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**GRAND CHAMPION** market beef and grand champion individual overall were 2 of the titles that were bestowed upon Clay Daily's steer. Daily is from Kingston and is the son of Greg and Linette Daily. The animal weighed 1,325 pounds and was sold for \$5,100 to the team of Northstar Bank and POET Biorefining.

## Sold!

### 4-Hers cash in on hard work at fair

by Mason Doerr  
Staff Writer

Going once, going twice, sold!

This year's 4-H and FFA livestock sale at the Tuscola County Fair in downtown Caro proved once again to be a successful day for kids auctioning their animals, buyers and spectators.

The auction took place last Thursday and began with the small livestock sale, which started at 9:30 a.m. with auctioneer Dave Osentoski at the helm. The sale featured a number of

different animals including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, wethers and rabbits. A total of 12 different livestock clubs were represented in the sale.

The top honors for each category of animals is as follows: Zachary Palmreuter for his market roaster chickens, Jesse Micho for his market turkeys, Shaneen Hatfield for his market ducks, Dominic Prezzato for his market geese, Landon Borodychuk for his market wethers, Elisa Norcross for her market rabbits and Abigail Mowry for her market fryer chickens.

Following the small livestock sale was the large livestock sale, which is always a favorite at the fair. The auction featured 16 different clubs from around the area who participated in the sale. The victors in each category are as follows: Clay Daily for his market beef steer, Alyssa Keinath for her market feeder, Clay Daily for his market swine and Michael Bednarski for his market sheep.

Although the weather was on the rainy side, the event still went well, according to Beth Rupprecht, large livestock treasurer for the Tuscola

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## Perry: month in Israel life-changing

*Editor's note: Cass City area resident Tyler Perry recently returned home from a month-long trip to Israel, where he took part in volunteer work and explored various biblical sites after winning a spot on a mission team known as ORIGINS, or Our Resolve Is Giving Israel Neverending Support. He secured the position by winning an essay contest sponsored by the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry.*

*Perry, 21, who works at Rawson Memorial District Library and Hills and Dales General Hospital, recently made good on a promise to share some of the details of his journey with readers of the Chronicle.*

*Area residents can hear more about the trip during a special presentation slated for Sunday, July 29, starting at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 6420 Houghton St., Cass City.*

by Tyler Perry  
Special for the Chronicle

It's been a strange few weeks since returning home from Israel.

On the one hand, it feels so good to sleep in my own bed, eat American food again, and see the friends and family I've not seen for the past month. And yet, there's a sadness about coming back. When I wake up, I'm not surrounded by my teammates anymore. No competition for the tiny bathroom. No singing of cheesy '70s songs from our team leader, Bruce, every morning.

Nobody complaining that the chocolate-vanilla cereal is gone. And I miss it.

But I must remember that the journey is not over yet, because I still get to share it with you.

Already, so many people have asked enthusiastically, "How was your trip?!" That's not an easy question to answer.

I want to tell them how my view of God has changed; how He's gotten so much bigger, and I've gotten so much smaller. I want to tell them what it feels like to climb Masada as the sun rises over the Dead Sea, or what it's like walking the aroma-filled streets of Jerusalem at midnight with your new-found friends, desperately looking for an Israeli ice cream stand. I want to tell them what it feels like to have your heart ache for the masses crying out at the Western Wall for a Messiah who has already come; the One whom they have rejected. But I can't.

It's impossible to accurately describe it. I'm reduced to saying things like, "It was great!" "Incredible!" "Best time of my life!" - All weak attempts at trying to express what living in the Holy Land for a month is like. Nevertheless, I want to share my experiences with you as best I can.

You might remember the article I wrote this past winter, telling about how I entered an essay contest, sponsored by the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, and how I received first

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**PERRY CLIMBS** through the Caves of Abdullam during his month-long adventure in Israel this summer. The trip included volunteer work as well as exploring various biblical sites

## Cut scores impact local report cards

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

The Cass City Public Schools' latest report cards from the Michigan Department of Education are less than stellar, although the falling grades compared to past years weren't unexpected.

The Cass City Board of Education reviewed the district's grades during a regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Campbell Elementary School, where students in grades 3 through 5 were tested, earned an overall grade

of "B" and the building met AYP (adequate yearly progress), while the middle school (grades 5 through 8 were tested) received a "C" grade and also met AYP.

Cass City High School also earned an overall grade of "C", but did not make AYP this year.

"It's shocking for us to see a B and 2 C's because we're used to all A's," commented school Supt. Jeff Hartel, who explained the decline in grades is attributable, in part, to higher proficiency targets implemented by state education officials.

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## Local girl succumbs to cancer Thursday

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

obituary:

Alexis "Lexi" Jade Smith

Seven-year-old Lexi Smith, who captured the hearts of the Cass City community with her impish grin and love for life, succumbed to cancer Thursday at her Cass City home, surrounded by her family.

Lexi, the daughter of Randy and Heidi Smith and granddaughter of Rick and Donna Hartwick and Randy and Jackie Smith, was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor earlier this year.

In early February, a host of community members, organizations, businesses and the local school district combined efforts to organize a benefit dinner for the family.

The response overwhelmed volunteers, with more than 1,000 people showing up for the dinner and nearly 200 people submitting bids during a live auction the same day. Among the items up for bid was a hand-painted picture of a tree, created by Lexi herself using a piece of cardboard as her canvas. The artwork drew a winning bid of some \$3,000.

The following is Lexi's complete

Lexi J. Smith, our Lexi bug, took her final breaths Thursday, July 19, 2012 in her home with her loving family by her side. She was born only seven years ago, June 12, 2005 in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus in Saginaw to Randy Lee and Heidi Lynn (Hartwick) Smith II.



Lexi was in first grade at Campbell Elementary School in Cass City. Although school was fun for Lexi, she took full advantage of her time away from the classroom and delighted in the activities she was

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## Association recognizes Thumb area businesses

The Michigan Agri-Business Association recently awarded the 2012 Green Agri-Business Designation to 47 businesses for their outstanding efforts to protect Michigan's natural resources, conserve energy and reduce their impact on the state's water, land and air.

The recipients included Cooperative Elevator in Bad Axe, Elkton (Elkton Terminal and Elkton Elevator), Gagetown, Pigeon, Ruth and Sebawaing; POET Biorefining in Caro; Crop Production Services in Sandusky; and Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Inc. in Marlette.

The businesses were recognized for implementing many cutting-edge green programs, including aggressive recycling programs to reduce waste and reuse materials; water conservation efforts; investing in renewable bio-based fuels and energy efficient vehicles and equipment; promoting site-specific agronomy technology and variable rate fertiliz-

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# Obituaries

## Shirley Law

Shirley Marie (Ross) Law, 69, of Hamburg Township, passed away July 14, 2012. Shirley was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and a true friend to all who knew her.

Shirley was born January 26, 1943 in Cass City to Loretta and Bernard Ross.

She was a graduate of Cass City High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Sienna Heights University.

On October 26, 1968, Shirley married her loving husband of 43 years, Delbert Law.

Shirley was employed as a

medical technologist and was a manager at Warde Medical Laboratory before her retirement in 2009.

Shirley loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping, boating, gardening and being by the lake with a good book. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family. She was an avid University of Michigan football fan and attended nearly every home game since the 1960s. Shirley was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter.

Shirley is survived by her husband Delbert, daughter Elizabeth Luke of Farmington Hills and grandson Nolan, her mother Loretta Ross of Cass

City, 3 brothers and 2 sisters, Jerry (Deborah) Ross of Novi, Richard Ross of Boston, MA, Robert (Patti) Ross of Ventura, CA, Sharon (Dan) Delamarter of Cass City and Mary (Jack) Thacker of Belleville; sister-in-law Sherry (Wayne) Dillon of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly. Her father Bernard preceded her in death.

