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Volunteers end theatre fundraising campaign

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A local group of volunteers has halted efforts to raise money to help purchase digital film projection equipment for the Cass Theatre.

A group calling itself the Friends of the Cass Theatre kicked off the campaign in early December, soliciting contributions and placing collection canisters in local businesses in an effort to assist theatre owners Dick and Elaine Hendrick finance the new equipment.

However, it now appears the Hendricks may be taking advantage of some other possibilities that could ensure the future of the Cass.

The dilemma the Hendricks face stems from a film industry trend of going to an all-digital format, requiring installation of tens of thousands of dollars — some estimates placed the cost at up to \$80,000 — worth of digital equipment.

"Everything in the (current projection) booth, other than the surround sound stereo, will be junk because it would be an entirely different set-up," Hendrick explained in an interview with the Chronicle last October. He noted the change means all films will eventually be distributed via computer rather than physically delivering copies of movies to theatres.

At the time of the interview, Hendrick, who will celebrate his 50th year with the theatre this spring, said he had no plans to invest the sort of money needed to make the digital transition.

Hendrick indicated the theatre is more a labor of love than a money-making proposition, and with small Please turn to page 7.

Erskine and Pavlik hired at courthouse

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Tuscola County Friend of the Court Administrator Donna Fraczek recently announced that the Tuscola County Judicial Council has named Sandy Erskine as the county's new friend of the court (FOC) director.



Sandy Erskine

Fraczek also announced that Chief Tuscola County Judge Kim David Glaspie has appointed Adam D. Pavlik as the county's deputy court administrator. The judicial council, consisting of Glaspie, Circuit Judge Amy Grace Gierhart and Probate Judge Nancy L. Thane, appointed Erskine to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Thane, who was elected the new probate judge last November. She will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Tuscola County FOC office, according to Fraczek.



Adam Pavlik

"Erskine will be leaving her position with Oakland County FOC as intergovernmental supervisor to take this position," Fraczek said. "She brings with her 8 years of progressive FOC experience."

Erskine earned her undergraduate Please turn to page 6.



SIX-YEAR-OLD Wyatt Sutton of Cass City proudly displays a homemade sign declaring his independence from painful tests and chemotherapy after winning the fight of his life against Burkitt's Lymphoma, an aggressive cancer of the lymph system.

No more cancer!

6-year-old Wyatt Sutton wins fight against lymphoma

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Don't try to tell Dave and Vanessa Sutton that there isn't a lot of good in the world.

And miracles? You're out of luck if you think you can convince the Cass City couple there's no such thing, especially as they watch their 6-year-old son, Wyatt, horsing around with his older sister, Autumn, 8, in the family's Ale Street home on a Saturday afternoon.

That's understandable, considering 8 months ago the Suttons heard one of the most frightening words a physician could utter after examining Wyatt: cancer.

"It's like somebody put a gun to your kid's head and there's nothing you can do about it. You're completely helpless," Vanessa said of the family's reaction. The shock, however, was almost immediately replaced with an overwhelming sense of urgency. "You go into 'parent mode'," she recalled. "We just knew we would do whatever it took."

Today, Wyatt is cancer-free and back in school, sharing friendship and lessons with his fellow first graders in Jenifer Green's classroom at Cass City Elementary School.

But his journey back to health was a parent's worst nightmare.

"He (Wyatt) had gotten an ear infection at the end of April. None of my kids have ever had an ear infection, so I was really surprised," Vanessa said, adding she took him to a doctor for treatment. Two weeks later, the pain in Wyatt's ears returned, and his mom took him up to Hills and Dales Please turn to page 16.

Cass City's 1977 Citizen of the Year

Baker spearheaded pool fund drive

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Editor's note: The following is the fourth installment in a series of stories the Chronicle is running this month in honor of the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's annual Citizen of the Year Award.

The program will mark its 50th year next month, when the community again gathers for the annual chamber banquet, highlighted by the presentation of the top citizen honor along with recognition of the community's Junior Citizen(s) of the Year. The 2013 banquet is slated for Saturday, Feb. 2, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Northwood Meadows in Cass City.

Longtime area residents may remember Helen Baker as a dedicated teacher who devoted decades of her life to teaching youngsters, while at the same time playing a key role in her family's electrical contracting business in Cass City.

Ask Jim Baker, however, and he'll tell you Helen Baker was the consummate grandmother, a great cook, a lady whose life was filled with activity and whose love of swimming and sense of civic duty prompted her to help spearhead fundraising for construction of the municipal pool that residents throughout the Cass City community and beyond still enjoy today.

Baker's many contributions to the community were honored in 1977, when she was named the Cass City Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year.

At the time, Baker was the fifteenth recipient of the award and the third woman to receive the honor.

"The Helen Stevens Memorial Pool was pretty much her prize — she was one of the driving forces. That was one of the favorite projects that she ever worked on," said Baker, who recalled spending a great deal of time with his grandparents.

"She was an avid swimmer," added Baker, who noted his grandmother was a member of the swimming/diving team while she was attending Michigan Agricultural College, now Michigan State University, where she majored in chemistry and earned a teaching certificate in home eco-

nomics.

Baker lead a Zonta Club drive to raise \$20,000 to complete the pool, named after the late Helen Stevens, a registered nurse who owned and operated Stevens Nursing Home in town for more than 20 years. Stevens' estate contributed the bulk of the funding — roughly \$193,000 — for construction of the pool.

Baker came to Cass City as a home economics teacher in 1925. Her career in education, spanning close to 40 years, included working in the Saginaw School District. She retired after 16 years teaching in the Owendale District.

Baker handled the bookkeeping duties for the family business — Baker Electric — for more than 60 years.

In addition to her active membership in the Zonta Club (she was a charter member and former district governor), she was a past president of the Cass City Women's Study Club, past president of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, and past president of the Cass City chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Baker also served as a local and county Girl Scouts leader, was a former chairman of Better Homes Week

in Saginaw, was a member of the local book club and was active in the former Trinity United Methodist Church.

Her credits also include a stint as a member of the Cass City Board of Education, including a period of time as board president.

Jim Baker recalled his grandmother frequently made good use of her chemistry background. For example, at one point she worked with officials at Dow to help develop a Gerber baby formula for infants unable to take regular formula.

At home, every meal was a banquet. Please turn to page 6.

Byers welcome first baby of 2013



CARRIE AND JOSH Byer of Kingston welcomed the first baby of the new year in the Chronicle's coverage area. Josiah Dean Byer was born Jan. 1 at 6:28 a.m. at McLaren Lapeer Region in Lapeer. He weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches in length. He was welcomed home by his parents and a brother, Elijah, 2. As the family to welcome the area's first newborn of 2013, the Byers will receive a host of gifts donated by Cass City merchants.



THE TUSCOLA County Sheriff's Department recently honored one of its own, presenting retiring Detective Sgt. Mike Pine with a commendation for meritorious service. "He has served the citizens of Tuscola County with compassion and integrity for 26 years," Sheriff Lee Teschendorf said. "Mike began his career on Aug. 4, 1986 when he started as a corrections officer. He then transferred to the road patrol in 1988. In 1996 he was promoted to road patrol sergeant and then made a transfer to a detective's position in 2009. During his years of service, he maintained an excellent work ethic, showed continuing loyalty to both the public he served and those who employed him. Mike has always been consistent with his common sense attitude toward whatever position he served in or task he was assigned to complete. It will be difficult to find a replacement with these qualities and abilities."

3 Owen-Gage students compete, advance in 25th Geography Bee

Forty-two Owen-Gage students in grades 6 through 8 recently participated in the school-level competition of the 25th annual National Geography Bee sponsored by Google.

Students answered oral questions on geography. Emalee Bach, a seventh grade student, won the school competition and advanced to the state level by completing a written examination. Second place winner was sixth grade student, Cordell Clarkson. Aaron Fahrner, seventh grade, placed third.

State winners qualify for the national championship in May held in Washington, D.C. with a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The bee is a valuable classroom activity that encourages the teaching and learning of geography.



OWEN-GAGE WINNERS in the 25th annual National Geography Bee are (from left) Aaron Fahrner, seventh grade (third place), Emalee Bach, seventh grade (first place), and Cordell Clarkson, sixth grade (second place).

Owen-Gage recognizes several students as "productive citizens"

The focus for Owen-Gage's students of the month for January is being a 'Productive Citizen'.



JoAnn Barker is a student who's a productive citizen is actively involved in school and community organizations, conducts self appropriately in and out of the classroom, and displays open-mindedness when confronted with diversities. He/she is also aware of local and global issues and concerns.

The following student: **Myah Mulrath**

Hendrick graduates from SVSU



Ashley Hendrick, a 2006 graduate of Cass City High School, recently graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Master of Science Degree in occupational therapy. She is the daughter of Chuck and Kelli Hendrick of Decker; and the granddaughter of Janice Winter and the late Marv Winter of Cass City, and Doris Hendrick and the late Earl Hendrick of Decker.

Students have been chosen for recognition:

JoAnn Baker, kindergarten (elementary level), daughter of Bryan and Amanda Baker; Myah Mulrath, eighth grade (junior high level), daughter of Shereen



Sidney Bencheck

Mulrath; Sidney Bencheck, tenth grade (high school level), daughter of Kelly Bencheck; and Kayla Montreuil, twelfth grade (senior student), daughter of Don and Patti

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In Our OPINION..

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Guns in school? No easy solution

With the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown, Conn., still reverberating through the United States, school officials in some parts of the country are taking a serious look at implementing an armed presence to protect students.

