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ELKLAND TOWNSHIP Fire Chief Glenn Guilds (center) stands with 2 of his officers — Lead Captain Jeremy Somerville (left) and Assistant Chief Scott Wright — in the fire hall Friday morning. The trio discussed the department's activities over the past year and agreed 2010 brought its share of difficult memories as well as success in terms of building unity among its members.

Elkland Township firemen look back on eventful year

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The past 12 months have not been uneventful for the Elkland Township Fire Department and first-year Fire Chief Glenn Guilds.

Cass City fire fighters found themselves responding to a rare fatal house fire early in the year near the corner of Severance and Warner roads, for example, along with a fatal motorcycle-deer collision just south of Cass City.

The department also lost a veteran fireman in Bill Younglove, a 30-year veteran who lost his battle with cancer, not to mention the resignations/retirements of a few other members, including department volunteer Janet Hurlley and Ron Pawloski, who served as fire chief for the past several years.

On the other hand, Guilds saw 5 or 6 new members join the ranks of volunteers with the Cass City department, and he's been pleased with what he describes as a growing sense of unity among local fire fighters and an increased effort to be more active in the community.

"When I took over, I was nervous as heck," confided Guilds, who was named the new fire chief at the beginning of 2010 and has 21 years of service in with the Elkland Township Fire Department.

"But these guys make the job easy," he added, referring to his

officers along with senior firemen such as Don Root, who has devoted 38 years of service as a fire fighter, and Mick Kirn, a 31-year veteran. "They made the transition nice and smooth."

Guilds said the department fielded 97 calls this year, 30-plus more runs than in the previous year. He was quick to say he liked what he saw in terms of the overall effort Cass City fire fighters put forth in 2010. "The guys work their tails off at fires, and it's nice to see other departments noticing that," he added.

"I think, too, we wanted to get more camaraderie (within the department). People are just coming together more as a group, I think," commented Assistant Chief Scott Wright, who has 20 years with the department plus another 7 years before that with the Elmwood Township-Gagetown Fire Department, where his father, Charles "Chuck" Wright served for 50 years, including several years as chief, prior to his retirement last year.

"One thing I've noticed this year (of guys attending fire runs) we're getting this year. We're averaging 12 (guys), added Jeremy Somerville, lead captain for the Elkland Township Fire Department. Somerville, who has 9 years with the local department plus another 5 years of service before that with the Kingston Fire Department, noted that a dozen Cass City fire fighters were on hand when they were called

to assist the Caro Fire Department at a barn fire on Christmas day.

All 3 officers also agreed that more volunteers — 17 or 18 on average — are showing up for training sessions and meetings.

Training has been especially effective, with Jason Lermont, Huron County's fire fighting instructor, in charge of the program, according to Guilds, who indicated the motivation to take training seriously among volunteers is to play a key role in responding to emergencies. And without the training, some members may not be qualified to take on certain roles. "No one wants to be a gopher," he said. "I think everybody wants to work."

"They need to participate, is the whole thing," Guilds said.

"And it's been working out," added Wright.

But that's not the only motivation, Guilds said. "If your heart's not in the fire department, go find something else to do."

"It's the friendships you build, but the bottom line is you're serving the community. The reason you're on the fire department is you're needed by the community. It sure isn't the pay," he joked.

"Truthfully, myself, I would do this for no pay," Wright said. "Like my dad says, you do it for the community. When they call, you go and do what you can."

Guilds, who also credited the Elkland Township Board for its support of the fire department, noted fire fighters often pay emotionally for their service, especially when responding to an horrific fire or car accident.

"There are things you see that a normal person probably wouldn't want to see," he explained. "You can't get that stuff out of your mind — it just stays there."

Aside from building unity within the department, Guilds and his officers say they have made a real effort to become more active in the community. Examples include continuing to host an annual golf tournament and entering a team in the Cass City PTO-sponsored donkey basketball competition this year (local fire fighters proved competitive, leaving the event with the title of champion). The fire department also took first-place honors in the annual Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off in 2010.

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Sanilac ports focus of probe

29 Canadians busted in drug smuggling ring

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Sanilac County Drug Task Force's successful war against drug trafficking locally is well documented, but the agency has also played a key role in joint, multi-agency, Canadian-United States investigations targeting drug smugglers.

That participation proved effective again recently, with the probe of an international smuggling operation involving drugs being transported across Lake Huron into the Thumb resulting in the arrest of nearly 30 Canadian men on more than 100 drug trafficking offenses.