The family will gather with friends on July 28, 2012 at St. Pancratius Church, Cass City for mass at 1:00 p.m.

## Raymond Moore

Raymond J. Moore, 92, of Kingston died following a short illness Saturday, July 21, 2012, in Caro Community Hospital.

He was born January 17, 1920 at home in Kingston the third son of Burrell and Nina (Rathka) Moore.

He married Edna P. Hubbard June 16, 1944 in her father's church in Kingston.

Raymond graduated from Kingston High School. He worked for Eaton Manufacturing in Vassar, retiring after 21 years. In 1964 Raymond became partners with his 2 brothers when they bought the Moore Service Station from their father. Raymond was a very active member of Kingston Wesleyan Church, serving on the church board for many years and also serving as Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He was also a member of the Kingston Wesleyan Men's Club. Raymond enjoyed gardening and helping friends and family paint their homes.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Edna; sons: Wayne (Janet) Moore of Kingston, Robert (Helen) Moore of Jackson; grandchildren: Kimberly (Ray) Bruton, Jennifer (Jay) Horsfall, Ron (Tara Chorba) Moore, Don (Teri) Moore, Angela (David) Hernandez; great grandchildren: Raygan, Rylie, Darby, Zeke, Chloe, Darian, Lincoln, Taylor, Colton, Taylor; brother-in-law, Wesley (Roxie) Hubbard of Portage; sisters-in-law: Geneva (Joe) MacIntyre of Bakersfield, CA, Pauline Hubbard of Elk Grove, CA; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers and their wives: Stanley and Irene Moore, Arnold and Cora Moore; brother-in-law, Walter Hubbard; sister-in-law, Elizabeth McCool Calhoun.

Pallbearers for Mr. Moore: Ron Moore, Don Moore, Jay Horsfall, Jason McCool, Joel Monte, Paul VanHorn.

Memorials may be made to Kingston Wesleyan Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranz-funeralhome.com](http://www.kranz-funeralhome.com).

Arrangements provided by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

## Frank Newsome

Frank L. Newsome, age 90, passed away on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at his daughter's home, following a brief illness.

He was born August 14, 1921 on the family farm in the Port Hope/Redmond area in Huron Township, the son of the late Roy & Cora (Cornish) Newsome.

Frank was a carpenter by trade, working out of the Carpenter Union Hall in Saginaw for many years, retiring from active employment in 1984. He enjoyed working on his hobby farm, deer hunting, tending to his garden and watching game shows.

Frank is survived by 2 daughters and one son, Jo Ann Terry of Sebawaing, Deborah Newsome of Pontiac, Mark (Shelley) Newsome of North Branch; 2 grandsons, Justin Wilding of Bad Axe and Frankie Newsome of North Branch; one great-granddaughter, Aubrey Wilding of Bad Axe; one sister, Viola Duby of Au Gres; one brother, Lloyd Newsome of Cass City; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Frank was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

In respect of Frank's wishes, a private family burial has been held at the Kingston Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Heartland Hospice Foundation. The family was assisted with these arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at [www.RansfordCollon.com](http://www.RansfordCollon.com).



Frank was united in marriage with the former Grace L. Kinney on May 11, 1940 in Bad Axe. She preceded him in death on February 3, 1994.

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## It's a girl!

Guthry and Amanda Laurie of Cass City announce the birth of their daughter, Maleia Karyn Laurie.

Maleia was born at 1:04 p.m., July 13, 2012 at the Huron Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, and was 21.5 inches long.

Her grandparents are Doug and Tammie Laurie, and Aaron and Cathy Heck.

Maleia's baptism gown was made from both of her grandmother's wedding dresses.

## Deckerville Home coming set Aug. 4

Hundreds of old buttons, jewelry made of buttons and even some old button boxes to browse through will be featured during the Deckerville Homecoming, Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Deckerville Historical Museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The museum also features a Military Room, now with a library of war books as well as military displays. The new Research and Genealogy Room is also very popular, featuring history, old Deckerville Records from 1900, atlases and hundreds of photos.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for a child ages 6 to 12 (under 5 free).

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# In Our OPINION..

by Clarke Haire  
Publisher

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

## Welfare crackdown a responsible move

*The powers that be in Washington, D.C., have come up with a number of ideas over the years that have left us scratching our heads, but a growing trend of restricting how welfare recipients can spend their benefits isn't one of them.*

*This is a no-brainer.*

*In a nutshell, a number of states are blocking welfare recipients from using their benefits to purchase items such as alcohol, cigarettes, lottery tickets and tattoos.*

*According to Associated Press reports, the movement has been spurred in part by Congress. Under legislation signed by President Barack Obama in February to extend a payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits, welfare recipients are barred from using their cash assistance in strip clubs, casinos and liquor stores. States must change their own laws to conform by 2014.*

*Already, a number of states have gone further by considering or adopting legislation that prohibits the use of welfare dollars for porn, cruises and psychic readings.*

*Are welfare recipients really spending their money on these sorts of things?*

*Sadly, we suspect there will always be a handful of folks who abuse the system, which makes laws like these necessary.*

*Having said that, the purpose of welfare is to help out folks who need a temporary hand to get by, and we'd like to believe that most recipients, especially single parents with children, are utilizing their welfare benefits for necessities. In other words, these programs are making a huge difference in the lives of people who otherwise would have nowhere else to turn for temporary assistance.*

*It's estimated that 4.4 million people received about \$30 billion in cash assistance in fiscal year 2011 through the federal-state welfare program known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. States set their own eligibility requirements. An estimated 44.7 million people received food stamps, a program that already bars recipients from using their benefits to buy anything other than certain foods.*

*It's easy to judge those who receive welfare benefits, but unless you've experienced the circumstances that can force someone to ask for help, you really have no idea what they're going through. We suspect that many of these folks will tell you they never imagined finding themselves in this position. We'll also wager that, for many who are used to providing for their own needs, accepting what they probably consider a "handout" is humiliating.*

*But, as we said, there will always be others who have no problem with doing anything for a "free ride" and feel free to use taxpayers' dollars to pay for their own vices.*

*That's just wrong, and we're glad both the federal government and states are taking a strong stand against those who would spend their welfare dollars on things that simply have no place in public assistance programs.*



## Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

**Avocado green or harvest gold**  
— take your pick —  
it could be for life



My husband and I are at the age where things are starting to wear out, and I'm not referring to our knees, hips, hearing or eyesight – although my ability to read the fine print isn't as fine as it used to be.

The wearing out I'm talking about isn't in reference to body parts. It's regarding replacement parts – of the mechanical variety. Like refrigerators. Clothes dryers. Microwave ovens. Computers. Cell phones.

Our fridge is sputtering and putting on its last drops of Freonic energy. The clothes dryer screams bloody murder every time I hit the power button. The microwave has been zapped of its zap. The computer does not compute and my cell phone possesses far too few Gs to attain a speedy connection.

They are conking out. We need replacements. Already. It doesn't seem so long ago they were new – because it wasn't.

My parents had the same appliances for decades, and the same corded phone for even longer. Families of the Brady Bunch generation made a lasting commitment to avocado green or harvest gold because once you bought the fridge the color scheme defined your kitchen for a long, long time.

Imagine Carol Brady waking up one morning, going downstairs and suddenly realizing avocado green is almost exactly the same hue as vomit green, booger green or mold green. How appetizing would the palette prove to Mrs. Brady's palate? What would practical Mike say when Carol requested a complete remodel?

"Well dear, I suppose a new fridge is better than a new husband."

