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In Deford and Owendale

Benefits in the works for local residents

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Maybe this is the year you keep that resolution to give back more to the community: volunteering your time, energy and even money, to help others in need.

And if you're serious about your resolve to lend a neighbor a hand, take note of 2 area benefits fast approaching that provide opportunities toward achieving that goal.

The Deford Community Church, 1392 Kingston Road, is hosting a benefit dinner Saturday, Jan. 7, for young burn victims Derrick and Jeffrey McCombs, while the Owendale Lions Club will hold a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Jan. 15, with proceeds earmarked for the Barb Adams family.

The McCombs boys, ages 2 and 5, are recovering from burns sustained when the bedroom of their Wilmot home caught fire on the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day.

Jim Baughman, deacon at the church, says there will be plenty of

good food to enjoy at this weekend's event.

"We're hoping for a big turnout. We'll have enough food for hundreds of people. People need to know these young boys were badly hurt," he said.

After the morning fire, both boys were airlifted to Flint's Hurley Medical Center, where the oldest of the McCombs' children, Jeffrey, is still receiving treatments in the hospital's burn unit.

"In situations like these you can't imagine what the family is going through. We just want to help in any way we can," said Baughman.

The dinner is planned for 5-7 p.m. It will feature fried chicken, pizza, ham and many side dishes, according to Baughman, who is suggesting a donation of \$7, which will go directly to the McCombs family.

A similar benefit for Barb Adams will be held next Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Owen-Gage High School cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Organizers of the benefit, report the longtime Bulldog booster is very ill

and needs to be on a machine that costs \$5,000 per month, which her insurance does not cover.

The fundraising breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs, sausage, homemade biscuits and gravy, toast

and beverages.

The cost of the benefit is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Friends and family say their goodbyes to a local patriarch

Friends and family from across the state and beyond formally said goodbye to local patriarch Jack Esau Monday during touching ceremonies at the Fraser Presbyterian Church and Cass City Veterans of Foreign War hall.

Esau died at the age of 93 on Oct. 30, 2011.

While soloist Gloria Sosa's rendition of the U.S. Marine Corps Hymn tugged at the heartstrings of the crowd in attendance at Esau's childhood church, as did moving speeches at the VFW hall by speakers Kate VanAuken, Teresa Scollon, BJ Haire, Fred Baker, Teresa Rabideau and Jacob Ballard; it was Ron Crandell's eulogy that, perhaps, best portrays the life of a gentleman Cass City called a friend.

Crandell, Cass City's Junior Citizen of the Year in 1972, shared the following:

It is Sunday Morning October 30 in Northern Michigan, a surprisingly bright and sunny day. We savor the gift, knowing full well these last few hours of a glorious Indian Summer are fleeting. The cottages and campgrounds surrounding us are deserted and shuttered, ready to face the onslaught of yet another long winter. As I stand looking out the window, I am struck by the bittersweet emotions that envelope me...it is difficult to say goodbye.

A ping from my cell phone interrupts my thoughts...it is the message from Mary Beth I have expected, but did not want to receive. Two words from 200 miles away..."Dad died". The predictability of this simple sentence does not make it easier to realize a man who has been such a presence in our lives is no longer among us. And as with the passing of parents and friends' parents, I selfishly lament the finality I feel in knowing these last vestiges of a fondly remembered coming of age are now forever severed.

As with others before Jack, I do my best to summon a lifetime of memories to my conscious mind...fearing the loss of even one of these treas-

ured moments. Interestingly, it is not those iconic events that we take great efforts to celebrate and chronicle that rush forth, but rather myriad random vignettes that transcend a half century and in which I see the measure of this good man.

Curiously, I think of an old photograph, a somewhat faded black and white image of a white shingled bungalow. The house in the picture is recognizable as one I know well at 6100 Milligan Road on the old Schenk farm...

What is surprising about this particular picture is the stark barren perimeter of the newly built house. It comes as a shock to realize the idyllic natural landscape in my mind's eye is missing...I appreciate for the first time it was created by Jack in the same quiet, resolute unpretentious manner in which he chose to do everything in his life. My eyes are drawn to a grove of pine saplings in the photo, planted in the same precise military rows that Jack probably had paraded in just a few years previous as a member of the United States Marines. I am struck by the evergreens' small size...can this really be the same "forest" we would play in as youngsters "hide and seek" ten years hence? It strikes me how Jack thoughtfully planted this windbreak to protect his homestead against the howling storms of winter with much the same guardianship and sense of responsibility that he chose to enter military service a decade earlier.

Although these years of service predated the time most of us knew him, it was clearly a very important chapter and time in his life. I remember Mary Beth, Howard, Sue and I walking through the cavernous Union Railroad Terminal in Cincinnati and Meb relating how she had visited there with her dad. He told her of Marine posters he had studied on the post office wall that promised recruits would "See the World". As Jack walked the long train platforms and halls of this train station teeming with travelers, he recalled that he thought he had indeed seen the world. Impressive as Union Station is to us today with its imposing murals, I can only imagine the emotions Jack must have felt that day as he transferred from the Detroit troop train to another heading for southern climes. Although there had to be some anxious moments, I can clearly picture Jack forging on, jaw set, his course clear. So true to his personality, Jack's recollections of that time never were of bravado or personal heroics, but rather memories of the times he shared with his fellow soldiers. After attending a reunion of these comrades in Savannah, Georgia, Mary Beth remarked how she was struck by the disparate ethnicity, geography and interests of these men. The bond they did share was a belief in their country and the cause for which they fought.

As dutifully chronicled in the local newspaper each Memorial Day, another iconic image I will always carry of Jack is of him solemnly serving as Master of Ceremonies at the podium at the Elkland Cemetery, standing ramrod straight in his still well-fitting vintage uniform. When he stepped down from this role after many years of service, the Chronicle thoughtfully acknowledged this

passing of the guard with an article and photo. There was Jack in that (still) well-fitting uniform (still) standing ramrod straight with daughter Anne by his side. It unexpectedly brought tears to my eyes...for in it I saw the embodiment of the pride



Jack Esau

Jack must have felt from realizing the dreams he carried with him through Union Station that day, aboard that South Pacific troop ship, and eventually back to the hometown he loved.

Returning to that house in the picture, it was soon to become the heart of Jack and Ruth's lives together and the lives they so unselfishly shared with so many others.

