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UBLY'S KEVIN Gracey has returned to Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City this holiday season to share his love of model trains with area residents. Gracey, who works at the Cass City Post Office, has been collecting trains for more than 30 years. Just like last year, the library will be hosting a drawing for a chance to win a special train. Every patron who brings in a new children's book to donate for Cass City Rotary's Christmas for Kids will receive a free ticket. Residents can also purchase tickets at the library.

Christmas in the Village

Annual holiday fest in town Saturday

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Christmas season kicks off in earnest this weekend in Cass City, and everyone is invited to share in the fun.

The annual Christmas in the Village celebration is slated for Saturday, Dec. 1, with activities for the entire family, from the wildly popular chili cook-off to a colorful lighted winter parade in the evening, to visits with Santa Claus himself.

The day's events include a large craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cass City Junior-Senior High School. Dozens of crafters sign up to showcase their wares each year, offering visitors a wide variety of holiday gifts and other items.

The Cass Theatre will again be

offering a free matinee both this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8, courtesy of Thumb National Bank. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and the movies start at 2 p.m. The theatre will be showing "Puss In Boots" and "Kung Fu Panda. All ages are welcome.

Another popular attraction is the Christmas in the Village Chili Cook-off. Now in its ninth year, the event is sponsored by Knights Insurance Agency, Cass City, and pits the area's best chili chefs against each other with a year's worth of bragging rights at stake.

Here's how it works: cooks at local businesses will be preparing their best chili recipes - from mild to wild. Residents can wander through town from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., tasting each one after purchasing a ticket to

participate. You can buy your ballot to vote for your favorite chili at any participating business for \$3 (adults) and \$1 (kids ages 12 and under).

The ballots will be tallied at the end of the day and the winner announced at Knights Insurance Agency, 6468 Main Street.

New this year will be free vision screening for preschoolers from 1 to 5 p.m. at Kelly & Co. Reality. The event is sponsored by the Cass City Lions Club.

Santa Claus will make his grand entrance during the 8th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade, which will get underway at 6 p.m. The parade begins at Cass City Recreation Park and will end at the VFW Post 3644 Hall on Veterans Drive.

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Spending plan aired Monday

by Clarke Haire
Publisher

Concerned residents have 13 days to examine the proposed 2013 village of Cass City operating budget, presented during Monday's regular meeting of the village council, before its expected approval.

Remarks on next year's spending plan, which totals \$3.537 million, can be aired during a public hearing set for Monday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. prior to the council's vote on the new strategy.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano says what taxpayers can expect to discover is a "tight" financial plan that is conservative and realistic in its estimates, while balancing expenditures against anticipated revenues

as required by law.

Once again, reported Cristiano, revenue levels are estimated to decrease 5 percent in the upcoming year. However, Cristiano's commentary on the impact of pending legislation leaves this total uncertain.

"All indications are that legislation regarding personal property taxes will be passed next month," he said, adding, "Personal property taxes are a significant amount of money - about \$125,000 - and amount to 15 percent of our General Fund and special millage dollars."

The new budget won't provide Cass City residents with any relief concerning their water and sewer bills in 2013. As has been the case in recent

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School cashing in on dollars for "best practices"

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Cass City School officials Monday approved a resolution that will reward the district for implementing a majority of the state's financial "best practices".

The Cass City Board of Education, meeting in regular session, adopted a resolution confirming the school system meets the necessary 7 out of 8 Michigan "Best Practice Incentive" requirements in order to receive additional state funding during the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Gov. Rick Snyder enacted legislation in June that appropriated \$80 million to provide \$52-per-pupil allocations for this school year to local districts and public school academies meeting most of the best practices.

They are: holding the policy on medical benefit plans, obtaining competitive bids for non-instructional services such as custodial work, bussing and/or food service, accepting applications for enrollment of

non-resident students (Schools of Choice), monitoring individual pupil academic growth in each subject area at least twice during the school year using competency-based online assessments, supporting opportunities to receive post-secondary (college) credit while attending high school, offering online instructional programs or blended learning opportunities to all eligible students, providing a link on the district's homepage to the url for the MiSchoolData portal, and providing physical education consistent with the 2003 state board policy on quality physical education.

Cass City School Supt. Jeff Hartel noted the Cass City Public Schools meets the requirements with the possible exception of the specific number of hours of instruction required in the physical education component. The local district should receive a total incentive of \$56,267 in the coming year based on an enrollment of 1,082 students.

This will be the second time state Please turn to page 12.

Residents planning theatre fundraisers

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

If the historic Cass Theatre is going to be forced to close its doors due to a gradual but certain shift to digital technology, it's not going to happen without a fight.

That's the message a group of community volunteers is promoting by every means possible, from word of mouth to a Youtube video. And the battle begins this weekend.

"The Cass City Area Historical Society has partnered with the Friends of the Cass Theatre Committee in raising funds for the new digital projection equipment. They will act as our fiduciary - they'll hold the money raised and donations will be directed to them. We thought this organization would be ideally suited for this task, since the Cass is an integral part of our community's history," said Tyler Perry, who recently played a key role in forming the Friends of the Cass Theatre.

"This is exciting news, because it is the first big step in reaching our goal of raising the \$70,000-plus for the new equipment," Perry added. "(Former Cass City resident) Steve Auvil's generous offer to match at least \$5,000 in donations was the shot in the arm we needed to motivate people to give, and now we are beginning the process."

The fundraising effort will get underway in earnest Saturday in conjunction with Cass City's annual Christmas in the Village celebration.

"Collection containers will be placed on the counters of local businesses, so people can donate during...the festivities," Perry said. "Other fundraising events are being planned for the near future."

The dilemma faced by longtime Cass Theatre owners Dick and Elaine Hendrick stems from a film industry trend of going to an all-digital format, requiring installation of tens of thousands of dollars worth of new equipment.

"Everything in the (projection) booth, other than the surround sound stereo, would be junk because it would be an entirely different setup," Dick Hendrick recently said of the switch to digital equipment.

He noted the change would mean distributing movies via the Internet rather than physically delivering copies of films. Although Hendrick already has a modern sound system and 3-D screen, the update would still

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THE FRIENDS OF The Cass Theatre are partnering with the Cass City Area Historical Society in an effort to raise thousands of dollars to pay for digital film equipment that could ensure the future of the Cass Theatre for years to come. The theatre was originally constructed in 1935, then rebuilt after a fire destroyed the structure 4 years later.

Investigators: alcohol and speed factors in fatal crash

Investigators say they believe speed and alcohol were factors in a fatal one-vehicle traffic crash early Saturday morning in Sanilac County's Minden Township.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the accident scene at about 3:54 a.m. The initial investigation revealed that a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado driven by an 18-year-old Ubyly man was traveling north on Maurer Road when the driver lost control and entered a ditch on the east side of the roadway.

Deputies said the vehicle traveled an additional 600 to 700 feet in the ditch before striking several trees.

A 19-year-old Berrien Springs man, who was a passenger in the vehicle, died as a result of injuries he suffered in the crash, according to deputies, who reported the Ubyly resident was transported to Deckerville Community Hospital for treatment of unspecified injuries. The occupants' names were not released.

Investigators said both airbags were deployed and it appeared speed and alcohol contributed to the accident.

The Minden City Fire Department, Bingham Township Fire Department, and Sanilac and Bingham EMS crews assisted deputies at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation.



John and Agnes Meininger (then & now)

Meiningers to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

John and Agnes Meininger will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 1, together with their children.

The former Agnes Helen Jantz and her husband John Joseph Meininger were married Dec. 1, 1962 at St. Agatha Church, Gageton.