Certainly he wouldn't condone throwing out perfectly good appliances because they made Carol sick to her stomach?

"I told you we should have gone with the harvest gold, honey. It would've coordinated nicely with Marsha's hair."

Picking your appliances used to involve commitment, loyalty and a guarantee the working parts would last longer than your marriage (or at least longer than

Alice's courtship with Sam the butcher).

Now, the relationship is a quasi one. Fly-by-night. As brief and fleeting as a peck on the cheek from your teenager on the first day of school. Our expectations have changed. We anticipate the need to replace the fridge after 10 or 15 years. A computer lasting half that long is considered ancient. A cell phone older than 24 months becomes an outdated dinosaur.

We're moving faster than ever before and our machines are working harder to keep up. No wonder they wear out just in time for us to get the newer, brighter and much-improved version (with remote control and voice-activated 27G, no, make that 28G technology!).

It's exciting to get new things. Out with the old; in with the new. Gimme, gimme, gimme!

I see one problem with our current acceleration. We are moving faster than ever. Mother Earth is not. She spins on her axis, the same as always. Dependable. Steadfast. With the space available to store only a finite number of dead refrigerators. Or washers. Or microwaves.

There is a possible solution, and it may surprise you. Green is the new beige and I've decided to embrace it – in an avocado hue. I bet I can find some old appliances on eBay or Craig's List. Those things last forever; I'll be set for life – or at least the next 20 years.

On second thought, maybe harvest gold would be a more prudent choice. It might coordinate better with my hair. I sure wish I knew what Mike Brady would do.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Terry Brown is honest and decent

To the Editor:

What has Mr. Damrow done for his constituents in the 84th District? Nothing, except lie about some of our leading citizens. All of Mr. Damrow's allegations were unfounded.

When electing someone who will be representing you in a public office, you should look into the character, background and


personal motives the candidate has.

Terry Brown's character reflects one who cares. He has served the public as an educator and is an ordained minister who serves in the Bay Port area. Terry Brown is an honest and decent person, one whom I would be proud to have represent us in the state Legislature.

Jack Jensen  
Pigeon



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## Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Thumb Area Community Theatre will perform "Annie", a musical directed by Angie Noah at the USA High School Auditorium Aug. 2-5. Tickets are \$10-adults, \$8-seniors, \$5-students. The production is made possible by a grant from the Greater Huron County United Way. For more information, call 989-883-3391.

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The Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a benefit road run next Saturday, Aug. 4. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and Marlette Hospice.

The 2-day birthday bash starts with breakfast on Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m., followed by signup, before an 11 a.m. departure from their Snover Road location.

The band Midnight Blue will entertain from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Another breakfast is planned for Sunday, again from 8 to 11 a.m., before a noon Motorcycle Pull. Questions? Call Ron at 810-705-1317.

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Still no varsity girls' basketball coach at the Cass City High School, reported Athletic Director Don Markel Monday morning. The job has been offered to a few candidates, but none have been able to pull the trigger and start work.

Think you've got what it takes to get the job done? Call Markel at 989-912-1836 to apply.

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Looking for a good book? Don't forget the Cass City Lions Club Book Sale, slated for this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 4027 Doerr Road. Books for as little as 25 cents can be had for your enjoyment, while helping our local civic club in the process. To learn more, call Shelley at 989-872-5606.

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I've been a hunter since the early 1980s. Over the years, however, I haven't wandered from my position that stricter gun control laws are needed. Don't agree? Direct your comments to me at 989-872-2010 and I'll share your point of view with our readers next week.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### Wednesday, July 25

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.

Owen-Gage School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Huron County Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Group, Huron Behavioral Health, Bad Axe. For more information, contact Rhonda Quinn at (989) 269-9293.

### Thursday, July 26

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

Sandusky Farmers' Market, 2-7 p.m., Sanilac County Court House, Sandusky. Vendors are asked to contact Bruce Irland at (810) 404-1535.

Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Thumb TEA Party, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City. Speaker: Judge Colleen O'Brien, Oakland County. Judge O'Brien is a candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court.

Summer Reading Program Picnic, Noon, at the Lion's Club Pavilion in the Cass City Park.

### Friday, July 27

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

Cass City Farmers' Market, 5-8 p.m., Rotary Park, Cass City (just east of the Fairway store).

"Music in Rotary Park", 6:30-8:30 p.m., Main Street in Cass City (just east of the Fairway store). Featuring: The Fulchers - Tom, Tommy & Mindy.

### Saturday, July 28

Closed AA meeting, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 4960 N. Uby Rd., Argyle. (Meeting will be held in the hall next to the little stone church). For more information, contact Mandy at (989) 975-0544.

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. John Episcopal Church, Sand Point. Anyone with a drug problem is welcome to attend. For more information, call (989) 963-9077.

Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., 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, July 29

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

Evangelical Free Church Summer Lawn Chair Church, 10-11:30 a.m., near the gazebo at Cass City Park. Area residents are invited to bring their lawn chair to service. In case of inclement weather, services will be held at the church (across from Cass City High School). More information is available by calling (989) 872-5060.

### Monday, July 30

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.

Cass City Village Council meeting, 7 p.m., municipal building.

### Tuesday, July 31

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

## In fatal traffic crash

# Deputies identify victim

Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies have released the name of a man killed in a car-pedestrian collision on M-24, about a half-mile south of Caro July 15.

Deputies said the pedestrian/victim was Randy Bosley, 47, of Caro, who was deceased at the scene of the 5

a.m. accident.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Glen Skrent reported a truck hauling livestock had been northbound on M-24 when it struck Bosley. "The driver, Alex Stiles, 64 years old from Otisville, stated he did not see the pedestrian, who was walking north-

bound on M-24," Skrent said. "Stiles had a passenger, Jerry Caryl, 64 years old from Barryington.

"Officers noted the conditions as dark and foggy at the time of the incident with intermittent rain," Skrent noted. "The accident remains under investigation."

## Circuit court news

# Several face felony charges

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

•Rex L. Colosky, 40, Vassar, pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, June 2 in Fremont Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Glen R. Jones Jr., 39, Columbiaville, was sentenced to 3 to 15 years in prison for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor April 8 in Mayville. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,198.

•Trisha L. Hurley, 32, Saginaw, pleaded no contest to charges of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), and to 2 counts of possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, Feb. 29 in Vassar Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$3,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•John A. Smith, 46, Millington, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to writing a non-sufficient fund check for \$500 or more Dec. 12 in Caro.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,178 plus restitution of \$767.

•Arthur J. Campbell, 22, Mayville, was sentenced to 270 days in the county jail and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to larceny in a building Jan. 23 in Dayton Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$898 plus restitution of \$700.

•Roger L. Todd II, 43, Vassar,

received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to one count of violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to verify his sex offender registration information with local law enforcement between Jan. 1 and Jan. 15 in Almer Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,178.

•Russell L. Underwood, 40, Vassar, stood mute to charges of possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, and possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle May 11 in Vassar Township. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and bond was

continued at \$4,000.

•Kevin J. Campbell, 24, Flint, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams), subsequent offense, July 1 in Vassar.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Michael J. Garces, 25, Caro, pleaded guilty to charges of receiving and concealing a stolen firearm and possession of a firearm by a felon April 9 in Fairgrove Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$15,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

## Boater safety class slated

The Huron County Sheriff's Department will be offering a boater safety course on Wednesday, Aug. 1 and Thursday, Aug 2 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. both nights. The class will be held in Bad Axe and the location will be decided when the total number of students attending is determined.

Students must attend both classes. Those that have taken a state approved online course and have proof of completion may attend the Aug 2 session to take the proctored test.

