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**HILLS AND DALES General Hospital CEO Mike Falatko and Peggy Davidson, the Cass City hospital's director of diagnostic imaging, stand next to the new Selenia digital mammography unit, which has been in use for the past 2 1/2 weeks and offers patients the latest in mammography screening technology.**

## Hills and Dales offering latest digital mammography testing

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Detecting breast cancer via a mammography has been around for years, but officials at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City recently installed state-of-the-art equipment that offers patients the best technology available when it comes to detecting breast cancer.

Translated, that means clearer, detailed images that enable doctors to find trouble spots quicker and easier than ever before.

The hospital's Selenia digital mammography incorporates revolutionary imaging technology that provides incredibly sharp breast images. The images appear on the technologist's monitor in a matter of seconds, and there is no waiting for film to

develop, which means less time in the breast imaging suite for patients.

"We have been researching this technology for a few years now," said Mike Falatko, Hills and Dales CEO. "It has been a rapidly advancing technology, and we wanted to watch the options settle out before we made such a large investment."

When the digital technology was initially released, the price tag for a true digital machine was extremely high — roughly \$450,000 — according to Falatko. "That price made it prohibitively expensive for smaller hospitals to purchase the new technology," he said.

"In response to that high cost, other companies developed digitizing technology as an add-on to regular mammography equipment. This was an option quite a few hospitals chose to allow them to get into the digital age," Falatko added. "While this reduced the cost of creating digital images, it did not provide any significant enhancement to the picture resolution."

Hills and Dales officials chose to wait a couple of years, hoping the technology would sort itself out and prices would moderate. Their patience paid off, literally, as their investment ended up totaling about \$250,000.

Hills and Dales General Hospital is a certified Pink Ribbon Facility, a distinction awarded only to an elite

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## Fund balance growing

# O-G officials say reduction in staff a must

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Owen-Gage School officials spent time crunching and reviewing numbers during a rescheduled board of education monthly meeting Thursday.

In spite of a proposed state budget that would rob districts across the state of hundreds of dollars per student next year, interim, part-time Owen-Gage Supt. Bob Drury was able to offer his board a little good news in the way of a projected fund balance this year.

"We do have reason to celebrate, and that is our financial condition this year," Drury said.

"We're anticipating an excess of revenues over expenses of \$59,870, which is pretty decent for our small operation," he added, noting the district ended the last fiscal year with some \$32,000 in red ink, placing Owen-Gage on the state's "deficit spending school district" list. "We'll be off that watch list this year."

Drury projects the district will end the current fiscal year, June 30, with a fund balance of \$70,000 to \$80,000.

However, the governor's proposed budget will force school officials to

face some harsh realities, he acknowledged.

In fact, while Drury typically approaches a new spending plan by looking at expenditures, he said he will focus on anticipated revenues in the coming year.

In doing so, he's trying to consider several assumptions, including the loss of \$470 per student in state funding, plus an increase in the mandated state retirement fund contribution of roughly 4 percent, from 20.66 percent to 24.46 percent.

And there are other factors — a 10-percent increase in health insurance premiums and a 1.5-percent reduction in local property tax revenue.

"That being said, when we take what we anticipate our revenues are going to be, and plugging in this year's program, we're going to be in deficit by \$155,000.

The bottom line, Drury said, is that in order to bring expenditures in line with revenues, school officials are going to have to look at reducing the number of employees, whose wages and benefits make up about 85 percent of the district's annual budget.

"The next 2 months, we will be looking at trimming employees through retirement, through resignation

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## Kingston man wields tool near area school

The Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office is expected to level charges against a 28-year-old Kingston man who wielded a tool in a threatening manner in Kingston last week, blocking traffic and prompting a lockdown at Kingston Elementary School.

According to Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent, Sgt. Ted Hull of the sheriff's department, along with Michigan State Police troopers were dispatched to the village.

"Calls were coming in of a subject holding some sort of weapon in his hand, blocking traffic in town, including a school bus with 61 students on board," Skrent said. "The suspect then headed to the elementary school, and the school went on lockdown."

"Sgt. Hull found the suspect at the doors to the school, trying to get inside. The object he had with him was a 2-foot-long 'breaker bar,'" the undersheriff said.

A breaker bar is a long, non-ratcheting metal bar used with socket wrench-style sockets to break loose very tight fasteners.

Hull arrested the suspect and lodged him at the Tuscola County Jail, according to Skrent, who noted alcohol is believed to be a factor in the incident.

## Local students tops (again) in test scores

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The numbers are in, and Cass City Public School officials couldn't be much more pleased with how local students performed on the annual Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) exam last fall.

The Michigan Department of Education released the latest scores Thursday.

Cass City's scores were at the top or near the top again in most categories compared to other Tuscola County public school districts.

"We're pleased with the results that Cass City Schools have had, not only this year, but for the past few years," school Supt. Jeff Hartel commented.

"We're seeing gains in the classroom," added Hartel, who explained the impressive test scores are largely the result of successful efforts to identify students who are struggling in certain areas, and then providing those kids with individual attention

to bring them up to speed.

Towards that end, school officials conduct assessment testing of students in the areas of math, writing, reading fluency and reading comprehension in the fall, winter and spring. In between assessments, officials identify students in need of additional help and implement intervention assistance to help them. As a result, Hartel said, "We know where every kid's strengths and weaknesses are, and we can do something about it."

That strategy is paying off, judging by the latest MEAP scores.

In the third grade, 96 percent of students met or exceeded expectations on the reading exam (ranked first in Tuscola County — the Tuscola Intermediate School District — TISD — average was 90 percent).

In math, 99 percent of students met or exceeded expectations (ranked second countywide, behind Akron-Fairgrove Schools, with the TISD posting an average of 97 percent)

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## 3 Cass City seniors earn top honors this year

Cass City School officials recently announced the top graduates of the Class of 2011.

Leading this year's class are 2 valedictorians — Krista Guinther and Dallas Woodward — who share 4.0 grade point averages. Earning salutatorian honors is Amanda Clifton with a near-perfect 3.99 grade point average.

Guinther, daughter of Trina Guinther and Ronald and Cheryl Guinther, has been involved in student council, the National Honor Society, yearbook staff and Future Youth Involvement (FYI), the youth branch of the Tuscola County Community Foundation.

