" (blocks all over the floor) and he did a superb job of replacing them carefully on the shelf. Naturally, he became quite upset when somebody started to get them out again. Isaiah, I know just how you feel.

They're all just so cute and lovable. It's kind of hard, after you've become attached and watched them develop, to give them up to the next age group at the end of the year. Just when you're all becoming comfort-

able with one another, you have to say goodbye, pass them on and get a new set of little ones, and the cycle continues.

I know young parents are busy and stressed in today's world with the

economic situation and trying to hold things together, but if they can't find time to relish the moments with their young children, they'll miss out on a whole lot of memories that will last forever.

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# In Our OPINION...

Clarke Haire  
Publisher

Tom Montgomery  
Editor

## Community spirit alive and well here

Community. It's a sense of unity that has faded in many small towns across the nation, but that's not the case in Cass City.

And as area families prepare to enjoy their Thanksgiving feasts tomorrow, we'd like to take a moment and simply say that we're thankful for the spirit of community that has survived and thrived here for many decades.

The annual Cass City Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which will unfold Thursday at the Cass City United Methodist Church, is a great example.

We're not talking about a soup kitchen for the needy here. The event was established back in the mid-1980s to bring the community together, especially residents who have no other plans for the holiday or who could not be with their families for one reason or another. It's a sit-down, family-style meal that would not be possible without a small army of volunteers.

The dinner would also not be possible without donations from our neighbors, friends, local businesses, civic clubs, etc.

In other words, this gathering is all about the "family" we are as a town.

In many ways, the ingredients that make this dinner a success are the same that have enabled Cass City to get by and then some during even the most difficult of times over the years.

Think about it; where would we be without the men, women and youth who, year after year, roll up their sleeves for the common good, without expectation of a paycheck in the end? They have faith that their efforts will yield something positive.

The work of those volunteers is often overlooked, largely because these folks aren't looking for recognition. But you can bet you would take notice if they suddenly ceased to exist, whether they are involved in collecting Christmas gifts for children, roasting a pig for a benefit or fundraiser, or simply helping at an AAUW carnival to raise money used to distribute free books to local students every year.

Cass City's Main Street, along with the local industrial community, owe a great deal to that attitude. If it weren't for the blind faith of a host of local residents, the village never would have served as home to Walbro Corporation, and it's certain we would not have Hills and Dales General Hospital — one of the area's finest medical facilities — in our own backyard.

That same approach by our current village leaders continues to bring new businesses to town.

Need another reason to be thankful in Cass City? How about one of the best public education systems in the region? Or the fact that local civic groups boast more than familiar names — they have had and continue to have a vital impact on our lives in more ways than most residents might guess.

Compassion is another key.

Without it, Cass City residents that find themselves in dire straits due to serious medical conditions and endless bills would have little to hope for in the way of support outside of their own families. Instead, they can count on their friends and neighbors pulling together to organize a benefit on their behalf. More importantly, those efforts show we simply want to be there for each other.

Like all "families", members of this community don't get along at times. We argue and debate occasionally — sometimes vehemently — but in the end, we agree or simply agree to disagree. And then we move on.

In the end, we are a family that takes care of its own and works hard to ensure a better tomorrow.

Isn't that what community's all about?



## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

My boyfriend, Johnny



My boyfriend's back. I should've expected it, what with the change of seasons. Cold weather brings him into town and he appears out of necessity. My husband works 9 to 5 and, quite frankly, when the temperatures drop, I need something to keep me warm during the long, chilly days. I suppose I could turn up the heat, but that would be too easy. I've never been one to take the easy route.

I met Johnny years ago. We were off and on at first - I guess we still pretty much are. In the beginning, I wasn't in the habit of having him around every day. As time went on, things got comfortable. I suppose you could say I came to rely on him. He became a fixture in my life. Guys will do that to you if you aren't careful.

There are lots of good things I could say about Johnny, but his defining trait involves the fact that he's never afraid - or too busy - to cuddle. He'll spend his entire day next to me, close enough to keep me cozy. He doesn't snore, hog the covers and never ever demands to hold the remote. He warms me up, when I need it and wicks away moisture when I break out in a sweat. He's a regular miracle, my Johnny.

He's not the sort of boyfriend you might imagine - one with a head and torso and all. He's more like a virtual boyfriend, with slim, tapered and muscular legs - well, they would be if my Johnny had any real muscles. His are made out of things like Spandex and Lycra. They enable him to be an exceptional hugger - not too tight, not too loose. Like the baby bear's porridge, Johnny is just right.

He's helpful without being ostentatious or flamboyant. Practically no one is aware he's even around. Let's just say Johnny knows how to be there without being obvious about it, almost like he's working undercover.

That's how I like things. I don't go around boasting or bragging about having a boyfriend. Usually. Except when I'm talking about my Johnny long john. He's worth his weight in gold, or at least in advanced-performance water-resistant, antimicrobial, anti-pilling, poly-spandex, dry-wicking, microfiber fabric - which is exactly what he's made of.

My husband has been completely understanding about my relationship with Johnny. He isn't the least bit threatened and hasn't displayed a speck of jealousy or anger. He appreciates my need to stay warm during the cold winter months and understands my infatuation with long johns. That's the man I married. He's loving, giving and kind. He's just not Johnny.

Thank goodness. Oh sure, my Johnny is great at keeping me warm, but beyond that, he's not much more than a pile of polyester. Johnny is a uni-tasker, and he'll never amount to anything more. For this reason, ours is a relationship of convenience - always has been, always will be.

When it comes right down to it, I need a real man. Someone who wears his own clothes, and not only has 2 feet, but is capable of standing up on them on his own. I need a guy who snores occasionally, sometimes hogs the covers, has a habit of holding the remote control and is never, ever too busy to kiss me goodnight. That pretty much fits my husband to a tee. What can I say? Between him and Johnny, I have the best of both worlds.

I am one lucky (not to mention warm) gal. Jill Pertler is a syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication." Email her at [pertm@qwest.net](mailto:pertm@qwest.net); Follow Slices of Life on Facebook, or check out her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

## Letters to the Editor

### Cass City can be proud of its schools

Dear Editor, We would like to make the public aware of the great Veterans Day celebration that was held at the Cass City Middle School on Veterans Day.

We would like to sincerely recognize the superintendent, principal, staff and students for giving such a tribute to the veterans and their families. The lunch, social hour and tours preceding the assembly were really special.

The students were so aware of what these men and others like them continue to do. Their attention to what was being said by the veterans, and their knowledgeable questions, showed they truly knew what Veterans Day was about. The tribute at the assembly was especially meaningful.

In the 40-plus years since Gene has returned from Vietnam, he has never been acknowledged in such a manner. As the daughter of a WWII veteran and sister and wife of Vietnam veterans, I, too, have never been asked to stand and be acknowledged so this was very special to me also.

Cass City, you can be very proud of your young middle school students and the people that are guiding them. We are sure they will become appreciative American citizens of the future.

Sincerely,  
Gene and Patt Izydorek  
Marlette

Nice job on the recent Terry Brown opinion

Hi Clarke and Tom, Just a quick note to say you did a nice job with your recent editorial on Terry Brown. Having worked in his office for the past couple years and being a major part of his campaign I can vouch for his character, transparency and hard work. He has tried to lead by example and our office has operated with an open door policy. You can only imagine some of the nasty email and phone calls we receive, but we're willing to take one on the chin for doing the right thing. He has always spoken very highly of you and the Chronicle staff and he was very pleased with your editorial. It's a shame that money from outside the district decided the race, but that's the nature of the beast.

I appreciate the fine work you do and the recognition and the thanks you gave to my boss (as his de facto chief of staff I will steal a little bit of the credit!). It is editorials like this that make me proud to tell people in Lansing I'm from Cass City!

Jeff Stoutenburg  
Cass City



### Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Got milk? Ivan and Roxanne Stine, Ugly, do and according to Foremost Farms USA it's of the highest quality. The Stine farm received the cooperative's - owned by 2,100 dairy farmers in the Upper Midwest - Excellent Quality Award. Foremost Farms USA, located in Baraboo, Wis., is big business, with 1,000 employees, 16 processing plants, and revenues of \$1.4 billion in 2009.


Of all the deer stories told since the gun opener, I like Betty Laurie's best. At least it was the one I'd most like to repeat some day.

She called to report Stan Morell, her dad, bagged not one, but 2 deer on Nov. 15th, a large doe and a nice 7-point buck.

Oh, by the way, his success came at age 92.