There is no fee for this course and students must pre register by 4 p.m. on July 30, by calling the Huron County Sheriff's Department

Records Division at (989) 269-6500. Students will have to pick up the study materials prior to the start of the class from the Huron County Sheriff's Department.

Students should be at least 12 years old or will be 12 years old during this boating season, as the boater safety certificate issued on successful completion of the class is not valid until the student's 12th birthday.

For information on who may operate a boat or personal watercraft and laws of boating in Michigan go to the following link: <http://www.boated.com/michigan/handbook/index.html>

## Cass City Public Schools



### 3 & 4 Year Old Preschool

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For more information, contact Beth Kittle at (989) 912-1850.

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Reporter's notebook

Home gardening is great therapy

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Home gardening is cheap therapy, plus you get tomatoes.

And cucumbers and peppers and beans and onions and potatoes and melons. Well, you get the idea.

If you've ever considered putting in a garden, give it a try next summer. Even in the worst heat, you can enjoy success with a little attention and a sprinkler.

And, like I said, it's great therapy. Some folks spend big bucks getting rid of stress in a psychologist's office. I pick up a hoe and destroy weeds in my 20-foot by 50-foot plot.

The great thing about home gardening is there are very few rules. All you need to get started is a willingness to get your hands dirty, a piece of ground and a way to break up the soil.

Take a few minutes to read up on the subject (what to plant and when, etc.). Then visit a local nursery. I used to buy vegetable plants from Schneeberger's (Russ Schneeberger really knows his stuff when it comes to a garden).

But now that he's retired from the commercial plant business, I visit Pebbles Plus just east of town a few times each spring.

They have a great, friendly staff and very healthy plants and other gardening supplies.

Buying locally offers plenty of positives — you know you're getting plants that will grow in Michigan's climate, and there isn't a lot of travel time.

Start simple. Put in a few tomato, cucumber and green bean plants and maybe toss in a pumpkin patch and few melon plants for fun. Experiment with the tons of seeds available for purchase.

I feed my plants with a little Miracle Grow, but I don't bother with pesticides. I let the bugs have their share of my veggies, and I still harvest more than we can eat and share with the neighbors.

As for the bigger pests (rabbits, etc.), I used to keep a small fence up around my garden, but I also gave that up when I learned a simple trick: I line the border of my garden with human hair (I save the clippings when my wife cuts family members' hair).

Just keep in mind that the weeds (which have an uncanny ability to grow in any weather conditions) won't disappear on their own.

Which reminds me, I need to find my hoe. It's been another loooooong week at the Chronicle.



CANTALOUPE (ABOVE) are easy to grow in a home garden, as are tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, beans and a host of other veggies.

Missions Day set

The Cass City Missionary Church will host a Missions Day Sunday, July 29.

Special services are planned, with all adult and youth Sunday school classes combining in the church's fellowship hall to hear from Phil Tuckey, serving with RCE International at Vienna Christian School in Austria, and learn about Operation Christmas Child and Window on the World.

All children's classes, meanwhile, will gather to hear Marci Tuckey and family talk about their missionary experience.

The 10:50 a.m. worship service will feature Rebecca Cox, serving with World Partners in Valencia, Spain, and Phil and Jan Logan, also serving with World Partners, who will be sharing their recent trips to Sierra Leone, West Africa, and Jamaica.

In addition, 2 couples will be featured during the church's 6:30 p.m. service, which will be followed by a cake and ice cream fellowship time. Brady and Emily Wright will be talking about their recent mission trip to Mexico, and Dennis and Linda Collins will share their work with World Partners in Dublin, Ireland.

The Cass City Missionary Church is located at 4449 Koepfgen Rd. More information is available by calling the church office at (989) 872-2729.

CASS THEATRE advertisement for 'BRAVE' and 'ICE AGE' movies. Includes showtimes, prices, and contact information for Cass City Theatre.

Advertisement for Scott Hendrian, featuring a photo and list of services: Ceramic, Tile, Linoleum, Carpet. Contact: (989) 414-0388.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2007)

Friends of the Octagon Barn member Bob Hirn presented Diane Rapson Gabil with the 2007 "Friend of the Barn" award for her dedication and years of volunteer work.

Former Huron County resident Bill Oaks recently took 7 Huron County teachers to class at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. The participating teachers were Clark Brock, North Huron; Steve Lynn, Harbor Beach; Dr. Dan Tighe and Dru Leppek, Caseville; Don Wheeler, Lakers; Ricky Behm, Owendale-Gagetown; and David Jaroch, Ubly. The teachers became "students" in the EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service-Learning) Program, learning how to integrate student participants into service-learning projects in their curriculum, according to Jaroch, who noted Oaks is the grandson of the former Dr. Oaks of Harbor Beach and is a professor at Purdue University.

10 YEARS AGO (2002)

Mabel O'Quinn, who was born and raised in the Snover area, now lives in Florida, where she works at the Kennedy Space Center as a NASA federal law enforcement training instructor for Space Gateway Support, a firm that contracts with both the Kennedy Space Center and the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. O'Quinn's husband, Rick, also is employed by Space Gateway Support — as an assistant SWAT (special weapons and tactics) commander. O'Quinn counts herself very fortunate, but she attributes much of her success to a strict upbringing in the rural Thumb, and the support of her parents, Carolyn Fleming of Snover and the late John Fleming, along the way. "They just taught us to never quit," she said.

When the son of a Snover couple walks onto his driveway in the small town of Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada, tucked into the middle of nowhere, it seems like the entire town comes out to greet him. For Air Force Capt. Ronald J. King, son of Boyd and Linda King, Germania Road, Snover, his driveway is actually a 12,000-foot runway and the commotion that draws the locals to him is an annual NATO exercise dubbed "Maple Flag." King was one of more than 4,000 pilots, maintenance crew members and support specialists from the U.S., Canada, Germany, England, France, Sweden and Singapore who recently converged on this Canadian air base to test the skills of new pilots in combat environment, simulating their first 10 hours of flying sorties over enemy territory. King is an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, normally assigned in Italy with the 555th Fighter Squadron "Triple Nickels."

New officers of the Hills and Dales General Hospital Auxiliary are Geri Perry, secretary; Iva Rockwell, vice president; Mary Ann Hirn, president; and Joann Smithson, treasurer.

25 YEARS AGO (1987)

It is interesting to note some of the families who represent the various church league teams. Some of the brother tandems in the league this year: Bert and Rick Brinkman and Steve and Darrin Ross of Evangelical, Randy, Tim and Dean Severance of Shabbona, Dave and Skip Speirs of Novesta, Ron, Terry, Keith and Tom Czekai of the now-disbanded Trinity team, Dave and Doug McArthur from the Baptists, Ron and Randy Guinther of the Lutherans and Joe, Lee and Mike Langenburg of the Catholics. Also Dean and Dave Little of Novesta. Not all brothers play on the same team, however. Doug Hyatt played for Trinity, while brother Dennis plays for Shabbona. And Gary Robinson is a hurler for the Catholics while brother Ed was a centerfielder for Trinity. The most interesting match-up of the year was not so fraternal, however. Evangelical's Bill Bader found himself pitching against sis Sherri for Shabbona a few weeks back. The older brother got his sister to pop out the first time, but she took a base on balls the next time up. Wonder who Mom and Dad Bader were pulling for? Speaking of women in the league, Bader was not the first female to break the gender code this year. The Baptists' Wendy Mellendorf, daughter of manager Gary Mellendorf, played second base early in the year for a game. The most consistent female of the league, however, has been the Lutherans' Tracy Abbot, who has seen action in nearly every game.

