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**REVIVE MINISTRIES' ANNUAL Children's Fund Fair, held Saturday at Cass City Middle School, was another big success, with roughly 300 people in attendance enjoying free inflatable activities, games, cotton candy, sno cones, hot dogs and face painting. Above, Kevin McArthur, 9, son of Brenda and Doug McArthur of Cass City, takes a ride down an inflatable slide during the festivities.**

*For "junior citizen" winners*

## Scholarship campaign on

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

A college education is valuable but very expensive, which is why an effort is underway in the Cass City area to build a scholarship fund to assist promising high school students in pursuing their dreams.

The scholarship fund was the brainchild of Kate VanAuken, director of Rawson Memorial District Library, Cass City.

"For the past couple of years, I have felt that the 'Junior Citizen of the Year' award (presented during the annual Cass City Chamber of Commerce Banquet) should have a monetary scholarship attached to it," she said. "Last year I started my quest to make this a reality. I met with the chamber to run it by them, and they were fine with it. Next, I talked with Mary Keroson, a seventh grade teacher at the middle school and president of the union at the time, to see if I could get some teachers on board — it is the teachers at the high school that select the nominees, and a group from the chamber that makes the final selection."

VanAuken established the fund last June along with Keroson and former longtime Cass City Public Schools educator and administrator Ken Micklash, who now serves as executive director of the Tuscola County Community Foundation — each of them kicked in \$100. VanAuken has since worked to generate more financial backing for the endowment fund.

"I started with a letter to past 'citizens of the year'...and I also included the school board, village council, chamber members and civic groups in this," she said.

"Last year I set up a scholarship fund with the Tuscola County Community Foundation and, to-date, we have about \$3,300. We need \$10,000 to make it self-sustaining," she noted, adding \$10,000 would enable the fund to generate a \$500 scholarship each year. "This year,

tickets for the annual (chamber) dinner will cost \$1 more, and that \$1 from each ticket will go towards the scholarship, but obviously more will be needed."

The cost of a college education has skyrocketed over the years.

According to the College Board's "Trends in College Pricing 2010 and Trends in Student Aid 2010", public 4-year colleges charge, on average, \$7,605 per year in tuition and fees for in-state students. The average surcharge for full-time out-of-state student at these institutions is \$11,900.

Private, non-profit 4-year colleges, meanwhile, charge an average of \$27,293 per year in tuition and fees, and public 2-year colleges charge, on average, \$2,713 per year in tuition and fees.

Nearly half — 47 percent — of all full-time undergraduate college students attend a 4-year college that has published charges of less than \$9,000 per year for tuition and fees. At the other end of the spectrum are private 4-year colleges that cost \$35,000 or more annually.

Of course, that's not the total price. Students still have to live somewhere, eat, buy books and supplies, and do their laundry.

VanAuken, who was honored as Cass City's "Citizen of the Year" in 2009, figures Cass City's junior citizens of the year represent some of the brightest, most talented prospects for higher education, and that they deserve a helping hand.

"These young adults have shown their motivation, dedication and outstanding desire to get involved in our community," she said. "They are true role models and, as a community, we should be very proud of their accomplishments and contributions."

"The Cass City Chamber of Commerce does so much for our community, yet they do not have the funds to support a scholarship endeavor like this," VanAuken noted.

This year's chamber banquet is slated

to get underway at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Northwood Meadows in Cass City. This year's ticket price is \$26.

In the meantime, VanAuken is hoping area residents will consider contributing to the newly-established Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship Endowment Fund, which is being managed by the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

"These young adults are our future. I can't think of a better way to say thank-you to them for all they have done for Cass City and, at the same time, help them embark on their future," she said.

*Editor's note: Area residents can make a donation to the Cass City Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship Endowment Fund by sending a check to the Tuscola County Community Foundation at: 317 S. State St., P.O. Box 534, Caro, MI 48723. Residents can also contact the foundation by calling (989) 673-8223 or by emailing: tccf534@centurytel.net.*

## House fire damage set at \$100,000

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Fire fighters from 3 departments were called on over the weekend to respond to the second house fire in as many Saturdays in Cass City.

Elkland Township Fire Chief Glenn Guilds said his department was dispatched to the Martin Louks residence, located just south of Main Street at 4468 Woodland Ave., at about 3:36 p.m.

"The whole upstairs is gone," Guilds said of the 1,900-square-foot, 2-story wood frame home. Guilds said the only person home when he blaze broke out was the Louks' adult son, Justin, and that his parents had left about 90 minutes earlier in the day to visit some relatives a few blocks away.

"The son was sleeping in one of the (upstairs) bedrooms when the smoke alarms woke him up. He opened the door after the alarm went off," the fire chief said, adding the home was filled with thick black smoke. "He

ended up jumping out of a bedroom window onto the front porch of the house (and) onto the front lawn."

Louks was not injured, according to Guilds. "He was fine. The past 2 fires — both had working smoke alarms. This one basically saved the kid's life," he said. "The past 2 fires are living testimony that smoke alarms do work."

Guilds, who reported the fire apparently started in a bedroom at the north end of the residence, noted the family dog perished in the blaze. "We really don't know (the cause)," he said. "If I had to say, I'd say electrical, but it's not determined."

Guilds said the house sustained extensive fire, water and smoke damage. He estimated the loss at well over \$100,000. The family was insured, he said.

Firemen from the Elmwood Township-Gagetown and Kingston fire departments assisted Cass City fire fighters. They remained at the scene for 4 hours.

## Owen-Gage to stay with part-time superintendent

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Owen-Gage School officials will stick with the status quo when it comes to their administrative structure.

That was the board of education's decision during a brief, rescheduled monthly meeting last week, when the board approved a plan to look for a part-time superintendent who will share administrative duties with full-time K-12 Principal Terri Falkenberg.

"They decided they did not want to pay to have a (superintendent) search done. They did post the position, so the position was posted the next day. The board's personnel committee will be looking to see who's out there who could fill that role," Falkenberg said of the job, which will require the new superintendent to work 3 days per week. The deadline for individuals to apply for the post is Wednesday, March 30.

Interim school Supt. Bob Drury, who will leave the district June 30 after serving as a part-time superintendent for the past several months, also outlined 3 other administrative options for board members to consider. They included employing a superintendent who would also serve as K-12 principal, which Owen-Gage previously relied on for 5 years during then-Supt. Dana Compton's tenure; sharing a superintendent with another school district or districts while also utilizing a K-12 principal; and employing a half-

Please turn to page 8.



**COAST GUARD PERSONNEL from Harbor Beach demonstrated a variety of ice rescue techniques during a training session for Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies. The techniques included use of a rescue hook (above). (See story page 8)**

**REMEMBER:**

It's back to Standard Time Sunday at 2 a.m.

**Set clocks forward one hour**

# Applications being accepted for AAUW scholarships

The Cass City/Thumb Area Branch of Michigan AAUW (American Association of University Women) scholarship applications are now available to women attending college after having graduated from high school at least a year ago or after having received a GED.

These applications may be obtained from Connie Iwankovitch by calling (989) 872-4667. The deadline for returning the application is April 1, 2010.

For the past 2 years 3 \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded, but due

to the generosity of those attending the 2010 Flamingo Fling, the fundraiser for these scholarships, the branch was able to give 4 \$1,000 and 2 \$500 scholarships last year.

The number of scholarships to be given out this year will depend on the monies raised during this year's Flamingo Fling dinner, auction, raffle and live auction to be held April 15.

The AAUW's purpose is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

The local branch also sponsors the Halloween Carnival, RIF (Reading is Fundamental) at Campbell Elementary School, Fourth of July Paint-In and the annual Wreath Sales to support these activities.

If you are interested in attending the Flamingo Fling, please call Diana Williams for tickets (989) 673-7593.

# Kingston announces perfect attendance

**Grade K (perfect attendance)**  
Ethan Green, Faith Hale, Robert McMaster, Brooke Retan and Conner Seaman.

**Grade 1 (perfect attendance)**  
William Cumper, Katelyn Ensign, Kristen Ensign, Alex Kotsch and Jayden Stark.

**Grade 1 (outstanding attendance)**  
Zachary Hayost, Jason Tenbusch and Basil Vanderpool.

**Grade 3 (perfect attendance)**  
Danielle Crisman and Jacob Fisher.

**Grade 3 (outstanding attendance)**  
Vincent Favazza, Elijah Jobson, Aaron Koehler, Reese Pardee and Jacob Savage.

**Grade 4 (perfect attendance)**  
Josh Benjamin, Levi Cryderman, Mason DeBlois, Kendra DeLong, Kara Haebler, Aric Hobson, Brian Hobson, Shyanne LaFond, Michael McLaughlin, Carley Smith, Lane Torrey, Emily Warrington and Peyton Wyckoff.

**Grade 4 (outstanding attendance)**  
Dakota Distelrath, Elizabeth Hardy, Connor Henry, Amber Jackson, Lily Lyons, Camryn MacGuire, Calvin Robinson, Morgan Tallieu and Leigha Vanderpool.

**Grade 5 (perfect attendance)**  
Garrett Green, Courtney Mallory, Daniel Schwarck, Madisyn Spencer, Faith Tucker and Caleb Weber.

**Grade 5 (outstanding attendance)**  
Grace Dinsmore, Emily Hetzer, Brendon Keilitz and Brandin McConnell.

**Grade 6 (perfect attendance)**  
Alex Adamczyk, Savannah Anger, Chelsey Clapsaddle, Allison DeLong, Jake Edwards, Nick Edwards, Quin Geister, Cheyenne Gottler, Victoria Hale, Aracelli Peter and Cira Skinner.

**Grade 6 (outstanding attendance)**  
Allison Bundschuh, Emily Cleveringa, Jade DeLong, Allie Esterline, Brittney Keys and Chelsey Stevens.

# It's a boy!



Colin Radabaugh

Ryan, Melanie and Madison Radabaugh welcomed Colin Bennet to their family Feb. 6, 2011.

Colin weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18.5 inches long.

His grandparents are Skip and Bobbie Churchill of Cass City, Willa Radabaugh of Caro, and Rick and Brenda Radabaugh of Chesaning.

# It's a girl!



Lily Brooks

Richard and Pamela Brooks, Jr. of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Elizabeth.

Lily was born at 7:36 p.m., Dec. 15, 2010. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her siblings: Richard III, Brandy, William and Martha.

Her grandparents are Robert and Katherine McPhail, and Richard Brooks, Sr., all of Cass City.

# Baker College now enrolling for spring

Baker College of Cass City, a satellite campus of Baker College of Flint, is enrolling students for spring 2011 quarter. Classes begin Monday, April 4, with registration continuing through the first week of the quarter.

Some of the career programs offered at Baker College of Cass City this spring include business administration, medical assistant, pharmacy technician, human services, early childhood education, computer information systems and computer technology options.

Many financial assistance opportunities are available. For more information, call Baker College of Cass City at (989) 872-6000. Students may also schedule an appointment via the Baker College website: www.baker.edu.

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# In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire  
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## “Normal” citizens can make all the difference

Mark Stover figures “hero” is the wrong word to describe his actions, and the efforts of another neighbor, in trying to wake up a family whose home was on fire during the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 26.

“I was just doing what any normal citizen would do,” he said.