The couple met at a Fireman's Ball in Unionville on Valentine's Day in 1959. John is a 1957 graduate of Cass City High School, and Agnes is a 1959 graduate of Owendale High School.

They were blessed with 4 sons: John (Kelly) Meininger of Ooltewah, Tenn., Brent (Stacey) Meininger of Bay City, Deric Meininger and Chad Meininger of Las Vegas, Nev. They were also blessed with a granddaughter, Sienna Meininger; and 4 step-grandchildren: Brian Brink and Damien, Kurtis and Destinae Knapp.

John and Agnes raised their children on a farm in Gageton. John retired as the plant manager of Active Industries in Sebawaing. The couple now enjoy their life together on Secord Lake.



Big Sister

Meg's Peg



by
Melva E. Guinther

Norma wasn't my big sister physically. She was actually quite petite and considerably shorter than I. But in the usual sense of the term, she fit the profile.

We lost her Nov. 18. Her death leaves a huge void in the lives of a host of people. She was one of those people who was "always going to be there."

My big sister presented an ideal that was a hard act to follow. She was gracious, generous and fun-loving, much more outgoing and self-confident than I will ever be. Sometimes it was hard to believe we were siblings. I love shopping. To her it was a chore. She loved to dance. I don't dance, although she taught me a few tap dance steps. She taught me a lot of things. We got along well and we always had fun.

We used to sing all the time, riding bikes, doing dishes, riding in the car. We even sang a duet on the stage of the Whiting Auditorium. (So what if the theater was empty except for the others in our tour group!)

I'll miss singing with my big sister. Any kid that ever went to the Speirs' couldn't wait to go back again, my kids included. It's true that they had horses and their property backed up to the river, but even without those amenities, it was just a fun place to hang out. Ask any of the Speirs children's friends.

No doubt a certain amount of mischief occurred that mothers were better off not knowing. Those Speirs kids had a lot of imagination, but it was all good, clean fun (I think.)

Norma had a number of jobs over the years and was conscientious at all of them. But I think her most successful effort was in rearing her family. They are just the nicest people

alive.

At her funeral service the whole tribe, I think it was 46 total, got up and sang "I'll Fly Away," and at the conclusion, per Norma's request, they followed the casket down the church aisle to the tune of "Goodbye, World, Goodbye."

It has been a long standing tradition for the McConnell families to get together for a cooperative Thanksgiving meal. In recent years it's been held at the Novesta Church of Christ's fellowship hall since we'd outgrown everybody's dining rooms. This year, because of Norma's illness, the family decided to meet at her home.

Of course, she wasn't with us for Thanksgiving, but her children thought she would want us to go ahead as planned. So we all got together there and had a fantastic meal and wonderful fellowship, watching football, playing games and just being together.

The night Norma died, her daughter, Jane Luana, wrote a tribute that included the lines "You're in the laughter, tears and hugs from the families you raised. And through it all we can say, let our God be praised."

They are a terrific, close-knit family and I think they are my big sister's true legacy.

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C. Rickett earns his doctorate



Cory Rickett

Cory C. Rickett, of Lansing, recently graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law with his Juris Doctorate. Rickett is a 2003 graduate of Cass City High School. He is the son of Wendy Rickett of Decker, and Steven Rickett. He is the grandson of Jim and Judy Doerr of Uby, and great grandson of Velma Cleland of Uby.

Memorial service scheduled Sunday at Northwood

Home & Hospice Advantage of Cass City will be hosting its annual memorial service for those who have lost loved ones in the past 12 months, Sunday, Dec. 2.

The service will be held at Northwood Meadows, 6068 Beechwood Dr., Cass City, starting at 2 p.m.

This gathering will be a time of remembrance and support to cope with the loss of a loved one this season. Refreshments will be provided immediately after the service. There will be a small gift of remembrance for each family. Hospice Advantage nurses, volunteers, chaplains and other staff will be looking forward to visiting with families.

RSVP to (877) 872-5852 with the number of people that will be attending from your family. Friends of the family and members of the community are also welcome to attend.

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In Our OPINION..

Clarke Haire
Publisher

Tom Montgomery
Editor

Put a smile on a youngster's face

Thursday's Thanksgiving turkey was barely digested when many area residents kicked off the Christmas shopping season in earnest with Black Friday excursions across the region.

It's a joyous if not hectic time of year, with children anxiously making out their lists and checking them twice while their parents scramble to ensure sure their youngsters squeal with delight come Christmas morning.

For many kids, however, the prospects for a merry Christmas aren't so bright because their mom or dad — maybe both — lost their jobs this year. Perhaps an illness in the family has put the holidays on the back burner, or they live with a single parent who is struggling to make ends meet. For those families, this time of year can be heart-breaking.

But a group of Cass City area residents is working to make sure dozens of families struggling with difficult financial times will still have something to look forward to when Santa makes his rounds.

And you can help. Members of the Cass City Rotary Club are gearing up for their 14th Annual Christmas for Kids campaign, an effort that brought toys, clothes and other items to nearly 110 area families — 330 youngsters — last year.

It's a big undertaking, but you might be surprised at how quickly the need can be met if everyone donated just one toy or a few dollars to the cause. Why not make it a family tradition to visit the Curtis Chrysler dealership in Cass City — campaign headquarters for Christmas for Kids — to deliver your gift or donation personally? Dan Curtis and his crew are there until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

We can guarantee you they will greet you with a welcoming smile and a big thank-you.

More importantly, you'll be taking an active part in a community-wide effort that teaches your own children the value of keeping the importance of "giving" at the heart of this special time of the year.

You'll also know that, thanks to you, somewhere out there a child is smiling the smile that all our kids should be blessed with on Christmas morning.

Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler
Finding Beauty




My mom loved animals. She passed this wonderful gift on to me.

Growing up, our house served as home to all sorts of critters. We owned hamsters, bunnies, an ever-expanding tank of fish and a parakeet named Snickers. When my fourth grade teacher needed a home for our classroom mice, guess who cleared a shelf for the beloved rodents? My mom.

When I was 10, my sister and I saved our money (\$17.50 each) to buy a white toy poodle. We named her Princess. (Why not?)

If it crawled, crept, chirped or barked, chances are we experienced the joy of that kind of pet. We had everything — except a cat.

My mom loved cats. They were her favorite critter in the whole world. She talked often of the cats she had while growing up on a farm. We even owned a kitten for a short while when I was very young. I vaguely remember the soft ball of purring fur, but not what she looked like. I do remember her name: Beauty. Our kitty lived with us for only a week before we had to give her to another family because Beauty made my dad sneeze.

Even though my mom loved cats, she loved my dad more. Our household moved on to other furry and fuzzy friends. We were critter people — just not cat ones.

My mom never forgot about her love of cats and she was (I believe) happy when I married a cat person. My husband and I got our first cat shortly after getting married. I became a full-fledged, card-carrying cat-lover.

The years went by. In addition to our cats, we got fish, tree frogs and a dog. My mom got Alzheimer's. She passed away two years ago, and for months afterward I sensed her presence beside me.

At the time, our house had its fair share of critters, with no plans to add to the brood.

Then, I experienced a sudden and unexplained urge to get a kitten. My daughter and I went to the shelter — just to look (famous last words). My husband reminded us before leaving, "Look only at male kittens. Maybe a white or gray one," he said. "Anything but black."

(I understood his thinking. We'd always been a boy-cat family. The color request was practical in nature. Pets shed. We have a yellow (shedding) lab and light colored furniture to help hide the occasional pet hair. Black fur would not coordinate with our overall camouflaging technique.)