50 YEARS AGO (1962)

Transforming a useless, ordinarily discarded, detergent bottle into an attractive, useful household item may seem a little far-fetched for some, but for Mrs. Peter Heronemus,

72, Decker, it is just one of a number of hobbies. Using scissors and ingenuity, Mrs. Heronemus fashions functional lamps, vases, fruit bowls, flower baskets and candlesticks from empty plastic containers. She began her unique hobby a little over a year ago. "I just hated to throw the bottles away and decided to make something out of them," she explains.

For the fourth straight week the first draw produced the weekly winner of the bike given by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce every Friday night. Last week's winner was Carol Sue Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Copeland.

The Tigers have clinched the regular season Cass City Little League title with a decision over second place Yankees in the feature attraction of two games played during the week. The game was played Monday as the Yankees lost 8-4 to the Tigers who were defeated only once during the year. John Maharg was the winning pitcher. He struck out 11 and allowed six hits, one a home run by Jim Tuckey with a mate aboard. Harold Douglas was the losing pitcher. He allowed six hits. Home runs by Joe Mark and M. LaValley cost him the victory. Fred Ryan also helped the Tigers to victory with a pair of hits. Douglas slammed out a pair for the Yankees.

100 YEARS AGO (1912)

President Dodge and Secretary Marshall have shown excellent judgment in the selection of an organiza-

tion to dispense musical numbers at the Cass City Fair which is now less than four weeks away. Their choice is Stone's Famous Band and Orchestra of Detroit. Chas. and William Stone, the managers of the organization, have contracted with the fair officers to furnish a band of 14 musicians. The Stone Bros. employ the most competent musicians and have an excellent reputation all over the state of Michigan.

It was a highly satisfied crowd that came away from Sun Brothers' Shows at the fair grounds Friday afternoon and night. The circus was as had been promised, one of exceptional merit as to both performers and stock. The attendance was good at both performances. Twice as many people were out as was expected and the management was pleased with the business done in Cass City. The most frequent comment heard at the two performances was on the excellency of the horses. The circus has a fine lot of them, both performing and draft. The cake-walking handled by Miss Mona Barnett, did some really remarkable feats that were highly appreciated.

Pingree — Samuel Wheaton has completed a drilled well for Dugal Duncanson, going to a depth of over 200 ft., but the well is overflow and saves extra expense for the wind mill, etc. — On a special price of farm land in or about this locality, the exact location cannot be learned, it is reported to be a certainty that paying quantities of ore have been struck, gold predominating.

CASS CITY AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

A directory listing for churches in Cass City, Michigan. It includes contact information, addresses, and service times for various denominations like Baptist, Methodist, Nazarene, and Lutheran.



**JOHN (RIGHT) AND Jeremy Somerville farm roughly 2,000 acres in the Thumb. Both active in the Tuscola County Farm Bureau, their Cass City area operation is one of 20 county farms that have been MAEAP (Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program) certified by the state.**

## Somervilles hope for decent harvest in spite of drought

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

You might not expect to see much hope in the eyes of Thumb area residents whose livelihoods depend on a combination of soil, experience, Mother Nature's cooperation and plenty of luck.

After all, it's no secret that what is shaping up to be an historic drought throughout much of the nation hasn't spared Michigan's farmers.

In fact, the drought has taken a massive toll on field crops, with 56 percent of the corn rated in poor to very poor condition, according to the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture crop progress report, which also estimates 50 percent of soybeans are in poor to very poor condition. Those statistics are flowing in on the heels of a spring in which nearly all of the state's fruit crops were destroyed by hard freezes in April.

In spite of weeks with little moisture and fields that are noticeably hurting, brothers John and Jeremy Somerville say they're far from pushing any sort of panic button.

"It's been an unusual year. We had an early and good spring. We had moisture and we got our work done," John commented Friday at their base of operations about 10 miles west of Cass City.

"Everything's basically 2 to 3 weeks ahead of schedule," Jeremy added.

The brothers, Kingston natives who graduated from Kingston High School — John in 1985 and Jeremy in 1995 — farm roughly 2,000 acres throughout the Thumb. John bought the former Dick Donahue farm back in 1997 after working for him a number of years, and John and Jeremy went into business together 10 years ago.

"We've expanded quite a bit since we went in together. We started with 1,500 acres," John said. "We farm all the way from the Huron County line to the Lapeer County line."

The Somervilles have about 400 acres in corn, 700 acres of soybeans, 350 acres in sugarbeets, 300 acres of wheat, and the rest in dry beans.

The Somervilles recently wrapped up what they described as a nice wheat harvest.

"It was one of the better crops," Jeremy said.

"We were above average yields for this year — very, very good," said John, who added some of the brothers' other crops have been hurt by the dry conditions.

"The corn is suffering," he said. "I would say we've probably lost 25 percent of our yield. We're making ears. I just don't know how good the bushels will be on it. It all depends on where (the field is located) and on the ground it's in."

"The soybeans — I don't think the soybeans are hurt virtually at all, and the sugar beets, they look good. They have the potential, if we get the rain in August to finish it out. Dry beans are looking very good."

"It's up to Mother Nature," commented Jeremy, who along with his brother estimate rainfall this summer is 2 to 3 inches down from the norm. "We're better off than a lot of people are."

While the dry weather has affected most farmers across the country, the conditions are likely to translate into better prices due to smaller-than-anticipated yields.

At this point, corn futures are high and soybean prices are good, while sugar prices are a little flat, according to John, who noted he and Jeremy have already sold 90 percent of their crop, and they locked in at a time when prices were higher.

"We like to contract approximately 50 percent of our crops ahead of time so we have an idea of where we're going to be at," he said.

The Somervilles have also diversified their farming operation by establishing their own custom feed hauling business. Currently they contract with 2 large Dutch dairies in the Marlette area, where they haul feed — about 1,500 acres of hay 3 times a year and another 2,000 acres of corn silage — and help pack it for the farms.

With the brothers' wheat crop now in, their work schedule has slowed a bit, although their attention is now turning to spraying the beets with a fungicide. And, like their neighbors across the region, they'll wait to see what the weather brings.

In a perfect world, the forecasts will bring 80-degree days and an inch of rain every week.

John acknowledged there are no guarantees in their line of work, but he indicated there are rewards in farming that other careers don't offer.

"I like being my own boss and working outside every day," he said. "Yeah, it is a gamble, but to see a crop you planted grow, and harvest it — it is an accomplishment."

## Local girl succumbs to cancer

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able to share with her family and friends. During a return visit to school she shared her love for bracelets by teaching her classmates how to make friendship bracelets. Recently Lexi was able to celebrate her seventh birthday at one of her favorite places, the beach. Lexi was a young, passionate artist. She loved art and enjoyed drawing, painting and creating her own unique masterpieces. Her favorite game was Uno and she would play with everyone who visited. She adored Dr. Seuss and all his characters and lived her life by one of his quotes, "from there to here and here to there, funny things are everywhere." Lexi shared

her laughter and infectious smile with everyone.

From before her diagnosis, Lexi was surrounded in love by her family, friends and community and became an inspiration to all. Left to love and cherish her memory are her parents, Randy and Heidi; her grandparents: Rick and Donna Hartwick of Cass City, Randy and Jackie Smith of Decker; great grandparents: Janet Francis of Cass City, Elwyn and Toni Hartwick of Mayville, Helen and Ray Waggoner of Vassar; Don and Janice Smith of Shabbona, Joyce Barnes of Snover; aunts and uncles: Kyle (Jennifer) Hartwick of Cass City, Monica (Kevin) Rushlo of Flint, Dan Smith of Cass City, Liza

(Kenny) Periso of Kingston, Jessica Smith of Decker, Joshua Smith of Decker; cousins: Olyviya, Chelste, Logan, Gabby, Cameron, Gareth, Emili, Aryana, Kylee, Raeven, Jordan, Destiny, Raleigh and Landon; many great aunts and uncles and her best friend Olivia Krueger.