We beg to differ. Stover and fellow neighbor Pat Dillon pounded on the front door of the residence occupied by a local couple and their 2 young children, after they noticed a red glow at about 5:30 a.m. Stover was ready to knock the door down if need be, and we’re certain he would have endangered his own life to help the family escape the flames.

Any fire fighter will tell you that every second is precious when it comes to getting out of a home that is on fire due to the initial risk of smoke inhalation, which has claimed far more lives than burns. Experts say that an estimated 50 to 80 percent of fire fatalities are the result of smoke inhalation injuries.

Area fire and police department investigators are still sorting out the circumstances behind this blaze, but one thing is certain: this was a life-and-death emergency, and neighbors proved themselves worthy of being the very best of neighbors in this case.

In the years before his death, longtime former Cass City Chronicle Publisher John Haire would often comment about how life in small towns had changed. Back in the day, he’d say, everyone knew everyone, and the appearance of a stranger was cause for instant speculation. But those days are gone.

His observations, based on decades of living here and reporting the news in Cass City were true. However, the recent response during this fire should be an encouraging reminder to us all that we are still a community and, although we may not know all of our neighbors, we are willing to take care of one another when the chips are down.

Stover and his neighbors proved that, and local fire officials are convinced lives were saved because of their efforts on that cold, early winter morning on Sixth Street.

Heroics aside, we’re hopeful that this incident will serve as a reminder to every Thumb area family that an ounce of prevention is definitely worth a pound of cure when it comes to surviving a house fire.

First and foremost, make sure you have a working smoke/carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home, AND change the batteries every year (the start of Daylight Savings Time, Sunday, March 13, is a handy date).

Also make sure every member of the family knows how they could exit the home (windows, etc.) in an emergency, and devote some time to making, and practicing, a fire escape plan. That includes deciding where everyone will meet outside should a fire break out in your home.

It goes without saying that preparing for the worst is worth the effort, especially when it comes to keeping all of our loved ones safe.



## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

*A message to my favorite child*



Every mother has a favorite - or so the saying goes. Before becoming a mother myself, I wondered if this were true. A mother’s love is complete and unconditional, but not perfect. How can a mother love all her children equally?

The answer is simple: she can’t. I am here today to come clean with each of my children. Ahem. Pause. Here goes.

My dearest first-born child: I have something important to tell you.

You suffered through rookie parents who jumped at your slightest hiccup. You ate only food approved by the Baby Bible and never drank from a bottle heated in the microwave. We worried about you getting too attached to your Nukie so we tried to limit your access to it. If it fell on the floor, we pulled out a clean one from our ever-present supply of sanitized Nukies.

You had new toys, new clothes and new parents and somehow survived with graceful resiliency. You were the first, and for that you are my favorite. Do not tell the others, but I have always loved you the best.

My wonderful second-born child: I have something important to tell you.

You entered the world and taught me the only thing better than loving one child is loving 2. From you, I learned the true meaning of infinity; my feelings for your sister instantly doubled the moment you were born and I instinctively loved you to there and beyond.

You suffered from the mysterious condition known as colic. You cried every night for hours. Your dad and I rocked and held you. Nothing helped. We tried a Nukie. You batted it away. We picked it up from the floor and brushed it off on a clean towel before giving it back, hoping you’d learn to use it. You never did.

When you weren’t distraught, you were joyful in the true sense of the word. You put us through the ringer and came out grinning from ear to ear. You embraced the world and had a curious sense about everything you saw and touched. Your charm won us over.

You are my first son. You showed me adversity makes you stronger, knowledge is power and love knows no bounds. For that, you are my favorite. Do not tell the others, but I have always loved you the best.

My sweet third-born child: I have something important to tell you.

We waited the longest for your arrival; you were a week overdue. I don’t think I would have survived that with the first 2, but with you I experienced a newfound tranquility. I understood what was coming and knew you were worth waiting for.

We were patient waiting for you to join us, and you

have been patient with us ever since. You suffered through 2 toddling siblings who made sure your needs didn’t always get met immediately. You had to wait for your milk, but did so with an overriding calmness. You woke from your naps not crying, but cooing, allowing me a moment to catch my breath before lifting you from the crib.

You had hand-me-down clothes, well-worn parents and maybe a Nukie, on a good day, if we could find it.

My third born, you are stuck in the middle. You are a middle child and our middle son. Still, you compare yourself to no one. You are unique and individual and I adore that about you. It makes you my favorite. Do not tell the others, but I have always loved you the best.

My darling fourth-born child: I have something important to tell you.

Like a good child, you arrived on your due date. Quickly. We were at the hospital nine minutes before you entered the world. Even then, you knew you had to act fast if you wanted to gain any attention in our family. You’ve been working your act ever since.

You suffered through a household filled with motion and commotion. We thought about buying you a Nukie, but let your brothers and sister entertain you instead. Your car seat was carted to games and concerts - all in the name of sibling support. This made you grow up faster and become world smart beyond your years. At moments, you are a 16-year-old in a 9-year-old’s body. At other times, you are my baby, lavishing me with hugs and kisses.

You are full of questions and observations. You are rambunctious and contemplative. You love critters and chaos. You are your own worst critic. You are our clown. You are kind and capable.

You joined a busy family and scrambled to find your place, even though we already had one reserved just for you. Sometimes you compare yourself to your siblings and think you may not be good enough. Don’t worry. You are more than good enough. You are perfect in my eyes and for that you are my favorite. Do not tell the others, but I have always loved you the best.

My children: I have shared my secret with you today. Any mother, if she is honest, admits to having a favorite. The same can be said for me. Now you know the truth; you are mine.

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Jill Pertler, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of “The Do-It-Yourselfer’s Guide to Self-Syndication” is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life page. Email her at [pertmn@qwest.net](mailto:pertmn@qwest.net); or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

## Letters to the Editor

### Cass City fire fighters deserve our gratitude

Last Saturday afternoon my husband and I came upon a fire. Having our friend and her children living next to the burning home, we went to get them out of their house. The Cass City Police had already moved them to a police car, out of danger. After we gathered them, we sadly watched their neighbors’ house burn. I was truly moved, watching the fire department at work, going up on ladders, using chainsaws, going into the burning house with different tools to fight the fire.

I kept thinking these fire fighters are all volunteers - they may have been taking a Saturday afternoon nap, and out they came.

We have great respect for all of you.  
Randy and Sandy Kelley  
Cass City



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

Credit where credit is due. The Chronicle went to press last week before we could determine the name of a second neighbor who tried to awaken the Tom and Barb Dewey Jr. family after fire broke out in the home they were renting on Sixth Street in Cass City.

Tom Dewey set us straight on that bit of information, saying it was Pat Dillon, along with neighbor Mark Stover, who pounded on their door during the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 26, in an effort to alert the family to the blaze that had broken out in their garage and was quickly spreading to their home. Dewey credits both men with saving the lives of his family members.

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The Cass City Public Schools will now be offering updates throughout the year via 2 social networking websites on the Internet. Check them out on Facebook as well as Twitter (@casscityschools).  
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## Nominate a “Star”

The “Celebrating Tuscola’s Stars Committee” is searching for Tuscola area individuals, groups or businesses that have donated time and effort to provide a humanitarian benefit to residents of Tuscola County during the past year.

You may have noticed someone shoveling snow for their neighbor, driving someone to a doctor’s appointment, cooking a meal, or visiting a nursing home. These are just a few simple examples. In addition, we will be honoring an employed individual that has consistently gone “above and beyond” the call of duty. Let’s not leave out our area businesses who help support our communities. Please send in your nomination.

We strongly believe in the value of volunteerism and will honor these “Stars” at a celebration that will be held on Thursday, April 21 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. However, we do need nominations. Just look around you. You may request a form from Susan at (989) 550-8283 or (989) 673-8283, or email her at [susaneawalker@yahoo.com](mailto:susaneawalker@yahoo.com), or Lila Dereen at [ldeeren@tuscolaisd.org](mailto:ldeeren@tuscolaisd.org).


The deadline for submitting requests is March 11. We also invite you to help celebrate the Stars by joining us for breakfast. This event is sponsored by Tuscola County Community Foundation, the Tuscola County Human Services Coordinating Council and Tuscola 2011, Inc. Contact Susan or Lila for a registration form or if you have any questions or would like to help with this event.  
Rose Putnam

Newly-elected 84th District State Rep. Kurt Damrow (R-Port Austin) is making the rounds in the Thumb in an effort to encourage kids to love reading.

Damrow is joining the “March is Reading Month” celebration by reading to students in area elementary schools throughout the month, starting with Caseville, Bad Axe and Laker elementary schools, where he will be giving away free coloring books and bookmarks. “Reading opens new worlds and is vital to a child’s development and academic success. I enjoy the opportunity to visit these classrooms and hope it becomes an annual tradition,” he said.



Teachers who would like Damrow to visit their classrooms are encouraged to contact the lawmaker, who represents Tuscola and Huron counties, at 1-888-254-5284 or by emailing him at: [kurtdamrow@house.mi.gov](mailto:kurtdamrow@house.mi.gov).

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Cass City resident Alex Robles has the pictures to prove it. He claims seeing a bald eagle cruising the airways along the Cass River on River Road. Saw it last year too, says Robles, who dropped by the Chronicle office Friday to share some photographs snapped locally, including the one shown here.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Wednesday, March 9

Spoonfuls of Plenty FREE Community Meal, 4-6 p.m., LeeRoy Clark Building, 435 Green St., Caro. Open to anyone wanting a hot, home-style meal.

Creating Confident Caregivers, 1 p.m., Huron County Senior Center, Nugent Road, Bad Axe. For more information, call Human Development Commission at 800-843-6394.

## Thursday, March 10

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

TEA Party meeting, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-2657.

Caregiver Connection, 3:30 p.m., Country Gardens, Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon. For more information, call Marie at (989) 453-5222.

## Friday, March 11

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

## Saturday, March 12

Community Lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Cass City United Methodist Church, 5100 N. Cemetery Rd. Everyone welcome. Free will offering. For more information, call Connie Schwaderer at (989) 872-2315.

Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Sandusky Maple Valley School, Sandusky. Potluck at 6 p.m. For more information, call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

## Sunday, March 13

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

## Monday, March 14

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. 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, March 15

Al-anon meeting, 7 p.m., St. Francis Parrish, Pigeon.

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

## Wednesday, March 16

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



CASS CITY HIGH School seniors Rob Wolschleger, Channing Langenburg and Justin Ketterer help their team in this problem-solving activity during a recent senior workshop sponsored by Thumb National Bank.



CASS CITY SENIOR Brandon Montgomery (second in line) helps to lead fellow team member Michael Lange (first in line) through the chair maze.

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## Cass City seniors focus on leadership, finances at workshop

With graduation quickly approaching, and the next chapter in life soon beginning, the seniors at Cass City High School recently attended a workshop to help prepare for that next step.

Sponsored by Thumb National Bank, the event offered seniors a wealth of information regarding financial planning, leadership skills, team building, renter's insurance, liability coverage, and building credit. As these young individuals prepare to leave for college or move out on their own, it is essential that they know how to start their life out on the right track.

The speakers touched upon the benefits and pitfalls of credit cards and how credit scores affect everything from renting an apartment to getting a job.