We held many kittens at the shelter that day but only one was available for immediate adoption. We returned home with a sweet purring ball of fur. A black female with radiant topaz eyes. We named her Gertrude. She'd been abandoned, but by the shelter's estimates she'd been born around October 12 — my mom's birthday.

Officially, we got the kitten for our youngest son, but she was my baby from day one. She showed a special attachment to me and I welcomed her attention. Having Gertrude helped me deal with the grief of losing my mom. I gradually stopped sensing her presence; I believe because I was finally ready to let my mom go.

This isn't the end of the story. Recently, I found an old pile of photographs. As I flipped through, I came across one of my sister and me with the little kitten named Beauty we'd owned for a short time years and years ago. There, in the photograph, the bright topaz eyes of an exact replica of Gertrude stared back at me. I'd forgotten, but Beauty had been a black kitten, too.


The coincidence made me catch my breath as I became conscious of something I'd already known: my kitty's name may be Gertrude, but to me, she's always been a Beauty. (Thanks, Mom!)

Follow Slices of Life on Facebook and hit Like (please). Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, playwright and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" Email her at pertmn@qwest.net; or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)



I'll say this about growing up in Cass City; it has afforded several life-long friendships that in my estimation aren't granted to all people. Anyway, my wife, Karen, and I gathered with many of those folks over the weekend for dinner at J J Jamokes. And that's what this piece of trivia is really about.

It was the Haire's second visit to the Caro restaurant in as many years (we went there last year at about the same time, with about the same group). Anyway, both visits scored high on the 1-to-10 scale.

I had seafood pasta, Karen had perch. Both were delicious, as were the appetizers. Not too pricey, either. Our bill was under \$35 for the 2 entrees. I thought our table service was more than adequate; however, a little slow considering the Friday after Thanksgiving wasn't all that busy.

Hey, dad, I would rate my latest fine dining experience about an 8.

Don't forget, there's still time, says Burt Althaver. The former Cass City business and community leader is talking about submitting recommendations for our local Citizen of the Year, an honor he won in 1978.

This year's winner(s) will be announced at the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Dinner/Banquet slated for Feb. 2. Officials are asking area residents to submit their nominations for Citizen of the Year in a sealed envelope (marked attention Dee Mulligan) by Nov. 30 to the Cass City Chamber of Commerce office, 6506 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726. For more information, call (989) 872-4618.

Perhaps this year's Citizen of the Year will also be a member of Cass City's PTO. Can't deny the group consists of several hard working volunteers.

Not only did the group raise \$4,700 selling pies recently, they also had over 4 cases of pies unsold from their recent fundraiser that ended up at the Community Dinner Thursday held at the United Methodist Church.

Words to the wise from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Office.

Thieves know that during this time of year mail often will contain items of value that can be stolen from your mailbox, or packages are likely to be left on your front porch and are easy targets for being taken.

The sheriff's office advises residents to use the post office to mail letters or give them to a letter carrier. Also, pick up mail promptly after delivery and don't leave it in the mailbox overnight.

Don't send cash in the mail and ask the bank for "secure" checks that can't be altered. Tell the post office when you'll be out of town, so it can hold your mail until you return.

If you see suspicious persons in your neighborhood, obtain a good description of the individuals, their vehicles and a vehicle license number if possible, and report them as soon as possible to police.

It's been several years since the Chronicle has participated in Cass City's annual Chili Cook-Off contest.

That changes this year, as Krysta Boyce, our sales executive, will be on hand Saturday at the corner of Oak and Main streets with her entry for top honors.

Stop in and try her Chili. You also might want to take advantage of a special subscription sale offered only on Saturday for chili tasters.

Letter to the Editor


What's the real truth on Palestinian state?

RE: Letter to the Editor Jewish settlement. His family was homeless. What would you do?

Now after years of trying to establish a Palestinian state, the Israeli prime minister has refused to speak to the leader of the Palestinian people.

The Palestinians want to establish a state, a homeland that is theirs. Something nobody can take away, something they can be proud of. Are they wrong? God bless Cass City!

Ray Donaldson
Cass City





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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.

Ravenous Readers Book Club, noon, Rawson Memorial District Library.

Thursday, November 29

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

"Your Diabetes Journey" free seminar, 2-4 p.m., Hills & Dales General Hospital, 4675 Hill St., Cass City. The staff will discuss important steps people can take to prevent or control diabetes. Those interested in attending are asked to register by calling the Education Department at (989) 912-6365.

Friday, November 30

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

Saturday, December 1

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.

Christmas Kids' Kraft, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.

Cass City High School Jazz Band will perform at Artistic Endeavors, noon-1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, December 2

Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. all you can eat. \$6 donation.

Monday, December 3

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.

Women's AA meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Free Methodist Church, 2380 Deckerville Rd. For more information, call the Rev. Wayne at (810) 672-9242 or Bob at (810) 672-9084.

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4

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

Teenage burglar uses victim's computer to check his email

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A Sanilac County teen made a critical mistake after breaking and entering a business last week; he logged onto facebook and checked his own email account on the victim's computer.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies had little trouble tracking down the 17-year-old Marlette resident, according to Sheriff Garry Biniecki, who said the teen also visited several porn sites while he was at it.

Deputies were dispatched to Kraft Automotive in Sanilac County's Flynn Township last Wednesday just before 8 a.m.

"After arriving on scene, deputies learned that the business owner arrived in the morning to find his overhead garage door open and several doors unlocked. The business owner also discovered his business computer had been tampered with and a Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck that was being worked on had been moved from its location inside the business and was damaged," Biniecki said.

"Deputies on scene were able to retrieve an Internet site history and found that the suspect had logged onto facebook, his email account and visited several porn sites," he noted.

Deputies interviewed the male suspect and learned that he had broken

into the business, surfed the Internet and took the pickup truck for a ride in the country before returning it to the business.

"The interview also cleared up another breaking and entering and vehicle theft complaint that occurred in August at the same business location," Biniecki said.

Deputies transported the suspect to the Sanilac County Jail, where he was held on a \$25,000 bond. His name is not being released pending formal arraignment.

The sheriff's department has asked the Sanilac County Prosecutor's Office to authorize charges of breaking and entering and vehicle theft against the teen.

Circuit court news

Several appear on felony charges

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

•Brooke M. Schmanski, 19, Mayville, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail for her plea of guilty to operating a motor while under the influence of liquor - causing serious injury Oct. 5, 2011, in Wells Township.

She was also placed on 60 months probation and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,198 plus restitution of \$120.

•Christopher E. Harp, 40, Gagetown, was sentenced to 365 days in jail, with work release, for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer and one count of unlawful use of a license plate Sept. 18 in Caro, and for his pleas of no contest to harboring a felon and contributing to the delinquency of a minor Sept. 25, 2011, in Elmwood Township.

He was also placed on 36 months probation and ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$3,274.

•Thomas J. Zaracki, 35, Vassar, was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in prison for his pleas of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify local law enforcement after establishing any electronic email or instant messaging address Sept. 18 in Vassar.

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

•Michael D. Filkins, 33, Fairgrove, pleaded no contest to one count of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Oct. 2 in Fairgrove. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior

felony convictions).

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

•Trent L. Darling, 50, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to violating the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to verify his sex offender registration information with local law enforcement July 16 in Fairgrove Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,448.

•Jordan L. Broadworth, 20, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence following his plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance March 14 in Wells Township.

He was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,428.

•Benjamin F. White, 42, Caro, was sentenced to 18 years and 9 months to 35 years in prison for his pleas of no contest to 12 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim under the age of 13 years between September 2006 and September 2012 in Indianfields Township.

In addition to prison time, he was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$272.