I must admit I had a very tough time trying to capture the Jack I knew growing up...I could not understand this mental block until I had an epiphany...it was not just Jack all those years, it was Mr. and Mrs. Esau...together...working together...sharing together...entertaining together...can there really be a greater testament to the love, respect and devotion they felt for each other?

The late Kally Maharg once remarked to Ruth that the Esau home reminded her of a "cottage", a comment Ruth was unsure she should consider a compliment...I assured Ruth that this was, indeed, the ultimate compliment...for anyone that ever walked up that fieldstone path and crossed the portal to the warmth of a crackling fire and the smell of cookies baking, it just does not get any better than this. This home was truly a sanctuary for any guest and the quintessential extension of both Jack and Ruth. One of the great joys of visiting was that one could never anticipate what new ideas, inspirations, or for that matter people that you might encounter.

Jack, ever the vociferous reader, felt as comfortable discussing the brilliance of General Robert E. Lee in the Civil War as he did the latest installment of "Uncle Tim from Tyre" in the Chronicle...that living room

was truly an oasis...I remember the first time my wife Sue visited and soon became engaged in an in-depth thoughtful conversation about elementary education. Ruth and Jack both had an innate ability to lift and validate you as a person. So whether it be the Kerchers from Connecticut stopping in while visiting the Koepfgens, Winnie Orr Baumann and daughter Kathy up from Pleasant Ridge for the day, the Fuller Brush, Watkins, or Schwann man (take your pick), or friends of Eric, Anne, or Mary Beth, all would soon be prop-

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Brickers welcome a daughter January 1

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

It didn't take long for the first baby of the new year in the Chronicle's coverage area to arrive.

Irwin and Susan Bricker welcomed daughter Maria I. Bricker to the world on New Year's Day at 9:50 a.m. Born in their Leslie Road home, she weighed 9 pounds and 5 ounces and measured 22 inches long.

Maria is the Sanilac County couple's ninth child and will be showered with gifts from Cass City Area merchants as the first baby reported to our office in 2012.

As was true last year, the proud parents will receive a \$10 discount off of a baby prescription from Coach Light Pharmacy, as well as a \$20 flo-

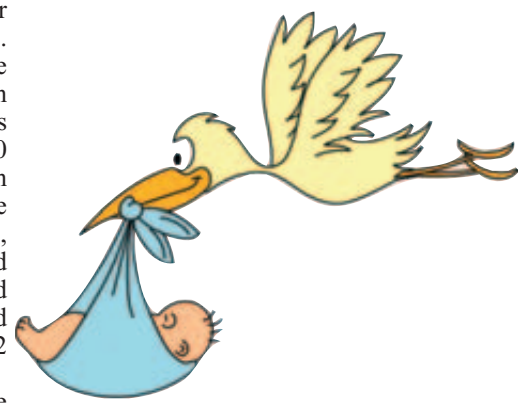
ral bouquet from Special Scents Floral Shoppe.

Angel's Hair Studio is chipping in a \$15 gift certificate and Gilligan's has a \$20 gift certificate waiting.

In addition, 2 area banks will offer their best wishes. Chemical Bank and Thumb National Bank each have a \$10 savings account for the new arrival.

But that's not all; Erla Foods has chipped in a \$20 gift certificate, while Plain and Fancy Decorating is offering a \$25 gift certificate.

Finally, the family, which moved to the area from New York in 2011, can read about their new arrival and other local news all year long with a free, one-year subscription to the Cass City Chronicle.



Chronicle increases price of newsstands after 20 years

For over 20 years, we've been able to hold the line on the newsstand cost of the Chronicle at half-a-dollar.

That will change with today's printing, as our newsstand price tag of a single issue increases to 75 cents.

There are several reasons for the price hike. At the top of that list is economics. In Nov. of 1991, the date of our last single issue price change, a person could mail a letter for 29 cents. That same letter today costs 44 cents for the same service, with no end in sight to the rising cost, except, perhaps, eliminating the service altogether. Although the Chronicles are mailed as second class matter - a complicated formula that uses weights, advertising percentages, locations and other factors to determine postage - the percentage increases in the cost of stamps and second class matter over the same period are similar.

Of course, the United States Postal Service isn't alone in having to adjust its pricing to stay afloat. Most printing supplies, namely newsprint, have skyrocketed in the past 2 years which forced the Midland Daily News, our current printer, to up their pricing by 4 percent in January of 2011.

I'm sure I don't have to tell anyone the costs for gasoline, heat, insurance, water - just about everything - are much different than they were during the time of President George H.W. Bush.

While experts say the cost of living has rose roughly 4.25 percent yearly over the past 2 decades, it's not the

only basis for our new pricing.

I'm hopeful our faithful readers believe we've earned it.

The Michigan Press Association, according to its 2011 Better Newspaper Contest, ranked the Chronicle first in General Excellence among Class D weekly newspapers (circulation of under 4,000).

The honor goes to newspapers showing excellence in overall appearance and content, with judging based on layout, design, use of photos, headlines, body type, reproduction quality, local news content, editorial page, etc. The award is a tribute to a hard working and dedicated staff willing to go the extra mile each week to supply the best product we can.

Still, times are tough and that's why our subscription rates will remain the same to kick off the new year. In fact, the boost in our newsstand pricing better aligns the Chronicle's newsstand cost, compared to the cost of subscribing. For some Chronicle readers, paying an additional 25 cents to get their hands on that week's issue a day earlier will seem justified. Other local newsstand readers, however, might want to consider becoming a Chronicle subscriber, which would reduce the cost of 52 issues from \$39 to just \$21.

The Cass City Chronicle truly appreciates your business. We'll strive to keep it by publishing the most concise, accurate and unbiased news of Cass City and the area.

Clarke Haire

Publisher



Lexie and Benjamin Hague

Hague, Brinkman wed at Walt Disney World

Benjamin Hague and Lexie Brinkman were married Nov. 26, 2011 at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Officiating the ceremony was the Rev. Kevin Knox of Orlando, Fla.

Lexie is the daughter of Tim and Brenda Brinkman of Atlanta, Ga., and the granddaughter of Tom and Linda Herron and the late Donald and Phyllis Brinkman, all of Cass City. She is a graduate of North Gwinnett High School and the University of West Georgia.