The charges allege the suspects were involved in the manufacture, trafficking and smuggling of Ecstasy, methamphetamine and marijuana across Lake Huron through Sanilac County and other locations.

The 2 1/2-year investigation involved drug task force participation; federal law enforcement agencies, including Homeland Security, Drug Enforcement Administration, boarder patrol and Coast Guard; and Canadian law enforcement agencies, according to Bill Gray, Sanilac County Drug Task Force director.

"At least 5 Sanilac County shoreline entry points were utilized by the

Canadian smugglers as well as additional locations in northern Lake Huron and across Lake Ontario into New York State," Gray said.

"The investigation began in 2008-09 when a substantial increase in law enforcement presence on both sides of the U.S./Canadian border between the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron and the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit made traditional cross-border smuggling between those points more likely to result in arrest," he explained. "As a result, the Canadian-based drug traffickers began moving their operations northward into Lake Huron."

"Canadian suspects would drive into the U.S. at the Blue Water Bridge and head northward into Sanilac County to meet other Canadian suspects bringing nighttime shipments of Ecstasy, marijuana and methamphetamine across Lake Huron in Zodiac-type watercraft," Gray said. "Both sets of suspects used hand-held GPS units and disposable cell phones to facilitate pinpoint accuracy to achieve simultaneous arrival at rendezvous locations where drugs were off-loaded for onward distribution to the central and south-central United States — Colorado, Oklahoma, etc."

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County seeks applications for Roggenbuck's position

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications of District One residents interested in temporarily filling a county board seat.

The seat has been vacated by former Commissioner Amanda Roggenbuck, who recently resigned to accept the appointment of Tuscola County probate judge. Roggenbuck was reelected to a 2-year term in November to represent citizens in Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships, including the villages of Akron, Cass City, Fairgrove, Gagetown and Unionville.

Residents interested in applying for the appointment are asked to send a cover letter and resume explaining their qualifications to the Tuscola County Controller's Office at 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, or email to: mhoagland@tuscolacounty.org by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21.

Candidates are asked to explain why they want to be appointed a county commissioner; describe their qualifications, background and education; and address areas/goals they would like to change or accomplish.

To qualify, candidates must live in District One, be a registered voter, be Please turn to page 4.

FLASHBACK...

First area birth in '71 stirs memories of Dr. Donahue

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Nancy and Dave Barrios remember their daughter's birth 40 years ago not only because she was their first-born daughter, but also because she was the Cass City Chronicle's "first baby of the New Year" back in 1971.

She was also brought into this world by the late-Dr. H.T. Donahue, a longtime physician who remains a legend of sorts in Cass City, known for his unending 18-hour shifts, his kind bedside manner and his devotion to community.

The Barrios' daughter, Kelly L. (Barrios) Ross, celebrated her 40th birthday Sunday. Donahue delivered her at 9:02 a.m. Jan. 2, 1971, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. At the time, Dave and Nancy, now of Cass City, resided in the Silverwood area.

Ross grew up in the North Branch area, and after graduating from North Branch High School she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in accounting and computer science from the University of Michigan, a school that anyone who knew Donahue will tell you had a special place in his heart.

Ross earned scholarship money

through the Miss America Pageant system, having won the 1991-92 Miss Lapeer County Scholarship Pageant and the 1992-93 Miss Flint/Genesee County Scholarship Pageant. She went on to earn her master's degree in math and computer science at Marygrove College. She currently resides in the Lapeer area with her 2 children, Jalen, 14, Please turn to page 4.



Kelly Ross



THE PAST 12 months were busy ones for the Elkland Township Fire Department, which experienced a rare fatal house fire and saw changes in membership under the leadership of new Fire Chief Glenn Guilds.

Blood drive scheduled Thursday, Jan. 6 in Ubly

Ubly area residents' next opportunity to donate the "gift of life" will be Thursday, Jan. 6, from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Ubly High School, 2020 Union St., Ubly.

"A resolution to donate blood in the New Year works on so many levels," commented Sharon Jaksa, CEO for the Great Lakes Blood Region of the American Red Cross. "Donations

can make a difference to hospital patients, their family and friends, and the larger community. "The act of giving, too, can make donors feel good about helping to save the day.

"Blood donation is especially important during the winter holidays, as donors are busy with holiday activities, and poor weather conditions discourage donors from attending drives," she said.