The board of education in the Montpelier Exempted Village Schools in Ohio is an example. School officials there recently voted to allow 4 custodians to carry handguns after they complete training, according to a story in the Toledo Blade.

"Sitting back and doing nothing and hoping it (school shooting) doesn't happen to you is just not good policy anymore," Montpelier Supt. Jamie Grime is quoted as saying in the article. "Having guns in the hands of the right people are not a hindrance. They are a means to protect."

The Montpelier district isn't unlike Cass City — the school system houses roughly 1,000 students in a single K-12 building, in a community of about 4,000 people.

Understandably, the question of whether or not to arm adults in school has already been brought up in Cass City, although the board of education hasn't yet taken an official stand on the proposal.

We can all agree that our children's safety comes first, but we don't envy local school officials faced with this debate, because unfortunately, there are no simple solutions.

Will our kids be safer if we focus our time, attention and funding on more comprehensive safety measures (i.e. bullet-proof glass, metal detectors, etc.) rather than on establishing an armed presence inside the school building?

If concealed weapons are the answer, is training going to be enough to ensure the "good guys" are prepared to confront an unpredictable gunman and will react properly in a tense situation? Are schools going to be prepared to accept the liability in the event of an accident?

Or, are the risks inherent with having guns in school worth the protection they potentially offer should a lunatic bent on spraying bullets in the direction of youngsters and adults alike make his or her way inside the building?

These are all questions that need to be addressed.

We have no doubt that a growing number of school boards will consider allowing firearms in school buildings in the coming months in hopes of avoiding a repeat of Sandy Hook, where a lone gunman slaughtered 20 children and 6 educators in cold blood.

But, as we said, there are no clear-cut answers.



Slices of Life

by Jill Pertler

Vacation advice from a coaster queen



Vacation. I recently got back from one and I'm a bit disoriented. It's similar to the sensation you get when waking up in a strange hotel room and the doorways and bathroom are situated differently than at home and you have a moment of, "Where am I?" before discerning which direction you must head in order to reach the toilet.

A short seven days later, you return home and experience the same lack of awareness when sleeping in your own bedroom. Being away has dislodged its familiarity. It takes a few days (and nights) before you settle back into your own household. Situated. Secure. Relodged.

Vacation — a simple word made up of a mere three syllables, but the connotations are as vast as the possibilities encompassed within seven long, lavish days spent away from work at the beach, campground, casino, cruise ship, or amusement park (take your pick).

I am a vacation advocate. Who can deny the value of a long weekend, or weeklong period filled with adventure, enjoyment, education and family fun? Yours might involve planes, car rides, walking, running, hiking, sleeping in tents or riding roller coasters. There is no right way to vacation; vacations are just right.

From my experiences in escaping the ho hum of every day life, I've made a few observations about life away from the hum and the ho:

When driving across the country in a car filled with children, it is inevitable; you will encounter an occasional traffic jam. You are 78 percent more likely to hit this bottleneck when your gas gauge hovers near empty. Statistics also show that within three minutes of hitting any traffic jam, you can bet, with certainty, a passenger under the age of 15 will suddenly and urgently have to go to the bathroom "real bad."

Vacation brings unexpected benefits. Expect them. For instance, if you spend 24 hours (each way) traveling in a vehicle with hip and trendy teenagers, you will gain the opportunity to listen to approximately 48 hours of popular pop songs on the radio. By the end of the trip, you will be shining bright like a diamond and dancing in your seat — Gangnam style, of course. (If you're confused, try the Google. I did.)

Vacations provide the chance to try new things and engage in activities you don't get to do every day, but wish you did. This trip, I pushed my personal envelope on a bunch of roller coasters and other fast-paced whirling, bumping and spinning attractions. I rode them because my family is full of teenagers and teenagers think nothing of putting their life on the line while driving or riding in high-speed vehicles. They find danger amusing; it's right up there with pop music.

At times, they scared the willies out of me — the coasters, not the teens. When this happened, I found the best thing to do was put my hands in the air, scream like I meant it and pray for the whole thing to be over (so we could get in line to ride again). I still lost my willies (not literally, thank goodness), but I looked cool to my kids. I think. Maybe.

When it comes to packing, you will always pack too much, but you will be sure to forget at least one key item. When this happens — and it will — remember, vaca-

tions are a good time to demonstrate your Olympic gymnast-like flexibility. In other words, go with the flow and enjoy whichever coaster you happen to be riding. Rules are for everyday life. When one of your kids announces — four days into the trip — that he forgot his toothbrush, don't panic. They sell toothbrushes in nearly every one of the 50 states. Why do you think God invented supermarkets?

Vacation. I went. I conquered. Now I'm home — a little discombobulated, but no worse for the wear, unless you count the bruising to my kidneys. Those coasters sure keep a person young at heart — in an edge-of-your-seat, ramming, slamming, upside-down, near-death sort of way. Can't wait to go again.

At least that's the story I'm telling my kids.

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Rabbit Tracks

by Clarke Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

The Cass City Athletic Boosters' Auction is coming once again. The auction will be held Friday, Feb. 22, during the boys' basketball game.

The committee would greatly appreciate any donation to support the fundraising efforts. Auction proceeds will be used to benefit the Cass City Junior/Senior High School athletic programs.

Items should be dropped off at Blondie's Haircare or contact Paula Potter for pickup, and should be donated by Monday, Feb. 18.

For any questions or to donate items, please contact Potter at (989) 545-0182 or via email at p_potter88@hotmail.com.

Cass City Supt. Jeff Hartel reports Monday's meeting at Northwood Meadows concerning the Kalamazoo Promise was cancelled due to guest speaker and executive director Janice Brown having the flu and concerns of the weather in her area.

The plan now, says Hartel, is to reschedule the meeting in April.

Cass City employee Russell Healy recently received a Service Award celebrating 30 years of service at the local United Producers Inc. branch.

"Dedicated, reliable and loyal are all characteristics that describe Russ. He is a key asset for UPI and our members," said Dennis Bolling, President and CEO of United Producers Inc. "His service and commitment to our cooperative is greatly appreciated."

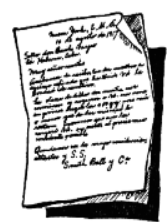
Hopefully he was shown appreciation by more than just this press release. Congratulations, Russ!

Cass City attorney Jason Bitzer suffered a double whammy Saturday night when a blown transformer not only knocked out the electricity at his Schwegler Road home, but also at his Seeger Street office.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Wednesday, January 23

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, January 24

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

Senior Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Thumb TEA Party meeting, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, Cass City.

Friday, January 25

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

Saturday, January 26

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.

Thumb Dance Club, 7-11 p.m., Maple Valley School, 138 Maple Valley St., Sandusky. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission: \$5 (members), \$6 (non-members). For more information, please call Leola at (810) 657-9349 or Dorothy at (810) 404-4250.

Monday, January 28

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 School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Hills & Dales General Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gilligans.

Tuscola County Right to Life meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Caro Area District Library, 840 W. Frank St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 872-3259.

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

Tuesday, January 29

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

Troopers probe meth lab

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro are continuing their investigation into a methamphetamine lab operating in Indianfields Township.

Troopers recently received a tip about a clandestine meth lab in the Caro area, leading them to an address on Bevens Road. The

Michigan State Police Methamphetamine Team responded to the scene to clean up the hazardous chemicals found at the home.

According to a news release issued by the post, troopers detained 2 individuals on related charges.

The state police were assisted at the

scene by the Michigan Department of Corrections, Caro Police Department, Caro Fire Department and the Thumb Narcotics Unit (TNU).

Anyone with information related to methamphetamine labs operating in the Thumb is asked to contact the Caro post at (989) 673-2156.

Circuit court news

Several charged with felonies

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

•Richard J. Rocheleau, 41, Deford, was sentenced to 365 days in the county jail and 60 months probation for his pleas of guilty to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Sept. 16 in Cass City. 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 480 hours of community service and pay court costs and fines totaling \$2,666 plus restitution of \$120 to the Cass City Police Department.

•Merry C. Smith, 43, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence for her plea of no contest to possession of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic (less than 25 grams) May 15 in Caro.

She was ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$598.

•Shelby A. Anker, 20, Saginaw, was sentenced to 120 days in jail and 36 months probation for her pleas of guilty to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer, and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor Oct. 6 in Vassar Township.

She was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,365.

•Teresa Jo Spears, 47, Millington, was sentenced to 210 days in jail and 60 months probation for her pleas of no contest to assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer and assault or assault and battery Nov. 18 in Millington Township, and to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer Aug. 22 in Millington Township.

In addition to jail time, she was ordered to complete 580 hours of community service and pay costs and fines totaling \$3,574.

•Randy O. DePottey, 55, Vassar, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 18 months probation for his plea of guilty to delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilograms of marijuana July 23

in Arbel Township.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$1,198.

•Timothy J. Wald, 49, Gageton, stood mute to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, third offense, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Dec. 10 in Elmwood Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered in the case and bond was continued at \$4,000.

•Mark A. Fisher, 27, Caro, stood mute to charges of attempted first degree home invasion, larceny in a building, conspiracy to commit larceny in a building, larceny of property valued at less than \$200, conspiracy to commit larceny of property valued at less than \$200, and obtaining money or property (less than

\$200) by false pretenses Dec. 19 in Caro.

