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**BRIAN WARJU** is pictured at right with the satellite that took first place in a prestigious nationwide competition. The Cass City graduate and his teammates at MTU designed and built the satellite, which the U.S. Air Force plans to launch into orbit over the Earth in 2013 to complete a Department of Defense mission. Above, Warju and fellow Cass City grad Mark Koepf (left) check out MTU's 2005 satellite entry, which took third place overall.



## Council moves forward with solar contract

by **Clarke Haire**  
Publisher

Peter Cristiano, Cass City's village manager, said January's regular meeting of the village council accomplished plenty of work.

Even so, it was the board's non-action on the installation of solar panels at the municipal building, perhaps, that drew the most interest from the small gathering present during Monday night's monthly meeting.

During the council's monthly meeting in November, village officials approved Cristiano's recommendation to hire McCoy Electric, Minden City, to handle the installation of the solar panels, a \$90,000 project designed to enable them to "go green."

In all, 48, 215-watt solar panels will

be utilized to offset electric costs at the village offices, located at the corner of Main and Seeger streets, and in the process, reduce greenhouse gas production.

Sam Moore, who will help oversee the community development project, which is being paid for by a grant from the Department of Energy, says over the life of the panels – 20 to 30 years – the village should see a 10-percent return on its investment.

He estimates the monthly electrical service saving at the municipal building will add up to \$100 to \$300, depending on the time of the year.

McCoy Electric's bid was actually higher than the proposal received from another contractor, Rauhorn Electric, which subsequently has threatened legal action against the village.

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## Former Caro coach faces CSC charges

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

Tuscola County prosecutors last week charged a former Caro High School varsity softball coach with having a sexual relationship with a teenage girl.

Mickey Thomas Gotwalt, 51, of Caro, was arraigned on 4 felony counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct, which carries a maximum penalty of up to life in prison or any term of years, and 8 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct, a 15-year felony.

Gotwalt, who was arrested by Michigan State Police troopers last Wednesday, faces a preliminary examination Monday, Feb. 7, at 1:30 p.m. in Tuscola County District Court Monday.

Bond in the case was set at \$1 million cash following testimony during Gotwalt's arraignment in front of Tuscola County Magistrate Steve Sattler. That testimony included allegations that Gotwalt had threatened to kill the victim's mother and that a personal protection order had been issued against the defendant, and that he had penned a suicide note indicating he had no intention of being taken into custody alive.

Prosecutors also noted that Gotwalt engaged in numerous communications with the victim through phone

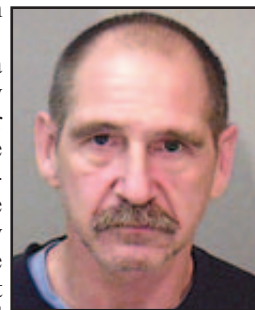
calls and text messages, conduct that was questioned by school officials and prompted Gotwalt to resign as a coach in November.

Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark Reese said the conduct at issue allegedly took place between last July and October in Caro. At the time, the victim was 14 years old and a student at Caro Schools.

"From our perspective, it's extraordinarily troubling when we have a student-athlete in this position, so young, subject to being taken advantage of. It's incomprehensible," he commented last week. "Our concern at this juncture is with the victim's family and the victim."

Reese said Trooper Jennifer Coulter of the Michigan State Police is the lead investigator in the case and has been assisted by Detective/Sgt. Mark Krebs of the Michigan State Police and Caro Police Chief Brian Newcomb.

Anyone with information regarding the investigation or the defendant is asked to contact Coulter at (989) 673-2156.



**Mickey Gotwalt**

## ORBIT BOUND

### Cass City grad part of winning MTU team in national satellite competition

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

A former Cass City student is headed for outer space.

Well, not exactly. However, Bryan "Boomer" Warju II, a 2004 Cass City High School graduate, played a key role in helping to design and construct a satellite that took first place in a nationwide competition.