Ben is the son of Patrick and Melinda Hague of Atlanta, Ga. He is a graduate of Peachtree Ridge High School and Gwinnett Technical College. He currently works for Trane HVAC in inside sales.

The maid of honor was Lakyn Brinkman, sister of the bride. Lexie had 9 bridesmaids including her maid of honor, all of which have been friends of the bride's for many years.

The flower girl was Alyvia Hollis of Cass City. She is the daughter of Eric Hollis.

The best man was Patrick Hague, Sr., father of the groom, and a friend to him. Ben had 9 groomsmen, including his best man.

The ring bearers were Caleb and Gavin Bekebrede of Atlanta, Ga. They are the sons of Aaron Bekebrede, a close friend of the bride and groom.

Following the ceremony at Disney's Wedding Pavilion, the wedding reception was held at the Grand Floridian Resort in Walt Disney World, where 150 guests attended and special guests Mickey and Minnie Mouse arrived to celebrate with the happy couple. It was truly a magical fairytale for the bride and groom.

The couple enjoyed their honeymoon in the Dominican Republic and currently reside in Suwanee, Ga.

Mike Green leads effort to change definition of a pistol

The definition of a pistol would be changed from a firearm with an overall length of 30 inches or less to one of 26 inches or less if legislation approved by the Michigan Senate recently becomes law.

State Sen. Mike Green led the effort and said the change is needed to clear up confusion among firearm manufacturers and dealers, and to bring Michigan more in line with the definition used in federal law and by most other states.

"Because Michigan's legal definition of a pistol is out of step with most others, many firearms considered long guns by the federal government and other states are actually treated as pistols here," said Green (R-Mayville). "That makes it more

difficult for firearms makers, retailers and buyers to do lawful business in this state, especially as it relates to youth hunting firearms and sporting rifles.

"Hunting and recreational shooting contribute a lot to our economy and this legislation will have a positive impact on that industry."

Federal and state requirements for background checks at the point of purchase will not change, nor will laws concerning concealed pistol license holders who lawfully purchased, registered or carried a firearm as a pistol under the old definition.

Senate Bills 760-62 were each approved by votes of 36-2, and they now go to the state House for consideration.

It's a girl!



Haylee Bucholz

Haylee Jade Bucholz was born at 6:24 p.m., Aug. 24, 2011. She weighed 7 pounds and was 18 1/4" long.

Her parents are Alicia Ford and Daniel Bucholz of Cass City.

Grandparents are Doral and Tonya Lawhorn of Gagetown, Ross Ford of Snover, and Linda Bucholz of Pigeon. Her great-grandmothers are Dawn Haag of Cass City, Audrey Bucholz of Bad Axe, and Elma Smith of Pigeon.

Stark receives nomination to U.S. Military Academy

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow announced recently that she has nominated 63 Michigan students for placement at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, M.D., the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, C.O., and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

"It's exciting that so many exceptional students from our state are willing to serve our country through military service," said Senator Stabenow. "These individuals have demonstrated their excellence in and out of the classroom, and I am confident that they will represent Michigan well."

Students seeking appointment to a service academy must first obtain the nomination of their U.S. Senator, their U.S. Representative or the Vice President. Students nominated by Senator Stabenow's office went through a competitive application process that included interviews by community leaders. Now that the students have been nominated, they must await acceptance for admission by the academy to which they have applied.

Nominations to the U.S. Military Academy included Jacob Stark of Cass City.

Foundation members get 10 free trees

Residents of Michigan can ring in the new year by receiving 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2012.

By becoming a member of the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation, you will receive 2 white flowering dogwoods, 2 flowering crabapples, 2 Washington hawthorns, 2 American redbuds and 2 goldenrain trees.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Michigan lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the non-profit foundation's "Trees for America" campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Feb. 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to the foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive your free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410, by Jan. 31. Michigan residents can also join online at arbor day.org/january.

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SUDOKU puzzle section with grid, instructions, and answers for Dec. 28, 2011.

PUBLISHER'S POINT

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Changes in store at the Chronicle in the new year

With each new year comes change, it's inevitable.

Sometimes that change is good, sometimes it's bad. Many times a switch is desired, many times it's not.

Always, as a current popular catch phrase suggests, "it is what it is."

For the Chronicle in 2012, among the adjustments will be a transformation in the editorial staff. Longtime editor Tom Montgomery submitted his resignation effective Dec. 21, 2011.

Prior to 1986, when Montgomery was originally hired, just a handful of people have served this community and the surrounding area as editor of the Chronicle. Jim Ketchum, Mike Eliasohn and a short stint by James McLoskey, preceded Montgomery in the role of editor during my lifetime.

All those men did admirable jobs. Montgomery accumulated many honors during his time at the Chronicle as proof of that.

In addition to being chosen Farm Bureau's Agricultural Communicator of the Year in 2005, Central Michigan University named Montgomery its Department of Journalism Outstanding Alumnus in 2009. Montgomery was often recognized by the Michigan Press Association, winning numerous top 3 finishes over the years in their annual Better Newspaper Contest, including most recently a pair of 2011 second place entries in Editorial Writing and Local Columnist categories.

Tom's accolades provide credence to what I've always said - Tom Montgomery is one of the Thumb's best journalists.

When Melva Guinther retired from her duties as proofreader here, she returned later as a columnist. I believe Tom may choose to be part of this publication again in the future, perhaps in a different capacity. Chronicle readers don't have to be told he's gifted and talented when it comes to reporting a story in print, and he's talked about pursuing opportunities as a freelance contributor.

Regardless, for over 2 decades Tom has served this paper and the community admirably. I feel fortunate to call him a friend.

Have a wonderful and safe 2012



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

For a laundry czar, ironing is about more than clean clothes



We begin life as children. We grow up. We grow older. No matter how hard we try, no matter how much we tell ourselves we won't do it, somehow it happens. Somewhere along the line - between diaper changing and retirement - we become our parents.

It might be in the form of an absentminded habit, a tendency to gesture a certain way or use certain catch phrases. It might be you notice you're combing your hair like your dad or clipping coupons like your mom. It might even involve the laundry.

I scoffed at the whole laundry process as a newlywed sixteen years ago.

"I will not get excited about cleaning clothes," I remember telling my mother and mother-in-law. I'm sure they cringed at my attitude.

All through high school my mom ironed my jeans. While I appreciated the crisp lines of my pants, I didn't see the value in the ironing process.