"Most employers are pulling a credit report before hiring workers; if you have a good credit score, it reflects a responsible individual," said Rose Putnam, one of the speakers at the event. Pat Stecker from Thumb Insurance also added information on how credit scores affect how much you pay for insurance. If you have a poor credit score, your insurance premiums will be higher than someone who has good credit," Stecker said, adding, "Individuals with poor credit are more of a risk; if you don't pay your bills, how will we know that you will pay us?"

The conference was not just limited to the financial end of the senior's future.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Marshall and Sgt. Christopher Balvanz from the local U.S. Army Recruiting Center put on a series of interactive activities designed to help the seniors see the importance of working as a team, leading a group, and problem solving.

"Working as a team is critical in the Army," commented Marshall, "You need to be willing to jump in and help out; that's just the Army way."

The group enjoyed the interactive activities of the day. Next year, there are plans to make the workshop even more hands-on.

"There is so much information that we need to make sure our seniors understand before they leave," said Christin Hempton, the coordinator of the event. "Having local business people come in to share their knowledge, and having the sponsorship of Thumb National Bank was great. The support from our businesses is very much appreciated."

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**THE LATEST recipients of the "Red Hawk Award of Excellence" are (from left) Kyle Schneeberger, fourth grade; Kelcie Autry, sixth grade; and Morgan Erla, high school junior.**

# Schneeberger, Autry and Erla honored as Red Hawk recipients

The Cass City Board of Education formally honored the latest recipients of the coveted "Red Hawk Award of Excellence" during a regular monthly meeting last week.

Four times each year, the school building staffs are asked to nominate students for the award in an effort to recognize outstanding leadership, service, behavior and academic performance, as well as most improved and other accomplishments in and outside of school. The award recipients and their families are then invited to a school board meeting to be presented with a maroon ribbon and certificate along with the personal congratulations of each board member.

The following students were honored last week:

\*Campbell Elementary School teacher Lisa Green nominate fourth grade student Kyle Schneeberger, son of Jalaine Schneeberger and the late Steve Schneeberger.

"Kyle faithfully demonstrates the qualities that are expected of a Campbell Elementary Red Hawk," Green said. "He is soaring through fourth grade. He always shows respect for his classmates and teachers. He continually displays outstanding effort in the classroom. He also shows this effort in play sports with his classmates.

"Without a doubt, he is always honest," Green added. "Most notable are his efforts at responsibility. Kyle is continually working to better himself in all school aspects. Recently, Kyle mentioned that he was going to step it up and asked if he could do more in my classroom, and he surely has.

"He reads every chance he gets and has plowed through the first 3 sets of multiplication facts with gusto," she said. "I appreciate his attitude and I appreciate him. Kyle, and many other students like him, make Campbell Elementary a wonderful place to be."

\*At the middle school, the teaching team selected sixth grade student Kelcie Autry for the award. She is the daughter of Jaclyn Barton and Caleb Beck.

"Kelcie is a strong, positive leader in her classes. She consistently demonstrates the behavior expectations of Cass City Public Schools on a daily basis. Kelcie is a trustworthy student who understands the importance of honesty and integrity," the team wrote in its nomination letter.

"Kelcie demonstrates responsibility

by turning her work in on time and completing it to the best of her ability. (She) uses her class time wisely to finish her work. She takes her job as a student council representative very seriously," the team wrote. "Kelcie delivers important information to the rest of her class. Responsibility is a key to her success in school.

"Kelcie (also) exhibits a strong work ethic. She doesn't quit if she initially doesn't understand an assignment or concept. She will ask questions or seek assistance until she is confident she knows the material. It is important to her to always give her best effort. When other students are struggling on an assignment, Kelcie will demonstrate kindness and caring by volunteering to help them.

"Finally, Kelcie shows respect to her fellow students and the staff in our school. She treats her classmates in the same manner that she would like to be treated. Respect is a characteristic that the other students see in Kelcie on a consistent basis."

\*The latest Red Hawk award recipient at the high school is junior Morgan Erla, son of Chuck and Michelle Erla.

"As the student council advisor, I have had the opportunity to work with Morgan and observe his leadership skills over the past few years," said teacher Nichole Maurer, who nominate Erla. "Serving on numerous committees, Morgan has stepped up and taken on the responsibility of various leadership roles over the past few years. For the current school year, Morgan most recently serves as the elections chair for snowcoming. As with previous committee involvement, Morgan effectively managed his committee for another successful outcome.

"In addition to student council, I have also had the opportunity of having Morgan as a student in my classroom," Maurer said. "Morgan's strong work ethic, organization and integrity in the classroom make him a great role model for his peers. Not only does he show the utmost respect for the staff and his fellow classmates, Morgan is also a very dependable individual.

"Regardless of the situation," Maurer said, "Morgan always has a positive attitude and clearly demonstrates the 6 pillars of citizenship. It has been a privilege working with (him) over the past few years, and I feel he is a very worthy candidate for this award."

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



## 5 YEARS AGO

Barb Graff's talent and love of singing landed her the lead role in the upcoming musical, "Always...Patsy Cline," which is being presented by the Thumb Area Center for the Arts. Graff, a Caro native who has taught in Cass City for the past 6 years, said she has been singing most of her life and has performed at a few benefit concerts in Cass City and Caro. "It's just for fun. This is only my third play," said Graff, who indicated her students know about her love of singing. Cass City volleyball coach Beth Howard knew something about how her young spikers felt Saturday after securing the school's first district title in 29 years. With relative ease, the Red Hawks captured the Class B district title in Birch Run by downing both Tri-Valley East foes Caro and Frankenmuth in straight games. Team members are Carly Howard, Ashley Hendrick, Sara Meeker, Courtney Rabideau, Amanda Langenburg, Emily Schinnerer, Ashleigh Rabideau, Maddie Dooley, Lauren Dillon and Sara Howard.

The Cass City High School Forensics Team traveled to Grayling Saturday for its annual Forensics Tournament. The Red Hawks traveled with 5 entries. Cass City was champion in its division, scoring 4 times as many points as its closest competitor. Individually, Kurt Hanby finished first in Storytelling and Kyle Swanson finished first in Sales. Finishing second was Sarah Langmaid in Sales. Courtney Hacker finished third in storytelling and Brittany Loomis finished 6<sup>th</sup> in Oratory 9/10.

## 10 YEARS AGO

Maybe after the season is long over, Cass City's Greater Thumb West championship team will have time to appreciate the school's first league championship, but today that's something for the memory book. To be recalled with pride along with a strand of the basket that each of the jubilant team members cut as tokens of the title-winning season. The Hawks won the title with an easy 72-54 decision over visiting Saginaw Valley Lutheran Seminary that wasn't even as close as the final score indicates. Cass City easily won the rebounding battle, 45-27, led by Emmert with 15 boards. He also had 21 points, 5 steals and 3 assists. Zach Glaspie scored 14 points with 3 steals and Joel Brinkman had 11 points and 3 steals. Nathan Brinkman was in double figures with 10 points. Jeff Storm had 8 rebounds and 7 points.

Providing as much or more excitement for Hawk fans in the win over the Chargers was Craig Emmert's successful assault on the shot-block-

ing record for the state. Emmert passed the mark set by Chris Kaman (297) with 6 blocks to bring his total to 299. Fittingly enough, the block that set the record was a pretty effort that took a cinch fast break lay-up hoop away from Valley Lutheran. Emmert also moved into second place in career scoring. With 1,231 points, he trails only Paul Ulfig's 1,454. Ulfig's mark was set in 3 varsity years as was Clarke Haire's (1,156 points), the player that the talented Emmert replaced in the career scoring derby, Scott Hartel, 1,054 points, is in fourth place.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Cass City had a 9% voter turnout for Monday's elections. Village president is Republican Larry L. Davis, lone candidate for the position. He received 65 votes. Also unopposed and elected as clerk and treasurer, was Republican Joyce LaRoche with 67 and 68 votes respectively, and assessor is Republican David Erla with 66 votes. The 3 trustees are Republicans Elwyn Helwig with 64 votes, Dorothy Stahlbaum with 64 votes and K. Michael Weaver received 63 votes. A total of 68 voted.

The prospective Lake Huron Chapter of the Sweet Adelines has just received word that they have passed the chapter's musical evaluation, which puts them one step closer to becoming an official Sweet Adeline Chapter, a non-profit organization of women who sing 4-part barbershop harmony. Sweet Adeline members are Charlotte Dutcher, Deb Laity, Ann Gorney, Cathy Sullivan, Joanne Beachy, Betty Gay, Beverly Houghton, Nancy Learman, Assistant Director Peg Hartman, Mary Lou Fluegge, Joan Heron, Connie Kwasnik, Lila Arroyo, Lynn Law, Director Marian Rathje, Karen Novack, Marie Alexander, Loraine Fluegge, Marie Raveland and Nancy McKimmy.

## 50 YEARS AGO

It was more of an exhibition than a basketball game as a rangy, clever Brinker basketball team from Saginaw toyed with local all stars to record a 130-75 victory Saturday at Cass City High School. A surprisingly good crowd watched local stars of former years battle against Brinker, which has been undefeated for two years. Cass City used every member of the all-star team at regular intervals. Clare Comment and John Meininger scored 11 points each and Jim Johnson picked up 10 for Cass City. Dick Yates whipped in 35 points to lead the Saginaw five.

We were one of the many who were turned away from the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port and Vassar game

Friday because of the capacity crowd. Rightfully feeling a little smug, we suspect, was M.B. Auten who called to report that he saw the game from the press box at the new gym even though he started for the game after we did. Of course, we would have bet that he'd get in if anyone asked us. We regard Meredith as the best salesman we have ever met. (From The Editor's Corner)

There hasn't been too much enforcement of the parking laws in Cass City in the last 10 years, as everyone knows. (And this is no reflection on the Cass City Police Department, which follows orders.) However, the council last week decided to crack down and Chief Wood started out marking tires. It was a new procedure to many. One lady resident of the community saw our police chief walking down the street with the long stick with the chalk on the end and asked her husband, "what Bill was doing going around with a yardstick measuring all of the tires of cars in town?" (From The Editor's Corner)

## 100 YEARS AGO

At a meeting of Cass City Lodge, I. O. O. F., Wednesday evening, the members of the society instructed the board of trustees to purchase the Cement Block on the corner of Main and Oak streets at the cost of \$4,000. The lodge trustees and the owners of the building, Mrs. John Henderson, and daughter, Miss Lura DeWitt, expected to draw up the necessary papers and make the transfer of the property yesterday afternoon.

Alfred Genereaux and Roy Durkee, both employees of the Cass City Milling Co., were injured Wednesday afternoon by falling from a dray to the cement crosswalk near the mill. Both struck the pavement with much force, Mr. Genereaux, being unconscious for some time after the accident and Mr. Durkee being in a dazed condition for a considerable time. Both men had stepped on to Andrew Schmidt's dray as he was about to start from the roller mill to the feed mill. In some way, they lost their balance when the team started and fell from the end of the dray. They lay side by side on the walk when they were picked up by those who witnessed the accident. Both are confined to their homes by their injuries.