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

•Benjamin A. Switek, 25, Saginaw, stood mute to charges of second degree home invasion, conspiracy to commit second degree home invasion, larceny in a building, conspiracy to commit larceny in a building, and receiving and concealing stolen property valued at \$1,000 to \$20,000 Nov. 17, 2011, in Tuscola 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 the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

Huron County 4-H to award 4 scholarships

The Huron County 4-H Council will be awarding four \$100 scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Students who have made outstanding achievements in 4-H work and are planning to attend college/trade school are eligible to receive this scholarship. Two letters of recommendation are required. Students may pick up an application from Huron County high school guidance counselors, as well as the MSU Extension Office, 1142 S. Van Dyke rd., Suite 200, Bad Axe, or go online to www.msue.msu.edu/huron and click on 4-H Youth Development (left side on the home page).

Applications and letters of recommendation must be turned in to the Huron County MSU Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 1.



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Reporter's notebook

Learning how to tackle aisle rage

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Among my many faults is a lack of patience with other drivers. I'm sure I'm not the only person who tends to carry on conversations with myself while driving, especially when a fellow motorist cuts me off, travels 15 miles per hour in a 45 mph zone, or doesn't seem to grasp the intricacies of utilizing that special lane in the center of the roadway.

"Helllllooooo! They call it a turn lane for a good reason, pal." "C'mon, lady, drive it or park it already!" "Drive much?!"

It always amazes me how many folks who can afford to spend a gazillion dollars on the latest and fanciest gas-guzzling SUV never seem to take the time to learn where their turn signal lever is located, you know? And don't get me started on the handful of truckers out there who evidently are convinced I'm going to drive 10 miles over the limit if they just continue to nudge closer and closer to my bumper (here's a hint: NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!).

Anyway, letting others' driving tendencies bother me is still a bad habit, and I'm glad to report I'm much more patient on the road these days.

Now, if I could just do something about aisle rage. I'll be the first to admit I tend to push a cart a bit quickly, maneuvering in and out of those aisles with a purpose, basically the same way I walk. Subsequently, I've had a few near misses with other customers, but I always make an effort to smile and say "excuse me, sorry". Some people are easy going about it, others glare as if I just snatched the last box of Lucky Charms out of their basket and was trying to make a run for it.

Of course, some of these shoppers are the same folks who seem to have nothing to do all day except fill their grocery lists. Which, I suppose, is why they block an entire aisle for 20 minutes trying to decide between French cut green beans and regular cut green beans.

Seriously? These days I just back up and travel down the next aisle, because I've found that subtle hints — standing there and humming, whistling or just looking around — aren't always effective.

Like I said, I'm trying to do better when it comes to driving rage, whether I'm on the road or in the grocery store.

Just don't even get me started on those little scooters with the irritating automatic alarms that "beep" as they back up over your foot.

Down Memory Lane

by Tina Pallas



5 YEARS AGO (2008)

Marty Osentoski can still remember when he and his brother, Dave, would polish their auctioneering skills as teens while taking care of their chores in the barn at their parents' dairy farm on M-53. Milk buckets, cows, hay — the brothers "sold" everything in sight. "My gosh we sold a lot of things in there; cats, dogs, you name it," Marty joked. The ability to learn the unique skill of the auctioneer came naturally for the pair as well as their younger brother, Ken, all sons of Ira Osentoski, who taught himself how to auction off goods years earlier while seated in a tractor, plowing or discing a field. The neighbors still talk about that, recalled Marty. "Man, he had a deep voice. He didn't need a PA system," he said.

Aleigh Kappen hit the shot dreams are made of Wednesday night, lifting Cass City to a 45-44 victory over host Deckerville in non-conference play. The victory is only the third of the year for Coach Lloyd Schinnerer's cagers.

If you have any doubt that the cold and flu season is here, just ask Owen-Gage School District officials, who were prompted to close their doors Friday after losing a host of students and staff members to illness during the week.

10 YEARS AGO (2003)

Michelle Smith of Cass City gave birth to the area's first baby of 2003. Ian Matthew Basquez arrived Thursday at 8:01 a.m. at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. He joins a brother, Michael, 3. As the first baby of the year, area merchants will shower Ian and his mom with a host of gifts ranging from gift certificates to savings accounts.

Cass City knocked Bay City All Saints from the ranks of the undefeated in the Greater Thumb West league in a barnburner that went to the wire before the Hawks prevailed, 63-61. The Hawks had 4 players in double figures, led by Chris Maharg with 21 and Tyler Erla with 16. Jason Brzezinski led All Saints with 16.

Mike Tomich, 57, Gageton, has been on a crusade since August 2001 to eliminate what he feels is a serious design flaw in game controllers that are injuring the fingers of the users. Tomich worked as quality engineer and is retired from a robotics firm. Tomich's concern started when he was fitted for a ring and observed that his fingers were no longer straight. He said he noticed that the deformities of his fingers perfectly fit the steering wheel of his

Chevrolet Impala when he closed his hands on it. Later he noticed that his grandchild Nicki's fingers were also deformed because of the way they use the controllers on video display games. The controls are U-shaped and are held on the sides by each hand. Tomich has taken his case to national print and television news organizations and said that a writer for a Detroit paper is looking into the situation. While his efforts have ignited little positive action, he continues to look for ways to promote his cause. The kids deserve it, he says.

25 YEARS AGO (1988)

Governor James Blanchard lauded Walbro Corporation for its growth in Michigan and cited its use of the state's job skill program as an excellent example of what the program is designed to do.

Chemical Bank Cass City will change its name and lose its president Saturday when the bank becomes a part of Chemical Bank Bay Area and Robert H. Keating, 63, retires. Keating has been president since 1977. Replacing Keating as the officer in charge at the bank will be Douglas H. Herringshaw.

Although Board Chrysler-Plymouth is still in throes involved in opening a dealership, new owner Roger Board has made his first sale, a Chrysler New Yorker. It was purchased by Don and Bridget Miller of Cass City. Board comes to Cass City after 7 years managing the used car department of Rochester Hills Chrysler-Plymouth. He has been associated with Chrysler-Plymouth since 1972.

50 YEARS AGO (1963)

If you ever have an opportunity to meet Don Childs, 28-year-old photographer who recently moved to Cass City from Birmingham, Ala., keep an eye on his hands...he's an accomplished pickpocket. Although most pickpockets prefer to keep their talents secret, Don doesn't care who knows it because it's part of his act as a sleight-of-hand artist, hypnotist and all-around professional magician.

Cass City will have one less physician Mar. 1 when Dr. Earl G. Nelson will leave for South Dakota to practice. Although this community is short of physicians, its need is evidently not as acute as the community where the Nelsons are headed. Dr. Nelson will take over a clinic already built. He will be the only doctor in the town.

Red Hawk debaters walked off with

a 3-1 score Monday, Jan. 14, in a local debate meet at Reese High School, according to Miss Evelyn Shields, debate coach. Cass City's negative squad defeated Reese and Sandusky negative squads while the affirmative team took one from Reese and dropped one to North Branch. The negative squad members are Bill Dobbs and Tom Craig, with Bob Milligan and Bonnie Spencer on the affirmative team. On the state debate schedule, the Red Hawk team has posted a 4-0 record so far for the season.

100 YEARS AGO (1913)



The above half-tone represents the new building which has been erected for the home of the Chronicle on the corner of Main and Oak streets. The foundation was laid in September and the building is now so near completion that the newspaper plant was moved there this week. The new building claims distinction because of the fact that it is the first one in the newspaper history of Cass City in which a publisher owns the building and is not obliged to meet the demands and requirements of a landlord.

The Boys' Athletic Association met and elected the following officers: President, Cecil Brown; vice president, Dugald Duncanson; secretary, Wm. Deming; treasurer, Harold Lee; manager, "Chick" Schwaderer.

The members of the Modern Woodman of America at Cass City held their installation of officers Monday evening. The following elective officers were installed: Counsel, W.R. Kaiser; W.A., Otto Klinkman; Clerk, John Benkelman. After installation an oyster supper was served to the fourteen members

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Quaker Maid is located at 6614 Main Street, across from Curtis Chrysler, in downtown Cass City. They are opened Sunday through Thursday, 8 am to 10 pm, and Friday and Saturday, 8 am to 11 pm. Visit them this week and thank them for their continued commitment to Cass City and its citizens.
Be sure to check next week's paper for the next Cass City Spotlight Business of the Week.
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Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
www.anchorcoveoutreachchurch.com

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
6820 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2770
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Steve Bagnall
www.goodshepherdlutherancasscity.webs.com

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

Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
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872-5060
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
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Wednesday Kids' Club 7-8 p.m.
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Michalski finalist in public relations showdown in N.Y.

Ferris State University student Elizabeth Michalski, a senior from Cass City, has been named a finalist in the PR Week Student of the Year



Elizabeth Michalski
national competition.
Michalski, a public relations major

at Ferris, was scheduled to travel to New York City Thursday to test her public relations skills in a contest that awards the winner \$5,000 and a paid internship at one of the world's largest PR firms.

"I was shocked," commented Michalski, who serves as vice president of client relations for Ferris' chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. "It's exciting, because it shows that everything I've learned at Ferris has paid off. And this will get our name out there at a national level."

Michalski is one of 5 finalists chosen from a field of 104 applicants who submitted a public relations campaign for The Marine Corps Recruiting Command, a client of Hill+Knowlton Strategies. The New York-based PR firm sponsors the PR Week contest.

Michalski's entry began as a requirement for students in associate professor Patrick Bishop's Public Relations Cases class. Applicants

devised a public relations campaign to showcase the Marine Corps' "Toward the Sounds of Chaos" advertising campaign targeting 18- to 34-year-olds that highlights the diversity of its missions.