The 2010 homecoming queen, she has also participated in softball and volleyball, earning all-conference honorable mention in softball.

Guinther was named the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen of the Year and has been awarded the

Central Michigan University (CMU) Board of Trustees Scholarship and the Centralis Scholarship.

Her future plans include attending CMU to enter a study program in the medical field.

Woodward, the son of Kevin and Tammy Woodward, has earned the coveted Cass City Public School Red Hawk Award of Excellence.

He was honored with the high school senior class titles of "Most

Likely to Succeed" and "Biggest Bookworm".

Woodward plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall to begin pursuing a career as a teacher/professor.

Clifton, the daughter of Rod and Teresa Clifton, has been a member of the National Honor Society. She has also participated in basketball and soccer, and was an honorable mention selection in basketball.

Clifton has been awarded a CMU Board of Trustees Scholarship along with a Centralis Scholarship.

Her future plans include attending CMU to pursue a career in physical therapy.

### HONOR STUDENTS

A host of other Cass City High School seniors will graduate with honors this year. Students receiving gold honor cords for grade point averages of 3.5 or higher will be:

Zachary Deering, Chelsea Green, Brooke Hartwick, Angela Janssen, Justin Ketterer, Michael Lange, Please turn to page 5.



Krista Guinther



Dallas Woodward



Amanda Clifton

# Business seminar scheduled at Huron Area Technical Center

The Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) Great Lakes Bay will be offering a free Fundamentals of Starting a Business seminar at the Huron Area Technical Center at 1160 S. Van Dyke in Bad Axe from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 13.

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

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

For more information about MI-SBTDC, resources, other seminars, or to register for this free seminar online, go to [www.misbtcd.org/training](http://www.misbtcd.org/training) or call (989) 686-9597. Pre-registration is required. Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MI.SBTDC.Region.5](http://www.facebook.com/MI.SBTDC.Region.5)

Seminar sponsors are Huron Area Tech Center and the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center.

The MI-SBTDC is a partner program of the U.S. Small Business Administration and provides confi-

dential, no-cost business counseling services, training and research for Michigan's new business ventures,

existing small businesses, expanding businesses, new technology companies and innovators.

## Still time to enroll for spring classes

With spring quarter beginning Monday, April 4, there's still time to enroll for career-focused programs at Baker College of Cass City, a satellite campus of Baker College of Flint. Registration continues through the first week of classes.

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](http://www.baker.edu).

## Free trees being offered for National Arbor Day

National Arbor Day is April 29 this year, and the best way to celebrate is by planting trees. The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the tree

planters' holiday. Everyone who joins the foundation in April will receive 10 free shade trees.

National Arbor Day and Michigan's Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April, which is April 29 this year.

By joining the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation in April, you will receive the following trees: red oak, sugar maple, weeping willow, baldcypress, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, river birch, tuliptree, silver maple and red maple. The free trees are part of the foundation's "Trees for America" campaign.

"These trees will provide shade in the summer and magnificent color throughout the fall," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "By the simple act of planting trees, a person can make a positive impact on the earth and a deep, meaningful connection to nature. When you plant a tree, you're giving a gift for future generations."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 2011, or visit [www.arborday.org/april](http://www.arborday.org/april).

## Concert slated in Gagetown

The Sonas will be in concert Saturday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at the Gagetown Nazarene Church, 6609 Lincoln St., Gagetown.

The music of the Sonas features a mix of Celtic tunes, including up-tempo jigs and reels, sea chanteys, waltzes and classic hymns. The group utilizes instruments such as the hammered dulcimer, whistle, hurdy gurdy, fiddle, guitar, concertina, mandolin and base, along with vocals.

Everyone is welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be taken.

## Gospel concert slated April 16

The Caro First Baptist Church will host the "A Taste of Heaven 2011 Gospel Concert" Saturday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

The featured groups will be Not Ashamed and Mark and Andrea Forester.

The event is a benefit concert for Forgotten Man Ministries. More information is available by contacting Not Ashamed at [www.notashamedmusic.com](http://www.notashamedmusic.com) or by calling (989) 872-1813.

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Elkland Township of Tuscola County, Michigan, will conduct a Public Hearing on a proposed new Zoning Ordinance for the entire Township on Tuesday, April 26, 2011.

The new zoning ordinance is intended to replace the existing zoning ordinance consistent with community changes and recent changes in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006, as amended.

The public hearing requests attendance and participation of all affected citizens. The new Zoning Ordinance is available for review at Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City, Michigan, until the public hearing is held in April.

The Public Hearing will be held as follows:  
**Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Elkland Township Fire Hall & Township Hall**  
6691 Church Street  
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Your attendance, possible changes and participation in the Public Hearing are respectfully requested.

Roger Root, chairman  
Elkland Township Planning Commission

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# In Our OPINION..

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## Strike by teachers would solve nothing

Rumors continue to circulate about a possible statewide teacher's strike alluded to in a letter the Michigan Education Association (MEA) recently sent to its members throughout Michigan.

We hope talk of a walk-out is just that — talk.

The MEA recently called for its locals statewide to conduct votes that would provide the organization with the ability "to initiate crisis activities — up to and including a job action — in response to the ongoing legislative crisis in Lansing."

The MEA's proposal was sparked by Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed K-12 school funding cuts along with a number of pieces of legislation, including one that gives broad new powers, including the authority to terminate union contracts, to emergency financial managers appointed to run school districts and municipalities that are struggling financially. Snyder has already signed that legislation.

The other bills involve requiring schools to get bids to outsource school transportation, food service and custodial jobs, freezing step increases and forcing employees to pay increases in health insurance premiums, and requiring all employees to pay at least 20 percent of their health insurance costs.

A couple of Michigan legislators have since responded to the rumored MEA strike by introducing bills that penalize any educator who participates in an illegal strike by suspending or revoking his or her teaching certificate, and that would fine each striking teacher a day's wage for each day of the strike, and would fine the labor organization \$5,000 for each full or partial day the public school employee or employees engaged in the strike.

It's easy for MEA executives to suggest a statewide strike to prove a point, but it's also irresponsible, in our opinion.

The top 4 MEA executives earn a combined \$983,872, while the average Michigan teacher's salary is \$57,958. And let's face it, those executives aren't facing the loss of their jobs should union members strike.