Editor Tom Montgomery will be interviewing 2 intern candidates from Central Michigan University Friday, Dec. 3. He says there's little chance the pair will get lost on the way. They're both getting a ride from another Chippewa student who knows the territory pretty well — Kelli Ameling, our 2010 summer staff writer.


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## Thursday, November 25

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

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.

## Friday, November 26

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

## Saturday, November 27

Deer Hunters Widows Day Out Extravaganza 2010, noon-5 p.m., Kingston VFW Hall, 3719 Ross St. For more information, call Laura Killinger at (989) 553-3948.

## Sunday, November 28

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 325-2592.

## Monday, November 29

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Ubyly. 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 Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.



**STUDENTS AT CAMPBELL Elementary School in Cass City recently participated in a 2-week "Coins 4 Kids Program", which provides backpacks filled with activities and Christmas gifts for children being treated at the cancer centers in Ann Arbor and Detroit. In Cass City, students in grades one through 5 collected a combined \$1,649. The first graders collected the most money — \$560.37 - and were rewarded with an ice cream party.**

## Board reviews audit, okays Memphis

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Thumb League (NCTL) a year ago. Memphis currently is a member of the NCTL.

Fernald, who said a majority of athletic directors (10 out of 13) support the change, added the addition of Memphis will solve scheduling problems resulting from an odd number of schools in the Greater Thumb Conference — 7 schools in the west division and 6 in the east division.

Although the proposal would allow Memphis to compete in all sports, Fernald said the change would primarily affect Cass City in wrestling and soccer.

A previous proposal to admit Millington schools was rejected due to concerns that Millington would have a size advantage in the league.

Cass City board members voted unanimously to support the plan.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

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

- Learned that Discovery Channel officials have identified Cass City Public Schools among several other schools across the country as being a progressive district in terms of closing the gap in student performance in math and science compared to students from other countries.

Network officials will be selecting one school to participate in a "profile series" to be aired in the future.

However, board members informally turned down the offer when they

learned the opportunity, if Cass City were selected, would cost school officials nearly \$28,000 in production and travel costs.

- Heard a Cass City Leadership presentation from Karen Easterling of Baker College, who discussed a cooperative plan involving the high school and the college in an effort to provide Cass City students — initially all National Honor Society and student council members — with a workshop focusing on developing their leadership skills.

The goal is to get young people involved with local service clubs and businesses in order to provide them with opportunities to have a positive impact on the community.

- Approved a request from Lloyd Schinnerer, varsity girls basketball coach, to hold 2 mandatory Sunday practices for his players during the upcoming season.

The reasons cited for the request were an extended volleyball season and scheduling conflicts prior to the team's first game. The first Sunday practice will be Nov. 28, and the sec-

ond will be Feb. 27, just prior to the district tournament.

- Approved a routine resolution regarding acceptance of students through Schools of Choice for the second semester. The board approved a recommendation to hold open enrollment with the exception of grades 11 and 12.

- Recognized the 2010 inductees into the Cass City High School chapter of the National Honor Society.

They are: seniors Mark Alfini, Michael Lange, Elizabeth Litner, Mariah Tabar and Jeremy Wight, and juniors Angela Braun, Morgan Erla, Carly Hendrick, Jordyn Heredia, Corey Hool, Rebecca Hacker, Kristen Kaweck, Nicole Kelley, Tessa Kus, Alyssa Lawrence, Stephanie Leeson, Kyle Middaugh, Ethan Nicol, Megan Parrish, Morgan Potter, Jordyn Rasmussen, Alexandria Zaleski and Sarah Zmierski.

- Noted this year's Christmas band concert has been scheduled for Monday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. at Cass City Middle School.

## Business center set to open

The Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) and Thumb Area Michigan Works! will celebrate the opening of a Business Resource Center (BRC) at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house Friday, Dec. 10, from noon to 4 p.m. at Thumb Area Michigan Works!, 3270 Wilson in Marlette.

A brief ribbon-cutting ceremony, led by John Shetler, Workforce Investment Development Board chairperson, will take place at noon.

The BRC will offer a wide variety of resources to businesses, including:

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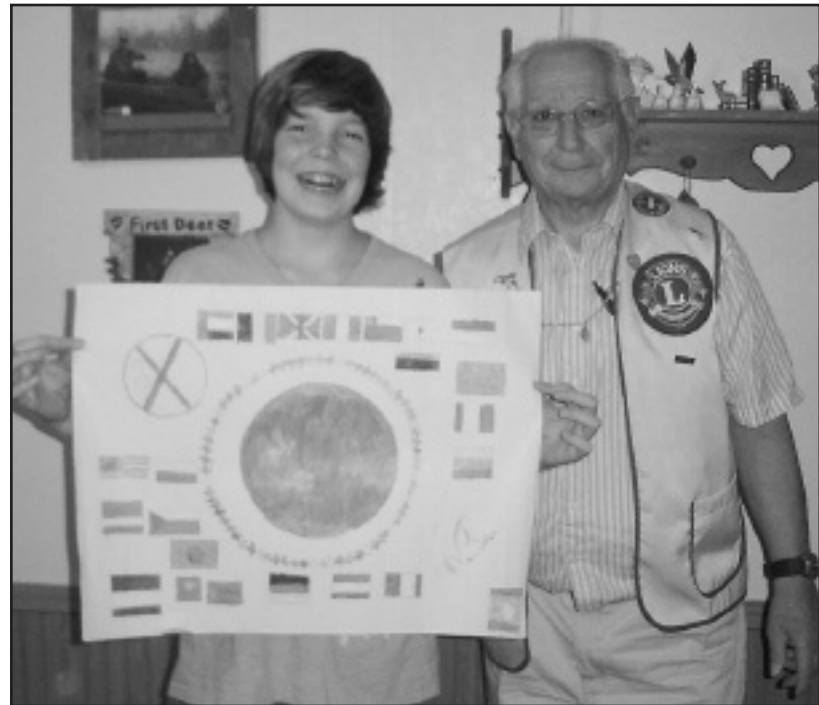
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JACOB WRIGHT displays his winning poster in the Owendale Lions Club's nomination for the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Also pictured is Fred Sullivan, contest chairman.

## Owendale Lions Club honors Jacob Wright

Jacob Wright, a seventh grade student at Owen-Gage, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Owendale Lions Club.

Wright's poster was among more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 23rd annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"My vision of this peace poster stands for world peace with no wars, and culture awareness," the 12-year-old from Cass City said. The poster was selected by the Owendale Lions Club for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Vision of Peace."

Owendale Lions Club President Jack Laurie said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Owen-Gage. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions," he said.

"Wright's poster will advance to

face stiff competition through the district, multiple district and international rounds of competition if he is to be declared the international grand prize winner," he added.

One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000, plus a trip for the winner and 2 family members to the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

"Our club is cheering for Jacob as his poster advances in the competition, and we hope that his vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Laurie said.

Locally, Wright and 32 other students will be honored for their participation by the Owendale Lions Club at a later date.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. In addition to its efforts toward conquering blindness, the organization has made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world.

### Reporter's notebook

## My wife has a way with deer hunting

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

I have no problem admitting that my wife is a better hunter than I am. It's my own fault, taking the sport too seriously.

These days, I'd rather chase steelhead in northern Michigan in November than sit quietly in a deer stand for hours on end. But, when I was active in the sport of chasing whitetails, I clearly took the wrong approach.

I bought all the proper gear, spent hours target shooting, sought the advice of experienced hunters, and put my time in out in the woods. After several frustrating outings, I finally bagged a large doe with an arrow near Gagetown. It was exciting, but dragging that animal, with the help of friend and outdoor columnist Tom Lounsbury, was more than I bargained for. You see, I had picked a hunting location in just about the thickest woods I could find. By the time we reached the road, that deer didn't have a patch of fur left on one side.

My wife, Deb, on the other hand, didn't buy the proper gear, she didn't spend a minute target shooting, and she didn't plan ahead.

What she did do was accept an invitation from Rick Tuckey to hunt one cold evening east of Cass City several years ago. He guided her to a location not far from the Cass River, and she sat and waited.

But not for long.

A doe waltzed out in front of her, and although she suddenly realized that she wasn't sure where to shoot the animal, she took aim with a 16-

gauge shotgun and dropped the deer with a neck shot. A short time later, a young buck appeared, and since she had a second tag, she dropped that one, too, also with a neck shot.

Tuckey, another acquaintance, Jim VanAllen, and I returned and dragged the deer to the road through the open field. No problem, although I thought VanAllen was going to split a side laughing when he noticed that Deb had secured her hunting tag to one of the deer with a diaper pin.

My wife didn't go hunting again. I suspect she wondered what all the fuss is about when it comes to bagging a deer.