Frieburgers: Stephen Peter is on the mend, after having a tassel with the gripe. - Albert Schiestal and family and Charles Meddaugh and family were guests of Stephen Peter's Sunday. - You ought to call at David Meddaugh's barber shop in Argyle. It is up to date in every respect. - Dr. McNaughton was a pleasant caller in our vicinity Monday.

# Cass City Area Church Directory

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

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

**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2604 or (989) 912-2077  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study -  
& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Jerry Harrington  
Associate Pastor: Judy A. Esckilsen

**Cass City Missionary Church**  
4449 Koeppgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-2729  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Phil Burkett  
www.casscitymc.org

**Cass City United Methodist Church**  
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,  
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3422  
Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)  
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.  
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)  
Pastor: Rev. Jackie Roe

**Evangelical Free Church of Cass City**  
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5060  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Midweek Bible Studies  
Biblical Counseling  
Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould  
www.casscityefc.org

**First Baptist Church  
(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 & 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

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Barrier Free  
State & National Historical Registry  
6505 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-5400  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-2770  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Randall Russell

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
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 & Sunday Evening -  
Services 6:00 p.m.  
Ministers: Brad Gniewek & Brad Speirs  
Visit our website at: www.novestachurch.org

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

**St. Pancratius Catholic Church**  
4292 S. Seeger St., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3336  
Saturday Liturgy 4:00 p.m.  
Pastor: David G. Hill  
Pastoral Administrator:  
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# Rebuilding Together - Tuscola County looking for homes to fix

Rebuilding Together - Tuscola County is looking for homes to work on this year.

To be eligible for consideration, a home must be occupied by the owner, property taxes and insurance must be up-to-date, and the owner must meet certain income eligibility guidelines.

Typical work done on selected homes may include painting, cleaning, minor window/door upgrades, minor plumbing work and yard clean up. There is no charge to the homeowner for the work done on their house.

The 2011 work date is set for July 9, when volunteers from across the county will pull together to tackle the chores lined up for the day. Some major tasks may be started beforehand, or may be completed after the project date, but most of the work will be completed in one day.

To apply for assistance, to refer someone else's home for repairs, or to volunteer your time and talents, contact board member Julia DeGuise

at (989) 672-1723 or (989) 672-6352. Applications must be turned in

by April 1 to be considered for this year's projects.

## TSC raising money for Tuscola County 4-Hers

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) has joined 4-H in support of local youth with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign held each spring and fall.

This is a national in-store fundraising effort to benefit state and local 4-H programming in each of the communities where a Tractor Supply Company store is located.

The 2010 Fall Paper Clover Campaign that was held in November was met with great success. Michigan had the highest transactions of Paper Clover donations nationally. The TSC store in Caro had the highest donations in the state, with a total of \$1,047 being raised through its employees' dedi-

cation and hard work.

All funds raised through the TSC Paper Clover Campaign will be donated to 4-H to support local 4-H youth development programs and activities in Tuscola County.

The Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign kicks off again April 14-25. You can support Tuscola County 4-H youth as they explore a world of possibilities by purchasing a paper clover for just a dollar at the check-out of Tractor Supply Company's Caro location.

4-H is a community of 6 million young people across America learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Since 1902, 4-H has provided youth across America with hands-on programs, projects and activities that build valuable life skills and memories to last a lifetime. From agricultural and animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, renewable energy and computer science; 4-H offers a wide variety of opportunities for youth to learn and grow. Whether they are getting ready for the world dairy expo or a national robotics competition; today's 4-H youth are hard at work preparing for what lies ahead.

You can learn more about 4-H by calling Tuscola County MSU Extension at (989) 672-3870.

## Families sought for exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Program officials are seeking local host families for boys and girls from a variety of countries around the world.

These students are 15 to 18 years of age and are coming to the area for the upcoming high school year or semester, according to Gail Smith of Cass City, who serves with ASSE's Eastern Michigan Area Office.

"They are personable and academically selected, have good English, are bright, curious and anxious to learn about the USA by living as part of your family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with you," Smith said.

"The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins, and return at the end of the school year or semester," she explained. "Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles."

Smith said the students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the young person of their choice from an extensive list of student applications, family photos and biographical essays.

To become a host family or to learn more about how to become involved with ASSE in the community, contact Smith at (989) 872-3121 or the ASSE Eastern Regional Office at 1-800-677-2773.

ASSE International (formerly the American Scandinavian Student Exchange) is a non-profit, tax-exempt public benefit organization. ASSE is officially designated as an exchange visitor program by the U.S. Department of State, was founded by the Swedish National Department of Education, and cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and the New Zealand Ministry of Education.

## Correction

There were 2 errors in a story printed in the last issue of the Chronicle regarding a house fire on Sixth Street in Cass City. The address was 6406 Sixth St., not 6402 Sixth St., and the renters' names are Tom and Barb Dewey, not Tom and Deb Dewey. The Chronicle regrets the errors.

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# Obituaries

## Beverly Ball

Beverly Verne Ball, 80, of National City, formerly of Mio, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Rolling Acres Home, East Tawas.

She was born Aug. 13, 1930 in Lake Orion, the daughter of the late Edward and Ethel (Voss) Kowalsky.

She married Elmer Ball April 16, 1955 in Pontiac. He passed away Nov. 26, 2005.

Beverly worked in accounting for Pontiac State Bank. She also owned and operated with Elmer, the B-Line Charter Bus Company in Keego Harbor, for over 30 years.

Beverly is survived by her stepchildren: Robert Ball of California, Ronald (Judith) Ball of National City and Karen (Larry) Eaton of Flushing; 10 step-grandchildren; 11 step-great grandchildren; and 3 sisters: Mavis Wilson of Fairview, Justine Lamb of Arizona and Adrian (Dick) Kerby of California.

Funeral services were held today (Wednesday) at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Scott Mills officiating.

Burial will be in the spring in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Juanita Burk

Juanita Pearl Burk, 82, of Cass City, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 3, 2011 in Satchell's Christian Retirement Home, Caro.

She was born July 2, 1928 in Florida, the daughter of Lathan and Ruby Pearl (MacClain) Barfield.

She married Alvin Robert "Fin" Burk Feb. 22, 1947 in Bowling Green, Ohio. He died May 20, 2002.

Juanita worked as a secretary on a military base and met her husband there. She worked for a few years for Bauer Candy Company at their Cass City distribution site. Juanita retired from Cass City Community Schools after working as the secretary at Campbell Elementary School for nearly 35 years. She was a longtime member of Shabbona United Methodist Church. After moving into Cass City, Juanita began attending Cass City United Methodist Church with her dear friend, Dorothy Knight. Juanita and Fin were members of many area square dance clubs. She enjoyed square dancing, clogging, sewing and knitting.

Juanita is survived by her children: Alvin (Kathy) Burk of California, David L. (Charlene) Burk of Delton, James (Rose) Burk of Cass City, Ruby Burk of Decker, and Diane Burk of Grand Rapids; special friend, Dorothy Knight of Cass City; grandchildren: Alvin R. Burk III, Kat (Corey) Miller, Michael (Kathy) Russell, Rebecca (Chad) Farley, Angie (Dale) Truemner, Matthew (Kira) Ramsey, Amy Burk, Allen (Tammy) Burk, Maura Burg, Thomas Ramsey, Kimberly Ramsey, and Corey Edwardson; 16 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ona Barfield of Kissimmee, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 8, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Jackie Roe of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was in the Evergreen Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial Library or Cass City United Methodist Church.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Gilbert Freeman

Gilbert Leroy Freeman, 80, of Deford, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at his home.

He was born Feb. 25, 1931 and reaching 80 became the strength he needed to overcome the obstacles presented to him in the last 5 years of his life.

He married Ruth Phillips March 19, 1952.

Gil managed with dignity to maintain his life to celebrate his 80th birthday Saturday, Feb. 26 with his family and hospice nurse. This was a very happy occasion for all. He had a very good day and many left with seeing a smile and a laugh from Gil, along with a hug and a thank-you.

Gil grew up and lived his whole life in the Deford area.

Gilbert served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954, serving in

Germany. He retired from the Cass City School system in 1989, having worked as a custodian and bus driver at the Deford School. He loved spending time fishing, hunting and talking with friends.

Gilbert is survived by his wife, Ruth; children: Terri (Kenneth) Graichen of Deford, Debra Parker and companion Irv Thume of Deford, Rebecca (Sam) Spencer of Deford, Penny (Mishel) Ashtary of Fort Wayne, Ind., Holly (John) Binder of Caro and Gilbert H. Freeman of Deford; a brother, Donald (Margaret) Freeman of Alger; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sisters: Trellis Borek and Jackie Dibble; and a brother, Alfred Freeman.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service and burial will take place at a later date.

Friends may share an online condolence at [www.thabetfuneralhome.com](http://www.thabetfuneralhome.com).

Memorials may be made to Covenant Visiting Nurse Association of Saginaw, 500 S. Hamilton, Saginaw, MI 48602, or online at [www.vnna.org](http://www.vnna.org).

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Shirley Hack

Shirley J. Hack, 70, of Caro, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, March 5, 2011 at her residence.

She was born Jan. 23, 1941 in Pine Township, the daughter of the late Bert and Agnes (Hissong) Kill.

She married James "Pete" Hack March 14, 1959 in Caro. He passed away June 25, 2008.

Shirley worked for 35 years for Walbro in Caro. She enjoyed crocheting and playing Jewel Quest, and time with her family, especially her husband, her grandchildren and her great grandson.

Shirley is survived by a daughter, Ginger (Kenneth) Wonnacott of Caro; a son, Alan Hack of Roscommon; grandchildren: James Wonnacott, Liana Campbell, Andrew, Dustin and Dylon Wonnacott, Megan Lester, Troy Hack and Tommy Hack; a great-grandson, Parkyr Campbell; and sisters: Betty Ellis and June (Charlie) Clark.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, James Dean Hack; and 2 brothers, Albert and Frank Kill.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 10, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. Kyle Eberliene officiating.

Honoring Shirley's wishes, cremation will follow. Burial will be in Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

## Stephen Tesho

Stephen Andrew "Chum" Tesho, Jr., 89, of Bridgeport, formerly of Cass City, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011 in Tendercare Frankenmuth.

He was born Aug. 28, 1921 in Cass City, the son of Steve and Laura (Muntz) Tesho.

He married Dorothy Maxine Darling March 9, 1946 in Marlette.

Chum served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. He was stationed in the South Pacific working on aircraft that had been damaged during battle. Chum worked as a heavy equipment operator for various companies. He enjoyed traveling, working in his yard and wood-working. He grew beautiful roses.

Chum is survived by his wife, Dorothy Tesho; a daughter, Jeanne (David) Scott of Saginaw; grandchildren: Staci (Mark) Henning and Christine (Mario) Enciso; great-granddaughters: Carlie and Olivia; sisters-in-law: Doris Karr of Cass City and Marie Stickle of Cassopolis; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Joseph Darling.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 2, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Guy Bennett officiating.

Interment was in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Notice of  
**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
for **Ellington Township** will be held  
**March 14, 2011** 1:30-4:30 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.  
**March 15, 2011** 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 1-4:30 p.m.