We understand the union's frustration, particularly when it comes to more funding cuts — school administrators everywhere share the same frustration — but a work stoppage isn't going to solve anything.

Teachers, including those who want nothing to do with a strike but would be pressured to participate, may lose their jobs, their livelihoods, their ability to do in the classroom what they've worked so hard for over the years.

Most importantly, students will lose.

Perhaps the better solution here would be to put even greater pressure on legislators and our new governor — send a message that they must put an end to shoring up the state's red ink on the back of K-12 education.

If they fail to protect public school funding, we need to send them to the unemployment line.

## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

*Small talk not always so small*




I am a small talker. My son christened me with the label yesterday. "Have you ever noticed you make chit chat with everyone you meet?" he asked. His words felt more like an accusation than a question. "You're a small talker," he said.

I knew he was right. I also knew my blithe banter possesses a power and purpose unknown to non-small talkers.

I believe we are in the middle of a communication gap unlike any other generation has experienced. Oh sure, we may be communicating more than ever, but we are talking less. In doing so, we are watching - opposable thumbs poised for action - a cultural shift in the very

way we connect and interact. The newest and most popular methods for communication require no vocal skills. Email. Social Networking. Texting. All require fingers, not voice boxes, to get the job done.

Although I've learned to manipulate my opposable thumbs as well as the next monkey, I still believe verbal communication is a worthy art - perhaps a dying one.

The other day, one of my teens reported that a friend broke up with his girlfriend via text message. I gasped in disbelief. My 13-year-old questioned my reaction.

"What's wrong with breaking up with someone in a text message?" he asked. I wish I could say it was an innocent question. Instead, I fear I am the one who is naive.

I'm part of the Brady Bunch generation. I remember when phones were tethered to the wall and you had no choice but to take a call from your boyfriend in the kitchen while your mom hovered nearby. You talked to him despite her presence because talking was important. Perhaps we remember the past through rose-colored glasses, but I won't let the simplicities and complexities of normal conversation go down without a fight.

At first glance this appears to be a David and Goliath battle: little old me against the advances of technology. Let's not forget how David and Goliath turned out. David had a few smooth stones in his pocket.

I have small talk. I hold onto certain old-fashioned beliefs that are hard to shake. One is the inherent value of other human beings. People function best when their routine involves human interaction. Touch. Eye contact. Conversation. We are not a species that does well with isolation. Email can't take the place of looking someone in the eye or touching them on the shoulder. A text message can't replace small talk.

"Think it's going to rain today?" "Did you get your haircut? Looks nice." "Have you heard the news?" It doesn't need to be complicated.

That's why they call it small talk. Sometimes, though, the smallest things can be big. I tend to believe human interaction is one of them. People are worth talking to. Everyone you meet has a story. Most times all you have to do is ask.

So, I small talk my way through life - at the grocery store, the library, doctor's office, school, restaurant and super store. Wherever I go, I bring my small talk with me.

To the idle observer, it may seem like typical chit chat; to me it is more. It is an attempt to save our language from evolving from "laugh out loud" to LOL. An effort to bring us back - even for just a moment - to a time when terms like "multi-tasking" and "quality time" didn't exist, your friends were smarter than your phone and people sat around the kitchen table or paused over the backyard fence to pass the morning, share gossip and just stop for a spell to chat.

I am a small talker. I'm afraid we're a dying breed. I'm looking to change that - one conversation at a time.

## Letters to the Editor

### "Meet and Greet" support meet on tap

Grief is an experience that affects each and every one of us at some point in our lives, and we may never know at what time it will be staring us in the face. That is why Hospice Advantage has created Healing Together, a grief support group program for all community families who have experienced the death of a loved one.

This program offers peer support and education to bereaved adults. Group sessions are set up to be ongoing and open-ended so you determine your length of participation. Group sessions are offered on Monday evenings for your convenience.

As we understand that it

can be intimidating to come to a support group not knowing anyone or what to expect, we invite you to attend a "Meet and Greet" scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This will give you an opportunity to meet the lead facilitator, Denise Hoffman, social worker, and ask questions in regards to what you can expect from the program.

Please call to register for the "Meet and Greet" or Monday evening support group at (989) 872-5852.

Jerilyn Estrada, LLMSW manager, Family Support Services Home and Hospice Advantage

### Reporter's notebook

## Cats versus dogs? There's no contest

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Folks who know me know my disdain for cats, even though I live with 2 of the useless fur balls.

The reason I have 2 cats is because I have 3 (now grown) daughters and a wife. I can't think of another reason because, as I said, I don't really see much use in having a cat unless you really want your curtains torn up, your keyboard packed with fur (because cats figure they can sit or lay wherever they want), or you just really enjoy scooping poop out of a box every other day.

I figure I'm in the majority here, but I happened upon a website recently in which others were touting the value of cats as pets over dogs. Please.

I really didn't want to look, but it was sort of like a car wreck — I just had to.

Here are a few of the arguments along with my observations:

- *Cats are independent.* Ummm...no. Cats are snotty. When you talk to your dog, he looks at you as if he's really trying to listen and care, even trotting up to comfort you after a hard day. A cat simply meows and continues on its way, caring only that you remember how to use a can opener.
- *Cats are quieter.* Sure, but a dog will bark and wake you up if your house catches fire, while

the cat quietly sneaks out the back door.

• *Cats are more sophisticated than dogs.*

My interpretation is that cats are dumb. How many cats can be taught to roll over, sit, come, etc.? Dogs can be taught all of these and more, plus they make great hunting companions. Ever see a cat flush a pheasant?

• *Cats don't expect to be taken for walks.*

That's because cats won't take walks. Ever try to put one on a leash? It's actually a pretty funny vision, though. Your dog sees that leash, however, and he's ready and anxious to spend time with you in the great outdoors.

• *Cats can live their entire lives indoors.*

Big deal. That's because they're lazy. They eat, sleep, fill a sand box and then spend the rest of their day wandering around where they shouldn't — on countertops and table tops, knocking things over and generally just doing what they please.

• *Cats clean themselves.*

Oh, boy! Yup, there's nothing like getting up first thing in the morning and being faced with a hairball in the middle of the floor before you even get a chance to grab a cup of coffee.