"I'm so proud of Liz," Bishop said. "She has consistently been one of the top students in the PR program, and she worked hard to earn this national recognition. This is an incredibly prestigious award; to be named one of the top 5 PR students in the U.S. is a great accomplishment for Liz and for Ferris' PR program."

During the final day of judging, the finalists pitch their campaigns to the client and several PR professionals. They are then assigned to develop a response for a fictional crisis scenario and present that to the judges.

Students are judged on creativity, presentation, writing ability, understanding of PR principles and strategy, and oral presentation skills. The judges will choose 2 finalists, who will return to New York for the annual PR Week Awards Ceremony March 7.

Baker spearheaded pool fundraising drive

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Baker said, adding he can remember his grandmother telling the story of how she was preparing to host company for dinner but didn't have the

baking powder she needed to finish making biscuits. Her solution? She ground up some Tums as a substitute. The biscuits were a hit, "but she had a terrible time with people asking her for her recipe," Baker

joked.

"She was going constantly," he continued. "She was real active in the community, in her church, the Zonta Club, AAUW. She was going from the beginning of the day to the end of the day. She was quite a lady."

The process used by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce in selecting the Citizen of the Year has remained largely unchanged since the honor was established back in 1963. The selection is made by a committee composed of at least 5 past Citizens of the Year and one permanent representative appointed by the chamber board.

The selection criteria include the following:

*The importance of a body of work over many years rather than a single year's accomplishments.

*The need to recognize contributions within the scope of the individual's profession, but above and beyond the call of duty.

*The recognition that an individual might be a member of a number of organizations but not a strong contributor to any of them, versus another who might have concentrated his or her efforts in one particular discipline and accomplished great things.

*The desire of the community to acknowledge, from time to time, "unsung heroes" — those individuals who may provide services for the elderly or the infirmed, such as taking them shopping or on other errands, supporting them, visiting with them — but who rarely are involved with organizations, titles and the so-called "power structure".



EVELYN MACRAE (right), Cass City's 1976 Citizen of the Year, presented the 1977 Citizen of the Year Award to retired educator and bookkeeper Helen Baker.

Erskine and Pavlik hired

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degree from Eastern Michigan University and her law degree from Wayne State University Law School. She is a frequent guest lecturer for the Michigan Judicial Institute and Michigan Family Support Council.

Currently, Erskine is serving on an Intergovernmental Work Improvement Team (WIT), which is a joint effort involving FOC, Office of Child Support and the State Court Administrative Office that focuses on improving interstate establishment of enforcement processes.

"Tuscola County Chief Judge Kim David Glaspie is excited about this appointment and looks forward to working with Erskine. He's confident Erskine will bring a progressive and customer-centered approach to FOC operations," Fraczek said.

Erskine is scheduled to begin her new duties today (Wednesday).

ADAM PAVLIK

Pavlik, the new deputy court administrator for Tuscola County, grew up in Merrill and is a 2001 graduate of Nouvel Catholic Central

in Saginaw. He graduated with honors from Michigan State University's James Madison College, earning Bachelor of Arts degrees in political theory and constitutional democracy, and international relations. He earned his jurist doctorate from the Michigan State University College of law, graduating summa cum laude.

"He comes to the court after spending 3 years as law clerk to the Honorable Michael G. Mack, chief judge of the 26th Judicial Circuit Court (Alpena and Montmorency counties)," Fraczek noted.

"I have always felt a calling to work in the court system," Pavlik said. "While in law school, I spent a summer volunteering with the Ingham County Circuit and thoroughly enjoyed it."

"I moved up to Alpena for the opportunity to begin my career in the court system, and I am very excited to get a chance to come back down closer to my roots while furthering my career in the courts," he added. "Nothing gives me greater professional satisfaction than providing the public with excellent judicial services."

Troopers report fewer traffic fatalities during the holidays

Preliminary reports indicate 10 people died in traffic crashes over the New Year's holiday in Michigan; another 9 people died over the Christmas holiday, according to the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center.

For New Year's, half of the deaths involved alcohol; 5 of the 9 Christmas deaths were alcohol related. For the New Year's holiday, 4 of the people who died were unbuckled; over Christmas, 3 were unbuckled.

"The importance of buckling up and driving sober can never be stressed enough," said Kathy Farnum, senior section chief of the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Although it is early to make comparisons, last year 14 people died over the 4-day New Year's holiday period and 8 died over the 4-day Christmas holiday period.

The New Year's holiday period began at 6 p.m. Dec. 28 and went through midnight Jan. 1. The Christmas holiday period began at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 and went through midnight Dec. 25.

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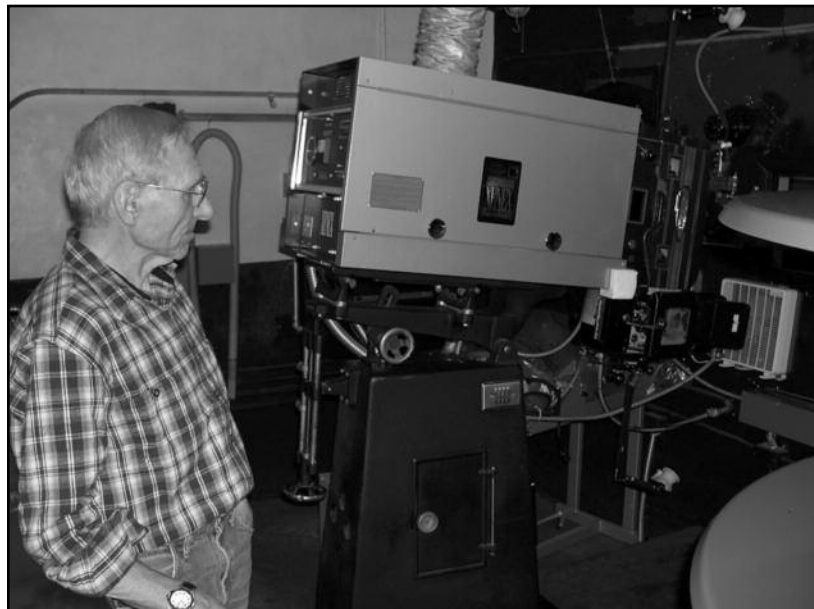
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CASS THEATRE owner Dick Hendrick is pictured above in the projection room of the theatre. The Friends of the Cass Theatre, which launched a campaign in early December to raise money to help purchase digital equipment for the Cass, has halted those efforts, citing Hendrick's decision to consider a special offer made by a company that caters to theatres. Economic development corporation officials are also pursuing funding sources.

Volunteers end theatre fundraising campaign

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town business districts continuing to struggle in Michigan's weak economy, finding a buyer for the business would be a long shot at best. Which would leave him with few options outside of closing the doors once recently-released films are no longer available via standard delivery.

Enter the Friends of the Cass Theatre, spearheaded by local residents Tyler Perry, Sam Moore and Vicky Sherry, who formed a committee to brainstorm ideas for fundraising after setting up a Facebook page in August.

In the first month (December), the volunteers managed to collect \$1,400 in donations from area residents and former residents eager to see the theatre remain open for years to come. Among those pledging support was former Cass City resident Steve Auvil, now of Macungie, Penn. Auvil, who worked at the theatre as a projectionist in the mid-1960s, offered to match local contributions up to \$5,000.

Earlier this month, Perry sent a letter to the contributors, announcing the end of the fundraising campaign. "Fundraising campaigns are always interesting, because of the many

unforeseen twists and turns they can take as time goes on, and the 'Save the Cass Theatre' project is no exception," Perry said.

"Several months ago it was announced that fundraising would begin to buy digital projection equipment for the theatre in order for it to remain open as the historic, art-deco icon we all know and love. Immediately, money and offers to volunteer poured in from all over the map, as Cass Citians, both past and present, rallied together. It was overwhelming to see the love many people still have for this special community," he added.

However, Perry continued, "As the word has spread that the future of rural theatres is in jeopardy, other sources of funds have sprung up. A reputable company has contacted many theatre owners, notifying them of the digital projection equipment they offer at nearly half the cost of what many other companies are selling it for. Dick Hendrick...has informed us that he is seriously considering this option. In addition to this offer, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation is pursuing other sources of funding."

Hendrick reported last week that

he's still looking into the equipment investment. "Nothing is happening right now," he said. "The company that I am getting in touch with, trying to find out about a new piece of equipment that's a little cheaper in digital — we haven't heard anything from them."

As for the money collected by the Friends of the Cass Theatre, all donations sent in from individuals have been returned to them, according to Perry, who said donations from the canisters will be used to cover the cost of returning designated contributions — postage, checks, etc. — and the rest will go towards hosting a special "A Night at the Cass" program next month.

The event is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at the theatre. It will be the Cass City Area Historical Society's first gathering of the new year and will feature a program by Perry highlighting the history of Cass City's playhouses and theatres from 1898 through the present.

"I want to thank the community for their support of this brief fundraising campaign," Perry said. "They have been so supportive of this, and I'm sure that had the fundraising needed to continue, the community would have met the challenge."

Obituaries

Lavonia "Bonnie" Phillips

Lavonia Francis "Bonnie" Phillips, 86, of Cass City, died following a long illness, Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 in her home with her loving husband by her side.

She was born March 5, 1926 in Harriman, Tenn., the daughter of Oscar and Lilly (Edwards) Morris.

She married James Martin Phillips Sept. 27, 1941 in Rome, Ga.