Prospective donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 years with parental permission), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in generally good health. All donors planning to attend a drive are reminded to present their Red Cross blood donor card or another form of positive identification.

Risdon earns BBA at Saginaw Valley

Jeffery W. Risdon of Frankenmuth recently earned his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Degree at Saginaw Valley State University, College of Business and Management.

Risdon is married to Kimberly K. Risdon and is the son of Patricia Risdon of Caro and the late Daniel Risdon, Cass City. He plans to pursue a career in business management.



Brandy Cooper and Neville Patterson

Engaged

Neville Brent Patterson and Brandy L. Cooper announce their engagement.

Neville is the son of William "Bill" and Janet Patterson of Englewood, Colo. He is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army. He is currently stationed in San Antonio, Texas.

Brandy is the daughter of Joe and Holly Cooper of Cass City. She is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School. She is a licensed vocational nurse employed by Nurses and Etc. Staffing, and is attending San Antonio College for her R.N. degree.

The couple is currently planning a 2012 wedding.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Thursday, January 6

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.
Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Friday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 9

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

Monday, January 10

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

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

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

VFW monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City.

Tuesday, January 11

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

Tuscola County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, 1:30 p.m., HDC Generations Building, 430 Montague Ave., Caro. For more information, contact Kim at (989) 673-4121.

Kedron OES #33 of Caro meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 12

Community Euchre, 1:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 670-2133.

Huron Co. sheriff announces medication drop-off program

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson last week announced plans to set up a drop-off location for old/used prescription medications. The program was scheduled to begin Monday.

"Over the last year, several residents have contacted our office, inquiring about where they can take their surplus drugs for disposal. These drugs are usually outdated prescription drugs that have accumulated over the years," Hanson said.

"Another example is when a family member passes away; leftover medication of the deceased needs to be disposed of," he added. "We have also had illegal types of drugs turned in, too — some (individuals) have actually turned in their unwanted drugs. It's estimated that we have collected nearly 1,000 pills this year.

"Some weeks ago, Undersheriff (Ronald) Roberts entered into casual conversation with local pharmacist Craig Osentoski about the need for an unwanted drug collection point," Hanson continued. "In the past, the undersheriff and Deputy Daryl Ford have been asking favors of local hospitals in order to get rid of the drugs."

Hanson noted that Detective Deputy Richard Koehler made contact with the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, and a plan and procedure were developed for the Huron County Sheriff's Department.

"Our office (is) a collection point for these unwanted items," he said. "County residents will be able to drop the unwanted items off at our records division — South Street, main entrance — between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays."

Hanson said a check-in and identification will be required, and non-business hours/unattended drop-off will not be permitted. Those who attempt to do so could face criminal prosecution.

Additional information is available by calling the records division at (989) 269-6500.

Guilds: 2010 eventful

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In addition, fire fighters are looking into establishing a modest scholarship fund for local high school students.

All in all, Guilds said his first year as chief has been productive and rewarding, but he refused to take most of the credit, instead pointing to the department as a whole.

"This year's gone by quickly. I can't believe it's been a year already," he said. "I can't praise the guys more. I couldn't ask for a better first year."

The 2011 roster of Elkland Township Fire Department volunteers, and their years of service to the local department, include:

Tim Anderson (one year), Jeff Bliss (22 years), Glenn Guilds (21 years), Shelly Guilds (8 years), Kevin Hoppe (11 years), Chuck Kaake (3 years), Jeff Kilbourn (one year), Mick Kirm (31 years), Jim Kosinski (4 years), Paul Learnman (6 years), Jason Lermont (5 years), Roger McKee (2 years), Anthony Middaugh (3 years), Nick Moyer (3 years), Steve Osentoski (22 years), Chad Pruitt (one year), Don Root (38 years), Jeremy Somerville (9 years), Dale Tabar (10 years), Mark Tomlinson (14 years), Kevin Vaughan (8 years), Justin Williams (one year) and Scott Wright (20 years). The roster also includes one junior member or "Explorer", Andrew Kaake.

Sanilac woman arrested in break-in

A Brown City woman was arrested in a recent break-in at a Brown City party store, Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported last week.

Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki said deputies were dispatched to the Little Texas Party Store last Wednesday at about 4:30 a.m.

"The owner of the business reported a breaking and entering of the store which occurred sometime during the previous evening. Deputies Matt Armstrong and Josh Horst began the initial investigation by collecting evidence such as fingerprints and in-store video," Biniecki reported.