•Aaron M. Tribble, 25, Millington, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to 2 counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer and one count of fourth degree child abuse Sept. 19 in Millington Township. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

In addition to jail time, he was ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$904.

•Tyler D. Parrish, 20, Pigeon, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Nov. 3 in Almer Township.

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

•Rodney R. Walsh, 37, Caro, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of police or fire department property July 23-24 in Caro.

A pre-sentence investigation was

ordered and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•Ronald B. Poirier, 60, Vassar, stood mute to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace and trespassing Nov. 25 in Vassar. He is also charged with being an habitual offender (2 prior felony convictions).

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled in the case and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Darrin L. Martin, 46, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 60 months probation for his plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, April 22 in Tuscola Township.

He was also ordered to complete 480 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$1,398.

•Larry L. Giddings, 40, Caro, was sentenced to 365 days in jail and 36 months probation for his pleas of no contest to domestic violence - aggravated assault, second offense, and domestic violence, third offense, May 15 in Indianfields Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$2,426.

•Josiah S. Neilson, 29, Millington pleaded guilty to charges of interfering with electronic communications and assault or assault and battery Oct. 13 in Vassar Township.

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

•Frederick R. Colosky Jr., 44, Vassar, was sentenced to 5 to 20 years in prison for his plea of no contest to assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder April 17 in Vassar Township. 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 costs and fines totaling \$198 plus restitution of \$452.08.

•Kenneth D. Howard, 38, Clio, pleaded no contest to charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile and conspiracy to commit unlawfully driving away an automobile, and guilty to driving while his license was suspended or revoked July 12 in Arbel Township.

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

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Reporter's notebook

Goodbye Twinkies. Is nothing sacred?

by Tom Montgomery Editor

Whether you love them or hate them, you've got to admit Twinkies are every bit a part of Americana as baseball and apple pie.

It's sort of sad to see Hostess, the company that sold 36 million packages of Twinkies in 2011 alone, calling it quits. As kids, who doesn't remember finding a couple of those golden sponge cakes with creamy filling in their metal lunchbox along with a sandwich and a thermos of milk (you know, the kind that if you dropped it, you could hear all those shards of glass jingling when you shook it)?

And it only got better in adulthood. I mean, have you ever indulged in a deep fried Twinkie? 'Nuff said.

I'm not even going to get into my ode to Ho Hos, Ding Dongs, Zingers and fruit pies.

Sigh. Hostess filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection early this year. More recently, company officials reported they are closing and selling their assets, although Hostess brands were expected to remain in retail stores until existing supplies were exhausted.

And, Twinkies are still made in Canada by Saputo Incorporated's Vachon Inc., which owns the Canadian rights for the product from Hostess and isn't affected by the actions state side.

Still, the recent announcement by Hostess seems like an end to a junk food era. I'm sure you can find another way to enjoy gobbling down 2.5 grams of saturated fat (that's 13 percent of the recommended daily intake of saturated fat for you health conscious folks) in a single snack cake, but it won't be a Twinkie.

Sure, times have changed, as have attitudes about cutting down on fat and eating healthier, but somehow the Twinkie and its 150 calories has survived and then some. After all, how else do you explain the demand for 500 million of them a year?

Even all the urban legends (they're made with the same ingredient used to embalm people, their shelf life is 50 years, etc.) didn't spell the end of the Twinkie.

In case you didn't know, the credit goes to James Dewar, who invented the treat back in 1930 while working as a baker for the Continental Baking Company in Schiller Park, Ill. Dewar came up with the idea after realizing several machines used to make cream-filled strawberry shortcake sat idle when strawberries were out of season.

Talk about a sweet legacy. But that was then.

Now, Twinkies appear destined to become the snack of the elite, with Internet sites such as eBay buzzing with auctions offering boxes of the treat for hundreds of dollars.

Oh well. Goodbye, Hostess; Hello, Little Debbie.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2007)

The results of Michigan Farm Bureau's (MFB) popular young farmer contest are in, and 4 young farmers, including a Sanilac County woman, have been formally recognized for their superior agricultural involvement and leadership. Michelle Brown of Snover, was among the award winners honored during MFB's 88th annual meeting in Grand Rapids last week. Brown was presented with MFB's Excellence in Agriculture Award, which recognizes a young person who does not derive the majority of his or her income from an owned agricultural operation, but who actively contributes to and grows through his or her involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture.

For a quarter and a half it appeared as if the inexperienced Cass City Red Hawk girls might be able to post an upset over the favored Ubyl Bearcats in the opening game for both teams. But domination on the boards and some fine shooting prevailed and the visitors posted a 59-40 decision. Alicia Leipprandt carried Ubyl in its productive last half with 4 hoops in the third quarter and 3 more in the fourth, while leading all scorers with 19 points. Cass City's scoring was pretty well divided with 7 players notching points, topped by Megan Zawilinski with 10.

The Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society has selected Samantha A. Glaspie for membership in the society's chapter at the University of Michigan. A Cass City High School graduate, Glaspie is majoring in political science and hopes to complete an internship in Washington, D.C. in the future. She is the daughter of Kim and Jackie Glaspie of Cass City.

10 YEARS AGO (2002)

The Cass City Red Hawks cruised to a share of the Greater Thumb West title Thursday with a workman's-like victory over Bay City All Saints, 62-36. It was the second successive conference title for Cass City. The Hawks divided scoring among 12 of the 13 players on the squad. In double figures were Deering, 11 points, Lindsey Hendrick and Amy Howard, 10 points each. Cass City converted 23 of 53 shots from the field for 43 percent.

It took Art Fisher 15 years of hunting without success before he shot his first deer. But after his first suc-

cess (bow hunting) he has brought home over 15 deer. None of them to compare with the trophy he shot opening day practically in his own back yard on Daus Road. The buck was an 8-point with 16-inch inside spread. Dressed, it figures to be about 180 pounds. It took 2 persons to get it in the back of the pickup.

Erla's Food Center's first place winners of the Cass City food liner's 50th Anniversary drawing were Vi Patera and Howard Kelley. After completing a 3-minute free shopping spree, Patera collected \$238.37 in groceries, while Kelley accumulated \$278.08 of goodies.

25 YEARS AGO (1987)

Charmont manager Todd Comment congratulated Cass City resident Robert Custard who received a gold ring he earned by bowling the Mid-Thumb Association's first 300 game Monday, Nov. 23. Custard's perfect game, and 717 series, was verified by Mid-Thumb Association secretary/treasurer Walt Benn.

Cass City resident Gloria Hartwick was named the Cass City Business and Professional Women's Club "Woman of the Year" during the group's monthly meeting Nov. 23 at the Charmont. Hartwick has been a member of the club for 12 years, and has been chairman of the group's Birthday Calendar Project for 10 years. She was presented with a "calendar of your life" by Sherry Lee Seeley and Shirley Haag for work with the sales project, the proceeds from which are used to fund scholarships for Cass City High School students. Hartwick's son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jan Hartwick, and grandsons Edward and Andrew, were guests at the meeting.

Joe Leeson, 4669 Hospital Drive, Cass City, reported taking his first buck while hunting near Argyle early Friday evening. The 6-point buck tipped the scales at 180 pounds.

50 YEARS AGO (1962)

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year and I have helped my mother and father. I would like a football helmet, cowboy boots and dump truck that goes up slow. My sister Kathleen wants a doll, doll stroller and umbrella. I will leave cookies and milk on the kitchen table. Love, Jerry Toner.