The reward? Warju and his teammates at Michigan Technological University (MTU) have been awarded a contract by the Department of Defense (DOD), which plans to launch the students' custom-made satellite into orbit in 2 years.

The Michigan Tech team placed first in the prestigious University Nanosat 6 competition last month. The University Nanosat Program is sponsored by the Air Force Research Laboratory, which hand-picked 11 university teams from dozens of applications across the nation.

Each team was awarded a 2-year

contract to design and build a small satellite ("nanosat") to perform a mission of its choosing. The program culminated with a Flight Competition Review held Jan. 16-17 in Albuquerque, N.M., adjacent to Kirtland Air Force Base.

According to a Michigan Tech News story written by Marcia Goodrich, Michigan Tech's entry in the competition is called Oculus-ASR, for its role as an orbiting eye and for its ability to assist scientists on the ground with satellite attitude — its orientation in space — and shape recognition. The 154-pound satellite was engineered to help in a Department of Defense effort.

"The DOD wants to know what's orbiting the Earth, who owns it, what it's doing, and what it might do in the future," team advisor L. Brad King, an associate professor of mechanical engineering-engineering mechanics, was quoted as saying in the story.

In a nutshell, without an extremely powerful telescope, it's difficult to tell much about satellites from the surface of the Earth — they look like nondescript dots of white light drift-

ing overhead. Yet, those dots actually provide a lot of information that scientists can use. The trick, according to Goodrich's story, lies in analyzing that information, and Oculus was designed to help the Air Force do that.

"In general, our role will be to calibrate their telescopes" by providing different views of the satellite for the Air Force to look at and by releasing targets, which both Oculus and Air Force scientists on the ground can photograph, King was quoted as saying. "It's a very capable little vehicle. There's a lot packed into it."

Warju and his teammates spent 4 years designing and building their satellite, according to Warju's father, Bryan Warju, who noted his son was also a member of the team that built another satellite in 2005 that took third place in the nationwide competition.

The elder Warju said his son enrolled at Michigan Tech, located in Houghton, after his graduation from Cass City High School. Please turn to page 6.

## Cass City man gets one year in jail

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

Philip J. Strong will spend a year in the Tuscola County Jail for his plea



**Philip Strong**

of no contest to a charge stemming from the alleged sexual assault of an 11-year-old girl 2 years ago in Cass City.

Strong, 22, of Cass City, was sentenced last week in Tuscola County

Circuit Court, where Judge Patrick R. Joslyn also placed him on 60 months probation and ordered him to pay court costs and fines totaling \$4,598.

A plea of no contest is not an admission of guilt, but is treated the same for the purpose of sentencing.

In October, Strong escaped a potentially stiff prison term if convicted of the original charges in the case by entering the plea to a charge of first degree child abuse.

The 2007 Cass City High School graduate was initially charged with one count of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years, a felony punishable by up to life in prison or

any term of years, and 3 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct, also a felony, which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

As part of an agreement struck between Strong's counsel, Caro attorney Amy Grace Gierhart, and Tuscola County Prosecutor Mark E. Reese, Strong will not be obligated to register as a sex offender.

Neither the Cass City Police Department nor the attorneys involved in the case released details related to the case. Investigators said only that they believe the assaults took place Feb. 21, 2009, during a party at a home on Hospital Drive, where the victim was a house guest.

### In District One

## Unionville man to fill commissioner's post

by **Tom Montgomery**  
Editor

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners welcomed a new member Thursday after unanimously approving the appointment of Unionville area resident Roger Allen to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Cass City attorney Amanda Roggenbuck.

Roggenbuck won her second 2-year term to the board in November. However, she opted to leave her post after being appointed the probate judge in Tuscola County.

Allen, a Republican, will represent the citizens of District One over the next few months. District One is comprised of residents in Akron, Columbia, Elkland, Elmwood, Fairgrove, Gilford and Wisner townships, including the villages of Cass City, Akron, Fairgrove, Gageton and Unionville.