*Tentative Equalization Factor:*

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.0386	48.14
Commercial	0.9206	54.31
Industrial	1.1876	42.10
Personal	1.0000	50.00
Residential	0.8684	57.58

**Ellington Township Hall - 2791 E. Caro Rd.**  
**Duane Lockwood, Supervisor**

**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
for **Elmwood Township**  
Will Be Held  
**Monday, March 14, 2011** 3-9 p.m.  
**Thursday, March 17, 2011** 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.  
**Elmwood Twp. Hall, 6437 Lincoln St., Gagetown**

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and equalize the 2011 assessments.

*Tentative Equalization Factor*

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	47.38%	1.0553
Commercial	50.15%	0.9970
Industrial	46.59%	1.0732
Residential	51.14%	0.9777
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

The township will provide necessary reasonable service to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review Meeting upon 3 days notice.  
*Christopher Graff, 989-872-3906*

Notice of **BOARD OF REVIEW**  
for **Evergreen Township**  
Will Be Held  
**Thurs., March 17, 2011** 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Friday, March 18, 2011** 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

*Tentative Equalization Factor*

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	45.86%	1.09028
Commercial	40.25%	1.24223
Residential	52.72%	0.94841

**Evergreen Township Hall**  
**5514 Shabbona Rd., Shabbona**  
**Audrey Leslie, Supervisor**

**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
for **Greenleaf Township**  
Will Be Held  
**Monday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.**  
To present roll. No public protest heard.  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2011** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2-4 p.m.  
**Thursday, March 17, 2011** 2-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.  
**Greenleaf Twp. Hall on Gilbert Rd., 2 miles north of Cass City Rd.**

Taxpayers may appeal assessments at either of the last two meetings or by mail to Judy Doerr, Clerk, at 7381 Germania Rd., Uby, MI 48475

*Tentative Equalization Factor*

Class	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	53.29%	0.938262
Commercial	54.83%	0.911910
Industrial	37.23%	1.343003
Residential	60.40%	0.827815
Personal Property	50.00%	1.000000

The township will provide necessary reasonable service to individuals with Disabilities at the Board of Review Meeting upon 3 days notice to clerk.  
*Judy Doerr, Clerk 989-658-8625*

Notice of  
**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
for **Novesta Township** will be held  
**March 14, 2011** 9 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m.  
**March 15, 2011** 1-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.

*Tentative Equalization Factor:*

	Multiplier	Ratio
Residential	0.8338	59.97
Agricultural	0.8439	59.25
Commercial	1.0002	49.99
Personal	1.0000	50.00

**Cass City Gun Club, 2676 N. Englehart Rd., Cass City**  
**Joann Tauber, Clerk/Assessor**

Reporter's notebook

# My wife's a better driver. However...

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

I'll admit my wife is probably a better driver than I am.

However, in the 25 years or so we've lived in the Cass City area, she's finally accomplished something I never have; she earned herself a parking ticket in town.

Actually, it wasn't completely her fault. After having a vehicle repaired recently, she picked her car up from a shop in the village and left mine parked nearby overnight after being told the vehicle would be just fine. But, she unknowingly violated a local ordinance prohibiting parking on streets at certain hours during the winter months so that the DPW workers can clear snow from the roads.

I left her \$15 ticket on the kitchen table and waited for her to see it. You know, so I could grin and rub it in a little when she saw it.

Didn't bother her a bit, even though I've never earned myself a parking ticket.

I also never got into an accident while learning how to drive. She was involved in 2 during her early years of learning how to master the road — many, many years ago. She still didn't get a ticket, but excuse me while I snicker for just a moment...

As I understand it, on her first attempt at driving, under the guidance of her driver's education instructor, she was on a 4-lane road and was behind a vehicle that was going to turn left. Her instructor told her to pull around him on the right lane, which she did V-E-R-Y S-L-O-W-L-Y. In the meantime, another driver behind her got impatient and attempted to pass her, resulting in her sideswiping his car.

I guess that wasn't her fault, considering it was her first time behind the wheel.

After she earned her learner's permit (somehow), she backed into a white Corvette, during a snowstorm, in a church parking lot, no less. The young owner was not pleased, considering what that sort of impact can do to a fiberglass Corvette body.

Snicker. Now, in all fairness, she's only been stopped one time since, and that was because a headlight was out.

I, on the other hand, have a virtually spotless driving record. Okay, so there was one accident many years ago in which, on my birthday, I backed out of our driveway and inadvertently struck a large van as it passed by. The only vehicle damaged was mine, and former longtime Tuscola County Sheriff's

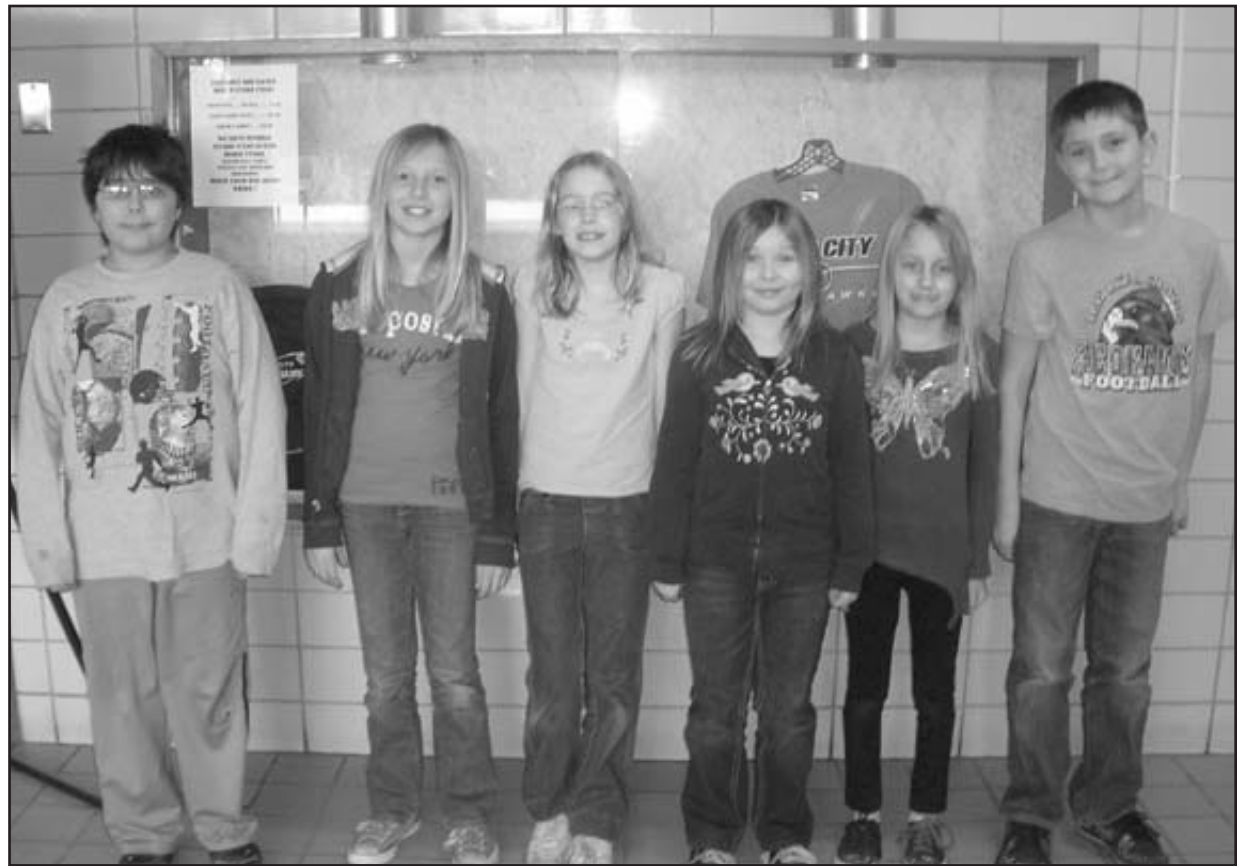
Deputy Jim Compo issued me a ticket. I guess I can see where he might have misunderstood the circumstances...ahem.

And I might have been pulled over for speeding once. But hey, the writing on those speed zone signs is pretty small. Even if I had been paying attention, I probably couldn't have read that I was supposed to be driving 35 miles per hour.

Okay, okay. But, some 22 years ago, I was headed for Bad Axe, very pregnant wife — in labor — seated next to me, and a police officer stopped me for having only one headlight (I had borrowed by mother-in-law's car, because someone forgot to fuel up our vehicle as he had been reminded to time after time). I explained the circumstance to the officer, and he basically scoffed. He also took his time, making sure I wasn't a hardened criminal on the way to my next bank job.

Fine, I whispered under my breath; feel like delivering a baby tonight, officer?

I knew I should have let Deb drive.



CASS CITY FOURTH grade students at Campbell Elementary School recently participated in a spelling bee, with the winners slated to compete in the annual Tuscola County Spelling Bee Thursday, March 17, in Vassar. Pictured above are (from left) Shane Hoppe (winner), Kacey Haire (alternate), Kayla Koepf (alternate), Alyson Walsh (winner), Lexi Crase (winner) and Zackary Beecher (alternate).

## New program allows drivers to avoid points on their licenses

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced last week that a new state program that allows some Michigan drivers to avoid points for minor traffic violations by taking an online Basic Driver Improvement Course is up and running.

## Tech-based industries to benefit from legislation

Information and agricultural processing technology-based industries are eligible to participate in the Michigan 21st Century Jobs Fund under legislation recently approved in the state Senate.

Sponsored by Sen. Mike Green (R-Mayville), Senate Bill 144 will amend the Michigan Strategic Fund Act and expand the definition of "Competitive Edge Technology" to include information and agricultural processing technology. The measure also adds a significant "catch-all" provision to include any other innovative technology.

"This legislation will encourage economic growth in Michigan agriculture and the information technology sector," said Green. "It also greatly expands the focus of the 21st Century Jobs Fund, sending a message to all innovators and entrepreneurs here in Michigan and across the nation that we're ready to do business."

During his State of the State address in January, Gov. Rick Snyder called on legislators to expand the 21st Century Jobs Fund to include the agriculture industry, which represents a significant portion of the state's economy and is one of its few industries experiencing growth.

Green stated that a significant percentage of all agriculture commodities produced in Michigan are sent out of state to be processed, only to be returned to the state as a final product for consumers.

"Michigan needs to decrease our dependence on out-of-state food processors. What's produced in Michigan should be processed in Michigan," Green said. "But we also need to open our door to all innovators, not just those from a few, select industries. This legislation does exactly that."

SB 144, which received unanimous support, now goes to the state House of Representatives for consideration.

Under a state law that became effective Dec. 31, 2010, motorists ticketed for offenses such as speeding, improper passing or disobeying a stop sign may qualify to have points from the citation kept from going on their driving record by completing a course and paying court fines and costs. Only those who meet several restrictions will receive notification of eligibility to participate in the program from the Department of State.

The first notices to eligible drivers were mailed last month, Johnson said, and they have the option of taking a course online or in a classroom. There are currently 10 course providers approved by the state that offer the required defensive driving curriculum.

"This program offers a strong incentive to those who have received a traffic violation to improve their skills and become safer drivers," Johnson said. "It gives them the pointers they need and takes away the points they don't."

"These drivers are still being held accountable, but in a way that safeguards against future violations," Johnson added.