We say goodbye to "unlucky" phone number 13 next week and

we'll be sorry to see it go. Although our new number should be fairly easy to remember (2010) it doesn't compare with 13 which nearly everyone could recall, but no one seemed to want. Personally, we ranked it right behind these choice, before-dial gems: 1 (Cass City State Bank), 400 (Pinney State Bank) and 111 (Auten Motor Sales). (From the Editor's Corner)

An addition in the shop department of Cass City High School this year is a class in auto mechanics. When it was announced to junior and senior boys last summer that such a course was being considered, more than twice as many boys responded as could be taught in one group. Because of this, it was decided to offer the course on a one semester basis. About 20 boys are taking the course this term, to be followed by as many this second semester.

100 YEARS AGO (1912)

The Cass City Grain Co. had a \$2,500 fire Saturday evening when flames damaged their grain elevator and its contents. The origin of the fire is thought to have been caused either from a hot boxing or from sparks from a freight engine which had pulled onto the side track next to the elevator early in the evening.

According to latest official returns, W.J. Nash of St. Charles, Mich., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nash, sr., has been elected to the state House of Representatives on the Democratic ticket by a majority of 68.

Geo. Hall, supervisor, J.A. Benkelman, clerk and Dr. D.P. Deming, health officer of the Township of Elkland, made a trip through the township the latter part of last week investigating an epidemic of a disease among hogs and have made a report to the veterinary department of the state board of health regarding the same. The report of the board stated that Harry Crandell and Veterinary Bradshaw had opened six of the dead hogs and found all parts of the animals healthy except the lungs. These parts were black and dark in places and in process of decay. As the lungs were the only parts diseased, the opinion of the health officer and other members of the board was that the disease was pneumonia of the lungs. Harry Crandell, who is a breeder of registered stock, has lost 261 hogs by the disease this fall and estimates his loss at \$2,000.

Curtis Chrysler - Dodge - Jeep - Ram advertisement with car image and contact info for Susan Kay Truemmer.

Harris & Company advertisement for retirement services with image of a man and child.

The Cass City Chamber of Commerce & the Downtown Development Authority Proudly Present Cass City's Spotlight Business of the Week Dan's Fireplace & Stove advertisement.

Cass City Area Church Directory listing various churches and their contact information.

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Holiday activities planned at the library during December

Rawson Memorial District Library in Cass City has several holiday activities planned in December.

Kevin Gracey, an Ugly resident, train enthusiast and Cass City Post Office employee, has set up a beautiful holiday train display in the library lobby. He plans to be available many Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to run the train and answer questions. Call the library at (989) 872-2856 to confirm his schedule.

Gracey has been collecting trains for more than 30 years, with Lionel trains being one of his favorite to collect. Just like last year, there will

be a drawing for a chance to win a "Good ol' Lionel Set". Every patron that brings in a new children's book to donate for "Christmas for Kids" will receive a free ticket for the drawing. Additional tickets are available for purchase at \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Join the fun Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 to 11 a.m. for a fun hour of Christmas stories and cookie decorating. This event is open to ages 3 through the fourth grade. Children who are ages 3 through 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 872-2856 or stop by the library to pre-register for this event.

"PJs and the Classics" is Monday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. Watch "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" in your PJs. Fun for the whole family. Everyone is welcome to this free program.

Don't miss out on the library's "Holiday Better Book Sale" that runs through December. You'll find many new and next-to-new books for sale, most under \$5. These books make excellent Christmas gifts at very reasonable prices. You can also find bargains for your own book shelf to enjoy on those long, cold winter nights. Books are added each week as others are sold.

Organizers kicking off theatre fundraiser

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carry a price tag of at least \$65,000. It's a fundraising challenge Auville figures is doable if members of the community pitch in together.

Celebration set

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After the parade, visitors are invited to the annual community gathering at the VFW hall, where kids can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and receive a free photo, and everyone can enjoy free hot bean soup, hot chocolate, cookies, popcorn, caramel apples and carriage rides.

The kids are invited back to the VFW hall Saturday, Dec. 8, for free breakfast with Santa (\$2 for adults and children 12 and older).

Also on tap this month is a residential/business decorating contest. The deadline to enter is Thursday, Dec. 20, and judging will take place Friday, Dec. 21. Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 in Cass City Cash will be awarded in the residential category, while the business winners will receive a break on their chamber of commerce dues.

Cass City Cash is still available at the chamber office (municipal building). Residents can purchase \$111 in Cass City Cash — accepted by most Cass City businesses — for \$100.

More information is available by calling the chamber at (989) 872-4618 or (989) 551-7274.

Perry echoed that sentiment, saying volunteers don't want to waste any time.

"We want to see the money raised as quickly as possible," Perry said. "We need the entire community's support, which is why we're preparing to send out letters to local civic groups and individuals, asking for help. Really, we're asking people — whether they currently live in Cass City, have lived in Cass City, visited here once, whatever the connection to this place — we're asking for their

liberal support of this project."

Perry has already created and posted a Youtube video promoting the fundraising campaign. Readers will find a link to the video on the Chronicle's facebook page.

Anyone interested in making a donation can mail a check earmarked for the "Cass Theatre Project" to: Cass City Area Historical Society, 6495 Pine St., Cass City, MI 48726.

More information is available by contacting Perry at (989) 553-4957 or at: friendsofthecass@yahoo.com.

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Village of Cass City Ordinance No. 171

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REPLACE THE CODE CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE VII, (OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY), SECTION 202 OF THE VILLAGE OF CASS CITY, ENTITLED "SALE, POSSESSION OR USE OF FIREWORKS" IN THE CASS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS FOLLOWS.

The Village of Cass City ordains.....

SECTION 1: In accordance with Section 202 of Chapter 22 of Article VII of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Cass City, this Chapter of the Code of Ordinances is hereby replaced, which is entitled "SALE, POSSESSION OR USE OF FIREWORKS", and read as follows:

CHAPTER 22, (OFFENSES), ARTICLE VII (OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY), SECTION 202 SALE, POSSESSION OR USE OF FIREWORKS

Sec. 22-202.1: Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following words shall be defined as hereafter stated:

(a) CONSUMER FIREWORKS means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States consumer product safety commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks do not include low-impact fireworks.

(b) DISPLAY FIREWORKS means large fireworks devices that are explosive material intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visual or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as provided in 27 CFR 555.11, 49 CFR 172, and APA standard 87-1, 4.1.

(c) FIREWORK or FIREWORKS means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or flare, designated for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consist of consumer fireworks, low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects.

(d) LOW-IMPACT FIREWORKS means ground and handheld sparkling devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

(e) NOVELTIES or NOVELTY means that term as defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5 and all of the following:

1. Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistol in sheets, strips, rolls, or individual caps containing not more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap, in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap.
2. Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph 1 are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart or be separated so as to from a missile by the explosion.
3. Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8th inch in diameter.

Sec. 22-202.2: Prohibition on Use of All Fireworks Except as Allowed; Exception. No person shall ignite, discharge, or use any fireworks within the village except as allowed by this chapter.

Sec. 22-202.3: Prohibition on Use of Display Fireworks; Exception. No person shall ignite, discharge, or use display fireworks within the Village at any time, unless the following are true:

1. It is a professional, licensed fireworks company; AND
2. The Village Council of Cass City approves the issuance of a license or permit.

A permit shall not be issued under this act to a non-resident person, firm, or corporation for ignition of articles pyrotechnic or display fireworks in this state until the person, firm, or corporation has appointed in writing a resident member of the bar of this state or a resident agent to be the legal representative upon whom all process in an action or proceeding against the person, firm, or corporation may be served.