Tuscola County Controller Mike Hoagland said 5 individuals applied for the appointment. Interviewed by commissioners Thursday night were Allen along with Michael Downing, Zygmunt P. Dworzecki and Timothy Tait, all of the Akron area. Both Downing and Dworzecki sought Roggenbuck's post during elections last year; Downing lost his bid in the August primary vote, and Roggenbuck defeated Dworzecki in the general election in November.

Hoagland said a fifth candidate who applied for Thursday's appointment Please turn to page 6.











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## Red Hawk cagers ahead of schedule

Coach Jim Green has always believed his Cass City boys' basketball team has enough talent to challenge any school in the Greater Thumb West. The Red Hawks, winners in 5 of their last 6 outings, made believers out of the visiting Vassar Vulcans Friday with a 45-35 decision on Snowcoming night.

Senior team leaders Alex Varney, Justin Ketterer and Cameron Dunnuck all shined in the victory, which has Cass City atop of the conference rankings entering tonight's GTW contest in Reese. On Friday, the Red Hawks start round 2 of conference play at Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools.

"I feel we can become a pretty good team. But, I don't think it will happen much before March," said Green.

Still, if the Red Hawks can turn in defensive efforts similar to their last 2 - Cass City defeated Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port, 59-48, Tuesday - it would suggest Green's time table is a bit off.

In front of the largest home crowd of the season, Dunnuck had Cass City up 10-8 after one quarter as he dominated the action in the low post. Dunnuck called for the ball in the paint early and scored his team's opening 5 points. The Red Hawk center looked poised to deliver another monster game, but was forced to the bench after collecting his second foul with 6:02 remaining on the clock till the intermission.

Moments later the Vulcans grabbed their biggest advantage of the opening half, 16-12, on a 3-point play from Madison Harper. The lead, however, didn't hold up as some questionable clock management would haunt the Vulcans on the night.

With a 19-16 edge, the Vulcans appeared content to allow Cass City the opportunity to take the final shot of the period, as with more than a minute to play they allowed Varney to dribble away the time in the forecourt. The strategy backfired when Varney was fouled and converted his first free throw toss and when Vassar couldn't corral his second attempt, Ketterer nailed a long 2-pointer to bring each team to 19 at the break.

An exciting third quarter featured 6 lead changes and 2 ties. Once again, the Vulcans closed out the period allowing the Hawks to remove time from the game clock. And once again, Ketterer made the visitors pay.

Trailing 33-30, Ketterer hit his team's first trey on the night at the buzzer to bring the schools even at 33 entering the final 8 minutes.

Cody Orban connected on his own trey to open the final stanza for Cass City, which put the winners on top for good. A stingy 2-3 zone defense kept the Vulcans from scoring until Nathan Greaves netted a meaningless field goal with only seconds remaining.

Varney recorded game scoring honors with 17 points, which included a perfect 5-5 showing at the line down the stretch. Ketterer chipped in 11 markers.

Greaves' 15 points paced Vassar.

### LAKERS

Earlier last week, Cass City traveled to face the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers and used big runs at the start and end of the GTW affair to return home with an 11-point victory.

The visitors led 19-10 after one and then used a 17-10 scoring advantage to the final whistle to collect the win.

Again it was the Big 3 leading the way for Cass City. Dunnuck led all scorers with 22 points, while Ketterer and Varney finished in double digits with 15 and 12 points, respectively.

CASS CITY - Orban 2-2 (2-2) 12; Varney 2-0 (2-3) 6; Dunnuck 7-0 (8-9) 22; Ketterer 3-3 (0-0) 15; Zaleski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Erla 0-0 (2-4) 2. TOTALS - 15-5 (14-18) 59.

EPBP - Gascho 2-0 (0-0) 4; Lawrance 0-1 (0-0) 3; VanTiffin 2-0 (0-0) 4; Voelker 4-0 (5-7) 13; Warack 0-2 (0-0) 6; Zwemmer 7-0 (2-4) 16; Mead 1-0 (0-0) 2. TOTALS - 16-3 (7-11) 48.