He said the investigation revealed that the suspect had entered the business through a window. "The items stolen from the store were primarily beer and cigarettes," he noted, adding the investigation was later turned over to Deputy Rob Wendling, who interviewed the business owner along with several citizens, and was able to identify a suspect.

"(He) then interviewed the suspect, who confessed to the breaking and entering and the theft of the items," Biniecki said. "The suspect is a 24-year-old Brown City woman. She was arrested and lodged in the Sanilac County Jail on the charge of breaking and entering."

First baby in '71 stirs memories

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and Jordyn, 12, and teaches computer networking at the Lapeer County Vocational Technical Center.

Nancy Barrios said she still has fond memories of Donahue, whom she recalled practiced in an era in which patients weren't shifted from doctor to doctor, depending on their symptoms.

"He delivered me and all my mother's kids — she had 8 of us," Barrios recalled, referring to her mom, Mihalina (Mary) Adamczyk. "He (performed) my surgery when I had my gall bladder out. He just did everything."

"We miss him. To this day we miss him," she added. "He was a one-of-a-kind."

Those who knew Donahue would agree.

Donahue died April 28, 1996, at the age of 91. Born in March 1905 in Colling to Clarence A. and Grace (Robinson) Donahue, he graduated from Caro High School in 1923 and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Michigan in 1928.

While there, Donahue earned a reputation as an athlete to be reckoned with.

He won Big Ten Conference wrestling titles in 1926 and 1927, and placed second in 1928. He was captain of the Wolverine wrestling team during 1927-28, and won All-American honors in 1928. He was a 4-time state of Michigan amateur wrestling champion and placed third in the 1928 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Donahue received his medical doctorate degree from U-M in 1931. After completing an internship at Children's Hospital in Detroit, he

came to Cass City in July 1933 and started his medical practice as an assistant to Dr. I.D. McCoy.

Donahue maintained his medical office at the former Pleasant Home Hospital until 1961, when he moved into a new clinic across from Hills and Dales General Hospital. He retired in March 1992 after nearly 59 years of service to the Cass City and surrounding communities, including assisting in the delivery of more than 4,000 babies. He was a member of the medical staff at Hills and Dales for more than 30 years.

Donahue's resume included much more. He was a charter member of the American Academy of Family Practitioners and was honored by the Michigan State Medical Society in 1982 for outstanding service. He was inducted into the University of Michigan Hall of Honor in 1988 and was a recipient of the Cass City Citizen of the Year award and Caro High School Distinguished Alumnus award. Donahue was also a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow and a charter member of the Cass City Rotary Club.

Donahue was a major contributor to the campaign that led to construction of the Hills and Dales General Hospital, and he was a member of the group that started the former Cass City Development Association, which resulted in Walbro Corp. coming to Cass City.

But, perhaps, Donahue's greatest legacy lies in the thousands of former patients who recall him as the model physician, a doctor who cared in every sense of the word.

That's certainly the case for Nancy Barrios and her family. "We dearly miss that man," she said.

Commissioners seeking applications

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at least 18 years of age and be a U.S. citizen.

The board will conduct interviews and make an appointment during its

Thursday, Jan. 27, meeting.

County officials note the appointment will be temporary. The position will be filled during elections later this year, with a primary vote in May and a general election in August.



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Feb. 3 in Millington

EDC annual meeting on tap

A pro-business attitude for the past and future will be in the air for the annual meeting of the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation to be held in early February in Millington.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Marv Pichla, PhD, who serves as the executive director of the Thumb Works! agency.

The annual EDC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 3, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Millington Community Center, located at 8705

M-15 in Millington. Tuscola County EDC Board Chair Don Beavers said that the event gives the public a chance to hear about some business-related success stories over the past year and to look forward to what the future holds.

"The EDC was pleased to be involved with a large number of projects last year that resulted in 428 jobs being created or retained," said Beavers. "Even though the overall economy is still slow, we need to take some time to celebrate our suc-

cess stories that have had a positive impact on all parts of Tuscola County."

One of the presenters at the annual meeting will be EDC Director Jim McLoskey. "The EDC has many tools in its tool box to help with business start-ups and expansions in retail, manufacturing, service, commercial and agricultural processing. We are fortunate to have a consistent and long track record of working with local units of government to plant the seeds of growth in our communities," McLoskey said.