Deb, by the way, also has a certain touch when it comes to car-deer accidents.

Honestly, she could hit a 300-pound buck and barely scratch the paint on the car. I can hit a fawn and wind up with \$4,000 in damage just like that.

Like I said, she's got the touch when it comes to deer.

That's okay, I'm still the better fisherman, especially when it comes to bringing home salmon and steelhead for the grill. Of course, my ability to catch fish now came after countless unsuccessful outings. That is, I've come home empty-handed a number of times. I explain to Deb that salmon fishing is a science of sorts — it takes a great deal of skill, knowledge and patience.

Sure, I could take her out salmon fishing, but she would probably catch her limit in a half-hour and then wonder out loud what all the fuss is about.

I just don't think I could take that.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO

Cass City's GTW league and district tournament winners celebrate the first district hoop title won in 26 years. Team members coached by John Maharg are Sara Meeker, Courtney Rabideau, Ashley Hendrick, Jenni Brinkman, Kalen Trischler, Caitlin Sorenson, Allie Richards, Ashleigh Rabideau, Terra Czekai, Brittany Karavas, Maddie Dooley, Renee Czekai and Emily Schinnerer.

Bryan Hill, a recent graduate of Cass City High School, has been selected as the recipient of the first-ever Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League Scholarship for 2005.

Cass City had 5 soccer members receive Greater Thumb West Conference all-conference praises. Eric Reed, a 4-year performer, was chosen to the first-team by league coaches, while Ross Forrest was named to the second team. Receiving honorable mention recognition for the Red Hawks were Brandon Miller, Shane McFarland and Gavin Mills.

### 10 YEARS AGO

The Kritzman building at the corner of Main and Leach streets, has been purchased by Scott and Robin Hendrian from Bill Kritzman, who operated a clothing store at the site for 39 years. The Hendrians, owners of Hendrians Floor Covering, said that they expect to take possession Dec. 1. When the now vacant building is occupied, it will continue to serve the community as it has since it was erected in 1898 by Hitchcock. The first uses of the building are vague, but Jack Esau, Cass City, remembers that for a time the building housed 2 stores, selling hardware and groceries. The Kritzmans purchased the store in 1965 from H. J. Smith. Over the years the top 2 floors also were utilized. One floor housed the village's opera house. There was also a pool room on the second floor for many years.

Shabbona U-M Church workers who labor each year on the church's apple pie fundraiser were treated to a gingerbread house party Saturday. Young adults in the church prepared and assembled the houses, and the workers enjoyed decorating them during what has become an annual "Pamper the Pie Workers" event. The workers earlier this year prepared and sold a new record 2,300 pies and crusts.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Students at Campbell Elementary School celebrated National Pickle Day by writing essays about pickles, and by playing pickle guessing

games. Steven Russell, a fourth grade student, guessed a jar of pickles weighs 176 ounces. The jar weighs 174 ounces. Nicole Hoggard, a second grade student, guessed a jar of pickles had 349 slices. The jar actually had 367 slices. Lisa Burns, a third grade student, decided to celebrate the day by dressing up like a giant pickle.

For the second year in a row Tom Coleman, 23, Cass City, was the first hunter to stop at the Chronicle office to have a picture taken of him and the deer he shot. Coleman dropped the six-point buck in the Cumber Road area at 7:15 a.m. Friday. The deer, weighing about 160 pounds, is the sixth deer Coleman has shot since he started hunting.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Gary George Fitchett, 17, of Elkton was seriously injured Sunday morning at 12:45 a.m. in a two-car accident on Main Street in Cass City. According to Chief Bill Wood and Patrolman Ed Anthes, the crash occurred when Fitchett attempted to pass Douglas Walsh, 17, of Elkton as Walsh was about to attempt a left turn. Fitchett hit the left door of the Walsh car and lost control of his car. It careened about 180 feet and crashed into a tree near the side of the road. Fitchett suffered a broken arm and lacerations about the head. He was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital. Walsh and the passengers in his car, Dave Deering and Jack Alexander, were not injured.

Milton Sugden brought home a big 10-point buck that weighed 190 pounds dressed. He shot his big buck in the Upper Peninsula Wednesday, Nov. 16.

### 100 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Elliott of Novesta entertained the following for Thanksgiving dinner: Mr. and

Mrs. John Krapf, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Striffler and families, Mr. and Mrs. E. Krapf, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Elliott, Mrs. M. M. Schwegler and Leonard Benkelman.

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### Holiday event planned at Rawson Memorial

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City is sponsoring a holiday event for children Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 to 11 a.m.

An hour of Christmas stories, cookie decorating, and creating an ornament is planned.

This event is open to children ages 3 through the 4th grade. Children who are ages 3 through 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

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<p><b>Cass City Church of Christ</b> 6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136 Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. &amp; 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Sunday 10:00 a.m. &amp; Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> (Independent, Fundamental) Barrier Free 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 &amp; 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</p>	<p><b>Novesta Church of Christ</b> 2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 872-3658 or 872-1195 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Youth Group &amp; Sunday Evening - Services 6:00 p.m. Ministers: Brad Gniewek &amp; Brad Speirs Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org</p>
<p><b>Cass City Church of the Nazarene</b> 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 &amp; Bible Study - &amp; Children's Activities 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Jerry Harrington Associate Pastor: Judy A. Eskilens</p>	<p><b>Cass City Missionary Church</b> 4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726 989-872-2729 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:50 a.m. Sunday Evening Service &amp; Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. www.casscitymc.org</p>	<p><b>Potter's House</b> <b>Christian Fellowship Church</b> 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</p>
<p><b>Cass City United Methodist Church</b> 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. Jackie Roe</p>	<p><b>Fraser Presbyterian Church</b> 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</p>	<p><b>St. Pancratius Catholic Church</b> 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</p>

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# Obituary

## Velda Simmons

Velda Leroy Simmons, 88, of Kingston, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 in Marlette Regional Hospital following a long illness.

He was born June 25, 1922 in Clifford, the son of John and Hazel (Roach) Simmons.

He married Evelyn Amelia Whittaker Dec. 5, 1942 in Pontiac. She died Feb. 25, 1998.

Velda worked as a butter maker for Riley's Creamery in Marlette for 21 years. He later spent 16 years working for Wesley's Creamery in Cass City. During his employment at the creamery, he also did tree trimming for Ralph Whittaker and was a part-time farmer. Velda was a member of the Kingston Wesleyan Church. In his spare time, Velda was a golfer or as he called it, a "goofer". Besides golfing, he enjoyed making latch hook rugs and singing in church.

Velda is survived his children: Marilyn Simmons of Kingston, Janice Simmons of Kingston, Gary (Shirley) Simmons of South Bend, Ind., Norma (Joseph) Pinon of Royal

Oak, and Arlene (Steven) Kirkman of Royal Oak; grandchildren: Nikki (Tom) Pryor, Gail Simmons, Karla Pinon, Tim (Nina) Kirkman, Dan Kirkman, and Becky (Matt) Dannenberg; a brother, Alvin (Margaret) Simmons of Royal Oak; a sister-in-law, Peggy Simmons of Caro; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, William and Orlie Simmons.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Kingston Wesleyan Church, Kingston, with Pastor Len Wyatt officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

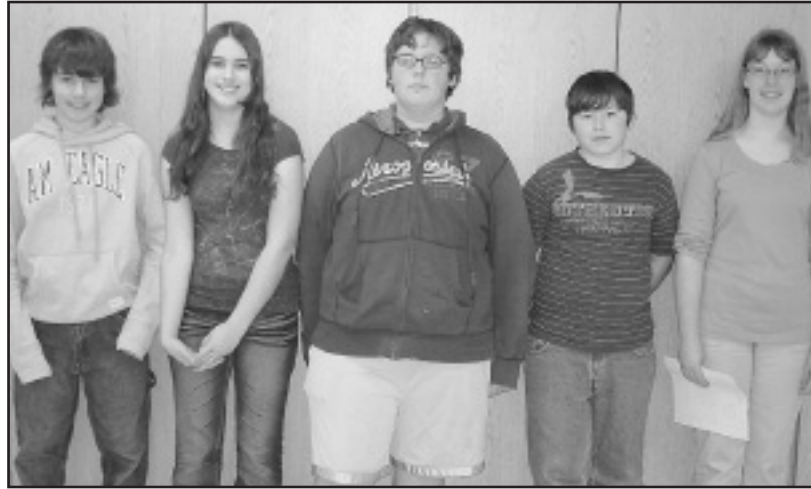
Pallbearers for Mr. Simmons were Dan Kirkman, Tim Kirkman, Steve Kirkman, Joe Pinon, Richard D'Arcy, and Gary Simmons.