She was preceded in death by her uncle, Ryan Hartwick; great grandparents: Elmer Francis, Ed Barnes, and Al Creason; great uncle, Fred Francis.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com). Arrangements provided by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, Michigan.

## Area agribusinesses honored

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er application; improving and upgrading facilities; developing sustainable, non-toxic products; reducing energy consumption; and utilizing renewable energy grant or loan programs.

"The Michigan Agri-Business Association wants to recognize the many agricultural businesses that are combining business excellence with a commitment to keeping Michigan's natural resources strong and healthy," MABA President Jim Byrum said. "Going green is a win-win for Michigan businesses; it saves money and protects our valuable natural resources. These businesses are good for our industry and good for Michigan's future, and we applaud their efforts."

Cooperative Elevator is owned by more than 900 farmer producers and has been in business since 1915. They provide quality farm supplies to members including feed, seed, fertilizer, chemicals and petroleum. The company is being recognized for innovative investments that reduce

resource use and waste including, using biodiesel from locally sourced restaurants, recycling all cardboard and paper waste, investing in more fuel efficient equipment and utilizing washpads for their fertilizer facilities that allow them to retain, test and land apply the water runoff.

POET Biorefining produces 53 million gallons of ethanol annually and is the 14th plant built by POET, which began building ethanol plants in 1983.

The Caro facility has the lowest water use rate of all POET facilities and among the lowest in the nation and recovers 100 percent of process water for re-use in the plant. They also installed a waste heat recovery system which significantly reduced natural gas usage.

Crop Production Services is a major full-service provider of agricultural products and services including fertilizer, seed, crop protection, turf and ornamental vegetation management, forestry and wholesale distribution. CPS received the designation for making company-wide changes in

their day-to-day activities to reduce energy consumption and recycle products.

Michigan Agricultural Commodities (MAC), Inc. is a second-generation family business which buys, sells, and stores agricultural commodities throughout the United States and Canada. MAC is Michigan's largest grain handler with 8 locations, 39 million bushels of storage and 110 employees.

The company is being recognized for several programs, including implementing aggressive recycling systems to reduce waste and reuse materials, investing in energy efficient vehicles and equipment, using GPS-driven fertilization application to reduce the amount of fertilizer applied and installing rain sensor devices on lawn irrigation systems.

The MABA Green Agri-Business Designation program is in its second year.

It recognizes Michigan agricultural or bio-based businesses for excellence in agri-business and a commitment to environmental responsibility.

## Cut scores impact Cass City Schools report cards

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Hartel cited the new, higher "cut scores" put into place by the department of education in an effort to raise the bar for student achievement. Cut scores are the passing marks that distinguish among the 4 levels of student performance (advanced, proficient, partially proficient or not proficient) on a given test.

Another factor, according to the district's principals, is that Cass City students' performance on standard achievement tests has been particularly high in the past, and state report card marks are based on continued improvement from one year to the next, regardless of how well students performed in previous years. For example, if 90 percent of students earned proficient scores in reading last year, state officials expect to see an even higher reading score this year.

Adequate yearly progress is a cornerstone of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. In Michigan, it measures year-to-year student achievement on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) exam for elementary and middle schools, or the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) for high schools. Other indicators, such as the number of students who participate in the assessments and graduation rates for high schools, are also considered in the calculation.

Under NCLB, all states are required to establish annual English-language arts and mathematics proficiency targets, which must reach 100 percent by the 2013-14 school year. Last year, the percent of students needing to be proficient on state assessments was raised by an average of 10 percent, resulting in fewer districts making AYP.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday night, the board:

\*Discussed a suggestion that school officials consider bussing students from various pick-up locations in town, such as church parking lots, in order to reduce traffic congestions at the middle and high school buildings. Increased traffic is anticipated following the closure of Campbell Elementary School. This fall, the middle school will house students grades K-6, while the high school will serve as a junior-senior high building for all students in grades 7-12.

\*Accepted the resignation of board Treasurer Jim Veneziano, who is planning a move to the Grand Rapids area. The board has 30 days to fill the vacancy and will be interviewing prospective board members, selecting one to serve through Dec. 31, when the individuals elected to full, 4-year terms in November will take their places on the board.

Veneziano's first term is expiring, as is that of the term being served by Trustee Kathy Leslie. Anyone interested in running for either seat must file nominating petitions with Elkland Township Clerk Ed LaBelle by Tuesday, Aug. 14.

\*Learned there are plans underway to kick off the new school year with a community open house/school picnic Friday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the middle school. The community is invited to the tailgate party-style celebration, planned prior to the first home varsity football game.

\*Noted the district will host an auction Saturday, Oct. 6, starting at 10 a.m. at Campbell Elementary. The sale will include numerous school furnishings and other items no longer needed due to closure of the building.

\*Agreed to continue employing a full-time school nurse at the same pay rate but without health insurance. The move will reduce the cost of the position from \$60,000, including benefits, to roughly \$44,000, \$17,500 of which Hills and Dales General Hospital officials have offered to contribute.

\*Agreed to share the district's part-time mechanic with the Kingston Community Schools, provided Kingston officials agree to pay 75 percent of the cost of health insurance for the position. In exchange, Cass City will pay 25 percent of the benefit cost plus provide the repair facilities. The position pays \$22 per hour.

\*Heard from Hartel regarding newly aligned administrative roles for the coming school year.

Hartel, who has added transportation director to his job description, said high school Principal Chad Daniels will also serve as co-op director and coordinate MME and MEAP testing, while middle school principal Don Markel will split his administrative duties in both buildings as well as continue as athletic director. Elementary Principal Aaron Fernald will continue in his role along with coordinating the Young 5s, Young 4s and daycare programs, and serving as Title I School Improvement director.

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**ORIGINS TEAM MEMBERS, including Cass City's Tyler Perry, pose on the Mt. of Olives during their mission trip to Israel.**

# Perry shares journey

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place: an all-expense-paid mission trip to Israel. At that time, I knew very few details, except that I would be spending a month there, volunteering at a hospital for the first 2 weeks and visiting various biblical sites for the latter 2. I didn't know how many would be on the team, or where everyone was from.

But now, I have experienced it. The strangers I had not yet met are now friends. The foreign places whose names I couldn't pronounce are now old stomping grounds.

Our trip began in Philadelphia, where members of the mission team met. There were 18 of us and we came from all over the map: Texas, Washington, Florida, New Jersey, several from Mid-western states, and one from Alberta, Canada. From there, we flew into Ben Gurion International Airport, in Tel Aviv.

Upon our arrival, we were whisked away to the place that would become our home for the first 2 weeks of the trip: a 4-story house, owned by a Messianic pastor and his wife. In the day time, we volunteered at Kaplan Medical Center, a hospital in Rehovot; and at night, we ministered with the local Messianic kehila (church). Both experiences were rewarding.

At Kaplan, we did various tasks. Some helped the landscaping crew pull weeds and pick up trash, some washed dishes in the kitchen, while others did paper work in departmental offices. For a few days, I worked with a man, named Shalom, washing

windows. As we worked, he began opening up to me, telling me about his life – his wife and children, the 2 part-time jobs he had to work to support his family, his spiritual and political beliefs. I was able to get a better understanding of what day-to-day life is like for this man.

After a few days of working with Shalom, I was moved to the pathology department, where I typed up the doctors' English notes and, then, entered them into the hospital database. It was while working with the people in this office that I learned what it's like for the Israelis who constantly live in fear of the next terrorist attack.

"We don't hate the Palestinians," the office manager told me. "We want peace. We don't want to fear for our lives and we don't want them to fear for theirs. We just want to live peacefully with our neighbors."