Okay, to summarize: cats are dumb, lazy, snotty and, well, useless.

Dogs are smart, full of energy, loyal and loving.

Just as I suspected, there really is no debate.

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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/>.*

## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



Congrats to Cass City area resident Doug Hyatt. The Owen-Gage girls' basketball coach was named "Coach of the Year" recently by the Huron Daily Tribune.

Hyatt helped the Bulldogs earn the school's first North Central Thumb League championship since 2002. His Bulldogs also added a Class D district title, marking the first time in 28 years the school won both titles in the same year.

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Another coach with Cass City ties must be feeling pretty good these days. Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port girls' basketball mentor Todd Comment - a 1981 Red Hawk grad who never lost a home game during his 3-year varsity career, while winning 3 conference championships, 2 district titles and one regional crown - had his daughter, senior Taylor Comment, finish her high school career earning numerous awards, including All State recognition by the Detroit Free Press.

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Former Cass City superintendent Ron Wilson has kept in touch with our office since leaving the district to take charge in Howell. In addition to following news in the community (he's a Chronicle subscriber), Editor Tom Montgomery says the avid outdoorsman called him over the weekend to see if he could join him on the Pere Marquette River to chase steelhead over spring break.

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If you're interested, the infamous Thumb Wolverine, which was discovered dead in Sanilac County's Minden City State Game Area in March, is now on display at the Bay City State Recreation Area, located at 3582 State Park Dr. in Bay City.

You can get an up close look at one of North America's rarest mammals Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Wednesday, April 6

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.

## Thursday, April 7

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

Preschool Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

## Friday, April 8

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

Books are Fun! Book & Gift Sale, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Hills & Dales General Hospital west wing hallway. Sponsored by the Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary, which receives a portion of all proceeds.

## Saturday, April 9

Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Maple Valley School, Sandusky. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission: \$4 (members), \$4.50 (non-members). For more information, call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

## Sunday, April 10

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

## Monday, April 11

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, April 12

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

Toddler Story Time, 10-10:30 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

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

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

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

## Wednesday, April 13

Paint Your Luggage, 6-9 p.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

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

## Circuit court news

# Several face felony charges

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

•Lisa M. Thomas, 42, Akron, was sentenced to 18 months to 20 years in prison following her plea of no contest to uttering and publishing involving a \$2,850 check drawn on Harris N.A. Bank Aug. 30 in Akron. She was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

•Kenneth E. Wilmoth, 46, Caro, stood mute to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon Feb. 2 in Caro. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

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

•Ricky J. Copes, 43, Vassar, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, Feb. 4 in Indianfields Township and Feb. 22 in Juniata Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at a combined \$20,750. Sentencing was scheduled for June 6.

•Richard B. Mickalich, 47, Millington, stood mute to a charge of absconding or forfeiting bond Nov. 1 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$10,000.

•Brenton D. Hecht, 45, Vassar, stood mute to charges of larceny in a

building, falsely reporting a felony (second degree home invasion), and larceny of property valued at less than \$200 May 20 in Denmark Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$300.

•Anthony C. Mullins, 24, Akron, was sentenced to 270 days in jail, with work release and worksite privileges, for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana, subsequent offense, March 5, 2010, in Akron Township.

He was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,598.

In a separate case, Mullins received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of no contest to carrying a weapon with unlawful intent June 18 in Fairgrove. He was ordered to pay \$1,198 in costs and fines.

•Dennis R. Robstad, 19, Vassar, stood mute to charges of fleeing a police officer, possession of marijuana and driving without a license Jan. 7 in Reese.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was continued at \$2,000.

•Russell H. Ewing, 56, Vassar, stood mute to a charge of delivery/manufacture of marijuana Aug. 19 in Vassar Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

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

•Lawrence D. Wheaton II, 33, Lapeer, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile Aug. 16, 2009, in Watertown Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

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

•Steven E. Brink, 36, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to charges of attempted assault with intent to do great bodily harm and domestic violence Jan. 16 in Fairgrove.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$10,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•William R. Hastings, 45, Caro, was sentenced to 12 months probation for his plea of guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny Jan. 10 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$998.

•Michael E. Morgan, 27, Caro, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of no contest to receiving and concealing stolen property (a motor vehicle) and possession of a controlled substance between July 16 and Aug. 1 in the city of Caro/Novesta Township/Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,706 plus restitution of \$1,159.41.

## Hospital offers latest digital mammography

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group of healthcare facilities. By offering women digital mammograms, officials hope to increase the number of area women who follow recommendations for regular screenings.

"We are very proud of that designation and wanted to enhance those services by bringing the best breast imaging technology possible to our area of the Thumb. The Selenia appears to be the best the industry has to offer. It's a quantum leap in imaging," Falatko said, adding the same equipment has been chosen by some of the top state and national cancer centers.

"Selenia offers the best detail and resolution we have seen, while at the same time, it has been designed to provide better patient comfort," said Peggy Davidson, director of diagnostic imaging at Hills and Dales. She added the equipment is so sensitive, patients are asked not to wear any type of lotions or even deodorant just prior to their screening, as

those products can affect the quality of the images.

"It's really the best technology out there for screening. It also has excellent capabilities for doing mammograms on patients who have had post-cancer treatment reconstruction using implants. So, we believe this technology will encourage more women to follow those regular screening recommendations," Davidson said.

She pointed out that the new equipment utilizes a lower dose of radiation than standard mammography machines. In addition, the images are evaluated not only by a physician, but also by the mammography unit itself, and doctors can use the digital technology to blow up specific areas of each image for closer inspection.