Memorials may be made to the Kingston Wesleyan Church or Gideons International.

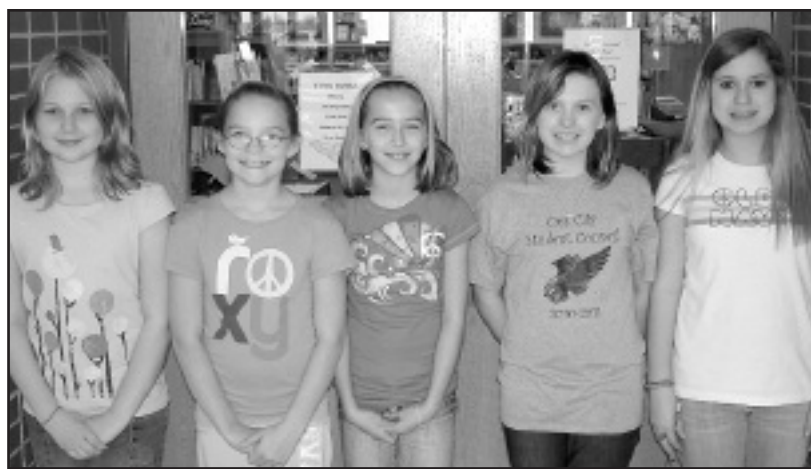
Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at

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Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.



CASS MIDDLE School recently held its seventh-grade spelling bee, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 8892, Cass City. The winners, who received tickets to the Cass Theatre and coupons for McDonald's, were (left to right) Aaron McClorey, eighth grade (first place); Ilana Blattner, seventh grade (second place); Luke Koepf, eighth grade (third place); Chandler Cryderman, seventh grade (fourth place); and Lindsey Monte, eighth grade (fifth place).



IN THE FIFTH and sixth grade spelling bee, the winners were (from left) Megan Graham, fifth grade (first place); Katelyn Babcock, sixth grade (second place); Lauren Dickson, fifth grade (third place); Kelcie Autry, sixth grade (fourth place); and Drew Susalla, sixth grade (fifth place). Knights of Columbus members who helped to run the competition were Daryl Iwankovitsch, Richard Little, Robert Butucel and Ed Pasant. The top 4 winners will be invited to an area spelling bee (date, time and location to be announced), and the winners will then be invited to a state competition.

## Hartwick honored at the MDCH

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around for awhile, but Kim and I fleshed out the design and content, ran it by our colleagues for suggestions on additions, and have worked over the last year and a half to expand and maintain something that will be a useful resource that's kept up-to-date," he said.

Although Hartwick calls another town home these days, he still considers Cass City to be "home" in many ways.

"I have a lot of great memories growing up in Cass City. It was my home until I left for college," he said.

"My family's been there for several generations," Hartwick added. "My mom still lives in the area, my dad and step-mom live in Kinde, and my brother and his wife live on the west side of the state. I've probably got more cousins in the area than I can count, though."

"I think growing up in a small town leaves you a bit more grounded," he said. "I ended up with a lot of great memories of plowing through snow banks on unplowed side roads, hanging out with friends, band concerts, football games and, of course, 'cruising the strip'."

"And even though I don't get back to town as often as I like, at least I can still 'cruise the strip' on Google Street View."

## Sting tests Tuscola Co. businesses

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and Quaker Maid, all in Cass City; Deford Country Grocery in Deford; All Way Stop Market in Gagetown; and the Kingston Corner Store, Kingston.

The Michigan State Police post in Caro is a member of the Tuscola Underage Drinking Prevention Coalition, which was formed in 2009 and is committed to reducing the consumption of alcohol by youth throughout Tuscola County.

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pleted its official vote tally, and the count revealed Brown lost by 30 votes in all.

In Tuscola County, the final results were 9,558 votes for Damrow and 8,672 for Brown — Damrow picked up 3 votes and Brown garnered another 2 votes in the process. The Huron County Board of Canvassers, meanwhile, earlier completed its certification of the results, which showed Damrow lost one vote and Brown lost 2, with Brown taking the county, 6,481 votes to 5,625 votes for Damrow.

More than 30,000 votes were cast in the tight race, prompting Brown to recently announce he will seek a recount.

"This was the closest of any of the legislative races this general election. The total vote difference, being so small, could leave many people questioning the outcome," Brown said.

"In light of the circumstances, I believe that moving forward with a recount is the right thing to do so we can make sure that voters have confidence in our electoral process, which is the very foundation of our democracy," he added. "If people don't believe their vote will be counted properly, we're going to see even more folks staying home on

election day and giving up on making their voices heard."

State officials were expected to certify the election earlier this week. Once that process was complete, Brown had 48 hours to submit a formal recount request.

"At that point, the secretary of state will set up dates, times, locations and procedures for the actual recount,"

## Sheriff Biniecki: play it safe this Thanksgiving

An estimated 1.5 million Michiganders will travel during the 102-hour Thanksgiving holiday weekend, and Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki would like all of them to arrive at their destinations safely.

The combination of long distance travel and during a relatively short time period can turn deadly. Eleven people were killed in car crashes during the 2009 Thanksgiving holiday. In order to avoid becoming a statistic, Biniecki advises citizens to get plenty of rest before driving, avoid alcohol and wear their seat-belts.

"The holiday coincides with the firearm deer season, which means hunters will add to the number of

Brown explained.

"I think folks can understand wanting to do the recount to make sure each vote was counted properly, with the confusion on election night and the margin being less than one-tenth of one percent," Brown said. "Hopefully, the state will proceed quickly with their part of the process so we can move on."

drivers on the road during this highly traveled holiday. A large deer herd, combined with the large numbers of cars on the road creates a greater probability for collisions. In 2009, 61,486 deer-vehicle crashes occurred in Michigan, with approximately 1,200 reported in Sanilac County alone," Biniecki pointed out.

"These crashes caused 1,416 injuries and 10 deaths statewide," he said. "Most often, you will see a deer near dawn or dusk."

Biniecki encourages motorists to look beyond the beam of their headlights for eyes of deer that may be near the path of your vehicle. The best way to avoid a deer-vehicle collision is to slow your car down, flash your headlights and/or blow your horn to try and scare the animal. Deer travel together, so if you see one chances are that others are coming so please proceed with caution.

"Remember to heed deer crossing signs, and if you do hit a deer make sure you report it to your local police or sheriff's office," Biniecki said.

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# EXCHANGE

## Smith's passion for matching foreign students, homes earns her promotion

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Ask Gail Smith about the value of student exchange experiences, and you can bet she'll give you an earful.

The Cass City woman has not only hosted several exchange students, she's also devoted the past 5 years or so of her life to serving the ASSE (originally known as the American Scandinavian Student Exchange) program as an ASSE representative, matching students from other countries with Michigan families.

Smith recently accepted a promotion in the organization and now serves as the Eastern Michigan coordinator for ASSE. Her territory encompasses the eastern half of Michigan along with the entire Upper Peninsula.

Smith's passion for serving as an advocate for exchange students dates back to 2005.

"Righteous indignation began my career," she recalled. "For the second year in a row, my youngest son was summer hosting a foreign exchange student. He invited me to meet his charge and an as-yet unplaced boy from Mexico, for an

afternoon in Frankenmuth. I was absolutely charmed and enchanted with both kids; Ryan's Carolyne from France and Santos" from Mexico.

"As my son walked me to the car, at the end of our fun, fun afternoon, he whispered, 'Santos may have to return to Mexico, as they cannot find a school-year home for him,'" Smith said. "that entire drive home, I was depressed. I was having flashbacks to grade school — 'pick me, pick me' memories.

"Imagine not being wanted. Imagine coming for the summer, studying language, customs and culture, and not being able to stay. I knew from visiting with Santos that his dream was to play on an American football team," she continued.

By the time Smith arrived home, she had made the decision to host Santos, and she immediately called her son. "Well, let me tell you, things happened quickly after that call, both for Santos and me.

"Santos found a home with someone else and I found (exchange students) George and Kouhei. They were the bait that hooked me," Smith

recalled. "Many in Cass City will remember the steady stream of exchange students that followed: Kirill, Norbert, Cindy, Jack and Lars. That's not counting this year's Chi-An, Alya and Aline. There were many more throughout the years, but they attended schools in other Thumb villages and towns."

In the process, Smith has collected a host of wonderful memories that she still treasures.