Bonnie and James moved to Michigan after he returned from serving in the military during World War II. They found jobs and settled in Rochester. Bonnie worked for ITT Higbie, retiring after over 27 years. After retirement, she focused on her position as housewife, mother and grandma. She was an excellent cook and fixed Sunday dinners for many years for her family to share. At one time, Bonnie and James enjoyed bowling and were members of bowling leagues in the Rochester area. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Cass City.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, James; children: James Christopher (Jeannine) Phillips of Troy, Lyn (Don) Moonen of Rochester Hills, and Martin Stephen (Alixann) Phillips of Franklin, Ohio; grandchildren: Kenneth Scott (Donna) Richardson II, Jaime (John) Martin,

Aimee (Vance) Reisig, Marty Phillips, Amanda Phillips, Jordan Phillips, Shelby Phillips, Kate Phillips, and Jenna Phillips; great-grandchildren: Lauren and Elizabeth; a sister, Helen (Thomas) Baut of Mayville; a brother, Jim (Helen) Morris of Romeo; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Clarence and Thomas Morris; and a sister, Joyce Morgan.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at First Baptist Church of Cass City with the Rev. David Hill officiating.

Interment was Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Mount Avon Cemetery, Rochester.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Phillips were Ken Richardson, Steve Phillips, Chris Phillips, Tom Baut, Jordan Phillips, Elwyn Helwig and Dan Morgan.

Memorials may be made to Home and Hospice Advantage.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Yvonne Schultz

Yvonne M. (Murphy) Schultz, 85, of Watsonville, Calif., passed away Friday, Dec. 7, 2012 in California.

Yvonne spent most of her earlier years in Cass City.

She is survived by a step sister-in-law, Barbara E. Schultz of Bad Axe; and many cousins and friends.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold E. Schultz in March of 1999.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to Huron County Medical Care Facility or the charitable organization of the donor's choice.

Gladys Van Horn

Gladys Lucille Van Horn, 90, of Deford, died following a long illness, Monday, Jan. 14, 2013 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro.

She was born April 6, 1922 on the family farm in Elk Township, Sanilac County, the daughter of William Wallace and Ada Dorcas (Orchard) Balhoff.

She married Theodore R. Van Horn Aug. 19, 1944 in Elk Township, Sanilac County. He died Sept. 5, 2000.

Gladys was a certified nurse's assistant. She worked for Chrysler and for Mueller Brass in Port Huron. She was a life member and treasurer of Caro Free Methodist Church for many years and a former Kingston PTA member. Gladys attended Kingston Wesleyan Church. She volunteered collecting money for the cancer drive and for the community calendars. Gladys also volunteered at Deford Christian Academy. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, cross stitch and reading. Gladys was a dedicated housewife, an excellent seamstress and cook. She fixed many wonderful meals and made clothes for all her family. Gladys and Theodore traveled throughout the United States including: Washington, Texas, Arizona, Florida and Washington, D.C. Gladys loved spending time with her family.

Gladys is survived by her children: Ray (Patti) Van Horn of Tawas City, Edward Van Horn of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Kathryn (Dave) Wice of Reese, and Paul Van Horn of Deford; a daughter-in-law, Karen Van Horn of Spring Arbor; grandchildren: Eric (Rebecca) Van Horn, Kevin (Kathy) Van Horn, Laura (Nathaniel) Andrus, Angela (John) McLaughlin, Tyler Wice, Andrew Wice, Candice (George) Gentges, George Van Horn, Brent Van Horn, Kyle Van Horn, and Aaron Van Horn; great grandchildren: Alisha, Abigail, Mia, Emma, Ella, Elise, Jacob, Caleb, Michael, Jared, Shea and Nolan; sisters-in-law: Gloria Balhoff and Geraldine

(Howard) Conely; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dean Van Horn; a daughter-in-law, Debora Van Horn; brothers: Russell, Warren, and Walter Balhoff; and sisters: Edith Banks and Viona Sawdon.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 19, at Kingston Wesleyan Church, Kingston, with the Rev. Len Wyatt officiating.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Van Horn were her grandsons: Eric, Kevin, Tyler, Andrew, Brent, Kyle, Aaron.

Memorials may be made to Kingston Wesleyan Church.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Susan Wallace

Susan E. Wallace, 61 of Midland, passed away Saturday Dec. 15, 2012 at the MidMichigan Medical Center after a lengthy illness.



She was born June 10, 1951 in Petoskey, the daughter of JC and Doris (Howard) Fike.

She married James M. Wallace Oct. 18, 1986 at Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church in Midland.

In 1969, Sue graduated from Bay City Central High School. Sue spent 20 years working for the Bailey Insurance Agency and as senior regent in the Midland Moose Lodge, where she had served as office manager and was instrumental in starting Bingo's at the Lodge. She enjoyed bowling, golfing with husband Jim and friends, trips to East Lake in the U.P., while doting on her beloved dog Maggie. Sue was involved in many organized fund raisers at the Moose Lodge and the American Cancer Society, breast cancer and Relay for Life. Christmas was Sue's favorite time of the year. She enjoyed shopping and wrapping gifts for her nieces and step grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

Sue is survived by her husband, Jim; parents, JC and Doris Fike of Midland; a brother, Jerry A. Fike of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Patricia (John) Barnas of Lansing; nieces: Laura Lloyd and fiancé Dr. Frank Caputo of Kenosha, Wisc., and Julia Lloyd of Lansing; step-children: the late Duncan (Deana) Wallace, Ben (Linda) Wallace all of Midland, and Cameron (Bud) Hines of Lansing; step-grandchildren: Brent (Jill) Wallace of Midland, Troy (Megan) Wallace of Pittsburg, Penn., Leontine Wallace of Ann Arbor, and Marlette Wallace of Owosso; step-great granddaughters: Maggie, Landrie, Avita, Sophia and Norah.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Jan. 19, at Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home, Midland,

with the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers officiating.

A private inurnment was in the Midland City Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the American Cancer Society (breast cancer) or the charity of their choice in Susan's memory.

Arrangements were made by Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home, Midland.

Phillip "Buck" Zawilinski

Phillip Lee "Buck" Zawilinski, 51, of Cass City, died following a long illness Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013 in his home with his loving family by his side.

He was born Nov. 13, 1961 in Cass City, the son of Martin Richard and Virginia Mae (Newton) Zawilinski.

He married Cheryl Celeste Wilson Aug. 13, 1988 in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Marlette.

Phil worked as a laborer and then foreman for C.A. Hull of Walled Lake in bridge construction for 26 years. He was a member of the Laborers Union Local #1191. Phil loved building things with wood, especially wishing wells. He liked to cook and enjoyed camping and canoeing with his family and friends. Phil enjoyed deer hunting, salmon and walleye fishing. He was a member of St. Pancratius Catholic Church. Phil was a hard worker, respected friend and fellow employee. He was often given special tasks at work that he completed quickly and efficiently. He enjoyed the simple things in life, spending time with his family and friends was very important to him. Phil enjoyed sharing stories and making his friends and family smile.

Phil is survived by his wife, Cheryl; children: Christopher Martin Zawilinski of Lansing, and Megan Ruth Zawilinski of Cass City; sisters: Diana (Ronald) Dubs of Pigeon, Suzanne (Larry) Kidney of Cass City, Victoria (Colin) Almas of Knoxville, Tenn., Deborah (fiancé, David Martin) Zawilinski of Cass City, Martin (Sean) Zawilinski of Cass City, Karl (Jenny) Zawilinski of Cass City, Joseph Zawilinski of Caro, and David (Tammie) Zawilinski of Caro; many nieces and nephews; mother-in-law, Ruth Wilson of Marlette, brother-in-law, Jerry (Elaine) Wilson of Brooklyn; sisters-in-law, Karen (Joe) Watson of Byron Center, and Jodi Kerbyson of Lapeer.

He was preceded in death by an infant child; parents, Martin and Virginia Zawilinski; father-in-law, Rex Wilson; and brother-in-law, Richard Wilson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 22, at St. Pancratius Catholic Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Paul Bala and Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC officiating.

Interment was in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Cemetery, Marlette.

Pallbearers for Mr. Zawilinski were Martin Zawilinski, Karl Zawilinski, Joseph Zawilinski, David Zawilinski, Ronald Dubs and Colin Almas.

Memorials may be made to Family Discretionary Fund.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

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LOGGER

Cass City native Papp retiring after spending a lifetime in the woods

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

If you're considering a career in logging because you like the idea of working in the great outdoors with plenty of fresh air, exercise and fat paychecks, better think again.

Ask veteran Cass City area logger Steve Papp and he'll paint a different picture.

"If you can't take working long hours in all kinds of weather with wet feet, getting all scratched up with briars, getting stung by bees, getting bitten by mosquitoes, getting into a patch of nettles, getting swatted in the face with branches, having people curse at you for no reason, working for low pay, (and) traveling long distances from home, you will definitely not make it as a logger," Papp recently commented.

Papp, 74, knows what he's talking about after spending nearly a lifetime — more than 53 years in all — in woodlots throughout the Thumb area and throughout Michigan.

Now all but retired, Papp's introduction to logging came at an early age. He recalled selling firewood in town while still in school. Back then, the 1958 Cass City High School graduate said, a cord of white birch — cut, split and delivered — would fetch around \$15.

"About 54 years ago I decided to quit farming and look for a new line of work. I didn't have much luck finding a job, so I went to see an old man that had a portable sawmill that he moved from woods to woods," Papp said. "I started working, piling lumber in knee-deep snow — it was about 10 (degrees) — for \$1 per hour. That was in 1959.