I was also surprised to learn that Israeli hospitals, such as Kaplan, open their doors to everyone, even to their enemies. After Palestinian attacks on Israel or Israel's retaliatory strikes, Israel gives medical treatment to the Palestinian refugees, even the terrorists themselves, sometimes. These are very special people, indeed.

While the first 2 weeks spent in Rehovot were rewarding, I can't begin to tell you how exciting it was to travel to the biblical sites around the country. We ate in the town of Joppa (now called Joffa), where the prophet Jonah boarded a ship bound for Tarshish, instead of to Nineveh where God had called Him. We reenacted the account of David killing Goliath in the Valley of Elah, where I was able to pick up 5 stones from the Brook Kidron – the same place David got his stones to kill the giant Philistine!

We saw the vast ruins of Caesarea Maritime, where the remains of Herod's opulent villa and a large hippodrome sit, slowly being eaten away by the Mediterranean Sea. One of the most memorable events was climbing the great mountain-fortress, Masada. Originally fortified by Herod the Great, Masada is most famous for the mass suicide that took place there, in 73AD, when, to escape the brutal Roman army, the 960 Masada inhabitants killed themselves.

As you have probably guessed, there were few places of significance we didn't visit, with the exception of Bethlehem, which is controlled by the Palestinians and because our tour guide was Jewish, we were not able to enter.

By far, the most memorable experience was coming over the hill in our tour bus, seeing that ancient and beautiful city, Jerusalem, below. The sun was just beginning to set as we took pictures – the temple mount in clear view, the Muslim call to prayer echoing throughout the city, and our excitement barely containable.

We spent the last 4 days of our month-long journey exploring Jerusalem. From the heights of the Mount of Olives, to the cool depths of Hezekiah's Tunnel far beneath the city, it felt like there wasn't a single square inch of the city we hadn't seen. And yet, I think we could have spent a year there and never experienced everything.

It would take a book – maybe a few books – to tell you all of the thrilling details of the trip. I'm so thankful to the Lord for allowing me to visit the nation of Israel, and I want to share more of it with you; but for that you will have to come to my presentation. It will be held July 29, at 6 p.m., at First Baptist Church in Cass City (6420 Houghton St.), and is for the community to attend. I hope you can make it!

For more information, please contact me at: (989) 553-4957, or at typperry91@yahoo.com. Until then, shalom!

## Area 4-Hers cash in on hard work

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County Fair. "We were down (in attendance) on kids day because it was so hot," Rupprecht said. "But the sale went very well. We made over \$200,000 in just the large livestock sales."

Although the auction is very fast paced, the event ran without flaw. "I think it went very smoothly," Rupprecht said. "The kids all had a good time."

"The event is structured to raise money for the kids who participate in the auction and that's important for not only the kids, but also for the community."

"It's good for the community to see," Rupprecht added. "It gives the kids a place to showcase their animal."

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# Kingston store owner excels in long drive competition

by Ryan Walker  
Freelance Writer

Going long in athletic competition is nothing new for Sandusky resident Bill Harrington.

While starring in 3 sports at Kingston High School during the 90s, Harrington provided spectators a show when he threw the football deep as the Cardinals quarterback, shot from beyond the 3 point line in basketball, and launched mammoth home runs on the baseball diamond.

Throughout the years, Harrington's athletic focus has shifted to golf, but his penchant for going deep has not changed. It's common for his drives on the golf course to eat up yardage with regularity. His ability to put a charge into the ball not only puts him closer to the pin; it also led him to begin competing in long drive competitions.

One long drive competition Harrington has taken part in a number of times is the Re/Max Long Drive Competition. Over the past 11 years, he has competed in 8 local qualifiers attempting to move onto the regional level. He has accomplished the feat of advancing to the regional levels 7 of the 8 times he has competed.

The structure of the Re/Max Long Drive Competition is set up to take place over 3 levels. Around the country, participants begin their drive for long distance glory by competing at local qualifying competitions. In the past, Harrington has taken part in local qualifiers in the Flint and Saginaw areas. This year's local qualifier takes place on July 28 at Leaderboard Driving Range.

Anyone can compete in a local qualifier by showing up at the designated site during the scheduled time slot. Participants pay a \$40 fee to receive one round which equals 6 shots. Harrington explained that competitors at the local qualifiers can attempt as many rounds as they like, but must pay the \$40.00 each time.

It's possible for up to 6 competitors to move on to the regional championship level. For every 10 participants at the local qualifier, one qualifying slot for the regional championships will open. For example, if 20 people take part in the local qualifier, 2 slots open in the regional championships.

Harrington has competed in the Region 4 regionals in the past.

## Attention Red Hawk athletes

There's plenty of news for Cass City Red Hawk athletes as they prepare for their 2012-13 high school campaigns.

First the bad news, which they already knew: At this time there will be no freshman sports and the Cass City Public School system will not be providing transportation to or from athletic contests, according to Athletic Director Don Markel.

Now the good news, which includes fresh new gym surfaces in the high school and middle school buildings.

Also new this fall, the Red Hawk boys' soccer team, after failing to field a team last year, is expected not only to return to action, but also should dress a competitive squad in the fall.

"Practice starts Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the varsity field. Players need a current physical before practice and need appropriate shoes and shin guards. Any questions should be addressed to me at 872-3093,"

Region 4 is made up of Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. This year's regional championship will take place in Decatur, Ill. Even though participants don't have to win their local qualifier to advance, there's a distinct advantage

because it was out of bounds," said Harrington.

After each round at the regional level, each new round starts fresh so the winners of previous rounds don't get to keep their winning drive scores.

The finals take place at the Re/Max World Championships in Mesquite, Nev., where the winner will take home \$500,000 and bragging rights as the "Longest in the World". ESPN televises the event, which is scheduled to take place October 16 - 25. Harrington has never qualified for the finals despite narrowly missing a few years ago with an official drive of 414 yards, which was 2 feet 2 inches shy of advancing him.

All 3 levels of the Re/Max Long Drive Competition follow the Long Drive Association's (LDA) official rules. Only clubs and heads on the LDA approved conforming club list are eligible. All clubs must measure 50 inches or less when the club is held at a 90 degree angle to the ground.

Harrison golf shafts serve as Harrington's equipment sponsor for all his long drive events. He uses 2 shafts that are tournament tested: a Harrison Long Drive shaft and a House of Forged shaft. He prefers an Alpha Reaction 6 degree head to launch the Slazenger RAW distance balls, which are the official golf balls of

all LDA competitions. Even though Harrington still finds time to hit the links, his long drive practice time usually doesn't hit high gear until after he qualifies for regionals. In May 2011, he opened the Red Zone party store in Kingston, and the demands of owning a business can cut into his tee time.

The challenge of competition is a major draw for Harrington entering long drive competitions, as is the fun of the events. "Even when I get knocked out, I stay around to watch. It's a good time," he said.



**BILL HARRINGTON stands in front of his store, The Red Zone in Kingston, with the driver he prefers for competition — a Harrison Long Drive shaft with an Alpha Reaction head.**

if they do. Those who finish in first receive a bye and are automatically placed in the second round of the Regional Championship.

During this second tier of the 3 part competition, the participants experience a change in format and opposing players' skill levels. The regional winners are similar to the local qualifiers in that the number of people who advance is also based on the actual number of on-site paid competitors. Instead of simply registering the longest overall drives, the regionals use a double elimination format. A blind draw determines the pairings for groups consisting of 4 players hoping to advance.