"Kirill ordering a 'Whooper (instead of a Whopper) at Burger King; George asking for a Green Card for Christmas; Kouhei convincing me he could cook and showing his skill by carbonizing my favorite frying pan; George in a panic after accidentally setting off the fire alarm at the library while an elderly patron assured him, 'I always wanted to do that'; Jack making an eggplant appetizer that could set your hair on fire; Jack telling me that his English as Second Language teacher had been a former KGB agent; Norbert performing with the Tom Thumb Singers and telling me afterwards, 'That was the best thing that I have done here'; Cindy cheating at cards — 'but those are German rules'; and Lars giving me computer lessons.

"Memories don't motivate people to host, of course," Smith said. "What does it desire; desire to change a child's life, desire to make a difference, desire to share this greatness we have with others, and desire and pride in showing off our American way of life.

"I know that I have made a difference," added Smith, who has placed 40 exchange students with various families. "I know, too, that the kids of Cass City are forever grateful for their time here in our small village — George insists that when he finishes medical school, he is going to buy the condo next to mine while practicing at Hills and Dales General Hospital. I hear their gratitude in the emails, letters and cards that continue to arrive from 'my' kids."

In her new role with ASSE, Smith's focus has shifted, but she can't help herself when it comes to encouraging others in the community to host students from other countries.

"As ego-building as a promotion at 71 is, the downside is that I will no longer be working with my beloved kids, but with adults," she said. "So, community, for their sake, as I step down, please step up."

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

by Kate VanAuken, director  
Rawson Memorial District Library

On the United Way of Tuscola County's website it states that the organization represents and serves

the kids an opportunity to start their own library as well.

the overall interest of the citizens of Tuscola County in matters concerning community health and social well-being. United Way supports over 25 agencies, and Rawson Memorial District Library is one of the non-profit organizations that benefits year-



after-year from their support. For the past 8 years, the library has used the funds to sustain a young adult book club. These funds provide the books free of charge to the youth that participate, thus enabling them to take part even if they may not be able to afford the

Over the years, these funds have also been used to add to the junior and young adult magazine, book, and audio book collections and have helped provide additional programming for middle through high school

aged patrons. If you have never donated to United Way of Tuscola County before, consider visiting their website at [www.unitedwaytuscola.org](http://www.unitedwaytuscola.org) and see all they do for our community. Better yet, call Jim Heiser at (989) 325-1980 for more information.

## Ubly Honor Roll

Officials at Ubly Junior High School and Ubly High School announce the first marking period honor roll.

### Grade 7

Bailey Bischer, Evan Block\*, Kaylee Block\*, Emily Booms, Joshua Bowman, Macanna Briolat, Alexandria Camp\*, Austin Chernow\*, Makayla Clink, Kyla Czewski, Abigail Deering, Trevor Droupiewski, Jennifer Gentner\*, Jacqueline Gilbert\*, Lindsey Glaza, Madison Glaza\*, Miranda Glaza, Andrew Gosdzinski, Katlyn Groth, Grant Hagen, Aaron Hund\*, Ethan Hund, Aliyah Kaczor, Jessi Kincaid, Courtney Klee\*, Brandon Kubacki, Nicholes Maikrzek, James McBride, Jonathan Messing, Justin Messing, Jaylynn Monzo, Gary Moore, Nicole Osantowski\*, Ashley Osentoski\*, Arianna Partaka, Michaela Partaka, Shannon Particka\*, Melanie Puvalowski, Lucas Rothe\*, Daniel Rutkowski\*, Brandon Sadro, Blake Schumacher, Haley Spicer, Ashley Sweeney\*, Mariah Tezak, Brigitte Vogel, Jesse Vogel, James Weber, Roman Weltin, Jeffrey Wright\*, and Jonathan Wright.

### Grade 8

Alrich Arnott, Jonathon Bischer, Courtney Cook, Mathias Dekker, Hanna Drake\*, Shelby Farver, Alexis Gezequel, Adam Grifka\*, Marisa Guza\*, Michela Guza, Emily Halifax, Claire Hembrough, Thomas Hill, Cody Hutchinson, Alexis Inbody\*, Cody Klee, Meagan Kozfkay, Kurt Kubacki, Logan Lemke, Joseph Lipskey, Preston McCarty, Sawyer Messing, Tiffani Moore, Cynthia O'Connor\*, Brandy Osentoski, Shane Osentoski, Bailey Peruski, Samantha Pionk, Alex Ratcliff, Cole Roggenbuck, Scott Shepherd, Nicole Sweeney, Joshua Tezak, Kelsey Ulfig, Trevor Walsh, Grant Weber, Bryce Weltin, Jenna White\*, Jessica Wolschleger, and Shanae Woolner.

### Grade 9

Teryan Block, Sydney Bonnema\*, Tyler Brandel\*, Lindsey Briolat, Mitchell Briolat, Matthew Brown, Austin Burton, Kandace Crickon\*, Tyler Cross, Heather Gentner, Ashley Glaza\*, Marissa Hagen, Brent Heleski, Jensen Hund\*, Chelsey Klawon, Janelle Leppke, Joshua Leppke, Clayton Messing, Samantha Mitchell, Trenton Morell\*, Sara Osantowski, Kady Osentoski\*, Leah Osentoski, Sarah Peters, Danielle Pionk, Brayden Rich, Brittany Sadro, Logan Schumacher, Shelby Schumacher\*, Cassidy Swanson, Hannah Sweeney, Brett Vogel, Marshal Weltin, and Kari White.

### Grade 10

Faithe Baslock, Austin Bischer,

Kurt Booms, Kurtis Booms, Alyssa Briolat\*, Lindsay Dickert\*, Branden Dorsch, Tyler Droupiewski\*, Jacob Fulton, Jamie Grifka, Skye Grifka\*, Tyler Grifka\*, Maria Guza, Krysta Jackson, Jamie Keller, Henry Kenga, Zachary Kranz\*, Ashley Kubacki, Hailey Kubacki, Brandon Leppke, Matthew Leppke, Catharine Loss, Tiffany Maurer, Tabitha McCarty\*, Gabriel Messing, Cory Miller, Rakel Osentoski, Jessica Peplinski, Kristi Pollum, Jeremy Porzondek, Zachary Priemer, Ryan Ramsay, Austin Rothe\*, Becky Rutkowski, Jason Rutkowski\*, Sahobiddin Sadriddini, Allison Sadro\*, Ashley Samuelson, Rickelle Schmidt, Carsten Seemann\*, Elizabeth Shaw\*, Nycrole Shepherd, Morgan Smalley, Rachel Sorenson\*, Justin Stepka, Izabella Stilson, Chandra Susalla, Brandon Sweeney, Nicholas Sweeney, Katelyn Taylor, Alyssa Tyrrell, Vanessa Ulfig, Jennifer Van Dyke, Joseph Varosi, Jacob Walker, Samantha Warchuck, Jonathan Watchowski, and Marie Wolverton\*.

### Grade 11

Ryan Bischer, Kelsey Block, Jennifer Booms, Nicole Booms, Brandi Burton\*, Adrienne Christensen, Bret Cleary, Wayne Conley, Ashley Deachin, Bart Dekker, Susanne Dekker, Austin Drake, Brittany Forman, Jesse, Franzel, Stephanie Geiger, Evan Grifka, Ian Grifka\*, Mitchell Guza\*, Nicholas Hagen, Connie Heleski\*, Mikyla Hoston, Jason Kaufman, Austin Keller, Taylor Kramer, Joshua Kubacki, Nicole Kubacki, Marshall Leipprandt\*, Briana Lemke, Leandra Leppke, Darcy Lipskey, Gabrielle Maikrzek, Jason Messing, Rachael Messing, Sherie Messing, Kayla Morell, Rachel O'Connor, Cari Osentoski, Kyle Peplinski, Tiffany Peruski, Michael Pichla, Taylor Pionk, Laken Rich, Nathaniel Schumacher, Thomas Selleke, James Shaw, Jennifer Susalla, Brinn Trafelet, Brooke Vogel, Melissa Vogel, Bryan White\*, Joshua White, and Laura Wrubel.

### Grade 12

Elektra Arnott, Cory Booms, Eric Booms, Evan Booms, Timothy Bosley, Katelyn Briolat\*, John Creguer\*, Matthew Czewski, Caleb Fisher, Cassandra Gerow, Brandon Glaza\*, Cassandra Glaza, Jessica Gracey\*, Nikki Grifka, Alicia Heilig, Brandon Heritier\*, Brittany Jewett, Alexandria Kranz\*, Andrea Kumaus, Jasmine Loss, Lucas Loss, Alyssa Marks, Jose Mendez\*, Zachery Messing, Leonard Nowicki III, Matthew Particka, Lauren Peplinski\*, Dakota Porzondek\*, Emily Sawdon, Mikel Schmidt, Nathan Sorenson, Tara Sweet, and Laura Warner\*.