Eligible drivers have 60 days to arrange for and pass the course and may retake it as many times as necessary within that time. The provider electronically notifies the Secretary of State whether drivers pass or fail. If they ultimately do not pass, the points go on their record. If they pass, the Department of State will not add any points.

The fee for the course is determined by the provider, with the total not to exceed \$100. Drivers are still

responsible for paying fines and court costs involved in the traffic violation. The course may only be used once to avoid points.

A driver is not eligible if he or she:

- is in the 60-day period of course eligibility for a previous ticket.
- has already avoided points under the program.
- has a restricted, suspended or revoked license or was not issued a Michigan license.
- has 3 or more points on his or her record.
- held a commercial driver license or was operating a commercial vehicle at the time of the ticket.
- received a ticket that is not eligible for the program.

The law, sponsored by Sen. John Pappageorge (R-Troy), also requires an approved sponsor to conduct a study every 5 years measuring the effectiveness the successful completion of the course has in reducing collisions and moving violations. The Secretary of State must then report those findings to the Legislature.

For more information about the Basic Driver Improvement Course program as well as branch office locations and services, visit the Secretary of State website ([www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos)) and sign up for official Secretary of State Twitter feeds ([www.twitter.com/Michsos](http://www.twitter.com/Michsos)) and Facebook updates ([www.facebook.com/Michigansos](http://www.facebook.com/Michigansos)).

Customers also may call the Department of State Information Center to speak to a customer-service representative at (888) SOS-MICH (767-6424).

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**Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

at the Elkland Township Fire Hall

6691 Church St., Cass City

**Ed LaBelle**  
Elkland Township Clerk

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**SANILAC COUNTY Sheriff's Deputy Josh Horst "enjoys" a cool dip during a 2-hour training session on ice rescue techniques under the guidance of personnel from the Coast Guard Station in Harbor Beach.**

# Sanilac County deputies set to respond and rescue

Sanilac County Sheriff's Department deputies recently braved the cold to learn about ice rescue techniques during 2 days of training under the guidance of instructors from the Coast Guard Station in Harbor Beach.

"Areas of instruction included identifying signs of weak ice, techniques for transitioning on ice, self-help rescue techniques, (and) techniques for 'reaching, throwing and then going,'" Sanilac County Sheriff Garry Biniecki said. "Deputies used protective suits during the training and were utilized as both victims and rescuers.

"I was impressed," Biniecki added. "It was over 30 years ago when I went through this type of training and we did a lot of improvising back then. They now use all state-of-the-art equipment. I know we will now be

better prepared to venture onto the ice with proper equipment to assist the victims of ice-related accidents."

Biniecki lauded Coast Guard State Chief Scott Cichoracki and instruc-

tors Edward Perrault, Vincent Reyes, Brian Garney and Carl Komorosky "for their effort put forth...to properly train our staff so a life may be saved, including our own."

## Owen-Gage to stay with part-time superintendent

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time superintendent and a teacher who would serve as a half-time K-12 principal.

Owen-Gage School officials previously engaged in discussions to share a superintendent with the North Huron and Port Hope schools. However, North Huron officials opted to continue discussions with the Port Hope Schools alone, and ultimately decided to hire its own, part-time superintendent.

The Owen-Gage Board of Education also followed that path following the resignation of Compton, hiring Drury, a retired, experienced educator and administrator who served the Laker School District for many years.

Under Drury's leadership, Owen-Gage shed its "deficit-spending school district" status, although the school has very little in the way of a fund balance. The district also recently inked a new, 2-year union contract with teachers after just 3 negotiation sessions. Drury was quick to credit union members, citing their willingness to sacrifice

given Owen-Gage's current financial situation.

Drury has also orchestrated the beginnings of a bond issue campaign in an effort to enable the district to fund up to \$1 million worth of capital improvements, including replacement of a boiler along with unit ventilators in several classrooms, roof repairs, replacement of hallway and classroom lighting, interior and exterior painting, and technology upgrades.

School officials have not yet decided whether to seek a bond issue or to establish a sinking fund to pay for the work — both would require voter approval.

In other business during last week's rescheduled meeting, the board named Julie Good as the district's nominee for the honor of "Friend of Youth" at the annual Thumb Meet of Champions in Caro this spring.

"She has been a volunteer at this school nearly this entire year," Falkenberg said of Good. "She tutors at the high school in the area of math 4 to 5 days a week. She's been really involved in the school, and it's very nice to have that. We are very fortunate to have her."



**USE OF A VERSATILE rescue rapid deployment craft was also demonstrated during the ice rescue training session for deputies. "I was impressed," Sheriff Garry Biniecki commented. "It was over 30 years ago when I went through this type of training and we did a lot of improvising back then. They now use all state-of-the-art equipment."**

## Snover church gearing up for huge book sale

There will be a book sale Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Heritage United Methodist Church (HUMC) in Snover.

More than 4,000 books will be available, all from private collections. The sale will be held in the gymnasium of the church, and refreshments will be offered at a low cost. This is a fundraiser for the youth of HUMC.

The sale will feature books in many categories including children's books, educational resources, vintage and collectible, general fiction and non-fiction, spirituality and religion, gift books and more.

The book sale is an opportunity for anyone interested in educational resources for early elementary through middle school grades. Many of the children's books are hardcovers with dust jacket picture books in excellent condition. Curriculum and

supplemental materials are available at various levels along with classics and some of the best books ever written.

A small collection of specially marked books will be clearly marked for those who are interested. However, the majority of books will sell for 50 cents to \$2.

The doors will open promptly at 9 a.m. Payment by cash or checks drawn on local banks are welcome. There will be no credit card or debit sales.

For more information, call the church office at (810) 672-9101. The church address is 3329 Snover Rd., Snover. Snover Road is 3 miles north of M-46 on M-19; then 1 1/4 miles west on Snover Rd. M-19 is 8 miles east of M-53 (Van Dyke) on M-46. Heritage UMC is 11 miles from Sandusky and 15 miles from Marlette.

## Mandich a queen finalist

Lauren B. Mandich, daughter of Mike and Angie Mandich of Gagetown, has been selected a finalist for Michigan's 31st annual Homecoming Queen selection to be held April 9 and 10 at the Radisson Lansing in Lansing. Mandich is the Owen-Gage High School homecoming queen.

Michigan's 2011 Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an all expense paid trip to the national finals to compete with queens from the other states for the title of "America's Homecoming Queen." America's Homecoming Queen, Inc. is a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel, and community service in all 50 states. Mandich will also be competing for the title of Michigan's "Favorite Homecoming Queen." You can vote for her at Michigan's Homecoming Queen at [www.americashomecomingqueen.com](http://www.americashomecomingqueen.com).

## Cass City Campbell Elementary

### Kindergarten Round-Up 2011



Tuesday, March 29

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30

5:30-6:30 p.m.

at the Early Childhood Center

### Cass City's 3 & 4 Year Old Preschool

Sessions are 9-11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
A daily snack will be provided, and a CERTIFIED teacher will be teaching research-based curriculum.  
For more information, call (989) 912-1811.

Cass City offers **ALL DAY** kindergarten as well as half-day Young 4 & 5 Programs. Latchkey Programs will also be offered for the 11-12 school year from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Cass City's Day Care Service

offers daily lunches, along with a wide variety of hours to meet your schedule. Applications are available online at [www.casscityschools.org](http://www.casscityschools.org).

Campbell Elementary School offers a full library to help broaden your child's horizons. The Playscape & playgrounds offer students a secured area to have fun away from the classroom.

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## Ubyly moves on with 58-39 victory



UBLY ERIC BOOMS is guarded by Cass City's Cody Orban in Monday's Class C District opener. (Right) Red Hawk Cameron Dunnuck attempts to back down Bearcat Josh White.



Cass City gave favorite Ubyly all they could handle for more than 3 quarters Monday night before bowing in the opening round of Class C boys' basketball district play.

Although the Bearcats advanced into tonight's semifinal action in Harbor Beach with a 58-39 decision, where they will meet the hosts in a much anticipated contest between Greater Thumb East heavyweights, the final score wasn't indicative of the struggles the eventual winners had ending the Red Hawks' season.

After surrendering 70+ points in Cass City's final 2 regular season games, both losses, Coach Jim Green's squad was able to slow down the pace against the Bearcats to kick off March Madness.

The result was a back-and-forth contest until Ubyly turned up their defensive intensity in the final 8 minutes. Leading just 35-33 entering the closing frame, the Bearcats went on a 13-2 run to dash the upset hopes of Cass City.

After Ubyly leaped out to a 7-3 early margin, Cass City fought back to gain a 11-10 lead entering the second quarter. Part of Cass City's success can be attributed to their defense on Ubyly's Marshall Leipprandt, the

Please turn to page 10.

## Cass City ends regular season with poor defensive efforts

If Cass City hopes to make any sort of an extended tournament run this week during Class C district action something needs to change.

And after bowing in a couple of high scoring affairs to wrap up the regular season, it seems those adjustments lie with the Red Hawk defense.

Coach Jim Green's squad closed out their pre-tournament season

Thursday suffering a disappointing 77-73 setback in Greater Thumb West play to host Bad Axe. The loss to the GTW cellar-dweller followed a similar showing Tuesday against visiting Reese. The Rockets netted 46 second half points en route to a 74-63 decision.

And for Cass City, which has struggled to put points on the scoreboard this year, that's too many points to

surrender if they hope to be victorious. In the team's last 7 games, the Red Hawks have averaged just 50 points per game. They won just once since whipping the Hatchets, 64-37, in early February.

"Our defense was a disappointment last week, we gave up too many uncontested looks and Bad Axe and Reese capitalized," Green said

In the GTW finale for both schools, the Hatchets tallied 22 points in both opening half quarters to lead 44-32 at the intermission.

The hosts connected on 4 treys in the opening 8 minutes and built a 22-9 advantage, only to see Cass City climb back into contention with an 18-11 run to kick off the final half.

The visitors, however, appeared to fall in love with shots from behind the 3-point arc. Despite nailing a season-best 10 triples on the night, Cass City made just 16 trips to the foul line, while the Hatchets made good on 21-of-27 freebies, including 9-of-12 from Jesse Quinn in the final frame. Quinn led a balanced attack for the winners with a game-high 25 markers. Adam Rifembark, with 13 points, Ethan Sisco, 12, and Will Sutton and Jeremy Pawlowski, each with 11, complete the Hatchet list of double-digit performers.

Alex Varney recorded 20 points to pace Cass City, while Cody Orban added 16. Orban tossed in 4 hoops from 3-point land, which hopefully for the Red Hawk faithful marks the return of his shooting touch from the perimeter, desperately needed for the Red Hawks to be successful.

Cameron Dunnuck added 15 points and Justin Ketterer, 13, for Cass City.

### REESE

Reese spoiled the Red Hawks' parents' night outing with a double-digit victory. Once again, the foul line played a big role in the game's outcome.

Both schools made 28 shots from the floor, which also included splitting the game's 8 treys. However, Cass City was just 3-for-7 at the stripe, while the Rockets hit of 14-of-26 tries at the stripe.

Varney recorded game scoring honors for Cass City and collected 25 points, while Dunnuck pitched in 14.

Cody Peyok, Caleb Gnatkowski, Adam Fuerst and Jared Bender all reached double figures for the winners.