The longest official drive advances to the next bracket of the tournament, while the 3 non-qualifiers enter a loser's bracket in hopes of working their way back into the mix. As with all levels of the Re/Max Long Drive Competition, a legal shot must land in and stay in bounds in order to count. "I've seen guys hit it 470 yards, but it didn't count

Coach Chuck Reed said.

Cass City also will have 2 new skip-pers leading the volleyball and football programs in 2012. Both coaches are well-known in the district and enjoyed success during their previous tenures in charge at Cass City.

Scott Cuthrell returns to the helm of the Cass City football program. He's asked Joe Langenburg to coordinate the Red Hawk varsity defense and Josh Stern and Tavis Osentoski to guide the Red Hawk junior varsity football squad.

On the volleyball courts, Beth Howard takes the reins from Brenda Sherman. She says conditioning — which is part of team tryouts — starts Monday, July 30, at 8:30 a.m.

Howard is holding open gym time on Tuesday, July 31, and Thursday, Aug. 2, from 7-9 p.m., while players can utilize the weight room on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for the remainder of July.

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The Public Accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and tabulators that will be used to tabulate the ballots of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.

Ed LaBelle  
Elkland Township Clerk

# Congratulations to our local 4-Hers!

(Right) WINNING THE TITLE of Grand Champion Pen in the market roaster chicken pens was Zachary Palmreuter of Vassar. Palmreuter is the son of Mark Palmreuter. The chickens sold for \$160 to the Tuscola County Mounted Division of the Tuscola County Sherriff's Department.



(Below) RESERVE CHAMPION was awarded to Kylee Kunse and her market turkey. The bird weighed 30.45 pounds and was purchased by Cook GM Super Store. Kunse, of Caro, is the daughter of Heath and Stacey Kunse.



(Above) ELISA NORCROSS is pictured above with her 3 Grand Champion market rabbits. Norcross, of Deford, is the daughter of Eileen Norcross. The rabbits were sold for \$185 and were purchased by Chemical Bank.



(Left) GRAND CHAMPION PEN was the honor that Abigail Mowry received for her market fryer chickens. Mowry is the daughter of Lian Parsell and belongs to the North Stars livestock club. The chickens were sold for \$200 and were purchased by Wayne Nelson.



(Above) GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY STEER was the honor that Jesse Micho received at the auction. Micho, of Frankenmuth, is the son of Sandra Bernreuter and Kirby Micho. The dairy steer weighed 1,455 pounds and was sold for \$2,600. Micho belongs to the Thumb Area Kids and Critters club.



(Above) KATIE HOUSE and her market beef steer pose for a close-up. House, of Cass City, is the daughter of Mark and Angie House. Her steer weighed 1,490 pounds and was sold for \$2,000 to AVCI.NET. House represented 5 Star Livestock.



(Above) LIBBY VENE-MA and her market beef steer are pictured above. The steer weighed 1,260 pounds and was sold to Cass City Oil and Gas for \$2,500. Venema is the daughter of Martin and Lisa Venema and she belongs to the 5 Star Livestock club.



(Above) SHANEEN HATFIELD and her ducks were crowned grand champions. Hatfield, of Vassar, is the daughter of Wayne and Kathy Hatfield. The 3 ducks were sold for a total of \$190. Hatfield represented the Tuscola County FFA at the auction.



(Above) RESERVE CHAMPION PEN was awarded to Kaleb Stark of Gagetown. Stark is the son of Lonnie and Carrie Stark and is a member of North Stars livestock club. Stark's chickens sold for \$125 to Independent Bank.



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**Household Sales**

**TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALES**

**August 2- August 4**

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**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS THURSDAY, JULY 26**

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**Household Sales**

HENDRA ESTATE SALE - 4557 Seeger St, Cass City. Fri., July 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sat., July 28, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday all items 1/2 off. Beds, dressers, bookcase, apartment sized stove & refrigerator, miscellaneous furniture, glassware, kitchenware and household items. All items must be sold. Wonder Women Sales. 14-7-25-1

GARAGE SALE - Thurs., July 26, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Fri., July 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Boys' clothes (newborn-size 8), girls' clothes (4-6), stroller/infant seat combo, toys, miscellaneous baby and household items. 5970 Florence Dr., 1 mile west of Cass City to Koepfgen Rd., 1/2 mile south to Florence Dr., 2nd house. Murdoch/Marshall. 14-7-25-1

GARAGE SALE - July 25-27, Wednesday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. & Friday 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Women & teen clothes (s-m), household items, apple decor, desk, air hockey table, game table, tools, books, too much to list. It has been 3 years since last sale. 6748 Kelly Rd. 2 miles south on Cemetery Rd. 1/2 mile East on Kelly Rd. 14-7-25-1

MOVING SALE - 3351 Van Dyke (1/2 mile north of Deckerville Rd.) July 26 & 27, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. July 28, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Furniture, household, antiques & collectibles, corn maze items, many around garage and farm related. Including power auger for PTO on tractor, plow, kerosene heater, white vinyl railing, tools & lots of miscellaneous. 14-7-25-1

GARAGE SALE - Wednesday 25th, 1 p.m.-6 p.m., Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 4299 Woodland Ave., Cass City. Precious moments, Department 56, holiday decor, clothes, jewelry, purses, many items for men, tools, etc., old 33s, cosmetics, floor scrubber and more. LuAnn Graham. 14-7-25-1

GARAGE SALE - Boys, girls & adult clothes, dresser, sheets & towels, lots of miscellaneous. Thursday & Friday, July 26 & 27. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 4094 E. Nicholas Drive. Across from UPS. 14-7-25-1

GARAGE SALE - Friday, July 27, 9-4 p.m. Deckerville Rd., Deford (former Novesta Township Hall). Gun rack, antique bicycles, TY Beanie Babies, porcelain dolls, 7' Christmas tree and decorations, 20" TV, miscellaneous home decor items, some clothing (size 1-2X). New items added. 14-7-25-2

**YARD SALE**  
**Friday July 27th**  
**starting at 9 a.m.**  
*(weather permitting)*  
 Lots of Christmas animated figurines and collectables.  
 Antique table and chairs,  
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 Come join us for our Christmas in July sale!  
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**Household Sales**

YARD SALE - Multifamily, household, Christmas, garden, Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. & Friday 9 a.m.-?. 6293 Lakeside in Huntsville Park. 14-7-25-1

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BLUEBERRIES are ripe at Turner Blueberry Farm. U-Pick, open 8 a.m.-8 p.m., 7 days. Call 989-673-6447. 5-7-11-3

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LIONS CLUB Book Sale. 4027 Doerr Rd. Thursday & Friday, July 26 & 27, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 5-7-25-1

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Burns/Caister	47
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Biefer/Hoard	41
Hendrick/Veggian	40
Iwankovitsch/Stickle	32
Jones/Marshall	32
Alexander/Spencer	31
Henn/Herron	29
Davis/Tate	28
Berwick/Greenlee	18*
Wallace/Warner	18
Craig/Knight	17
Dillon/Irrer	12*

**Medalists**  
**Individual:**  
 R. Tate (39)  
**Team:**  
 Davis/Tate (84)

**Division 2 - Late**

Ahleman/Halasz	53
Dadacki/Otremba	49
Hacker/Nika	47
Spencer/Sommerville	41
Richards/Bitzer D.	39
Bitzer/Curtis	39
Wallace/ Brent & Scott	35
Osentoski/D. Wallace	31
Ulfig/Corey & Paul	31
Langenburg/Brad & Joe	30*
Martin/Stern	29*
Green/Zdrojewski	29
Lowman/Tamlyn	29
Krol/LeValley	26
Doerr/Haire	25
Biddinger/Smith	24
Hillaker/Murphy	22
deBeaubien/Lowe	21
Hartel/Brown	20
Prieskorn/Repshinska	18

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