\*Denotes all A's.

## Library to host business seminar

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 in Cass City, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 6.

The seminar is for those who would like to start a small business or for those 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 [mibtcd.org](http://mibtcd.org) or call (989) 686-9597. Pre-registration is required.

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of yourself to: [chronicle@cass-city.net](mailto:chronicle@cass-city.net). Letters can also be mailed to the paper at 6550 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726, or drop them off to us in person (we're located at the corner of Main and Oak streets, next to Schneeberger's). All of the letters will be published this month - most of them in our annual Christmas edition, Wednesday, Dec. 22. But get started now because the deadline is Thursday, Dec. 16.

# Distribution of food set in December

For Tuscola County residents receiving CSFP or TEFAP Commodity Foods (both green and yellow cards), the next quarterly distribution date is Thursday, Dec. 2. CSFP (green card) distribution is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and TEFAP (yellow card) distribution is from 12 to 2 p.m. Recipients of both the green and yellow card programs may pick up both during the 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. time slot. The pick-up location remains at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds, but everyone must sign in at the LeeRoy Clark Building on Green Street prior to picking up at the fairgrounds. For additional information, contact Human Development Commission at (989) 673-4121.



## Cake bake champ...

CUB SCOUT Pack 3594 held its annual "Cake Bake and Auction" last week, and the grand prize winner was Payton Bock, pictured above with his sweet creation. Bock was awarded a \$50 savings bond. Members of the Cass City Gavel Club judged the competition and Osentoski Realty and Auctioneering again donated its time and services for the auction. All proceeds — \$1,200 — were donated to the Cass City Rotary Club's Christmas for Kids project.

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## Police arrest 161 drivers

Halloween weekend was a scary time for 161 drunk drivers arrested during the "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." crackdown. Some of those motorists were arrested under the new high BAC law, with blood alcohol content of .17 or higher, including one driver who was involved in a crash on Oct. 31 with a BAC of .19. The new law, which carries heavier fines and requirements for substance abuse treatment and use of an ignition interlock device for first-time offenders, went into effect on Oct. 31. "Our goal with the stepped up enforcement is to make parties think twice before getting behind the wheel," said Michael L. Prince, director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). "Drunk driving arrests and crashes continue to drop, in part because of the extra officers on patrol." Officers from local police agencies, county sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police (MSP) posts in 35 counties focused on drunk driving from Oct. 25-31 as part of the crackdown that was coordinated by OHSP and resulted in more than 4,200 traffic stops.

In addition to impaired driving arrests, officers made 17 drug, 22 felony and 200 misdemeanor arrests. Officers also wrote 616 speeding tickets, 193 tickets for suspended licenses and 156 for uninsured motorists. In 2009, 299 people died in alcohol-related crashes, a decrease of 5.7 percent from 2008. Although the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths declined last year, crashes involving alcohol are eight times more likely to be fatal. MSP will again step up enforcement during the heavily traveled Thanksgiving holiday. Troopers across the state will take part in Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort), an initiative aimed at reducing crashes through enforcement of all traffic laws including impaired driving. This year the enforcement effort will be promoted with the "Give Thanks. Drive Safely." campaign, which includes a 30-second television PSA, a virtual eCard, donated billboards, restaurant placemats and roadside banners. The eCard and PSA are available at <http://www.givethanksdrivesafely.com/>.

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THE OWEN-GAGE 2010-11 varsity girls' basketball team members are (front, l-r) Holly Errer, Lauren Mandich, Megan McLaren (back) Lacie Prich, Alexis Morrish, Mandy Muntz, Christin Harris, Erika Mroz and Kayla Montreuil.



THE OWEN-GAGE 2010-11 junior varsity girls' basketball team members are (front, l-r) Katie Green, Andrea McCreedy (back) Coach Brian Wright, Courtney McCreedy, Richelle Scharf and Miranda Radabaugh. Missing is Rachel Mroz.

## Lady Bulldogs' season starts Monday

Owen-Gage girls' basketball coach Doug Hyatt believes his Bulldog cage team is capable of recording 12 victories over the course of their 2010-11 campaign, which is scheduled to kick off Monday in Mayville against the Greater Thumb East Wildcats.

If he's right and the Bulldogs can play above .500 ball on the season, they would exceed the school's combined win total for the past 2 seasons.

"Two years ago these girls won 3 games. Last year they won 6. So we probably should double that figure again this year," said Hyatt, entering his second year in charge for the Bulldogs.

Hyatt has 8 returning players, including 3 seniors and 4 juniors, on a team he hopes to build into a North Central Thumb League - North contender.

Returning for their senior season are Megan McLaren, Holly Errer and Lauren Mandich. McLaren was named to the NCTL-N all-conference second team as a junior.

"Megan has that toughness you like to see," Hyatt says. "She'll usually guard the other team's best player."

"Holly gives us some more height in the lane and Lauren can play either inside or outside for us, depending on what line up we have on the floor."

Also back with another year of experience under their belts are juniors Christin Harris, Erika Mroz, Lacie Prich and Mandy Muntz. Harris was named to the NCTL-North all-conference honorable mention list as a sophomore.

Prich will alternate time with Kayla Montreuil, the team's lone sophomore, at point guard.

"Both of those girls are quick and good ball handlers," said Hyatt. "Kayla plays the game very intensely."

If the pair can penetrate the lane on offense, it'll create shots for Muntz and Harris who Hyatt sees as the Bulldogs' best threats from the perimeter.

Mroz and junior newcomer, Alexis Morrish, will provide Hyatt with a strong rebounder in Mroz and another 3-point weapon in Morrish. Both will be called upon to help offset the graduation loss of Christy Schmidt and Ashley Rockefeller.

Schmidt was the Bulldogs' leading scorer in the 2009-2010 season and was voted to the NCTL-N all-conference first team. Rockefeller received the NCTL-N Sportsmanship Award a year ago.

### Owendale-Gagetown Girls' Basketball 2010-2011 Schedule

6:00 p.m. start times unless otherwise noted.

11/29	Mayville Comm. School (7:00 p.m.)
12/1	Sandusky High School (7:00 p.m.)
12/7	CPS High School (7:00 p.m.)
12/10	SASA (5:30 p.m.)
12/21	Kingston Middle/High School
1/4	North Huron High School
1/7	CPS High School
1/11	Port Hope Community School
1/14	Peck Community High School
1/18	Akron-Fairgrove High School
1/21	Caseville High School
1/25	Deckerville High School
1/28	Mayville Comm. School (7:00 p.m.)
2/1	Memphis High School
2/4	North Huron High School
2/8	Port Hope Community School
2/11	Akron-Fairgrove High School
2/15	Caseville High School
2/24	SASA (5:30 p.m.)

Home games in bold



THIS MONSTER 8-point was harvested by Tara Gould, Cass City, on Nov. 15 while hunting on the farm of Roger Root. It has a 21" outside spread and weighed over 250 pounds. (More deer photos inside)

## Several Hawks among stars

Five Red Hawk soccer members earned all-conference honors in the Greater Thumb Conference South Division that was dominated by the Red Raiders.

Topping the list for Cass City on the first team is senior Rob Simpson. Other first team selections are: LJ Mason, senior, Mike Boyne, junior and Brandon Lucik, senior, all of Marlette; Michael Lowry, senior, of Sandusky; Kyle Malburg, senior, Philip Jock, sophomore and Jason Bryson, senior, all of Memphis; and seniors Ray Bandemere and Jordan Foster of Brown City.

Senior Channing Langenburg of Cass City was placed on the second team along with sophomores Casey Johnson and Alex Hayden of Marlette. Included on the second team are: Bradley Ball, senior, Tyler Cummings, junior and Xavier Peplinski, senior, all of Sandusky; Austin Malburg, sophomore, Jacob Weidner, junior, Steven Brickel, senior and Ryan Cronk, senior, all of Memphis; and seniors Sam Grutsch and Cory Halbert of Brown City.

Red Hawk seniors Rob Wolschlager, Chris Hool and Nick Brown received honorable mention. Other area soccer players earning honorable mention are: Derek Platte, junior, Chad Walker, junior, Brent Speer, senior, Andy Bowman, sophomore, Matt Gyomery, senior and Josiah Potter, senior, all of Marlette; Craig Cowley, junior, Matthew Grosso, sophomore, Brandon Cowley, sophomore, Garrett Bular, sophomore, Dylan Coats, sophomore and Ray VanSickle, senior, all of Sandusky;

Alex Menzies, sophomore, of Memphis; and Thomas Kriener, senior and Morgan Grutsch, sophomore, both of Brown City.