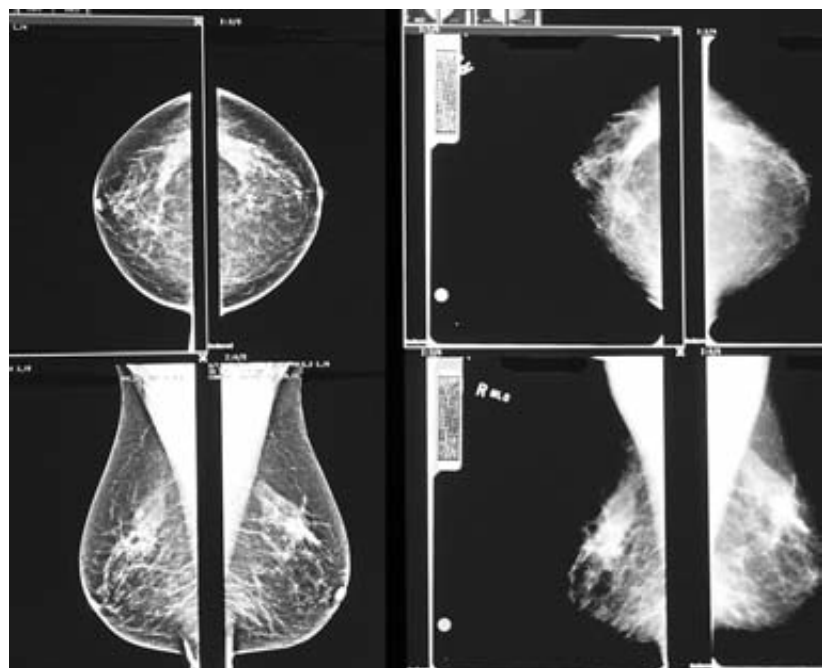
Selenia mammography offers a number of other practical advantages

and patient conveniences.


Because there is no waiting for film to be developed, it significantly reduces the need for repeat exams due to under or over exposure. Digital images are easily stored and transferred electronically, eliminating the dependency on one set of original films.

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among women, exceeded only by lung cancer. Statistics indicated that one in 8 women will develop breast cancer sometime in their life. The stage at which breast cancer is detected influences a woman's chances of survival. If detected early, the 5-year survival rate is 97 percent.

Area residents interested in scheduling a mammogram or who have questions about mammography are encouraged to contact the hospital's Central Scheduling Department at (989) 912-6295.



THE IMAGES ABOVE clearly show the difference in clarity between those produced by Hills and Dales' new digital technology (left) and the older mammography equipment previously in use.



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# O-G: staff cuts a must

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tion, and possibly lay-offs, although we hope we won't have to do that," he said.

Owen-Gage doesn't have a great deal of "wiggly room" financially. The district has a total of 206 students in grades K-12, with an annual budget of \$1.8 million and a staff of 28 — 14 teachers and 14 support personnel, including cooks, custodians, bus drivers, secretaries and para-professionals.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last week, the board:

- Noted it is gearing up to schedule

first-round, telephone interviews with 6 prospective candidates for the district's part-time superintendent position. Drury's tenure with Owen-Gage will end June 30.

- Approved continued probation for 4 teachers. They are Kerri McLean, kindergarten (second year probation); Kelli Ross, first/second grade combination (second year probation); Kayla Warack, fourth/fifth grade combination (third year probation); and Melissa Freeman, high school special education resource room (third year probation).

- Accepted the resignation of long-time educators Carol Sattler, high school English teacher, and Sandy Parks, third/fourth grade combination teacher.

# Local students' test scores tops

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Cass City's fourth graders ranked first in reading (94 percent). The TISD average was 83 percent) and in math (95 percent, with a TISD average of 87 percent).

Hartel pointed out that, while those scores were outstanding, school officials are concerned with fourth grade students' performance on the writing portion of the test. Cass City students ranked seventh among the county's 9 public school districts, with 33 percent of students meeting or exceeding test objectives. Reese students topped the chart in that category at 51 percent, and the TISD average was 37 percent.

"It's (writing scores) low throughout the state, but we've spent a lot of time on our writing, so that's an area that we're looking at currently," Hartel said, adding the process will involve taking a closer look at achievement levels at the lower grades, before students reach the fourth grade.

In the fifth grade, Cass City students ranked first in reading (96 percent). The TISD average was 86 percent); first in math (89 percent). The TISD average was 77 percent); and third in science (85 percent). The TISD average was 77 percent).

Sixth grade students topped their peers throughout the county in reading (97 percent, with a TISD average of 85 percent); math (96 percent). The TISD average was 86 percent); and social studies (96 percent, with a

TISD average of 77 percent).

Seventh graders, meanwhile, ranked first in reading (90 percent — the TISD average was 80 percent) and math (99 percent — the TISD average was 87 percent); and ranked second, behind Vassar, in writing (53 percent, with a TISD average of 44 percent).

In the eighth grade, Cass City students ranked second in reading (84 percent, behind USA Schools, with a TISD average of 78 percent); first in math (86 percent — the TISD average was 79 percent); and fourth in science (85 percent, with a TISD average of 80 percent).

Finally, Cass City High School freshmen ranked first in social studies, with 79 percent of students meeting or exceeding expectations on the exam (the TISD average was 73 percent).

While the MEAP results gave local school officials plenty to smile about, Hartel emphasized that standardized test scores should not be used as the only indicator of the quality of education students are receiving. It's about the teaching staff, according to Hartel, who indicated he feel's Cass City's is second to none in the region. The scores are the result of everyone in the district working together, along with offering a solid curriculum, he said.

"It's more than MEAP scores. You need to look at the things you're offering kids. Do you offer a safe environment? There are so many factors," Hartel added. "But we feel we measure up with any district in the area."

# 3 seniors lead the Class of 2011

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Rebecca Leslie, Thomas LeValley, Elizabeth Lintner, Anthony McArthur, Michael Milligan, McKensie Parrish, Caitlin Reed, Mary Rivest, Victoria Spencer, Mariah Tabar, Robert VanAuken, Alexander Varney, Jeremy Wright and Lauren Zdrojewski.

Graduating with silver and maroon honor cords (grade point averages of 3.0 to 3.49) will be:

Mark Alfini, Mandi Bartnik, Sarah Burk, Cody Crouch, Jonathon Crouch, Austin Deering, Cameron Dunnuck, Kendra Grady, Marion Henderson, Charles Kester, Channing Langenburg, Jeffrey Leslie, Kylie Maggard, Logan Mika,

Brandon Montgomery, Candace Myers, Mitchell O'Dell, Hayley Peters, Michael Potrykus II, Cody Pringle, Lauren Walther, Amber Warju and Robert Wolschlager.