My mother-in-law tried to show me how to iron a man's shirt once. I pretended to pay attention. I wasn't a man. Why would I need to iron a man's shirt?

When we were first married, my husband and I waited until the laundry hamper was heaping before we'd make the trek to the apartment laundry room to do our thirteen loads of wash. We left the ironing board set up in the bedroom and pressed whatever we needed each morning before work.

When we moved into our first house and had our own washer and dryer, we devised a point system to encourage laundry completion. Each stage of the laundry process - sorting, washing, drying, folding and putting away - was worth points, which we actually had the time to tally. This, of course, was during life B.C. (before children).

Since those days, we've added four human mouths and three animal ones to the household. We no longer have time to think about, much less count, laundry points. In addition, my husband "managed" to ruin a number of wash loads during our early years A.D. (after daughter), and was restricted to a non-wash classification.

In other words, I've become laundry czar.

Through the years, my views on laundry have evolved. You can't spend a substantial amount of time completing any task without justifying its importance in your mind. I've come to appreciate the fresh smell of a newly washed shirt and the crispness of clean sheets on a bed. I can fold five bath towels in under a minute and sort socks like a pro. In the past few months, I've even taken to ironing.

In short, I've become my mother.

My mother ironed my jeans. She ironed my dad's work clothes. She ironed lots of things. Now, all these years later, I've finally realized she didn't iron because the creases in the fabric gave her intrinsic rewards.

Being a parent is a lot about taking care of others. It's about being unselfish and ironing your daughter's jeans because she likes them that way. It's about ironing a

man's shirt even though you're not a man. It's about seeing beyond yourself and realizing life is so much more real when it's experienced as we versus me.

Ironing is a fairly concrete way of doing something nice for the people you love. It's as simple as that.

My mom called the other afternoon when I happened to be (you guessed it) ironing.

"Don't you enjoy ironing clothes?" she asked. I could imagine her smiling on the other end of the line.

I had to pause. A year ago, I would have laughed at the thought. Then I answered her honestly. "Yeah, Mom, I guess I do."

With that, I officially embraced the laundry stage of life. Those of us who've been there know it's about so much more than clean clothes. Besides, who says becoming your mother has to be all bad?

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 perlmn@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)

December 2011 came and went without much snow. Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Supt. Rick Mohr tallied some figures for us, and he reported that only 3.9" of snow was recorded last month here. That pales in comparison to 2008 when a whopping 29" fell to the ground before the new year, including 5.3" alone on Dec. 19th.

December's snowfall in the years 2009 and 2008 seemed to be more on the average, with 6.9" and 8.7" registered, respectively, at the WWTP.

That seems about right. Since seriously getting into snowmobiling in 2007, when I purchased a Skidoo MXZ Blizzard, conditions have allowed me to cash-in on a quality ride during December every year, without the need to travel to the Upper Peninsula.

It was a good run, but that streak ended over the weekend.

Last year ended on a good note for one area sportsman.

Cass City Gun Club member Corey Ulfig recorded his first perfect score at the local shooting range to close out 2011, hitting all 25 clay pigeons in a round of skeet.

Ulfig achieved the fete using a 12-gauge shotgun and it was witnessed by Mike Karr.

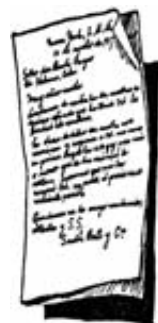
Now if the 1996 Red Hawk grad can just dial it in on the links in 2012 - look out!

Subscriber Carolyn Fleming called to point out a mistake in last week's Down Memory Lane column.

Tina Pallas wrote that Fleming's twin daughters graduated from Kingston High School, when in fact the one-time Shover twins actually graduated from Sandusky High School.

The mistake wasn't Tina's, however, as that's how the information was originally printed in 1986.

Have a concern? A complaint?
Just want to voice your opinion?



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The Cass City Chronicle will gladly publish social news free of charge. Social news includes: engagements, weddings, anniversaries, college graduations, birth announcements and similar items. There is a \$4 fee to include a photo.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Wednesday, January 4

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, January 5

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 553-5932.

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

Friday, January 6

Al-Anon meeting for family and friends of alcoholics, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Elkton. For more information, call (989) 912-0546.

Sunday, January 8

Gagetown AA meeting, 8-9 p.m., Gagetown fire hall. For more information, call (989) 665-0086 or (989) 912-5493.

Monday, January 9

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) 553-5932.

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

Tuesday, January 10

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

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.

Sanilac authorities increase reward to \$1,500 in break-in

The reward leading to the arrest and/or recovery of stolen guns has been raised from \$500 to \$1,500 by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Mark Siemen advises that on Dec. 16, deputies investigated this breaking and entering complaint on Wheatland Road, in the Deckerville area, Sanilac County. The suspects entered the shed adja-

cent to the owner's home and stole multiple long guns (hunting guns) such as shotguns and rifles. Deputies have reason to believe the suspects knew or had known these guns were in the building and the location they were kept.

The suspects forced their way into the building sometime between 9

p.m. on the evening of Dec. 15, to 8 a.m. in the morning of Dec. 16.

Anyone with any information about this crime can contact the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office and ask to speak with Deputy Shelly Park or Sgt. Mark Siemen. All calls and information will be held and kept confidential.

AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference slated

Grand Rapids will be the site of the national Beginning Farmer and Rancher Conference and American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference, slated to be held concurrently Feb. 17-20, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and DeVos Place. Persons registering for either conference will have the opportunity to attend sessions at both events.

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Conference

The 2nd annual Beginning Farmer and Rancher Conference is presented by AFBF and Start2Farm.gov, a project of the National Agricultural Library in partnership with AFBF.

Supported by a Beginning Farming and Ranching Development Program grant from the Agriculture Department's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Start2Farm.gov aims to assist people new to farming or ranching and

those who have less than 10 years experience.

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Conference is for individuals interested in all types of agriculture; Farm Bureau membership is not required. The conference will provide an opportunity for attendees to network with other farmers from around the country and learn from experts how to start and maintain a thriving farm business.

"America's farmers recognize that providing food that satisfies the tastes and preferences of today's consumers is more important than ever before," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "We welcome into our ranks and extend a helping hand to beginning farmers who are just starting their careers as food producers."

For more information about the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Conference, including online registration, visit <http://2012bfrconference.eventbrite.com> or email questions to info@start2farm.gov.