### BOWLING

Wednesday Nite Trio  
as of Nov. 17

Kelly & Co.	7
Scheurer Hospital	7
Scheurer Healthcare Network	4.5
JEBCO	4
Vandelay Ind.	4
Rooney Contracting	3
Charmont	2.5
Martin Electric	2
Walsh Farms	2

Individual High Games & Series:  
Jordan Ruthko 199-148-132 (479);  
James Smithson 246-234-247 (727);  
Marty Zawilinski 195-207-266 (668);  
Terry Lutz 213-179-201 (593); Rick  
Doerr 186-206-214 (606); Ed Schmaltz  
169-172-214 (555).

Team High Games & Series: Kelly &  
Co. 595-595-667 (1839); Rooney  
Contracting 553-538-555 (1646).

Merchanettes  
as of Nov. 18

Thumb Octagon Barn	51
Just One More	44
All Or Nothing	33
Team #4	12

Individual High Games & Series: Dedra  
Zdrojewski 188-165 (510).

Team High Games & Series: Thumb  
Octagon Barn 584-561 (1640).

Splits: Dee Sines 5-6; Marlene  
Sieradzki 5-6, 5-7, 4-5.

Strikes: Peggy Hellwig 3 strikes in a row;  
Chris Little 3 strikes in a row;  
Deidra Zdrojewski 3 strikes in a row.

# NCTL 2010-11 All Conference Volleyball

## NORTH DIVISION

**NAME**  
Rebecca Janke  
Heather Nowak  
Maureen Fortsch  
Christin Harris  
Kayla Gust  
Sara Clancy  
Hanna Selaty

**FIRST TEAM**  
**GRADE**  
Senior  
Senior  
Senior  
Junior  
Senior  
Senior  
Senior

**NAME**  
Veronica Sauer  
Taylor King  
Sarah Crane  
Mandy Muntz  
Kayla Montreuil  
Brittany Schave  
Amanda Navock  
Ashley Case

**SECOND TEAM**  
**GRADE**  
Senior  
Junior  
Senior  
Junior  
Sophomore  
Senior  
Senior  
Junior

**NAME**  
Hayley Buckey  
Lacie Prich  
Kristin Kowaleski  
Karlie Goretski

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
**GRADE**  
Junior  
Junior  
Junior  
Junior

**SCHOOL**  
Caseville  
Caseville  
Caseville  
Owen-Gage  
Port Hope  
North Huron  
North Huron

**SCHOOL**  
Caseville  
Caseville  
Akron-Fairgrove  
Owen-Gage  
Owen-Gage  
Port Hope  
North Huron  
North Huron

**SCHOOL**  
Caseville  
Owen-Gage  
Port Hope  
North Huron

**NAME**  
Brooke Alexander  
Mandy Nichol  
Jackie Guza  
Marissa Michalski  
Jessica Kain  
Carolina Marchand  
Candace Barron  
Taylor Wyrembelski

**NAME**  
Alyssa McCarty  
Shashauna Sampson  
Kaleigh Spaetzl  
Quinn Daily  
Paige Muhl  
Elizabeth Peck

**NAME**  
Merisa Munro  
Kori Nunn  
Shelby Crousore  
Kristie Gaedcke  
Courtney Zeigler

## SOUTH DIVISION

**FIRST TEAM**  
**GRADE**  
Senior  
Senior  
Senior  
Senior  
Senior  
Senior  
Senior

**SCHOOL**  
CPS  
Deckerville  
Deckerville  
Kingston  
Memphis  
Memphis  
Memphis

**SECOND TEAM**  
**GRADE**  
Senior  
Senior  
Sophomore  
Junior  
Senior  
Senior

**SCHOOL**  
CPS  
Deckerville  
Kingston  
Memphis  
Peck

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
**GRADE**  
Junior  
Sophomore  
Senior  
Junior  
Senior

**SCHOOL**  
CPS  
Deckerville  
Kingston  
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## Brady, Potter, Yax & Darr report hunting trophies



RON BRADY, Cass City, tagged this 9-point buck with a 19" inside spread while hunting near Marlette. He was hunting with youth Billy Boyles.



OPENING DAY success was enjoyed by Cass City's Morgan Potter. She shot this dandy 10-point buck, which dressed out at 176 pounds.



CASS CITY'S Stephen Yax shot his first buck, this 3-pointer, near Deford during the opening week of gun season.



A SINGLE SHOT from her H&R 20-gauge killed this 9-point deer for Emily Darr. The Tuscola County buck was 3 1/2 years old with a 17 1/2" inside spread.

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# Area outdoorsmen enjoy hunting success



**NICK COOK, 14**, of Cass City, bagged his opening day buck in the Cass City area. Cook shot the 7-pointer at about 8 a.m. The deer dressed out at about 175 pounds.



**CHUCK ERLA**, Cass City, took this 3 1/2 year old buck on an opening day afternoon hunt southwest of town. The 8-pointer has a 15 1/2" inside spread.



**JUST LIKE** dad. Morgan Erla (right) took this 9-point buck on his grandparents' property southwest of Cass City. Shot on Nov. 20th, his buck had a 15" spread, with 8 and 9 inch G2 beams.

## Irvine bags deer



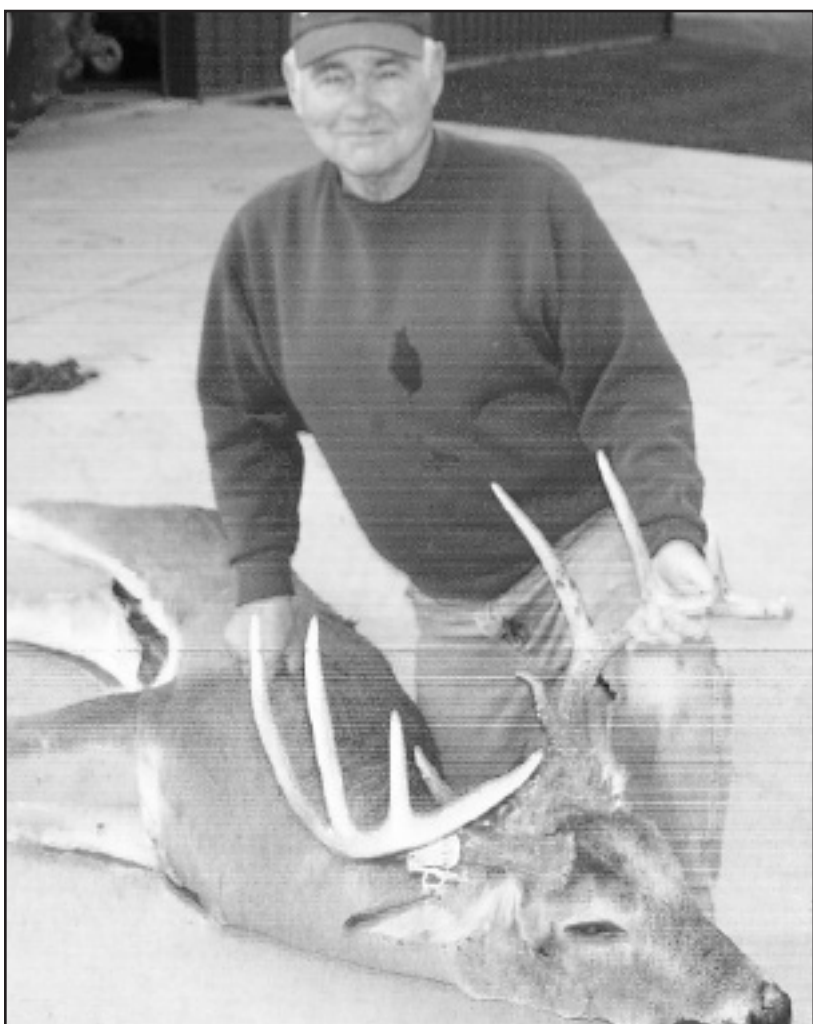
**DAMION IRVINE, 14**, had a successful youth hunt in 2010, bagging this dandy 10-point in Sanilac County on private property.



**IT DIDN'T** take long for Cass City's Jeremy Parker to fill his freezer with venison. He killed the 8-point buck (15" spread), left, on opening day and then added this 9-pointer (16 1/2" spread) to the hit list on Nov. 16.

## Field, Hartel tag dandies

## Hurd takes prize



**LONG TINES.** Duane Hurd poses with the 10-point buck bagged on Nov. 15 north of Cass City. His prize had a 19" inside spread.