Important end-of-the-year school dates this year include the senior prom, slated for Saturday, May 7, starting at 5 p.m. at Ugly Heights Country Club; the last day of school for seniors, Friday, May 13; baccalaureate, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. in the Cass City High School cafeteria; and graduation, Friday, May 27, at 7 p.m. in the Cass City High School gymnasium. Selected as this year's student speakers are Krista Guinther, Michael Milligan and Robert VanAuken.

# Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



### 5 YEARS AGO

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce saluted a long-time educator and community servant Saturday during its annual dinner banquet held before a capacity crowd at Northwood Meadows. Former superintendent Ken Micklash's acceptance of the chamber's most prestigious honor — Citizen of the Year — together with the announcement of the Junior Citizen of the Year winner, Nicole Froede, highlighted the affair.

A tip of the hat to Cass City Middle School students who performed various acts at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. The entertainers were: Rachael Rule, Stephanie Steely, Paige Lester, Elise Nicol, Brittany Nicol, Sarah Zmierski, Jennifer Manwell and Lauren Zdrojewski. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The 2006 Cass City girls' track members coached by Laura Schinnerer are Leah Whittaker, Ashley Weiss, Klyn Puterbaugh, Kelli Lautner, Jennica Richards, Andrea Zimmerman, Brooke Mika, Brittany Loomis, Becca Doerr, Brittany Karavas, Cassie Parker, Sarah Reed, Caitlin Sorenson, Kati Hill, Ashley Puterbaugh, Carly Howard and Jen Zmierski.

### 10 YEARS AGO

General Cable Corporation officials will begin the process this month of closing the doors to the company's Cass City plant after more than 40 years of operation in the village. Officials announced the decision to the local plant's 180 workers last week following completion of a feasibility study.

Bob Hirn was named Citizen of the Year in Cass City Saturday night, and Randy Diebel and Katie Hacker were chosen Junior Citizens of the Year, highlighting the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet held at the VFW Hall.

Cass City officials were all smiles Monday after reviewing newly released U.S. Census figures that show the village's population has grown more than 16 percent since 1990. "We were saying our population was going to be pushing 2,700, 2,800, so we're pretty pleased we were close," Jane Downing said, adding the increase was the largest for an incorporated area in Tuscola County. According to the preliminary figures, Cass City's 2000 count revealed 2,643 residents compared to 2,275 in 1990.

### 25 YEARS AGO

What do an Angora rabbit, an Angora goat, some sheep and a spinning wheel have in common? For

Tina Hoard of Cass City they are the ingredients for spinning her own yarn. Spinning, a lost art in today's society of yarn shops and clothing stores, is finding its way back into today's culture. Hoard has been spinning her own yarn for about a year. She learned the art from Jeanette Ziel of Port Austin, who teaches out of her home. To master spinning takes about "10 hours and a pound of wool," Hoard said. "I started out with one Angora rabbit, which was originally my son's 4-H pet," she remarked. Someone asked her why she didn't take advantage of the Angora and its uses. So she did, and Hoard now owns 6 rabbits, 2 white and 4 brown, and has gotten an Angora goat.

Navy seaman recruit Nancy L. Rands, daughter of John and Janice Rands, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Fla. She completed classes at Hospital Corp School in Illinois and will be stationed in Bethesda, Maryland. A 1984 graduate of Cass City High School, she joined the navy in October 1985.

Last season the Cass City High School girls' track team failed to win the Thumb B Association title for the first time in 6 years, finishing second to Vassar. This year Coach Larry Robinson sees Vassar as one of the teams to beat in a wide open conference race. It's sure that Robinson would like nothing better than to return Cass City to the throne in his first year as coach. While Robinson is new to the head coaching position this year, he is far from being a rookie. He spent 6 years as head coach of boys' track in Sandusky and for 7 years has been the junior high boys' coach in Cass City.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Archie "Pat" Stirton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stirton of Cass City, has received a grant to study earth science for eight weeks at Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Penn. He received the grant in competition with 800 applicants. It provides a salary of \$76 weekly, \$80 for travel expenses and free tuition and fees for the eight-week course. Mr. Stirton was eligible for a similar grant from Cornell University but felt the one he accepted had more to offer. Mr. Stirton graduated from Cass City High School in 1951 and from Central Michigan University where he received his AB degree.

Thomas Jones and Betty Spaulding have been selected from the Cass City High School Band to play in the Central Michigan University Honors Band Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9. Mr. Jones will play the tuba and Miss Spaulding the cornet. The students will live in campus dorms and

rehearse with outstanding high school musicians from central and northern Michigan.

A good record was compiled by Cass City High School students competing in the district Forensic Contest last week at Bad Axe. Nine students competed and Cass City won two firsts and one second in the five events. Sally Edzik won a first in declamation; Bill Dobbs a second in extempore speaking, and Linda Hulien a first in original oratory. All of these students qualified for the regional contest in Yale April 26. Other students competing were: Kathy Langenburg, declamation; Sheila Newas and Marilyn Erla, humorous reading; Sandy Bassett, extempore speaking, Sally Profit and Bonnie Delong, interpretive reading.

### 100 YEARS AGO

The oratorical and declamatory contest last Tuesday night was one long to be remembered by the students of the high school. The church was tastefully decorated with pennants and wreaths by the various classes and enthusiasm ran high. There were nine contestants — four in declamation and five in oratory. Intense interest and enthusiasm was aroused when a member of the senior class placed a beautiful bouquet of flowers over the head of their representative in the contest. The juniors tried to outdo the seniors by presenting their two representatives with beautiful bouquets at the close of their orations. The decision of the judges were as follows: Declamation — First honor, Seva Withey; second honor, Lester Childs. Oratory — First honor, Wm. Deming; second honor, James Hurley.