Farm Bureau Young Farmer Leaders Conference

MFB holds a leadership conference for young farmers yearly. For 2012, the state conference will be held in conjunction with the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference and co-sponsored by GreenStone Farm Credit Services.

The leadership conference targets

Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35, offering participants the opportunity to expand their knowledge of agriculture issues and trends and share ideas with their peers.

"Your Voice. Our Future" is the theme of the 2012 conference, which will feature a lineup of guest speakers including Eckert AgriMarketing founder and CEO Jane Eckert, motivational humorist and writer Bryan Townsend, and Matt Lohr, a past AFBF Young Farmer award winner turned professional speaker and commissioner of agriculture and consumer services in Virginia.

In addition, participants will have the option of attending several local tours. Destinations include Fenn Valley Vineyards and Wine Cellar, Tiara Yachts and Energetx, Zeeland Farm Services, General Motors Lansing Delta Township Assembly, Carbon Green Bioenergy ethanol plant, Heffron Farms Market, den Dulk Dairy Farm, Countryside Greenhouse, RiverRidge Packing, Victory Farms, Robinette's Apple Haus and Winery, and Gordon Food Service.

More information about the Farm Bureau Young Farmer leadership conference is available on the MFB website. Michigan young farmers interested in attending should register by Jan. 10 with their county Farm Bureau office.

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Said premises are situated in City of Fairgrove, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO

Cass City senior Andrew Martin is this week's recipient of Schneeberger's Athlete of the Week honor. The Red Hawk center helped Cass City to a 67-63 overtime win Friday against visiting Imlay City. Martin, who is recovering from an ankle injury, hit for a season-high 16 points, 9 coming after the third period. Martin is a 4-year varsity starter. Andrew is the son of Roselyn and Ken Martin.

As could be expected, champion Kingston dominated the 2006-07 Ugly Holiday All Tournament Team with 3 selections. Cardinal seniors Brandon Jones (6' 6"), Tristin Pennington (6' 4") and Brian Stine (6' 1") were all named to the dream team, along with Caro's senior Travis Thompson (6' 2") and Ugly juniors Grant Pichla (5' 7") and Jeremy Kubacki (5' 9"). Jones was also voted the tournament MVP.

Ashleigh Stoekle of Cass City recently earned an award for logging 100 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Horseback Riding Program. The pro-

gram recognizes and rewards AQHA members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, working cattle, pleasure driving and simply riding.

Faith in God. Faith in each other. Those simple promises have been a way of life for Elma and Gordon Arbitter, who celebrated yet another New Year's Eve together Sunday night, just as they have for more than 7 decades. The Arbitters have been married for 77 years, and they're looking forward to their 78th wedding anniversary next summer. Elma, 95, a native of Maryland, and Gordon, 99, who hails from the Detroit area, were married Aug. 17, 1929.

10 YEARS AGO

It was an unqualified success, Toni McCreedy smiled, with the help of the family and other volunteers. The first ever free Christmas dinner at the Cass City VFW Hall attracted 240 people. Together with the community Thanksgiving dinner, Cass City area residents never have to cele-

brate the holidays alone. How nice that is. (From Rabbit Tracks)

When Mary Damm first came to work at the Cass City Chronicle, trees lined the side roads leading to Main Street and the Main Street stop light was so new that it was a discussion topic along the main stem. Her long career came to an end Friday after over 34 years when she was honored at a goodbye party at Charmont Restaurant. Damm came to work in Aug. 1965 and was a fixture at the paper until she retired except for an interruption of 2 years after the birth of her daughter, Susan, in 1968. At least the first months of her retirement are well planned. She will take off with her husband, Dale, for a home they purchased in Florida. One of the couples' 2 sons, Rick, lives in Pinellas Park, Florida, and the other son, Randy, lives in Cass City. Daughter Susan (Damm) Wooster lives in Flint.

You can ask Stephen Lutzky of Cass City anything you want to know about sculpting, except how long it takes to produce one of the beautiful pieces that he creates. Lutzky is an artist with mallet and chisel and admits that he can talk about his craft for hours on end. But telling how long it takes is impossible for me to answer, he said. I may be sculpting 2 or 3 pieces at a time and working on them off and on for many months. Lutzky operated a store in Brown City prior to coming to Cass City. His full-time job is as an industrial accountant. He and his wife Barbara have been married for 30 years. She now works for the village.

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City lost one of its most respected and prominent citizens Thursday when W. E. Walpole, founder and chairman of the board at Walbro Corporation, died in Indianapolis, Ind. He was 81 years old. Under his guidance for 36 years, Mr. Walpole took a fledgling company from nothing to an international corporation that is the largest independent manufacturer of small engine carburetors in the world and a well-established supplier to the automotive industry.

Cass City area native Grover Laurie last week began his 29th year as a Tuscola County Road Commission member after being elected chairman of the board Dec. 24. Laurie, 74, a long-time area dairy and cash crop farmer, is the only remaining veteran of the 3-member board. He's outlasted at least 6 other commissioners during his lengthy tenure. The father of newly elected Michigan Farm Bureau head Jack Laurie, the elder Laurie in a recent interview said he's seen many changes in the commission since he was appointed in October 1955. "We've built millions of dollars worth of bridges and millions of dollars of roads, and I've seen wages (grow) by 5 times" what they were, Laurie reminisced. He noted that employees' wages have jumped from about \$1.50 per hour to \$12 an hour.

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs started the new year right with a pair of victories in the AuGres Holiday Invitational tournament to use as a springboard for success in the North Central D conference. The Bulldogs topped Au-Gres, 55-46, in the opener Friday and took home the crown with a 60-49 decision over Arenac Eastern Tuesday. In the championship contest Stu Stirrett had a career night and his stellar performance paced the Bulldogs to the championship and won him a spot on the all-tourney team. Stirrett scored 32 points on 12 buckets and 8 of 13 charity tosses. Steve Root was also in double figures with 12 points.

50 YEARS AGO

A Cass City man and two county men were among 707 graduates awarded degrees by Michigan State University during fall quarter commencement exercises recently. From Cass City, William E. Steinkraus, 3101 N. Dodge Road, was awarded his Master of Science degree in geology. Mrs. Steinkraus is the former Faith Parrott. He has accepted a position with the California Oil Company in New Orleans. William Hunter, Caro, was awarded his Bachelor of Arts in psychology and Carson Daniel Keyes, Gilford, received his Master's in Agricultural Economics.