Sec. 22-202.4: Prohibition on Use of Consumer Fireworks; Exception. No person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks within the village, except this prohibition shall not preclude any person from the ig-

niton, discharge and use of consumer fireworks on the preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday consistent with Sec. 7 (2) of Michigan Public Act 256 of 2011. Consumer fireworks ignited, discharged, or used on the dates allowed by this section to be shall strictly conform to the definition of consumer fireworks as stated in this chapter and state statute by only creating visual but not audible effects by their combustion and if not so conforming shall be prohibited on said dates as well as all other times.

Sec. 22-202.5: Use of Consumer Fireworks. Low-impact fireworks shall be ignited, discharged, or used so as to not cause injury or damage to any person or property but shall not be ignited, discharged, or used inside any building or structure at any time without a license or permit issued by the Village Council of Cass City. Novelty fireworks may be ignited, discharged, or used without restriction but such shall only occur in a manner so as to not cause injury or damage to any person or property.

Sec. 22-202.6: Limitations on the Use of Low-Impact or Novelty Fireworks. Consumer fireworks use in the Village of Cass City is limited to the day before, the day of, and the day after, a federal holiday, contingent on the following:

- i. Fireworks shall not be sold to a minor.
- ii. No person under the age of 18 years shall use, possess, explode or cause to explode any fireworks, as defined herein, with the village.
- iii. No person under the age of 18 years shall buy, purchase, acquire or obtain any fireworks, as defined herein, within the village.
- iv. A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission.
- v. For purposes of this ordinance, Federal Holidays are: New Year's Day, Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Sec. 22-202.7: Penalty. Whosoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Title I, Chapter I, Sec. 1.110 in the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Cass City.

SECTION 2: If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons, firms, corporations, legal entities, or circumstances by such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, section, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance thereof directly involved in the case or controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and to the person, firm, corporation, legal entity, or circumstances then and there involved. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: If any provision of this Chapter differs from a provisions of any other applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation, both the provision of this Chapter and the differing provision shall apply if possible. If the two (2) provisions are in conflict, then the provision establishing the higher or stricter standard shall apply.

SECTION 4: After publication, this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Carl A. Palmateer
 President, Village of Cass City

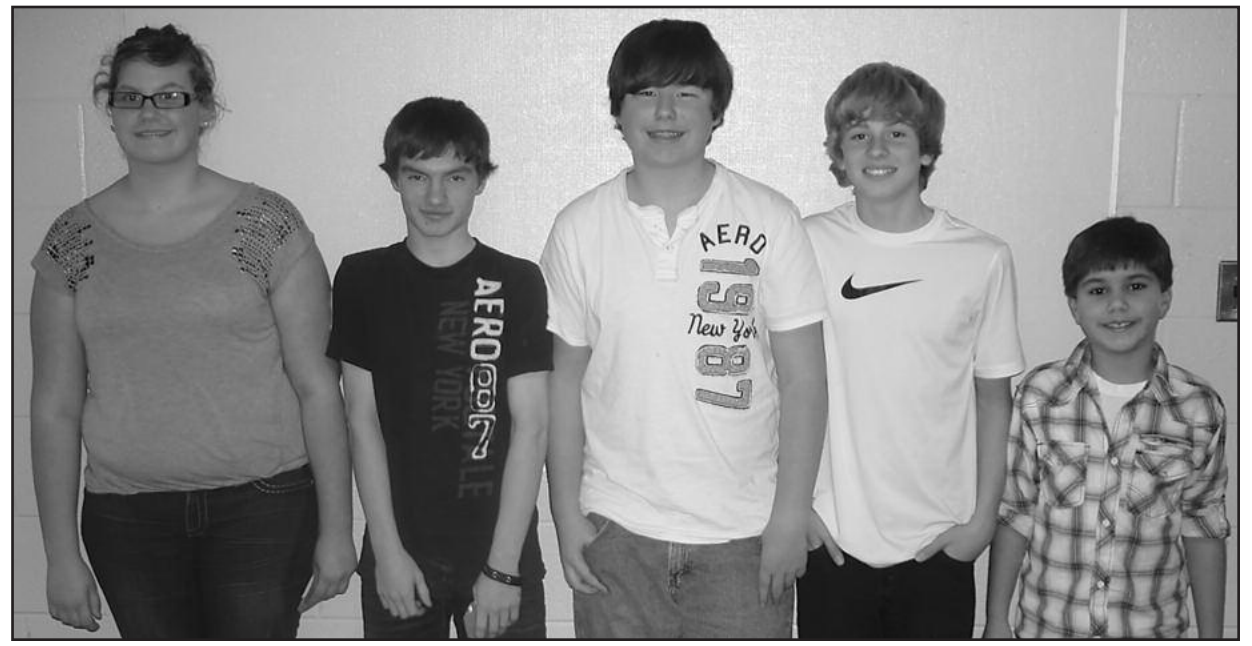
Attested by:
 Nanette S. Walsh
 Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Cass City

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by TRUSTEE Israelson and supported by TRUSTEE Biefer.

Ayes: Biefer, Israelson, Kim, Richards, Zawilinski, Palmateer
 Nays: None

Adopted: October 29, 2012
 Effective Date: Immediately

Cass City spelling bee winners



CASS CITY JUNIOR-Senior High School students in grade 7, 8 and 9 recently participated in a Knights of Columbus-sponsored spelling bee. The winners were: (from left) first place, Taylor Spencer, grade 9; second place, Travis Williams, grade 8; third place, Chandler Cryderman, grade 9; fourth place, Brad Hacker, grade 8; and fifth place, Ian Teneyuque, grade 7. The top 4 will be invited to compete in a Saginaw area spelling bee in January, with the fifth place finisher serving as an alternate.



THE FIFTH AND Sixth grade Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee winners from Cass City were: (from left) first place, Jared Blattner, sixth grade; second place, Abbey Salcido, fifth grade; third place, Jolene Krol, sixth grade; fourth place, Hayden Larkin, sixth grade; and fifth place, Shane Hoppe, sixth grade. The top 4 finishers will move onto the Saginaw area spelling bee (Hoppe will serve as an alternate).

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Village Clerk

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Kingston dancer performs at Lions game

by Ryan Walker
Freelance Writer

The Thanksgiving holiday highlights the importance of food, family and friends.

Football fans, especially Detroit Lions fans, also revel in the long-

standing tradition of watching the Lions on national television. After filling themselves with turkey and all the fixings, fans gather around the television in a turkey-induced stupor rooting for the home team.

The Detroit Lions hosted their 73rd Thanksgiving Day game Thursday.

The only interruption of the annual gridiron tradition took place during World War II. Many area families have fond memories of watching the Lions live or with family in front of their television screens.

The halftime festivities have become another staple of Thanksgiving celebrations. This year's game featured Michigan's own Kid Rock entertaining the crowd with his musical talents. One local resident not only had the opportunity to witness the halftime performance first hand, she also played an active role in it by displaying her own dance talents.

Hannah Boyl, a 2012 Kingston High School graduate, enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime experience when she was chosen to be one of the dancers performing during Kid Rock's halftime extravaganza.

Boyl's love for dance began 15 years ago when she first started taking dance classes. Her passion has led her to teach dance at Kingston Dance and Fitness for the past 5 years.

A few weeks ago Boyl was contacted by one of her past dance instructors regarding an audition for the Thanksgiving Day Detroit Lions halftime show. The auditions took place at Detroit's Underground dance studio Nov. 17, with 200 candidates vying for 65 spots.

By making the cut of 65, the partic-

ipants ensured themselves a capacity crowd performance prior to Kid Rock's show as well as being the featured dancers on his nationally televised song.

Once Boyl made the cut, the work began for the Thanksgiving Day spectacular. Those selected for the featured performance reported Nov. 18 to begin rehearsing. Boyl explained that the dancers rehearsed roughly 4 hours together for the 1 1/2 minute spotlight performance that preceded the Kid Rock song. They also practiced on their own time.