The cost to attend the annual meeting is \$15, which includes lunch. The event is open to the general public. An RSVP is requested by Jan. 27 by calling the Tuscola County EDC at (989) 673-2849, or via e-mail at tuscolaedc@centurytel.net.

Serving as the EDC board officers for the upcoming year are Don Beavers - Mayville Village Manager, as chair, Dave Gloer - Poet Biorefining, as vice chair; and Christine Young - Chemical Bank, as treasurer. Other board members are Thom Bardwell - Frameworxx, Bill Bushaw - Baseline Services, Kent Graf - Michigan Sugar, Colleen Langenburg - Northstar Bank, Rose Laskowski - Caro Center, Dr. Doug Link - Vassar Veterinary Center, Jim McLoskey - Tuscola County EDC, Myron Ortner - Ortner Farms, Tom Striffler - City of Caro, John Tilt - Vita Plus, Christine Trisch - Heritage Hill and Margie White - Tuscola County clerk.

Business owners and entrepreneurs who would like to learn more about any of the free services offered by the Tuscola County EDC, or who would like to start, improve or buy a business, are invited to call (989) 673-2849 or check the EDC website at www.tuscolacountyedc.org.

Board meetings for the Tuscola County EDC and the Tuscola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority are held monthly in different parts of the county and are open to the public.

The Tuscola County EDC has been providing a wide variety of services to the businesses and people of the area since 1984. Its office is located at 157 North State St., Caro.



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SOS makes it easier for men to register

The Department of State has implemented a new law that requires it to offer male customers under the age of 26 the opportunity to register with the U.S. Selective Service System when they apply for an original driver's license, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said recently.

Nearly all male U.S. citizens age 18 through 25, as well as immigrant men in that age range residing in this country, are required to be registered with the Selective Service System. Selective Service is an independent federal agency responsible for efficiently and equitably administering a military draft if necessary in a national crisis.

By authority of legislation signed by the governor in 2007, Secretary of State employees will present first-time applicants for an operator's or chauffeur's license who are male and younger than 26 with a Selective Service form. The customer can check "yes" or "no" as to whether he consents to being registered and having his information sent to Selective Service. License applicants may be

as young as 14 years 9 months and can make their own decision on the form without parental consent. If a youth gives his consent, he will automatically be registered for selective service upon turning 18.

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9	8	1	7	3	2	4	5	6
6	2	5	9	4	1	7	3	8
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If you live in District 1 and are interested in serving as a county commissioner, please send a cover letter and resume explaining your qualifications to the Tuscola County Controller's Office at 125 W. Lincoln Street, Caro, MI 48723 or mhogland@tuscolacounty.org by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2011. Also, answers to the following questions must be included with your cover letter and resume:

1. Why do you want to be appointed a county commissioner?
2. What qualifications, background, education do you have that would make you a good commissioner?
3. Is there something you want to change or accomplish?

To qualify, candidates must live in District 1, be a registered voter, be 18 years of age and be a United States citizen. The Board will conduct interviews with candidates and make an appointment at their meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Even though an appointment may be made, an election must be held during 2011 for the District 1 commissioner position. To clarify this, an individual may be temporarily appointed now, but will ultimately have to be a candidate on the ballot and then be elected to continue on as commissioner. This is an elected position and ultimately will be filled through election. Please contact the County Clerk for filing if you want to be included on the ballot (filing deadline to be on the ballot is February 8, 2011).

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Dec. 16 Vassar 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 11 Freeland 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18 Vassar 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 29 St. Johns Invite 10 a.m.
Feb. 12 Vassar Invite 12 p.m.
Feb. 19 Freeland (Quad) 6:30 p.m.



WRESTLING

Dec. 1 Imlay City/Capac 5 p.m.
Dec. 4 Cros-Lex Team Tourney 9 a.m.
Dec. 8 Caro/Vassar/Mt. Morris 6 p.m.
Dec. 11 Marlette Team Tourney 8 a.m.
Dec. 15 Millington/Chesaning/Kearsley 6 p.m.
Dec. 18 Swan Valley Team Tourney 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 5 Vassar/Brown City 6 p.m.
Jan. 8 North Branch Team Tourney 9 a.m.
Jan. 12 Memphis/EPBP Lakers 6 p.m.
Jan. 15 Imlay City Invite 9 a.m.
Jan. 19 Bad Axe/Marlette 6 p.m.
Jan. 22 Mayville Team Tourney 9 a.m.
Jan. 26 Midland/Sandusky 6 p.m.
Jan. 29 Bullock Creek Team Tourney 9 a.m.
Feb. 1 Cros-Lex/Yale 6 p.m.
Feb. 5 GTC League Meet @ Marlette TBA
Feb. 12 Individual Districts



BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 8 Cass City 45, Sandusky 49
Dec. 10 Cass City 50, Capac 44
Dec. 15 Cass City 38, H. Beach 51
Dec. 17 Cass City 48, Marlette 52
Dec. 21 Cass City 46, Mayville 25
Jan. 5 Ubyly 6 p.m.
Jan. 7 USA 6 p.m.
Jan. 12 Brown City 6 p.m.
Jan. 14 Caro 5 p.m.
Jan. 21 BCAS 5 p.m.
Jan. 26 EPBP Lakers 6 p.m.
Jan. 28 Vassar (SC) 6 p.m.
Feb. 2 Reese 6 p.m.
Feb. 4 USA 6 p.m.
Feb. 9 Bad Axe 6 p.m.
Feb. 18 BCAS 6 p.m.
Feb. 23 EPBP Lakers 6 p.m.
Feb. 25 Vassar 5 p.m.
Mar. 1 Reese 6 p.m.
Mar. 3 Bad Axe 5 p.m.
Mar. 7,9,11 Districts TBA

FOLLOW THE HAWKS AT HOME

Girls' Basketball
January 4 ~ vs. Ubyly
January 6 ~ vs. USA

Boys' Basketball
January 5 ~ vs. Ubyly
January 7 ~ vs. USA

Gymnastics
January 11 ~ vs. Freeland

Wrestling
January 12 ~ vs. Memphis/EPBP
January 19 ~ vs. Bad Axe/Marlette

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All Games Begin at 6:00 p.m., unless noted
Nov. 30 Cass City 38, Harbor Beach 48
Dec. 3 Cass City 34, Marlette 47
Dec. 7 Cass City 22, Sandusky 58
Dec. 9 Cass City 41, Mayville 12
Dec. 14 Game against Reese cancelled
Dec. 16 Cass City 50, Bad Axe 45
Dec. 22 Cass City 42, Reese 56 (make-up)
Jan. 4 Ubyly
Jan. 6 USA
Jan. 11 Brown City
Jan. 13 Caro
Jan. 20 BCAS
Jan. 25 EPBP Lakers
Jan. 27 Vassar
Feb. 1 Reese
Feb. 3 USA
Feb. 8 Bad Axe
Feb. 15 Kingston
Feb. 17 BCAS
Feb. 22 EPBP Lakers
Feb. 24 Vassar
Feb. 28 - Mar. 2,4 Districts

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Tuesday, January 4			
Caro at Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Caro
Wednesday, January 5			
Ubyly at Cass City	Ubyly	Ubyly	Cass City
Thursday, January 6			
Owen-Gage at Caseville	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Caseville
Kingston at CPS	Kingston	CPS	Kingston
Friday, January 7			
USA at Cass City	USA	Cass City	Cass City
Harbor Beach at Ubyly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Millington at Caro	Millington	Millington	Millington
GIRLS' BASKETBALL			
Tuesday, January 4			
Ubyly at Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
North Huron at Owen-Gage	North Huron	Owen-Gage	North Huron
Kingston at Memphis	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Caro at Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Bridgeport
Thursday, January 6			
USA at Cass City	USA	USA	Cass City
Friday, January 7			
Owen-Gage at CPS	CPS	CPS	Owen-Gage
Harbor Beach at Ubyly	Ubyly	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Akron-Fairgrove at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Millington at Caro	Millington	Millington	Caro
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FULL BASEMENT!!
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GOOD PRICE!!
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MOVE-IN READY!!
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PRICE REDUCED!