The Cass City and Elkland township public library has available to the patrons 12 books now appearing on the "best seller" list. The following books are the latest purchases and include: "Before I Sleep", the last days of Dr. Tom Dooley; "A Prologue to Love" by Taylor Caldwell; "Ring of Bright Water" by

Gavin Maxwell, and "Pleasure by the Busload" by Emily Kimbrough. Other books are Alexander King's newest book; a new mystery; a new western; six light fictions and "Daughter of Silence" by Morris L. West. A gift to the library, "The Truth About Cancer" by Charles Cameron, M. D., was presented by Peg and Fritz Neitzel.

MR. 1962 — Mark Stevens is the first baby born in Cass City in 1962. Mark put in his appearance at 3:04 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Cass City Hospital. The five-pound boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flores, Oxford. Mr. Flores is a machine operator for the Grand Trunk Railway. Mark is the Flores' third Please turn to page 6.



Photo courtesy of True Reflections Photography

BACK 2 BACK Chiropractic announces the return of Dr. Heidi Yeager to the office to treat patients after a 2 year hiatus to focus on the care of her children. Pictured are (from left) Jase, Heidi, Eric and Mia Yeager.

Cass City and Caseville

Back 2 Back owners are Certified Chiropractic Sports Physicians

Drs. Eric and Heidi Yeager, owners of Back 2 Back Chiropractic in Cass City and Caseville, are now Certified Chiropractic Sports Physicians (CCSP). The postgraduate designation of CCSP is administered by the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians (ACBSP). The mission of the ACBSP is to promote the highest standards of excellence and clinical competence for chiropractors specializing in sports medicine and physical fitness. The CCSP certification has been attained by less than 1 percent of practicing chiropractors.

The CCSP title is awarded to physicians who successfully complete postgraduate level training in diagnosis and treatment of sports injuries, emergency procedures (CPR/AED/Life Support), athletic training and conditioning, and injury prevention. The CCSP certification requires the doctor to attend a 120 hour postgraduate program. This instruction is specific to physical fitness and the evaluation and treatment of injuries encountered in sports. Following the completion of these hours, the doctor must then take and successfully pass a comprehensive written examination. The CCSP training will aid the doctors in the prevention and treatment of athletic injuries by enhancing their diagnostic skills and patient care. The CCSP accreditation exists to provide a uniform standard of education that assures teams and athletes that the doctor has met a minimum level of competency in chiropractic sports medicine.

The CCSP is also now the minimum standard to be considered as team chiropractor in the U.S. Olympic teams. The current heads of the medical staff for the U.S. Olympic Training Centers in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Chula Vista, California are board certified members of the ACBSP™. Attaining the

CCSP allows the doctors to become eligible to treat athletes competing for the United States at the Olympic Games. The CCSP certification authorizes Drs. Eric and Heidi Yeager to be team physicians.

Both Doctors Eric and Heidi have a long-standing interest in health and fitness: Dr. Eric as an ISSA certified fitness trainer, competitive Olympic lifter and bodybuilder; and Dr. Heidi as a competitive athlete in volleyball, basketball, track and field, and training in swim and dance. The achievement of the CCSP certification was a natural extension of these interests. Drs. Eric and Heidi have a desire to help patients achieve health and wellness through optimization of fitness, nutrition, and lifestyle.

The CCSP certification is in addition to what Back 2 Back Chiropractic already provides. Back 2 Back Chiropractic is The Thumb's only husband and wife chiropractic team. Back 2 Back features traditional chiropractic adjustments and contemporary treatments including spinal decompression therapy. Back 2 Back also offers massage therapy in a relaxing and comfortable environment.

Back 2 Back Chiropractic provides conservative diagnosis-driven treatment of back pain, neck pain, headaches, arthritis related discomfort and sports injuries. Back 2 Back offers the latest treatment technology utilizing state-of-the-art equipment including flexion-distraction tables and decompression tables. Drs. Eric and Heidi Yeager specialize in sports injury management, rehabilitation, injury prevention, physical fitness and nutritional counseling. Back 2 Back Chiropractic strives to provide quality care delivered with attention to proper diagnosis and treatment and is committed to spending the time necessary for proper examination, diagnosis and treatment.

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BEARCAT Raquel O'Connor is sandwiched between Warriors Mechaela Levaine (42) and Christian Preston during a non-conference affair. Uibly recorded a 41-32 win.



JOSH WHITE slips to the floor against pressure from North Huron defender Kyle Case. Still, the Uibly center was able to convert a 3-point play during Thursday's 83-35 victory. Looking in on the action is Bearcat Austin Drake.

Athletes to watch in the new year

When Thumb area athletes return to Cass City, and Christin Harris, action in 2012, there are a selected few close to home to keep tabs on.

Topping that list is Uibly senior hoopster Marshall Leipprandt. The 6'6" Bearcat dandy is in a class of his own.

He controls the action from anywhere on the court. Be it at the point of Uibly's 1-3-1 zone defense, or from beyond the 3-point arc on offense, Leipprandt is a handful. Of course, he's most exciting in the open court, where his path to the basket is likely to end with a 2-handed dunk.



MARSHALL Leipprandt throws down a dunk.

Hendrick is off to a terrific start in her final Red Hawk season and there's no reason to think her success won't continue in 2012.

She's averaging a team-best 12 points per game, and hit a clutch game-winning basket against Imlay City that improved the Red Hawks to 5-1 before the holidays.

Always able to score using the left hand, Hendrick has added the mid-range jump shot to her offensive arsenal.

Harris, a 3-year starter, is reaping the benefits of a good work ethic, according to Coach Please turn to page 8.

DOUBLE HEADER SWEEPS

NCTL teams no match for GTC foes

Uibly has way with Warriors

Uibly had all the fun in Kinde. The Uibly girls' basketball team ended play in 2011 by defeating host North Huron in the opening contest of the double header between non-conference foes, while the Uibly boys' basketball team improved to 5-0 with an 83-35 thrashing of the Warriors in the night cap.

The Lady Bearcats' 41-32 non-conference victory is the team's first since enduring a winless 2009-10 campaign. They'll try to earn back-to-back wins tonight against visiting Cass City, although the task at hand is much larger against a 5-1 Red Hawk team in the first showing of the new year for both teams.