**CASS CITY** – Orban 0-1 (0-0) 3; Varney 9-2 (1-3) 25; Dunnuck 6-0 (2-4) 14; Ketterer 3-1 (0-0) 9; Zaleski 2-0 (0-0) 4; Erla 4-0 (0-0) 8. **TOTALS** – 24-4 (3-7) 63.

**REESE** – Frost 0-2 (0-0) 6; Lefler 2-0 (0-0) 4; Volz 1-0 (0-0) 2; Bender 5-0 (2-5) 12; Gnatkowski 7-0 (1-6) 15; Peyok 3-1 (7-8) 16; Campbell 1-0 (0-0) 2; Fuerst 3-1 (4-7) 13; Trombley 2-0 (0-0) 4. **TOTALS** – 24-4 (14-26) 74.

**CASS CITY** – Orban 2-4 (0-0) 16; Varney 5-3 (1-2) 20; Brown 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dunnuck 6-0 (3-10) 15; Ketterer 1-3 (2-3) 13; Zaleski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Erla 1-0 (1-1) 3; Israelson 1-0 (1-1) 3. **TOTALS** – 18-10 (7-16) 73.

**BAD AXE** – Rifembark 2-2 (3-4) 13; Sutton 5-0 (1-2) 11; Sisco 6-0 (0-0) 12; Dean 1-0 (0-0) 2; Quinn 4-2 (11-14) 25; Pawlowski 1-2 (3-3) 11; Price 0-0 (3-4) 3. **TOTALS** – 19-6 (21-27) 77.

## O-G struggles continue on hardwood floors

The Owen-Gage boys' basketball team ended its regular season Thursday with an embarrassing 52-18 setback on parents' night in Owendale to North Central Thumb League foe Peck.

The Bulldogs actually took a 5-4 edge early when junior Hunter Champagne hit a trey with 3:38 showing on the clock. However, the hosts would be outscored 36-1 for the remainder of the half.

Bulldog Clyde Rhodes' free throw

in the opening minute of period 2 would be the team's only offense during an 11-minute stretch.

After the intermission, Peck increased their margin to 47-9 before heading deep to their bench and being outscored 9 to 5 in the closing 8 minutes.

Champagne tallied 10 points for Owen-Gage.

Tim Logghe registered 14 points to pace Peck.



BULLDOGS Bryan Buschlen (24) and Mike Mandich sandwich Peck's Tim Logghe during Thursday's NCTL play in Owendale.

## Montreuil lifts Bulldogs into Bay City regional

Anything more is just gravy, according to Owen-Gage girls' basketball coach Doug Hyatt.

After claiming a share of the North Central Thumb League - North championship a week earlier, Owen-Gage snagged the Class D district banner Friday with a thrilling 39-37 decision over North Huron.

It was the Bulldogs' third win of the season over the Warriors, but the team's first with senior Sara Clancy in the line-up. The Warrior center helped her team move in front, 10-2, early as she clogged the lane before Owen-Gage responded behind 2 Christin Harris treys to enter the next period even at 10-10.

Harris added another trey in period 2 and the Bulldog gap grew to 19-14 as Clancy was forced to the bench after collecting her third foul. She returned with under 2 minutes remaining before the break and would help the Warriors draw to within one, 21-20. However, Clancy was also whistled for her fourth foul before entering the locker room.

"We knew she was the key for North Huron," said Hyatt. "When she came back into the game I told Kayla (Montreuil) we're going to part the seas and you take the ball right at Clancy," said Hyatt.

It was a momentum-changing play created by the Bulldogs' diminutive sophomore guard, but not nearly as exciting as her game-winning shot with less than 10 seconds remaining.

Once again, Montreuil drove into the paint and lofted a shot that banged off the glass and rim before falling through the net and advancing the Bulldogs into regional action this week in Bay City.

"This is our first district title since 2006 and it's been 23 years since we

won a league title and a district title in the same year. Owen-Gage's last regional title was in 1978," said Hyatt.

Montreuil scored a dozen of her game-high 15 points in the final half for Owen-Gage, who also had Harris in double figures with 13.

Elise Anderson collected 10 points for North Huron.

### ROUND ONE

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs defeated Akron-Fairgrove, 49-40, to move into the finals of the Class D district hosted by Port Hope.

The Bulldogs led just 27-22 at the break, but used a 14-3 run to break open a tight contest.

Harris continued her fine shooting touch of late and nailed 5 treys en route to 20 markers, matching Viking Sara Crane for game-scoring honors.

**OWEN-GAGE** – Montreuil 2-0 (0-4) 4; Harris 1-5 (3-5) 20; Prich 3-0 (0-0) 6; Mandich 1-1 (2-3) 7; Mroz 1-0 (2-3) 4; Muntz 2-0 (2-7) 6; Morrish 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS** – 11-6 (9-22) 49.

**AKRON-FAIRGROVE** – Guizar 1-0 (0-0) 2; Crane 7-0 (6-12) 20; Spyker 2-0 (0-0) 4; Rodriguez 0-0 (1-2) 1; Tumblyn 3-0 (0-0) 6; Wagner 2-0 (1-2) 5; Knepler 0-0 (0-4) 0; Ahrens 1-0 (0-0) 2. **TOTALS** – 16-0 (8-20) 40.

**OWEN-GAGE** – Montreuil 4-1 (4-7) 15; Harris 0-3 (4-5) 13; Prich 0-0 (0-1) 0; Mandich 1-0 (3-4) 5; Muntz 2-0 (2-6) 6; Morrish 0-0 (0-2) 0. **TOTALS** – 7-4 (13-25) 39.

**NORTH HURON** – Govetski 0-0 (3-4) 3; Case 3-0 (2-8) 8; Clancy 3-0 (1-4) 7; Preston 2-0 (1-2) 5; Navock 2-0 (0-0) 4; Anderson 5-0 (0-1) 10. **TOTALS** – 15-0 (7-13) 37.

## Lady Red Hawks lose tough one in Class C district semifinals

Of all the ways to see his Cass City basketball team season come to an end, Coach Lloyd Schinnerer couldn't imagine the Lady Red Hawks' demise would come at the foul line.

Although usually an area of strength for Cass City, they missed 3-of-8 attempts from the stripe during the extra session of a Class C district semifinal loss to Greater Thumb West rival Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools.

Cass City played stellar defense in the nip-and-tuck affair, hosted by Harbor Beach Wednesday, and led 37-34 with about 10 seconds remaining. A USA foul gave Cass City a chance to pad their advantage, but the freebee was missed.

USA quickly moved the length of the court and found Chelsey Ewald outside the arc and she sent the game into overtime with a long 3-pointer. In the OT, Cass City failed to score from the floor and surrendered, 44-42.

"Tough season-ending overtime loss," said Schinnerer. "We struggled all night with USA's trapping zone

defense. But our own defense kept us in the game."

"We shot a miserable 59 percent from the line (17/29) for the night. Cass City had shot 84 percent over the previous 4 games from the foul line," he said.

USA's Miranda Fuerst scored 5 of her team-high 16 points in the final stanza to secure the outcome. Chelsey Ewald added 12 for the winners.

Cass City had Logan Rowell with a game best 18 markers, while Megan Parrish added 13.

With the loss, Cass City finishes 9-12 and the Red Hawk careers of seniors McKensie Parrish, Amanda Clifton, Haysley Peters and Amber Warju end.

**CASS CITY** – Megan Parrish 2-2 (3-6) 13; Chambers 0-0 (0-1) 0; McKensie Parrish 0-1 (1-2) 4; Clifton 0-0 (1-2) 1; Hendrick 1-0 (4-8) 6; Rowell 5-0 (8-10) 18. **TOTALS** – 8-3 (17-29) 42.

**USA** – Valentine 1-0 (0-2) 2; Gremel 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ewald 1-2 (4-4) 12; DeSimpelare 3-0 (0-0) 6; Eisengruber 3-0 (0-3) 6; Fuerst 6-0 (4-6) 16. **TOTALS** – 15-2 (8-15) 44.

*Wrestling roundup*

## Jensen sets new mark at CC

Josh Jensen was looking for more than a new school record, which he bettered for Cass City at the 2011 Division 4 wrestling state finals.

Held at the Palace of Auburn Hills, March 3-4, the Red Hawk junior failed to advance into the medal rounds of the 171 weight class, winning one match before being eliminated.

That lone victory came on an 8-7 decision over Dalton Goetz, Blissfield, in his opening match. However, the Greater Thumb Conference champion would bow 12-8 to Covert's Juan Aburto and 6-2 to Quincy's Shane Kozlowksi to end a successful season, which included the most wins in a season by a Red Hawk grappler.

"Junior Josh Jensen finished his season with a record of 53-5; the 53 victories in a season sets a new record at Cass City High School eclipsing the mark of 52 season victories established by Kyle Sieradzki in 2005-06," said Coach Don Markel.

While Jensen will be back to pursue Sieradzki's career victory total (175) next year, seniors Cody Crouch and Mike Milligan saw their Red Hawk careers come to a close at the finals.

"Cody, Mike and Josh all faced stiff competition at the finals," said Markel noting both Crouch and Jensen won one match, while Milligan lost both of his finals matches.

Crouch defeated Webberville's Drew Richards in his initial 130 weight class match and then came up short against Constantine's Andreas Montoya and Hesperia's Jordan Bosma.

Milligan was defeated by Joey Ostman, St. Ignace and Aaron Lammers, Springport.

"Seniors Mike Milligan and Cody Crouch concluded outstanding careers. Cody finished with a season record of 50-12 and a career record of 142-87. Mike had a season record of 42-10 with a career record of 109-50," said Markel.

## Red Hawks finish with 9-12 record

Continued from page 9.

GTE leading scorer.

Cass City sophomore Cody Orban trailed Leipprandt's every step for most of the night as Coach Green used a box-and-one defense in an attempt to slow the Uby junior.

And for much of the first half, which featured 5 ties before ending with Uby ahead 22-20, the tactic worked.

After the break, Leipprandt and Cass City's Cameron Dunnuck supplied much of the offensive firepower for their squads. Leipprandt helped provide Uby with a 28-25 cushion, their biggest spread since period one, when he went to the foul line to complete an old fashioned 3-point play. However, Leipprandt missed his foul shot, yet snagged the rebound and scored, completing a 4-point play.

Dunnuck, meanwhile, scored on a old fashioned 3-point play of his

own, part of 10 straight points from the Cass City center.

In the deciding quarter, Uby's trapping defense caused 3 consecutive turnovers to open the final 8 minutes. Bearcat sixth-man Lenny Nowicki benefited from Cass City's mistakes and scored 6 quick points to increase Uby's advantage to 46-35 with 4:38 showing on the clock.

Alex Varney connected on a pair of free throws to reduce Uby's double digit lead to 48-39, but 2 uncontested lay-ups by Bearcat Josh White would seal the outcome.

Leipprandt tallied 20 points to record game scoring honors for Uby, while Nowicki and White each scored 8.

Dunnuck's 16 points were best for Cass City.

Cass City, who will lose seniors Dunnuck, Varney, Justin Ketterer, Nick Brown and Rob Wolschleger next year, finishes with a 9-12 record.

# CASS CITY BOWLING

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Team High Game & Series: JEBCO 647-590-545 (1782).