The practice schedule for the Kid Rock song was more intense and the number of total dancers ranged from 600 to 700. The ages of the dancers varied from as young as 9 years old to performers in their mid-20s. Boyl's role as a featured dancer placed her closest to the front of the stage. "We were closest to where choreographers thought the cameras would be," she said.

While the dancers rehearsed for 4 hours on their first number, they put in 20 hours for the 4 minute televised performance. Boyl, a Saginaw Valley State University freshman, attended classes Nov. 19 before driving back down to Detroit for more rehearsals. She practiced for 4 hours on both Monday and Tuesday while spending 5 to 6 hours perfecting the routine the day before the show. The practices took place on the playing

surface of Ford Field.

Thanksgiving Day dawned and the dancers were dressing in the United Way t-shirts and rock-n-roll themed costumes that followed previously determined guidelines. The participants could either meet on their own at Ford Field or they could join other dancers on busses that met at Oakland Mall. Upon arrival, the dancers were led to a large gathering room while waiting for their time to shine. They were escorted through the tunnel that leads to the field where the capacity crowd greeted them with applause.

Boyl and the other featured dancers delighted the fans by performing a routine to "Good Time" by Owl City. Following the number, the television cameras were rolling as Kid Rock performed his new song "Detroit, Michigan". Three rows up from the stage was Boyl dancing to the live music. Even though she didn't meet Kid Rock in person, their paths did cross after the number and they were standing only a few feet apart.

The years of hard work and devotion paid off for the young dancer from Kingston who has been a part of innumerable dance performances in her career.

"It was probably the best feeling I've ever felt performing in front of that many people and knowing I was part of something so important and so big," Boyl said.



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Lady Red Hawks ready to go

When Cass City's varsity basketball team takes the floor this week for the Lady Red Hawks' season opener against Harbor Beach, there will be plenty of new faces on the court.

There will also be some new faces on the Cass City bench.

Gone is long-time veteran Coach Lloyd Schinnerer. His replacement is

rookie varsity skipper Clarke Haire.

"I've got some big shoes to fill, that's for sure," said Haire, who takes control of the girls' basketball program in his hometown with a resume lacking any experience at the varsity level.

"I hope to make up for my inexperience with enthusiasm. I also caught

a break when Kelli McIntyre came

on board to be my assistant coach. She has coached at the varsity level before, but it's her rapport with the players that is most valuable.

Working with girls, it's nice to have another female to bounce ideas off, not to mention a female that was a 4-year varsity star in high school and

understands how to teach the game."

With the loss of 5 key players from last year's squad and just 3 returning players, expectations are low in Haire's maiden season in charge.

Sure to be missed from the 2011-12 team are graduates Carley Hendrick, Megan Parrish, Rebecca Hacker, Logan Rowell and Nicole Kelley.

Hendrick was voted to the Greater Thumb West all-conference first team in her senior season, while classmates Parrish and Hacker were chosen as second team and honorable mention selections, respectively.

"We lost some talent, that can't be denied. But I really like the girls on this year's team. They are hard workers and much of the drama that accompanied the 2011-12 campaign hasn't surfaced this year. And I don't think it will," said Haire.

For Cass City to exceed pre-season expectations, returnee Shania Chambers and newcomer Gracy Hollis will have to assume major roles, according to Haire.

"Shania was an honorable mention all-conference pick as a sophomore. She'll be a terrific ball handler and this will be her third season on the varsity. She'll be the face of this year's team.

"Gracy didn't play last year, but decided to join the team for her senior season. I couldn't be happier. She is one of the best athletes and runs the floor well. She will surprise some folks as the season progresses."

Joining Chambers are returning letter winners Jocelynn Venema and Erica Kolacz, both seniors. Venema should provide Cass City with some firepower from the perimeter, while Kolacz should do the same from the low post.

"Jocelynn loves the game. She has been helping me since October, practicing nearly every day with Cass City's 6th grade girls. Her dedication is one reason why I named her - and Shania - co-captains," said Haire.

Joining Hollis as first year varsity players are seniors Ashley Wilson and Nicole Boland; juniors Elisabeth Milligan, Kara Reif and Lauren Bukoski; and sophomore Erika Martin.

"We don't have much experience or depth. Just how quickly some of these newcomers develop will have a lot to say about our team's outlook."

CC wrestlers set to defend conference championship

History tells us; don't believe everything Coach Don Markel says.

Especially when it concerns his Cass City wrestling team, as the Red Hawks prepare to defend their third Greater Thumb Conference championship in as many years.

"We lost a great deal to graduation. This will be one of the most inexperienced teams that Cass City has placed on the mat in recent years. This will truly be a rebuilding year for the Cass City program," said Markel.

"The key to our success will rest in the hands of several wrestlers who will be in the varsity line-up for the first time."

-Coach Don Markel

While Cass City's graduation toll is heavy, 5 returning letter winners should help ease the burden.

"We lost 7 seniors to graduation: Ron Wolschleger, Jim Merchant, Travis Wright, Kurt Reif, Josh Jensen, Kyle Pomeroy and Nick Adkins. Their leadership was key in helping propel the team to a third consecutive league championship last season. They will be missed," Markel said.

Still, back with a year's experience under their belts are Garret Ferguson, Blake Lebioda, Justin Ferguson, Bobby Beyette and Austin Baker. Of the group, only Garret Ferguson (41-19) and Baker (30-22) had winning marks during the 2011-12 season.

"The key to our success will rest in the hands of several wrestlers who will be in the varsity line-up for the first time," Markel said. "I look for our team to continually improve as some of our younger wrestlers gain experience as the season progresses."

Among the newcomers expected to make significant contributions are freshmen Sam Kolacz, in the 103-

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THE 2012-13 Cass City Lady Red Hawk varsity basketball team members are: (front, l-r) Ashley Wilson, Nicole Boland, Shania Chambers, Kara Reif, Lauren Bukoski (back) Erika Martin, Erica Kolacz, Elisabeth Milligan, Gracy Hollis and Jocelynn Venema.



THE 2012-13 Cass City wrestling team members include: (front, l-r) Sam Kolacz, Tyler Hool, Chris Peters, Garret Ferguson, Blake Lebioda, Bobby Beyette (middle) Justin Ferguson, Nick McCoy, Fred Leeson, Joe Gratton, Tobias Heinzle, Harvey McCoy (back) Josh Daniels, Ethan Montei, Daymon Tabako, Lucas Baker and Austin Baker.



THE 2012-13 Cass City gymnastic team members include: (front l-r) Kendra Kerkau, (middle) Miranda Spry, Kaitlyn Fetterhoff, Sophia Romain, Becca Mulrath, Samantha Mathewson (back) Ashtyn Janiskek Weiler, Coach Kathy Bouverette, Katie Hacker, Alicia Crouch, Allie Inbody and Dakota Wilson.



FAMILY MATTERS. Bailee Ross shot her first buck on November 15, 2012. The Cass City youth bagged an 8-point buck with a 10 ½ inch spread. Two days later, Kyle Ross, below, tagged his first buck – a 7-point buck with a 12 ¼ inch spread. Both deer were shot with muzzle loaders, from the same blind, with Steve Ross witnessing his children's fetes.



DNR reports nearly 640,000 hunters purchased licenses

The 2012 firearm deer season opened Nov. 15, and the Department of Natural Resources has compiled early impressions from the first few days.

As the season opened, deer license sales were about 2 percent higher than at the same time in 2011. A total of nearly 640,000 hunters had purchased one or more Michigan deer licenses. The firearm season remains open through Friday, Nov. 30.