CASS CITY - Orban 1-1 (0-1) 5; Varney 5-0 (7-11) 17; Dunnuck 3-0 (2-3) 8; Ketterer 3-1 (2-2) 11; Erla 2-0 (0-0) 4. TOTALS - 14-2 (11-17) 45.

VASSAR - Greaves 3-2 (3-5) 15; Peter 1-1 (0-0) 5; Greer 1-0 (2-4) 4; Harper 4-0 (1-1) 9; Peplinski 0-0 (2-2) 2. TOTALS - 9-3 (8-12) 35.



**SENIOR ALEX Varney drives the lane during Friday's GTW contest in Cass City as Vassar's Nathan Greaves defends. Varney led all scorers with 17 tallies.**



**RED HAWK Megan Parrish uses her dribble to find operating room against Vassar.**

## Wrestlers poised to defend league honors

Defending Greater Thumb Conference wrestling champion Cass City will once again enter the league tournament meet as the top seed following the Red Hawks' recent showdown victory over rival Mayville.

Coach Don Markel's grapplers wrapped up their dual meet portion of the GTC schedule last Wednesday in Sandusky with a tight 40-34 decision over the Wildcats before going on to whip the host Redskins, 66-12, to finish with a perfect 8-0 mark in dual conference outings.

Still, it wasn't enough to completely satisfy the veteran Cass City mentor.

"In spite of winning the GTC dual meet portion of the season we looked somewhat flat during the week. We will have to recapture the desire and return to the intensity that we displayed earlier in the season (if we want to defend our title)," said Markel.

"The GTC league meet will be held in Marlette on Saturday and the final league standings are determined by combining placement in the league meet with the place that each team finished in the dual meet portion of the season," he said.

Cass City's Jon Crouch, 125-pound weight class, Cody Crouch, 130-pound weight class, Kurt Reif, 160-pound weight class, Josh Jensen, 171-pound weight class, and Nick Adkins, 215-pound weight class, all finished with 2-0 records in Sandusky to pace the winners.

### BULLOCK CREEK TOURNAMENT

Midland Bullock Creek captured its own 8-team tourney Saturday, edging out runner-up Corunna and third place finisher Saginaw Heritage. The complete standings had Big Rapids next, while Cass City came in 5th, in front of Midland Dow, Essexville-Garber and Alma.

The Red Hawks placed third in pool play, losing to Big Rapids, 37-36, and host Bullock Creek, 56-22, while defeating Midland Dow 66-18. To round out the day, Cass City bowed, 35-28, to Corunna before downing Alma 42-36.

Jon Crouch and Jensen were both 5-0 individually to lead Cass City, while Cody Crouch and Adkins compiled 4-1 showings.

Cass City's dual meet record is 29-15.



**ROYAL COUPLE.** Cass City seniors McKensie Parrish and Justin Ketterer highlighted Friday's halftime ceremony with visiting Vassar when the pair was announced as the school's 2011 Snowcoming Queen and King.

## Sluggish starts haunt Cass City

Cass City's Greater Thumb West title aspirations all but disappeared Thursday when guest Vassar handed the Lady Red Hawk cagers their second straight defeat in conference play.

Just like in Tuesday's 49-37 setback to the host Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers, Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's gang couldn't overcome sluggish starts in both affairs. Against the Lakers, Cass City fell behind 9-5 after one quarter of action and against the Vulcans, the hosts entered period number 2 trailing 9-6.

It's a trend that Cass City will need to avoid in order to be successful in this week's conference wars against league-leading Reese and always tough Unionville-Sebewaing on Thursday.

Vassar outscored their hosts in each quarter to gain the decision. Cass City trailed 20-11 at the break and 31-20 entering the final 8 minutes.

McKensie Parrish had 10 points to lead Cass City.

Emily Aranyos led Vassar with 11 tallies.