CHECK THIS OUT!!! 2 bedroom home, on over an acre, within Cass City School District. Home features 1st floor laundry, door wall off dining area to the large deck and a 20'16' shed with concrete and electric. CY2628

MOVE-IN day of closing. Set on a super big lot in Cass City. This home is open to offers to settle estate. Take a look now. It has a lot to offer. TCC1576

AREA STANDINGS

Girls' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West

Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	2	0	6	0
Vassar	1	0	4	2
USA	1	0	3	1
Cass City	1	1	2	4
EPBP	0	1	3	2
BCAS	0	1	2	3
Bad Axe	0	2	2	4

Greater Thumb East

Team	W	L	W	L
Brown City	1	0	7	0
Sandusky	1	0	7	0
Marlette	1	0	5	1
H. Beach	1	1	4	3
Ubyly	0	1	0	5
Mayville	0	2	0	7

North Central Thumb North

Team	W	L	W	L
Port Hope	0	0	4	1
Owen-Gage	0	0	2	3
Caseville	0	0	0	3
A-Fairgrove	0	0	0	4
North Huron	0	1	1	4

North Central Thumb South

Team	W	L	W	L
Deckerville	1	0	3	2
CPS	0	0	4	2
Peck	0	0	2	2
Kingston	0	0	2	4
Memphis	0	0	1	2

Boys' Basketball Standings

Greater Thumb West

Team	W	L	W	L
BCAS	0	0	3	1
Vassar	0	0	3	1
Cass City	0	0	2	3
Bad Axe	0	0	1	2
Reese	0	0	1	2
USA	0	0	1	2
EPBP	0	0	1	3

Greater Thumb East

Team	W	L	W	L
Marlette	0	0	5	0
H. Beach	0	0	4	0
Ubyly	0	0	4	1
Sandusky	0	0	4	2
Brown City	0	0	1	4
Mayville	0	0	1	4

North Central Thumb North

Team	W	L	W	L
N. Huron	0	0	2	3
Caseville	0	0	0	3
Port Hope	0	0	0	3
Owen-Gage	0	0	0	4
A-Fairgrove	0	0	0	5

North Central Thumb South

Team	W	L	W	L
CPS	0	0	4	0
Kingston	0	0	4	1
Deckerville	0	0	2	2
Peck	0	0	2	2
Memphis	0	0	1	4

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29 Canadians arrested in drug smuggling operation

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"At least 5 known rendezvous locations on the shoreline were used in Sanilac County — Roach Road draw, Kelly Court draw, Sand Piper Court, Lexington marina and Grove Road public access — with the boats crossing Lake Huron from Kettle Point, Iperwash, Grand Bend, Goderich and Owen Sound Ontario locations," he continued.

During the summer of 2010, one shipment of 104 pounds of Ecstasy

destined to be brought into the Port Sanilac marina from Goderich was diverted north to Alpena due to law enforcement activity smugglers witnessed at Port Sanilac, Gray noted.

"That shipment was successfully tracked from Alpena, through Grand Rapids and southward into Colorado, where multiple suspects were arrested," he said. "As a consequence of increased law enforcement presence on Lake Huron in 2010, the suspects began shifting their cross-border smuggling operations into

Lake Ontario, using the same tactics to cross from Mississauga, Toronto, Trenton, Prince Edward into New York State."

As a result of the 34 search warrants executed last month, Canadian authorities seized what Gray described as "substantial multiple-pound quantities of methamphetamine, Ecstasy and marijuana. "Twenty-nine suspects have been charged with 110 drug trafficking felonies in Ontario, and many of these same suspects are expected to

be charged in the U.S. as a result of their activities while in this country."

This wasn't the first time Sanilac County authorities have dealt with Canadian smugglers.

In November 2009, county and state law enforcement officials assisted federal authorities in apprehending 2 Canadian men suspected in a major drug trafficking operation at the Sandusky City Airport.

The investigation centered on a border patrol helicopter crew that observed a small plane land at the airport and dump several bags onto the runway before picking up one bag and taking off again. The crew also observed 2 men on the runway who attempted to load the bags into

an SUV.

The suspects fled the scene, only to be picked up a short time later by Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies. At the airport, meanwhile, officials seized the bags, which contained a whopping \$10 million worth of Ecstasy pills and marijuana.

Investigators subsequently discovered a secret compartment in the suspect vehicle that, they say, contained several thousand dollars in cash and evidence of powder cocaine.

Gray urges any citizens who witness suspicious individuals or activity near any Sanilac County airfield or along the Lake Huron shoreline to report the activity by calling toll-free 1-800-544-DRUG (3784).



THE SANILAC County Drug Task Force has continued playing a key role in foiling drug smuggling operations between Canada and Michigan via Sanilac County ports and airports. Above, Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki surveys a suspect vehicle at the airport in Sandusky in November 2009 after his deputies assisted U.S. Customs and border patrol officers in disrupting a major smuggling operation. Authorities seized more than 300 pounds of Ecstasy in pill form (right) along with more than 100 pounds of marijuana during the operation.



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