"About a year later I went to work for Gerald Whittaker of Cass City, producing logs for Buskirk Lumber Co. in Sandusky," he continued. "We worked long hours and traveled up to 100 miles from home, and I was making \$1.50 per hour. After about 7 years, I then teamed up with (Cass City area residents) Bill and Del Woodward, logging for the largest sawmill in Michigan, which was located in Freeport.

"We began to cover all lower

Michigan and some of Indiana. We would leave home at 4 o'clock Monday morning and come back home late Friday night."

The men were also busy raising families. Papp and his wife, Lois, have 2 sons and 4 daughters, along with 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

"Our sons were getting out of school, so we split up and put our sons to work," noted Papp, who decided to start his own logging company — Cass River Logging — with his sons, Shawn and Jeffery, and a son-in-law, Dan Weiss.

"I bought my own timber, logged it out and hauled it to different sawmills for about 15 years," he said. "I then sold the business to my son and Brian Woodward. And they're still working. They work for a big mill down in Ann Arbor."

Later, Papp teamed up with Bill and Del Woodward again, and the trio logged for a large mill in southern Michigan for the next 20 years, covering the entire state.

These days, Papp considers himself "95 percent retired". "I don't go to the woods and do any logging," he said. "Over the past 2 years I have been lining up timber jobs for my son, Shawn, and grandsons to cut."

"(One) of the things I liked the most was meeting at a restaurant in the mornings with our sons, timber buyer, truck drivers and other loggers, and listening to all the (stories), and then all going our separate ways," Papp said. "I have been in most every town, restaurant and motel. I worked in all kinds of weather, but was lucky not to get hurt too badly."

That's no small feat, considering the inherent risks in the industry. In fact, Forbes.com listed logging as the second most dangerous job in a 2009 study that revealed 61.8 deaths per 100,000 logging workers.

Although there are easy ways to earn a living, Papp figures he was destined to become a logger.

As a youth, he recalled, "I was helping my dad cut trees with a cross cut saw, and the excitement of watching and hearing the trees fall gave me the feeling that this was what I might be doing."



CASS CITY AREA resident Steve Papp, pictured above (standing on log) with former business partner Del Woodward, has spent a lifetime logging in the Thumb area and throughout Michigan. At 74 years young, Papp says he's now about 95 percent retired.



PAPP (second from left), is pictured with (from left) his grandson, Steve; his son, Shawn; and his grandson, Alex.

Holiday will close offices next week

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 21.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Most people renewing license plates, driver's licenses and ID cards can do business online at www.ExpressSOS.com or by mail. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. Additional services can be done online as well.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available around the clock. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.michigan.gov/SOS to find a Self-Service Station near you.



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Ferguson, Baker turn in memorable showings at team event in Mayville

The Cass City wrestling team will look to better their Greater Thumb Conference record tonight (Wednesday) in dual meets against league foes Brown City and host Vassar. The Red Hawks enter the

wrestlers who were able to compete

Mayville team tourney to finish with a 1-4 record and 9th place in the 12-team field. The Red Hawks struggled in their pool matches and fell to Armada 51-21, Cros-Lex 47-30 and Memphis 42-35.



Garret Ferguson - 31-5 record



Blake Lebioda - 27-12 record

this week had winning records." Blake Lebioda, Justin Ferguson and



Austin Baker - 32-6 record

During the placement rounds, Cass City was defeated 45-33 by Flushing before rebounding for their only victory – a 42-6 whipping of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port.

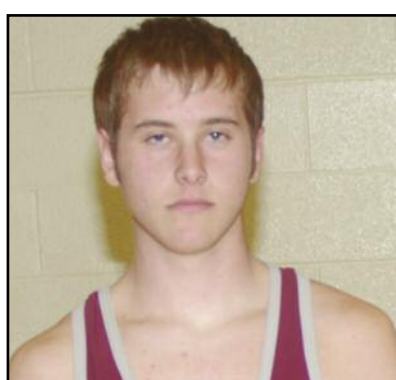
Austin Baker and Garret Ferguson were perfect on the day to pace the Red Hawks. Both grapplers posted 5-0 marks, while earning praises from Markel.

"Garret achieved a career milestone in compiling his 100th career victory when he pinned Cros-Lex's Andrew March in 1:17."

"Austin was voted by attending coaches as the tournament's MVP in the 145-285 weight classes."

Also for Cass City, Justin Ferguson and Montei finished as runners-up at the tourney with 4-1 records.

Cass City stands at 12-23 in dual meets on the season.



Justin Ferguson - 30-9 record

Ethan Montei were all double winners for Cass City on the day.

MAYVILLE TOURNEY

Cass City won once Saturday at the



TYLER HOOL, bottom, battles for Cass City in the 112-pound weight class Saturday in Mayville.



AUSTIN BAKER, bottom, defeated Memphis's Mike Harris on his way to a perfect 5-0 record Saturday at the Mayville Team Tourney. The Cass City senior, who lost to Harris earlier in the season, was named the tourney's MVP for his performance.

affair after trading decisions in the home finale with guests Sandusky and Bay City Central.

Coach Don Markel's grapplers improved to 2-3 in the Greater Thumb Conference with a 42-34 victory last week over Sandusky, despite failing to fill 6 weight classes due to a number of reasons.

"(We) were able to fill only 8 of 14 weight classes during the week due to injuries and eligibility issues. When you go into a dual meet giving up almost half of your weight classes it is tough to come away with a victory," Markel said.

The lack of competitors certainly didn't help Cass City's cause against Bay City Central, as the Wolves returned home with an easy 61-18 win in non-conference play.

"In spite of this (6 voids), 7 of the 8



LOOSE BALL. Brown City's Alexis Liebler and Cass City's Gracy Hollis fight for control of the ball in non-conference action. Closing in on the play are Shania Chambers (11) Jocelynn Venema (33) and Elisabeth Milligan.

Uibly meets Cass City tonight in make-up tilt

Take away the first quarter in each of the Cass City Lady Red Hawk losses last week and Coach Clarke Haire liked most of what he saw.

Though Cass City fell to 1-9 on the season with home setbacks against Brown City and USA, the hosts actually outscored one foe and kept pace with the other over the course of the final 3 quarters.

In non-conference play Thursday, Brown City took a 12-3 margin into the second quarter before settling for a 44-35 victory. It was a similar story during Tuesday's outing against the Patriots, as the visitors jumped out in front 21-4 after one en route to a 52-37 win in Greater Thumb West action.

Cass City will look to solve its struggles in the early going tonight (Wednesday) during a make-up con-

test against Uibly. The Greater Thumb Conference crossover game has a 6 p.m. tip-off.

"We're close to turning the corner," Haire said. "But to get there, we need to play 4 quarters of basketball. We can't fall into a deep hole and expect to survive."

Compounding matters for Cass City in last week's defeats was a dismal showing at the foul line. The Red Hawks shot 10-for-21 at the line against the Green Devils and made just 10-of-22 freebies against the Patriots.

"When you struggle to score points, you have to find easy points. Getting to the foul line is one way. But getting there isn't enough, you have to convert," Haire said.

Gracy Hollis returned to the Red Please turn to page 10.

Fernald celebrates birthday with win

Aaron Fernald went home for his birthday Friday, where his Cass City Red Hawk basketball team supplied their veteran mentor with a 61-44 victory.

Brown City was the latest victim of Fernald's gang, who earlier in the week, defeated host USA in an important early season Greater Thumb West showdown.

Both wins included dominating defensive showings, especially late in the game, by the Red Hawks who stand at 7-2 overall and 3-0 in the Greater Thumb West.

Cass City will be heavily favored in Wednesday's make-up contest against visiting Uibly, which will serve as practice for Thursday's Greater Thumb West affair with the pesky Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers.

Cass City finished with a trio of players in double figures at Brown City, but still trailed 10-9 entering the second quarter thanks to 7 unanswered tallies by the hosts.

"We've been relying on Cody (Orban) for much of our scoring so far this year. So it was nice to get some other guys going - especially Cole (Israelson)," Fernald said.

"We have lots of guys who are capable of contributing - Collin (Hartwick) is a great shooter and Curtis (Dickinson) can score."

All 4 of the Red Hawks cited by Fernald made their presence known in the opening half that ended with the visitors enjoying a 25-19 cushion.

Hartwick, who has developed into a consistent offensive threat from the outside, connected twice from behind the 3-point arc to help overtake the Green Devils, who were on top 10-9 after 8 minutes of play.

Dickinson and Orban also added long-range jumpers for the winners early, before handing over the scoring chores to Israelson in the deciding half.

Israelson responded with 16 of his game-high 18 points and Brown City never challenged again.

"I think we're starting to get it," Fernald said of his defense. "But there are plenty of things we need to work on. Fortunately, lots of problems we can fix."

Orban, with 15 points, and Hartwick, with 12, complete the list of double digit scorers for Cass City. Please turn to page 10.



GOOD PICK. Patriot Brendan Ballard gets in the path of Cass City's Lukas Schenk (5) during Greater Thumb West play.

Gymnasts earn regional marks at weekend invite

Make it 3-for-3 for Katie Hacker. Same, too, for Dakota Wilson.

The Cass City Red Hawk veteran gymnasts each recorded their third regional qualifying scores - in as many meets - Saturday at the Farmington Hills Invitational.

Coach Kathy Bouverette reported Hacker registered marks of 8.275 on the floor and 8.350 on the vault and now needs just one more regional standard score to advance into the March meet in both events.

"Katie also recorded a score of 8.4 on the beam. It was our best score on the day and it resulted in 16th place. There were over 75 kids and 19 schools competing," Bouverette said.