Uibly guards Ashley Kubacki, Maria Guza and Brandi Burton were the difference in Thursday's back-and-forth contest. The visitors jumped out in front 10-8 after one quarter, but trailed 16-14 at the break.

Uibly erased the deficit early in the final half, opening play with an 8-2 run, only to see North Huron close to within 2 points, 25-23, on Sarah Maurer's buzzer beater from 25-feet.

Uibly stretched the margin to 29-25, and later to 33-26, on steals by Guza who was rewarded on the other end of the court with easy lay-in buckets.

North Huron received a solid effort from Ashley Case. She kept her team within shouting distance for most of the night with solid passing and rebounding on her way to a team-high 9 points.

However, Uibly's Raquel O'Connor scored after setting a nice pick and rolling to the basket for a 35-26 advantage, forcing a Warrior timeout with 3:01 remaining on the clock.

The Warriors never seriously challenged after that.

O'Connor paced the Bearcats with a dozen markers, while Guza chipped in 10 points.

Bearcat bench.

Leipprandt recorded a game-high 20 points, while Mitchell Guza registered 14 points and Josh White, 12.

Dustin Sieman's 12 points were tops for North Huron.

UBLY - N. Sweeney 2-2 (0-0) 10; Cleary 0-1 (0-0) 3; B. White 0-0 (0-2) 0; Guza 4-2 (0-0) 14; Rutkowski 3-0 (0-0) 6; Messing 0-1 (0-0) 3; Leipprandt 7-1 (3-3) 20; B. Sweeney 0-3 (0-2) 9; Morrell 3-0 (0-0) 6; J. White 5-0 (2-3) 12.
TOTALS - 24-10 (5-10) 83.

NORTH HURON - Maxwell 2-0 (1-3) 5; Sieman 1-3 (1-2) 12; Fischer 2-0 (0-0) 4; Case 2-0 (0-0) 4; Dhyse 4-0 (0-1) 8; Polega 1-0 (0-0) 2.
TOTALS - 12-3 (2-6) 35.

UBLY - Burton 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kubacki 1-0 (0-0) 2; Guza 5-0 (0-0) 10; O'Connor 6-0 (0-0) 12; Susalla 2-0 (0-0) 4; Pionk 3-0 (0-0) 6; Woolner 2-0 (1-2) 5.
TOTALS - 20-0 (1-2) 41.

NORTH HURON - Goretzki 3-0 (1-4) 7; Knoblock 1-1 (0-0) 5; Case 3-0 (3-6) 9; Preston 1-0 (2-2) 4; Koroleski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Maurer 1-1 (0-0) 5.
TOTALS - 10-2 (6-12) 32.

Kingston loses to Red Raiders

Kingston didn't stand much of a chance Wednesday night in Marlette. With emotions running high, the

host Red Raiders grabbed a pair of easy victories over the Cardinals, claiming the girls' contest with a 54-37 decision, followed by a 59-39 win over the Kingston boys in the night-cap of the non-conference double header.

It was a big night for Red Raiders fans and it had nothing to do with the results of the games.

Highlighting the evening were ceremonies honoring longtime coach Terry Reid and grandson Kyle Hall.

Hall, a 2011 Marlette graduate, who later died in a tragic automobile accident, had his No. 35 jersey retired during a presentation between games, when new scoreboards in Hall's honor also were unveiled.

Meantime, high scoring Jenna Hirsch paced the winners with 12 points. She guided the Red Raiders to a 34-16 advantage at the break en route to the double digit win.

Quinn Daily scored 9 points in vain to lead Kingston, who had Maggie Lavery and Katelyn Collins split 16 markers.

BOYS' GAME

Leading by just 8 points at the half, the Red Raiders outscored their guests 24-6 in the third quarter to remove all doubt from the game's outcome.

The winners' deciding run followed a halftime show honoring Reid. Involved with Marlette athletes since the early 1970s, the name of the gym was changed from "The Raider Pavilion" to "Terry 'Coach' Reid Gymnasium."

Kolby Lange topped Marlette with 13 points, while Brad Schuab chipped in 11 points.

Dustin Pennington's 10 points paced Kingston.

Wrestlers' lone home match on tap tonight

Vassar and Brown City will pay a visit to Cass City tonight for the Red Hawks' lone home wrestling match on the campaign.

Judging by the Red Hawks' results at the Ryan Mercer Memorial Tournament in Mayville Friday, their guests had better bring a solid effort if they hope to be successful in the first meet of 2012 for all 3 schools.

Cass City missed capturing team honors in their most recent showing, as Millington edged Coach Don Markel's grapplers, 159 to 158.5. The complete team standings also had North Branch with 146 points, Avondale 135, Mayville 116.5, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran

Seminary 101, Sheppard 99.5, Godwin Heights 99, Almont 82, Bad Axe 65, Saginaw Arthur Hill 47, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port 35, Sandusky 28, Sterling Heights 12, and Owen-Gage 4.

Top 3 finishers for the Hawks included Josh Jensen, champion of the 171-pound weight class, Ron Wolschleger, runner-up in the 130-pound weight class and third place winners Garret Ferguson, 119-pound weight class, Jim Merchant, 145-pound weight class, and Travis Wright, 152-pound weight class.

"Josh pinned each of his opponents to improve his season record to 18-0," said Markel.



THE OWEN-GAGE Bulldog 2011-12 boys' junior varsity basketball team members are (front, l-r) David Lorenz, Jacob Wright, Adam Refford (back) Dylan Fritz, Daniel Good, Coty Wilson-Cole and Coach Brian Wright.

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Tuesday, January 3, 2012

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Caro at Bullock Creek	Bullock Creek	Caro	Bullock Creek	Caro

Thursday, January 5, 2012

Cass City at BCAS	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	BCAS
Kingston at Akron-Fairgrove	Kingston	Kingston	Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fairgrove
Deckerville at Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Deckerville	Deckerville

Friday, January 6, 2012

Caro at Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Caro	Caro	Bridgeport
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Monday, January 9, 2012

Kingston at CPS	Kingston	Kingston	CPS	Kingston
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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Cass City at Ubyly	Cass City	Ubyly	Cass City	Ubyly
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Thursday, January 5, 2012

Bridgeport at Caro	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Caro	Bridgeport
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Friday, January 6, 2012

Cass City at BCAS	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Akron-Fairgrove at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Owen-Gage at Deckerville	Deckerville	Owen-Gage	Deckerville	Deckerville

Athletes to watch in the new year

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Doug Hyatt. "Christin stays after practice and works on her shot. She's driving to the hoop a little more, instead of settling for the 3-point shot. That has upped her scoring," he said.