With the passing of the first week in April marks the close of 26 years of continuous business in Cass City for P. S. Gregory of the Model Clothing & Shoe Co. Very few merchants can show such a record as many after a few years' active work drift to other vocations or fail to hold the confidence of the public. A year ago Mr. Gregory sold half interest in the business to John C. Farrell, a thoroughly experienced man. The new firm has inaugurated many changes. The whole interior of the store has been changed to give a handier way of showing the goods and the exceptionally good trade of the past year has encouraged the firm to constantly replace their stock with the newest and the most up-to-date goods to be found in the greater markets of the country. The interior of the store has recently been painted which with the new spring goods on display makes The Model an attractive place for the person having any use for anything in the lines they carry.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday -  
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**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  
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www.casscityefc.org

**Novesta Church of Christ**  
2896 N. Cemetery Rd., Cass City, MI 48726  
872-3658 or 872-1195  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
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Youth Group & Sunday Evening -  
Services 6:00 p.m.  
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**Cass City Church of Christ**  
6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
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**Cass City Church of the Nazarene**  
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& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.  
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Associate Pastor: Judy A. Escklisen

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State & National Historical Registry  
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872-5400  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Dave Blackburn

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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## CC soccer team loaded with talent as season approaches

Coach Chuck Reed and the Cass City Lady Red Hawk soccer team are looking forward to a successful season with 15 letter winners returning from a team that went 7-9-3 last year.

Reed sees an experienced defense, including depth in the keeper position, along with several promising newcomers as keys to his team's success.

"With Becca Leslie returning in the net and Tessa Kus, Kristen Kawecki, and Amanda Clifton playing together for the third year, it should make our defense stronger than last year when they posted 7 shutouts. Meri Dzielinski will be backing up Leslie in net, a luxury the team has not had the last two years," Reed said.

Offensively, Reed will rely on a mixture of veterans and rookies to Please turn to page 8.

THE CASS CITY 2011 Lady Red Hawk soccer team members are: (front, l-r) Nicole Kelley, Caitlin Reed, Becca Leslie, Tessa Kus (2nd row) Kelsey Cooper, Katie Nizzola, Brooke Hartwick, Erin Moore, Kristen Kawecki, Elisabeth Milligan, Macey Messing (3rd row) Alyse Timko, Alexandra Pena, Kaitlyn Messing, Jessica Bootz, Amanda Clifton, Katie Michalski and Kassie LaPonsie (back) Coaches Chuck Reed, Dawn Leslie and Mark Estelle.



## Ladydawks seek fourth consecutive NCTL title

With 10 returning letter winners leading the way, the Owen-Gage Lady Bulldogs are favored to win their fifth North Central Thumb League championship under Coach Doug Hyatt since taking the reins of the school's softball program in 2006.

The Bulldogs finished 12-6 in the NCTL-North, 15-13 overall, last year. Sure to be missed during the upcoming campaign, however, are 2010 Bulldog grads Kelsey Quick and Christy Schmidt.

Quick was named to the NCTL all-conference first team as a senior, while Schmidt earned NCTL honorable mention praises in 2010. Both players roamed the Bulldog outfield in their final seasons.

The Bulldogs will also be without the services of Marissa Woodruff and Rochelle Bosley in their effort to record the Bulldogs' fourth consecutive league crown. Both players transferred schools, with Woodruff returning to Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools and Bosley entering the Cass City school district.

Still, the Bulldogs return 6 NCTL- Please turn to page 8.

THE 2011 Owen-Gage Bulldog softball team members include: (front, l-r) Lacie Prich, Lauren Mandich, Kayla Montreuil (middle) Brittany Guilfoil, Rachel Mroz, Miranda Radabaugh, Donna Hopper, Alexis Morrish (back) Carli Warack, Mandy Muntz, Erika Mroz, Christin Harris and Mariah Blackmer. Missing is Richelle Scharf.



## Owen-Gage baseball team has big shoes to fill in 2011

Coach Joe Tkacz, entering his third year as leader of the Owen-Gage baseball program, has some big shoes to fill if his Bulldogs hope to be competitive in the North Central Thumb League - North race for league honors.

Gone via graduation are Ryan Francis, Devin Prich and Nick Zaleski. Prich and Zaleski were both first team all-conference selections in 2009 and 2010, while Francis was an honorable mention all-conference choice in his junior season.

Although the Bulldog graduation toll is significant, Tkacz returns 13 players from last year's squad headlined by juniors Mike Harp and Hunter Champagne. Both were named to the NCTL-N dream team as sophomores and are expected to anchor the Bulldog pitching rotation.

Also figuring to play key roles if the Bulldogs are to be successful this season are returnees Ben Good, Please turn to page 8.

THE 2011 Owen-Gage Bulldog baseball team members include: (front, l-r) Brett Morrish, Mike Harp, Tim Harp, Russell Stalter, Adam Retford (middle) David Lorenz, Cherokee Parks, Quinn Smith, Mike Mandich, Aaron Sting, Lorenzo Robinson (back) Eric Rievert, Hunter Champagne, Clyde Rhodes, Ben Good, Bryan Buschlen, Andrew Fahrner and Coach Joe Tkacz.

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## Defense strength of Red Hawk soccer team

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improve the Red Hawks' scoring attack in 2011.

"Second year player Kassie LaPonsie and freshman Liz Milligan should add to the team's strength

overall," Reed said. The veteran mentor also looks for senior forward Caitlin Reed and junior forward Nicole Kelley to score a few more goals this year if the Red Hawks hope to battle for Greater Thumb Conference honors.

Reed says Kaitlyn Messing and Alex Pena have looked aggressive on the offensive end of the field in early season workouts, while returning midfielders Jessica Bootz, Brooke Hartwick, Katie Michalski, Alyse Timko, Katie Nizzola and Erin Moore will need to be a little more offensive minded than last year.

New players Kelsey Cooper and Macey Messing will see plenty of action in the early season.

The GTC should be balanced as usual with Lakers, Bad Axe and Harbor Beach entering the season as the teams to beat.

However, the Red Hawks are the strongest overall team in Reed's tenure and, barring injuries, should contend for league and district titles.

## Lady Bulldogs ready to defend NCTL crown

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North all stars to build around this spring. Topping the list is all-conference standouts Lauren Mandich, Kayla Montreuil, Mandy Muntz and Christin Harris.

Mandich, the team's lone senior member, will anchor the Bulldog pitching staff and will fill the number 3 spot in the batting order after being named a dream team choice last year. She is a 4-year varsity letter winner.

Pegged to bat 4th in the Bulldog line-up is junior Amanda Muntz. She earned all-conference first-team honors as a sophomore and will handle most of the catching chores, according to Coach Hyatt.

Also back after earning all-conference first team praises in 2010 is sophomore Kayla Montreuil and junior Christin Harris. Montreuil, arguably the Bulldogs' most athletic player, will guard the line at third base and bat lead off for the Bulldogs, while Harris will spend time at short stop and center field.