### LAKERS

Despite Cass City's poor start Please turn to page 10.

## Fabulous Fearless Forecasters

### Varsity Basketball



BOYS' BASKETBALL			
Tuesday, February 1			
Breckenridge at Caro	Breckenridge	Breckenridge	Caro
Wednesday, February 2			
Cass City at Reese	Reese	Cass City	Reese
Ubyly at Brown City	Ubyly	Ubyly	Ubyly
Thursday, February 3			
Kingston at Owen-Gage	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Friday, February 4			
Cass City at USA	USA	Cass City	Cass City
Ubyly at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Ubyly	Harbor Beach
Caro at North Branch	North Branch	Caro	North Branch
GIRLS' BASKETBALL			
Tuesday, February 1			
Cass City at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Memphis at Owen-Gage	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
Kingston at North Huron	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Thursday, February 3			
Cass City at USA	USA	Cass City	Cass City
Ubyly at Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Friday, February 4			
Owen-Gage at North Huron	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
Memphis at Kingston	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis
Kingston at North Branch	North Branch	North Branch	North Branch
Last Week's Results	9-8	10-7	8-9
Season's Results	58-39 (60%)	61-36 (63%)	53-44 (55%)

# Sluggish starts haunt Cass City in conference basketball wars

Continued from page 9.

against the Lakers, the Hawks actually surged in front 11-10 before the Lakers went on a 13-2 run to produce a 10-point bulge at the break.

"The second half was pretty even. We cut the lead to 6 or 7, but could never get any closer," Schinnerer said.

Parrish had a team-high 15 points to pace Cass City.

Kayla Deering tossed in a game-high 18 points for the Lakers.

**CASS CITY** - Megan Parrish 1-2 (0-0) 8; Chambers 0-0 (3-4) 3; McKensie Parrish 7-0 (1-2) 15; Hendrick 1-0 (4-8) 6; Rowell 2-0 (1-1) 5.  
**TOTALS - 11-2 (9-15) 37.**

**EPBP** - Matteson 2-0 (0-0) 4; Comment 2-1 (0-0) 7; Krohn 3-1 (0-0) 9; Petterson 3-0 (1-2) 7; Richmond 1-0 (0-0) 2; Deering 8-0 (2-5) 18; Blunt 1-0 (0-1) 2.  
**TOTALS - 20-2 (3-8) 49.**

**CASS CITY** - McKensie Parrish 3-1 (1-2) 10; Megan Parrish 1-0 (0-0) 2; Chambers 3-0 (1-3) 7; Hendrick 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rowell 3-0 (2-2) 8; Clifton 0-0 (1-2) 1.  
**TOTALS - 12-1 (5-9) 32.**

**VASSAR** - Aranyos 4-0 (3-4) 11; Muntz 4-0 (2-4) 10; Campbell 0-2 (2-2) 8; Ostrander 3-0 (1-2) 7; Peplinski 2-0 (4-6) 8.  
**TOTALS - 13-2 (12-18) 44.**

Mandy Muntz recorded 9 points for the Bulldogs.

Against the Eagles it was a similar story for Owen-Gage. The Bulldogs were behind 18-3 in frame one and 31-12 at the break.

Kaleigh Spaetzel posted a game-high 18 points to pace the Eagles.

Christin Harris' 9 tallies topped the Bulldog scorers.

**OWEN-GAGE** - Montreuil 2-0 (0-0) 4; Harris 0-3 (0-0) 9; Prich 2-1 (0-2) 7; Muntz 3-0 (0-0) 6.  
**TOTALS - 7-4 (0-2) 26.**

**DECKERVILLE** - Spaetzel 6-0 (6-9) 18; Sampson 4-1 (2-2) 13; Kretnor 8-0 (1-2) 17; Mausolf 3-0 (1-1) 7; Salantz 1-0 (1-1) 3; Ritch 2-0 (4-6) 8.  
**TOTALS - 24-1 (15-21) 66.**