Away from the hardwood floors, Cass City wrestler Ron Wolschleger and gymnast Haley Wynn should be among the best in their sport.

Both senior Red Hawks are proven winners. Wolschleger, who competes in both the 125 and 130-weight divisions, was 18-21 as a junior, but appears much stronger and quicker on the mats in his last go-around in a Red Hawk uniform. In early tournament action in Marlette and Cros-Lex, Wolschleger wrestled to an impressive 9-1 record.

As for Wynn, Coach Kathy Bouverette believes she has what it

takes to become one of Cass City's most decorated tumblers in school history.

Bouverette lauded her senior star's effort in the Red Hawks' initial meet, where she earned regional qualifying scores in the vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

"She is my first gymnast to earn 4 regional qualifying scores in the same meet," said Bouverette, now in her 6th season in charge.

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House Democratic leadership recently called on Republicans to pass urgently needed legislation focused on creating jobs and assisting struggling Michigan families before the House recesses for the year. Instead of focusing on job creation, the Governor and Republican lawmakers this year have raised taxes on seniors, families and low-income workers while also cutting education funding.

"We're running out of time but we still have an opportunity to undo some of the bad policies that have come out of this chamber before House Republicans take a winter vacation," said House Democratic Leader Richard E. Hammel (D-Mt. Morris Township). "For many working Michigan families, there is no winter break. There is no vacation from the stress caused by not having a job, going through foreclosure, or trying to keep the heat on. We owe it to them to make the most of these last few days that the House is in session."

So far this year the Governor and legislative Republicans have moved bills that have:

- Raided the state's School Aid Fund, which actually had a surplus of hundreds of millions of dollars, forcing local school districts to lay off employees, increase class sizes, close buildings, and cut busing, sports, and many other programs in order to subsidize an 83 percent tax break for corporations, which fails to guarantee the creation of a single new job.
- Taxed seniors' pensions, which they have worked hard for all their lives and planned their retirements around.
- Moved thousands of Michigan's

neediest adults and thousands more children off of state aid, cut off food assistance to thousands of struggling families and unemployed workers by enacting an assets test, and eliminated the Engler era successful home heating assistance and weatherization program just as the first snows fell.

- Decimated local control by enacting an Emergency Financial Manager law—an anti-democracy law that should be repealed. This law allows the Governor to appoint individuals with broad powers to dissolve democratically elected local governments and school boards and stick cash-strapped cities with the bill.
- Drastically reduced the state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which will hurt 800,000 working families who rely on it to remain self-sufficient and take millions of dollars out of our local economies.
- Endangered private sector safety nets by ending tax credits for donations to food banks and other nonprofits at a time when more and more residents, especially those from working families with children, are turning to them for help.
- Vilified unemployed workers by becoming the first state in the nation to reduce the amount of time Michigan workers can collect unemployment from 26 to 20 weeks while asserting that unemployed workers don't actually want jobs.
- Threatened our communities and neighborhoods by cutting funding that local governments need to keep our police and firefighters on the street.
- Changes the No-Fault Auto Insurance Law to slash medical benefits and home care services, reduce

payments to hospitals and doctors, and potentially push victims to Medicaid for care when insurance coverage runs out. On top of that, the Republican majority included a \$50,000 appropriation to prevent a voter referendum because they know voters have rejected these same changes twice before!

- Slashed funding to community colleges and universities by 15 percent, putting job training and a college degree further out of reach for middle-class families and displaced workers.
- Voted to remove the cap on the number of charter schools allowed in Michigan, although little oversight or quality control is included and despite the fact that 3 of 4 existing Charters are failing. A flood of new schools siphoning off money from existing schools threatens our whole K-12 system.

Ignored infrastructure proposals that would have created tens of thousands of direct and indirect jobs for Michigan workers.

"We can't end this year leaving this kind of legacy and go down in Michigan history as the governing body that failed to create jobs during a time of economic duress, and instead raised taxes on the most vulnerable citizens and dismantled public education," said House Democratic Floor Leader Kate Segal (D-Battle Creek). "Democrats have been pushing economic revitalization projects like the Small Business Incentives package, the Advanced Battery Incentives Package and Hire Michigan First bills to create jobs, and fighting to protect education funding so our kids have a good future. We call on House Republicans to work with us to make sure Michigan families have a reason to be hopeful that the New Year will bring some actual relief to the economic pain they are feeling."

Obituary

Peter Zawilinski

Peter Zawilinski, 64, of Fort Myers, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 at his home. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that he had touched in some way throughout his very memorable life.

He was born Jan. 7, 1947 in Bad Axe, the son of Bruno and Martha (Kolar) Zawilinski.

He married Jan Weippert in 1972. Later, he married Mona Henry in Florida.

Peter attended Cass City High School. He worked for Sargent Construction in Saginaw on Michigan highway construction before and after being drafted in the U.S. Army in 1966. Peter served during the Vietnam era and was honorably discharged in 1968. He moved to Florida in 1980. He worked for 31 years as a business entrepreneur in the construction industry in south-west Florida.

Peter was a hardworking, charismatic, easy going man, and an extraordinary father. He enjoyed boating, fishing, golfing, cooking,

playing trivia and spending time with his family. Peter never met a stranger and never forgot a joke. His proudest moment in his life was the birth of his twins, Laci and Brent. He raised Laci and Brent with love and kindness and was extremely proud of their accomplishments.

Peter is survived by his daughter, Laci Zawilinski of Hattiesburg, MS; his son, Brent Zawilinski of Fort Myers, Fla.; 3 sisters: Judith (Tom) Krolikowski of Almont, Bunny (Larry) Keyser of Cass City, and Nancy (Frank) Keller of Cass City; a brother, Michael (Jacquie) Zawilinski of Cass City; his ex-wife, Mona Henry of Fort Myers, Fla.; an uncle, Wally (Aggie) Zawilinski; aunts: Francis Harbec, Margie Zawilinski, and Jenny Zawilinski; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruno and Martha Zawilinski.

In accordance with Peter's wishes, cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held in Cass City at a later date.

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