Also with regional qualifying performances Saturday was Wilson with marks of 8.1 on the vault and 7.875

on the floor. Wilson now needs one more qualifying score in the floor and 2 more qualifying scores on the vault to meet the required 4 scores at or above the regional bar to advance into the elite season-ending meet.

Bouverette pointed to improvement by several of her rookie gymnasts on the day including Allie Inbody, Kendra Kerkau, Sophia Romain, Becca Mulrath and Victoria Mathewson.

Earlier last week, Cass City traveled to Vassar and suffered a 129.375 to 111.10 defeat.

Hacker had a brilliant outing and led the visitors on the vault with a score of 8.35 and in the bars with a score of 6.825. She also was tops for the Red Hawks on the beam with a mark of 7.45 and on the floor with a score of 8.425.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL				
<i>Monday, Jan. 21, 2013</i>				
USA at BCAS	USA	USA	USA	USA
Owen-Gage at Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville	Deckerville
Akron-Fairgrove at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Akron-Fairgrove	Kingston
<i>Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013</i>				
Reese at Frankenmuth	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Caro at North Branch	North Branch	Caro	North Branch	Caro
<i>Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013</i>				
Ubyly at Cass City	Ubyly	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
<i>Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013</i>				
Cass City at EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP	EPBP
Vassar at Bad Axe	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Sandusky at Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Ubyly at CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS	CPS
Caseville at Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Caro at TVC Crossover	TVC Crossover	Caro	TVC Crossover	TVC Crossover
<i>Friday, Jan. 25, 2013</i>				
Owen-Gage at Int. Aca. of Flint	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage
BOYS' BASKETBALL				
<i>Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013</i>				
USA at BCAS	USA	USA	USA	USA
Bad Axe at North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	Bad Axe
Caro at North Branch	North Branch	Caro	North Branch	Caro
Kingston at Memphis	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
<i>Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013</i>				
Reese at John Glenn	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
<i>Friday, Jan. 25, 2013</i>				
Cass City at EPBP	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Vassar at Bad Axe	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar	Vassar
Reese at Sandusky	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Deckerville at Owen-Gage	Deckerville	Owen-Gage	Deckerville	Owen-Gage
Kingston at Akron-Fairgrove	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Akron-Fairgrove
Caro at TVC Crossover	TVC Crossover	TVC Crossover	TVC Crossover	TVC Crossover
Last Week's Results	24-4	24-4	22-6	20-8
Season's Results	84-37 (69%)	93-28 (77%)	80-41 (66%)	85-36 (70%)

Brown City, USA earn victories

Continued from page 10.

Hawk line-up last week after re-injuring her ankle at the start of the new year. The senior forward recorded a team-high 12 points in each defeat to pace Cass City.

"Gracy is such a good athlete. Basketball really isn't her sport, but she can run the floor with anyone and her first step is lightning fast. Gracy was my only player to score from the floor last week in the opening quarters."

Erica Kolacz also netted 12 points against USA to share team scoring honors with Hollis, while Shania Chambers added 6. For USA, Miranda Fuerst posted 21 points.

Against Brown City, Hollis' dozen markers, Chamber's 9 points and Kolacz's 8 points were tops for Cass City. Alexis Lieber, with 12 points, and Skye Willer, with 10 points, finished

in double figures for Brown City.

"We showed we can play with anyone at times. Now we have to learn how to compete for the entire 32 minutes," Haire said.

Cass City, who plays on consecutive nights, travels to meet the Elton-Pigeon-Bay Port Lakers on Thursday.

CASS CITY - Bukoski 1-0 (0-0) 2; Chambers 2-0 (2-5) 6; Reif 0-0 (0-1) 0; Martin 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kolacz 3-0 (6-8) 12; Venema 1-0 (1-2) 3; Hollis 4-1 (1-6) 12.
TOTALS - 12-1 (10-22) 37.

USA - Hoppe 0-0 (1-4) 1; Winchell 1-0 (2-2) 4; Pitcher 1-0 (0-0) 2; Neuman 5-0 (2-6) 12; Sondergeld 0-0 (0-2) 0; Fritz 3-0 (1-2) 7; Bohn 1-0 (0-0) 2; Fuerst 8-1 (2-2) 21; DeSimpelare 0-1 (0-0) 3.
TOTALS - 19-2 (8-18) 52.

Red Hawks notch wins

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Ryan Spokaeski led Brown City with 16 points.

USA GAME

For the second straight game, Cass City notched a come-from-behind win to remain unbeaten in the Greater Thumb West standings. After coming from 15 back in Bay City to end action last week, the Red Hawks ran their win streak to 3 games with a 9 point turnaround in Sebawaing.

USA led 28-19 halfway Tuesday, but surrendered 47-37 thanks to a suffocating defense that held the Patriots' to 5 points by Jacob Beachy in the third stanza.

Leading 36-33, the winners closed out the contest on a 21-15 run. Orban led all scorers with 17 points,

while his backcourt partner Hartwick added 12.

Beachy led USA with 16 points.

CASS CITY - Orban 3-3 (2-8) 17; Hartwick 0-2 (6-8) 12; Schenk 0-1 (0-0) 3; Perry 1-0 (0-0) 2; Ross 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dickinson 1-1 (0-0) 5; Israelson 2-0 (2-5) 6.
TOTALS - 8-7 (10-21) 47.

USA - DeSimpelare 1-1 (0-0) 5; Beachy 5-2 (0-0) 16; Cramer 0-1 (0-0) 3; Rieck 0-1 (2-2) 5; Harris 0-0 (0-1) 0; Ballard 2-0 (2-4) 6; Gangler 0-0 (2-4) 2.
TOTALS - 8-5 (6-11) 37.

CASS CITY - Orban 4-2 (1-2) 15; Hartwick 3-2 (0-0) 12; Perry 1-0 (1-2) 3; Ross 1-0 (0-0) 2; Dickinson 0-1 (0-2) 3; Kuntz 2-0 (0-0) 4; Churchill 2-0 (0-0) 4; Israelson 8-0 (2-3) 18.
TOTALS - 21-5 (4-9) 61.

BROWN CITY - Jurgess 1-1 (0-0) 5; Spokaeski 4-2 (1-1) 15; Smith 5-0 (1-1) 11; McLaughlin 0-2 (0-0) 6; Perry 1-0 (0-0) 2; Kobus 1-1 (0-0) 5.
TOTALS - 12-6 (2-2) 44.

CASS CITY - Chambers 3-0 (3-4) 9; Martin 0-0 (1-2) 1; Kolacz 2-0 (4-9) 8; Venema 0-1 (0-0) 3; Hollis 5-0 (2-6) 12; Milligan 1-0 (0-0) 2.

TOTALS - 11-1 (10-21) 35.

BROWN CITY - Willer 2-1 (3-5) 10; Lerchenfeldt 2-0 (2-4) 6; Liebler 4-0 (4-5) 12; Jurgess 0-1 (0-0) 3; Kaufman 1-0 (2-2) 4; Ellis 3-0 (0-0) 6; Gieman 1-0 (0-0) 2; Krause 0-0 (1-2) 1.

TOTALS - 13-2 (12-18) 44.

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The Red Hawk standout recorded his 100th career victory Saturday at the Mayville Team Tournament. The 125-pound competitor improved to 31-5 on the season with a runner-up showing at the weekend event.

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Garret Ferguson

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All games at 6 p.m.

12/4 Cass City 50, Sandusky 37
12/7 Cass City 52, Capac 37
12/11 Harbor Beach 59, Cass City 50
12/28 Cass City 39, Caro 31
1/3 Marlette 57, Cass City 38
1/8 Cass City 64, Bad Axe 42
1/10 Cass City 61, BCAS 57
1/16 Cass City 47, USA 37
1/18 Cass City 61, Brown City 44
1/25 EPB Lakers
1/30 Reese
2/1 Vassar
2/6 Bad Axe
2/8 BCAS (Snowcoming)
2/15 Brown City
2/20 USA
2/22 Lakers
2/26 Reese
2/28 Vassar
Districts

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All games at 6 p.m.

11/27 H. Beach 48, Cass City 20
12/5 Sandusky 60, Cass City 19
12/12 Reese 68, Cass City 20
12/14 Vassar 52, Cass City 20
12/28 Caro 46, Cass City 21
1/4 Marlette 49, Cass City 21
1/9 Bad Axe 45, Cass City 31
1/11 Cass City 37, BCAS 31
1/15 USA 52, Cass City 37
1/17 Brown City 44, Cass City 35
1/23 Ubyl
1/24 Lakers
1/29 Reese
1/31 Vassar
2/5 Bad Axe
2/7 BCAS
2/13 Imlay City
2/14 Brown City
2/19 USA
2/21 Lakers
2/28-3/2,4 Districts

WRESTLING

12/5 Imlay City/Capac 5:30 p.m.
12/8 Marlette Team Tourney 8:00 a.m.
12/12 Caro/Cros-Lex/Yale 6:00 p.m.
12/15 Cros-Lex Team Tourney 8:00 a.m.
12/28 Mayville Tourney TBD
1/3 Memphis/Lakers 6:00 p.m.
1/5 North Branch Team Trny 9:00 a.m.
1/9 Bad Axe/Marlette 6:00 p.m.
1/12 Imlay City Invite 9:00 a.m.
1/16 Sandusky 6:00 p.m.
1/19 Mayville Team Tourney TBA
1/23 Brown City/Vassar 6:00 p.m.
1/26 Bullock Creek Team Trny 9:00 a.m.
2/2 GTC Leag. Meet @Sandusky TBD
2/6 Team Districts TBD
2/9 Individual Districts TBD
2/13 Team Regionals TBD
2/16 Individual Regionals TBD
2/22-23 Team St. Finals @Battle Creek TBD
2/28-3/2 Ind. St. Finals @Auburn Hills TBD

GYMNASTICS

12/13 Vassar 6:30 p.m.
1/17 Vassar 6:30 p.m.
1/21 Farmington Invite 8:30 a.m.
1/26 Vassar/Freeland 6:30 p.m.
1/22 Freeland 6:00 p.m.
1/26 St. John's Invite 10:00 a.m.
2/14 Cass City Invite
2/16 Freeland Invite TBD



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Jan. 23 ~ Ubyl ~ 6 p.m.
Jan. 29 ~ Reese ~ 6 p.m.