**OWEN-GAGE** - Montreuil 1-0 (2-8) 4; Harris 0-2 (2-3) 8; Prich 1-0 (0-0) 2; Mandich 1-0 (0-0) 2; Muntz 4-0 (1-8) 9; McLaren 0-0 (2-4) 2; Morrish 0-0 (0-1) 0.  
**TOTALS - 7-2 (7-24) 27.**

**MAYVILLE** - Cook 2-0 (3-5) 7; Schenk 2-0 (1-5) 5; L. Richardson 7-0 (6-15) 20; A. Richardson 2-0 (0-0) 4; Diller 1-0 (0-0) 2; Squires 3-0 (0-0) 6; Asletmason 1-0 (0-0) 2.  
**TOTALS - 18-0 (10-25) 46.**

# Lady Bulldogs suffer non-conference losses

The Owen-Gage girls' basketball team slipped below .500 last week after suffering non-conferences losses to Deckerville and Mayville.

Coach Doug Hyatt summarized both setbacks by saying his squad's opponents were taller, stronger and faster than the Bulldogs cagers.

On Friday, Mayville delivered its hosts in Owendale a 46-27 defeat, which followed Tuesday's 66-26 whipping in Deckerville.

Against the Wildcats, the visitors outscored the Bulldogs 17-2 in the opening frame and then used a 15-4 run to the intermission to put the game on ice.

Liz Richards led the winners with a season-high 20 points.

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## AREA STANDINGS

Boys' Basketball Standings				Girls' Basketball Standings				
Greater Thumb West				Greater Thumb West				
Team	W	L	W	Team	W	L	W	
BCAS	4	1	8	3	Reese	6	0	11
Cass City	3	1	7	5	EPBP	4	1	8
Vassar	2	2	6	5	Vassar	3	2	7
Reese	2	2	5	6	USA	3	3	6
Bad Axe	2	2	4	6	Cass City	3	3	5
USA	2	3	6	5	Bad Axe	1	5	5
EPBP	0	4	2	9	BCAS	0	6	4

Greater Thumb East				Greater Thumb East				
Team	W	L	W	Team	W	L	W	
Marlette	3	1	10	2	Sandusky	5	0	12
Sandusky	3	1	9	4	Marlette	4	1	11
H. Beach	2	1	7	3	Brown City	3	2	10
Ubly	2	2	8	3	H. Beach	2	3	6
Brown City	1	3	2	10	Mayville	1	4	2
Mayville	0	3	1	10	Ubly	0	5	0

North Central Thumb North				North Central Thumb North				
Team	W	L	W	Team	W	L	W	
A-Fairgrove	4	3	5	8	Port Hope	5	3	9
North Huron	3	3	5	5	Caseville	3	3	3
Owen-Gage	2	5	2	10	North Huron	2	6	3
Caseville	1	6	1	9	A-Fairgrove	0	8	0
Port Hope	0	7	0	10	Owen-Gage	-	-	6

North Central Thumb South				North Central Thumb South				
Team	W	L	W	Team	W	L	W	
CPS	6	0	10	0	Memphis	8	0	9
Deckerville	6	1	8	4	Deckerville	7	1	9
Peck	4	1	8	3	Kingston	4	3	8
Memphis	5	3	5	7	CPS	4	4	7
Kingston	2	4	6	5	Peck	-	-	2

- incomplete league standings

# BOWLING

Wednesday Nite Trio as of Jan. 26

JEBCO	7
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Charmont	6
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Scheurer Hospital	4
Vandelay Ind.	3
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Shears 215 (552). Team High Games & Series: Kelly & Co. 553-513-594 (1660).

Merchanettes as of Jan. 27

Thumb Octagon Barn	28
All or Nothing	25
Just One More	11
Team #4	6

Individual High Games & Series: Joan Koch 181-168 (470); Denise Guinther 164; Deidra Zdrojewski 165 (462).