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### Sunday No Rollers as of March 6

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Thumb Octagon Barn	45
All Or Nothing	39
Just One More	20
Team #4	8

Pinheads	19
Damn Near Last	14
Mix-Ups	11
Sometimers	9
Par-T-Ranch	4

Individual High Games & Series: Larry Summers 213-198-191 (602); Tom Summers 234-210 (609); Rick Doerr 221-195 (594); Wally Laming 231-186-188 (605); James Smithson

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Team High Game & Series: Thumb Octagon Barn 543 (1428).


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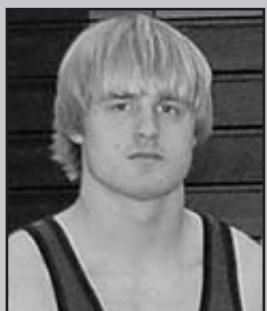
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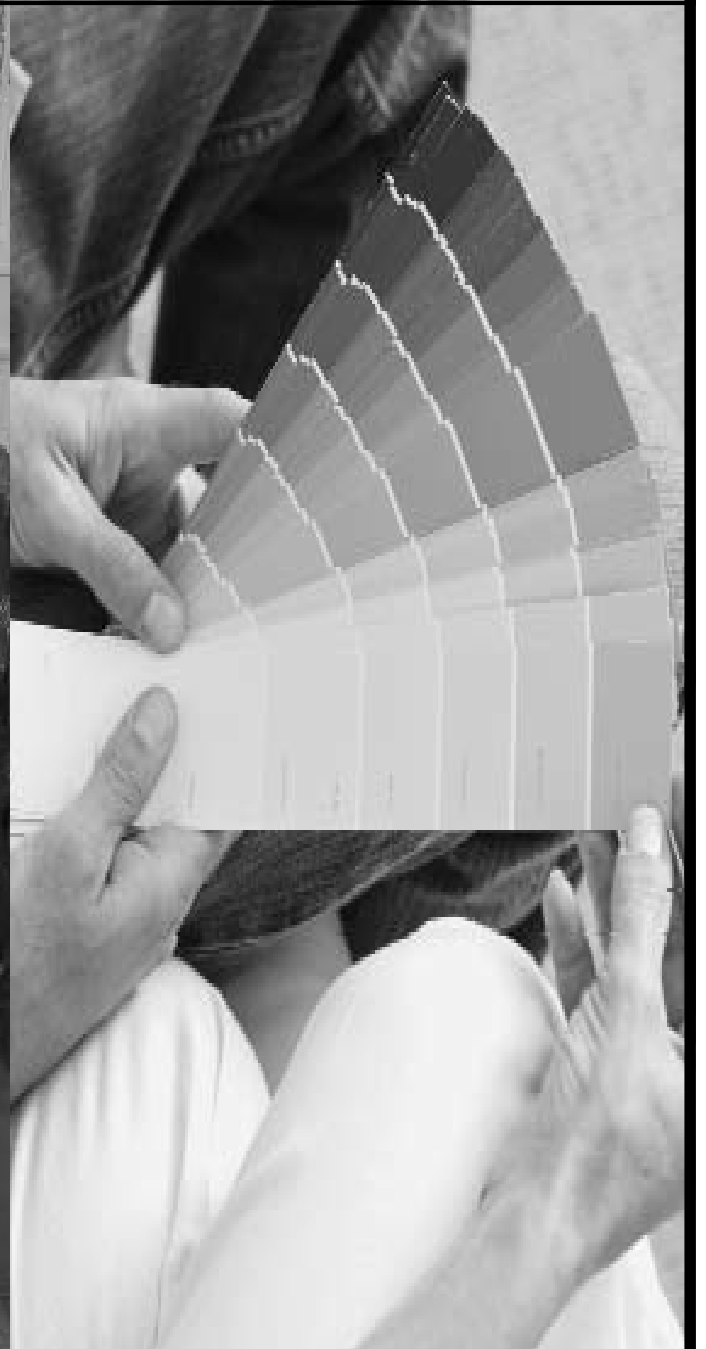
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Dated: March 9, 2011

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Dated: March 9, 2011

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If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you.

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You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738.

Dated: March 9, 2011

Orlans Associates P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
File Number: 682.0567  
ASAP #3932710

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

If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from March 3, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after March 3, 2011.

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

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

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Date: March 9, 2011

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Daniel T. Burnham, Jr., Single, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2006 and recorded on June 19, 2006 in Liber 1085, Page 361, which mortgage was assigned to Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., which assignment was recorded on December 13, 2007 in Liber 1137, Page 9, and was lastly assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, as Trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2010-3 Asset -Backed Pass-Through Certificates, which assignment was recorded on January 21, 2011 in Liber 1215 Page 42 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$87,799.94 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above-described Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public venue, in order to satisfy the unpaid portion of said Mortgage, together with interest at a rate of 8.999%, all costs of sale permitted by law, and taxes, the property situated in the Village Of Mayville, Township of Fremont, County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, described as:

The East 1/2 of Lot 13, Block 2 of the Plat of Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36.

All rights of redemption shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Likens & Blomquist, P.L.L.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
3290 W. Big Beaver Rd. Ste 315  
Troy, MI 48084  
Telephone: 248-593-5106  
L0536M110

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH W. HOWE and HOLLY R. HOWE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated May 2, 2007, and recorded on May 17, 2007 in Liber 1119 on Page 1101, and assigned by said mortgagee to FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as assigned, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Three Dollars and Five Cents (\$132,403.05), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 24, 2011.

Said premises are located in Tuscola County, Michigan and are described as:

PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWN 12 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, DENMARK TOWNSHIP, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 434.82 FEET ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 225.00 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, 240.00 FEET ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SAID NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 225.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE WEST SECTION LINE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 240.00 FEET TO THE WEST SECTION LINE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.24 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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A group of Cass City High School students recently strutted their musical talents at an area Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) Solo & Ensemble event held at USA Schools.

Jodi Engel, Rachel Patera and Emily Kuenzli each performed a piano solo and earned Division I ratings, the highest mark possible. In addition, Josh Farkas performed a trumpet solo and received a Division II rating, Mariah Tabar earned a Division II rating for her flute solo,

Kayla Zmierski received a Division I rating for her flute solo, Alison Blattner performed a flute solo and received a Division I rating, and Kara Reif, Elisabeth Milligan, Audrey VanAuken and Kristin Ewald earned a Division I rating for their saxophone quartet performance.

Jonelle Lull, director of bands for the Cass City Public Schools, noted Blattner also went on to pass the state competency exam for flute and scored a perfect 100 on her competency exam.



CASS CITY HIGH School band students who recently took part in an area MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival are Audrey VanAuken, Kristin Ewald, Elisabeth Milligan, Kara Reif, Kayla Zmierski, Mariah Tabar, Alison Blattner, Josh Farkas, Rachel Patera, Jodi Engel and Emily Kuenzli.

# Middle school recital slated for March 10

Area residents are invited to attend a recital concert planned by the Cass City Middle School Music Department.

The fifth and sixth grade band recital concert is scheduled for

Thursday, March 10, in the middle school cafeteria, according to Jonelle Lull, Cass City Public Schools director of bands, who said desserts will be abundant and the entertainment never ending during the event.

# DNR poaching team name has changed, but not mission

An old, beat-up pickup carrying 4 scruffy-looking men rolls slowly down a northern Michigan back road.

Looking for deer presenting an easy target, the men see several within rifle range. One of the men in the back seat leans across the other to take a shot at a deer, seemingly unconcerned by the fact that deer hunting season is closed and the deer are on private property. The other passenger in the back seat leans back as far as he can and plugs his ears in anticipation of the shot. To the shooter's chagrin, the deer are spooked before he gets the shot off.

For the would-be violator, this was actually a fortunate outcome; he did not know it at the time, but 2 of the men in the truck that day were undercover detectives with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's Special Investigations Unit. Established in 1980, this team of highly trained and experienced investigators, part of the DNRE's Law Enforcement Division, originally was known as the Report All Poaching (RAP) unit.

The name has changed since then, but the unit's mission has stayed the same for more than 30 years - to detect, identify, investigate and prosecute those who would do harm to Michigan's wildlife and fisheries resources.

"Our highest priorities are the illegal trade of wildlife, organized poaching rings and the illegal take of threatened and endangered species," said Detective Lieutenant Jason Haines, supervisor of the Special Investigations Unit.

The Special Investigations Unit uses many different techniques to accomplish its mission. Sometimes the case calls for old-fashioned detective work such as gathering evidence and interviewing witnesses and suspects. Other times, the key to a successful investigation is hours of surveillance without ever being detected. And sometimes the only way to gather proof of illegal activities is to catch the suspect in the act of committing violations, which may require the investigator to take on an assumed role and become established as a trusted acquaintance.

"Regardless of what the investigation calls for, our detectives are prepared to do whatever is asked of them to successfully prosecute those seeking to do damage to our state's natural resources," said Haines.

The Special Investigations Unit

(SIU) has completed many successful large-scale investigations since the early days of the RAP Unit, involving an array of issues ranging from the fur trade to the reptile and amphibian black market to the illegal buying and selling of game and fish.

One example of the unit's efforts to curtail large-scale illegal activity was a 2-year sting operation aimed at the illegal fur business in the mid-1980s. The operation resulted in the arrest of more than 400 suspects in 8 states on federal and state charges, including more than 120 in Michigan alone.

A more recent example involved the investigation of illegal activities at a privately owned cervid facility, commonly referred to as a deer or elk ranch.

Detectives discovered that the facility owner had been importing elk illegally from other states, including areas known to harbor chronic wasting disease (CWD), exposing Michigan's wild deer herd to significant disease risk. Ultimately, a search warrant was executed at the facility. It was a 4-day project requiring the construction of fencing and a corral system to inventory and identify the origin of all elk on the premises. The owner entered guilty pleas on several counts, was assessed costs in excess of \$40,000, and the facility was depopulated to protect the state's wild herd from risk of disease.

In another recent case, SIU detectives infiltrated the activities of a person reportedly violating many game laws involving deer, waterfowl and fish.

The detectives documented 38 separate violations, including illegally

selling fish, harvesting a significant number of deer over the limits, hunting waterfowl over baited areas, and taking sturgeon during the closed season. After the lengthy investigation, a search warrant executed on the suspect's residence turned up not only evidence of the documented violations but also a quantity of narcotics.

Ultimately the suspect pled guilty to 10 of the most serious violations and forfeited two boats, fishing equipment and several firearms. Three other individuals entered guilty pleas on lesser game and fish charges that the officers had documented.

"Whatever challenges may arise, the Special Investigations Unit will continue to stand ready well into the future to protect Michigan's natural resources for this generation and those to come," said Haines. "The public can assist us in that mission by reporting any suspected violations - it always helps to have extra sets of eyes and ears on the lookout for suspected abuse of our resources."

The DNRE encourages anybody with information about any suspicious or unlawful activity related to Michigan's natural resources to contact the Report All Poaching hotline, 24 hours a day, at (800) 292-7800. Information can be provided anonymously, and rewards may be offered for information that leads to arrest and conviction.

To learn more about the DNRE's Law Enforcement Division, visit [www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers](http://www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers) or <http://www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers>.

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