Juniors Lacie Prich and Erica Mroz complete the list of returnees who earned all-conference recognition last year. Prich was named to the NCTL-N second team and Mroz

earned the NCTL-N Sportsmanship Award in 2010.

"Kayla has good speed and Lacie puts the ball in play and will bat second for us. Erica will give us a tested glove at either first base or in the outfield," Hyatt said.

Also back with a year's experience under their belt is Donna Hopper, Carli Warack, Miranda Radabaugh and Alexis Morrish, while Brittney Guilfoil, Mariah Blackmer, Rachel Mroz and Richelle Scharf are new to the varsity ranks.

Expected to challenge the Bulldogs for NCTL-N honors is Caseville and Port Hope.

### Owen-Gage High School Softball Schedule 2011

04/12/11	Marlette	4 p.m.
04/18/11	Caseville	4 p.m.
04/21/11	Peck	4 p.m.
04/26/11	Harbor Beach	4 p.m.
04/28/11	North Huron	4 p.m.
05/02/11	Port Hope	4 p.m.
05/05/11	Akron-Fairgrove	4 p.m.
05/09/11	CPS	4 p.m.
05/12/11	Memphis	4 p.m.
05/16/11	Kingston	4 p.m.
05/19/11	Deckerville	4 p.m.
05/26/11	Mayville	4 p.m.

Home games in bold.

## O-G has several letter winners returning for Coach Joe Tkacz

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Clyde Rhodes, Mike Mandich, Bryan Buschlen and Andrew Fahmer.

Fahmer, an all-conference second team pick as a freshman, is expected to spend time behind the plate at catcher, along with senior Clyde Rhodes. Look for Buschlen, an honorable mention NCTL-N choice last season, to be among the Bulldogs' top hitters in his senior season.

Mandich and Good will guard the lines in the Bulldog infield at third and first base, respectively.

Brett Morrish, Russell Stalter, David Lorenz, Quinn Smith, Aaron Sting and Eric Rievert complete the list of Bulldog returning players, while Tim Harp, Adam Retford,

Cherokee Parks and Lorenzo Robinson are first year players. How quickly these players develop will go a long way in determining the Bulldogs' success in 2011.

### Owen-Gage High School Baseball Schedule 2011

04/12/11	Kingston (DH 1, Scrim.)	4 p.m.
04/12/11	Kingston (DH 2, Scrim.)	6 p.m.
04/18/11	Caseville	4 p.m.
04/21/11	Peck	4 p.m.
04/26/11	Harbor Beach	4 p.m.
04/28/11	North Huron	4 p.m.
05/02/11	Port Hope	4 p.m.
05/05/11	Akron-Fairgrove	4 p.m.
05/09/11	CPS	4 p.m.
05/12/11	Memphis	4 p.m.
05/16/11	Kingston	4 p.m.
05/19/11	Deckerville	4 p.m.
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### Merchanettes as of March 21

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All Or Nothing	58
Just One More	39
Team #4	8

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Team High Game & Series: All Or Nothing 565 (1627).

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### Wednesday Nite Trio as of March 23

Martin Electric	25
Charmont	21
Rooney Contracting	20
Kelly & Co.	19
JEBCO	18
Walsh Farms	18
Vandelay Ind.	15
Scheurer Healthcare Network	12
Scheurer Hospital	8

Individual High Games & Series: Tom Summers 170-161-224 (555); Don Doerr 200-201-195 (596); Jim Smithson 180-208-235 (623); Roy Hull 210-147-174 (531); Ed Schmaltz 247-180-223 (650).

Team High Games & Series: Martin Electric 612-512-566 (1690).

### Wednesday Nite Trio as of March 30

Martin Electric	26
Rooney Contracting	24
Kelly & Co.	23
JEBCO	22
Charmont	21
Walsh Farms	21
Vandelay Ind.	15
Scheurer Healthcare Network	12
Scheurer Hospital	9

Individual High Games & Series: Ken Martin, Jr. 206-214 (577); Dan Dickinson 214-193 (550); Bradley Calahan 180-221 (533); Marty Zawilinski 199-225-212 (636); Tom Fulcher 212 (500); Ryan Bennett 225 (499); Tom Summers 230-228 (612); Rick Doerr 208-185-189 (582); Wally Laming 243-215 (604); Don Doerr 244 (584).

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The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on April 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., at the place of the Circuit Court in Tuscola County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13.75 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

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Lot 23 Oak Grove Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 40, Tuscola County Records.

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Dated: March 18, 2011

Joseph B. Backus  
Attorney for Mortgage Holder  
P.O. Box 794  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
(517) 337-1617

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Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2007-B, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series INABS 2007-B under the Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2007  
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Dated: April 6, 2011

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Dated: April 6, 2011  
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)  
Attorney for Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
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**Kindergarten Round-Up**  
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**Preschool "Meet the Teacher"**  
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**Thursday, April 14, 2011 - 7 p.m.**  
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**Obituary**

**Kenneth Brown**

Kenneth L. Brown, 78, of Cottage Grove Place, Iowa, died Thursday March 24, 2011 after an extended illness.

He was born Oct. 24, 1932 in Cass City, the son of Cecil and Mary (Burt) Brown.

He married Ruth E. Sheets June 18, 1955 in Windom, Minn.

Ken was an engineer at Rockwell-Collins for over 37 years, retiring in 1994. He volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital, and ushered for both the Cedar Rapids Symphony and Community Theatre. He was a charter member of the Cedar Rapids Concert Chorale and a member of New Covenant Bible Church.

Ken is survived by 2 sons: Steve (Teri) Brown of Lake City, Minn., and Jeff (Lori) Brown of Marion; 2 sisters: Elaine (Bill) Bell of Michigan and Sharon (Jim) Evans of North Carolina; 5 grandchildren: Jessica, Amanda, Stephanie, Keith and Kurt.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, in 2009; and 2 sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday April 2, at the Cedar Memorial Park Chapel of Memories, with the Rev. Jim Evans officiating.

Burial was in the Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established and online condolences may be left by visiting [www.cedarmemorial.com](http://www.cedarmemorial.com).

Arrangements were made by Cedar Memorial Park Funeral Home, Iowa.

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