Gymnastics

Jan. 22 ~ Freeland ~ 6 p.m.
Boys' Basketball
Jan. 30 ~ Reese ~ 6 p.m.

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Junior High Boys' Basketball
Feb. 11 ~ Marlette ~ 5:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS

BOYS' BASKETBALL

All games at 5:30 p.m.

1/14 Memphis
1/16 Vassar
1/21 Marlette
1/23 USA
1/28 Harbor Beach
1/30 Reese
2/4 Memphis
2/6 Vassar
2/11 Marlette
2/13 USA
2/20 Harbor Beach
2/25 Reese

Standings

Boys' Basketball Standings				Girls' Basketball Standings			
Greater Thumb West				Greater Thumb West			
Team	W	L	W L	Team	W	L	W L
Reese	4	0	9 1	Reese	6	0	11 0
Cass City	3	0	7 2	USA	4	1	8 3
USA	2	2	6 3	Vassar	3	2	6 4
EPBP	1	2	4 4	EPBP	2	3	7 4
Vassar	1	2	3 5	Bad Axe	2	3	6 5
BCAS	1	2	5 5	Cass City	1	4	1 9
Bad Axe	0	4	2 6	BCAS	0	5	0 11
Greater Thumb East				Greater Thumb East			
Team	W	L	W L	Team	W	L	W L
Harbor Beach	2	0	9 0	Marlette	4	0	10 1
Marlette	3	0	7 2	Sandusky	3	2	8 3
Brown City	2	1	4 7	Brown City	3	1	7 6
Sandusky	1	2	3 7	Harbor Beach	2	2	4 5
Ubyl	1	3	2 8	Ubyl	1	4	3 9
Memphis	0	3	0 10	Memphis	0	4	0 12
NCTL Stripes				NCTL Stripes			
Team	W	L	W L	Team	W	L	W L
North Huron	6	1	6 2	Peck	4	3	6 4
Peck	5	1	7 2	Port Hope	3	5	5 6
Caseville	2	5	3 5	North Huron	1	7	2 9
Port Hope	0	7	0 7	Caseville	0	8	0 10
NCTL Stars				NCTL Stars			
Team	W	L	W L	Team	W	L	W L
CPS	5	1	8 3	Kingston	8	0	11 1
Kingston	4	3	5 5	Deckerville	7	1	7 2
Deckerville	3	3	3 6	CPS	5	2	7 3
Mayville	1	5	1 8	Mayville	3	4	6 4

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Cass City 6-year-old Wyatt Sutton "smashes" his cancer

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General Hospital's walk-in clinic, where medical personnel discovered the boy's left tonsil was swollen and covering half of his uvula.

Wyatt was placed on antibiotics, but 2 days later, he began to have problems with gagging.

The Suttons took him to Covenant Hospital in Saginaw, where doctors prescribed a stronger antibiotic. A week later, there was no change, and they decided to remove his tonsils and adenoids. The surgery went well, but a week later the family received a call telling them that the doctor wanted to see them in his office.

Wyatt had Burkitt's Lymphoma.

ON TO ANN ARBOR

The office staff told the Suttons that Wyatt's medical information had already been faxed to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, and that they needed to arrange to take him down in a couple days.

"We didn't want to wait 2 days," Vanessa said, noting they contacted Dave's brother and sister-in-law, who are both physicians at U-M Medical Center, and they were able to arrange for them to take Wyatt to Ann Arbor immediately to see a pediatric oncologist.

"We went down that night (May 22) and met with the oncologist," she said. "The good news was that they were relieved to see how healthy he (looked), because this cancer is so aggressive."

A surgeon placed a port in Wyatt's chest for blood draws and to administer chemotherapy treatments. He also underwent bone marrow biopsies and a spinal tap, which offered some positive news in that both were negative. "And then they started the chemo the next day, and he did that the next 5 days," Vanessa said.

With a treatment plan calling for 4 rounds of chemo, the family spent much of its time in Ann Arbor. Occasional trips back home were often cut short because Wyatt would become ill, requiring them to go back to the hospital.

In the process, Wyatt earned a reputation for being a great patient, not to mention a bit of a prankster, among the medical staff that treated him. For his parents, it was a learning experience that included working

with the staff at Hills and Dales to ensure they were prepared to care for Wyatt's emergency needs while at home. The Suttons also learned how to give him special shots at home — costing roughly \$6,000 each — following each round of chemotherapy.

The family's hospital stay ended in early August after his doctors decided to end his final course of chemotherapy prematurely due to side effects that were making Wyatt extremely ill. He developed blood pressure issues and a fever that soared to more than 104 degrees at one point.

At home, the family was forced to wait 3 months before Wyatt would return to Ann Arbor for testing to determine if the treatments had been successful. An initial scan yielded a "false positive" result, which turned out to be the presence of leftover inflammation in Wyatt's neck and chest. A biopsy in his left armpit, however, confirmed the youngster was cancer-free.

CELEBRATION

The family decided to celebrate by dining at a Red Lobster restaurant — Wyatt's favorite — and the party turned out to be much more than the Suttons ever expected.

"Our waitress asked if we were celebrating anything, and Colby (the Sutton's 10-year-old son) said 'Yes. My brother got his port out and has no more cancer!' Vanessa recalled. The waitress congratulated them and, before they knew it, the staff was bringing them extra food. After their meal, the staff brought Wyatt a dish of ice cream and a makeshift card they all signed.

"Our waitress set our bill face down in front of us and told us it was taken care of. Then they gave us a gift card that they had chipped in on, and \$25 in bonus cards with the expiration date scratched off," Vanessa said.

Those kind gestures have been just the tip of the iceberg for the Suttons, who say they're still amazed at how many people in their own community — acquaintances, friends and even strangers — stepped up to lend a hand in their time of need, just as they did for the family of Lexi Smith, another Cass City youngster struck with cancer last year.

Interestingly, Vanessa Sutton was among the tireless volunteers who helped organize benefits for Lexi, not knowing she would find her own

child diagnosed with cancer weeks later.

"It was really touching for me to see the community rally around for Lexi, and then us," commented Dave, who is employed as a part-time night supervisor for UPS as well as serving as general manager of a stamping plant in Vassar. "That's the other thing — work was behind us all the way," he noted.

"Within the first week after he was diagnosed, they had set up the first fundraiser," Vanessa said, referring to one of 3 benefits organized locally to raise money in an effort to help the family with travel and other expenses during Wyatt's battle.

The outpouring ranged from cards and random gifts to friends cleaning and disinfecting the family's house (a requirement every time Wyatt returned home from the hospital), to the Colwood United Brethren Church — where the couple attends services — purchasing a reliable vehicle for the family. "It just blows your mind, how people give and give and give," Vanessa said.

"We could never do enough" to repay the community's kindness, Dave agreed.

"We are so blessed," Vanessa added. "The way it all happened was a miracle. Just the way everything played out showed us God knew what he was doing."



WYATT SUTTON (top left) along with his siblings, Autumn, 8, and Colby, 10, pose with the staff of a Red Lobster restaurant during a family dinner celebrating Wyatt's recovery from cancer. The restaurant crew paid for the Sutton's meal and presented Wyatt with a card, ice cream and gift cards.



THE SUTTONS — Dave and Vanessa and their children, Wyatt, Colby and Autumn, spent much of the summer at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, where Wyatt underwent chemotherapy treatments.

Hills and Dales planning yoga classes

Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City will host a series of Gentle Therapeutic Yoga classes starting next month.

The first series will be offered on Mondays starting Feb. 4 and will continue for 5 weeks. The cost is

\$25. The second series will kick off Thursday, Feb. 7, and will run for 4 weeks. The cost is \$20.

Participants are asked to bring their own yoga mat and to wear comfortable clothing that allows the body to move freely.

Space is limited. Participants are asked to sign up ahead of time by calling the hospital's Community Education Department at (989) 912-6365. The class fee can be paid on the first night of class, either with cash or checks made payable to Hills and Dales General Hospital.

Kingston Elementary Honor Roll

Grade 3 (all A's)

Nicholas St. George, Jacob Rayl, Jayden Stark and Brooklyn Walker.

Grade 3 (B or better)

Brandon Bombard, Brennen Boyl, Zackary Branch, Joseph Cryderman, Ethan Cumper, William Cumper, Kiari Davis, Collen Dibble, Gaven Dibble, Kristen Ensign, Kyle Ensign, Katelyn Ensign, Carter Geister, Zachary Hayost, Alex Kotsch, Amber Lage, Madilyn McMaster, Nydia Perales, Owen Phillips, Ashtin Reichart, Shayleigh Torrey, Ethan Ulewicz, Veronica Vargus and Dominique Wilson.

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