Weather conditions around the state have been good for hunting. Tracking snow is lacking in most areas, and little precipitation of any type has occurred over the first several days of the season. Mornings have offered cool temperatures and the best hunting conditions, and winds have been mostly light. Midday temperatures have been warm for this time of year, which can reduce midday deer activity but has provided comfortable conditions for hunters to remain afield.

The weekend saw lower daily high temperatures than the first 2 days, but morning fog rolled into many areas of the Lower Peninsula. In many locations, though, deer have been on the move, providing enjoyable hunting. Condition of deer harvested throughout the state has been reported as good to excellent.

The following are the early impressions summarized on a regional basis:

Upper Peninsula

In the Upper Peninsula, most hunters have been observing more deer this year. Buck numbers are up, and fawn production appears to have been good this spring and summer. The number of deer checked has

been similar to last year in the eastern U.P., while some areas of the central U.P. are seeing their highest numbers of deer checked in several years.

Northern Lower Peninsula

The increase in license sales may be resulting in an increase in hunter numbers in northern regions of the state, particularly on public land in the northern Lower Peninsula. In the eastern and southern portions of this region in particular, hunter numbers appeared higher than they were last year.

The number of deer checked compared to last year has varied, though in some cases lower numbers may be due to cool temperatures allowing hunters to hang deer for several days. Hunters have seen a good number of deer, and bucks appear to be in excellent condition.

Southern Lower Peninsula

Deer have often been on the move during the early days of the firearm season in the southern Lower Peninsula, except during warm midday periods.

Hunter numbers appear to be similar to recent years, though they have been lower around some areas that have been most heavily affected by outbreaks of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) this summer. However, many hunters have remained upbeat, and have indicated in some of these locations they are pleasantly surprised at the number of deer that they are still seeing. Hunter observations regarding impacts of EHD are being collected at check stations to increase information available to the department to evaluate the extent of the outbreak.

CC wrestlers set to defend conference championship

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pound weight class, Tyler Hool, in the 112-pound weight class, and Chris Peters, in the 119-pound weight class.

Markel also feels sophomores Larry Alberts, in the 145-pound weight class, and Fred Leeson, in the 160-pound weight class, should crack into the team's starting line-up, as should senior Nick McCoy in the 160-pound weight class.

The Red Hawks should be solid in the 189 and 215-pound weight classes where sophomores Josh Daniels and Ethan Montei are tested performers.

"We will feature several wrestlers who were not in the starting line-up last year," said Markel. Adding, "Marlette and Vassar are the front runners (for league honors) as we enter the 2012-13 season. Coach Cal Hayward (Marlette) and Coach Gary King (Vassar) are both very good coaches and have built strong programs over the years." So has Coach Markel.

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Mallory gearing up for Miss Jr. Teen pageant

A Kingston teen was recently selected to participate in the 2013 Miss Jr. Teen pageant slated for Sunday, Dec. 2, in Owosso.

Alexandra Mallory, 15, the daughter of Jeff and Tara Mallory, Kingston, learned of her acceptant into this year's competition when pageant officials announced their selections following interviewing in the area. Mallory, a sophomore at Kingston High School, submitted an

application and took part in an interview session.

She will be competing for a share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Mallory will be competing in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of 4 divisions featuring girls and teens ages 7 to 19 who compete in the areas of modeling casual and formal wear. Judges also score each contestant on personality and interviewing skills.

Should she win the pageant, Mallory would represent the area at the national competition, which will take place in Orlando, Fla. More than \$30,000 in prizes and awards

will be presented there while each winner enjoys an all-expense-paid trip consisting of 5 nights and 6 days in Orlando.

Mallory is seeking community businesses, organizations and individuals to assist her in this year's competition by sponsoring her. Through sponsorship, each contestant receives all the necessary training, rehearsals and financial support that enables them to prepare for the pageant.

Anyone interested in learning more about the sponsorship process is asked to contact the Miss Jr. Teen pageant coordinator at 1-877-403-6678.

Obituary

Edith Pugh

Edith Mae Pugh, 79, of Deford, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012, at Tendercare, Cass City after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 28, 1933 in Birchton, WV, the daughter of the late George and Lola (Huffman) Laws.

She married John Pugh July 30, 1947. He passed away Nov. 13, 1980.

Edith worked as a cook and matron for the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department. She loved spending time with her family.

Edith is survived by her children: Albert (Kathy Evans) Pugh of Allegan, Roger (Elaine Zalut) Pugh of Deford and Sandra (Al) Ouillette of Posen; grandchildren: Jay of Flint,

Megan and Audrey, both of Alpena, Becky and Caleb, both of Posen, and Beverly of Saginaw and Johnny of Caro; 7 great grandchildren; and her step father, Thyolus Pugh.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Edith Mae Pugh; and a sister, Ruby Irene Laws.

Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 24, at Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor David Cooper officiated.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Family and friends may share condolences at www.thabetfuneral-home.net.

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Erla Foods

Dear Friends,

We have remodeled/extended our sausage facility to better serve you; with modern smokehouses and state-of-the-art computerized operation. We have the capacity to produce 3,000 lbs. of sausage each day. We guarantee a turnaround time of 7 business days*. We sincerely 'Thank You' for your cooperation and business.

Erla Foods Family

***PRODUCTS WILL BE RETURNED TO CUSTOMER WITHIN 7 BUSINESS DAYS.**

Minimum 10 lb. required and below 10 lb. will take longer than 7 business days. Frozen will take longer.

2012 Price/Product List

■ **Pepper Stick (Spicy)** (2# minimum) - \$3.00/lb. (with cheese: \$4.00)

*Needs exact amount of venison of what's wanted.

■ **Hunter Stick (Mild)** (2# minimum) - \$3.00/lb. (with cheese: \$4.00)

*Needs exact amount of venison of what's wanted.

■ **Jalapeno & Cheese Stick** (2# minimum) - \$4.00/lb.

*Needs exact amount of venison of what's wanted.

■ **BBQ Stick** (2# minimum) - \$4.00/lb.

*Needs exact amount of venison of what's wanted.

■ **Summer Sausage** (4# stick) - \$8.00 each (with cheese: \$10.00)

*Needs 3# venison per stick - (1# pork added).

■ **Summer Sausage Chubs** (2# chubs) - \$4.50 per chub (with cheese: \$5.50)

*Needs 3# venison for 2 chubs (1# pork added for 2 chubs).

■ **Hickory Stick** (4# stick) - \$8.00 each (with cheese: \$10.00)

*Needs 3# venison per stick (1# pork added).

■ **Hickory Stick Chubs** (2# chubs) - \$4.50 per chub (with cheese: \$5.50)

*Needs 3# venison for 2 chubs (1# pork added for 2 chubs).

■ **Polish Sausage** (smoked or fresh) (5# minimum) - \$2.50/lb.

*Needs half venison of what's wanted.

■ **Link Sausage** (5# minimum) - \$2.75/lb.

*Needs half venison of what's wanted.

■ **Brats** (smoked or fresh) (5# minimum) - \$2.50/lb. (with cheese: \$3.00)

*Needs half venison of what's wanted.

■ **Bulk Sausage** (5# minimum) - \$1.75/lb.

*Needs half venison of what's wanted. Pork added

■ **Italian Sausage** (fresh only) (5# minimum) - \$2.50/lb.

*Needs half venison of what's wanted.

■ **Skinless Hot Dogs** (10# minimum) - \$1.80/lb.

*Needs 70% venison of what's wanted. (30% pork added)

(EX.: 7# venison + 3# pork = 10# hot dogs)

■ Cryovac service is additional \$.50/lb.

■ **Smoked Ham** - \$1.25/lb.



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