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	Following the weekend action at the Redwing Gymnastic Invitational, where Cass City placed 4th out of 10 teams, Wynn will be competing in the vault, uneven bars	

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# Cass City High School 2010-11 Winter Sports Schedules

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## GYMNASTICS

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 Cass City 39, Ubyly 45  
Jan. 7 Cass City 55, USA 44 OT  
Jan. 12 Cass City 63, Brown City 58  
Jan. 14 Cass City 53, Caro 51 2OT  
Jan. 21 Cass City 63, BCAS 81  
Jan. 26 Cass City 59, Lakers 48  
Jan. 28 Cass City 45, Vassar 35  
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

**Bowling**  
February 3 ~ vs. Sandusky  
February 10 ~ vs. Deckerville

**Girls' Basketball**  
February 8 ~ vs. Bad Axe  
February 15 ~ vs. Kingston

**Boys' Basketball**  
February 9 ~ vs. Bad Axe  
February 18 ~ vs. BCAS

## 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 Cass City 60, Ubyly 25  
Jan. 6 Cass City 43, USA 39  
Jan. 11 Cass City 42, Brown City 51  
Jan. 13 Cass City 49, Caro 41  
Jan. 20 Cass City 47, BCAS 40  
Jan. 25 Cass City 37, Lakers 49  
Jan. 27 Cass City 32, Vassar 44  
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

## BOWLING

All dual matches start at 4:00 p.m., warm-ups at 3:50 p.m.

DATE	OPONENT	LOCATION
1/6/11	Bad Axe	Charmont
1/11/11	USA	Charmont
1/13/11	EPBP	Charmont
1/18/11	Brown City	Charmont
1/20/11	Reese	Rocket Bowl, Reese
1/25/11	CPS	Charmont
1/27/11	Harbor Beach	Blue Water Lanes, H. Beach
2/1/11	North Huron	Biff's, Kinde
2/3/11	Sandusky	Charmont
2/8/11	Ubyly	Ubyly Pub, Ubyly
2/10/11	Deckerville	Charmont
2/12/11	Conference Singles Tournament	Liberty Lanes, Sandusky
2/15/11	Girls' Position Round	Holly Meadows, Capac
2/17/11	Boys' Position Round	Green Meadows, Sebewaing
2/19/11	Conference Team Tournament	Longshot Lanes, Bad Axe

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HDC to host free program

# Caregivers focus of training

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is hosting an upcoming training program designed to increase the knowledge, skills and positive attitude of family caregivers who are caring for individuals with memory and cognitive loss.

The goal of the training is to strengthen the caregiver relationship and to decrease stress for both caregivers and care receivers. The support for this program comes from the Creating Confident Caregiver (The Savvy Caregiver) grant that is funded through the Office of Services to the Aging and Region VII Area Agency on Aging.

The Creating Confident Caregiver sessions will be facilitated by Deb Ricker from Americans Home Health and Hospice and Kim Wasik, Caregiver Education and Support, Human Development Commission. "We are very excited to offer this training," said Kim Wasik of HDC. "It's a great program and will provide tips and skills that will benefit both caregivers and those receiving care."

The topics of the 6, 2-hour sessions are:

- \* Defining and exploring the role of the caregiver, basic facts about Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias and cognitive losses in dementia

- \* Identifying and working with feelings, developing a free-time repertoire, understanding and interpreting behavior and communicating with confusion

- \* Contented involvement, the key elements of doing things, and staging systems for dementing disorders that relate to everyday life.

- \* Understanding the design and tasks of activities, linking abilities and activities using the person, structure and support theory.

- \* Recognizing the relationship and stages of disease, understanding the level of performance, and working through daily activities with the person with dementia.

- \* The final session involves review of the skills and techniques, discussion on experiences of daily care activities, the decision-making process and barriers and aids to successful family caregiving.

These sessions are designed for individuals who are involved at all levels of care, including long-distance, part-time and full-time caregivers experiencing all stages of dementia care. The only requirement for the grant is that the care receiver is not currently in an institutional setting and that the caregiver is a family member or friend, not a professional.