**DREW FIELD**, (left) Cass City High School freshman, shot this 9-point buck with a 13 3/4" spread Nov. 16 in the Deford area.

**DAKOTA HARTEL**, Cass City 15-year-old, used the day off school to bag this nice 8-point buck on the opening day of the firearm deer season. Shot in the early morning, his trophy has a 16" inside spread.







# Bracken, Hutchinson score big opening day



**BRUCE BRACKEN, 15, with his first deer, this 7-point buck with a 15" spread, shot on the family farm near Snover.**



**FIRST DEER.** Nathan Hutchinson, 13, of Cass City, downed this doe on opening day while hunting east of town. His parents are Stephanie and Dave Hutchinson.

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 The hearing will be held Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cass City Gun Club, 2676 N. Englehart Road. 5-11-24-1

# Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Albert H. Kitchin and Linda M. Loxton-Kitchen, husband and wife, on July 27, 2005, to CSB Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation of 206 N. Main Street, Capac, Michigan 48414 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan on February 6, 2006 in Liber 1070, page 1309, and upon which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One and 16/100 (\$19,251.16) Dollars and said default having continued for more than thirty (30) days and no suit or proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage;  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public venue to the highest bidder at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses including the attorney fee provided by law and any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned at or before said sale for taxes, assessments and insurance premiums on said premises, which said premises are situated in the Township of Koylton, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as follows:  
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 Dated at Caro, Michigan, this 27th day of October, 2010.  
 Touma, Watson, Whaling, Coury & Castello, P.C.  
 Attorneys for CSB Bank  
 By: S. Douglas Touma  
 316 McMorran Boulevard  
 Port Huron, MI 48060  
 10-27-5  
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 Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgages made by Bobby J. Nutt, Jr. & Reneau Y. Nutt, husband and wife, of 3164 Shay Lake Road, Mayville, MI 48744, as Mortgages, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgages, dated September 17, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on September 23, 2008 in Liber 1158, pages 550, et seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight and

63/100 (\$142,828.63) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;  
 NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the City of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:  
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 Dated: October 27, 2010  
 NORTHSTAR BANK Mortgagee  
 RICHARD L. TROWHILL  
 Attorney at Law  
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 10-27-5  
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 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, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 2, 2010.  
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 Dated: October 29, 2010  
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**FRED RUGGLES** of Kingston was among several 4-H supporters and leaders who were honored recently during the annual Tuscola County 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet. Ruggles was named this year's 4-H Alumni Award winner. Ruggles (left) is pictured above with Jeremy Keinath, 4-H Council member.

## Tuscola County 4-H honors area supporters

More than 70 4-H members, volunteers and other distinguished guests recently gathered for the annual Tuscola County 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet.

The event honors participants and supporters for their dedication and service to the Tuscola County 4-H Program. 4-H depends on the support of volunteers and local businesses. Each year Tuscola County 4-H chooses longtime 4-H supporters to honor at the banquet.

The 4-H Alumni Award is given each year to 4-H volunteers who contribute to the 4-H program through their support of 4-H and in turn help Tuscola County 4-H grow and prosper. Fred Ruggles is the recipient of this year's 4-H Alumni Award.

He was enrolled in 4-H as a youth when he showed dairy cattle. Ruggles became a leader about 37 years ago, and became the beef superintendent in 1975. He is a longtime Tuscola County Fair Board member and remains a steadfast 4-H supporter to this day.

The Tuscola County 4-H Council presents the annual Friend of 4-H Award to an individual or business who is an outstanding Tuscola County 4-H supporter.

This year's award was presented to Tuscola County Archers, which supports the Wildlife Forever 4-H Archery Club by allowing use of

their archery range and 3-D course without charging any fees. They also purchase targets for the club and have equipment available for the youth if needed. Many of their members volunteer for our county shoot and guide the youth in proper shooting techniques at club meetings.

The Gold Clover Supporter is an annual award that is presented by the Tuscola County 4-H Council to recognize members of the local business community who have made a significant impact on 4-H in Tuscola County over the past year or over many years. Two Gold Clover Supporters were chosen this year.

Todd Ward of United Producers Incorporated has been a great supporter of 4-H for a number of years. Each year, he allows 4-H'ers the use of the scale at UPI for market beef weigh-in and for many years he has served as the ringmaster for the large livestock auction.

Ed Eichler of Thumb Cellular, Agri Valley Services and AVCI.net was also recognized for his continued support of 4-H. Over the years, he has continuously supported 4-H members by purchasing livestock during the annual 4-H Livestock Auction. At this year's auction alone, Eichler bought livestock from 37 youth. Despite the grim economy, this year's large livestock sale set a county record with total sales of \$170,647, and Eichler contributed a large share of that amount.



**TODD WARD** of United Producers Incorporated was honored as a 2-Gold Clover Supporter award recipient this year.



**ANOTHER 2-Gold Clover Supporter** honored by Tuscola County 4-H officials was Ed Eichler of Thumb Cellular, Agri Valley Services and AVCI.net. He is pictured above with Melissa Payk, 4-H educator.

## Recycle phones, batteries at Tuscola County center

The holidays are fast approaching and with them come new gadgets and gizmos.

The Tuscola County Recycling Center accepts cellular phones, rechargeable batteries and power cords year round, free of charge from all area residents and businesses.

According to the EPA, 130 million cellular phones will go out of use this year in the United States. That creates an estimated 65,000 tons of electronic garbage. It is also estimated that there are over 700 million retired phones in the U.S., most of which are just sitting around people's homes.

Tuscola County Recycling is open Monday through Friday, 8 to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 8 to 5:30 p.m.

The recycling center is a county-

operated facility and is closed on the same holidays as the county courthouse.

For additional information, contact the center at (989) 672-1673 or email [recycle@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:recycle@tuscolacounty.org).

## Pringle accepted at Northwestern

Cody Pringle, son of Gary Pringle and Cathy Tomlin of Deford, has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio, to begin classes in the June session,

when he will be majoring in the Auto/Diesel Mechanic program.

Pringle attends Cass City High School.

## Volunteers honored for service to 4-H youth

The annual Tuscola County 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet was recently held to honor 4-H volunteers for their dedication and service to the Tuscola County 4-H Program.

Leaders who received certificates and pins for years of service were:

- One Year of Service:** Sandra Bernreuter, Heather Blackmer, Debra Burley, David Caister, Rebecca Caister, Tim Carpenter, Gary Clemons, Jody Clemons, Kimberlee Corl, Vivian Gibbons, Mark Hansen, Patricia Hansen, Tonya Hawken, Christina Hiles, Jeffrey Jones, Shannon Jones, Joseph Kennedy, Marie Koch, Melissa Koehler, Rebekah Pratt, Karen Sauer, Tina Smith, Casaundra Terpenning, Lisa Venema, Scott Wadsworth, Candi Wark, Mary Jo Willbanks, Dean Wingert and Phyllis Wingert
- Five Years of Service:** Deana Bennett, Alice Hudson, Hal Hudson, James Lucius, Rachel Lucius, Sheila McIntosh and Kathy Meyer
- Ten Years of Service:** Kristal Baker, Rhonda Barber and Chris Stutler
- Fifteen Years of Service:** Diane Foley, Steven Foley, Gale Jackson, Lisa Jackson, Kay Korthals and Mark Palmreuter
- Twenty Years of Service:** Patricia Gettel
- Twenty-Five Years of Service:** Richard Lucius
- Thirty Years of Service:** Larry Keinath and Roy Knoll
- Forty Years of Service:** Patricia LaBair, Clyde Pletcher and Judy Pletcher

Combined, these leaders have served the youth of Tuscola County for more than 400 years.

Each year the Outstanding Leader Award is given to a leader who has gone above and beyond in his or her role as a 4-H leader. This year's recipient, Jackie Diedrich, is the general leader for Thumb Area Kids & Critters 4-H Club, the largest club in Tuscola County. Diedrich manages her club very well, but she also likes to keep her group active with fun things to do as a group. She sets an example by going above and beyond what is expected of a 4-H leader. Her generous personality and dedication make her an outstanding leader.

The Outstanding Superintendent Award is given annually to a 4-H superintendent who has gone above and beyond in his or her responsibilities as a superintendent.

Mark and Patricia Hansen are the recipients of this year's award. They are the superintendents of the 4-H sciences, engineering and technology (SET) department. The Hansens are a wonderful asset to the entire 4-H program. They have a passion for hands-on learning and have had experiments and demonstrations to share their love and passion for the sciences. They have made their department grow with their ability to teach and interact with all ages of youth.

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