"In many situations, caring for a

loved one is shared between multiple family members," said Wasik. "We encourage multiple family members to attend, such as a husband along with his daughters who help out, so that everyone is on the same page."

Instructors for the sessions request that the care receiver does not attend these sessions since caregivers are encouraged to openly verbalize their challenges and frustrations. If you are unable to leave your loved one alone, this grant does allow for assistance with respite care and will cover the cost for this service. Please call the HDC office to make those arrangements.

There is no charge for any of these sessions. If you are interested in attending, please call the Human Development Commission at (989) 673-4121. Classes will begin in March. Please see the following schedule for dates and locations.

## Enforcement results in arrests of 350 drivers

More than 350 motorists are starting 2011 with a sobering reminder after being arrested during a statewide drunken driving crackdown over the holidays.

Law enforcement officers from more than 200 agencies conducted stepped-up enforcement aimed at curtailing drunken driving during the "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest" crackdown Dec. 16-Jan. 2.

The Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) coordinated the effort, which was funded with federal highway safety grants in 35 counties, including Tuscola County.

The campaign resulted in 9,462 traffic stops and more than 6,600 citations or arrests, including 121 for other alcohol- and drug-related charges such as possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle and underage drinking.

In addition to 356 drunken driving arrests, 599 other misdemeanor and felony arrests were made and officers issued 113 seatbelt and child restraining citations along with 864 speeding and 411 uninsured motorist tickets. Two stolen vehicles were recovered and 92 fugitives were arrested during the enforcement effort. During a similar effort last year, officers made 7,510 traffic stops and arrested 300 drunken drivers.

"Although the overtime funding is provided for drunk driving enforcement, the added enforcement provides the opportunity to identify other traffic safety violations," said Kathy Farnum, OHSP's senior section chief. "It appears most motorists made the right choice not to drink and drive over the holidays, except for the 356 drivers that found themselves in the back of a patrol car."

Preliminary reports from the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center indicate 8 people died in traffic crashes over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, with half of those deaths involving alcohol. Three of those killed were pedestrians. The figures were a slight improvement over the 2009 holiday periods, when 10 people died in traffic accidents — 4 involving alcohol-related crashes.

# Obituary

## William Spaid

William O. Spaid, 69, of Davison, formerly of Cass City, passed away Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.



He married Barbara L. (nee Roberts) March 25, 1967 in Caro. Bill retired from General Motors after 42 years of service as a job setter. He was a member of the Higher

Ground Ministries in Swartz Creek. He enjoyed day trips with his wife Barb, especially to Port Huron, to watch the ships.

Beloved husband of Barbara L. (nee Roberts) of Davison; father of Matthew W. Spaid of Davison, Tammy (Steven) Allen of Davison and Cindy (James) Baxter of Mayville; grandfather of Angelita Torres, Elizabeth Torres, Isaiah Torres, Kyle Baxter, Katlin Baxter and Kennedy Baxter; brother of John (Barb) Spaid of Whittemore. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orra and Neva Spaid; and a sister, Nancy Ann.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Whittemore Baptist Church, Whittemore, with Pastor Lee Bennett and Pastor James Garfield officiating.

Interment was in the Reno Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Higher Ground Ministries in Swartz Creek.

Those wishing to express words of sympathy may do so at www.buresh-funeralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Buresh-Bennett Funeral Home.

## Creating Confident Caregivers Schedule

**Place:** Tuscola County: Human Development Commission Generations Center - 430 Montague Ave., Caro  
**Dates:** Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 11  
**Time:** 1 to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Huron County: Huron County Senior Center  
 150 Nugent Rd, Bad Axe  
**Dates:** Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 and 13  
**Time:** 1 to 3 p.m.

**Place:** Sanilac County (location to be announced)  
**Dates:** Mondays, April 18, 25, and May 2, 9, 16, 23  
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